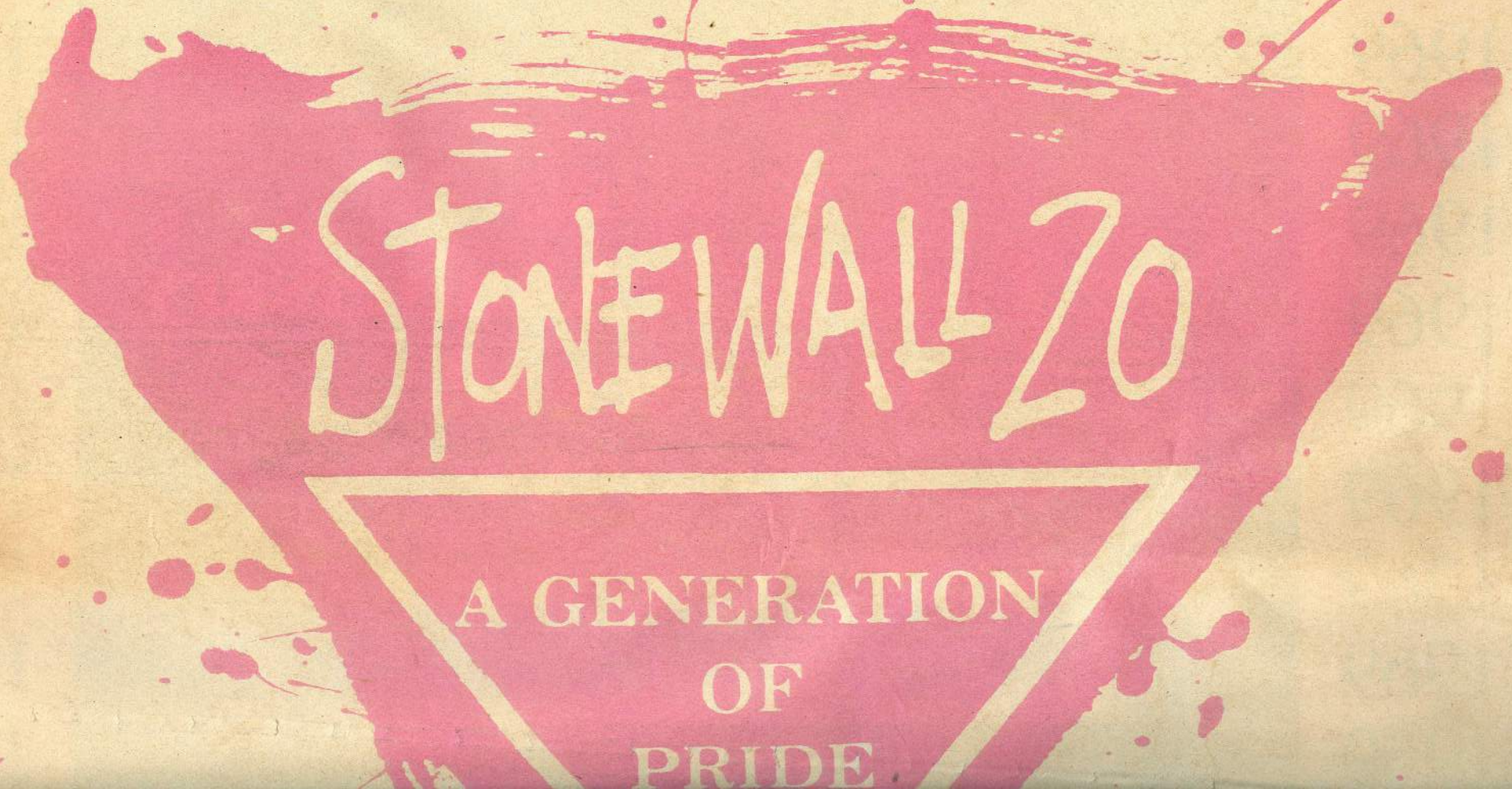


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GREETINGS:

It is my pleasure, as Mayor of the City of Houston, to extend greetings to all participants in the Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week '89.

Our city is stronger because of the commitment and contributions of organizations such as yours.

Again, warmest greetings and my best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathryn J. Whitmire".

Kathryn J. Whitmire

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Thirdly, The Guide is a money raising effort, to help pay for items like parade permits, non-donated advertising and the like for Pride Week. We hope you enjoy and use The Guide during the celebration and beyond. By all means, support our advertisers as they are supporting our community.

On a final note, this committee has worked on an associative basis instead of a competitive one. Individual egos and politics have been put aside in favor of what is positive and of the greatest good for the community. We strongly urge everyone in our community, our organizations and leaders to put aside divisiveness and egotism. Cooperation with, loving, nurturing, supporting and caring for every single member of our diverse community will be as difficult as teaching mainstream America that they don't need to fear us. We are convinced that this is the only route to freedom for our family.

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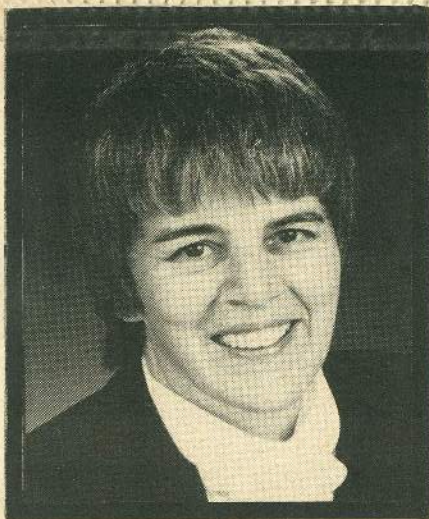
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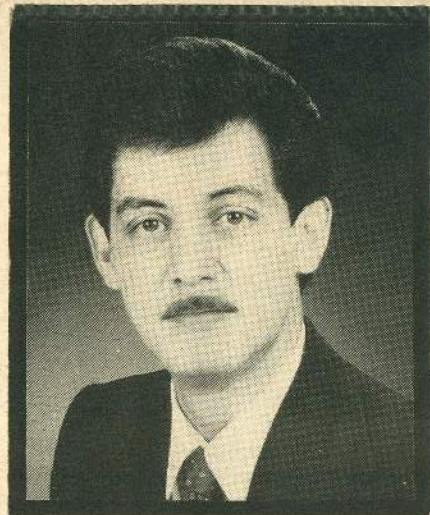
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Marion Coleman



Ken Wilson

A View from the Chair

From the perspective of youth, twenty years seems a long time, but as one matures it seems like yesterday. From the vantage point of maturity, I can remember the days of 1969 with crystal clarity. I recall that the war in Vietnam was still claiming the lives of Americans; that protest marches and demonstrations were commonplace; that America was still reeling from the assassinations of Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King; that even though we were living in "The Great Society" we had to mask our personal identities in order to survive; that one could go to prison for life for violating the "Sodomy Laws" of the State of Texas. On the lighter side, I recall that coming out was something done only by debutantes in River Oaks.

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to see them revel in the spirit of Stonewall as they prepare the events which we will offer to commemorate the accomplishments of the last generation. It is so fitting that we, who personally recall Stonewall, will soon be passing the reins of leadership to these young persons. We are grateful that they do not encounter many of the problems that the older members of our community endured, yet, we must still count on them as future freedom fighters since bigotry, injustice and tyranny still reign in many parts of our society. We trust they will inherit our past work as a mantle which they will wear proudly as they continue to battle the enemies of human rights. It is our dream that they are preparing themselves for the final push that will insure the rights of every American, straight or gay. I am pleased they have allowed me to be a part of their lives and share with them my concern, my love and my heart. I hope that I have been able to give

I want to personally thank everyone who has given so much time and energy to make Pride Week successful. The work has gone well because everyone involved put Pride Week and their community before anything else.

There's a lesson to be learned by the community in the cooperation that we have seen in this year's Pride Week preparations. Our enemy is ignorance, fear, and bigotry—not each other. When we can put aside our own fears of each other and cooperate instead of compete, there is no limit to what can be done.

Our long range goal from Stonewall to the far future is: Individual Human rights. The right to be recognized as a human being by our government. The right to have our social contracts to have value in this society. The right to have our significant others treated as part of our family. The right to have our adopted families recognized as important to ourselves and our society. The right

coordinate our purchasing. Give your business to Gay/Lesbian establishments and to those businesses that support our community. Take your business away from them that hate and abuse our community, and let them know what it is you are doing! If this is done, even if a group doesn't like us, they will respect our power, and even a grudging respect is better than hatred.

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Most of the persons who have been so supportive of our efforts this year are not old enough to personally recall Stonewall. The Stonewall Rebellion is just an historic event to most of them, just as the Alamo is an historic event to the rest of us. It has been a source of personal encouragement to me to see the love and concern that these young persons show for their community and their fellow gays. It is especially delightful

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As our Pride Week approaches, let's capitalize on our diversity and unite for a common purpose that lets the world know the beauty each of us possess and the contributions we can make. Let's go forward into the next generation with a pride that is tempered by love and concern for all members of our community. Let's be tolerant of the views held by those who disagree with our approach. Most of all, let's be diverse, but unified, in our support for those who carry the banner of human rights.

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We have a long way to go before we reach these freedoms that our heterosexual brothers and sisters take for granted. We have many people who do malicious violence to us and our community out of fear. Many of these people are politicians in our government who we need to work to replace or to educate. We all must become politically active with letters, phone calls, money, and participation. We also have another weapon to use that we need to make more effective use of—Our economic clout!

What business understands is profit. If sales fall so do profits. We need to

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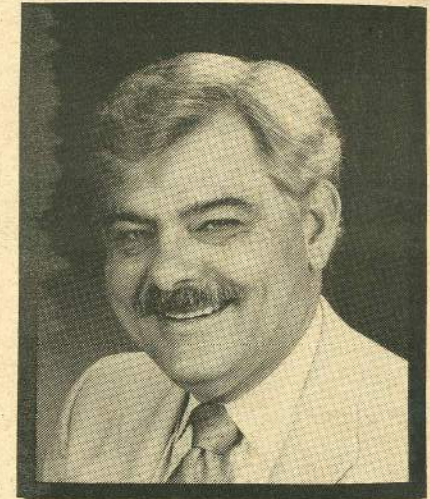
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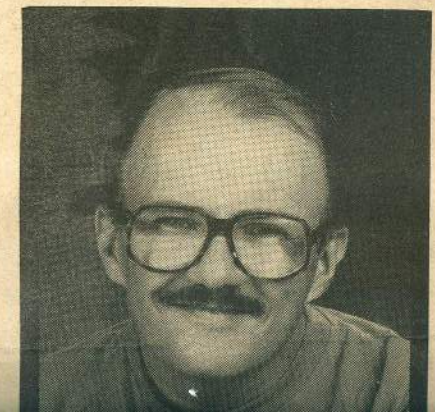
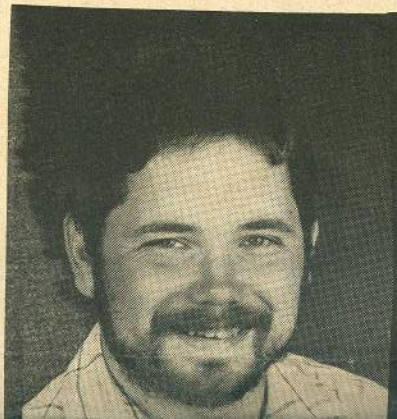
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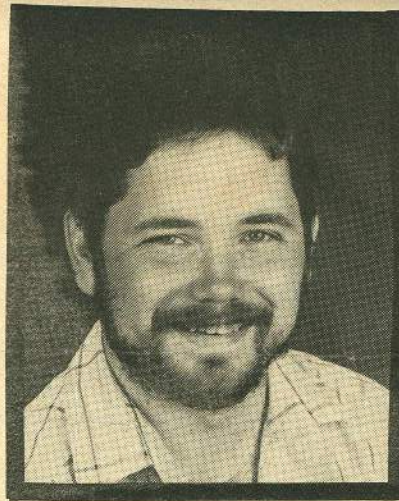


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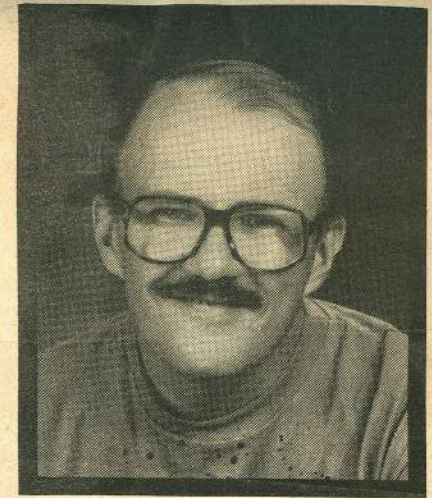




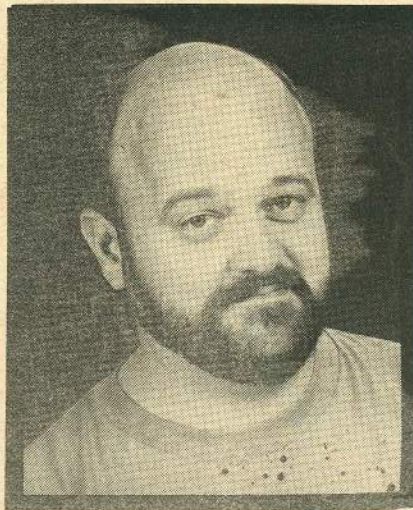
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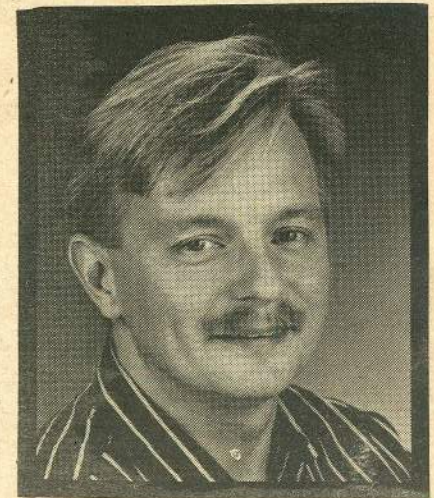
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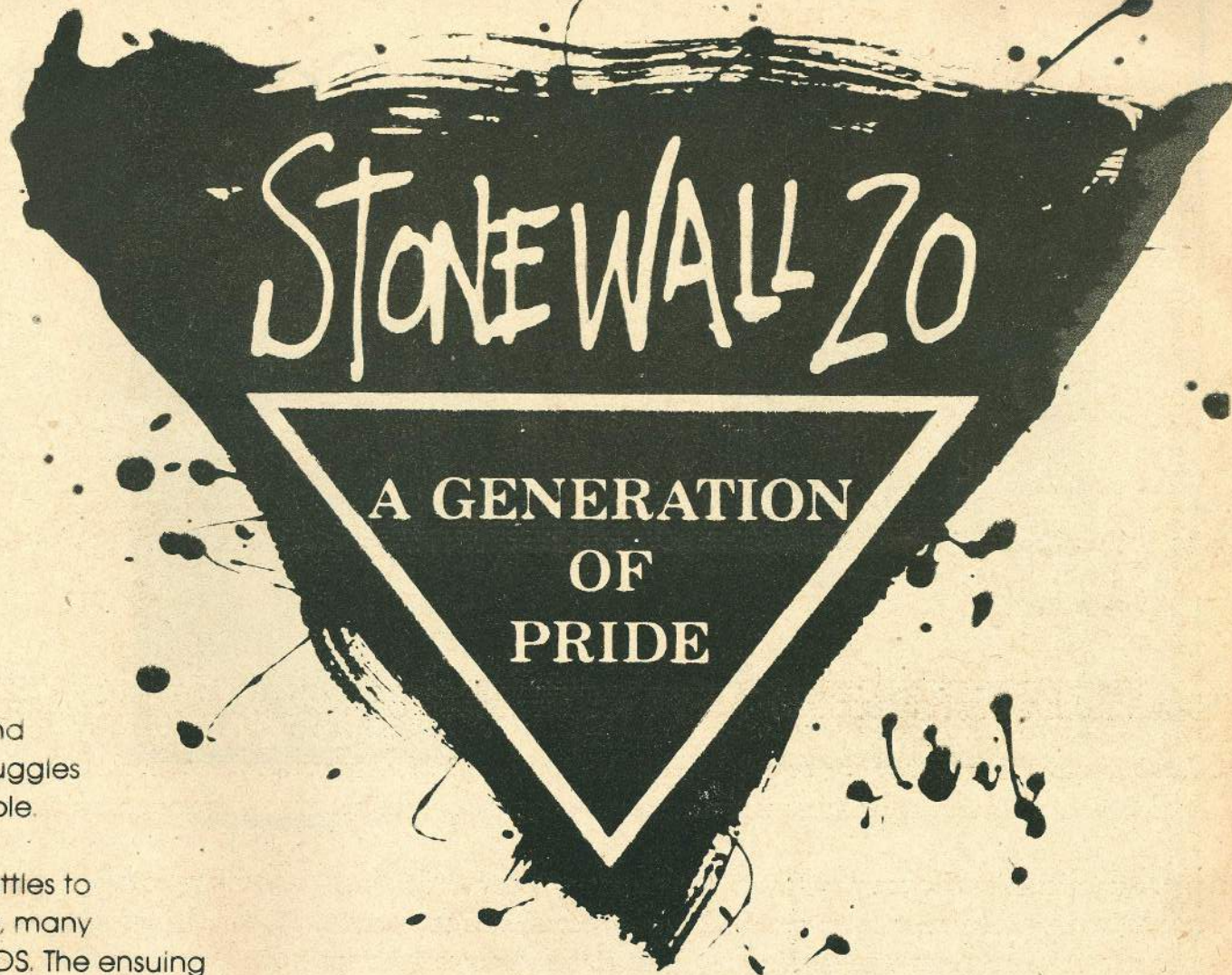
The Stonewall Riots of 1969 are barely a generation behind us but a world apart. Those of us who bridge this time of change can truly testify to the vast differences that make Stonewall the watershed in gay and lesbian history.

These changes did not come easily or overnight and some are still not totally at ease with the more visible world we now find ourselves. Progress is rarely painless and struggles for basic rights aren't necessarily comfortable.

Many of those who valiantly waged our battles to realize the fruits of Stonewall are now gone, many casualties of the latest war, that against AIDS. The ensuing twenty years have allowed us to organize, to define our goals and to develop as a community. In hindsight, it prepared us to deal with the AIDS holocaust.

Unfortunately, these twenty years has also seen the fruition of a well-organized, small but vocal, minority which opposes the gay community and which, in the name of the health crisis, is now attempting to undermine those hard-fought gains of the past two decades.

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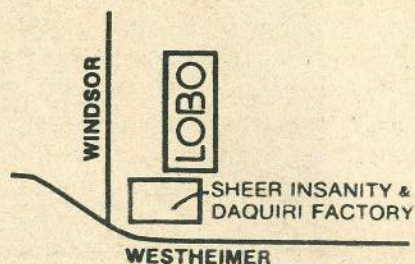
Unlike the vocal but amateurish antics in the past of Anita Bryant, this new crop of opponents combine strong organization with almost fanatical desire to work behind the scenes.

These opponents are at the core of the rising Right in this country. Beginning with the nomination of Barry Goldwater for president in 1964 and culminating with the election of Ronald Reagan this fanatical Right, well-financed and well-organized, has learned the hard lessons of imposing the views of a few on the majority. They have, in effect, learned the Achilles Heel of American politics, namely that the majority does not truly rule.

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We have the financial and political resources — if only we would use them — combined with a unified commitment this new Stonewall generation can, at long last, realize that which was only a dream twenty years ago. In conquering AIDS we can also vanquish the demons of the Right. Truly, this would be a service not only to our community but to our nation.

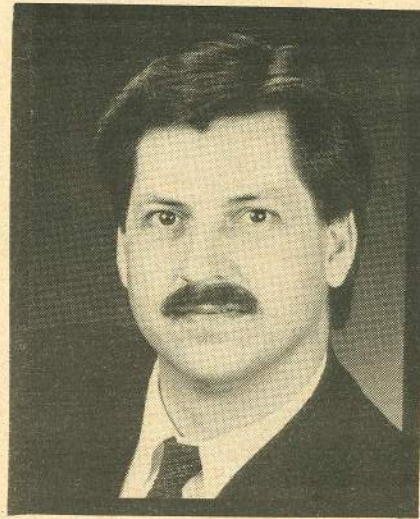


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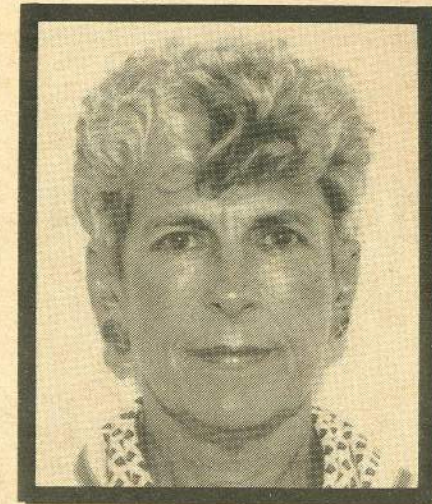


Grand Marshall Charles Armstrong

by Randall W. Jobe

As the Houston Lesbian and Gay community readies itself to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the historical Stonewall riots, the relevancy of the need for constant change remains clear. Just as those courageous few realized twenty years ago, that circumstances could not remain as they had for so long, so does Montrose club owner Charles Armstrong epitomizes that understanding. An ambitious and insightful self-starter, Charles, early in his ownership of the three top-grossing Gay clubs in Houston coined the phrase "constant variation" as a direction for his holdings. He realized the importance of modification, of changing with the times, and as importantly, anticipating the needs and wishes of a diversified clientele and responding to them in a positive manner.

With Frank Caven as a mentor, Charles mastered a tradition of offering the highest standards of quality and top-notch entertainment. A "country club" atmosphere prevails at all of his clubs; Heaven, J.R.'s Bar and Grill, and The Montrose Mining Company. There is an ambiance that promotes good times with good friends, punctuated by the responsible behavior expected of both owner and patron. Therefore, taxi rides are offered complimentary to those individuals who feel they may have had too much to drink. Informational literature and condoms are provided at no



Grand Marshall Bettie Naylor

by John Nix

The Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week committee 1989 is pleased to have named Bettie Naylor as the female Grand Marshall of the 1989 Gay Pride Parade. Bettie exemplifies the old adage that dynamite comes in small packages. Those who know her well recognize that her diminutive size hides a dynamo that generates as much energy as any nuclear power plant. When informed of her election, Bettie, in true Naylor style said, "Gee, what did I do to deserve this?"

Bettie's not a newcomer to the ranks of Grand Marshalls. The Texas Gay Rodeo Association elected her as the female Grand Marshall of the 1988 Texas Gay Rodeo Parade in Austin. Bettie, then, as now, is being honored for her many years of dedication to the cause of human rights and especially gay and lesbian rights, before the Texas Legislature. Bettie was first attracted to legislative work in the early 1970's when she went to the Capitol as a volunteer for the women's movement. In 1976, she became the front runner for the Texas gay and lesbian community as a professional lobbyist for Human Rights Advocates in Austin. Human Rights Advocates was the first Texas gay lobbying effort and was supported by the Texas Gay Task Force from contributions by gays and lesbians throughout the State of Texas. Contributions to gay efforts in the mid-1970's were not popular, despite the fact that the anti-gay "Don't Say Gay in Schools" law was not passed until 1992.

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This standard of excellence and service to the customer will continue at the newest addition to Pacific Street; The Santa Fe Trading Company, under the watchful guidance of Charles, his management and staff, and will remain committed to the future and to the ever-changing demands of the community.

Charles Armstrong understands the necessity for giving back to the community that supports his establishments and is constantly involved in civic and political causes. His contributions financially number in the tens of thousands of dollars annually. He has been recognized for his civic commitment as well as his entrepreneurial skills and has been awarded local and state proclamations. His memberships include Community Alliance of Houston, Houston Organization of Bar Owners, Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, and Texas Human Rights Foundation.

Charles was selected to be a Grand Marshall for the 1989 Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade on the twentieth anniversary of Stonewall. An honor befitting a man of insight, integrity, and genuine concern for the community.

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Bettie worked for Human Rights Advocates through late 1980 when she and others formed a company called Naylor and Associates. The company specialized in public and government relations as well as fund raising for candidates seeking election to state and national office. She is now the sole proprietor of Bettie Naylor, Consultant with an impressive list of clients. One of her most notable accomplishments came when she was asked to form a statewide association of gay bar owners; that organization is Bar Owners Association of Texas (BOAT) and Bettie is it's Executive Director. Her duties with BOAT are many and varied, but she still finds time to promote gay and lesbian concerns before the legislature, as well as being an activist in all areas of human rights. Bettie was squarely in the middle of the recent March on Austin and privately sponsored events to help fund the March efforts.

Though her work requires her to maintain a residence and office in Austin, Bettie divides much of her time with Houston. Her ties here are evidenced by her employment by the Harris County Democratic Party as a consultant for the 1988 Campaign and earlier by Citizens for Mobility, an organization formed to support the Metro election in 1988. Likewise, Bettie is a familiar figure at any major gay event in Houston, generally having been called upon to play a significant role in its formation.

Bettie's activist career closely parallels the Generation of Pride we are celebrating this year and she has been central in the gay movement for the last decade. Houston is proud to have Bettie Naylor as our female Grand Marshall and we salute her for the national reputation she enjoys for her dedication to human rights and her indomitable spirit that typifies the Stonewall Rebellion.

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Dear Friends:

The anger of Stonewall in 1969 ignited a movement across America that continues to burn brighter every year.

From the early Houston Gay Pride Parades to the 1979 March on Washington; from the 1987 March to the recent March on Austin -- the flame of hope and activism continues.

We call to all who care about the lesbian/gay community to get involved. Support the cause at the State Legislature. I was proud to be the author or co-sponsor of all helpful gay rights and AIDS legislation, and I helped in the Appropriations Committee to get funding for AZT, but much more needs to be accomplished by many more people.

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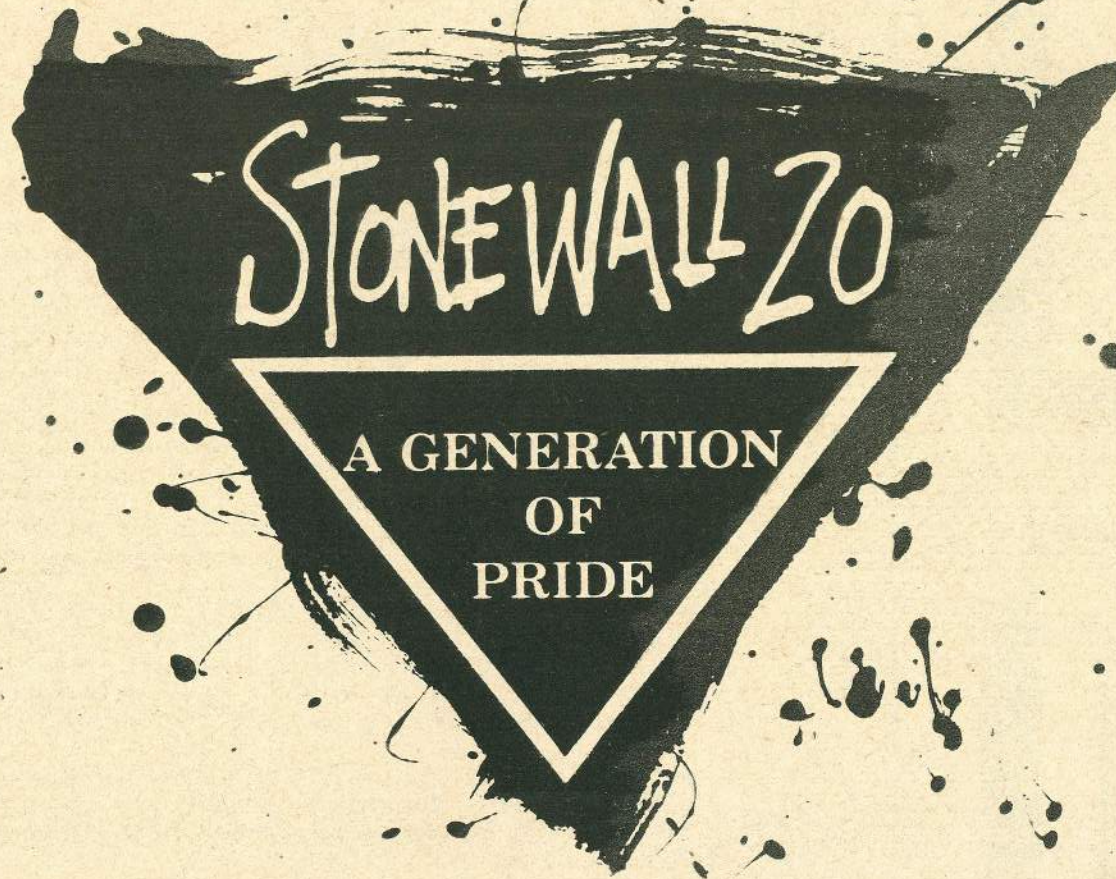


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TIME FRAME: THE RED ROOM AND THE ORIGINAL FABULOUS FOUR — 1972, TO THE PRESENT

Ray Hill On Stonewall

What is this Gay and Lesbian Pride Week all about Anyway? So what twenty years ago a handful of unsavory types challenged the cops at an unlicensed bar on Christopher Street in the Village area of New York City? What has that got to do with us today? It is all about closets. Before the Stone Wall Rebellion we all lived in closets. We were soo self-oppressed to work on the oppression imposed by others. Maybe the Stone Wall rebels were just drunk and rambunctious and had no greater purpose in what they did than to cause trouble. That is what Dick Leitsch, president of New York Mattachine Society thought of the rebellion at the time. Others of us active in the lesbian and gay rights movement before Stone Wall were as shocked as Leitsch, but we put a different spin on the story: At last a group of our people had stood together and fought back.

We take such coordinated efforts for granted today. On April 30, this year thousands of us marched on the Texas Capitol Building and dozens more visited the offices of our legislators the next day. In 1987 more than 500,000 of us marched on Washington DC. But in 1969 such efforts were unknown to our community. For the first coordinated effort to be a physical confrontation with the New York Police department was amazing. What is more, we won. That night, June 27, 1969, fifty people inside the bar had to decide that their closets were no longer secure. Later more than 200 other people in the area had to reject their closets to join them. A

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It is now twenty years later and we are still faced with the self oppression of many members of our community. Most of us live in closets of one form or another. Coming out for the Gay and Lesbian Rights Parade and Rally or attending the March on Austin for Lesbian and Gay Equal Rights is for many of us a vacation from the reality of closeted life. Many of us are like the famous ground hog peeking into the light to be frightened back into our closets by our own shadows. Coming out is a bold self-affirming act, worthy of a courageous and confident person. Once out you will find yourself less critical of others in the community, more confident of your own place in society, and relieved of the burden of being dishonest to those from whom you are closeted.

Make 1989 Gay and Lesbian Pride Week very special for all of us: COME OUT, COME OUT AND MAKE FOR YOURSELF A BETTER WORLD.



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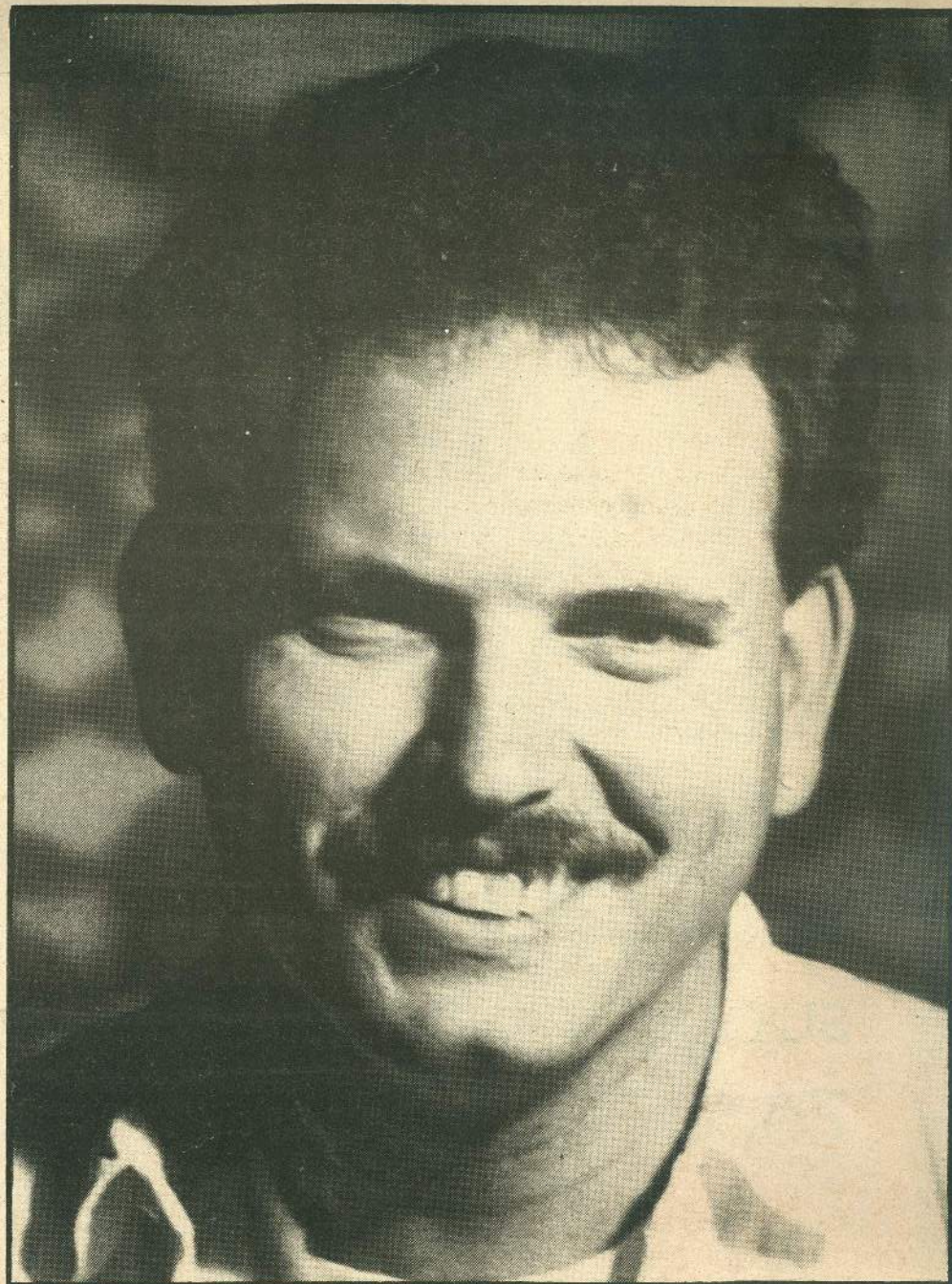


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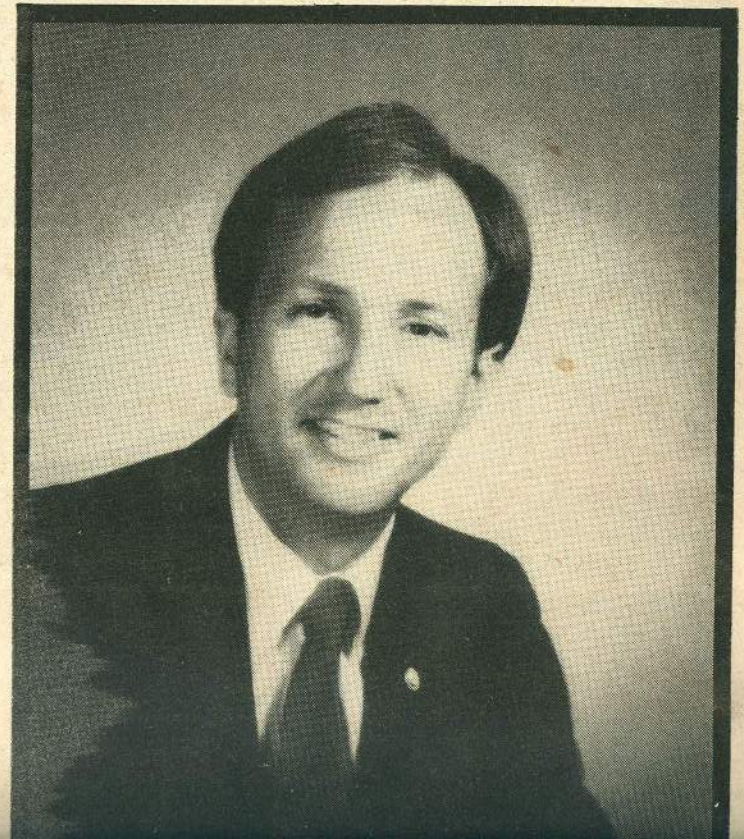
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Stonewall 20 — Now and Then

by Lawrence Jackson and Ruth Leclere

In June, 1969, Gay people in New York City, fed up with police harassment, took to the streets demanding the right to be themselves and to be left alone. In 1989, wherever they live in North America, Gay and Lesbian people acknowledge that this rebellion, this group of riots which we refer to simply as "Stonewall", was the catalytic event which began the modern Gay rights movement.

Many of us don't have a full understanding of what Gay life was like in 1969, what happened at Stonewall, or what have been the effects upon us of the events in New York 20 years ago. But some of our fellow Houstonians can help us to develop some perspective on how Gay life here has changed since 1969, because of Stonewall, and to gain a sense of what this event has come to symbolize.

Houstonians' awareness of Stonewall at the time it happened spans the spectrum from total unawareness to actual involvement. Likewise, our lifestyles during 1969 varied greatly. Many of us were too young to even know if we were gay or straight — or that such a thing as "being Gay" existed. Others knew they were Gay and led deeply closeted lives, while a few lived as open a Gay lifestyle as one could in 1969. The one thing that all share in common is having seen change over the past 20 years. The Gay rights movement has changed; our organizations, our health situation, and our role as a minority group all have undergone metamorphosis since Stonewall.

As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Stonewall, we may wonder what significance that event has for us in 1989, and if it truly marked the beginning of a move forward for Gay and Lesbian people. Are we in Houston really better

off now because of a riot in New York during the Vietnam era? To answer that question, we need to consider our collective condition in 1969, know the facts of what happened the evening of June 27, 1969, and evaluate the state of our community today.

"The police were always looking for a reason to close down the Gay bars . . . People were very closeted."

Gay life did exist in Houston, as elsewhere, in 1969. There were Gay bars here, though not very many. Miss Camp America was founded here in 1969. The Diana Foundation had already been in existence for several years. But homosexuality was not a characteristic which one flaunted publicly, especially in Texas. Don Marrs, who helped found the Houston Outdoor Group in 1984, was out of the closet in Texas, but not to everyone. "There may have been one organization I was aware of then — now we have organizations for everything . . . You had to be real careful in the bars. If you even touched anyone else, the police were there and they'd give you a hard time. The police were always looking for a reason to close down the Gay bars. You didn't tell people much about yourself — you usually knew people by their first names only. People were very closeted."

Things were "very closeted" in other places as well. The Montrose Clinic's supervisor from 1984 to 1987, Darrel Wood, remembers clearly the atmosphere in which Gay and Lesbian people lived in 1969. "Woody" recalls that in Washington, D.C., "if

two guys lived together — a lot of them didn't even live in the same house. Lovers would live in separate apartments, and if they did live together, they had separate phones and never answered each other's line . . . I know one couple that has been together almost fifty years — since they were freshmen in college. They tell the story about living in a townhouse with an alley. One would come and go out the front door and the other would come and go out the back . . . they were so afraid people would realize they were lovers."

Chad Davis has been in Texas for almost 20 years, but he remembers what it was like to be gay in New York in 1969. He also remembers what happened at the Stonewall Inn on June 27th, because he was there.

"When I first went to New York, (from eastern Tennessee,) I can remember the first Gay bar I ever went to. It was called the Blue Bunny. I didn't even know that Gay bars existed . . . I was terrified . . . I had always been taught that bars were evil places and that drinking was evil. When I got inside it was dark, and all of a sudden I realized that all of these were men . . . and they were dancing together . . . I thought I had died and gone to heaven!

"As I began to go to the bars more often . . . I could sense the tension and the unrest that existed, because police were harassing people at that time. It took me a while to figure out, because I was naive, but when the lights would come on (in the bars) everyone would stand still and act like little angels . . . the police would come in and walk around and look real mean and snarly, but then they would always go back to the bar and have a drink. And I got to

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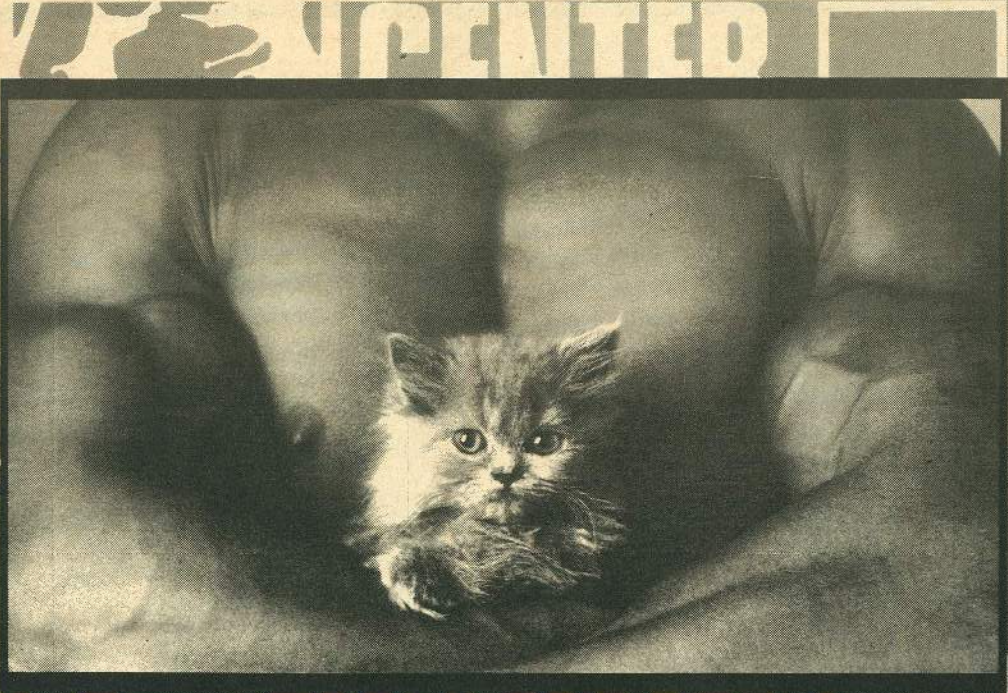
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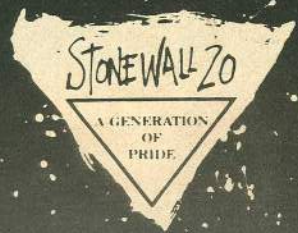


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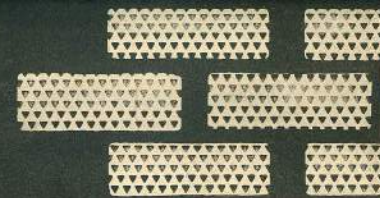


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Stonewall 20 — Now and Then

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In June, 1969, Gay people in New York City, fed up with police harassment, took to the streets demanding the right to be themselves and to be left alone. In 1989, wherever they live in North America, Gay and Lesbian people acknowledge that this rebellion, this group of riots which we refer to simply as "Stonewall", was the catalytic event which began the modern Gay rights movement.

Many of us don't have a full understanding of what Gay life was like in 1969, what happened at Stonewall, or what have been the effects upon us of the events in New York 20 years ago. But some of our fellow Houstonians can help us to develop some perspective on how Gay life here has changed since 1969, because of Stonewall, and to gain a sense of what this event has come to symbolize.

Houstonians' awareness of Stonewall at the time it happened spans the spectrum from total unawareness to actual involvement. Likewise, our lifestyles during 1969 varied greatly. Many of us were too young to even know if we were gay or straight — or that such a thing as "being Gay" existed. Others knew they were Gay and led deeply closeted lives, while a few lived as open a Gay lifestyle as one could in 1969. The one thing that all share in common is having seen change over the past 20 years. The Gay rights movement has changed; our organizations, our health situation, and our role as a minority group all have undergone metamorphosis since Stonewall.

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Gay life did exist in Houston, as elsewhere, in 1969. There were Gay bars here, though not very many. Miss Camp America was founded here in 1969. The Diana Foundation had already been in existence for several years. But homosexuality was not a characteristic which one flaunted publicly, especially in Texas. Don Marrs, who helped found the Houston Outdoor Group in 1984, was out of the closet in Texas, but not to everyone. "There may have been one organization I was aware of then — now we have organizations for everything . . . You had to be real careful in the bars. If you even touched anyone else, the police were there and they'd give you a hard time. The police were always looking for a reason to close down the Gay bars. You didn't tell people much about yourself — you usually knew people by their first names only. People were very closeted."

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two guys lived together — a lot of them didn't even live in the same house. Lovers would live in separate apartments, and if they did live together, they had separate phones and never answered each other's line . . . I know one couple that has been together almost fifty years — since they were freshmen in college. They tell the story about living in a townhouse with an alley. One would come and go out the front door and the other would come and go out the back . . . they were so afraid people would realize they were lovers."

Chad Davis has been in Texas for almost 20 years, but he remembers what it was like to be gay in New York in 1969. He also remembers what happened at the Stonewall Inn on June 27th, because he was there.

"When I first went to New York, (from eastern Tennessee,) I can remember the first Gay bar I ever went to. It was called the Blue Bunny. I didn't even know that Gay bars existed . . . I was terrified . . . I had always been taught that bars were evil places and that drinking was evil. When I got inside it was dark, and all of a sudden I realized that all of these were men . . . and they were dancing together . . . I thought I had died and gone to heaven!

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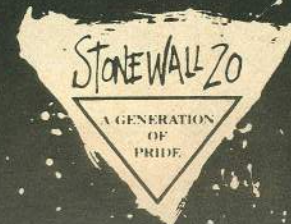


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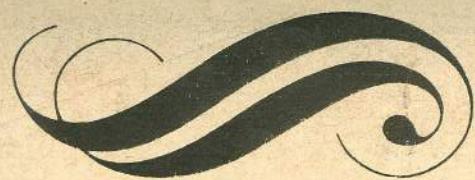
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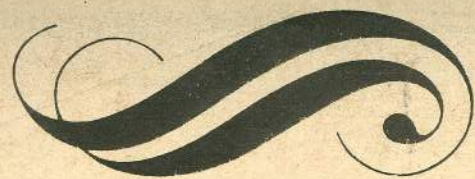
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Location: 3927 Essex Lane. Come and feel what it's like to make a difference with pride during this time of need in our community. This seminar provides an update on educational efforts in Houston and across the United States. It also includes the role AFH and other Houston service providers involved in education are playing, and how you can participate in this effort. Cost: Free, Info:

Friday, June 23

21) 7:00 PM TGRA Presents: BAR BUS TOUR. Location: The Ranch, 9150 South Main. TGRA will present an all city gay/lesbian bar tour. Bottom. Cost: \$5.00, Info: 682-6732.

22) 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM The Group Theater Presents: GUIDE TO SAFE SEX by Jeff Hagedorn. Location: The Group Theater, 1200 Richmond Ave. Due to popular demand for Gay/Lesbian Pride Week health! The Houston Post called The Group Theater's educational outreach they have ever seen. Sexuality and the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Seating—make reservations early. Cost: \$7.00.

Saturday, June 24

23) 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Gay Lesbian Pride at Astroworld with Sandy Van. Location: Astroworld with over 100 rides, shows and attractions (11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) for the Houston Gay Community. This will include two guest performances by (San Francisco) at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. The Pavilion. The following outlets: Say Cheese (621-1818), Coleman (523-2575). These specially priced. 523-2575.

24) 11:00 AM Houston's Women's Softball. Location: Memorial Park, Field #1. Come see the star match.

25) 8:00 PM GLPW '89 & The Lone Star Celebration of Pride. Location: Multi-Sector. Pride is planned for you by the Lone Star System. Cloggers and special guests, comedienne Phillips. This concert is sure to be the inspiration for Sunday's parade and fest. Cash bar available. 528-4346.

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Wednesday, June 21

17) 7:00 PM Gay/Lesbian Pride Week '89 Presents: CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS. Location: Venture-N/The Far Side, 2923 South Main. The Venture-N becomes the Stonewall Inn for a 20th Anniversary celebration—an evening of arts and entertainment. A gallery of artwork, music, poetry, drama, joy and love. come dressed from the sixties to celebrate Stonewall—an event that will always be remembered. Cost: Free, Info: 528-434 6.

18) 7:00 PM Montrose Counseling Center Presents: WOMYN OF NOTE WITH MARY HELEN MERZBACHER (KPFT). Location: 900 Lovett, Suite 203. A concert of womyn's music now and then. Cost: Free, Info: 529-0037.

Thursday, June 22

19) 7:00 PM Montrose Activity Center Presents: GAY & LESBIAN TEXAS HISTORY EVENING WITH PHIL JOHNSON. Location: Multi-Service Center 1475 W. Gray. Texas historian Phil Johnson will present a slide show giving details of Lesbian/Gay History in the State of Texas with special emphasis on Dallas and Houston.

20) 7:30 PM Interfaith Alliance Presents: A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE. Location MCCR - 1919 Decatur. We are presenting a historical narrative chronicling the Gay Movement from Stonewall to present. Particular attention is paid to the social, religious, and political organizations in Houston and their impact on the movement. The program will be interspersed with songs and prayer. Cost: Free, Info: 880-3527.

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Bottom. Cost: \$5.00, Info: 682-6732.

**22) 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM The Group Theater Workshop Directed by Joe Watts Presents: LAYMAN'S
GUIDE TO SAFE SEX by Jeff Hagedorn.** Location: The Center for a Positive Lifestyle. Brought back by
popular demand for Gay/Lesbian Pride Week! This is a wild comedy that is not hazardous to your
health! The Houston Post called The Group's Production "one of the most entertaining pieces of
educational outreach they have ever seen." The Rice Thrasher called it "a cross between human
sexuality and the Rocky Horror Picture Show." for tickets and reservations call 526-LOVE. Limited
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AT ASTROWORLD with Sandy Van.** Location: Astroworld - 9001 Kirby. Come and enjoy the day at
Astroworld with over 100 rides, shows and attractions! A spectacular private party in the Picnic Pavilion
(11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) for the Houston Gay and Lesbian community will be the highlight of the day.
this will include two guest performances by Sandy Van (an extraordinary comedienne from San
Francisco) at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. The Pavilion is located by the Carousel. Tickets may be purchased at
the following outlets: Say Cheese (621-1825), Inklings (521-33 69), Printex Plus (524-43 65), House of
Coleman (523-2575). These specially priced tickets are advanced purchase only. Cost: \$9.95. Info:
523-2575.

24) 11:00 AM Houston's Women's Softball League Presents: ALL STAR GAME - Houston vs. Dallas.
Location: Memorial Park, Field #1. Come see Houston and Dallas' finest battle in the best of three all
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**25) 8:00 PM GLPW '89 & The Lone Star Symphonic Band Present: STONEWALL MEMORIES: A
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Sunday's parade and fest. Cash bar available. Cost: \$10.00 advance, \$12.00 at the door. Info:
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his Tejano sounds, and El Combo Moderno, known for their diversity of Latin sounds. For tickets and
reservations call 520-GLHU or 880-1827. Cost \$15.00 in advance, \$20.00 at the door.

Sunday, June 25

27) 5:00 PM Gay Lesbian Pride Week '89 Present: THE PARADE. Location: Westheimer from
Woodhead to Montrose. Colorful floats and exciting music will be part of the magic you'll experience
at this year's parade! Come show your pride and enjoy this special anniversary event! Cost: Free, Info:
523-2575.

28) 5:00 PM Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus Present: STONEWALL FUN FEST. Location: 3317
Montrose Blvd. (in the parking lot) Come and enjoy the rally after the parade! This is a festival that
brings together entertainment and community organizations for having a great time and exchange
of information! There will be lots of food and drinks so come out and enjoy! Info: 521-1000

Tuesday, June 27

8:00 PM The Company We Keep presents: "STREET THEATER" (a play). Location: Stages - 3201 Allen
Parkway. One of the best plays around! Stonewall—where they fought back, 20 years to the night—
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