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## Guide to Events and Information

by the HL/GPW '92 Committee

**PRIDE = POWER**

*Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Week 1992*





Now in the third decade of the modern gay liberation movement and the second decade of the great epidemic the face and fact of gay-lesbian America is radically changed.

An age when police raids on bars were commonplace, the word "gay" did not appear in the mass media and the vast majority of gay men and lesbians were ensconced in the recesses of individual closets—all that is gone.

We have emerged into America's mainstream—in the press, in the movies, on television, amongst the politically active and in all other walks of life. Such exposure brought with it new enemies and greater attacks. Recently when President Bush met with a select group of leaders of the evangelical right he reassured them of his opposition to the "homosexual agenda" while they acknowledged that this issue was even more important to them than abortion.

And after more than ten years of fighting and dying with AIDS and with the disease now reaching all segments of society (heterosexual America is today where gay America was in 1983) our enemies still hold sway over a national government which refuses to acknowledge our humanity.

Granted gay America is as diverse as the nation, truly a rainbow of colors, races, backgrounds, likes and dislikes as the greater nation which still cannot understand or accept us. We need this diversity, this foot in every camp. But there is a greater issue here—our very lives.

Blacks in America spent decades accommodating to the tyranny of the majority, alternately patronized and brutalized, until the liberating necessities of World War II destroyed the facade of "separate but equal". Women in America shared in every aspect of this great and developing nation for centuries while accepting "their place" which was, in fact, every place but the voting booth. Only in the early years of this century was this changed, reluctantly and begrudgingly.

Today the same forces which still put limits on black justice, still restrict the rights of women to make crucial decisions about themselves, also would relegate gay America to those stifling closets.

If history teaches us anything it is that there is nothing new in politics, yet we repeatedly refuse to learn from the past. In the latter half of the nineteenth century, the so-called Populist movement addressed the injustices of the newly industrialized America and attempted to unite all its victims. The powers that be then, much the same as the powers that be today, adapted the military strategy of divide and conquer. Blacks and poor whites in the South, sharing the same

problems of exploitation and oppression by the system, sacrificed their common cause on the altar of racism. Our cities were brought into line by the imagined fear of foreigners for their "differences".

The same forces then that savaged principle for power reside in the White House. A natural and needed coalition of black America, women and gay America is being splintered, in the name of political control, by a national government as committed to power and the fruits of power as their counterparts among the industrial robber barons—they are in every sense the heirs to the same wealth and power.

Granted there have been hard-won gains by blacks, by women and by gay America, just as their were crumbs scattered before the Populists. But those gains will not translate into a proportional share of power until all of us recognize our true stake in this struggle, until we rise above our petty differences, until we cast aside racism, sexism and all other "isms" raised up before us.

Pride in gay America can prepare us for this greater battle, but it is only a beginning. Timing is everything in comedy and in life. Now is the time for all good women and men to come to the aid of this cause. This is a battle to finally win the civil right struggle, the equal rights movement and lesbian and gay rights. These issues are inseparable.

We celebrate that first skirmish at Stonewall Inn twenty-three years ago. And we justly take pride in our achievements since. But we must also dedicate ourselves to the great task at hand, resolve to share the greater good and unite in a struggle which, simply put, pits the rights of all Americans against the oppressive control by the few.

We cannot and must not underestimate the ability of our oppressors to adapt to every challenge to their power. The national administration repeatedly turns back the clock on civil rights yet promotes those blacks who have seen the "light" of conservatism. The national administration reversed years of Republican support for the Equal Rights Amendment yet parades those women leaders who extol the woman's place in the home.

And finally, the Bush-Quayle team revives the great issue of Nixon-Agnew family values, ignoring the fact that its two previous exponents were acknowledged crooks. "Family values" is the rallying cry against pushy women, welfare blacks and sinful queers just as race once rallied the oppressed white to join with their very oppressors. This latest cry of the powerful will only work if we allow it.

Yes, let us celebrate our pride in our gains but let us not ignore the great task before us.

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The **PRIDE GUIDE** serves as a networking and resource forum. Within its pages you can find many different viewpoints in articles written by people of our community. The listing of Pride Week events and the Resource Guide show the strength of a well established and powerful community.

During the past few years, our community has experienced many changes. Many have suffered spiritually from the loss of loved ones and have needed strength to overcome those losses; many have lost their jobs due to the suffering economy or because of discrimination; many have experienced declining health—both physically and mentally.

We have experienced change, and change can be tough but it also brings new opportunities. Our participating and sharing during the ten days of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week can open new avenues for creating a new commitment to our goals as a community in celebration of our pride.

When the week of activities and celebration comes to a close, the renewed spark of camaraderie need not end. A vast resource of opportunities will have been presented: new friendships, renewed excitement of spirit, pride in who we are, and the knowledge of opportunities which lie in store for us.

The **PRIDE GUIDE**, created and produced by the Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Committee, can serve as an important resource throughout the year. As Co-Chairs we would like to give a special thanks to all the volunteers and especially the Executive Team who spent long hours performing the many special tasks to make this celebration possible. We can never say enough to those very special people.

And take notice of the advertisers who made this publication possible. They believe in this community. Please patronize them so they can continue to be strong within our community.

Finally, do your part. Participate in the many events during the week, get in the Pride Parade and come to the Pride Rally...Naturally! After that, volunteer in an organization and make our community stronger.

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### Statement of Purpose

The Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Committee was founded in 1979 by a small group of Houston gay activists to coordinate a formal program and celebration each year for the gay and lesbian community of Houston.

HL/GPW, through its many cultural, athletic and educational events, seeks to "increase understanding of social, racial and sexual minorities, and to encourage acceptance and tolerance of alternative lifestyles so that, together, the citizens of the City of Houston and the State of Texas may work in the spirit of peaceful cooperation to build a better society."

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## Grand Marshals

The Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Committee proudly introduces the Grand Marshals for the 1992 Pride Parade, Sheri Cohen Darbonne and Brian Kever.

Grand Marshals are elected by the Pride Week Committee and are typically gay and lesbian persons who are honored for their contributions to the Community.

**Brian Kever**, office manager of *This Week in Texas* magazine, has been a familiar face in numerous organizations over the years. He is currently the Marketing Director for Lesbian/Gay Pride Week, a long time board member of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, and is active with the National Leather Association. He served on the Montrose



Activity Center board of directors and has been active with the NAMES Project, along with many other organizations, and political and fundraising events.

**Sheri Cohen Darbonne** has been the editor of *The New Voice* since 1989. She was president of the first gay University of Houston organization, the Gay Activists Alliance, in 1975-6, co-organizer of Houston's first Gay Pride March

in 1976, and was on the planning committee for Town Meeting I in 1978. Her work has appeared in numerous local and national gay and lesbian publications.

We congratulate this year's Grand Marshals on their years of service to their fellow lesbian and gay citizens.

## Honorary Grand Marshal

This year, the Pride Week Committee has bestowed the honor of Honorary Grand Marshal upon an entire organization, the **Gay/Lesbian Switchboard of Houston**.

The Switchboard has existed for a decade, serving as a clearinghouse for information about our community, its people, our organizations and their events. The Switchboard is many persons' first contact with the gay/lesbian community upon arriving in

Houston. Today, the Switchboard offers a calendar of events, AIDS/STD information, telephone counseling, crisis intervention, bar referrals, merchant information, and medical and legal referrals.

In choosing the Switchboard, the Pride Week Committee recognizes the tireless efforts of the many volunteers throughout the years who have built that organization into the community resource it is today.



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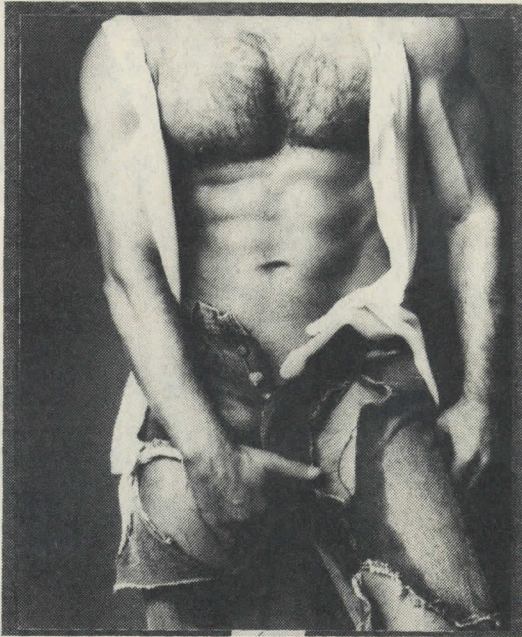
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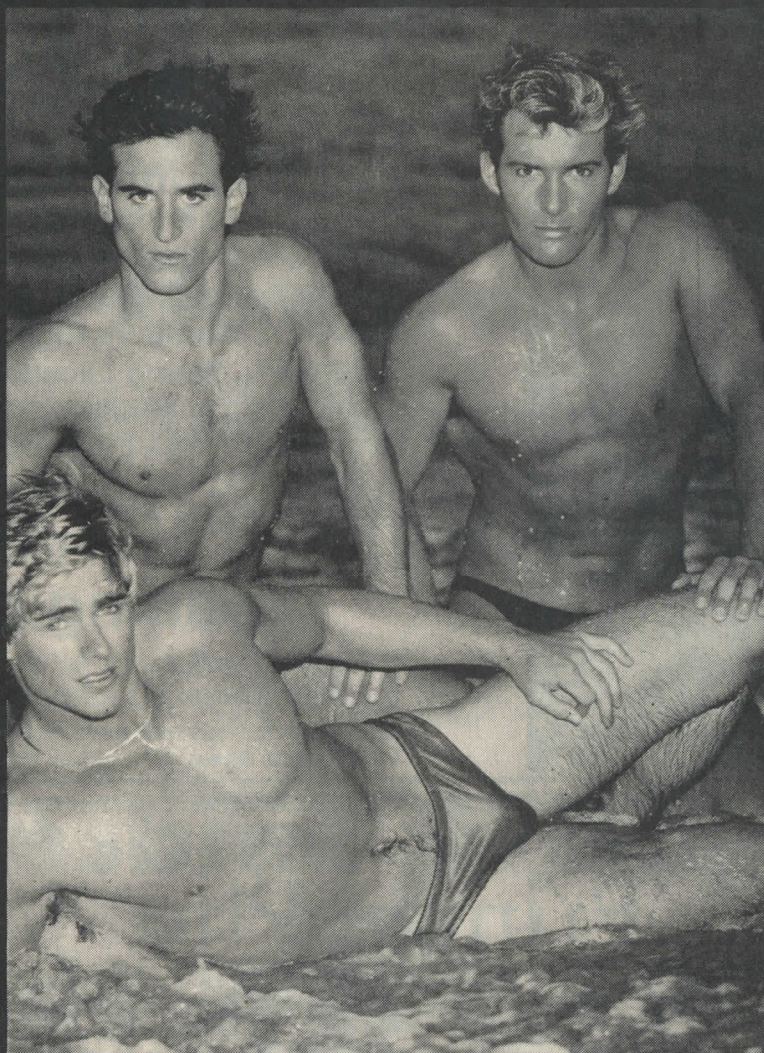
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Feature

## A YEAR LATER AND A LITTLE WISER

by Jack Valinski  
Pride Week Co-Chair

**T**ime passes and it is time for the gay and lesbian community to celebrate another Lesbian/Gay Pride Week in Houston.

This is the anniversary of a riot that took place in New York City at the Stonewall Inn. It was a hot summer night just after the funeral of Judy Garland. A routine bar raid, where patrons would commonly be arrested and get their names published in the paper. People were usually fired, lives were ruined simply because of being, or perceived as being, gay.

This time it was a little different. The patrons of the Stonewall got tired of this routine and began to fight back. It turned into a riot and for the first time some gay and lesbian people decided not to take it anymore.

The communities began as a small number of groups, mostly in a few major urban areas. Only a few brave individuals proclaimed that "We are everywhere," and "Come out of the closet." As time passed we grew into a community. Certain mostly run down neighborhoods became identified as gay friendly areas, like the Village in New York or the Montrose here in Houston.

While we developed as a people and a community we have had setbacks. AIDS hit the male

population. While we have been blamed, this community has done much to help identify its causes, reduce the risks and educate on "safer sex," with little help from the government. This learning experience is already helping other communities.

It is my belief that in the past twelve months we have made more progress as a people than ever before. Unfortunately it began with a tragic murder. Just as the dust was settling from last year's Pride Week,

because it encompasses many categories of race, class and gender.

Queer Nation got the community used to the American institution of civil disobedience. Shortly after the murder, over 2,000 queers, many who had not been involved previously, marched in the heart of the Montrose to declare that they would not tolerate attacks on them just because of who they were.

A very brave columnist in the *Houston Post* wrote a very touching

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a young professional, Paul Broussard, was brutally murdered.

Paul's murder was not the first nor was it the worst. It was, however, unique. Violence was up in the city. There were witnesses to the murder. Annise Parker, an open lesbian, was running for City Council. The major press was willing to print the brutal accounts of this murder. Crime was a big issue in the city elections. And last but not least, a new group formed in the community called Queer Nation.

Queer Nation is a group of mostly young individuals who basically are tired of being treated as second class citizens and are willing to put themselves on the line to create change. Yet some within the community believe that they are too radical and take on a name that is condescending. To that they say: "We're here. We're Queer. Get used to it." By taking on the term *queer*, we empower ourselves by keeping others from using it as a epithet. The single word also connects us

article about this incident. He tried to come out in the piece but was censored. Later, Juan Palomo was fired and then rehired. Juan is now one of a few openly gay people on the editorial board of a major newspaper.

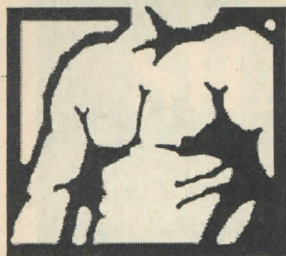
Over the years the Houston Police Department was not very highly regarded nor even trusted within our community. Their macho attitude and raids of our bars added to this image. There have also been reports that HPD kept fag files on community activists. The past year much of the image has changed with the Visa Versa operation. When the men in blue pose as us they began to know what it is like to be perceived as different, misunderstood and even hated. They were not only attacked on the streets by verbal slurs but were actually physically attacked by hate mongers looking to bash a few Queers. It was also reported that

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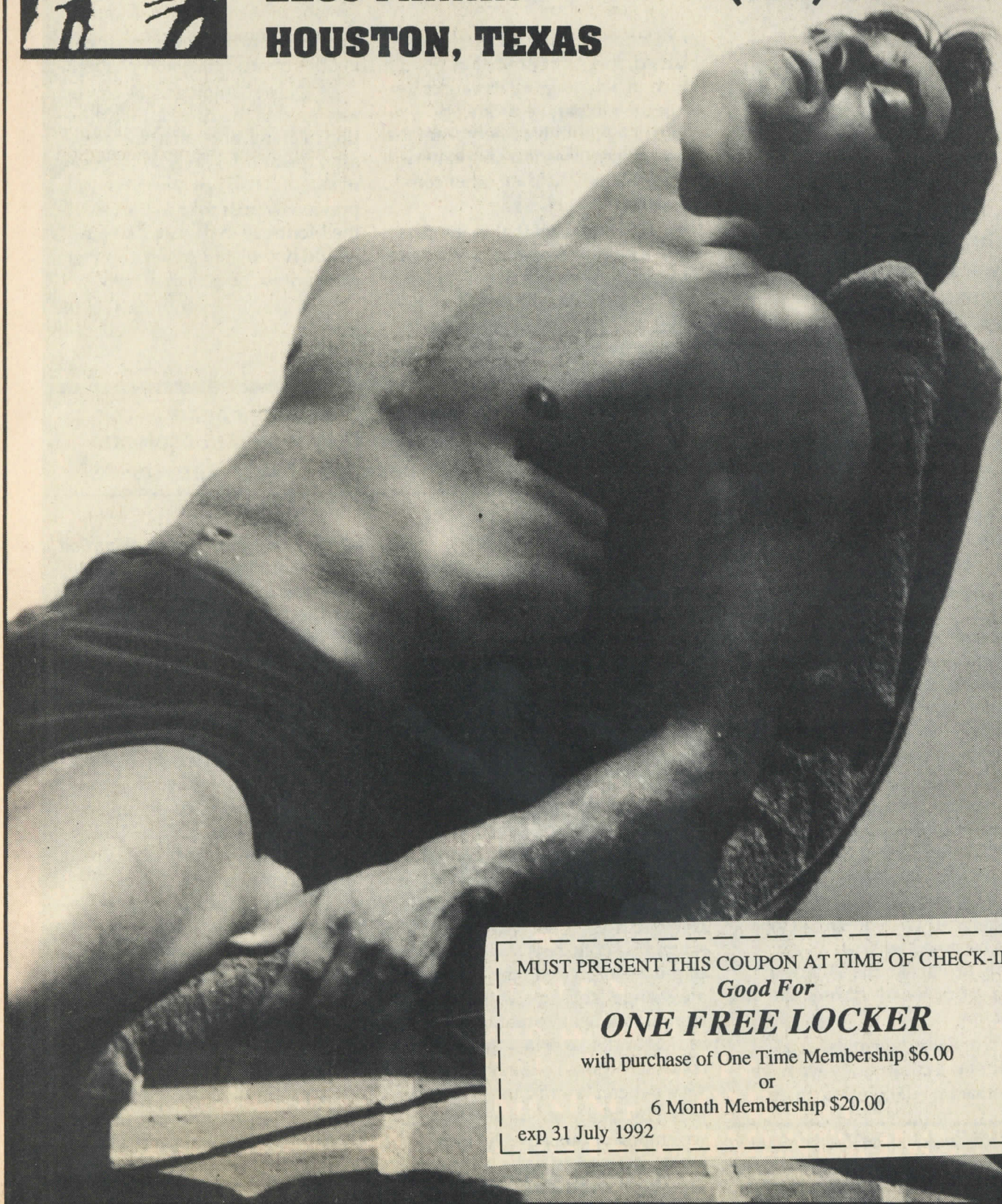




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when these officers returned to their stations, fellow officers made fun of them.

The Visa Versa operation put this city on the map with the *New York Times* more than once, saying in their Op-Ed section that other cities could take lessons from HPD.

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CBS Television also did a very positive story on *Street Scenes* about this operation.

The upsurge of violence is probably a reaction of our strength and visibility. Being visible and coming out has its risks, but it is also the act that makes everything else possible. We first develop as individuals and then help to build the security of a community.

Visibility is very important to any community. Hate and mistrust come from not being known. KUHT-TV decided not air Marlon Riggs's *Tongues Untied*, a documentary on gay black men. This robbed the Houston market of a very valuable and enlightening experience of the aspect of a lesser known part of our community. It *was* aired by a majority of other public TV stations, yet KUHT decided that one of the few pieces on gay black men did not need to be aired in Houston. Black gay life needs to emerge in its own right.

Our community is served well with such publications as TWT and *The New Voice* and radio programs on KPFT-FM; however, it is only with the major media where we can hope to get beyond our borders and

to be understood by others. This year we have seen more and more stories and TV reports on our community.

All three major candidates for mayor sought the endorsement of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Caucus. Many other office seekers also sought the power of the block vote

that the gay and lesbian community delivers. This is proof that we have come a long way from the hate campaign that was brought upon this community during the 1985 job rights referendum.

It is important to know that much progress has been accomplished by a few people in our community who have put their lives on the line to make life better for us all and for the next generation of gays and lesbians. It should also be noted that it is not easy for many young people—they are subjected to the invisibility of our community.

Of all suicides among young people, gays and lesbians make up one third, yet we are only ten percent of the population. And gays and lesbians make up about half of all the kids on the street. This happens because of the isolation young people face. It is hard enough to be a young person in this society, yet it is even harder for someone who has different feelings than the majority. Unlike other minorities, they cannot turn to their family, church or school for support.

We must remember to look back to the time when *we* were

young and felt *we* were the only ones. Community groups like Houston Area Teenagers Concerned about Homosexuality (HATCH) and Sexual Minority (SMLY) need our help and support to help insure the next generation will be stronger than we are.

We also help the younger generation by having a strong community that has plenty of strong organizations. Our beginnings in this community were about visibility. Then we moved on to building a community.

And as it took a tragic murder to get us motivated and to galvanize us together in common goals, we realize our struggle is a lifetime effort. We do set aside some time to reflect and celebrate our accomplishments during Pride Week.

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week is a celebration of our community that is open to everyone. We want to be a part of, not apart from. Yet if we don't demonstrate that we need and have power, we will be ignored. That is why we chose the theme POWER = PRIDE.

June 19th to the 28th is the Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. The Pride Parade starts at 5:00 pm, Sunday, June 28th at the corner of Westheimer and Woodhead and moves east to Westheimer and Whitney through Montrose. Please join us in our celebration. λ

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Feature

## AIDS vs. BREAST CANCER

by Brian D. Bradley

**This June, as we observe the twenty-third anniversary of the Stonewall riots; we also celebrate the birth of the modern day Gay and Lesbian rights movement.**

We remember these monumental events in our history with parades, parties, and for some, not a small degree of nostalgia.

The degree of nostalgia that many feel is not necessarily due to the passage of years. Memories are stirred by the call of an era of progress and innocence that has passed.

This June we also mark the eleventh anniversary of the first reported cases of what was to be called AIDS.

Approximately one-half of the past twenty-three years have been spent primarily on survival and less on advancement. This by no means is an indictment of the seemingly tireless efforts of the few good women and men who have continued to carry the banner for equality and justice.

Often, the same women and men have struggled, side-by-side, to ensure the voices of those with AIDS are heard. This endeavor has been delivered in a spirit of love and solidarity unlike any this country has ever seen. We must never forget this reason to be proud.

Much still remains to be done before we rest. We as a community face the myriad challenges that

HIV/AIDS presents more so than any other group of people. This is not fair, nor equitable. It is just the way that it is. Our government should be shouldering the monetary cost of HIV/AIDS, not because it insists that we bear a disproportionate proportion of the death toll, but because it is morally right. Our governmental leaders should be demanding the delivery of a cure and a vaccine, along with compassionate and adequate health care for those stricken with AIDS (and government inaction), not because we have been doing the job. But because it is morally right.

After eleven years of disease, death, and community destruction; after eleven years of marching, protesting, and going to jail; after eleven years of demanding, cajoling, and intimidation, we have moved but an inch down the mile-long road to the place that knows no AIDS.

While we journeyed in the forest of the unknown we have learned a lot about ourselves. We have learned that we have to be self-reliant and self-sufficient. We have learned that we are a beautiful but embattled people. We have learned that we are deserving of all that others take easily and for granted. We have learned that while we may never have (nor desire) numerical superiority, we have moral superiority over those who paint us otherwise. We have this because we have earned it.

We are not the only ones that have learned a great deal about us. People the world over have a view of us that our detractors had rather they did not. Many people have learned from us Lesbians, Gay men, and our supporters. Many have

learned that they do not have to suffer in silence. The present day movement has lead others, such as breast cancer advocates, to the road of empowerment. It is here that we have a problem that conceivably we would not be able to rebound from with any honor. We must not let this happen.

When we were unwittingly teaching other groups of disenfranchised people how to empower themselves, we took our eyes off our national leadership long enough for them to regroup for their present attack.

America has awakened to the fact that we are plagued with many physical and mental illnesses that equal attention and response should be given to. Our government is alarmed and running scared. Instead of acting according to our wishes that our diseases be researched, treated, and cured, the Bush administration continues to focus on the rhetoric that the defense budget is more important than the delivery of health care. The federal government currently spends \$882,000,000.00 *per day* on defense. They spend in five hours on defense what they spend in five years on health care. There is no war being waged. Least of all on any disease.

The present strategy is to pit disease sufferer against disease sufferer. It is not the least bit surprising that the two diseases chosen to do battle are AIDS and breast cancer. Bush and the Republican administration see AIDS as a Gay disease and breast cancer as just a woman's cosmetic concern. They

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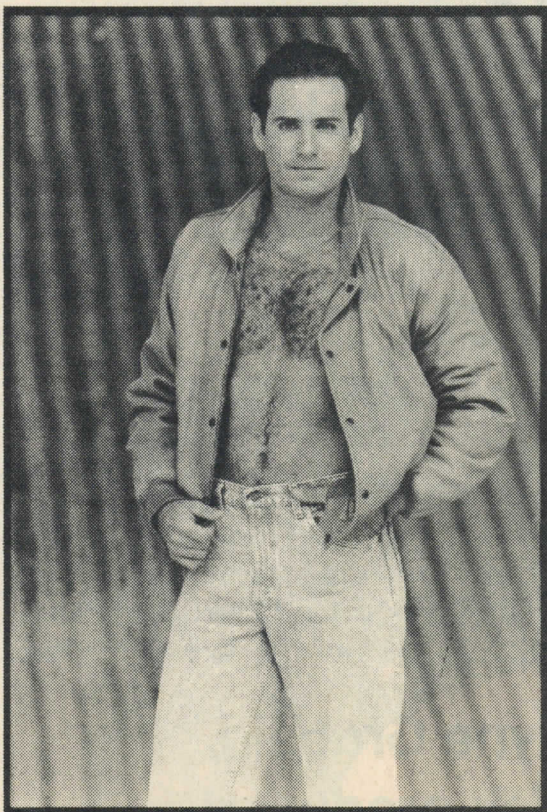


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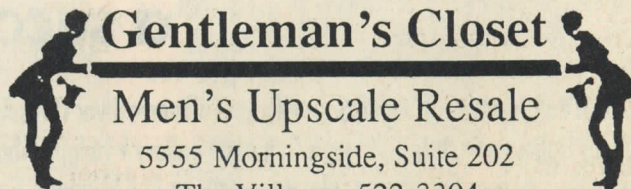


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want us to decide whose disease is to be addressed.

We (being AIDS activists) must not allow this to happen. The only way that we can assure, at minimum, that the voices of women with breast and other forms of gender related cancer are heard and heeded, is to not answer these obscene accusations.

To make any claim that AIDS, breast cancer, or any other disease is more or less deserving is not only ludicrous but reprehensible. To compare numbers of persons affected only clouds the focus and

lends a false credence that "some are more/less deserving than others." To compare contagiousness/communicability to malignancy does nothing to ensure health care delivery or disease mitigation or eradication.

The officials responsible for funding, researching, treating, and curing both AIDS and breast cancer must not be successful in this their latest effort to ignore the concerns of millions of Americans. We must see that they fail. Gay men, Lesbians, those living with HIV/AIDS, all women, and the men who care

about them, must demand our right to health care. This right should not be predicated on the ability to pay, one's gender, sexual orientation, or any other factor.

The time is long overdue that the American tax-base be used to provide the best possible life for *all* its citizens, not just for the affluent, white, heterosexual male. We as Gays and Lesbians should be on the forefront of this agenda. Then there will be another reason for the history books to say we are a proud and powerful people.

Happy Pride Week. λ

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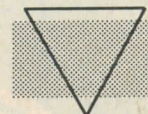
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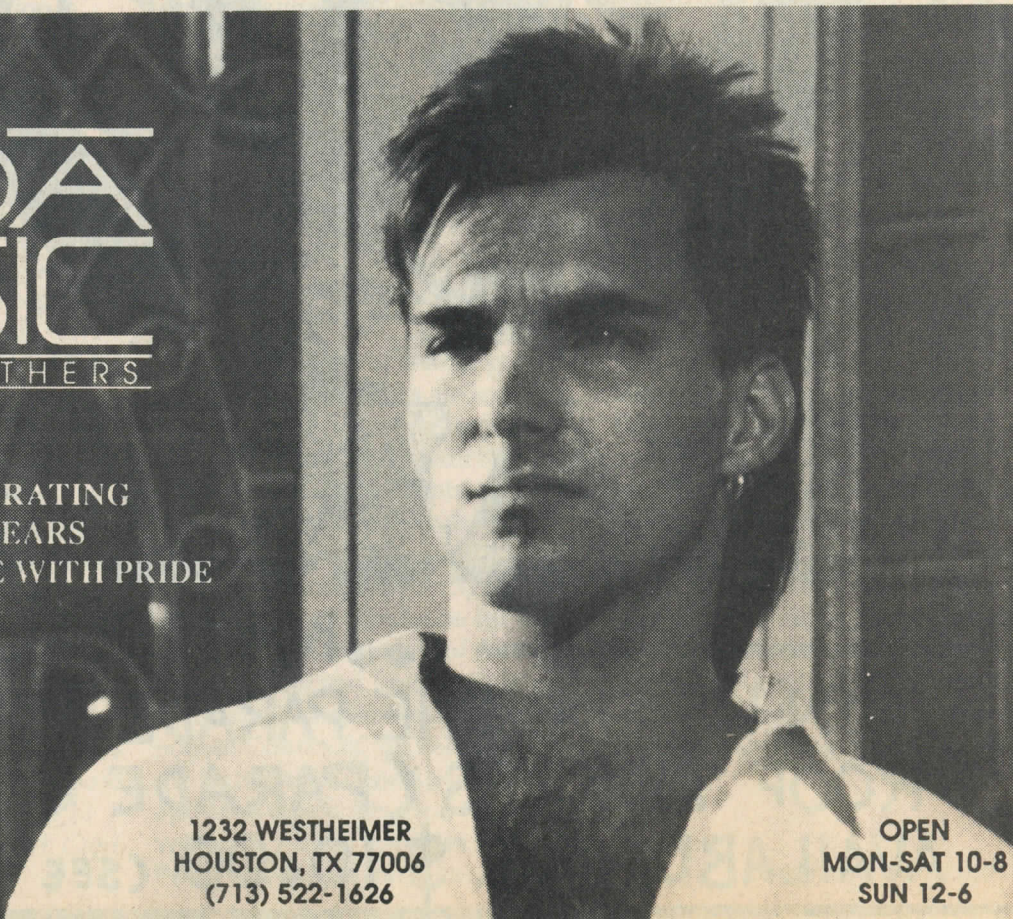
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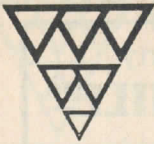
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Feature

## ROWDY, EXUBERANT, AND PROUD

by Jazz Pazz

**From being the stepchild of the Gay Political Caucus, and being operational only a few months every year, Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '92 has matured into its own year 'round organization that sponsors other celebrations and is run by a volunteer board of directors that has its own tax exempt 501(c)(3) status.**

Ten years ago Larry Bagneris inspired the community with his vision and enthusiasm and created Gay Pride. Under his direction there were rallies in parks, parades, lots of glitter, sparkle and drag. With the cooperation of leaders like Marion Coleman and John Hill, Gay Pride was sheltered by the Montrose Activity Center and will remain so through this summer.

Extended to a ten day "week", the Lesbian and Gay Pride organization in Houston is making progress towards their goals of full time board members, an office, hosting celebratory events like National Coming Out Day, securing grants, and offering outreach.

Noting that gay and lesbian youth commit suicide at a rate three times higher than that of other kids, co-chair Jack Valinski hopes to offer

**Jazz Pazz** is a writer for TWT Magazine; she is also compiling a collection of stories about Pride in Houston. Sales of the book will benefit LGPW. Please call 713/522-9325 or 527-9111 if you are willing to be interviewed. Credits will be given.

education and support through the media and through Pride workshops. He is encouraged by the new 501(c)(3) status that Pride Week was awarded this year. "It makes our outreach much easier," he said, "For example, it makes it possible to mail the newsletter and other correspondence at a reduced rate. And now we can apply for grants."

Although Pride Week has never been a financially profitable endeavor, it has always been successful due to the commitment of dedicated volunteers who recognize the need to express our pride, and to enjoy the exhilaration of being a part of the triumph that is Pride Week.

As Pride Week evolves into a twelve month project, more volunteers are sought to meet the increased demand by the community and beyond. "Pride Week is not just a party," Jack reminds us, "it's an outreach, a tradition born of Stonewall and it's our reply to those who would reject us, our biological families, the churches we were raised in, who say we are perverse, burning sinners. We are okay, we are survivors, we are proud!"

Other than our shared goals, Pride Week volunteers are a very diverse group. Women, people of color, employed and medically disabled people and students, all offer distinct skills and schedules to the cause. Many volunteers are active with other groups. Brian Keever is the Marketing chairperson for Pride Week, and on the board of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, and a member of Metropolitan Church of the Resurrection, the National Leather Association, and Miss Camp America. "I'm involved in a lot of activities, but Pride Week is important to me be-

cause it is our own history. Our riots. I don't want anyone to have to wonder why we parade around in the streets on the last Sunday in June every year in 90 degree heat!"

Co-Chair Carol Clark is active with the Houston Women's Softball League and is a founding member of the Houston Rape Crises Coalition. Her personal goal is to play golf in the Women's Senior Tour. She joined Pride Week last year as the Logistics chairperson and was unanimously drafted by the board as Co-Chair for 1992. "I was looking around for something to do to give back to the community," she says, "And Pride Week seemed to be the organization that pulls the whole community together."

Cities with more established traditions of Pride Week have less liberal policies about choosing leaders. In Los Angeles, applicants to Christopher Street West, one of the

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strongest professionally funded Pride organizations in the world, are required to serve one year on the alternate board before being elected to the full-time position. While Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '92 casts an envious eye west, Jack gives admiring credit here at home. "In the absence of all their money and credibility, we have to ask our volunteers to perform miracles. And they do! Our volun-

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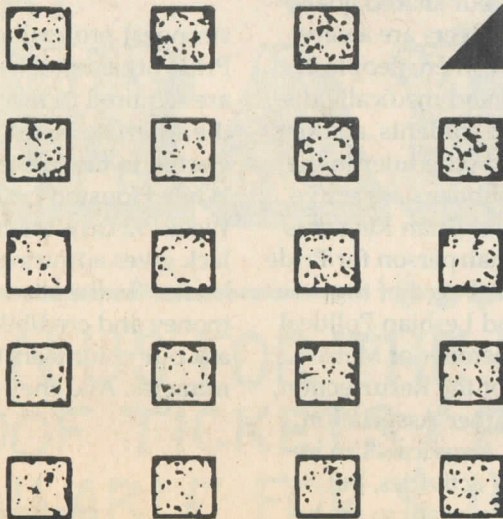
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## ROWDY AND PROUD

from page 15

teers are the heroes of this community."

Debra Danburg once noted that the best way for the curious to have their questions answered would be for them to become acquainted with those they wonder about. But for an adult gay or les-

bian to be a mentor to a young person, or even for "flagrant" same sex couples to express affection in public is to invite charges of the very worst kind of child abuse, or to incite the wrath of authorities who have the power to temporarily incarcerate us. So we take to the streets one day every year, on our

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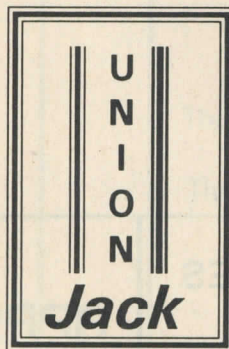
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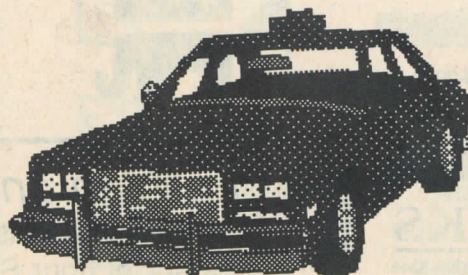
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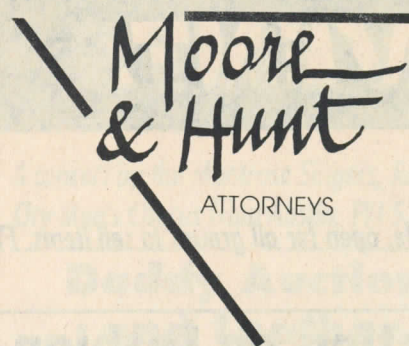
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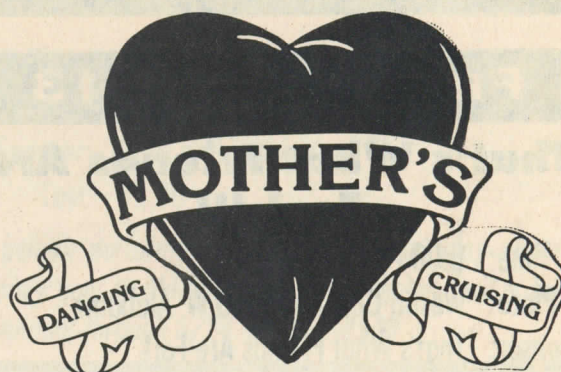
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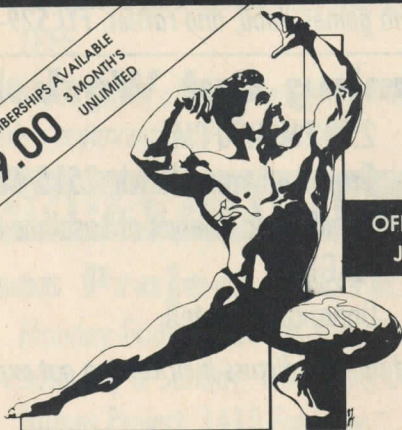
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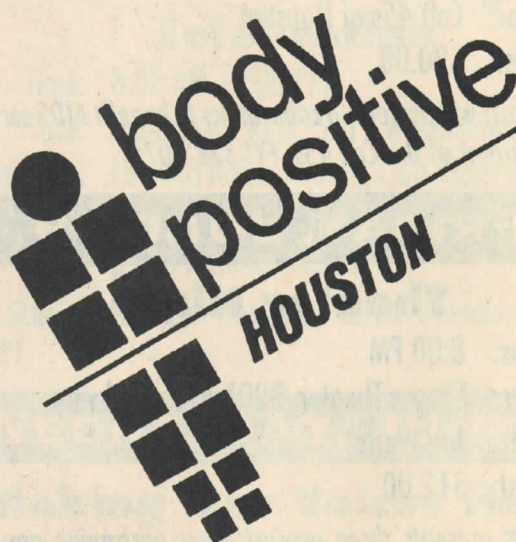
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# PRIDE WEEK EVENTS

## FRIDAY, JUNE 13

### That's What Friends Are For! III

Time: 8:00 PM

Place: Westin Galleria, 5060 W. Alabama

Sponsor: That's What Friends Are For!

Cost: \$25 unreserved seating

*Third annual AIDS charity event honoring Liza Minelli and Dr. Adrian Rios for their contributions to AIDS education and research; silent auction. FYI 765-6666 or 721-0721*

## THURSDAY, JUNE 18

### Les Miz After Midnight

Time: Midnight

Place: Tower Theater, 1201 Westheimer

Sponsor: Colt 45s of Houston

Cost: \$20.00

*Les Miz cast will perform a cabaret act to benefit AIDS services and programs of the Colt 45s. FYI 528-5070*

## FRIDAY, JUNE 19

### Theater Night

Time: 8:00 PM

Place: Stages Theater, 3201 Allen Parkway

Sponsor: Joe Watts

Cost: \$12.00

*Joe Watts presents three one-act plays portraying gay and lesbian lifestyles. FYI 522-2204*

## SATURDAY, JUNE 20

### Pride Week Garage Sale

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Place: Venture-N, 2923 Main

Sponsor: Venture-N and Pride Week

Cost: FREE

*Community garage sale, open for all groups to sell items. FYI 529-6979*

### Town Meeting on Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Youth

Time: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Place: First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin

Sponsor: HATCH, SMYAL, GLSH, GALOR, Fine Young Queers

Cost: Donations accepted

*A community meeting to discuss goals and issues of young members of our community. FYI 528-3643*

### Carnival

Time: 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Place: 1000 Missouri St. at Grant

Sponsor: Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston

Cost: Free entry

*Carnival with games, food, and raffles. FYI 529-9092*

### Coming Out Workshop

Time: 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Place: Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh

Sponsor: Parents and Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)

Cost: Donation Accepted

*Parents and children discuss their coming out experiences. FYI 867-9020*

### Ourtime

Time: 8:00 PM

Place: Hammon Hall at Rice University, Entrance #9 off Rice Blvd.

Sponsor: Montrose Singers

Cost: \$8.00 advance, \$10.00 at door



# PRIDE WEEK EVENTS

*A concert by the Montrose Singers, Razz-Ma-Jazz, and Capitol City Men's Chorus from Austin. FYI 522-7608*

## **Daddy Auction Benefit and Leather Jock & Harness/Halter Party**

Time: 10:30 PM

Place: Venture-N, 2923 Main

Sponsor: National Leather Association

Cost: FREE

*Daddies will be auctioned to benefit a local charity; awards in various categories. FYI 526-0444*

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

### **Seminar on Gay and Lesbian Issues**

Time: 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Place: 900 Lovett, Suite 101

Sponsor: Human Rights Campaign Fund

Cost: FREE

*Discussion of issues, goals, and strategies of the nation's largest gay and lesbian organization. FYI 521-1000*

## **MONDAY, JUNE 22**

### **Names Project Workshop**

Time: Monday-Friday, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM and Saturday & Sunday, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Place: Names Project, 1410 Fairview

Sponsor: Names Project

Cost: FREE

*Names Project will sponsor a workshop for making names panels during Pride Week. FYI 52-NAMES*

### **As Is (a play by William Hoffman)**

Time: 7:00 PM except Sunday at 3:00 PM

Place: Downtown Grounds Coffee House, 908 Wood at San Jacinto

Sponsor: Gays and Lesbians of Rice

Cost: \$5.00

*A benefit performance of the Broadway play about AIDS; money goes to Milam House, a residential facility for PWA's. Continues through 6/28. FYI 667-8540*

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 23**

### **Gospel Concert**

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: 501 E. 18th St. at Columbia

Sponsor: Community Gospel Church

Cost: Donation

*Concert by talent from various churches. FYI 880-9235*

### **Pride Ice Skating Celebration**

Time: 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Place: Galleria Ice Rink, 5015 Westheimer

Sponsor: Lambda Roller Skating Club, Houston Outdoor Group, Chain Gang Bicycle Club

Cost: \$4.50 includes skates

*Ice Skating event with free skate lessons available. FYI 523-6381*

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**

### **Making Our Voices Heard**

Time: 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Place: Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth

Sponsor: Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby Texas and AIDS Equity League

Cost: FREE

*A roundtable discussion between members of lesbian & gay*



# PRIDE WEEK EVENTS

community and legislators who represent our community in Austin. FYI 512-474-5475

## THURSDAY, JUNE 25

### **As Is (a play by William Hoffman)**

Time: 7:00 PM except Sunday at 3:00 PM

Place: Downtown Grounds Coffee House, 908 Wood at San Jacinto

Sponsor: Gays and Lesbians of Rice

Cost: \$5.00

A benefit performance of the Broadway play about AIDS; money goes to Milam House, a residential facility for PWAs. Continues through 6/28. FYI 667-8540

## FRIDAY, JUNE 26

### **TGRA Pride Night**

Time: 7:00 PM-1:00 AM

Place: EJ's, 2517 Ralph

Sponsor: Texas Gay Rodeo Association

Cost: FREE

Bus tour of bars plus variety show at EJ's featuring TGRA members. FYI 524-6344

### **Night In Monte Carlo**

Time: 9:00 PM-2:00 AM

Place: XTC, 9200 Buffalo Speedway (next to Ranch)

Sponsor: Kingdom Community Church

Cost: \$4.00 door cover plus \$6.00 casino money

Casino night with gambling tables, door prizes, and auction. FYI 461-9474

### **A Night in Black Leather**

Time: 10:00 PM

Place: Venture-N, 2923 Main

Sponsor: National Leather Association

Cost: FREE

NLA: Houston's Hot IV '92; a cocktail party to open Leather Pride Weekend. FYI 526-0444

## SATURDAY, JUNE 27

### **Bagel Blast**

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: call for location

Sponsor: Mischpach Alizim

Cost: \$2.00

Bagel brunch sponsored by Mishpach Alizim, an organization for Jewish gays and lesbians, their friends and families. FYI 520-7977

### **Parks Bike Tour**

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Meet at Heaven's parking lot (Pacific at Grant)

Sponsor: Chain Gang Bicycle Club

Cost: FREE

Bike tour of the parks of Houston. FYI 522-4481 or 981-7257

### **Ranch Texas Pride Invitational Golf Tournament**

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Hermann Park Golf Course, 6201 Golf Course Dr.

Sponsor: The Ranch and Bad Girls Golf

Cost: \$50.00 (includes green fees, t-shirt, box lunch, drinks and barbecue)

Golf Tournament benefiting Texas Human Rights Foundation. FYI 956-8132



# PRIDE WEEK EVENTS

## National Leather Association Leather Symposium

Time: 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

Place: Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth

Sponsor: National Leather Association

Cost: FREE

*Educational Seminar on the leather lifestyle. FYI 526-0444*

## Bar-to-Bar Fun Run

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Begins at BRB, 2400 Brazos

Sponsor: Front Runners Houston

Cost: \$10.00

*Non-competitive running event. FYI 522-0899*

## Lesbian and Gay Pride '92 Concert

Time: 8:00 PM

Place: Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto

Sponsor: Lone Star Symphonic Band and MCCR Choir

Cost: \$5.00

*Concert featuring the Lone Star Symphonic Band and MCCR Choir and Soloist. FYI 527-0931*

## Baile '92

Time: 9:00 PM

Place: Sheraton-Astrodome, 8686 Kirby at South Loop

Sponsor: Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos (GLHU)

Cost: \$15.00 advance, \$20.00 door

*Annual Hispanic Baile (Dance) featuring the sounds of Elsa Garcia & Company with D.J. Adrian Viscarra. FYI 270-4548*

## Leather and Erotic Art and Fantasy Night

Time: 10:30 PM

Place: Venture-N, 2923 Main

Sponsor: National Leather Association

Cost: FREE

*Art show featuring local and state artists. FYI 526-0444*

## SUNDAY, JUNE 28

## Pride Rally...Naturally

Time: 3:00 PM-8:30 PM

Place: Mary's parking lot, 1022 Westheimer

Sponsor: Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week

Cost: FREE

*Before and after the parade, there will be entertainment, speeches, and community booths. FYI 529-6979*

## Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Parade

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Begins at Woodhead; down Westheimer, past Montrose

Sponsor: Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week

Cost: FREE

*One of Houston best parades featuring bands, floats, and fun. FYI 529-6979*

## Loading Dock '92 With Pride

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Pacific Street, 710 Pacific

Sponsor: Pacific Street and National Leather Association

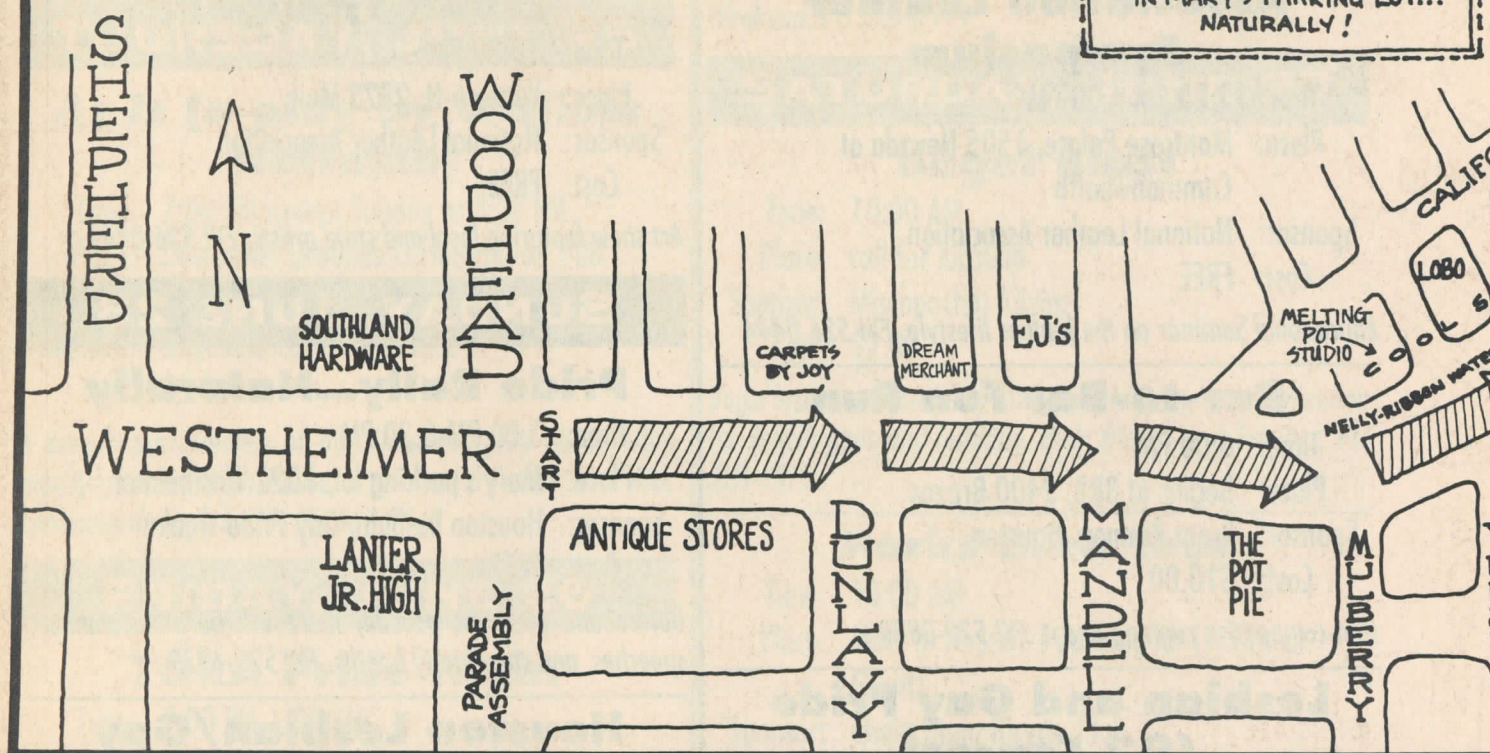
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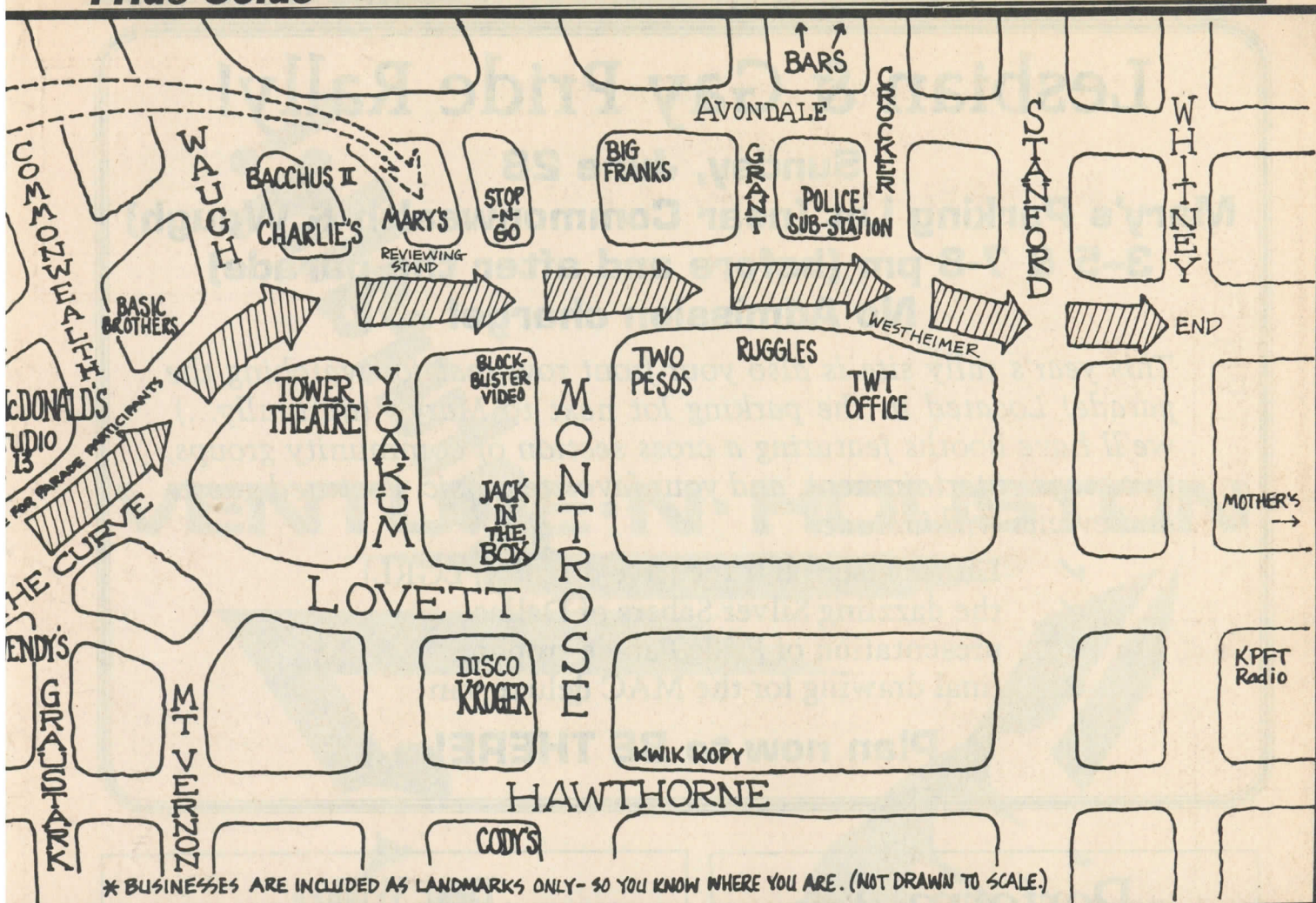
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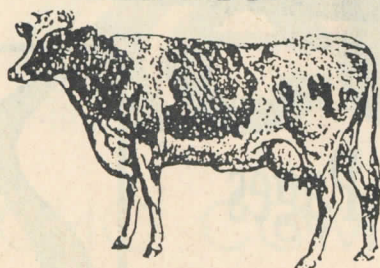
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- ✓ Laurie Eiserloh (executive director, LGRL)
- ✓ the dazzling Silver Sabers of Dallas
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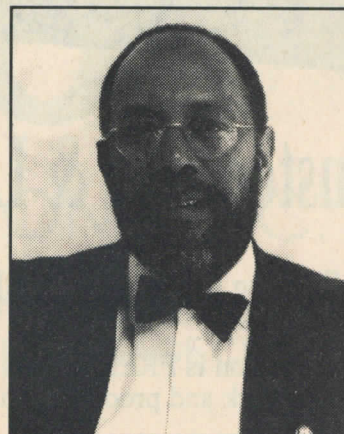


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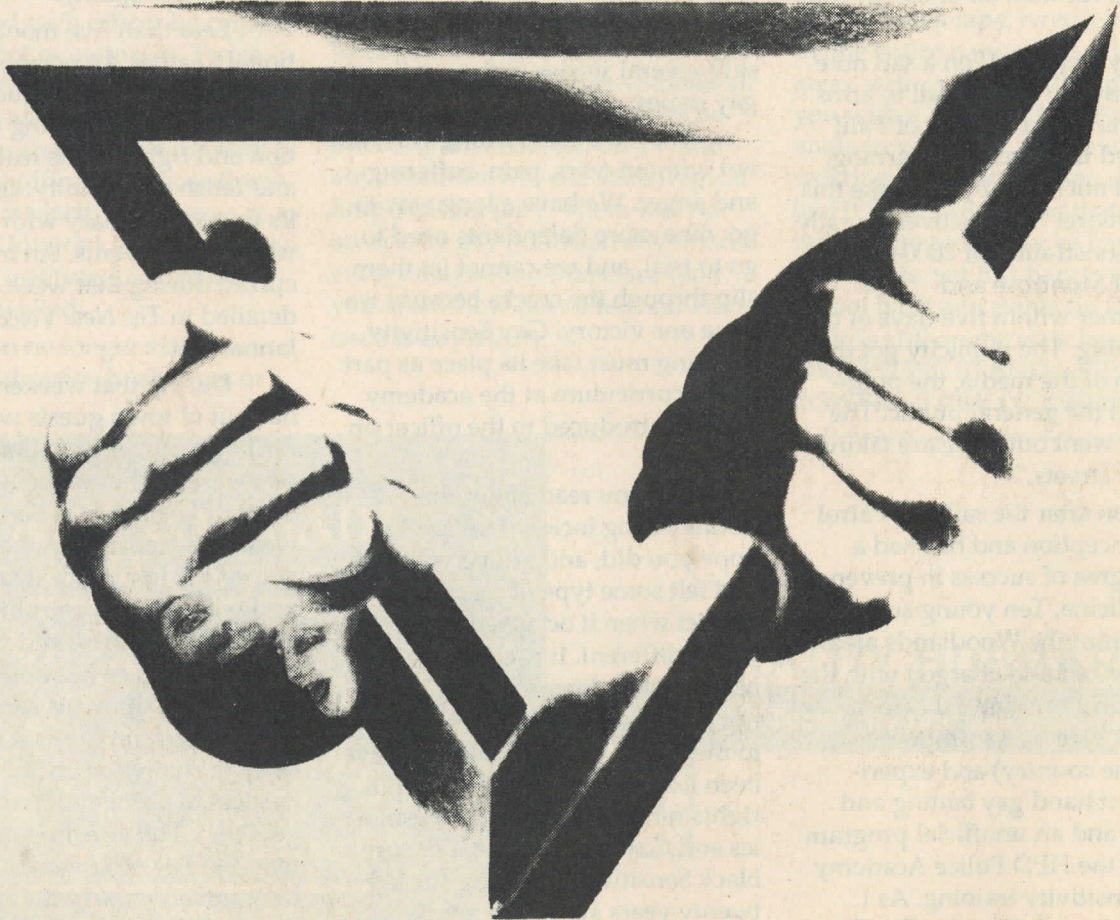
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Feature

## FROM "TAKE PRIDE" TO "PRIDE = POWER"

by Dean Walradt

**Since Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week, 1991, Houston's gay community has been much less than quiet.**

Changes are coming fast and furious and sometimes faster and more furious than all of us can cope with.

July started off on a sad note and, to say the least, a call to arms. The bashing and murder of Paul Broussard triggered the warning, "We will not stand by and take this shit anymore!" Productively, a rally and demonstration of 2000+ occurred at Montrose and Westheimer within five days of the gay bashing. The publicity got the attention of the media, the politicians and the general public. The warning went out, "We are taking back our streets."

Soon after the rally, Q-Patrol had its inception and has had a great degree of success in preventive medicine. Ten young suburbanites from the Woodlands area were arrested and charged with the bashing and murder. HPD instituted the Vice Versa program (a first in the country) and experienced first hand gay baiting and bashing, and an unofficial program began at the HPD Police Academy called sensitivity training. As I write the hope is that the Gay Sensitivity Training will take its place

along with Asian, Black, and Hispanic Sensitivity Training programs already established and part of the curriculum within the academy.

As this year has progressed Houston has the first openly gay editor on board a major newspaper (I hope the day will come when those editors who are closeted will have the opportunity and guts to step out of the closet without fear of losing their jobs). Also, this year saw several stories in the media on gay issues.

We have come a long way, but not without tears, pain, suffering and anger. We have a long way to go: nine more defendants need to go to trial, and we cannot let them slip through the cracks because we have one victory. Gay Sensitivity Training must take its place as part of the curriculum at the academy and be introduced to the officer on the street.

Did you read about the Rodney King incident in L.A.? I hope you did, and I hope you read and felt some type of reaction to the verdict when it occurred. At first I was indifferent. It occurred in L.A., not Houston. It was a black issue, not a gay issue. But then it occurred to me that L.A. and California have been leaders in such areas as civil rights for blacks as well as Hispanics and Gays and Asians. I'm sure black Sensitivity Training started twenty years ago as the smoke cleared from Watts. Twenty years of sensitivity training and yet four officers lose it and beat a traffic offender.

Everyone thought that with the video tape, the verdict was obvious. Well, the jury surprised everyone, but what scares me is that

supposedly educated officers of the nineties, not the stereotypical redneck cop of the sixties, did this. Prejudice and racism are not gone. Nor is homophobia. We, you and I, must continue to push and to be aware of the need for Gay Sensitivity Training with the Houston Police Department. We cannot let this training slip by the wayside because of our apathy.

Less than five months ago National Leather Association: Houston, a social service, educational organization promoting the education and rights of the leather, S/M and fetish community, celebrated its first anniversary with a whole weekend of events. An incident occurred during that week that was detailed in *The New Voice* dated January 24.

During that weekend one of our out of town guests was arrested for PI (public intoxication). The arrest was not the problem—the treatment of Lee Baber of San Antonio was. As a leatherman, his treatment voiced the ignorance that is still carried with officers patrolling the streets of Montrose and working the City Jail. Lee has both nipples pierced and upon his arrest was wearing a chain harness with a cock strap (a chain that goes from the harness to a ring that is around the genitals). The arresting officers demanded Lee remove it. As he undid his pants to remove the ring, the officer had to question what he was doing. The officer let Lee get his shirt on (temperatures were in the 30's), but when Lee requested his coat and reached for it, he was

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yanked and tossed into the mud and handcuffed.

His rights or the reason for his arrest were not given to him until he was being processed downtown. Several requests to the arresting officer to loosen the cuffs a little fell on deaf ears and resulted in nerve damage to one hand. At processing, his nipple rings were discovered by the processing officer; because he would not remove them (the senior officer on duty finally okayed it) his card was marked with SADO-MAS-OCHIST.

Lee was taken to the isolation floor but not until the processing officer showed each officer he came in contact with Lee's nipples. Twice the elevator was stopped at unrelated floors and Lee's shirt-t was pulled up to show off his nipples and rings to officers on those floors. Talk about insensitive! Consequently, an Internal Affairs investigation was instituted and results are being awaited.

We can no longer sit in our homes, apartments, businesses or

jobs and wait for our rights to come to us. We must unite as a community—gays and lesbians, cowboys and yuppies, leather and drag. Our apathy is our worst enemy; our prejudice within our own community for those minorities among us will keep us divided, disorganized and, consequently, weak.

When you harass a gay brother or sister because she is a lesbian, or a drag queen or wearing leather or not wearing leather, then you are no better than the guy or guys roaming our streets and yelling "queer" or "faggot". If the Rodney King case is left standing as ruled, we have all stepped back at least twenty years. Where were gay rights twenty years ago—Stonewall had just happened three years before. Gay was not said on TV and any character was the stereotypical limp-wristed fairy. There was not an openly gay politician anywhere except maybe San Francisco (and you know how perverted San Francisco is anyway!!).

Those of us who can be visible must be visible; we must join together and work the system for our rights, demand our rights. We must TAKE PRIDE for PRIDE = POWER. Demand sensitivity training from your city council person and your mayor and your police chief. Write, march, scream, yell, work. Nothing will be given to us, and while you sit waiting for what is not coming, what little we (you) have will be lost.

Remember, any step back in the civil rights for blacks or Hispanics affects us as well. If they can beat a black traffic offender senseless on video tape, have it viewed by the entire nation and still get away with it, what will happen to you with a TWT sticker or pink triangle in your back window or wearing full leather when stopped by HPD (or any PD for that matter)? Supposedly, blacks have their civil rights, yet this happens? We do not have any rights (in fact, 21.06 is still on the state law books). UNITED WE STAND—PRIDE = POWER—TAKE (YOUR) PRIDE! λ

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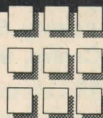
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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Calendar listings must be received ten days before the end of the month prior to publication. Photos encouraged! Use our format as a guide for listings, including time, date, place, a contact person and, most importantly, a phone number. Note that listings are printed only as space allows. Phone numbers listed are in the 713 area code and the city of Houston unless otherwise noted. This calendar is a community service of Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. A special thanks goes to The Wand, Womynspace Activities/Network Directory for sharing their information with us. We plan to publish this newsletter by the beginning of each month. This calendar is also supplied to the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard of Houston, the Gay/Lesbian radio shows of KPFT-FM and the community publications on a twice-monthly basis. Our success depends on items being supplied to us. Items should be mailed to Calendar, Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week PO Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071. For further information call 529-6979

## Sundays

**Dawn of Faith Metropolitan Community Church**, lesbian and gay worship service, 10:00 AM, 10595 Telephone Road at Fuqua ☎ 991-6766

**The Women's Group**, a panel of diverse women discussing our struggle for communities and abilities to acknowledge differences, 10:00 AM, Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin at Southmore ☎ Iris at 529-8571 or Janet at 942-7717

**Community Gospel Church**, worship services, a high spirited gathering for a charismatic Pentecostal worship service, 11:00 AM, 501 East 18th at Columbia ☎ 880-9235

**Houston Names Project**, weekly workshop to create memorial panels for loved ones who have died of AIDS, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, 1410 Fairview ☎ 52-NAMES

**LISA, Lesbian Incest Survivors Anonymous**, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Inklings, 1846 Richmond ☎ 527-8712

**Open 12-Step Group**, group studies one step per week and shares on the subject on that week's step, donation not required, 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM, MCCR Library, 1919 Decatur ☎ 861-9149

**Houston Women's Rugby Team Practice**, 6:00 PM, The Bellaire YMCA ☎ Shelly at 776-8451

**Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH)** Peer support group for teens and young adult between ages 16 and 21 in greater Houston area with committee meetings, socials and movies with gay theme, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM ☎ 942-7002

## Mondays

**Lone Star Symphonic Band**, recruiting musicians, regardless of degree of expertise ☎ 521-0181

**Rational Eating Support Group**, Facilitated by a New Way and Kathy Sitarsky & Janet Hudson. Open to all women., sliding scale fees, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM, 5906 Dolores Suite 201 ☎ 784-6511

**Lesbian Therapy Group**, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Sharon Stone and Assoc., 3935 Westheimer Suite 210 ☎ 623-6081

**Gay/Lesbian AA Big Book Study**, Montrose Resource Center, 8:00 PM, 811 Westheimer, Suite 104 ☎ 524-1069

**Wilde 'n' Stein Radio**, Gay And Lesbian Programming With News, Calendar And Interviews, featuring Deborah Bell and Jack Valinski, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

**Mothers And Children Group**, For HIV+ mothers and their children. Informal with speakers, games, refreshments and companionship, sponsored by Casa de Esperanza, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM ☎ 529-0639

## Tuesdays

**Support Group For Lesbian/Gay Codependants Anonymous**, discussion and support about issues regarding codependency, 6:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Suite 203 ☎ 266-2448

**Deaf And Hearing Impaired Group**, This group is signed for hearing-impaired people who have concerns about HIV, including HIV+ PWAs, worried well, significant others and all interested parties., 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Room 3 ☎ 529-0037

**Stress Reduction & Relaxation**, learn the art of relaxation using a combination of yoga, deep breathing and gentle body movement, sponsored by AIDS Foundation Houston, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray ☎ 524-2374

**Queer Nation/Houston Tribe**, a group which has been very active in changing attitudes in the greater Houston area towards Gay and Lesbian people. QN is made up of many affinity groups who specialize in different aspects of the community, 7:30 PM, Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth

**A Women's Place**, Feminist issues and herstorical portraits with Clara Kern, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

## Wednesdays

**The Gay/Lesbian Student Association**, discussion groups of an educational, social political and service organization of the University of Houston, 3:30 PM & 7:30 PM ☎ 529-3211

**Women's Therapy Group**, with emphasis on spirituality. Karen Hansen, CSW-ACP. Open to all women, sliding scale fees, 6:15 PM to 7:45 PM, 6300 West Loop South

**SORA, Sex Or Relationship Addicts Anonymous**, a support group for lesbians who desire to stop acting on their sex, romance, and/or relationship addictions and to learn how to have healthy relationships, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, 1919 Decatur At MCCR in the library ☎ Glenda 666-8256, Beth 527-0342

**The Garden Party, Inc.**, weekly meetings to produce the Garden Party on the last Sunday of July, who raises money to organizations that help people with AIDS, 7:00 PM, call for location ☎ 688-0536

**Houston Tennis Club**, meets for recreational and competitive tennis, \$3.00, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM, Memorial Tennis Center at memorial Park ☎ 523-4241

**Self Healing Class**, holistic approaches to health and healing featuring a variety of guest speakers, 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Spectrum Center, 3416 Audubon ☎ 523-4241



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## Thursdays

**Gay Health Care Professional Therapy Group**, for doctors, nurses, social workers, hospital employees, caregivers and therapists, free, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Sharon Stone and Associates, 3935 Westheimer, Suite 210 ☎ 623-6081

**HIV Fitness Program, low-impact aerobics class**, body composition and strength analysis, sponsored by LIFE Physical Therapy and the PWA Coalition, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray ☎ 965-2272

**Women Facing Health Concerns**, support for women facing challenging health (CFS, HIV, etc.), 7:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Suite 203 ☎ 529-0037

**Houston Women's Rugby Team Practice**, 7:00 PM, Memorial Park Rugby Pitch ☎ Shelly at 776-9451

**Thursday Workshop Series**, \$10, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Sharon Stone and Associates, 3935 Westheimer, Suite 210 ☎ 623-6081

**Community Gospel Church**, worship services, a high spirited gathering for a charismatic Pentecostal worship service, 7:30 PM, 501 East 18th at Columbia ☎ 880-9235

## Fridays

**Breakthrough**, Women's Music, interviews and calendar of events with Pokey, Laura and Suzanne, 9:00 AM to Noon, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

**Lambda Women's Support and Social Group**, group discussions, social activities, guest speakers, referrals and support network, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM ☎ Cheryl 736-1439 or July 724-7222

**Codependents Anonymous Open Discussion Meeting**, with emphasis on Gay and Lesbian people, donation not required, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, MCCR Library, 1919 Decatur ☎ 861-2808

**Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH)** See Sundays.

**Houston Tennis Club**, meets for recreational and competitive tennis, \$3.00, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM, Memorial Tennis Center at memorial Park ☎ 523-4241

**Q-Patrol**, is a foot patrol in the Montrose area formed to guard against violence and queer bashing of our people. This non-violent, non-armed group is an affinity group of Queer Nation. All participants must have successfully completed training, 11:30 PM to 3:00 AM, Montrose Storefront Police Station, 802 Westheimer ☎ Keith Stewart at 524-5110

## Saturdays

**HIV Fitness Program**, low-impact aerobics class, body composition and strength analysis, sponsored by LIFE Physical Therapy and the PWA Coalition, 10:00 AM to Noon, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray ☎ 965-2272

**Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL)** Peer support, information and social activities for gay, lesbian, bisexual for youth and young adults ages 16 to 22, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Intracare Hospital, 7601 Fannin ☎ 520-8336

**Dignity/Houston**, an organization for gay and lesbian Catholics and their friends meets for liturgy and a social hour, 7:30 PM, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth ☎ 528-0111

**Q-Patrol**, see Fridays.

**After Hours**, Gay and Lesbian Radio with Bruce Reeves and crew. Calendar, interviews and *This Way Out*, a national news and feature program, 12:00 AM to 4:00 AM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

## First Sunday

**P-FLAG Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a community organization that provides a support system for families and friends of lesbians and gay men promoting acceptance, understanding, love, and pride, InterCare Hospital, 7601 Fannin ☎ 721-0788

## First Wednesdays

**WAVE, Women Against Violence Everywhere**, a group specifically focusing on violence against women and children, Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin at Southmore ☎ 867-9117

**Men's Network**, different topics, donation of \$3.00 to \$5.00 requested, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, 900 Lovett Suite 201 ☎ 529-0037

**Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus**, general meeting, 7:30 PM, Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth ☎ 521-1000

## First Thursdays

**Montrose Activity Center**, monthly board meeting, 6:00 PM, Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose ☎ 236-0064

## First Saturdays

**Real Live Womyn Resurrection**, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Inklings Bookshop, 1846 Richmond ☎ Jeraine at 869-3358

## Second Sundays

**The Women's Reading Group**, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Inklings Bookshop, 1846 Richmond ☎ 932-7724 or 580-4305

## Second Tuesdays

**AIDS Equity League**, All Welcome, 12:00 Noon, Charlie's Restaurant, Westheimer At Waugh Drive

**Ice Skate Nite**, this monthly skate nite is sponsored by the Houston Outdoor Group, the Chain Gang Bicycle Club and the Lambda Rollerskating Club and is open to everyone, \$4.50, 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Galleria Ice Skating Rink, 5015 Westheimer ☎ 523-6381

## Second Wednesdays

**Women's Network**, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor ☎ 529-0037

**Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus**, board meeting, 7:30 PM, 900 Lovett ☎ 521-1000



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## Second Thursdays

**National Leather Association of Houston**, General business meeting, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray

## Third Sundays

**Mother's Web**, monthly Pot Luck Lunch/Picnic/BBQ, non-mothers can network with feminist mothers and their kids, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Russ Pittman Park, Bellaire, off West Loop at Evergreen ☐ Nancy 869-6689

**LOAF, Lesbians Over Age Fifty**, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray ☐ 661-1428

**Prime Timers-Houston**, monthly meeting, announcements of coming events with speaker, \$1, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Montrose Branch Library ☐ 981-8440

**AMIGA de Houston**, Focuses on Latina/Lesbiana (All Mujeres Interested in Getting Active) all are welcome, with a pot-luck dinner, 5:00 PM ☐ 520-5667

## Third Tuesdays

**Sensuality/Sexuality Workshop**, a confidential and entertaining workshop to "put the fun back into your sex life and take out the fear", 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, AIDS Foundation Houston, 3202 Wesleyan ☐ Bart at 623-6796

**Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992, general meeting**, 7:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray ☐ 529-6979

## Third Wednesdays

**Men's Network**, see First Wednesdays.

## Third Thursdays

**Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Support**, for the adults and youth, childcare is provided, a social outlet for the entire family ☐ 666-8256

## Third Fridays

**Lesbians in Business**, Self-Employed Group, \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 to non-members, 6:00 PM for networking and 6:30 PM program, Thundercloud Subs, 2303 W Alabama ☐ 680-3822

## Fourth Tuesdays

**AIDS Equity League**, see second Tuesdays.

## Fourth Wednesdays

**March on Washington**, organizing meeting for Houston area, 6:30 PM, Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus office, 900 Lovett ☐ 529-6979

**Women's Network**, see second Wednesdays.

## Fourth Fridays

**Fourth Friday Socials**, open social gathering at MCCR for fellowship and snack, playcards, board games, 7:00 PM, MCCR Fellowship Hall, 1919 Decatur ☐ 861-9149

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# Resource Guide

*Although we try to keep the information in the Resource Guide up to date, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of all entries. We apologize for any such errors. Please contact the Pride Line if you have corrections.*

## Civic

### Greater Montrose Business Guild

Promotes Montrose as a good place in which to live, invest, and do business by networking with business members and their customers. Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. PO Box 66051, Houston, TX 77266-6501. ☎ 528-1111

### Neartown Association

Promotes Montrose as an attractive residential area. Meetings: 4th Tuesday of month, 7:30 p.m., Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold. Dues: \$10 individual. 1912 Brun, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 520-1912

### North Montrose Civic Association

Organization promotes the area from Peden north to Allen Parkway and from Taft west to S. Shepherd as an attractive residential community. Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of month, 7 p.m., Museum of Printing History, 1324 W Clay. Dues: \$12 individuals, \$36 businesses. PO Box 130184, Houston, TX 77219-0184. ☎ 528-2652

### Q Patrol

A non-violent community group which patrols in the Montrose area on Friday and Saturday nights. Meets at 11:30 pm at the Westheimer storefront police station. All participants must go through training before joining. ☎ 645-5252

## Health

### AIDS Legal Resource Project

2201 N Lamar, Suite 230, Austin, TX

### AIDS Mastery Workshop

This is a three-day intensive workshop to empower people who are faced with HIV in their lives or in their hearts. This workshop is committed to the idea that the quality of life is not determined by it's longevity but by the passion with which we can choose to live it by. The cost of the workshop is \$300; sliding scales and scholarships are available. No PWAs will be turned away because of inability to pay. Contact Jim Griffith, ☎ 464-6971.

### The Assistance Fund

Pays insurance premiums and assists with prescription drugs for PWAs; a totally volunteer organization. 2476 Bolsover, Suite 455, Houston, TX 77005. ☎ 529-4788

### AIDS Foundation Houston

Serves people with AIDS and ARC by offering education and social services, financial assistance, and medical referrals. Provides support and referral services for people with AIDS and ARC. 3927 Essex Lane, Houston, TX 77027 Phone: 623-6796, Hotline: ☎ 524-AIDS

### AIDS Project

Provides a full range of counseling and support groups for those affected by AIDS. The professional staff has been specially trained and referral information is available for help from other community resources. The project also performs individual case management. Meetings: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. 900 Lovett, Suite 203, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 529-0037

### AIDS Resource for Greater Houston, City of Houston

The city of Houston Health Department offers a printed listing of the many AIDS related resources in the area. Also, educational materials on AIDS are available at no charge, 8000 North Stadium Drive, Houston, TX 77054. ☎ 749-9181

### Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services (AVES)

Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services (AVES) provides free bilingual (English and Spanish) information, educating and support to Hispanics affected by AIDS and their loved ones. Services include: Bilingual AIDS Education Workshops, Amigos Support Group, Amigos Visiting Team and Amigos Line, a bilingual information and referral telephone line, 2510 Broad, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77087. ☎ 923-1439

### Bering Care Center

The Bering Care Center serves the special needs of adult individuals with AIDS or AIDS-related diseases, limited financial resources, and a desire for social interaction. Clients with physical or mental limitations and who require supervision are welcome. The Care Center operates five days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is staffed primarily by volunteers. Recreation, group activities and meal programs are coordinated by a permanent director. There are no fees. 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 520-7070

### Bering Dental Clinic

Dental clinic services are reserved exclusively for individuals with AIDS, ARC or AIDS-related disease, and those diagnosed as HIV+. Its staff, comprising a full-time paid professional dentist and a pool of volunteer professional dentists and dental hygienists, offer a full range of dental services. A first-visit fee of \$20 is requested, but no one is turned away because they cannot pay. Patients with



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sufficient funds or insurance are referred to private practitioners when possible. 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 520-7070

## Colt 45s AIDS Trouble Fund

Assists persons with AIDS by providing nutritional information, vitamin therapy and physical therapy, if desired; provides financial support for persons with immediate financial needs; referral services. Funds financial assistance through fund raisers, donations, and money jars. PO Box 66804, Houston, TX 77266-6804. ☎ 526-6077

## Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry (FIRM)

AIDS Interfaith Council, a program of the Foundation for Interfaith Research and Ministry (FIRM), is dedicated to befriending people affected by HIV/AIDS and providing non-judgmental, caring and supportive services to them, their families, friends, and health care providers. Congregation-based teams of volunteers are trained to meet many of the spiritual, social, physical, and emotional needs of people affected by HIV. Members of the Care Teams view themselves as friends and extended family who can be counted on to help people in their homes. All services are provided free of charge. ☎ 682-5995.

## Lambda Center

Gay/lesbian AA club. 1214 Joe Annie. ☎ 521-9772

## MacAdory House

A temporary (90 day) residence facility for people with AIDS who are readjusting to living independently; c/o AIDS Foundation Houston. ☎ 623-6796

## Montrose Counseling Center

Provides quality, affordable, comprehensive, mental health and substance abuse recovery services in metropolitan Houston and surrounding area. The center is sensitive to and

knowledgeable of gay and lesbian individuals and their significant others and provides research and education to the community and to other mental health professionals. Women's Network: 2nd, 4th Wednesday, 7-9 pm. Men's Network: 1st, 3rd Wednesday, 7-9 pm. 900 Lovett #203, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 529-0037; TDD, 526-6285

## Montrose Counseling Center Women's Program

Provides the women's community with high quality, woman-affordable mental health services which are conscious of, sensitive to, and informed about the psychology and social experience of women in general, and of the lesbian community in particular. Meetings: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., 900 Lovett, Suite 203, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 529-0037

## Omega House

A residential hospice for homeless, terminal-phase AIDS patients. The hospice provides housing as well as spiritual, psychological and palliative medical care. Residents are admitted without regard for their ability to pay. 2615 Waugh Drive, Suite 286, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 523-1139

## People with AIDS Coalition Houston

The People with AIDS Coalition of Houston provides psychosocial support through assistance programs and referrals. We offer a buddy program, roommate referral and housing information, drop-in center with laundry facilities, monthly newsletter, treatment and information library, aerobics classes, volunteer opportunities, distribution of tickets to social and educational events, intakes for financial assistance through community organizations, food stamp applications and appointments, social events, educational forums, and resource referral information. We also provide household items (furniture, kitchen

articles, linens, etc.) for PWAs in need. Membership meetings are held quarterly. Open board meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month. 1475 West Gray, Suite 163, Houston, TX 77019. ☎ 522-5428

## Thomas Audett Memorial Clinic (formerly Montrose Clinic)

Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic: hours, Monday to Friday 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., no appointment necessary. T4/T8 testing also available. Marion Panzer Women's Program: hours 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., full women's examination including gynecological exam and breast exam. HIV testing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., also Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. 1200 Richmond, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 528-5531

## Veteran's Administration

Provides full range of outpatient and inpatient medical care to eligible veterans with HIV infection. HIV testing, CD4 lymphocytes testing, pharmacy, and social services are available. Special Medicine Clinic meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 2002 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030-4211. ☎ 795-4411

# Media

## Alternative Broadcasting Service

Houston's only gay television production facility. Formed in 1989, ABS dedicates itself to providing materials for public access television promoting the gay community. Long term goals of ABS include the establishment of a gay-owned broadcast television station. For further information, contact Mike Stubblefield, PO Box 980845, Houston, TX 77098-0845. ☎ 526-3425

## KPFT 90.1 FM

KPFT is a Pacifica public radio station and has several programs for the Gay and Lesbian community. *After Hours*,



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celebrating life in the heart of Montrose is KPFT's newest addition to gay/lesbian radio and is heard each Saturday night/Sunday morning from midnight to 4:00 a.m. Produced by Bruce Reeves, the show espouses the necessity of coming out and standing up for your rights; for information, call 529-4636. *Wilde 'n' Stein*, produced by Deborah Bell and Jack Valinski, features news, interviews and commentary on the lesbian and gay community. It is the longest running show of its kind in the country and is heard every Monday evening from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. *Breakthrough* is broadcast every Friday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It features women's music of all styles, interviews, and a weekly calendar of local events of interest to lesbians, feminists and gay men. The award-winning program began nine years ago and is produced by Pokey Anderson. 419 Lovett, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 526-4000

## National Lesbian/Gay Journalists Association

An organization for journalists, both in the mainstream media and the gay press. Students welcome. ☎ 666-1918

## The New Voice

Free weekly publication that covers Houston, Austin, San Antonio and New Orleans and includes news, views, gossip, and entertainment. Comes out on Fridays. 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 529-8490

## This Week in Texas (TWT)

Free weekly statewide publication includes news, views, gossip, and entertainment. Comes out on Fridays. 811 Westheimer, Suite 106, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 527-9111

## Political

### Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus

A grass roots political organization celebrating its seventeenth year working for the civil rights of gay and lesbian people. Activities include participating in local, state, and national elections, registering voters, and other political activities. Meets first and third Wednesday of each month at the Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth, at 7:00 p.m. Dues: \$30 per year. PO Box 66664 (office, 900 Lovett, Suite 101), Houston, TX 77266-6664. ☎ 521-1000

### Queer Nation

Houston chapter of the national direct action group fighting for gay/lesbian rights. Meets Tuesdays at the Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth at 7:30 p.m. PO Box 131211, Houston, TX 77219-1211.

### Texas Abortion Rights Action League (TARAL)

Involves people in the political process. Meets third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Dues: \$25/year membership. ☎ 524-1734

## Religious

### Bering Memorial United Methodist Church

Service: 10:50 a.m. Sunday. 1440 Harold, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 526-1017

### Church of Religious Science

A new thought organization whose purpose is to support people in their search for their own divinity. Meets Monday, 8:00 pm at the Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth. ☎ 526-LOVE

### Community Gospel Church

A church Jesus is building on love. We offer a charismatic/Pentecostal Service to the lesbian/gay community. No church politics, no power struggles, just a whole lot of love for 'whosoever will'. Chris Chiles, pastor. Meets Sunday at 11:00 am, Thursday at 7:30 pm, 501 E. 18th (at Columbia), Houston, TX 77008. ☎ 880-9235

### Dawn of Faith Metropolitan Community Church

Serving the spiritual needs of the tri-county Galveston Bay area. Formerly the Galveston MCC, Dawn of Faith has relocated to 10595 Telephone Road at Fuqua, in southeast Houston. Services are at 10 am Sunday mornings. Join us to sing praises to Jesus and to receive all the blessings Jesus has for Lesbian and Gay worshippers. ☎ 991-6766

### Dignity/Houston

Provides support and encourages the growth and development of gay and lesbian Catholics spiritually, emotionally, and socially. Mass and social each Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Montrose Palace. Additional social, spiritual and educational activities at other times. 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth, PO Box 66821, Houston, TX 77266. ☎ 528-0111

### First Unitarian Universalist Church

A real spiritual alternative for the gay and lesbian community. Service: 11:15 a.m. Sunday, 5200 Fannin at Southmore, Houston, TX 77004-5899. ☎ 526-5200

### Holy Trinity Catholic Church

A parish of the Trinitarian Catholic Church, providing gay and lesbians with acceptance, love, and nurturing; offering women access to ordained ministry; and restoring our gay Catholic heritage and pride. Masses: Sunday, 11 a.m.; Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. 1218 Welch St., PO



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Box 66641, Houston, TX 77266-6641.  
☎ 523-8412

## **Houston Mission Church**

Rev. Robert Carter, Pastor. Service:  
10:30 a.m. Sunday, 1505 Nevada,  
Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 529-8225

## **Integrity-Houston**

For Gay and Lesbian Episcopalians  
and their Friends to bring together  
members in a comfortable setting of  
spirituality and sexuality; to work within  
the church to create change; to work  
closely with Clergy consultation on AIDS  
by helping people with the disease.  
Meeting: Autry House, 6265 South  
Main, on the second and fourth Monday  
of each month at 7:30 p.m. PO Box  
66008, Houston, TX 77266-6008

## **Kingdom Community Church**

Christian educational/worship  
community with primary outreach to the  
gay community. Seek to discover and  
develop the unique person that God  
made each of us to be. Sunday School,  
9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00  
am; numerous self-improvement/  
Christian classes during the week. 614  
E. 19th Street, Houston, TX 77008. ☎  
862-7533

## **Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR)**

MCCR extends its ministry to persons  
of all backgrounds and races. We  
welcome gay and lesbian people as  
well as heterosexuals to worship, witness  
and serve together. We know Jesus  
really loves all of us. Service: 10:45  
a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Sunday, 6:45 p.m.  
Wednesday, as well as other spiritual,  
social and educational activities.  
Tuesday night, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Empowerment for Living which begins  
with pot-luck; PWA Support Group.  
1919 Decatur, Houston, TX 77007. ☎  
861-9149

## **Mischpachot Alizim**

Organization for Jewish gays and  
lesbians and their friends and families.  
☎ Stuart, 688-8997

## **Social / Educational**

### **AIDS Equity League**

PO Box 980307, Houston, TX  
77098-0307. ☎ 748-3555

### **AMIGA de Houston**

Purpose: Created to further the  
commitment of Lesbian Latinas in the  
quest for equality for all. Meetings: third  
Sunday of the month Dues: \$15 for  
newsletter quarterly. PO Box 980134,  
Houston, TX 77098-0134. ☎ 520-5667

### **American Gay and Lesbian Atheists**

As a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt  
educational foundation, American Gay  
and Lesbian Atheists is helping to ensure  
that the light of the First Amendment  
continues to shine brightly upon  
everyone in our diversified community,  
and is opening a door for the many  
Lesbian and Gay freethinking  
individuals who grasp for knowledge's  
immutable principles. Publishes a  
monthly newsletter and operates Dial-  
A-Gay-Atheist (880-4242). PO Box  
66711, Houston, TX 77266-6711. ☎  
862-3283, FAX 862-3283

### **Astro Rainbow Society of the Deaf**

This Houston chapter of the National  
Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf was  
founded in 1979. PO Box 66136,  
Houston, TX 77266-6136

### **Monday Night Women's Bowling League**

Fall and summer leagues for female  
bowlers; 6-9 pm, Fair Lanes Southway,  
59 & Gessner. ☎ Marla, 862-3630

### **Bar Association for Human Rights**

The purposes of this organization  
are to provide a forum for Gay and

Lesbian attorneys in our community to  
exchange late and promote the effective  
practice and professional expertise of  
our membership. The organization  
meets once a month; please call for  
information on meetings. ☎ 524-5549

### **Bay Area Gays and Lesbians (BAGAL)**

Recently-formed social organization  
centered in the Galveston Bay/Clear  
Lake area. Meets once or twice a month;  
call for meeting information. ☎ 480-  
8907

### **The Company We Keep**

Showcases the theatrical and  
performing arts talents of Lesbians and  
Gay Men. ☎ 523-9000

### **Couples/Houston**

Purpose: To provide social/  
educational outreach to persons  
participating in an alternative lifestyle  
relationship; to support the positive  
aspects of a relationship and the sense  
of stability that they represent in the  
community and lifestyle. PO Box 70884,  
Houston, TX 77270-0084

### **Crisis Hotline**

Purpose: A 24 hour, 7 day-a-week  
crisis intervention telephone service is  
provided. Crisis counseling and specific  
information and referral on a wide  
range of topics including suicide, AIDS  
and mental health issues. PO Box  
130866, Houston, TX 77219-0866. ☎  
228-1505

### **Delta Lambda Phi**

Social fraternity at the University of  
Houston with emphasis on service to  
Houston's gay community. Open to  
students and non-students alike. ☎ 529-  
3211

### **FrontRunners Houston**

Organized in 1984 to promote  
beginning, recreational and competitive  
running.; also provides support to men  
and women interested in running as a  
means of fitness and developing



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friendships. All club runs are non-competitive and informal. Meetings: The Tennis Center at Memorial Park on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. 3327 West Lamar, Houston, TX 77019-1915

## The Garden Party

The Garden Party is a non-profit organization whose main project is the Garden Party, held annually on the last Sunday in July. Our purpose is to raise funds for organizations that give direct assistance to People with AIDS, and to otherwise support our community. Meets third Wednesday, usually at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray, at 7 pm. PO Box 66693, Houston, TX 77266-6693. ☎ 688-0336

## Gay & Lesbian Hate Crimes Hotline

Gay and lesbian hate crimes reporting, counseling, and referrals. PO Box 66469, Houston, TX 77266-6469. ☎ 529-9615

## Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos (GLHU)

Purpose: A social, cultural and educational organization created to motivate, educate and instill pride in all gay and lesbian Hispanics, their friends and supporters. Discrimination can be eliminated through political, economic and social equality. GLHU was founded as Gay Chicano Caucus in 1978 and has grown from a social gathering to a diversified organization of artists, musicians, lawyers, accountants, TV-film specialists, administrators, mechanics, and much more. PO Box 70153, Houston, TX 77270-0153. ☎ 880-GLHU

## Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International

The Houston chapter has been providing support to lesbian and gay parents for over three years. They meet every third Tuesday to discuss issues such as coming out to their kids, handling a relationship with a partner, ex-spouse, divorce, visitation and the effects of

homophobia on the gay/lesbian family. Child care is provided and teens have their own group. ☎ 666-8256

## Gay and Lesbian Switchboard Houston

Clearinghouse of information of gay/lesbian community; calendar of events; AIDS/STD information; telephone counseling of active listening, crisis/suicide intervention; referrals of bars, restaurants, hotels, community merchants, medical, legal, and mental health professionals. PO Box 66469, Houston, TX 77266-6469. ☎ 529-3211; TTY/TTD. ☎ 529-3223

## Gay Fathers / Fathers First

An organization to help members who are gay fathers and others in similar situations to continue to grow and to develop in ways which draw upon the rich experiences of both being gay and being fathers. The group seeks to form mutually supportive groups for building positive self-image and for creative problem-solving and to educate the gay community, professionals, and the general public about their strengths and special concerns. Meets Mondays, 8 pm. PO Box 981053, Houston, TX 77098-1053. ☎ 666-6568 or 523-7466

## Gay Men's Network

Discussion group for social and educational development. Meetings first and third Wednesdays at Montrose Counseling Center, second floor, 900 Lovett. ☎ 529-0037

## Gay/Lesbian Students Association of the U of H

GLSA is an educational, social, political, and service organization dedicated to improving the lives of Lesbian and Gay members of the University of Houston Community. Discussion groups meet every Wednesday at 3:30 and 7 pm. GLSA is a committee of the Montrose Activity Center. Campus Activities Box 314,

University of Houston, Houston, TX 77204-3650. ☎ 529-3211

## Gays and Lesbians of Rice (GALOR)

Educational offerings include holding panel discussions in classes which deal with sexuality and gender, publishing a newcomer's guide, giving a seminar on gay issues to "mentors," Rice resident associates. Also to sponsor social events for members. Meetings: bi-weekly on Sunday during the school year. Membership is open to Rice students, faculty, alumni and students from other universities and friends of members. Dues: \$5 c/o Student Activities - Rice University, PO Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892. ☎ 630-0247

## The Group

The Group is a theater workshop producing gay and lesbian plays. Joe Watts, Director. 436 Hawthorne #2, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 522-2204

## Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH)

HATCH provides a safe, secure environment for gay and lesbian teens to socialize with their peers, to find support and to develop a more positive outlook on their sexuality. Open to gays and lesbians under 21. Meets Fridays at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 6:30 pm. PO Box 66574, Houston, TX 77266-6574. ☎ 942-7002

## Hazelwitch Productions

Produces cultural events which are validating and empowering as well as entertaining for Houston lesbian/feminist community. 1846 Richmond, Houston, TX 77098. ☎ 521-3369

## Heart Song

Provides a place for women who love to sing songs that empower people. Women who like to sing are welcome. Rehearsals are Monday nights, 7-9 pm. PO Box 980243, Houston, TX 77098-0243. ☎ 667-2932



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## Houston Area Gay and Lesbian Engineers and Scientists (HAGLES)

Social organization made up of gays and lesbians in a wide range of occupations, including aerospace, petrochemical, medicine, academia, and many others. Monthly socials, technical meetings, or outings. New members welcome; call for details. ☎ 480-2177

## Houston Area Women's Center

The Houston Area Women's Center provides a variety of free services for women in crisis. Programs include an emergency shelter for battered women and their children; a rape crisis program that offers a 24-hour hotline, peer support counseling and accompaniment to hospitals, police departments and courtrooms; a telephone information service to hospitals, police departments and courtrooms; a telephone information and referral service for women (WIRES) and a counseling program for battered women. The center provides to public groups free of charge speakers on domestic violence, sexual assault and rape avoidance. Meetings: Volunteer orientation on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. 3101 Richmond, Suite 150, Houston, TX 77098. ☎ 528-6798; 24 hour hotline 528-RAPE; WIRES, 528-2121

## Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth (HIPY)

Provides support and assistance to youth in need. Programs are committed to promoting physical and moral well being for young people under 21 years of age and their families. 811 Westheimer, Suite 102, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 942-YUTH [942-9884]

## Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week

Educates the gay and lesbian community on the history of our people by putting together a celebration each year in June commemorating the Stonewall riots. Meets third Tuesday of each month, usually at the Metropolitan

Multi-Purpose Service Center, 1475 W Gray. Mailing address: Box 66071 Houston, TX 77266-6071. ☎ 529-6979

## Houston NAMES Project

Create memorial panels in tribute to someone who has touched their lives and died with AIDS. Workshop: Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 1410 Fairview, Houston, TX 77006. ☎ 52-NAMES

## Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)

Provides an opportunity for gay/lesbian people to meet one another and to organize for various activities, including (but not restricted to) camping, hiking, cycling, canoeing, bowling, skating, and touring. Socials are held once each month; other activities are scheduled throughout the year. Dues: \$15 per year to receive monthly newsletter. PO Box 980839, Houston, TX 77098-0893. ☎ KAMPOUT (526-7688)

## Houston Women's Softball League

Promotes the enjoyment of team sports and the friendship of other gay women. Spring and Fall seven week seasons. 19327 Bristle Star, Katy, TX 77449

## Lambda Bike Club

PO Box 271442, Houston, TX 77277. ☎ 496-0288

## Lambda Rollerskating Club

PO Box 66450, Houston, TX 77266-6450. ☎ 523-6381

## Lesbians In Business (LIB)

A women's empowerment group that meets the third Friday of each month at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray, at 6 pm. ☎ 680-8737 or 529-8484.

## Lesbians Over Age 50 (LOAF)

Social and educational group of Lesbians over the age 50. Meetings: 2:00 p.m., third Sunday of each month, 2-4 pm, at Metropolitan Multi-Service

Center, 1475 W Gray, PO Box 980601, Houston, TX 77098-0601. ☎ 661-1482

## Lone Star Nudist Group

Join Gay or Bi men who wish to share nude experiences together; we currently have 72 members in Houston area. Singles and lovers welcome. Monthly meetings. Nude social events, massage group, out of town gatherings. PO Box 541061, Houston, TX 77254

## Lone Star Symphonic Band

Montrose's own Symphonic Band, the organization is active in promoting the community with its many concerts for various groups. PO Box 66613, Houston, TX 77266-6613. ☎ 862-5058

## 1993 March on Washington (Houston Committee)

Planning for a massive March for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation on the national capital and related events on April 25, 1993. Fundraisers and community outreach to involve millions. Volunteers needed. Meets third Thursday of each month through March, 1993, at 7 pm, location to be announced. National Information: PO Box 34607, Washington, DC 20043. ☎ National: (800) 832-2889; local: 529-6979; local contact: Deborah Bell, 521-0780

## Men of All Colors Together

This Houston chapter of the National Association of Black and White Men Together (see listing in "Out of Town") fosters a supportive environment where racial and cultural barriers can be overcome. The group is committed to the elimination of racism, homophobia, sexism, and other prejudices that affect our lives. ☎ 485-8888

## Montrose Activity Center

A non-profit organization whose purpose is to build and run a community center for the gay and lesbian people in the greater Houston area. Board meets first Thursday. PO Box 66684, Houston, TX 77266-6684. ☎ 236-0064



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## Montrose Softball League

Promotes sportsmanship and friendship through a Sunday softball league. Season is generally April through June, working towards the national tournament in August. Games on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Tim Hearne Field on Jackson Hill at Memorial.

## National Leather Association: Houston

National Leather Association: Houston is the 18th Chapter of the National Leather Association. NLA: Houston is a pansexual social service organization established to educate and eradicate prejudice to the leather, S/M and fetish lifestyles. Men, women, gay, straight and bisexual individuals who are interested in NLA: Houston are encouraged to attend a General Meeting held the second Thursday of each month at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray at 7 pm. Social events in bar and out of bar are ongoing, as well as fundraising for both the organization and area charities. For more information, write NLA: Houston, PO Box 66553, Houston, TX 77266-6553. ☎ 434-2417, FAX 434-2823

## Houston Area National Organization for Women

The main goal of the Houston Area National Organization for Women is to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society with truly equal partnership with men. We are dedicated to the freedom from discrimination because of race, ethnic origin, age, marital status, sexual preference/orientation or parenthood; this includes equal rights and responsibilities in all aspects of citizenship, including but not limited to public service, employment, education, and family life. Meets third Tuesday, location to be announced. PO Box 66351, Houston, TX 77266-6351. ☎ 668-9008

## National Organization for Women (NOW) at U of H

Takes action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society NOW, exercising all the privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men. The group advocates and works for political, social, and economic equality between all women and men. Meeting: University Center, Underground, NOW office, UH every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. 4800 Calhoun, UC, PO Box 509, Houston, TX 77004

## Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG)/Houston

Support group for parents and families of gays and lesbians, and for gays and lesbians. Meets first Sunday (except holidays when it moves to the second Sunday) at 2:00 p.m., IntraCare Hospital, 7601 Fannin. Mailing address: PO Box 692444, Houston, TX 77269-2444. ☎ 867-9020

## Paz y Liberacion

Publishes a newsletter about lesbian and gay groups and liberation events in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East; also provides free penpal service world wide to Americans. Volunteers needed to help with USA correspondence and Spanish mail. Subscriptions: \$3 to \$10, free sample. PO Box 66450, Houston, TX 77266-6450. ☎ 523-6381

## Prime Timers - Houston

The group helps meet the needs of older gay men; activities include a wide spectrum of events, such as meetings, socials, workshops, parties, trips, and "rap" groups. PO Box 30381, Dept. P, Houston, TX 77249-0381. ☎ 981-8440.

## Royal, Sovereign Imperial Court of the Single Star

RSICSS is a community service organization. The Imperial Court System was founded over 26 years ago in San

Francisco by Jose I. The Court System's standard of humor, heart, and humanitarianism governs over 50 courts in the United States and Canada. The Houston Court has been a part of this tradition for seven years. Meets the second Sunday at announced locations. PO Box 98044, Houston, TX 77098-0444.

## Team Houston

Houston's team for participation in Unity '94: Gay Games and Cultural Festival to be held in New York City. Organization includes athletes and cultural participants (artists, musicians, etc.). PO Box 542257, Houston, TX 77266-2257.

## Texas Gay Rodeo Association

Founded in July, 1983 to raise money for 501(c)(3) charities by staging an annual rodeo. Chapters exist in Amarillo, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, and San Antonio. PO Box 66973, Houston, TX 77266-6973

## Womynspace

Provides gathering/healing support space for womyn. The non-profit organization offers activities and events which are chemically free. PO Box 980601, Houston, TX 77098-0601. ☎ 869-6510

## Out of Town

### AIDS Action Council

729 8th St., SE, Suite 2000, Washington, DC 20003. ☎ (202) 547-3101

### Blue Light Candle

Awareness and outreach fundraiser for HIV/AIDS services. PO Box 12444, San Antonio, TX 78212. ☎ (512) 736-6389



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## Coalition of Lesbian/Gay Student Groups

A network of lesbian/gay/bisexual student groups at post-secondary institutions in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and New Mexico. Meets quarterly at various campuses in the region. PO Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219. ☎ (214) 761-3802 or 70471.2523@compuserve.com

## Human Rights Campaign Fund

Since 1981, HRCF has become the largest gay/lesbian organization in the U.S. It exerts the power of lesbian and gay Americans through bipartisan political action, lobbying, and grass roots mobilization. Join "Speak Out" constituent mail program. 1012 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. ☎ (202) 628-4160. Local contact: Bill Willis, leave message at 521-1000

## Lambda Women's Support and Social Group (Beaumont)

Offers group discussions, social activities, guest speakers, referrals, and a support network. Meets Fridays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. ☎ 736-1439 or 724-7222

## Lambda Legal Defense

666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012. ☎ (212) 955-8585

## Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL)

Statewide organization supporting the lesbian/gay lobby in the Texas legislature. 601 W. 18th Street, Austin, TX. ☎ (512) 474-5475

## Lesbian Visionaries

Lesbian Visionaries, Inc., formed in 1987, promotes the welfare of the Texas Lesbian Community with monthly meetings and special activities; sponsoring the 1992 Texas Lesbian Conference. Provides LIL (a 24-hour Lesbian Information Line). ☎ (214) 528-2426. For a free copy of the monthly newsletter, *The New Vision*,

write PO Box 191443, Dallas, TX 75219.

## National Association of Black and White Men Together (BWMT)

This multicultural group has been active for a decade and boasts 40 chapters in the U.S. and worldwide (for Houston chapter, see Men of All Colors Together under Social/Educational listings). 584 Castro, Suite 140, San Francisco, CA 94114. ☎ (415) 431-1976

## National Coming Out Day

Sponsors yearly National Coming Out day October 11. PO Box 8349, Santa Fe, NM 87504. ☎ (505) 982-2558 or (800) 445-NCOD

## National Gay Alliance for Young Adults (NGAYA)

PO Box 190426, Dallas, TX 75219-0426

## National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

National civil rights organization lobbies the federal government and provides technical and strategic support to local and statewide organizations on many issues. Annual conference: *Creating Changes*, Columbus Day weekend. 1734 14th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009-4309. ☎ (202) 332-6483

## National Gay Health Educational Foundation

PO Box 784, New York, NY 10036. ☎ (212) 563-6313

## Pink Triangle

Sports and cultural organization for Unity '94: Gay Games in New York. We take all athletes and cultural participants in the north Texas area. Meets first Thursday in even months. Publishes newsletter. PO Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219

## Texas Human Rights Foundation

THRF is a state wide, non-profit litigation organization on behalf of gay men, lesbians and HIV-positive individuals in the state of Texas. Currently funding and sponsoring Morales, et al, vs the State of Texas, a lawsuit challenging section 21.06 of the Penal Code, "the sodomy law." The statute was declared unconstitutional on Dec. 10 by Judge Paul Davis. Office: 601 W 18th, mailing address: PO Box 49740, Austin, TX 78765. ☎ (512) 479-8473

## SDA Kinship

A support group for Gay and Lesbian Seventh-Day Adventists and their friends. Meetings: Varies, at members homes. PO Box 38454, Dallas, TX 75238. ☎ (214) 373-8484 or (800) 4GAY-SDA

## Texas Lesbian Conference

Hosted in a different Texas city every year. ☎ (214) 942-5921

## April 25, 1993 March on Washington for Equal Rights & Liberation

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## WHY DO WE GROW UP TO HATE OURSELVES?

by Stan W. Ziegler

***It's said the more things change, the more they stay the same.***

I think this applies to our society's understanding of homosexuality and maybe, more important, to our own views about our gayness. I suggest that while there have certainly been changes in our society's relationship to homosexuality in the past 25 years it's still true that the world is heterosexual and homophobic. While many lesbians and gay men are considerably more open and at least superficially accepting of their gayness now, I

course it is. Look at what society teaches us about ourselves. Is it any wonder that as gay people we grow up hating ourselves for becoming what our society says is the worst thing we might become? Children call each other "faggot" when they want to be most cruel, and this is before they really know what the word means. Messages like this are everywhere.

I've had many adult gay patients ask me how they could so clearly have learned being gay is wrong when they're sure gayness was never discussed in their homes or schools 25 years ago. Before there was any talk of gayness, there were clear messages about how

of being gay for many people and a part that precedes sexual attraction to others by years. So we *can* speak of a gay 4-year-old.

Research doesn't help us understand why there is a high degree of gender atypicality in the gay population, and maybe it's true that this matters only if we assume that boys really should behave like boys and girls really should behave like girls. I think that this is an important clarification in terms of our creating healthy identities for ourselves as gay people, because long before we start experiencing sexual attraction to other people, we present ourselves to the world with some version of a gay male gender or a gay female gender that our society tells us is wrong and that we should keep hidden in order to fit in. In the gay community, I think this is more apparent among gay men who routinely request that "no fems" respond to their personal ads. This understanding of gender appropriateness is less true in the gay women's community, possibly because femaleness has been so much less valued in our culture.

What will it take for our society to start reconsidering the way it understands maleness and femaleness? I hope that for the emotional health of the gay community, we are moving toward a place where a man is someone who possesses a man's body and a woman is someone who possesses a woman's body (the transsexual phenomenon notwithstanding) and that the rest is a purely personal manifestation of what is natural for the person. Am I really saying that there isn't a way

***"If the test of a decent society is in being a place in which people can be whoever they are as long as they don't hurt anyone, then we have a lot of work to do."***

believe at our core we have learned our lessons too well and hate the part of ourselves that's lesbian or gay.

If it weren't for denial, emotionally well-integrated gay people would be enraged at what society tells us about ourselves. Psychologist Vivian Cass asserts that a stage of anger at society is necessary to form a healthy gay identity. Of

boys should behave and how girls should behave. These messages may be changing somewhat (probably more so for girls than for boys) but not enough to keep me from overhearing a mother at the San Diego Zoo say to her cranky young son that he had to stop crying since "boys don't cry"

In my experience there is a much higher rate of gender atypicality or gender nonconformity among gay people. I think there's nothing wrong with this. For some reason, gay boys don't act as much like little boys are "supposed" to act and gay little girls aren't as feminine as our culture insists they be. I'm assuming that gender atypicality is a natural part

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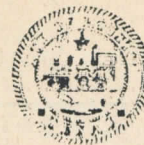
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## WHY DO WE HATE OURSELVES?

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that boys are supposed to behave because they're males and girls are supposed to behave because they're females? That's right. That's what I'm saying.

Despite Erikson's observations in his brilliant *Childhood and Society*, young boys are more likely to build towers and young girls to build rooms not because of penises and vaginas (biological determinism) but because a lot of learning has already taken place by the time they're in nursery school. Such a reconsideration of gender appropriateness would go a long way to altering our views of ourselves as gay people. If there was no particular way that a boy was supposed to

behave in terms of his maleness then the young gay boy would not feel different or be treated differently because of his gender presentation.

In such a world, a 5-year-old boy wouldn't be taken to a psychologist because he preferred to read or play with dolls rather than play ball. Or if he were taken to a psychologist for this reason, the psychologist would help the parents understand that this is probably natural for him and help them deal with their feelings about it. Such a reconstruction of our idea of gender appropriateness—or more to the point, that there is no such thing as gender appropriateness

only gender naturalness—would be enormously liberating for lesbians and gay men.

This is also clearly an area in which the gay movement and the women's movement should combine forces. If the test of a decent society is in being a place in which people can be whoever they are as long as they don't hurt anyone, as I believe it should be, then we have a lot of work to do in changing some of society's most basic beliefs. The gay community must somehow find the strength, time, and resources in this beleaguered time to wage this battle. Something as basic as the mental health of a significant portion of the gay population depends on it. λ

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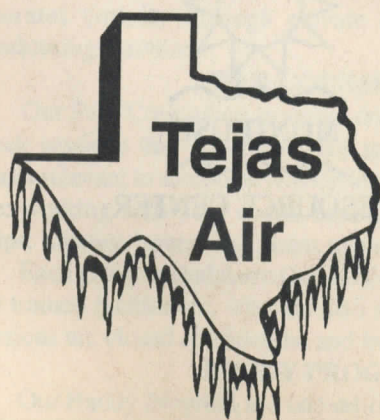
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY                                                                                 | TUESDAY                                                          | WEDNESDAY                                                                | THURSDAY                                                                         | FRIDAY                   | SATURDAY |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
|        | 1<br>6:30 pm Women's Support Group<br>8:00 pm Gay Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA)  | 2<br>6:15 pm Men's Support Group<br>8:00 pm HIV + Support Group  | 3<br>6:30 pm Men's Support Group<br>8:00 pm Lovers of Positive Partners  | 4<br>6:00 pm Survivors Group<br>8:00 pm Family & Friends of HIV + Support Group  | 5<br>7:00 pm CODA Group  | 6        |
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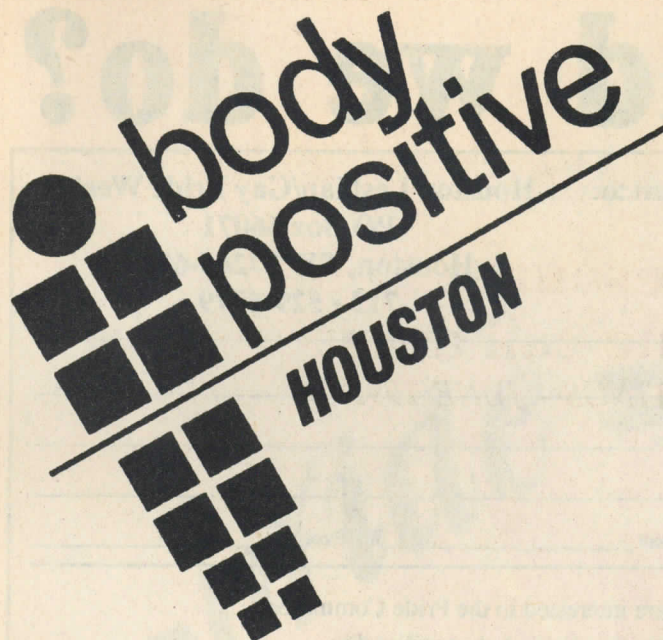
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Body Positive/Houston is one of the few organizations to specifically address the needs of the asymptomatic HIV-positive individual. As a result of our outreach programs, Body Positive/Houston is often the first organization a newly diagnosed individual contacts for immediate support and information. The services of Body Positive/Houston are available to all individuals impacted by HIV infection throughout the spectrum of the disease. Target populations include, but are not limited to, the gay community, minorities, women, children, caregivers, health care providers, hemophiliacs, and intravenous drug users.

Body Positive/Houston welcomes all people affected by HIV. There are no membership fees or dues. The organization operates entirely through private donations, grants and fundraising activities.

#### **PEER COUNSELING**

Our Peer Counseling program consists of structured ten-week sessions that cover ten (10) specific topics and other issues relevant to seropositive individuals. Some of these topics are: working with your doctor healing alternatives; relationships; lifestyle issues- and stress reduction/relaxation.

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#### **BUDDY PROGRAM**

Our Buddy Program is a one-on-one support program for

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All Buddy volunteers are HIV+ so that the volunteer will be able to relate to the person (client) who has recently tested HIV positive. We have men and women volunteers in our Buddy Program.

#### **NEWSLETTER**

Each month Body Positive/Houston publishes a newsletter, *Positively* which is sent to everyone on our confidential mailing list and also distributed throughout Houston.

Our newsletter contains certain features each month: a monthly calendar of Body Positive/Houston events; a *Community Reporter* section that has information about upcoming HIV/AIDS events in the Houston area; a doctor, a lawyer and other experts each contribute a question and answer section on issues that affect HIV+ persons and their significant others; and the *Options* insert contains articles of interest covering a variety of timely subjects. Each month there is coverage of past events, upcoming events and other items of interest to our readers.

#### **GARDEN PROJECT**

This is a very successful on-going project dedicated to the memory of Gary Schalles, a founder of Body Positive/Houston. Novices and seasoned gardeners have established plots at the southwest corner of the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center. Vegetables, fruit and flowers are produced year-round.

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#### **ANDREW ARTHUR BOYD HIV RESOURCE LIBRARY**

Our library was founded at the beginning of Body Positive/Houston in 1988. Its purpose is to provide information to and for the HIV seropositive community in Houston and the surrounding areas.

#### **SOCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- Spring and Fall Picnics
- A weekly stress reduction and relaxation class
- A facilitators/Buddy/volunteers social
- An event to celebrate the founding of our organization
- Halloween Magic
- Lighting of the "Tree of Remembrance" to honor those who have died of AIDS
- Stocking stuffing and visits to hospitals during the Holiday Season

**If you wish more information, please call, write or fax us:**

**Body Positive/Houston**  
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# So how did we do?

Each year thousands of volunteer hours are put into Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. We need your HELP and your FEEDBACK!

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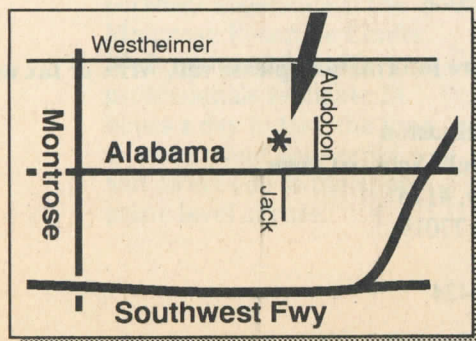
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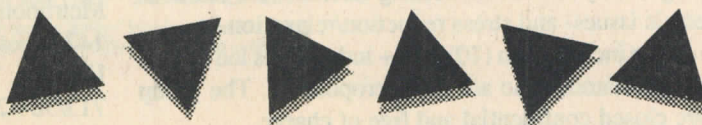
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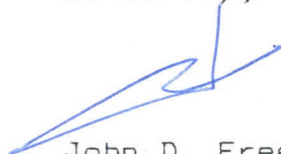
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