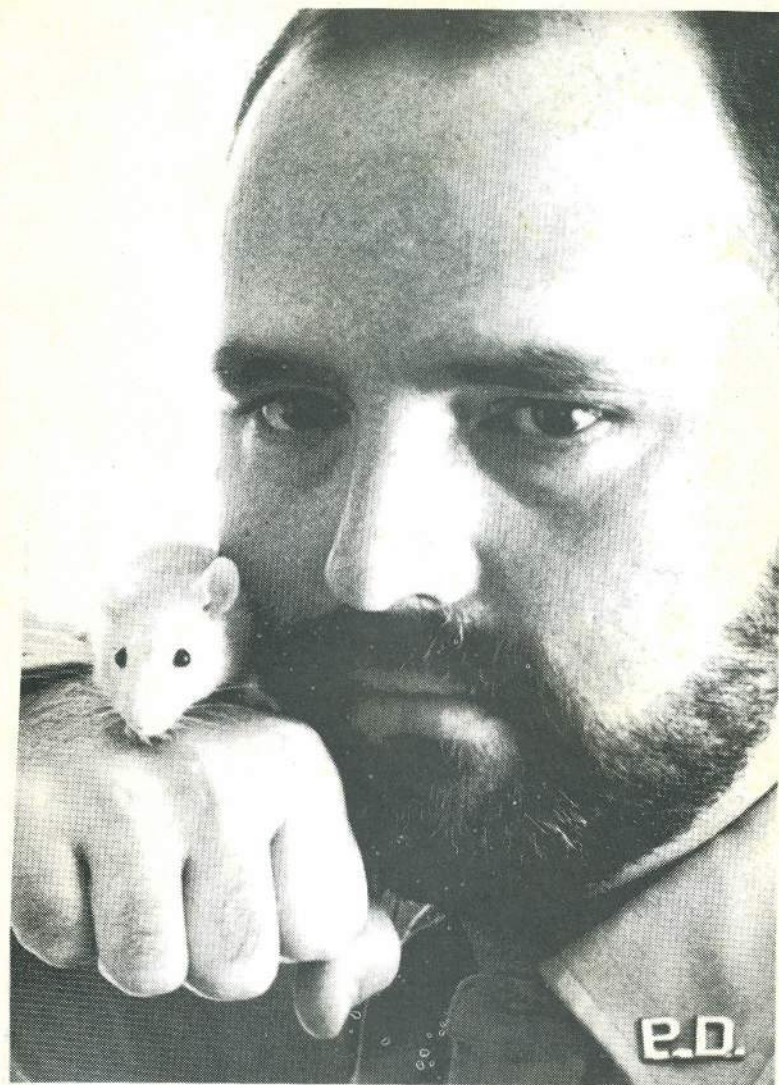


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EDITOR'S COMMENT

By Jim Brown

GAY PRIDE WEEK '80 GUIDE

In the *middle* of Gay Pride Week is an 'I' -- if you will note the suggestion of Dennis Dunwoody in his cover design of this *Guide*. In face, there is an *ID*.

I don't think the play on letters and words was fully intended, but the idea certainly can be beautifully carried out! . . .

Your I.D. -- your identity -- can be found in the midst of Gay Pride Week! If HGPW '80 helps *one* person come out of the darkness of her/his closet, it will be worth the thousands of hours that have been spent preparing for it.

We hope that *all* of us will come a little further out of *whatever* closet that restrict us from the many rooms in the wonderful mansion of life!

I am very proud to be gay, a citizen of this Houston gay community and to have been chosen as editor of this, the first *Guide to Houston Gay Pride Week '80*.

I am proud because the week and *The Guide* demonstrate the depth and breadth of this community! Of course we play, have fun and celebrate during GPW -- but we have also worked hard, intelligently and artistically! And it shows!

And I am proud to *flaunt* that to all of the detractors of our gay lifestyle!

We hope that you will find *The Guide* to be, not only a treasured memento of this year's Gay Pride Week, but also a tool to help you get the most out of each day. It was designed that way.

The Calendar Section is really the most important part, because it tells you in detail what all is happening each day, where, what time, who is doing it, how to get there, etc.

So many people's talents and time went into this book, and my thanks are those found in the section of *Kudos*. Without those people this book would not be. I love you all!

Finally, a note must be made that *The Guide* would not be coming to you without the generous financial backing of our advertisers.

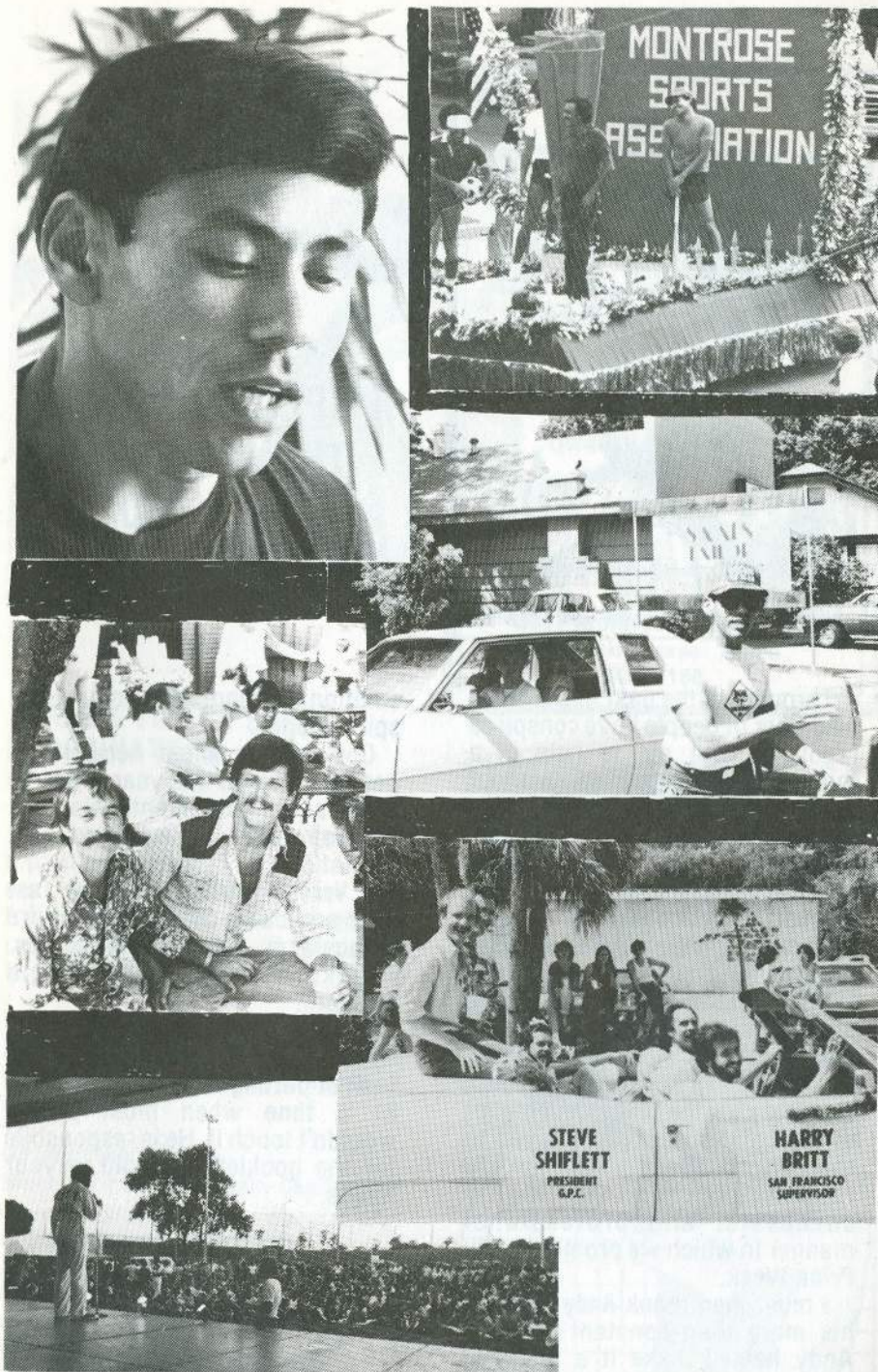
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A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS FROM HGPW '80 CHAIRPERSON

Throughout the past five months a number of people have conspired regularly with me to help in a thousand different ways. Without the help of those people, Gay Pride Week would not have happened. The list of people who deserve my heartfelt thanks is long. But through thick and thin, five people in particular have worked steadily to insure our success, and I want first to thank those people for making my life easier these past few months.

I must first thank **Dennis Dunwoody** for the immense amount of time and support he's given to the effort. Dennis is largely responsible for the highly successful and professional manner in which we promoted Gay Pride Week.

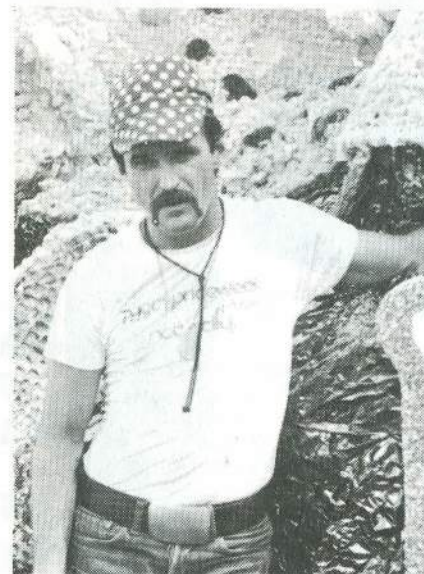
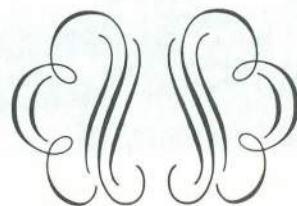
I must then thank **Andy Mills** for his more than constant support. Andy helped make it a financial success through his efforts to raise funds, and nowhere was his

emotional support and community spirit topped.

One of the most remarkable people involved this year is **George Wahlers**. His kind of enthusiasm is unique; often I wished there were four of him.

Roz Vecchio worked with us last year and came out of it with more enthusiasm than most of us. Thanks for her warmth and strength.

Finally, I must thank **Jim Brown**, who single-handedly tackled the task of putting this guide together, at a time when most people wouldn't touch it. He is responsible for the booklet you hold in your hands.



THANKS TO THE EVENT COORDINATORS

I also offer thanks (in alphabetical order) on behalf of our entire community to the following persons who served as coordinators for each of the major events of GPW '80:

Larry Bagneris Jr.—Parade
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David Decker—Youth
Bruce Herman—Physically Challenged
Chuck Larsen & Rita Wanstrom—National Day of Remembrance
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Sat. 21st
APRE PICNIC DISCO MADNESS -- 9 -- 2
DJ Frank Collins

Sun. 22nd

TEXAS DAY BEER BUST 5 -- 2, Disco with the historical Alabama-Coushatta Tribe Dancers

Mon. 23rd
LIVE NU WAVE band -- to be announced

Tues. 24th
HALF PRICE HALARIUM -- DJ Nathan Faulk

Wed. 25th
CHAMPAGNE party ala Parade

Thurs. 26th
PROUD TO HAVE BEEN AROUND THE NIGHT -- oldies but goodies

Fri. 27th
DISCO LATINO -- DJ Nathan Faulk presents an evening of HOT Latino music

Sat. 28th
DISCO MADNESS -- DJ Frank Collins 9

Sat. 29th
GAY PRIDE WEEK PARADE -- immediately followed by our beer bust

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THE PINK TRIANGLE

By Tony Vega

Usually you see them at political rallies or at demonstrations. Occasionally one will surface in a gay bar -- a pink triangle!

But what in hell does it mean?

Literally, it was the symbol that the Nazis made homosexuals wear in Germany under Hitler. Eventually many of these homosexuals were exterminated!

The Jews were made to wear a yellow Star of David, the Gypsies another symbol. All were marked for death.

The estimate of gay people murdered by the Nazis varies. Some put the number as low as 25,000. Some claim that it was 250,000.

The United Methodist Church of Austria estimates 125,000 homosexuals were executed during the Third Reich.

You may ask, "Why wear a symbol of death?" Well, we've changed it: Now it's the symbol of life. We wear it to remind people -- gay and straight alike -- of how it was once was . . . and how we'll never ever let it be again!

Now that triangle is our symbol. When we wear it, it tells everyone that we will never let such a horror happen again.

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MONTROSE PATROL PROTECTS AREA

By Bill Lubing

Friday through Sunday nights Montrose area streets swell with the traffic of partygoers. It's a time for dancing, drinking -- letting your hair down and boogying.

For the Montrose Patrol Friday and Saturday nights mean a frequent brush with violence.

Patrolling a sizable portion of Montrose with both mobile vehicle and foot units the Montrose Patrol works to protect citizens on the streets at night from harassment, robberies and the other unpleasant idiosyncrasies of a bustling nightlife.

Steve Coates, a Montrose Patrol board member explains, "The Montrose Patrol is not a vigilante type organization. At first a few people had that misconception.

"It's absolutely not correct. We work much more than 'just within the law.'"

The Montrose Patrol base is located in the Family Center, on the corner of Montrose and

Westheimer. Less than a year ago the Patrol was using citizen's band radio to communicate between mobile units and the base unit. There were problems operating CB.

Other CB'ers could listen in, often overriding the Patrol's signal. It made communication difficult -- often during times, when dialogue between the base and mobile units was critical.

The operation now boasts a sophisticated FM communications system, which cost the Patrol around \$15,000. A *repeater* located in downtown Houston, receives the relatively weak signal of the mobile and base units, amplifies it enormously and rebroadcasts it.

"You can talk from inside the Galleria to around Numbers, on Westheimer," says Coates.

Another area the Montrose Patrol enjoys excellent communication is with the Houston Police Department. (continued on page 15)

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Even as KPFT, a station of the Pacific Foundation Network, has continually supported the gay community across the country, so it continually needs our support in the way of pledges of time, talents and money.

Give them a call at 526-4000, or drop by on Thursday evenings at 419 Lovett Blvd.

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List of events for June 26 (Thursday) of Gay Pride Week on KPFT Houston

8-9 AM On Showcase

Music of various homosexual composers throughout the morning. At 10 AM Vocal World program "Songs of Benjamin Britten, Francis Poulenc, and Ned Rorem" with excerpts from interviews from the Advocate. All with Mike Miesch.

12 noon-1 PM Ray Hill

A history of Gay Pride Week and general commentary on Houston's gay past, present, and future.

1-4 PM Gay Pride Week Special

Music from Peta Bain and Steve Gay. Carnival music from Rio.

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"We work closely," Coates stresses, "very closely with the Houston Police Department."

"They (HPD) have never failed to respond when we've asked them to take over a situation we didn't feel was in our jurisdiction."

The Montrose Patrol safeguards the weekend party revelers -- it also serves at Montrose community functions. The Patrol plays an important part in crowd control at the Westheimer Colony Art Festival, held twice yearly. During Gay Pride Week '80 the Montrose Patrol will serve at various functions and take an honored position in the Gay Pride Week Parade.

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6:30-7:30 PM KPFT's Gay Manager's Report

A day in the life of a gay media professional.

9-10 PM KPFT's Report

9-10 PM KPFT's Poetry

Reflections on Life with Patricia McCrae Presents Poetry with gay and esbian themes.

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The Montrose Patrol will be involved in this year's Gay Pride Parade.

The Patrol is slated to lead the parade, signifying that the Patrol's involvement in the gay community is of utmost importance.

Not only will the Patrol lead the Parade, it will also have Patrol members on two floats -- in the middle and at the very end of the Parade. More patrol members will be stationed on roofs along the parade route.

This will enable the Patrol to monitor the parade and the crowd at the same time. All of the mobile and stationary units will be equipped with communication devices, to enable the units to contact one another at will.

At the same time, Patrol members will circulate in the crowd. They will offer information as to the location of first aid stations, and try to prevent trouble. Patrol members can be identified by their Patrol ID's.

In the weeks before the Parade, the Patrol contacted the social and service organizations of the Houston Gay community and arranged to temporarily deputize members of such organizations as Patrol members for the day. These deputies can be identified by ribbons on their arms.

They also will help monitor the crowd for potential trouble and offer first aid information.

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HOW DO WE MEASURE UP?

By James L. Brown

Two years ago Gay Pride Week in Houston was fashioned into a huge Town Meeting (see *History*). In talking with Ray Hill I discovered that there were very definite goals that came out of Town Meeting I.

Here they are, as close as Ray can formulate them, so that you may judge for yourself the progress of our community . . .

THE HOUSTON GAY COMMUNITY IS RESOLVED TO:

- 1.) Support gay young people in facing problems affecting their lives, within the context of government, schools and their domestic context.
- 2.) Support gay parents -- to assist them in polling resources within the fields of psychology, sociology and social work to the advantage of gay men and lesbians.
- 3.) Support the National March on Washington.
- 4.) Support a Gay Rights Amendment to the current civil rights law.
- 5.) Support passage of ERA.
- 6.) Support full acceptance of transpersons in their struggle for equal rights.
- 7.) Call for a National Gay and Lesbian Rights Assembly.
- 8.) Encourage organization of gay men and lesbians who are also ethnic minorities to organize and struggle against racism within the community (gay) as well as without.
- 9.) Generally support the purposes and objectives of the Gay Political Caucus of Houston.
- 10.) Support the purposes of Texas Gay Task Force.



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have made contributions.

Leaders are only as effective as their followers.

The gay movement in Houston has been successful because of the quality of the people who have been involved, because of our willingness to cooperate with each other.

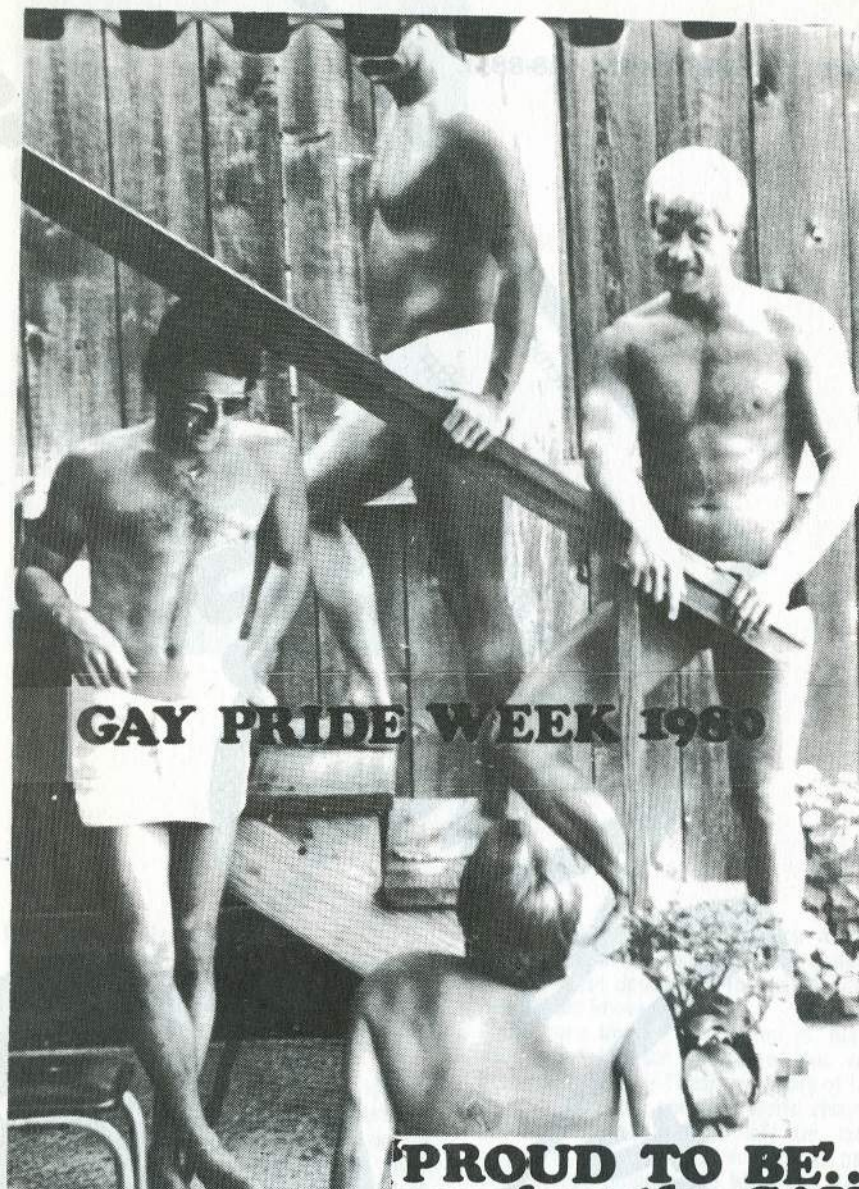
In this respect Houston has been almost unique in the gay movement. Organizations and leaders have emerged to meet specific needs and have existed in cooperation rather than in conflict or competition. Likewise, we have chosen to work within the system, to be constructive rather than destructive.

We have come a long way in 12 years. We still have a long way to go, but we can be proud of the progress we have achieved.

Let us now celebrate.

(Most of the information in this article is from the resources of the Gay Archives of Texas, a project of Integrity/Houston. While this article is intended only as an overview and could not detail every event that has happened Houston's gay community, we also were limited by the amount of information contained in the Archives. We request that those persons having additional information, particularly concerning events of more than five years ago, contact the Archives through Wilde 'n Stein Books at 520-B Westheimer, 529-7014.

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Jim Farmer
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By James L. Brown

Known to the Houston Gay Community as "Fanny," Jim Farmer has been a consistent and intense supporter of the community's endeavors for freedom and integrity.

The owner of *Mary's* (Naturally!) for ten years, he has been a resident of Houston a couple more than that. Almost every one of those ten years he had had to fight governmental agencies of all kinds in order to keep the business open. *Mary's* has stayed open, and has become a landmark on The Strip.

No small part of this is due to the quiet but unfailing support Jim has given individuals in need, organizations seeking

encouragement and finding. The man has literally raised, donated and generated thousands of dollars "to the cause," and to individuals in need.

Everyone knows who Fanny is, but few have scratched the surface of this varied personality: Native Texan, graduate of Texas Tech in Lubbock, one-time world champion rodeo performer, owner of the largest collection of fishnet hose in Houston, patron of *Montrose Singers* and *Montrose Players*, accomplished classical pianist, recipient of "Best Biker" award of H.M.C. several years, a kind and sensitive person.

What else can I say, except, "thank you, Fanny!" in behalf of every gay person in Houston.

The HOUSTON TAVERN GUILD salutes Gay Pride Week '80



By Dennis Dunwoody

The Gay Pride Week 1980 advertising committee -- comprised of seven of Houston's finest professional gay artists, ad agency owners and media producers -- met and took on an important task. The task; to stir up the interest and awareness of the gay community in Houston, as well as catch the attention of Houston city leaders and win national recognition as gay pride celebrations happen in major cities across the U.S. The ad committee zeroed in on the pink triangle.

In Nazi Germany, homosexuals were designated by the inverted pink triangle on a black background, which they were made to wear.

Many subsequently died in concentration camps.

After a discussion of the scope of our theme, *Proud to Be*, and the objectives of our week's activities with several leaders of the ad committee, I concluded that an updated image of the pink triangle was what the awareness campaign needed. The pink triangle became the foundation for the Gay Pride Week logo. The logo subsequently appeared on billboards, T-shirts, buttons, stationary, posters, and in print ads.

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The twin images of the couples touching each other in the logo represent lesbians and gays in a combined celebration and spirit of sharing in this time of gay public awareness.

The logo was designed in a positive and proud spirit. Hopefully it will make each and every one of us a little more proud to be gay individuals who can be exemplary and productive people, and whose thoughts, decisions and acts daily affect myriads of people both straight and gay in Houston.

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THE MONTROSE SINGERS

By George Barnhart
(Partial Reprint from *Montrose Star*)

The room silent.

Forty faces are concentrated with rapt attention on the thin, poised form standing with arms outstretched behind the conductor's stand.

Like an army of precision-trained commandos, they wait.

A wall of harmonically-balanced vocal technicians stand ready to do battle with the silence.

The command comes.

A small decisive down-beat stroke. Every face of the 40 reflects the calm discipline hours of practice produces. Like a floodlight suddenly switched on, the room is bathed with perfectly balanced sound.

The warm glow of human voices wash over you like in a tide of sensation.

The music of the chorus rises and falls in waves of melodic strains. You feel the music taking possession of your consciousness.

We become the music . . . the performers become part of us. They exclaim our triumphs -- they proclaim our love.

They tell of our reverence and our frivolity. Moods change, tempo upon tempo crowd in upon us, cascading through our mind. Music, the universal language becomes for a moment, our private property.

A mine-sign of our lifestyle.

That is a description of another performance of the Montrose Singers.

Formed late last year to meet the demand of the Christmas tree lighting at the corner of Elgin and Brazos, this chorus, under the direction of Andy Mills, has captured the respect and attention of music lovers within and without the Montrose Community.

Mills, a former conductor and concert pianist, with a Master's Degree in music from the much acclaimed Mass. Conservatory, has prodded the chorus to a fine point of perfection.

"This is a great opportunity for those of us who like to sing, to reflect some of the pride of accomplishment of gay people, and instill some of that pride in others," Andy explains.

Instilling of gay pride has indeed become a watch-word for the Montrose Singers.

Having just completed a command performance at the prestigious Tower Theatre (*Best Little Whore House in Texas*, Jim Bailey) before a most enthusiastic and appreciative audience. The Singers combine with the Montrose Concert Band for more intense stirring of gay pride on June 29, Sunday, at Spotts Park.

HOUSTON GAY PRIDE WEEK '80



AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR COMMUNITY

Just one year ago, I stood on Westheimer in the heat of Houston's mid-summer afternoon and watched with great pride and joy as the city's first Gay Pride Week parade came down Westheimer, passing a crowd of some 20,000 persons, many of whom stared with disbelief at the number of gay men and women who walked proudly that day.

Two years ago, I stood in the Astrodome while 4,000 gay men and women applauded Sissy Farenthold, who told us from her perspective that none of us would be free until we were all free. It was a great occasion, and I, like many of you, have never forgotten it.

We have come a long way in the two years since then. For those of you participating in this year's celebration, that will be more than obvious.

I have written a lot lately about what Gay Pride Week means to us, and what we hope it means to the people of Houston. Let me simply remind you here that it is a time of celebration. We are making a positive statement about who and what we are. Houston is a vital and exciting place to live, and gay people are very much a part of that vitality.

This year what we have endeavored to do is provide as many opportunities as possible for gay men and women to interact with each other in ways that will reinforce our identity, our awareness, and our self-esteem. I want our interactions with each other, and with the rest of the people of Houston, to be constructive and educational. That is the spirit in which we approach this week of celebration.

(signed)
L. Greer Price
Chairperson, Houston

Gay Pride Week '80

I AM NOT AN ADVOCATE FOR FREQUENT CHANGES IN LAWS AND CONSTITUTIONS, BUT LAWS AND INSTITUTIONS MUST GO HAND IN HAND WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE HUMAN MIND. AS THAT BECOMES MORE DEVELOPED, MORE ENLIGHTENED, AS NEW DISCOVERIES ARE MADE, NEW TRUTHS DISCOVERED AND MANNERS AND OPINIONS CHANGE, WITH THE CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES, INSTITUTIONS MUST ADVANCE ALSO TO KEEP PACE WITH THE TIMES. WE MIGHT AS WELL REQUIRE A MAN TO WEAR STILL THE COAT WHICH FITTED HIM WHEN A BOY AS CIVILIZED SOCIETY TO REMAIN EVER UNDER THE REGIMEN OF THEIR BARBAROUS ANCESTORS.

... THOMAS JEFFERSON

J. ROSS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CURL UP WITH SOMETHING NEW?

By Tony Vega

I realized my attraction to people of the same sex early in life. However, sexual contacts were not enough for me.

I desired more.

Being an avid reader I wanted to read about others like myself. For a long period I found nothing of that sort.

Then one day I ran across a paperback at Woolworth's. It was entitled *A Single Man*. I still own it. I considered it a masterpiece then and still do. It made me realize that literature could reflect my life, could deal with my problems -- present and future.

It was quite a while before I found another novel that explored various aspects of my kind of being. The second novel was John Rechy's *City of Night*.

Things have changed: now we are immersed in a sea of gay literature. Some bad, some good. -- No, I'm not speaking of the sociological/psychological studies that tell us what causes homosexuality or whether lesbian couples stay together longer than men.

I'm speaking of literature. Stuff by sensitive straight writers -- reputable gay authors.

Gay and lesbian authors abound throughout history. Proust, Titus Petronius Arbiter, Tennessee Williams, John Rechy, Andre Gide, Christopher Isherwood, Walt Whitman, W.H. Auden, Radclyffe Hall, E.M. Forster -- to name but a few.

These and many others have produced a body of literature worthy of your attention and, at long last, readily available.

Want to stay home tonight but there's nothing on the boob tube? Try reading a book. Rewarding books vary from Patricia Nell Warren's light novels (*The Front Runner*, *The Beauty Queen*, *The Fancy Dancer*) to Stanly Kramer's insightful *Faggots* to Oscar Wilde's shallow plays to Gertrude Stein's repetitious *Ida* to Rita Mae Brown's hilarious *Rubyfruit Jungle*.

All areas of our lifestyle are being explored: coming out (*Rubyfruit Jungle*, John Reid's *The Best Little Boy in the World*), promiscuity (Rechy's *Numbers*), aging (Christopher Isherwood's *A Single Man*), police problems (John Gerassi's *The Boys of Boise*), gay rage

(Rechy's *The Sexual Outlaw* and *Rushes*), family problems (Laura Z. Hobson's *Consenting Adults*), love (James Baldwin's *Giovanni's Room* and *Another Country*), and unfulfilled desires (Carson McCullers' *Reflections in a Golden Eye*).

Don't want to get into a long novel? Try short stories.

Some of the best recent authors have dealt with gay themes. Sometimes these stories can be found together inside one cover!

E.M. Forster's *The Life to Come* is short stories with gay themes: *The Other Persuasion* features stories by Marcel Proust, Gertrude Stein, D.H. Lawrence, William Carlos Williams, Earnest Hemingway, James Prudy, Gore Vidal, Elizabeth Taylor and Jane Rule; and *Different* has contributors such as Guy de Maupassant, Phil Andros, Paul Goodman, Sherwood Anderson, Henry James and James Blake.

Our very own TWT is sponsoring a short story contest. (I was recently privileged to read one submitted by a friend.)

We have something to look forward to in the way of gay literature from our Texas community!

All of the above titles are available or can be ordered at Wilde N' Stein (520 Westheimer) Bookstore.

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By Susan Howard

Rice University is notorious for harboring individuals who are proud to be Rice people.

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The Rice Gay/Lesbian Support Group exists as an organization recognized by the University. The group includes undergraduate and graduate students, alumni, women and men, people in disciplines ranging from architecture to linguistics.

Since the group coalesced in the fall of 1979, it has made progress in three goal areas: mutual support, social, and service.

(Service means, for example, educating the Rice community on the subject of gayness.)

Recently another goal emerged in the midst of the membership: that of establishing connections with other gay organizations and activities in Houston. Gays and lesbians are Rice are proud to be . . . out of the closet and out of the ivory tower.

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THE HOUSTON GAY MEDIA

In the struggle for gay rights, the Houston community has been fortunate in being able to develop numerous tools of communication. Last month witnessed the birth of the fourth periodical in the gay community, Houston's *Midnight Rider*.

All four of the publications listed below are now being distributed free of charge to the reader, in business establishments in the gay community.

They are eagerly snatched up, some disappearing within an hour or two after their delivery. Each of them is supported through both gay and non-gay advertisers, and are continuing in providing information, education and entertainment to the Montrose area.

HOUSTON PUBLICATIONS

The Montrose Star, 3217 Montrose Suite 111 — 529-8188

This Week in Texas (TWT) 3223 Smith St., Suite 103 — 527-9111

Upright America, 5325 Kirby — 521-9822

RADIO

KPFT-FM, 419 Lovett Blvd — 526-4000

TWT LITERARY COMPETITION

One of the exciting indications of the of the Houston gay community is an event being sponsored by *This Week in Texas* (TWT).

Staff coordinator of that journal, William French, has designed a literary competition in conjunction with Houston Gay Pride Week '80.

The deadline for entry was June 13.

The contest was not limited to gay people, but the stipulation was made that the material should express, '... some aspect or quality of homosexuality' and that it be positive and, '... in keeping with the spirit that has fostered the traditions of Gay Pride Week.'

There will be awards in three categories, fictional short story, non-fiction and poetry.

Awards will be given in each category, plus an alternate *judges honors* awarded in each. In addition, without regard to any category of competition, recognition for an award will be made for 'overall literary achievement.'

At this writing plans were to publish the winning entries in *TWT* at a future date.

GAY PRIDE WEEK MEDIA COMMITTEE

Gay people are generally sensual people; that is, they are perhaps more aware of their senses and delight in using them.

It is not strange, therefore, that Gay Pride Week has matured to the point this year of having a full-blown media coordinating collective.

At the head of this committee is Roz Vecchio, who brings many skills and a high level of energy to that job. The committee, according to Roz, will be covering every event during Gay Pride Week with photographers, writers, television and sound recording.

The committee rapidly evolved into a collective which pooled resources and knowledge in order to cut costs of supplies and provide equipment for those who wouldn't otherwise have it.

If you have desires and/or skills in the area of media, and still haven't done so, you should immediately contact Roz at 520-8138 or 792-5032.

The Media Committee will sponsor and produce an event, scheduled on July 12th at 8 PM, in Agnes Arnold Auditorium, University of Houston.

Plan to attend the really spectacular show . . . we've heard about the way they are going to present it.

At press time of *The Guide* the persons listed below were accredited by the committee.

J. Hardy Williams
Kiki Newmann
Earl Gregory
Bruce Aleksander
Alan Snyder
Roz Raia

Rue Starr, II
James L. Brown
Blaise Di Stefano
Ed David
Bill Lubing
Roz Vecchio

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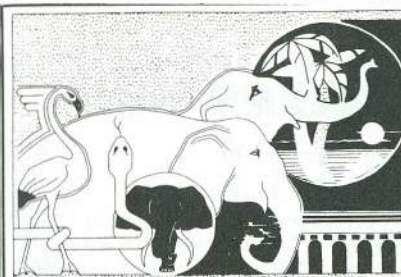
Gay Pride Week '80 marks our third year of serving the Houston Gay Community and is a good time to say "Thank You" to all our customers, especially those dedicated friends without whose faith and consistent support we wouldn't be here at all.

Wilde 'n' Stein Books has had some rough times and an occasional temptation to give up the struggle. But we're not your regular bookstore, and we don't measure our success by our financial statement alone. We were established to be a service to the community, and every time a Gay brother or Lesbian sister stops by to say, "Thank you for being here," all the effort suddenly seems very worthwhile.

You see, our main business isn't really selling books. It's selling the idea to ourselves, our community and the community at large that, indeed, it is very okay to be Gay. So, as long as there are Gay people struggling to be at peace with themselves, as long as there are parents, families and friends who need to understand, as long as there is bigotry and ignorance to combat with the truth, and as long as Gay people enjoy good books about *their* lives, *their* loves, *their* humor, *their* drama, *their* poetry... that long will Wilde 'n' Stein Books be here.

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Patrons of Gay Pride Week is a new way of financially participating in Gay Pride Week, instituted by Chairperson Greer Price.

It offers the individual or the small organization an opportunity to participate financially at a level they can afford.

Not everyone can afford an expensive ad in *The Guide* . . . not everyone can donate the fireworks for the rally. But many can afford \$25, which those listed below have given, or more.

Thanks to all of you!

Andrew J. Clark
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Robert P. Du Vernay
Montrose Sports Association
Larry Bagnieris, Jr.

We owe a special word of thanks to all of the following people for their many and varied contributions to this year's Gay Pride Week Celebration:

Guy Amedee Audine Lyle Austin George Barnhardt William French Phyllis Frye
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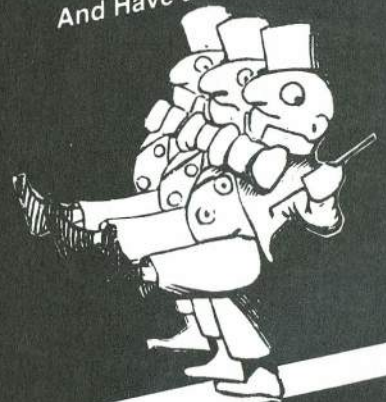
Wish we could be here!

Well, those best laid plans of mice and men have gone astray, once more! We had these great plans to ride down Westheimer celebrating with y'all, but Christmas comes early in the retail trade, and Dallas' Holiday Market starts today.

Being "responsible" business people requires commitment, as does Gay Pride, so here we are, on our way to Big D, even though we wish we could be with Our Family, on this day of celebration!

Keep up the good work, it's worth it!

And Have a GREAT DAY!



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BARS

We hope you enjoy the many clubs in Houston, in all their variety. All serve beer and wine and most serve mixed drinks. The Montrose Patrol reminds you to be alert, walk in pairs, and, in case of an encounter with the police, always have a positive I.D. in your possession.

The following guidelines have been used in establishing this listing of Houston bars: "Restaurant": establishment is both a bar and a restaurant. "Disco": a club with dancing from a live disc jockey. "Dance Floor": a club with dancing but music comes from a juke box. All bars listed are predominantly men in clientele except those listed "Predominantly Women". There is a fine line separating "Country", "Western", and "Leather" from each other. Our descriptions are rough generalizations and you will no doubt find some of the atmosphere of each of the three types of clubs in any club labeled with any of the three descriptions.

Baja Sam's	Restaurant	402 Lovett	
Barn	Country, Western	710 Pacific	528-9427
Bradley's	Restaurant	1322 Westheimer	527-8090
Briar Patch		2294 Holcombe	665-9678
Brazos River Bottom	Country, Western, Dance Floor	2400 Brazos	528-9192
Bunkhouse	Dance Floor	1704 Westheimer	520-1818
Burger Bar, Booze Too	Restaurant	327 Westheimer	526-7258
California Rack	Leather, Western, Patio	1717 California	523-0150
Cesar's Palace	Disco	535 Westheimer	522-6058
Chiva's Take II	Predominantly Women	2047 Marshall	528-3533
Club L'Amour	Disco, Predominantly Women	227 Westheimer	528-9045
Copa	Disco	2631 Richmond	528-2259
Cove	Cove	2912 S. Shepherd	524-0170
Different Drum	Leather	1732 Westheimer	528-8508
Dirty Sally's	Patio	220 Avondale	529-7525
Dizzy's		109 Tuam	528-9066
Dog Patch 2	Dance Floor	1213 Richmond	528-3838
Exile	Western, Dance Floor	1011 Bell	659-0453
Gay Country	Country, Western, Dance Floor	2700 Albany	
Galleon	Patio	2303 Richmond	522-7616
Gay Country	Country, Western, Dance Floor	2700 Albany	
Hi-Lite Ranch		6800 S. Main	528-8730
Inside/Outside	Dance Floor, Patio	1318 Westheimer	527-9071
Just Marion & Lynn's	Predominantly Women	817 Fairview	528-9110
Mary's	Western, Leather, Patio	1022 Westheimer	528-8851
Midnite Sun	Disco	534 Westheimer	526-7519

Montrose Mining Co.	Western	805 Pacific	529-7488
Numbers	Disco	300 Westheimer	529-5599
Our Place	Predominantly Women	1419 Richmond	528-8903
Parade Disco	Disco	1416 Richmond	520-1646
Pink Elephant		1218 Leeland	659-0040
Rico's		911 Fairview	528-8342
Rocky's	Predominantly Women	3416 W. Dallas	528-8922
Venture-N	Western, Leather, Dance Floor	2923 S. Main	522-9019
Zodiac	Dance Floor	5110 Airline	691-9928



RESTAURANTS

The listing below is not exhaustive of restaurants in The Montrose. This is a listing of gay-owned establishments or ones open to gay clientele. They have all advertised in the gay press. Most of their names will indicate menu—otherwise a brief note is made.

Baja Sam's (Fine Dining)	402 Lovett	527-9866
Bar-B-Cue Ranch	1525 Westheimer	529-2289
Brasserie (General Menu)	515 W. Alabama	528-8744
Burger Bar-Booze Too	327 Westheimer	526-7258
Chapultepec Mexican Restaurant	813 Richmond	522-2365
Don's Le Patois (Fine Dining)	428 Westheimer	523-5595
Happy Buddha	516 Westheimer	527-8494
House of Pies (General Menu)	3112 Kirby	528-3816
House of Pies (General Menu)	6142 Westheimer	782-1290
Marini's Empanadas	1517 Westheimer	523-4273
Spud-u-like	416 Westheimer	520-0554
Steak 'n' Eggs	4321 Montrose	528-8135
Taco Place	1550 Westheimer	528-9401
Themis' Restaurant	1536 Westheimer	521-9359



RETAIL BUSINESSES/SERVICES

Following is a list of businesses and services that are Gay-owned and/or cater exclusively to Gays and/or are straight but make Gays feel welcome. Let's support them with our patronage!

A Bugman		228-4626
Academy	2040 Westheimer	526-0929
A Cut Above	10008 Bissonnet	777-8083
Artcards	2015-D W. Gray	520-6379
Balloon Affair		667-7220
Berry Rd. Paint & Body	2511 Berry Rd.	691-4949
Bloomers, the Ultimate Petal Pusher	3618 S. Shepherd	524-2937
Bolton Stained Glass	6601 Kirby	668-1788
Brazos Paint and Body Shop	2500 Brazos	522-0722
Byman Furniture		
Cherryhurst Pharmacy	1340 Westheimer	524-3114
Clinical Hypnology Center	411 W. 21st St. #6	861-7467
Creative Metal Designs	2616 Hopkins St.	524-1407
Denton Insurance	3400 Montrose #303	528-3446
Dramatika	1411 Westheimer	528-5457
Eagle Leathers	at Mary's	522-0651
Easy Rider Delivery	1112 Bayland	864-4600
Eurotan	8313 S.W. Fwy #150	771-8888
Frank's Liquor	4633 W. 34th	681-0907
Friday's Florist	1338 Westheimer	524-6518
Friends and Lovers Portraits	3520 Montrose	529-7558
Greenway III (Theatre)	Hwy 59 @ Buffalo Speedway	626-3339
Hair Craft	2110 Lexington	526-5472
High Rollin' Skates	4412 Montrose	527-9886
Hollyfield Real Estate Co.		654-4420
House of Meats	833 Al Gregg	869-3319
Institute of Mental Development (Counseling)	3700 Milam	523-0769
Ivory Hunter (Plants, etc.)	1534 W. Alabama	521-0854
Key Office Products	934 W. 34th	
KPFT (90.1 FM)	419 Lovett Blvd	526-4000
Kwik-Kopy	3305 Montrose	522-1896
Lambda Service Co. (Moving)		520-7744
Manhole (Clothing)	1983 W. Gray	522-1089
Montrose Construction (Remodeling)	2418 Brun	523-4402
Montrose Ventures, Inc.	3223 Smith St. #103	527-0686
Monumental Hot Shot	7 River Haven	452-4315
pHOTography		523-0315
Prestige Travel	3205 Montrose	522-1922

Q-1 Leather	408 Westheimer	527-9044
	1717 California	526-1191
	300 Westheimer	528-3366
	2400 Brazos	527-8676
Ram's Records	521 W. Alabama	529-2551
Record Rack	3109 S. Shepherd	524-3602
Reed Keys	1612 Westheimer	523-2927
	1620 Commonwealth	
Single Services	1621 Westheimer	524-9560
Sound Warehouse	3800 Farnham	523-2200
Specs of Houston (Eyewear)	4709 Richmond	961-9705
Speedy Printing Serv.	5400A Bellaire Blvd	667-7417
Sports Locker	311 Westheimer	520-6555
Summit Exterminating	3224 Timmons Lane, #113	842-7389
TLC (Specialty Shop)	602 W. Alabama	524-5860
Tower Theatre	1201 Westheimer	522-2452
Tres Chic (Eyewear)	520 Westheimer	526-0878
Treyman Flowers & Gifts	407 Westheimer	523-0228
TWT	3223 Smith St. #103	527-9111
Union Jack (Clothing)	4025 Westheimer	622-3100
Urban Camouflage	2015-G W. Gray	521-1146
Wilde 'n' Stein Book Shop	520 Westheimer	529-7014



ORGANIZATIONS/HELPLINES

A Capella Chorus (Church of Christ)	774-2368
Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf	529-2111
Between Two Worlds	4318 Stanford 443-6546
Community Coffee House	3405 Mulberry 529-7014
Crisis Hotline	228-1505
Diana Foundation	2700 Mason ZIP 77006
Dignity (Catholic)	528-7644
est	780-9030
Families and Friends of Gays	664-5339
Gay Hispanic Caucus	772-5678
Gay Joggers Assoc	P.O. Box 13163 523-8788
Gay Nurses & Physicians of Houston	777-2287
Gay Parents	524-0125
	or 522-1442
Gay People in Medicine	522-7360
Gay Political Caucus	4600 Main #215 526-2668
Gay Resource Services	UH/Central Campus 749-3489
Gay Rights A.C.L.U.	Box 66844 ZIP 77006
Houston Data Professionals	861-8384
Houston Gay Pride Week '80	526-5921
	523-6969
Houston Health Dept.	1115 N. McGregor 222-4201
Human Rights League	Box 3624 ZIP 77001 523-6969
Houston Volleyball Team	523-8802
Integrity/Houston (Episcopal)	Box 66008 960-0733
Integrity	Box 16041 ZIP 77002 529-7014
Lambda (Social Group)	5210 Fannin 524-7254
Lambda Alanon	521-9772
Lambda House	1251 W. Gray 522-5408
Lambda Center For Alcoholics	521-9772
Lutherans Concerned for Gay People	453-1143
	521-0863 or 686-4931
Montrose Activity Center	1423 Holman 528-8369
Montrose Civic Club "Near Town"	522-1000
Montrose Counseling Center	900 Lovett #209 529-0037
Montrose Family	3207 Montrose 522-5427
Montrose Marching Band	961-9705
Montrose Patrol	3207 Montrose 520-9616
Montrose Rhythm	520-1600
Montrose Singers	527-9669

Montrose Sports Assoc.	Box 3624 ZIP 77001	
Volleyball	John	522-3487
Softball	Commissioner	528-0436
Men's Bowling	Ed	780-8775
Women's Bowling	Myrt	666-2373
Football/Skating	Bill	529-0021
Tennis	Nick	528-6333
Mustang Club, Inc.	Box 66134 ZIP 77006	
National Assoc. of Business Councils	1911 S.W. Fwy #100C ZIP 77098	
National Gay Youth Council (Southern Region)		520-9273
Operation Documentation		526-2668
Texas Bay Area Gays	Box 985, League City	332-3737
Texas Human Rights Foundation	1519 Maryland	526-9139
Unitarian-Universalist Gay Caucus	5210 Fannin	524-7254
Weslayan Fellowship (Methodist)	Box 3942 ZIP 77001	864-8899

ADULT BOOKSTORES

Adonis		
Asylum	1201 Richmond	
Ball Park	1830 W. Alabama	
Stadium	4629 W. 34	
Studz News	1132 W. Alabama	

HOUSTON ADULT THEATRES

French Quarter	3201 Louisiana	527-0782
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HOUSTON BATHS

Club Houston	2205 Fannin	659-4998
Midtowne Spa	3100 Fannin	522-2379
2306 Club	2306 Genesee	528-6235

FITNESS CENTERS

Fitness Exchange	3131 W. Alabama #200	524-9932
Jim's Gym	607 Westheimer	528-5467



KICK-OFF DAY

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1980

Ten days of intensive celebration, study, and entertainment are ushered in by a night of special events at all the clubs in the Houston Gay community!

Even though bars are no longer the *sole* centers of Gay activity, as they were at one time, they still provide much benefit to the community.

It is impossible to list all of the specifics of what each bar has planned for Kick-Off Evening... but, we do encourage you to take part in one or more of the celebrations going on in the bars. You might consult the ads of your favorite bars as they appear in this Guide, or their ads in the gay press, for details of the many events.

The Gay Pride Week Committee says "Thanks" to all our bars. In tribute to the contributions of the bars, their owners, managers and staffs, we print, beginning here, an article by George Barnhart.

PROUD TO ENJOY

"A Perspective on the Gay Social Scene"

by George F. Barnhart

Nothing in any strata of society, cultural group or minority subculture (ethnic or otherwise), can compare with the unique social element of the Gay Lifestyle known as the Gay Bars, Baths and Bookstores.

secret Druidic festival ground may not always be clear to us, but the fact remains, the social institution that they have become today shows no signs of failing or fading away.

From the ancients until this present day, the social system of the homophile community has always had that special meeting place or melding point that was meant just for us. That our modern Gay entertainment "palaces" may have had their rude ancestral beginning in the Greek and Roman baths or in some

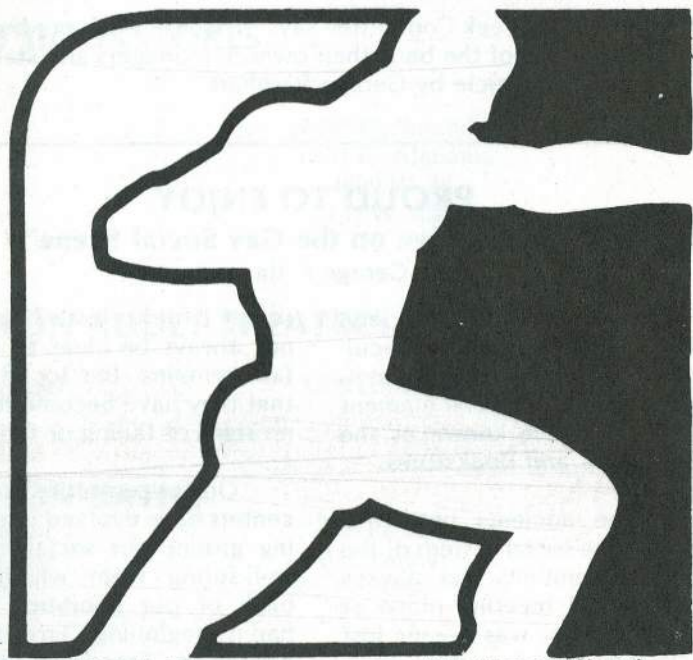
On the contrary. Our Gay social centers have evolved into the breeding ground for social change, the well-spring from which the very birth of our liberation movement had its beginnings. From that fateful day of the Stonewall Inn Riot (the cornerstone of all Gay Pride Week Celebrations) our Gay Bars, Baths and Bookstores (the Three B's) have

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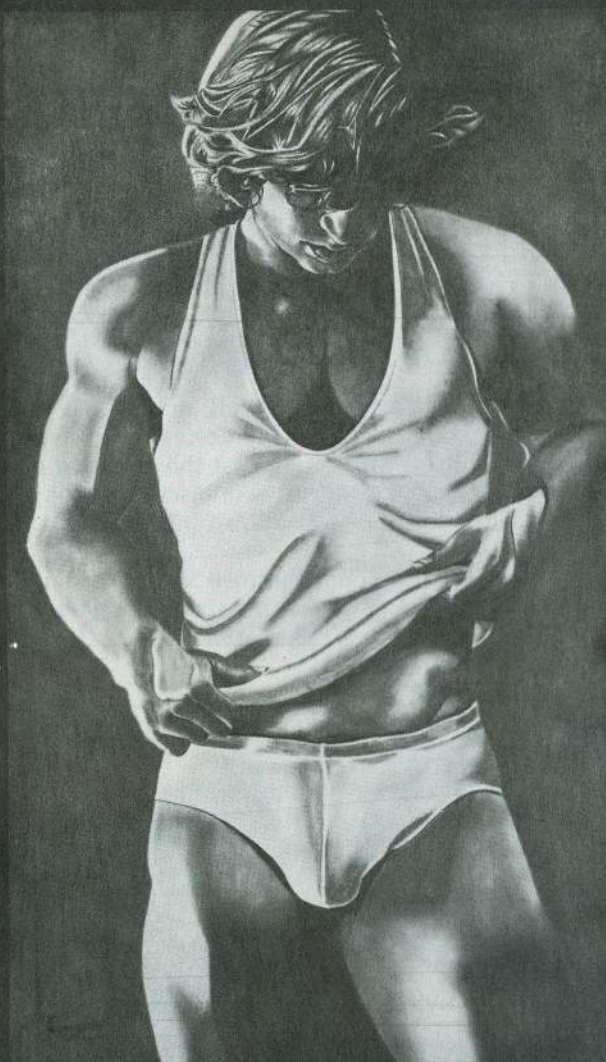


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SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1980

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The second game will feature our Montrose Sports Association All-Stars against the Fire Department Team for the first time. The games will begin at 1pm. Location shown on next page.



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...the likes of which you've never seen . . . during and after the games until ????. Food and beverages will be served in conjunction with the game (a donation will be received to defray costs). Come, enjoy yourselves . . . feast in the forest!

TONIGHT—SPECIAL EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 8PM
LEE McCORMICK IN CONCERT AT MCCR

Lee McCormick sings woman-oriented folk songs. She performed in Washington at the time of the March and has made warmly-received appearances in Houston.



TEXAS DAY ON GALVESTON ISLAND

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 1980

1PM UNTIL ??

"PROUD TO BE GAY TEXANS"

Some Gays feel they "own" Stewart Beach! So, what better place to head for a Sunday in the sun and surf, and suds, too!

All of the details have not been arranged at press time, but we can promise you a good time. The Tavern Guild is making provisions for cold 16oz Coors-on-tap for the reasonable sum of \$.75—profits to go to Gay Pride Week Committee.

Can you really mix Texas Ruby Red drag with bikini drag? Oh, come on—where's your ingenuity?

POOL IT, BABY

Get a car pool/party together and travel on down the Gulf Freeway. OR—drop by your neighborhood tavern, where you can "fuel up" AND "pool up". Yes, gay bars all over Houston will be arranging car pools right at their places of business! Think of all the new friends you can make on the way to the beach!

SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT: SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 10AM

First Unitarian Church
5210 Fannin at Southmore



GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS EDUCATION FORUM

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1980

"PROUD OF OUR INTELLECT"

The *Funk & Wagnall's Standard Dictionary* defines "anthropology" as:

The science of man in his physical, social material and cultural development, including the study of his origins, evolution, geographic distribution, ethnology, and communal forms.

Don Amador applies this scientific discipline specifically to urban human beings, brings his unique gay orientation to bear, and Houston Gay Political Caucus has brought all together with Houston Gay Pride Week 1980 what promises to be an exciting, major educational and political experience.

Amador, 35, holds a Master's Degree in Urban Anthropology and teaches at California State University's Long Beach and Northridge Campuses and at Los Angeles Community College. Listen to a couple of things he says . . .

This is the only minority group in the world that doesn't know anything about its roots.

There are approximately 1,400 cultures in the world. Sixty-four percent of them accept homosexuality.

Amador is a leading proponent of the view that Gays do have their own culture and history, and has been working hard since 1976 to bring his discipline to bear on the Gay Community in what is now one of the few gay studies courses for which credit is given! We know that you won't want to miss what he has to say about "How the gay community can better work with City Hall and vice-versa".

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RAINBOW DAY

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1980

THAT AFTERNOON
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MONTROSE ACTIVITY CENTER
4PM - 7PM

There will be exhibitions representing various deaf associations in the country, as well as a speaker on the topic of the work done by the associations.

Admission is free. So are wine and cheese.

THAT NIGHT
ROLLER DISCO AND DANCE
ASTRO-RAINBOW BENEFIT
NUMBERS DISCO
9PM - 2AM

This is your chance to get in on a roller-skate disco party! Terry Chapman will be the DJ.

Admission is \$4 at the door. Skate rental is \$2—or bring your own!



NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1980

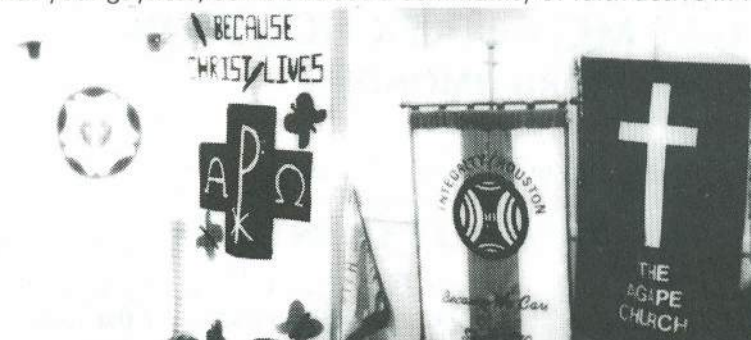
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
5210 FANNIN ST.
7:30PM

Each year during Gay Pride Week, the National Day of Remembrance recalls to our minds the sacrifices of faith of our brothers and sisters in the past. Houston's Homophile Interfaith Alliance sponsors an all-denominational worship service of remembrance and celebration of the lives of gays and lesbians who have died in the Holocaust, at the hands of "queer bashers" and by assassins' bullets!

The National Day of Remembrance is also a time to remember that the struggle against homophobia is a very present one. With this in mind, it was fitting that the Day's Committee chose as guest speaker the Reverend Daniel Harms. Dan, ordained by the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, was recently suspended from the clergy of the Southwest Synod of that denomination which he has served for five years. He was given a "choice": either leave his male lover of six years and not "practice" his homosexuality, or be suspended. He chose to remain true to his God-created nature. He also chose to fight the action of the Southwest Synod. To our knowledge, Dan is the only gay Lutheran pastor ever to openly resist a punitive decision by the church.

Featured musicians for the evening will be the Montrose Singers.

If you have given up on "religion" because you thought it was incompatible with your gayness, come and see a community of faith active in worship.





GAY YOUTH DAY THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1980 SWIM BASH

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7PM - 10PM

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HOUSTON GAY YOUNG PEOPLE (HOST GROUP)
METROPLEX YOUNG ADULTS, DALLAS

Without the frequently-frustrated efforts of Houston Gay Young People, this day's celebration—which includes, at the swimbash, non-alcoholic refreshments, music, and displays from various groups—would not have the dimensions it has this year. Co-Chair David Decker points out the HGYP had its inception in the midst of the enthusiasm of Gay Pride Week last year. Their first formal meeting the next month drew 35 people.

HGYP moves into Summer 1980, anticipating opportunities for further expansion and increased vitality, and support from the Gay Community as a whole!

Summer Schedule: Business Meetings: First and Third Saturdays at MAC
Listen to Wilde 'n' Stein, Thursday nights, for more information.

Social Events: Second Saturday of the month as announced.

All gay young people (age 25 and under) and friends of gay young people of all ages are cordially invited. You can get further information by calling the Gay Youth Hotline at 520-9273.

MR. GAY METROPLEX HOUSTON

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10PM

Come, on the night of the contest just to watch. Entrants will be judged in three categories: Casual Wear, Swimwear, and Fantasy(!).

AND, SPEAKING OF CONTESTS...

Look for Mr. and Ms. Gay Pride Week (who won their titles on June 12) riding in the Gay Pride Parade. This contest is sponsored by the Tavern Guild and Family, and proceeds from the event went to Gay Pride Week.



MINORITIES DAY FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1980 FIESTA

2504 MASON (Mason at Hyde Park)
9PM - MIDNIGHT

Once again this year we will be treated to Fiesta. This delightful "Tropical Evening" features tropical cocktails, Latin American foods, and special guests. There will be a live DJ and, according to Fiesta Chairperson Arther Cordova, there will be surprises. The evening will climax as the Gay Hispanic Caucus presents its first annual "Honorary Hispanic of the Year Award" to an outstanding gay.

If you want an evening of Gay Pride past...

SLIDES OF GAY PRIDE WEEK '79

INTEGRITY COFFEEHOUSE, BERING MEMORIAL UMC
(CORNER OF HAROLD & MULBERRY)
9PM



WORKSHOP DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1980

**HOUSTON ROOM, UNIVERSITY CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
9:30AM - 5:00PM**

In addition to being a celebration, Gay Pride Week is a time when we seek information and understanding from the gay/lesbian community as a whole, and from those individuals of whom the community is composed. At a time when we have gained both attention and notoriety from many individuals within the community at large, it is especially crucial that we seek such understanding in order to interact with members of both the gay and non-gay communities in an optimally satisfying and productive manner. It is equally important that we add to our understanding of ourselves. For these reasons the workshops detailed below will be offered.

Louis M. Dratt, Gay Education Coordinator

AGING IN THE GAY COMMUNITY

Coordinator: Steve Umoff, M.S.W. Conclusions of articles and studies which are relevant to the topic will be presented. In addition, Mr. Umoff will conduct a panel discussion with older gay men and lesbians. The floor will then be opened to discussion.

GAY YOUNG PEOPLE: AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Coordinators: Four members of the Houston Gay Young People. It will begin with a presentation of the video-taped interview with members of HGYP which was produced by the CBS news department and was telecast nationally on the program *60 Minutes*. The floor will then be opened to discussion.

GAY HEALTH FORUM

Coordinator: Gary Brewton, a medical student who is affiliated with Gay People in Medicine. The workshop will begin with a presentation concerning sexually-transmitted diseases (e.g., syphilis, hepatitis) and will conclude with an open discussion.

ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ADDITION IN THE GAY COMMUNITY

Coordinator: John Patrick, former counseling and community education director for the Norman Alcohol Information Center, former lecturer and group facilitator for the Southwestern Institute of Chemical Dependency Studies, and a recovered alcoholic. The presentation will include a discussion of the "stuffing feelings" theory of chemical dependence as it applies to the gay community. Open discussion will follow.

GAYS AND THE HPD

Coordinator: Patti O'Kane, J.D., a member of the Police ADvisory Committee for continued Improvement. Ms. O'Kane will discuss her role as a liaison between the gay community and the HPD, outlining the means for protecting individual rights regarding law enforcement which are available to members of the community. In addition, a member of the HPD will discuss crime prevention, focusing on those problems which are of primary concern to the gay community. Open discussion will follow.

THE GAY PSYCHE

Coordinator: Tony Marchese, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., a psychotherapist in private practice. The workshop will be an experiential session for those persons who are interested in actively exploring the components of a gay lifestyle. Rather than conduct in a formal presentation, Mr. Marchese will use Gestalt and T.A. methods to stimulate input and formulate both individual and group conclusions.

GAY POETS: A SHARING EXPERIENCE

Coordinator: Tim Gaudet, an executive council member of the Gay Resources Services. This workshop will provide an opportunity for local gay/lesbian poets to give readings of and to discuss their work. The floor will be opened to discussion.

LESBIANS/GAYS AND THE RIGHT-WING THREAT

Coordinator: Renee Rabb, long-time activist and recently-elected Board Member of the Houston Gay Political Caucus. Its purpose will be to alert the gay community to the growing political power and well-financed homophobia of ultra-conservative religious groups and individuals. The floor will be opened to discussion.

CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING CONCERNING SEX ROLES AND YOUR PARTNER

Coordinator: William A. Scott, M.S.W., an administrator for the Montrose Counseling Center. It will focus on a discussion of the suppression of fixed roles within a gay relationship and the effects which these roles have on the individual.

HOW SEXISM HURTS OUR GAY POLITICS

Coordinator: Alice Sharader, a feminist and long-time gay activist. Only when we understand the political theory concerning sexism and practice non-sexist behavior on a day-to-day basis can we effectively train ourselves out of the oppression we have been taught. The focus of the exercise will be on positive approaches to relating with each other personally and politically, and will be geared toward taking the fear and the pain out of dealing with sexism.

CONTEMPORARY VISIONS—AN ART EXHIBITION

The exhibition will display the work of some local gay artists and will be set up through the day for viewing. Art exhibited will reflect work in several media.

CHILD CARE AT THE CENTER THROUGH THE DAY

GAY PRIDE WEEK RALLY

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1980

SPOTTS PARK
7:30PM

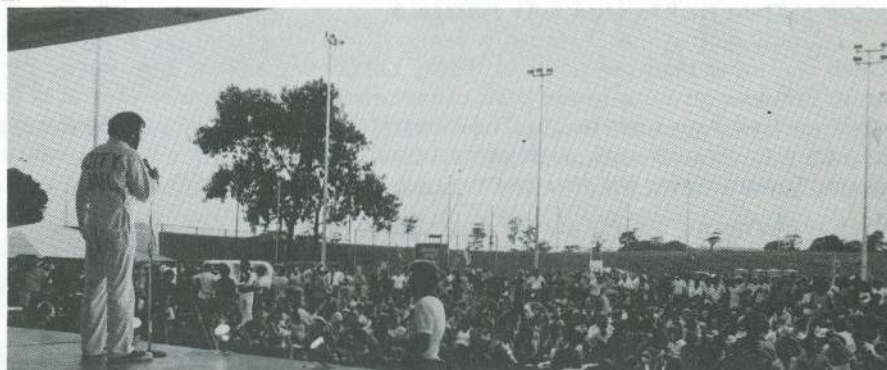
If you were at the Rally in Spotts Park last year, you will want to be there again this year! Remember the feelings you had as \$2000 worth of fireworks gloriously exploded against the backdrop of the downtown Houston skyline?

But, the *piece de resistance* last year was the singing of our National Anthem while that visual orgasm happened in the darkened sky.

And no less a celebration is in the making this year! Once more you will see the rockets' red glare in several thousand dollars' worth of fireworks display. Featured entertainers will include the Montrose Marching Band and the Montrose Singers in concert, as well as others for which the arrangements were being made at press time.

Officially, the Spotts Park festivities begin at 7:30pm. Prior to that, though, well-known DJ Frank Collins will provide disco in the park. You can come a little early, get a good seat and limber up your bodies a little!

So, after the Parade, go to your favorite bar and tell the people how much you enjoyed Gay Pride Week and their participation in it. Then, come to Spotts Park and get into the action. Once more, the magic hour for the beginning of the ending of Houston Gay Pride Week '80, the Rally in Spotts Park, is:



2ND ANNUAL HOUSTON GAY PRIDE WEEK PARADE

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1980

WESTHEIMER BLVD,
FROM SHEPHERD TO BAGBY
3PM

Here is the event which many Gay Houstonians are awaiting! The Second Annual Gay Pride Week Parade down Westheimer. And what an event it was last year . . . some estimated the crowd upward of 20,000; this year there will doubtlessly be more.

Stepping off from the intersection of Shepherd and Westheimer at 3pm, the parade will continue easterly to Bagby: 32 blocks of sheer Pride and Festivity!

The Parade Committee is hoping to round up all 50 of the Texas Flags that were in the March on Washington, to march as a unit in this year's GPW Parade. Then, all Houstonians will be able to share in that exhilarating sight! And, of course, our beloved Montrose Marching Band will be right with them!

Much more interest and intense effort seems to be going into the design and construction of the floats this year! An overall Grand Prize will be awarded, as well as trophies for First and Second Place in a Business Category and a First and Second Place in an Organization Category. You will see the awards on the floats, and formal presentation will be made at the Rally at Spotts Park.

The Gay Pride Week Committee
expresses its deepest appreciation
to William French for assistance in
typesetting this calendar of events.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GAY COMMUNITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

By Charles Gillis, founder of the Gay Archives of Texas

Proud to be... Gay Houstonians in 1980. Our community is now recognized by the national gay movement and media as one of the strongest and most viable in the country. We have the largest and one of the most effective gay political organizations in America. Locally we have demonstrated over and over our ability to mobilize our people, as voters or demonstrators, to promote our causes and protect our interests.

Politicians actively seek our support for their campaigns. Indeed, one-half of the present City Council attended the Gay Political Caucus Victory Celebration at Teamsters Hall on December 16 last year to heap praise on the political organization and impact of gays.

We have every right to be proud of our accomplishments but should never take them for granted. They have been achieved through the sacrifices and efforts of many dedicated individuals with the support of many, many more. Let us not forget that only a dozen years ago there were *no* gay organizations in Houston!

"PROMETHEAN SOCIETY" FIRST HOUSTON GAY ORGANIZATION

Beginning in 1966, Ray Hill, who has aptly become known as the Father of the Houston Gay Movement, began appearing on local radio and before small non-gay groups in an effort to educate the public. Ray also figured in the founding and leadership of the first gay organization in Houston. He, David Patterson and Rita Wanstrom led the Promethean Society which flourished from 1968 to 1970 as a support group for gays. They also represented Houston in the North American Council of Homophile Organizations (NACHO), a brief and unsuccessful attempt (1968-69) at establishing a national gay movement.

In 1969 the Texas Riders, Houston's oldest motorcycle club, was formed.

STONEWALL

On June 26, 1969, the Stonewall Riots erupted in New York City as gays finally fought back against routine raids and police harassment of gay bars. The three nights of rioting were called *the gay shots heard 'round the world'* and are generally credited with igniting the modern gay movement in the United States.

By early 1970, ripples of the Stonewall incident began reaching Houston, and the Houston Gay Liberation Front was organized. Like most other GLF's formed around the country, this group was heavily leftist oriented and was not very well received by the comparatively conservative gays of Houston.

FIRST GAY PUBLICATION

1970 also brought the establishment of *The Nuntius*, published by a local printer, Floyd Goff (under the name of Phil Frank). This gay newspaper, while primarily consisting of bar ads, remains the only printed record of early '70's gay activities in Houston.

INTEGRITY/HOUSTON BORN

In retrospect the most important gay event in 1970 occurred when a few gays approached a local Catholic priest about having meetings in his church. Functioning within Catholicism already were groups of gay Catholics formed into religious chapters under the name Dignity. Originally intended as a chapter of Dignity, the Houston group soon appealed to many more non-Catholics who were eager to participate in a responsible gay organization, and the religious aims of the group was expanded to become an independent, unaffiliated organization choosing the name "Integrity/Houston." I/H is now the oldest gay



1971 POLICE HARRASSMENT

organization in the city and has influenced in some degree much of the gay progress that has occurred since 1970. The group formed the first gay speakers bureau, sponsored the first gay V.D. screening, were among the first to appear before City Council in support of gay causes, led the first successful gay efforts in support of political candidates (former state Representative Ron Waters and former Mayor Fred Hofheinz), and were instrumental in the founding of the Texas Gay Task Force (1974). In 1973 I/H conducted the first survey of elected officials regarding their attitudes toward gay concerns.

When the Corll/Henley/Brooks murder case involving the deaths and sexual abuse of up to 30 young men exploded into the headlines in 1973, Integrity responded for the gay community and is given credit for helping prevent a backlash against gays in the community.

I/H members were among the early supporters of Crisis Hotline and several are still active Hotline counselors. The majority of the small group who founded the Gay Political Caucus were also members of Integrity.

The need for gay organizations was emphasized in July and August 1971 during a series of raids and arrests at the Adult Library, La Caja and Entree clubs. Police appeared with clubs and shotguns and during one raid ripped apart the business, breaking glass and overturning fixtures. One officer was quoted in *Our Community* (a Dallas publication) as saying, "We will continue to raid places like this until every goddam queer has been run out of the city."

An old 2½ story house at 504 Fairview became Montrose Gaze Community Center in September 1972, and for one year the understaffed, under-financed facility provided space for meetings, rap groups, dances and other social activities.

GAY POLITICAL COALITION

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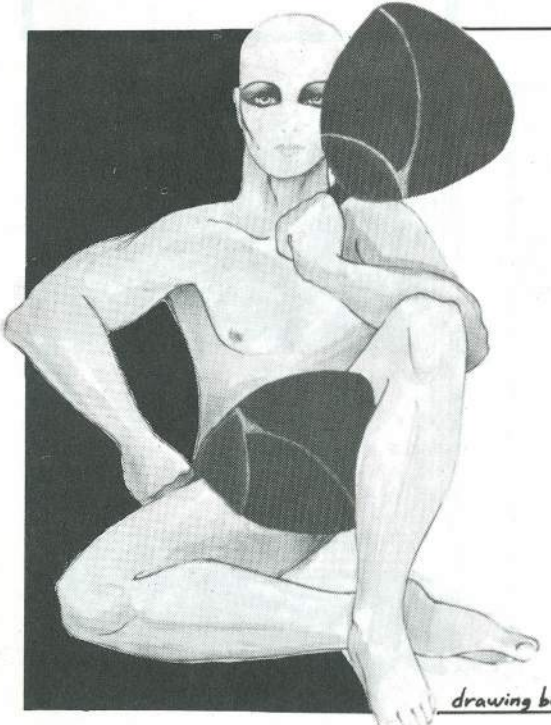
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Coalition. Spokespersons Billy Walker, Chuck Berger and Bob Osborne appeared before City Council in May 1973 to ask that the last week in June be declared Gay Pride Week in Houston.

Other requests were for an end to police harassment of gay people, an end to job discrimination in city hiring, formation of a citizens police review board and recognition of the gay minority by the city Human Relations Council. The requests were shouted down by infamous homophobe (and now former councilman) Frank Mann, who yelled, "You're abnormal. You need to see a psychiatrist instead of City Council."

MCCR FOUNDED

Montrose Gaze also provided the space for initial meetings in the summer of 1973 for a small group of Christian gays led by Arnold Lawson. This group eventually became the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, now one of the largest congregations with an outreach to gay people in the U.S.

MONTROSE STAR EVOLVES

In March 1974, *Contact* was founded by radio broadcaster Henry McClurg. This Houston-based paper became one of the most widely distributed gay newspapers in the U.S. before it was absorbed by *The Advocate*.

It launched the first attempt in Houston at documenting police harassment of gays. The effort was eventually fulfilled by the Gay Political Caucus in "Operation Documentation." McClurg later founded another Houston gay newspaper, the *Montrose Star*, which he published until late last year. The *Montrose Star* is now published by interior designer Bert Hollister.

GAY RADIO BROADCASTING

The many listeners of the *Wilde 'n Stein* radio show, on KPFT-FM, which debuted in the summer of 1977, may not be aware that this is not Houston's first gay radio show.

During all of 1972 KPFT broadcast a program hosted by a woman named T.

Sanders, "to enlighten the straight community about gays."

In 1973 the program was turned over to Chuck Berger for development into a program "by gays, for gays, about gays," named *Out of the Closets, Into the Streets*. In 1974, also on KPFT, gay radio was hosted by Linda Lovell.

Early in 1975 Linda Lovell and Allison McKinney founded *Pointblank Times*, a lesbian-feminist publication which provided news and information for several years.

BIRTH OF TWT

Another publication appeared in 1975 and has continued to be an important source of information for gay Texans. The first issue of *This Week In Texas*, an eight-page booklet published by Lyle Black, was printed for the week of April 5 -- 11.

FIGHT AGAINST 21.06

About this same time, Houston State Rep. Craig Washington introduced the first bill in Austin aimed at repealing the homosexual conduct statute, Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. The unsuccessful effort was assisted by the Texas Gay Task Force and volunteer lobbyist Neal Parker.

The 1975 statewide meeting of the National Organization for Women, passed a resolution urging repeal of Section 21.06. That resolution was guided by Pokey Anderson of the Houston N.O.W. Task Force on Lesbianism and Sexuality.

U. of H GAYS ORGANIZE

Also in 1975 the Gay Activist Alliance was formed at the University of Houston and was granted University recognition.

The group changed its name to Gay Resource Services in 1978 and has continued to contribute to the movement both on campus and through its participation in city-wide events. An earlier effort at U. of H., University of Houston Gay Liberation, did not have official University sanction and folded in 1973.

GPC FORMED IN '75

The most important event of the '70's directly affecting gay people in Houston took place on June 30, 1975.

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Ray Hill, Pokey Anderson, Rev. Bob Falls of MCCR and Jerry Miller of I/H were spokespersons at a press conference called to announce the formation of the Houston Gay Political Caucus. The story was covered extensively by both the *Post* and *Chronicle* as well as on local radio and TV.

The city was put on notice that gays were here and that we weren't going away.

As GPC began to get organized, Gary Van Ooteghem, assistant to Country Treasurer Hartsell Gray, felt a desire to make a significant contribution to the gay cause.

He was further encouraged by conversations with T/Sgt. Leonard Matlovich and Bruce Voeller of the National Gay Task Force.

Van Ooteghem informed his boss that he planned to appear before county commissioners in support of gay rights at their August 1, 1975 meeting. On July 31 Van Ooteghem was dismissed from his job. He soon joined the new Gay Political Caucus and was chosen as its first president.

Van Ooteghem, now publisher of *Upfront America*, is still fighting his dismissal in the Federal Courts, although lower courts have found in his favor.

On September 9, 1975, GPC was officially incorporated. On October 21, GPC hosted its first political rally at Cherryhurst Park, attended by approximately 500 persons, including seven political candidates.

The formation of GPC provided the impetus for much of the organizational efforts that followed in 1976. Ray Hill added gay studies courses to non-credit classes offered in the University of Houston's Sundry School.

An invitation was issued to Houston police officers to participate in a softball game. Not one officer in the Houston Police Department would agree to play.

Rosemary Zule organized Sunrise, a parents of gays groups which met at the old Depository on Westheimer. Although Mary Milam had spoken out publicly in the early 70's on behalf of parents, she had since moved from the city.

Sunrise lasted only about a year, but the void has now been filled by Families and Friends of Gays, led by Annella Harrison.

1975 also saw the groundwork being laid by Gary Van Ooteghem for the Montrose Activity Center. Not until the Center acquired a physical facility in the summer of 1978, however, was it able to function effectively, providing space for many of the community's

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activities since that time.

The first gay parade in Houston stepped off at 3 PM downtown at Main and Bell on June 20, 1976. Three hundred men and women participated in the event sponsored by the Gay Activist Alliance. The parade came at the beginning of Gay Pride Week and at the conclusion of Texas Gay Conference III held at the University of Houston.

Earlier Houston had been well represented at the gay pride parades in Dallas in 1972 and 1973 and at Texas Gay Conference I in Fort Worth in 1974, and Texas Gay Conference II in San Antonio in 1975.

There were no official Gay Pride Week activities in 1977. A planned parade duplicating the 1976 route was cancelled due



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to lack of funds, and a hastily organized afternoon celebration in Cherryhurst Park with beer and music replaced it.

THE ORANGE JUICE LADY COMES TO TOWN

The *big* event of '77 had taken place a few days earlier on June 16 when 10,000 persons participated in a march and rally countering an appearance at the State Bar Association convention by anti-gay crusader Anita Bryant.

The orderly march began at Bagby and McGowan with speeches by Troy Perry, founder of Metropolitan Churches, actress Liz Torres, *Advocate* publisher David Goodstein, Ginny Apuzzo of the Gay Rights National Lobby and others.

The day concluded with a candlelight rally at the downtown library plaza. Leaflets had urged gay Houstonians, "For one evening ... come out of your closet ... you may never go back."

The thousands who answered that challenge and felt the exhilaration of being *out* have since formed the backbone of other successful events, including Town Meeting I the following year.

TOWN MEETING I

Town Meeting I evolved as a grass roots effort, led by community selected co-organizers Charles Law, Steve Shiflett, LaDonna Leake and Ray Hill, to bring together all the diversity of the Houston gay community in one gigantic *town hall* meeting to debate issues and choose priorities for the local gay movement.

Mayor Jim McConn proclaimed the week of June 19 -- 25 as Human Rights Week.

One June 25, 1978 3,500 lesbians and gay men gathered in the Astro Arena, viewed exhibits, exchanged ideas and listened and understood Francis 'Sissy' Farenthold, former State Representative and gubernatorial candidate tell the city (via media), "No one is free unless we all are free."

Results of Town Meeting I are still being felt. The highly successful Montrose Patrol, for example, was originally organized in response to a resolution passed at the meeting.

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Other 1978 events included a gay history lecture open to the public at Rice University, a National Day of Remembrance service sponsored by Homophile Interfaith Alliance at U.H. and the first annual 'Thank You Miss Ima, for Memorial Park' picnic.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF STONEWALL

In 1979 the community decided to celebrate Gay Pride Week with a 10-day series of events involving as much as possible, all the diverse elements of gay Houston.

Co-Chairs Carol Fennema and Bill Puryear coordinated hundreds of volunteers to stage the finest celebration of gay pride Texans had ever experienced. Among the entertainments, finally was the long-sought softball game between gays and members of the police department, tradition being continued this year.

Concluding the celebration was an

afternoon parade down Westheimer, consisting of 50 units exemplifying the rich diversity of Houston's gay community.

The jubilation of the afternoon parade spilled over into the rally at Spotts Park, attended by more than 5,000 and addressed by Midge Costanza, former assistant for women's affairs to President Carter.

As Costanza concluded her remarks, the stirring notes of the *Star Spangled Banner* were broadcast from the sound system; as 5,000 gay men and women rose and sang, a spectacular \$2,000 fireworks display erupted in the sky above the park.

A feeling of freedom and pride spread throughout the crowd and many of us knew that we would never again return to our closets but would continue our struggle to be free in reality as well as in our spirits.

As the events of Gay Pride Week '80 begin, we are indeed *Proud to Be*. This limited look at the history of the gay movement in Houston has named some of the *starts*, both individually and organizationally, which have led us to where we now are.

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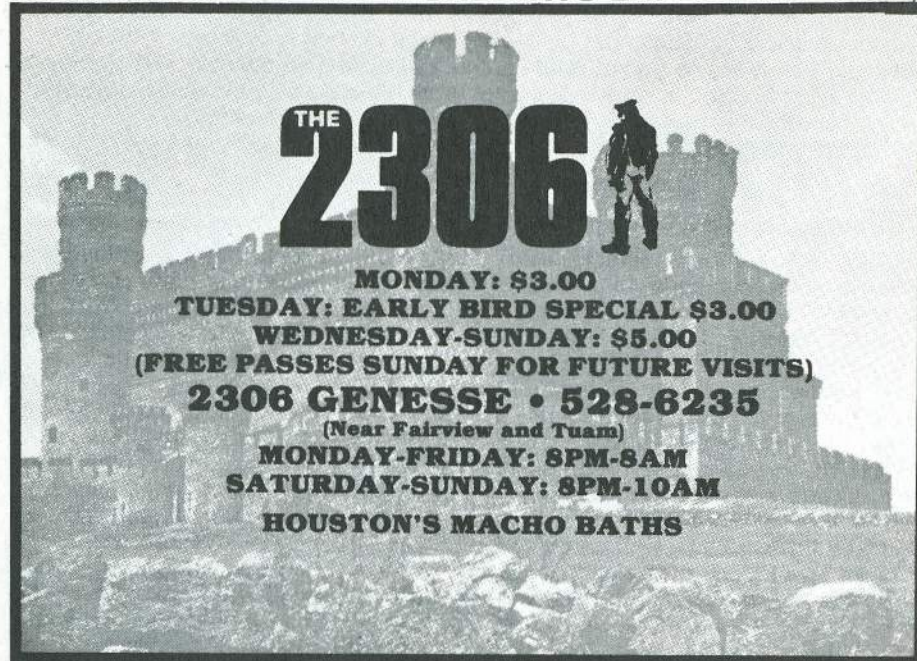
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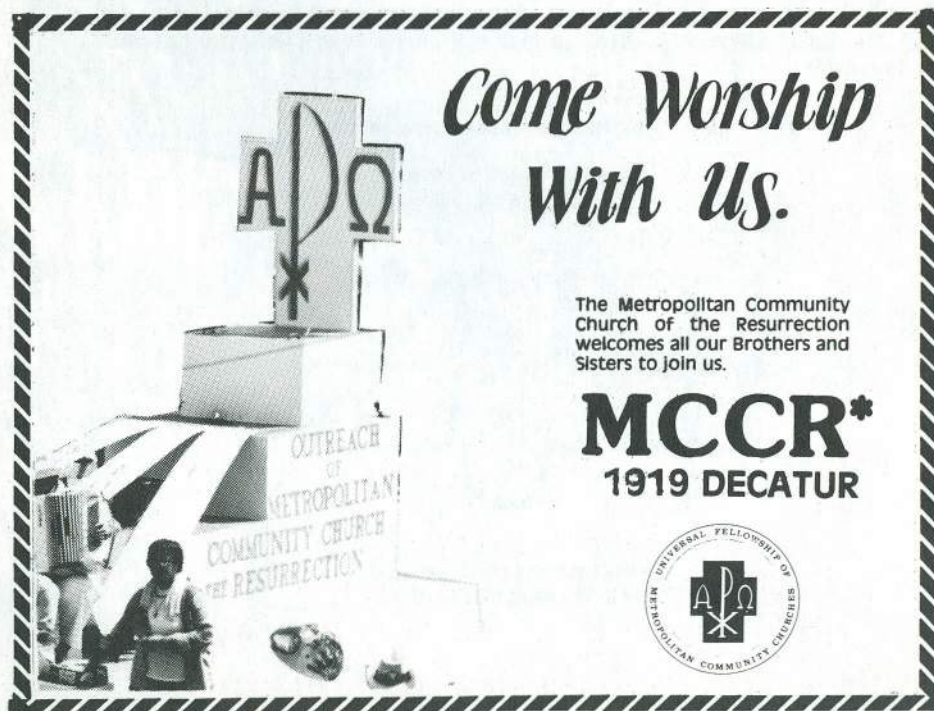
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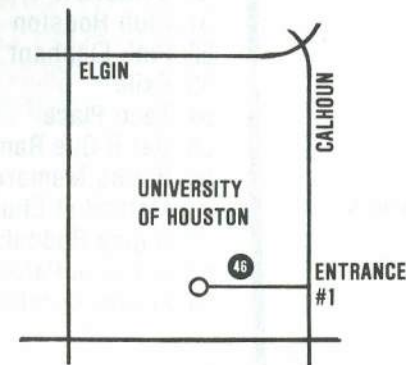
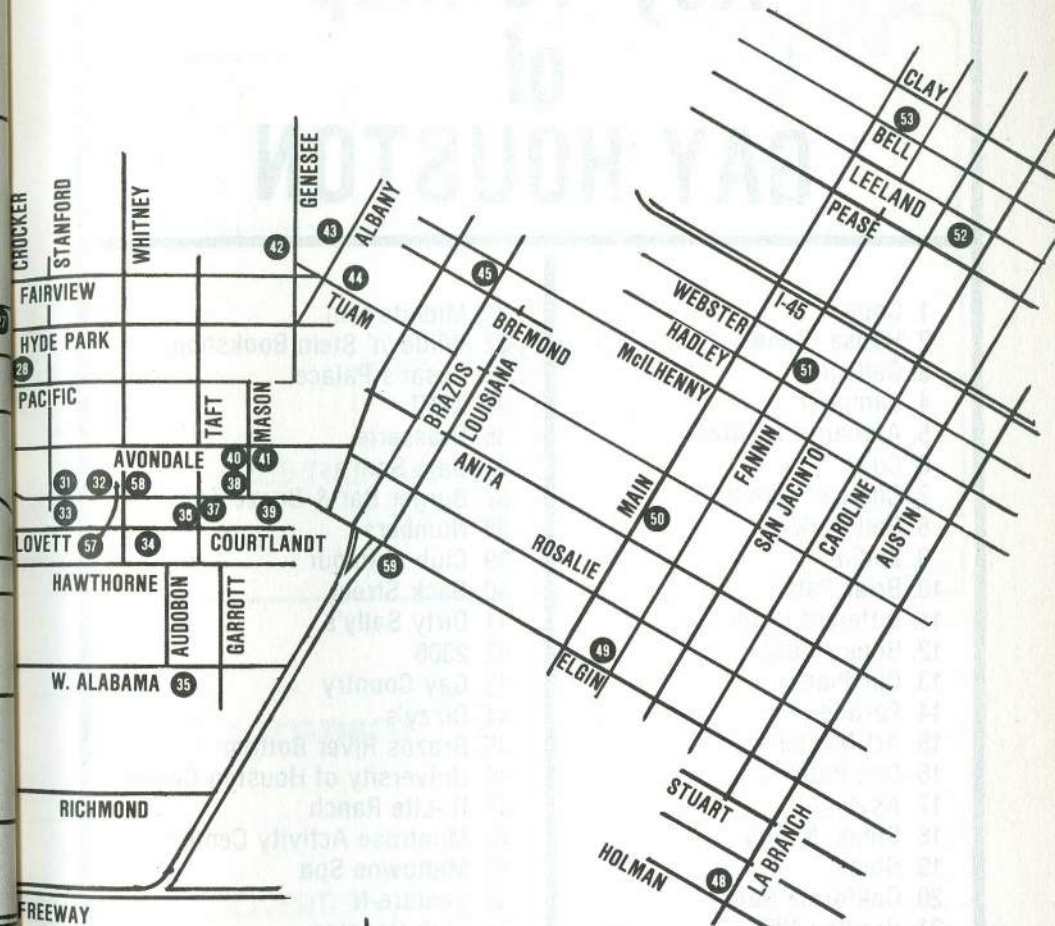
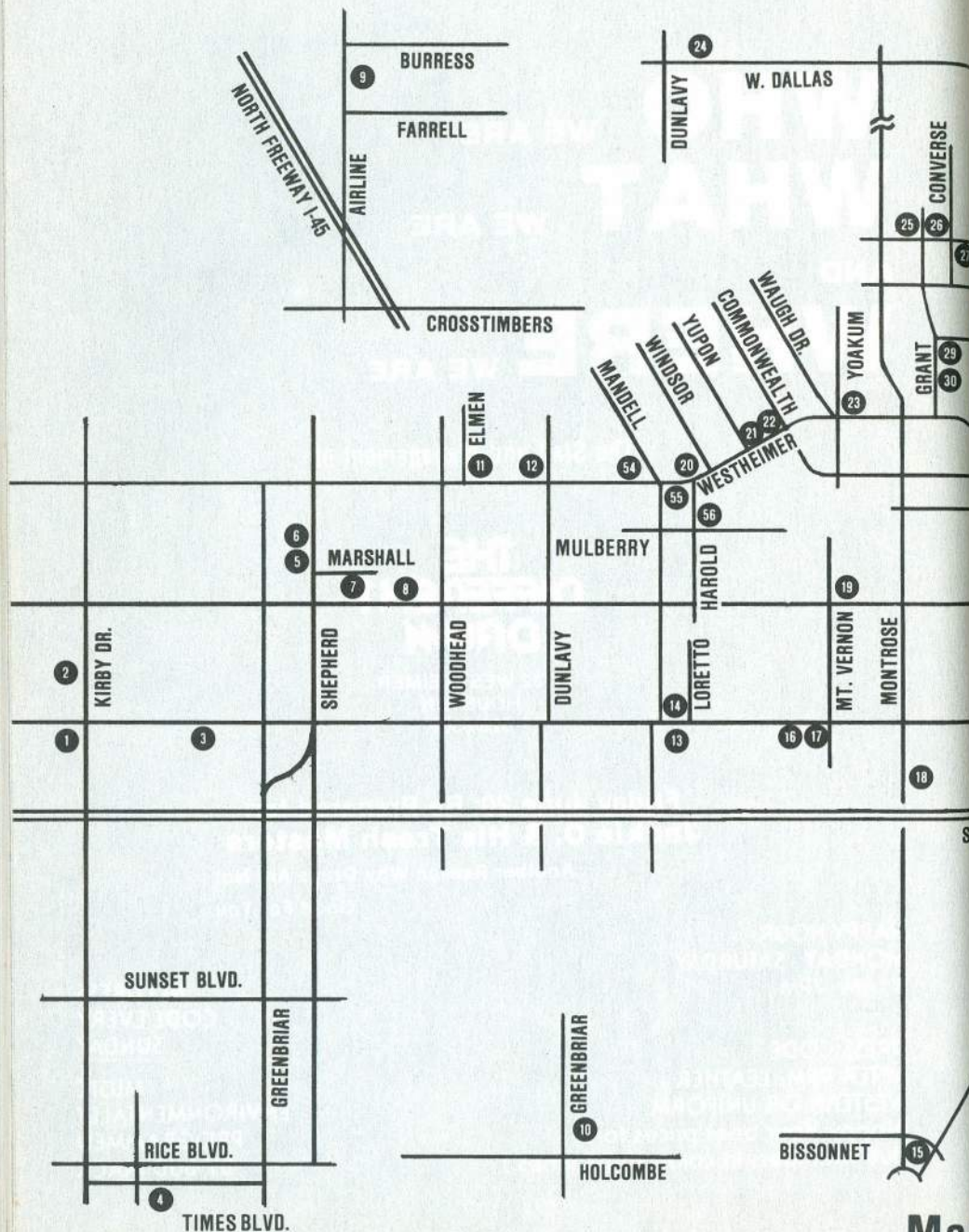
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Key To Map of GAY HOUSTON

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2. House of Pies
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5. Alabama Theater
6. Cove
7. Chiva's Take II
8. Ball Park
9. Zodiac
10. Briar Patch
11. Different Drum
12. Bunk House
13. Our Place
14. Parade
15. Art Museum
16. Dog Patch 2
17. Asylum
18. Steak 'N' Egg
19. Studz
20. California Rack
21. Bradley 1322
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23. Mary's
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35. Brasserie
36. Baja Sam's
37. Burger Bar & Booze Too
38. Numbers
39. Club L'Amour
40. Back Street
41. Dirty Sally's
42. 2306
43. Gay Country
44. Dizzy's
45. Brazos River Bottom
46. University of Houston Center
47. Hi-Lite Ranch
48. Montrose Activity Center
49. Midtowne Spa
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51. Club Houston
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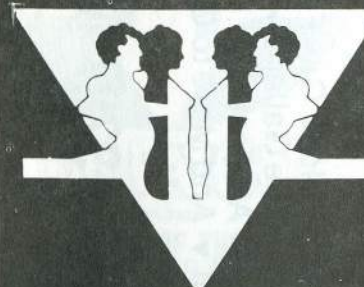
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There are three things that symbolize Ruth Ravas: a black feather boa; a hypodermic needle of monstrous proportions; and, recently, a mean crutch!

Known to most of us as "Mother Ruth," she is an epidemiologist who has worked the City Health Department in Houston for two years.

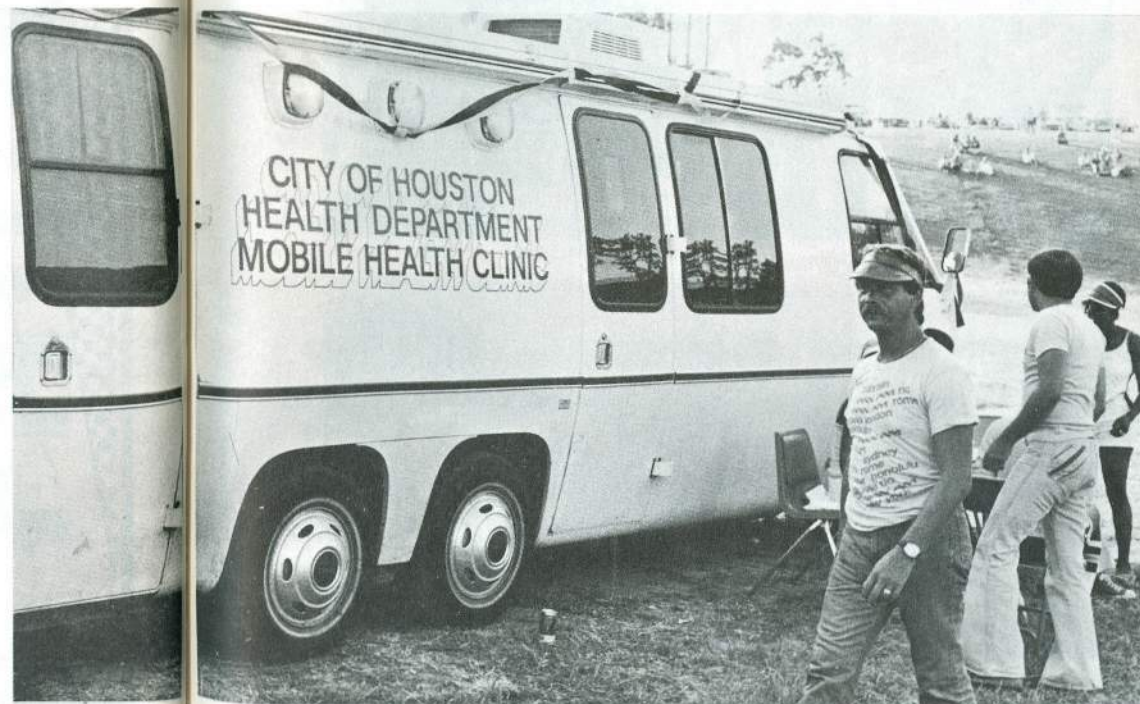
As a health advisor working the area of communicable diseases, she has almost single-handedly tackled the growing problem of venereal disease in the gay community.

On almost any night of the week, she may be

found around the community—at the bars, the baths, GPC meetings—drawing blood!

Her sense of commitment and her sense of humor have won her a place in all our hearts. She is a symbol of willingness on the part of the straight community to accept all aspects of our lifestyle and to help us deal constructively with our problems.

To a large number of people, her warm smile is a familiar and welcome sight! On June 29 we honor her for the work she has done, and for the spirit in which she has done it. Ruth is a personality of whom we can all be PROUD!



FIRST AID

In Case of Emergency, first aid stations will be manned by the City of Houston Health Department at three locations:

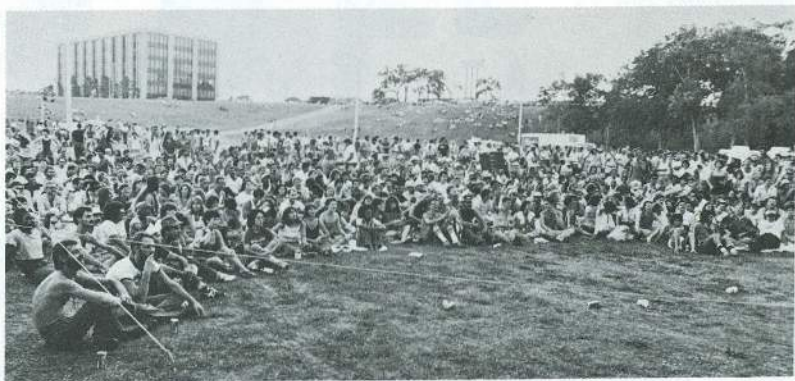
Different Drum, 1732 Westheimer
Inside/Outside, 1318 Westheimer
Mary's, 1022 Westheimer

See map for locations.

REVIEWING STAND

A reviewing stand will be set up for honored guest of Gay Pride Week '80. A narration of the Parade will be given at this point.

As they did last year, Radio KRLY - 90FM - will provide three hours of uninterrupted disco music, so, if you bring along your transistor, we'll have a 32-block long discotheque! How's that for a *CELEBRATION!?!?*



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developed into modern, well-lighted businesses with professional touches of art and decoration. Today's Gay social centers are thriving entertainment meccas, "launching pads" for many famous stars and sought-out personalities. Their "economic clout" is both respected and feared throughout the entertainment world and the industry that serves it (The dramatic incidents surrounding the Coors and Orange Juice boycotts are prime examples.).

There would be those amongst us . . . Gay theorists, thinkers and writers who cast doubts on the validity of our Gay social apparatus and all that it entails as actually serving our common good or fulfilling productive purposes for us as individuals.

Some of the more radical have labeled the Gay "three B's" as convenient self-made cages that straights have "allowed" for us to have to keep us in our place and off the streets. A handy, tidy way for those who don't want to be bothered with us to pack us away, out of sight, out

of mind. Thus . . . "Gay Ghettoes".

Others, with more conservative leanings, on the other hand, would declare that Gay "social centers" are symbols of our own self-oppression—not a sign of our widening freedoms. They would charge that our Gay social elements produce besotten replicas of decadence and depravity, portraying a bad "PR" image of voyeuristic and mindless sojourners in a never-never-land which is steeped in an atmosphere of self-hate and superficiality.

They may be partly right. Our Gay Bars, Baths and Bookstores, are not perfect institutions . . . either for enhancement or ourselves or enjoyment. Neither, probably, can they ever be. They reflect, rather, the personal failings, biases, prejudices of us all . . . some more than others.

The point is they reflect, perhaps, our personal foibles and imperfections . . . but, *they do not spawn them*. And, through these social settings we call our own, we can recognize ourselves: the good, the bad, and the indifferent. Through them we can experiment with our-



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selves, and with each other for constructive changes and development. Through the catalytic converter of the "get down" "get real" world of the Three B's, we learn what communication is really all about. We learn to examine ourselves and explore each other's attitudes in a social context that, in fact, forces those kinds of mental and emotional explorations out of us. Experiencing and sensing the sensuality, the passions, and the beauties of common attraction and purpose is a great part of what life is all about. Growth, pain, joy sorrow, laughter, loneliness, understanding... all these things are confronted, flow through us... and in that process we can learn to become better persons. We make our social institutions what they are by what we are... we change them as we grow and progress as individuals and as a community. That's the magic of it.

That's why I would conclude that our Gay Bars, Baths and Bookstores are something we should be proud of. That's why I would suggest that the next time you go to a Gay Bar or a local Bathhouse, or your favorite Bookstore, that you would enter with a sense of pride and celebration. Celebrate yourselves. Celebrate each other. And, enjoy the experience.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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*The
Montrose Marching Band*

By Rue Starr II

The Montrose Marching Band has startled and entertained thousands of gay and straight Americans in its first year as the Houston Gay community's musical ambassadors to the nation.

Whether leading 6,000 Texans down Pennsylvania Avenue at the March on Washington, or opening a Christmas Pageant at the Albert Thomas Convention Center for 4,000 area schoolchildren, the band has exuberantly testified to the ability of our community to work together.

In last year's parade the band sparked ample enthusiasm. And more than a few damp eyes were evident at the sight of the only Gay Marching Band outside the state of California. During the fireworks that evening at Spotts

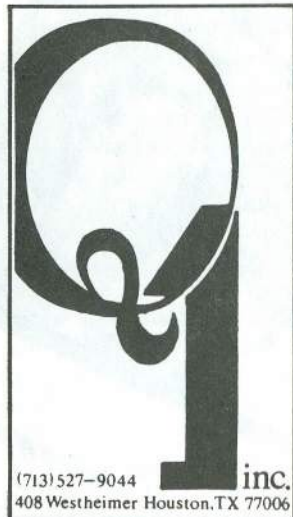
Park, the band (which had materialized six short weeks previously) resolved to go to the March on Washington.

It was during the march that the group of 32 (sans cowboy hats) indicated to America that Gay Texas will be a force to be taken seriously in the 1980's.

Bigger and better than before for Gay Pride Week '80, the band will lead the parade down Westheimer. Elsewhere across the nation, newly formed bands in Chicago, New York and Dallas will join the roster which previously consisted of the Los Angeles, San Francisco and Houston bands.

On the day of the parade in Houston, the band will go on to perform briefly that evening at the Spotts Park Rally. In addition the MMB has planned some special surprises for the Gays VS Policemen/Firemen softball game, and a tentative hour-long concert for the Gay Pride Week kick-off night, Friday June 20th.

Some might accuse Parade Chair Larry Bagneris of exaggerating when he introduces the MMB as "The greatest marching band in the nation." But Gay Houstonians crowding the curbs of Westheimer during the parade will probably agree with him!



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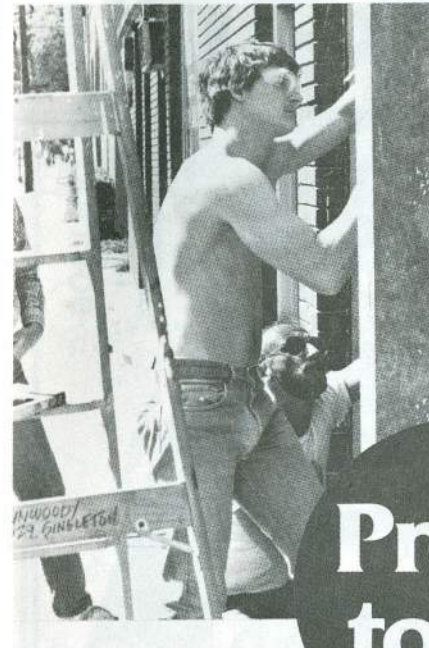
**THE ASTRO-RAINBOW ALLIANCE FOR THE DEAF**

... is the Houston chapter of a North American gay-deaf organization called "The Rainbow Society of the Deaf". The Rainbow Society has 20 chapters in the United States and Canada.

The Houston Chapter formed after Houstonian Bruce Herman went to the March on Washington. He publicized the national organization upon his return to Houston, and eventually became the Houston chapter's President. Together with the national organization, the Astro-Rainbow Alliance seeks both gay rights and handicapped rights.

The Rainbow Society in its independent chapters does things such as organize social events and workshops, and coordinate communication so that gay-deaf persons across the country can meet each other and correspond with each other. In addition, the Rainbow Society is attempting to come up with a national constitution. Its third international convention is to be held in Toronto, Canada, in June, 1980.

The group's office in the Montrose Activity Center was acquired this year. Hearing persons who wish to join the Alliance will be welcome.



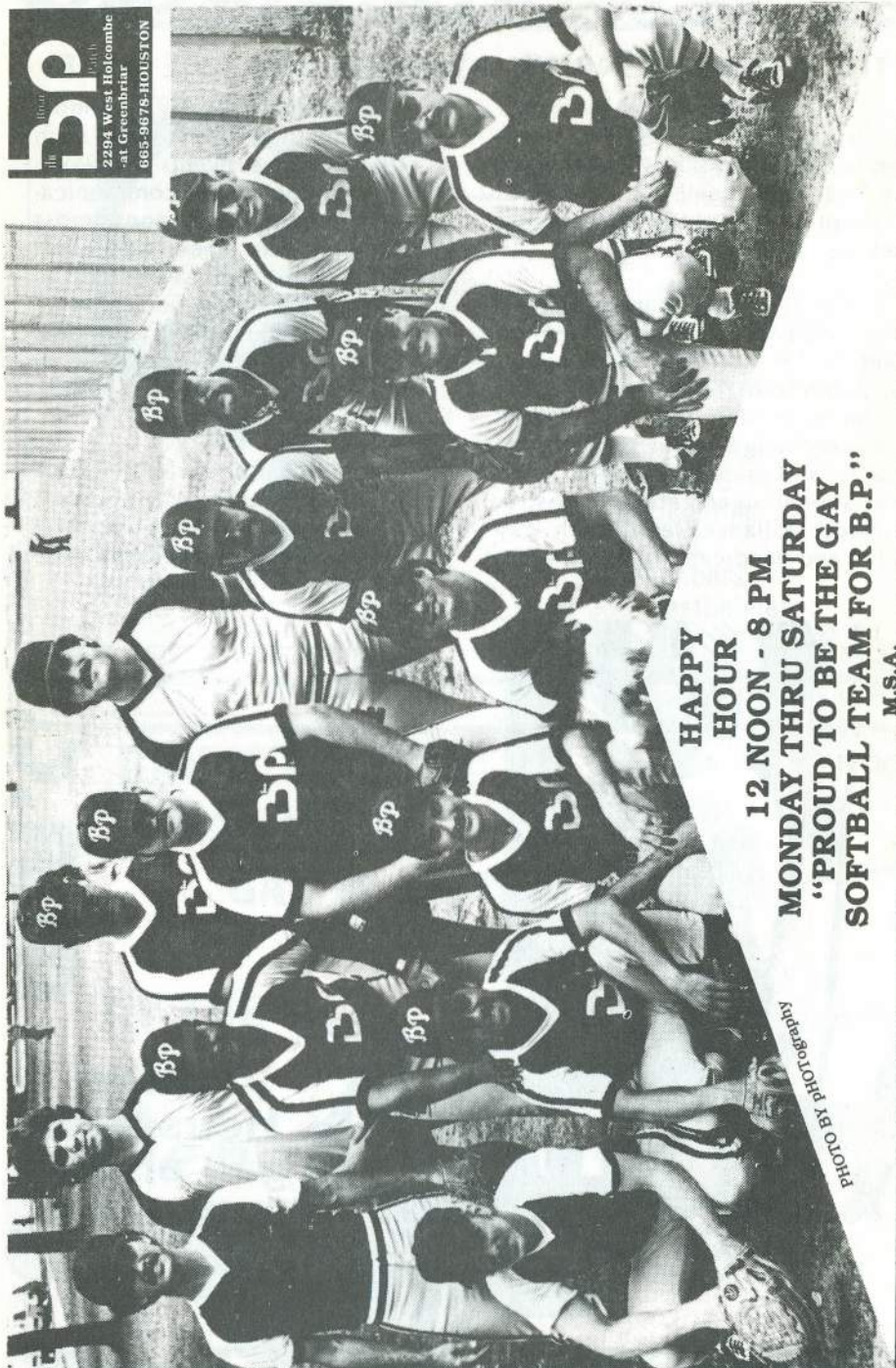
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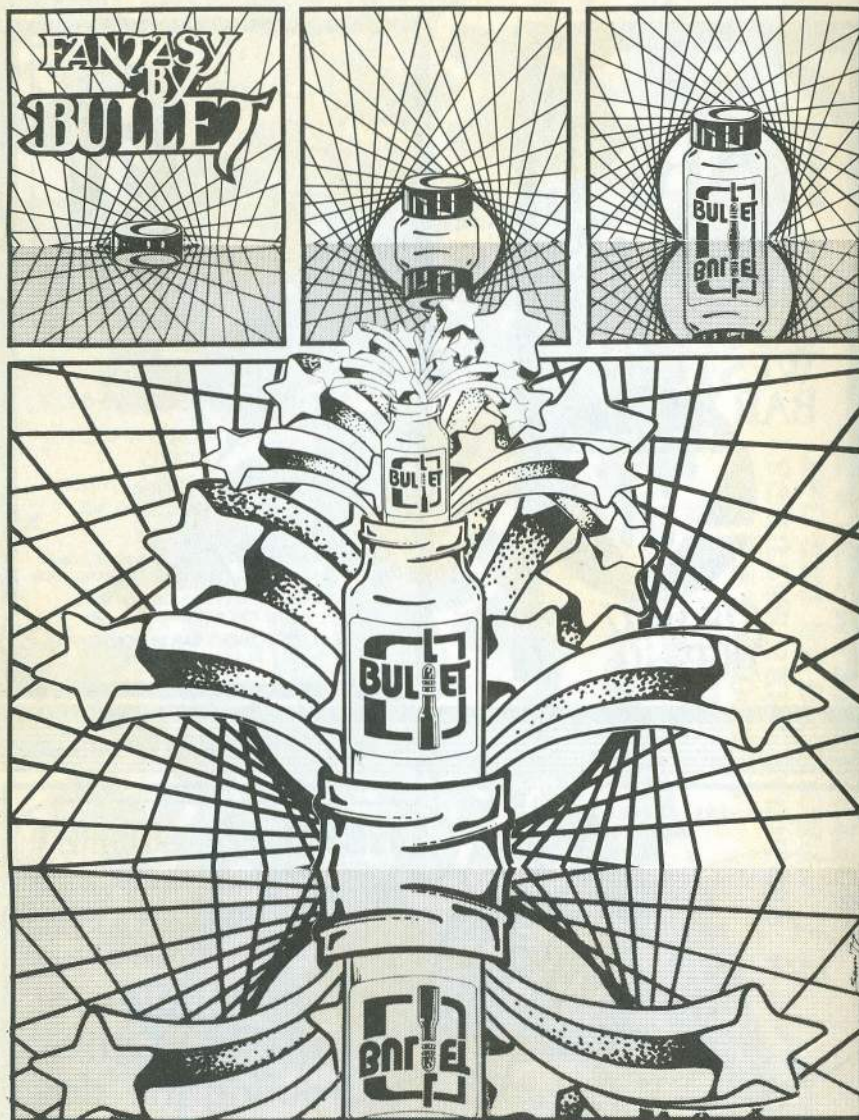
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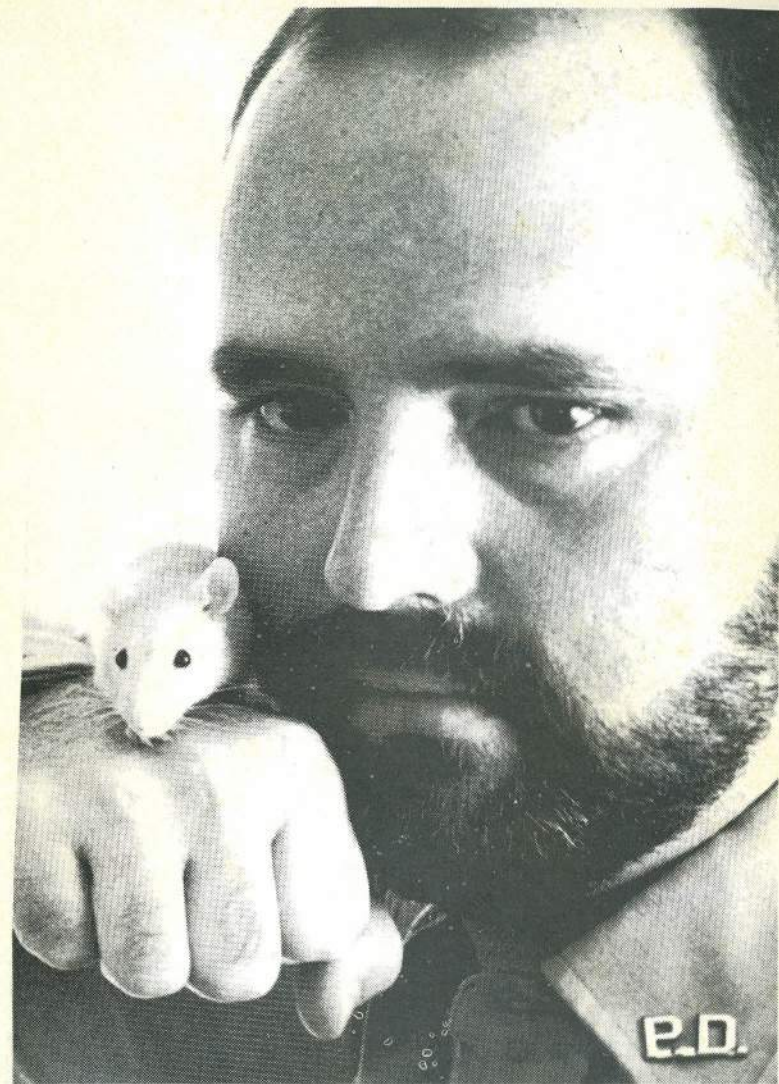


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