



Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991

PRIDE GUIDE

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

by Jack Vallinski

For as long as gays and lesbians have been visible and barely vocal, we have been accused of being too visible and too vocal. We have been told that we are acting too flamboyantly, going too far, shoving it down people's throats. Some people say that "the love that dared not speak its name" now won't shut up! And so on. Yet, as we see it, when we read the major newspapers, watch TV, or listen to commercial radio we are rarely mentioned.

Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week, as one of the most visible gay/lesbian community institutions, has often been subjected to not using our own name on printed material. Some say we don't need to use the words. This is basically self-denial.

To non-gay people our very existence has been interpreted as shaking an irreverent lavender fist under the noses of an affronted citizenry. Outrage, simulated or otherwise, has been the standard response of the morality-watchers.

"When a heterosexual shows a picture of his family, it's called sharing," observes lesbian comic Robin Tyler, "when we show them *Jack Vallinski is co-chair of HG/LPW and has co-produced Wilde 'n' Stein on KPFT for the past nine years.*

a picture of our lover, it's called flaunting. Isn't it time we shared?"

OUR SURVIVAL

Gay and Lesbian pride took a quantum leap forward throughout our country in 1969, the year the gay liberation movement marks as its symbolic birth of our modern movement. It was the year that street queens and other bar-goers responded in an unexpected way to a harassment visit by New York policemen to a Greenwich Village bar on Christopher Street called the Stonewall Inn. The customers fought back, demonstrated, threw things at the police, distributed flyers, and experienced, for the first time, the astonishing sensation of resistance.

The match, once struck, ignited a movement. We formed many community institutions; once started, many of them struggled, some died, and yet many survived. These organizations are of all types, including politics, religion, mental well being, our hobbies, and especially our health. We have also seen the development of our own mass media, most notably, the press. We now have the opportunity to develop an ideology, to counter the propaganda control exercised by non-gay people, and to communicate both warnings and

hope. The role of the gay press becomes a central and decisive one in the movement for gay freedom.

THE PERSONAL VOICE, THE POLITICAL ACT

The personal is political. Sexual politics matter. These are two fundamental principles that the gay liberation movement has learned from the women's movement. After 1969, homosexuals found an entirely new way to view their place in the world. The gay

movement provided, in the words of Gerald Hannon, "that quick, sharp, snap with the past that lifted people out of their frightened, reflex hesitations about their sexuality." That gay is good has always been one of the shinningly simple messages of the gay movement, especially to homosexuals needlessly handicapped by doubt and shame. It is a message that Houston Gay/

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THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF HOUSTON PRIDE

by Sheri Cohen Darbonne

I've been told that this year, 1991, is the 12th anniversary of Houston's Gay/Lesbian Pride Week. Although it is, in fact, the 12th anniversary of the first Pride Parade, held on Sunday, July 1, 1979, it should be noted that this is not only the 13th year that Houston has had a parade, but also the 14th year that there has been an "official" Gay Pride Week* celebration in Houston. The first GPW to be officially recognized as such and to include a week-long schedule of activities was in 1978, the year of Houston Town Meeting I.

I believe those first two years

were critical in forming the foundation of the grand festival of lesbian and gay pride that we now have. So, when Jack Vallinski asked me to write a brief history of the early days of HGL(LG)PW [the title switches from HGLPW to HLGPW yearly—Ed.], I decided to concentrate on 1978 and 1979.

Of course, Houston was well aware of Gay Pride Week* long before 1978. Several cities had been holding annual observances (usually the last week in June), to commemorate the June 27, 1969 Stonewall uprising, throughout the 1970s. Some of these had developed into elaborate celebrations. Here, I can recall discussions of a Houston Gay Pride Parade as early as 1975. We did have a relatively small (300-400) but enthusiastic gay rights march in downtown Houston in 1976. Marching with us was a legend of our time, openly gay before the term was ever used, the late Vito Russo. But the real milestone came the next year, with the 1977

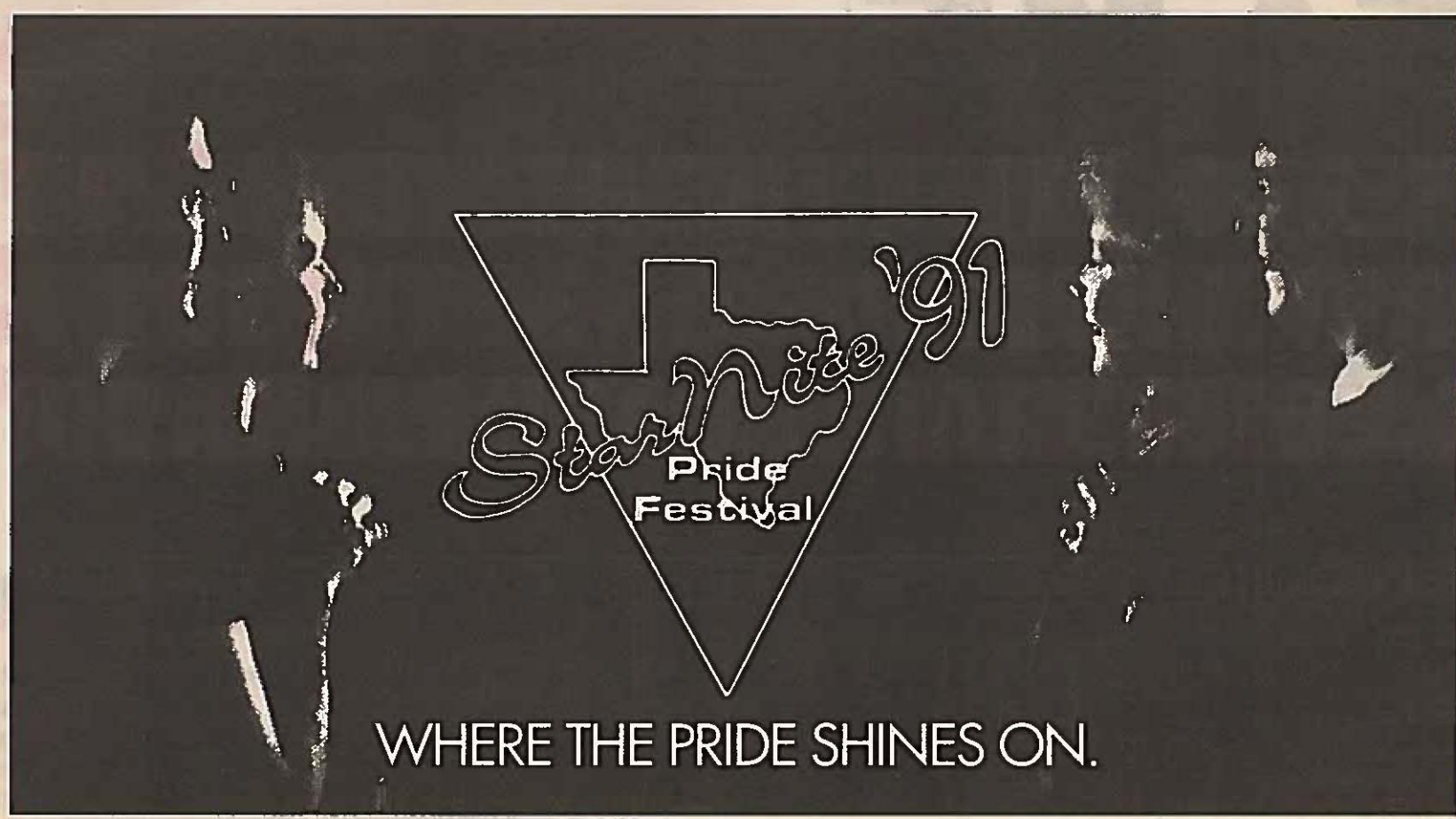
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* as it was known then

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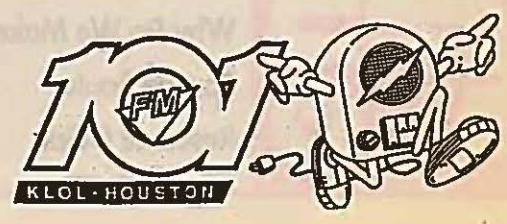
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Welcome!

The Executive Team welcomes you to **Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991** with this year's theme, **TAKE PRIDE**. For months, we have been busy organizing and coordinating the events and the "Feel the Music" Parade.

This year marks the 22nd anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in New York City where our brothers and sisters tired of being treated as second class citizens and revolted against the police. That event is considered the beginning of the modern gay and lesbian rights movement.

As the 1990s unfold, we look back at both our achievements and our disappointments. We have had many successes in becoming a visible community. In the 80s, there was very rarely a mention made of using the media. Today, hardly a day goes by where the subject does not come up, though not always in a positive light. One disappointment is our battle with AIDS. Every one of us has had to deal with the loss of loved ones and we have all been emotionally scarred by the epidemic.

But we have learned to rely on ourselves for support. As Pride Week begins, reaffirm a commitment to work together. We can **TAKE PRIDE** in our survival during the worst of times. It is now time to celebrate this feat.

So please join us in celebrating Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991. A glance through the Resource Guide might surprise you—there is an awesome array of groups and organizations in which you can participate. As you sample the many social, cultural, political, and educational events of Pride Week, notice all the volunteers who made them happen. Consider getting involved in some of those organizations so that we can build an even stronger and more vibrant community. And please patronize our advertisers who have made this Guide possible.

TAKE PRIDE, Houston, and have fun!

Gay/Lesbian Pride Week Executive Team



Each year, the Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee selects individuals who we feel exemplify our community. These individuals have sacrificed much of their lives to make a better world not only for gays and lesbians but for everyone. Below are just brief biographies of their accomplishments. It would take more than the size of this PRIDE GUIDE to do justice to each individual.

GRAND MARSHALLS

Linda A. Morales

Linda was born in Uvalde, Texas, and is a media specialist by profession. The activist spirit Linda has had almost all her life has led her from Hispanic activism to the feminist movement, to lesbian/gay liberation, and, finally, to frontal assault against state law.

Linda's latest challenge is to overturn Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, the homosexual conduct law. Says Morales, "Political activism must be a state of mind all the time when one lives in a world of discrimination. The day racism, sexism and homophobia end, my work will be completed."



Jack Jackson

"At a very early age, I learned that I am my brother's keeper since I had an older brother who was retarded and epileptic. This has stood me in good stead to think beyond myself or my needs."

Jack has worked with many groups in the community including Citizens for Human Equality, Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus, The Gay/Lesbian Switchboard, and The Montrose Counseling Center. "I count my blessings to walk with equanimity with all groups and organizations to try to fill whatever needs arise. If I cannot do it physically, I do monetarily to the best of my ability. My simple credo is everyone needs love, always a hug, and sometimes a bowl of soup. I have all three in abundance."



Gene Harington

Gene was born in New York City and was educated at the University of California at Berkeley, Columbia University, and Yale Law School. After serving in the Peace Corps, he worked with the United Farm Workers, and the American Civil Rights Movement.

Gene was a trustee of the Texas Human Rights Foundation at the time of the federal challenge of 21.06. Gene was appointed to the Legislative Task Force on AIDS and was instrumental in their policy recommendations for more funding and nondiscrimination.

Gene organized the AIDS Equity League and worked hard on improving the legal condition of people with AIDS.



HONORARY GRAND MARSHALLS

Katy Caldwell

Katy is currently Harris County Treasurer and been active in Democratic Party politics for many years. Katy is involved with the AIDS Trouble Fund Citizen Advisory Committee.



Lady Victoria Lust

Born in a small town in Northwest Arkansas in 1949, He learned at a very early age that he enjoyed playing dress-up in his grandmother's old Victorian hats and his mother's flapper dresses. After college, he toured the next ten years as a "drag queen." He has worked in the bar and entertainment industry and as an HIV counselor. Victoria is well known throughout the community for performances benefitting the fight against AIDS.



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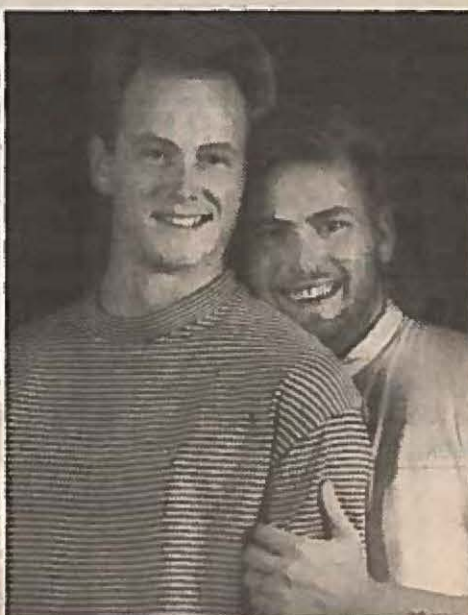
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PRIDE WEEK EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Pride Week Kick-off Party

Time: 9-12 p.m.
Place: Brazos River Bottom (2400 Brazos)
Sponsor: Gay/Lesbian Pride Week
Cost: Regular cover (\$1)

The Kick-off Party is a fundraiser and kickoff party for Gay/Lesbian Pride Week.

Quarantine of the Mind

Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Kuumba House Repertory Theater, 3414 LaBranch (at Holman)
Sponsor: The Group theater workshop
Cost: \$10

The Group presents *Quarantine of the Mind*, starring guest artist David MacLean from Toronto, Canada. *Quarantine of the Mind* is a haunting and humorous piece dealing with the AIDS crisis. Seating is limited, reserve early. ☎ 522-2204. (*Quarantine* will also be performed on Saturday and Sunday evenings, June 15-16.) "*Quarantine of the Mind* squeezes your heart to pump blood into the brain...McLean is magnetic...it's a beautifully written play." — Winnipeg Free Press.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Legal Issues Facing the Gay/Lesbian Community

Time: All day
Place: Texas Southern University
Sponsor: Texas Human Rights Foundation
Cost: \$5 requested

This will be an all-day series of lectures and workshops dealing with legal issues facing gay men and lesbians. ☎ (512) 453-8917

"Next Step" Workshop

Time: 1-5 p.m.
Place: 4211 Graustark (behind Audette Clinic, 1200 Richmond)
Sponsor: Audette Center, an affiliate of the Montrose Clinic
Cost: Free; donations accepted

Workshops are designed for and contain information recommended for persons who have recently been diagnosed HIV-positive; includes T4/T8 Cell Count, syphilis and tuberculosis testing, and medical referral, if needed. Attendance limited to 40. ☎ 528-5531 (TDD, 528-3577)

Annual Bar-To-Bar Fun Run

Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Starts at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos
Sponsor: FrontRunners
Cost: Minimum donation, \$10 for charity of your choice

The course starts at the BRB, stops at several watering holes along the way, and ends at JR's on Pacific Street. The entire course is approximately three miles long with plenty of opportunities for rest and refreshment along the way. Contact FrontRunners for more information, ☎ 522-0899 or 522-8842.

1991 Pride Awards Banquet

Time: 6:30-10 p.m.
Place: Stouffers Presidenta Hotel, Greenway Plaza
Sponsor: Montrose Activity Center / Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection
Cost: \$35

Dinner, awards presentation, and silent auction program featuring former actress turned feminist activist Shelia James Kuehl. Semi-formal. ☎ 524-4318

An Evening of Comedy and Song

Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Hyatt Regency West, 13210 Katy Freeway
Sponsor: Gay/Lesbian Parents Coalition International
Cost: \$10 advance, \$12 at door

Lynn Lavner returns to Houston to host this evening's entertainment. Dancing afterwards until 2 a.m. ☎ 524-8505

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

The Evangelistic Ministry of Delores Berry

Time: 10:30 a.m., 7:15 p.m.
Place: MCCR, 1919 Decatur
Sponsor: MCCR
Cost: Free

☎ 861-9149

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Building Healthy Relationships That Last

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose
Sponsor: AIDS Foundation Houston
Cost: Free

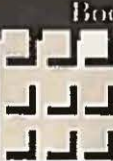
The AFH wellness program is sponsoring this workshop to focus on the development and maintenance of gay and lesbian relationships. It will devote much time to open discussion regarding the various dilemmas of establishing compatibility between same-sex partners. The facilitator will be therapist Bill Scott. For more information, contact Bart Loeser, ☎ 623-6796.

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Spiritual Renewal with Delores Berry

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Sponsor: MCCR
Cost: Free

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Gay Nineties Roller Skating Party

Time: 7:30-10:30 p.m.
Place: Carousel Skating Rink (Old Katy Road between Campbell and Blalock)
Sponsor: StarNite '91 Pride Festival
Cost: \$5 (includes skate rental)

This will be a skating party with beer, wine, and sodas to benefit the StarNite '91 Festival.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

Quilting Bee Workshop

Time: 6-9 p.m.
Place: 1410 Fairview
Sponsor: Houston NAMES Project
Cost: Free; bring materials

The Houston NAMES project will help people make a memorial panel to remember their loved ones. Call for information. ☎ 52-NAMES.

Let's Make a Joyful Noise!

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: 501 E. 18th St.
Sponsor: Community Gospel Church
Cost: Free

This will be an uplifting gospel concert and congregation sing-a-long. All persons are welcome to participate. Please call in advance to be put on the program. Come join us! ☎ 863-8846

Theater Night

Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Stages Repertory Theatre
Sponsor: The Company We Keep
Cost: \$8.50-15

The Company We Keep and Lee Harrington present *P.S., Your Cat Is Dead* by James Kirkwood, co-author of *A Chorus Line*. The play is a hilarious off-Broadway hit comedy about a hunky gay(?) burglar who gets himself tied up and his pants cut off. Tonight's performance honors the author and will include a meet-the-cast party. **Reservations are essential**; last year's Company performance sold out early. Special rates and seating for groups of ten or more. For reservations, ☎ 523-9000, 1-5 p.m. (The play will also be performed Thursday through Saturday, June 20-29 and July 5-13). "It's a raunchily funny play that is filled with wonderful showbiz dialog that crackles." — New York Times.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Quilting Bee Workshop

Time: 6-9 p.m.
Place: 1410 Fairview
Sponsor: Houston NAMES Project
Cost: Free; bring materials

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THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Quilting Bee Workshop

Time: 6-9 p.m.
Place: 1410 Fairview
Sponsor: Houston NAMES Project
Cost: Free; bring materials

The Houston NAMES project will help people make a memorial panel to remember their loved ones. Call for information. ☎ 52-NAMES.

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure

Time: 7-9 p.m.
Place: Missouri Street Station, 1117 Missouri
Sponsor: Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby (LGRL)
Cost: Donation requested

Fundraising event thanking the community for its continuing support of the LGRL, the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus, the Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas, and Rep. Debra Danburg.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Drag Queens In Outer Space

Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Kuumba House Repertory Theater, 3414 LaBranch (at Holman)
Sponsor: The Group theater workshop
Cost: \$10

Need we say more...? An outrageous comedy that spoofs some of your favorite cult film classics; written by Sky Gilbert, directed by Joe Watts. Seating is limited, reserve early. ☎ 522-2204. *Drag Queens* will also be performed Fridays and Saturdays through July 20. **DON'T MISS THE MADNESS!**

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WHY DO WE MAKE SUCH GOOD VICTIMS?

by Phyllis Randolph Frye

My experience and beliefs are that we make very good victims. Unfortunately, we make excellent victims! My belief is that we do so for two reasons: (1) most of us take the abuse without a fight or complain only when "our ox is being gored", and (2) most of us belittle and put down each other for reasons related to nothing other than preju-

discrimination in employment and housing continues. People get fired when their boss finds out they are homosexual or transgenderal; with the transgenderal person who is making the "actual change", they are out of work for a longer period because during the period they don't always pass so well. As to housing, I've heard stories about same-sex couples who must rent a more expensive two-bedroom

own experience, as someone who "paid her dues" and who practices law openly, that I have enjoyed financial gain, I have felt support from my peers (who have elected me to the Board of the Harris County Criminal Lawyers' Association), and I did receive a groundswell of backing (which continues through this date) when I was attacked by a newspaper columnist last November.

We can quit being victims, as I have presented above, by being strong individually against our external abusers. And we can quit being victims, as I now also argue, by being strong individually against our internal destroyers.

When a lesbian or gay or transgenderal person—someone who is obviously a member of an oppressed minority—expresses prejudice and bigotry against others or even against their own, then that person internally destroys the entire movement. They act as a cancer to weaken our

united front. I am amazed when a member of our community whines about how bad things are for her or him, and then puts down another race, the opposite sex, another religion or agnosticism, or the other sexual orientation or gender identification. How can anyone expect to be treated with respect and dignity if she or he uses racial epithets or stereotypes, or puts down women or men, or attacks another religious belief or conscious lack of belief? How can homosexuals put down transgenderals or visa versa? It weakens us as a community!

In closing, I suggest this: (1) join something, anything that puts you in contact with those of us who are struggling to be free and proud, and (2) insure that whatever organizations you do join or belong to incorporate into its by-laws a non-discrimination policy "with respect to sexual orientation, race, sex, religious belief, disability, and gender identification." λ

"the victimization would stop if we all stood up and came out of our closets"

dice and bigotry.

As lesbian, gay, and transgenderal people, we are victims of hate crimes and violence, victims of police string and police abuse, victims of discrimination in employment and housing, and victims in family, religious, and social matters. If you don't think so, consider this.

At this time, the Houston Police Vice Squad arrests gay men in Memorial Park after openly inviting them for sex. (That is entrapment, but no one ever wants to fight it out in a courtroom with the probable publicity and expense.) Then the HPD vice squad uses those arrests to bait and entrap others. Sometimes you can hear them at the courthouse bragging to each other about how easy it is to "bust faggots at the park".

Routinely, police physically abuse and harass both gay men and cross-dressers and often harass lesbians as well. (That is also illegal, but very few people ever want to fight it out in the courtroom with the probably publicity and expense). And police routinely play down or "roll their eyes" when called to a scene on the complaint of "gay baiting" or outright violence against the person or property of a lesbian, gay, or transgendered person.

Phyllis is a long-time advocate of our community and is a lawyer in private practice. Currently, she is on the Board of the League of Women Voters of Houston, and the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association and the Gulf Coast Transgender Community—An Outreach Organization. She also helped in the formation of the new Bar Association for Human Rights in Houston.

apartment. I've also received phone calls from transgenderals who have been literally "moved out" of their apartments and told to leave.

Can lesbian couples or gay male couples marry? I interpret the law to say "yes". (But what county clerk will issue the license and what couple is willing to fight it out in a courtroom?) Is a heterosexual couple required to divorce if one is transgendered and desires surgery? I interpret the law to say "no", but many surgeons have required divorce prior to surgery. What is the legal protection for a "divorce" of a same-sex couple that have lived together long enough to acquire "community assets"? Compare that to the statutory divorce protections for both persons in the opposite-sex couple with a legal "common-law" marriage.

The "sins of Sodom" have nothing to do with homosexuality, yet the consensual, private, and adult intimacies that couples in our community share is referred to consistently in the legislature, churches, and press as *Sodomy*. Compare Genesis 19 with Ezekiel 16 and Judges 19: we should, therefore, label any and all heterosexual conduct as *Benjamin!* Why do we pay taxes when the churches that participate politically against us remain tax-exempt?

Yes, we make very good victims. We do so because we don't stand up, shed our closets, and fight when we need to. You and I have seen some serious inroads and major successes thanks to the Ray Hills and Marion Panzers and Toni Mayess of this city and nation. But the victimization would all stop if we all stood up and came out of our closets. I know from my

FIRST TWO YEARS

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"Anita Bryant" march and rally in response to the homophobic entertainer and Florida Orange Juice spokesperson's visit to Houston. The event represented the first major gathering of gays, lesbians, and supporters—10,000—in the city, and Houston Gay Pride Week was born the next year.

1978

The schedule of events for GPW 1978 began with a prayer vigil held at the Houston Public Library Plaza on June 16, in memory of the Bryant rally held there a year before. Other events included a civic-minded "Clean Up Montrose Day" sponsored by the Gay Political Caucus* on Sunday, June 18; a gay studies lecture by the Houston Human Rights League (Monday, June 19); the National Day of Remembrance (Homophile Interfaith Alliance, Tuesday, June 20); a roller skating party at Carousel Skating Rink on Thursday, June 22; the "Thank You Miss Ima Hogg for Memorial Park Gay Community Picnic" on Saturday, June 24; and, of course, Town Meeting I, the historic community planning meeting held at the Astroarena on Sunday, June 25, 1978. Many present-day organizations and projects, including Gay and Lesbian His-

panics Unidos and the Montrose Clinic, trace their roots to TMI. The registered attendance was 3,000—significant in light of the fact that this was a political/community organizing event specifically for the gay/lesbian community, not a party or a rally for "crossover" causes.

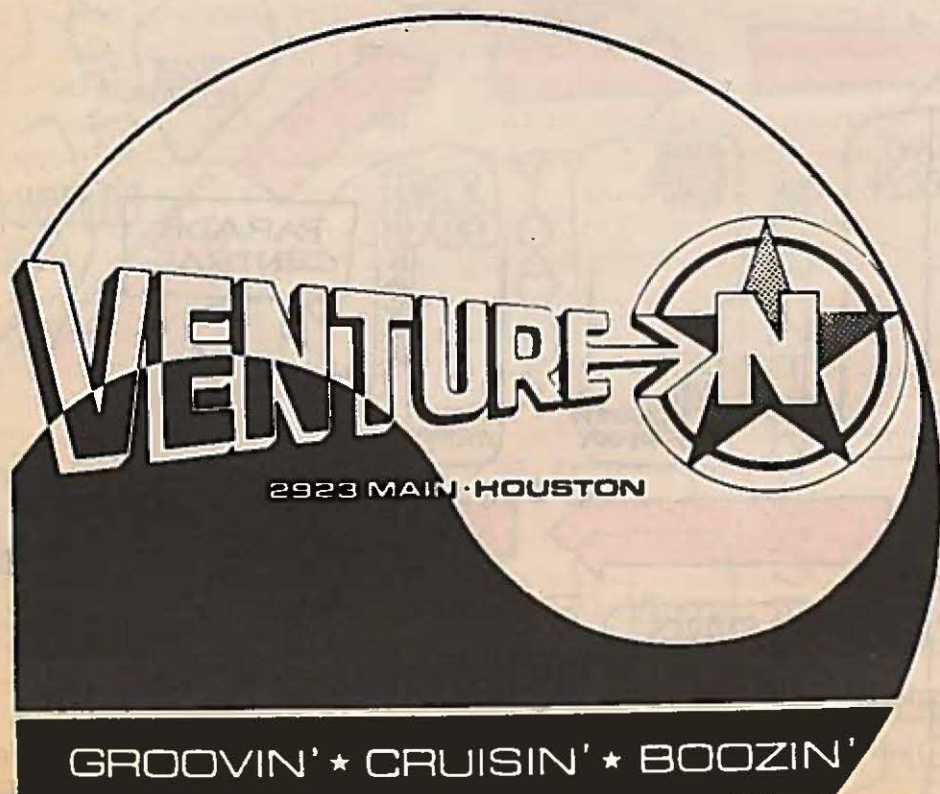
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Another first for the week included a baseball game between the Houston Police Department and a gay team.

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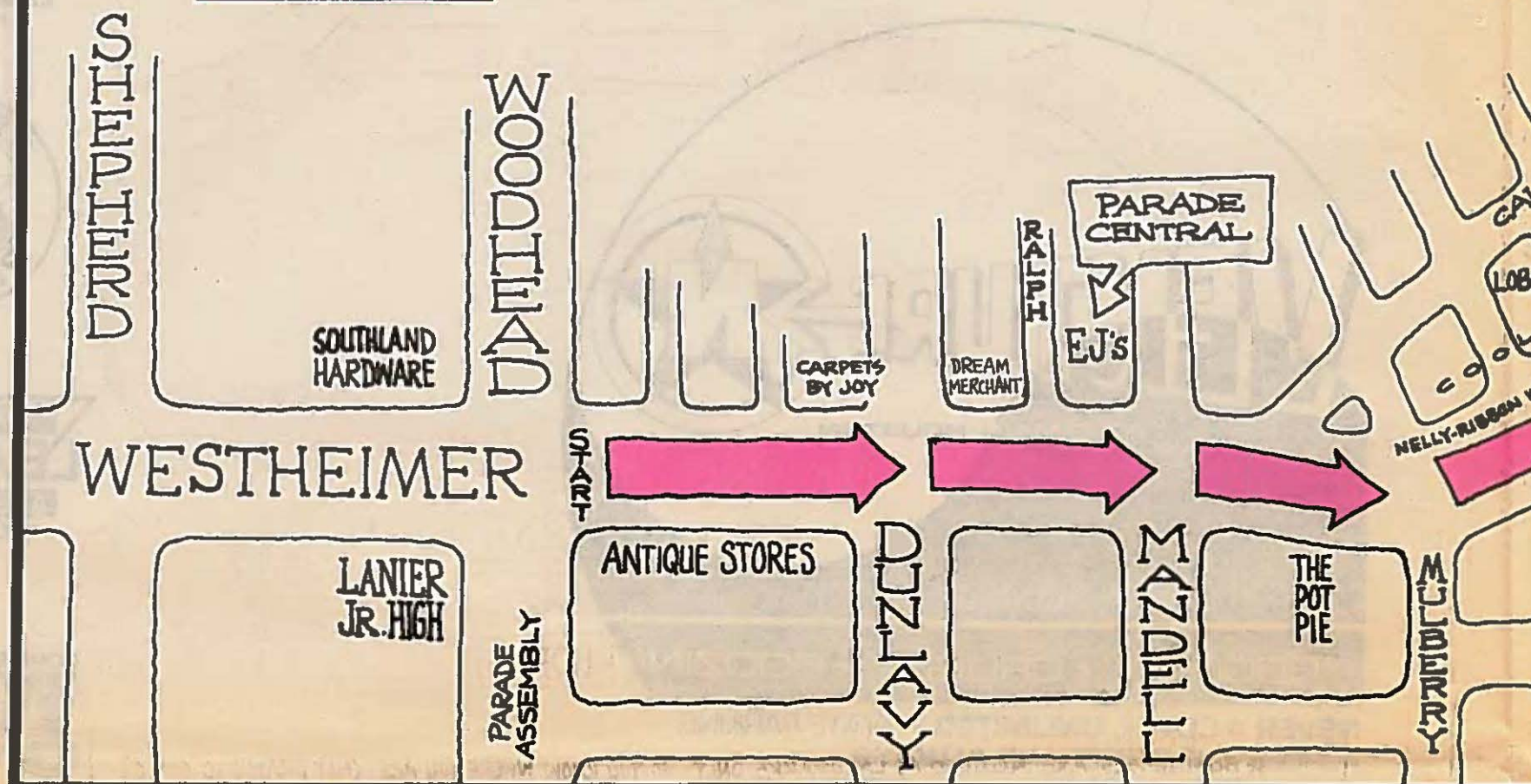
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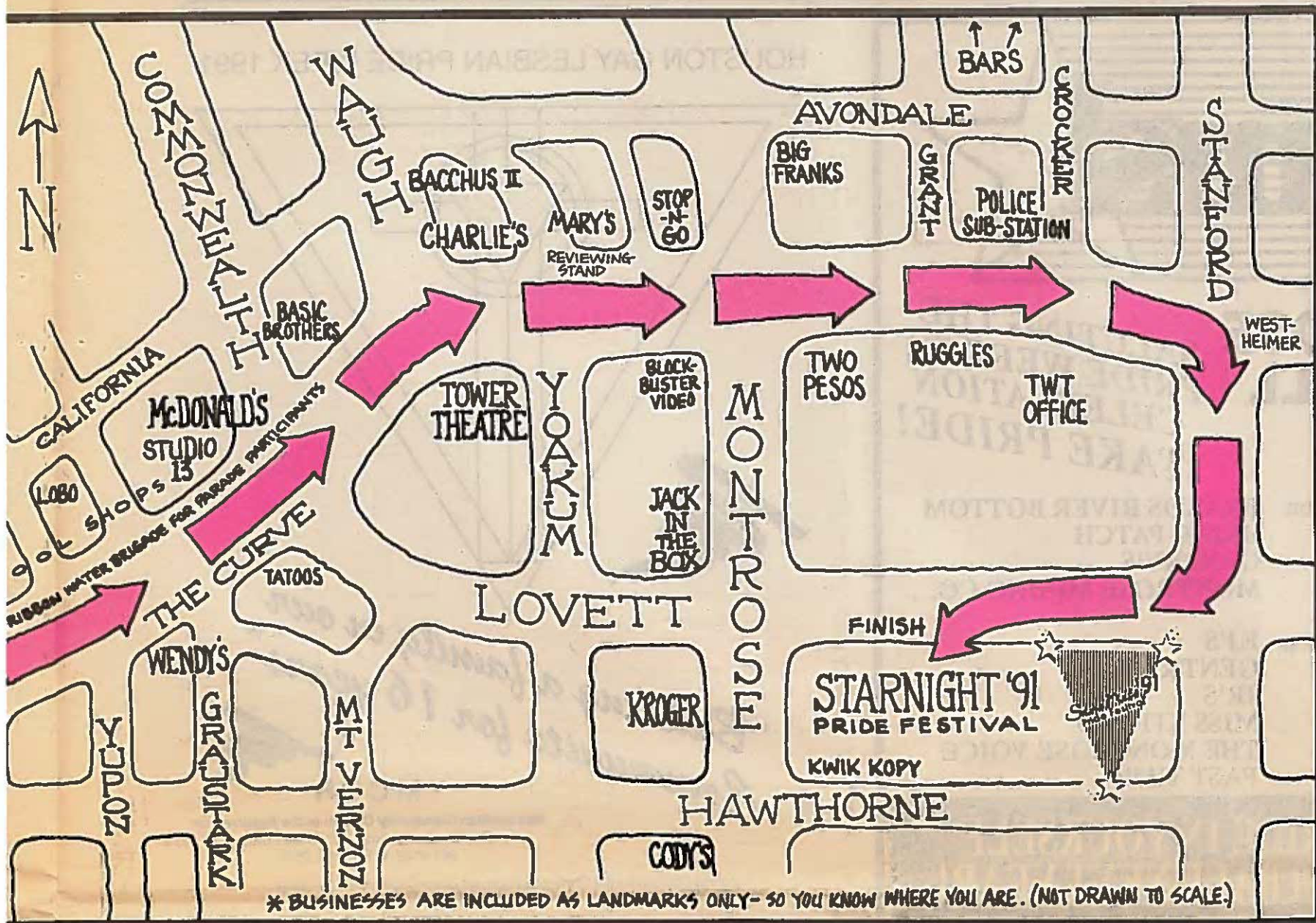
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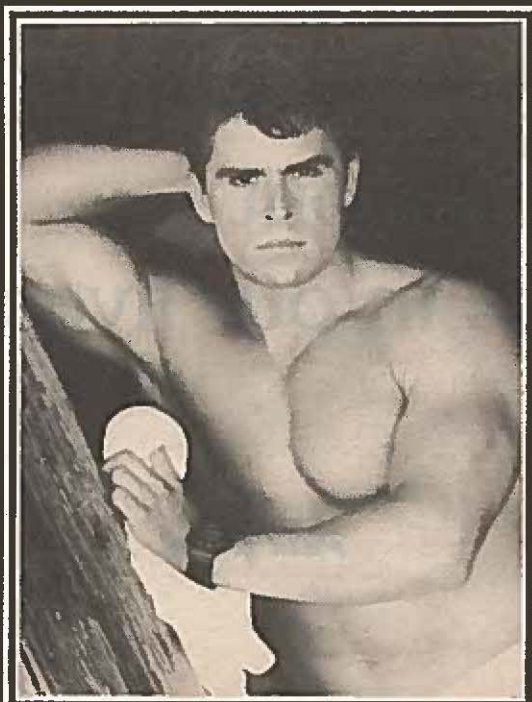
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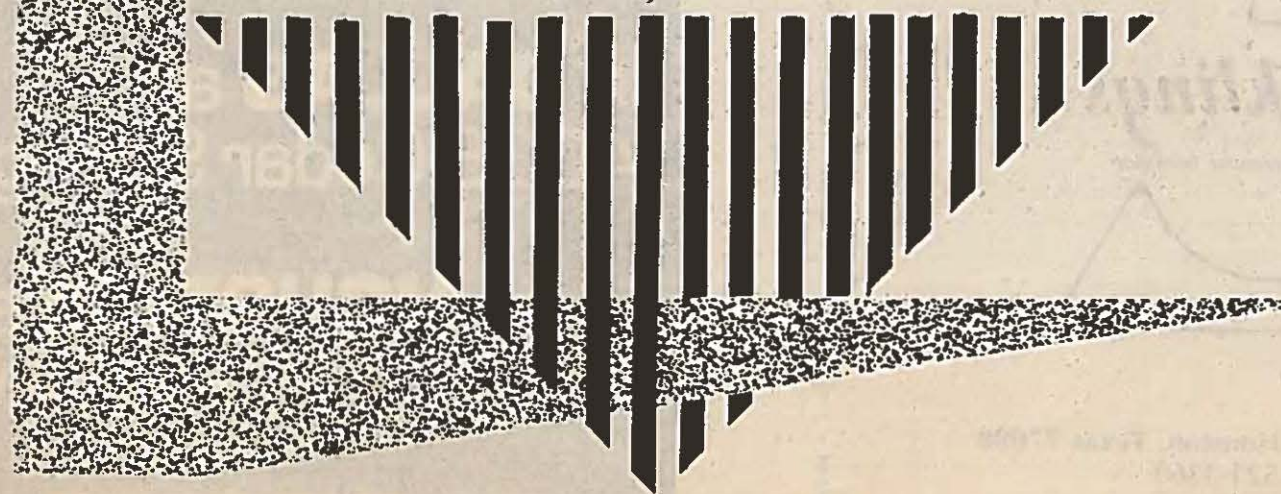
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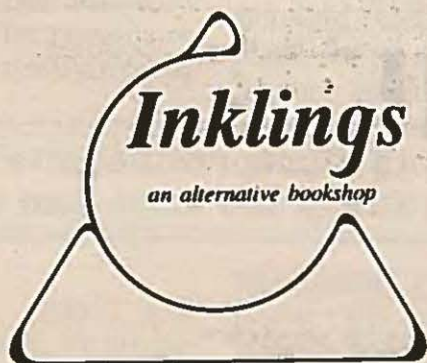
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PRIDE WEEK EVENTS

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Houston's Hot II: Night in Black Leather & Welcome to Houston

Time: 10:30 p.m.
Place: Venture-N, 2923 Main
Sponsor: National Leather Association Houston / Venture-N
Cost: Donations accepted for designated charity

Cocktail party open to all, welcoming the largest leather contingent to hit Texas for Gay Pride. ☎ 575-0341

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

All-Star Women's Softball

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Place: Memorial Park, Field #1
Sponsor: Houston Women's Softball League
Cost: Free

All-star softball games between the Houston and Dallas women.

The Leather Lifestyle: Leather Symposium

Time: 1-4 p.m.
Place: Montrose Palace
Sponsor: National Leather Association Houston
Cost: Free

Symposium will consist of panel workshops and demonstrations of certain aspects of the leather lifestyle. Participants will include Ms. NLA '90-'91, Ms. Ruth Marks and Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer '90, Mr. Larry Arbo, and Ms. San Antonio Leather, Ms. Ginger Bryant. For information, ☎ 575-0341.

HIV Clinical Workshop: Experimental Therapies for HIV

Time: 2-5 p.m.
Place: 1200 Richmond
Sponsor: Houston Clinical Research Network, a Montrose Clinic affiliate
Cost: Free; donations accepted

This workshop provides detailed information concerning clinical research and studies and is intended for HIV-positive persons, HIV service providers, support people, family members, and friends of HIV-positive individuals. Attendance limited to 60. ☎ 528-5554

Grand Marshalls' Bar-B-Que

Time: 7-10 p.m.
Place: 2203 Kane St.
Sponsor: AIDS Equity League
Cost: \$15

Bar-B-Que will honor this year's Pride Parade Grand Marshalls. Funds raised will help support the AIDS Equity League activities. ☎ 868-9520

Baile '91

Time: 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Place: Sheraton Astrodome (Loop 610 @ Kirby)
Sponsor: Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos
Cost: \$15 presale/\$20 at door

Largest indoor event held during Pride Week. Tex-Mex music, salsa-Latin sounds; features international singing star Elsa Garcia. ☎ 880-GLHU for details.

Take Pride Concert

Time: 8 p.m.
Place: StarNite '91 (see below)
Sponsor: Lone Star Symphonic Band
Cost: Free

The Lone Star Symphonic Band is thrilled to share the stage with the lovely and talented Teresa Mauney for this summer sizzler. In the spirit of pride, The Band will perform Aaron Copeland's *Lincoln Portrait*. President Lincoln's words of freedom will be echoed by our special guest, City Council Member Shelia Jackson Lee. ☎ 522-0181

StarNite Pride Festival '91

Time: 3-10 p.m.
Place: Kwik Kopy parking lot (3317 Montrose at Lovett)
Sponsor: Montrose Activity Center
Cost: \$3 entry donation

StarNite is a two-day community festival featuring food and drinks, merchants, community organizations, the *Taking Liberties* art show, games and tournaments, and live entertainment.

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"Feel the Music" Parade!

Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Starts at Westheimer & Woodhead
Cost: Free

The 1991 "Feel the Music" Parade is the culmination of Pride Week. The parade route will conveniently end near the StarNite '91 Festival site.



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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

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Lesbian Pride Week has tried to communicate over and over again, for it continues to be a fresh revelation to new generations of young lesbians and gay men emerging from the prison of social condemnation. Affirming the validity of a homosexual identity is a political act and challenging the social and institutional control of our sexual lives is a political struggle.

THE PINK TRIANGLE

"Part of the oppression of gay people lies in the denial of our history," wrote gay historian James Steakley in 1973. "The veiled allusions, isolated anecdotes, and embarrassed admissions which occasionally crop up in standard works of history provide ample evidence of this mode of oppression, which functions by silence and distortion."

Steakley was introducing his pioneering history of the early German homosexual emancipation movement. This study was perhaps the first discussion in English of a movement which had flourished in Germany until crushed by the Nazis in the 1930s. Steakley's account was sobering: what had once been a significant force for change for homosexuals

had virtually disappeared from memory. How could it have happened? Could it happen again? That series whetted our appetites for more knowledge of the past. We placed the words of an early German gay activist on our masthead as a guide to present and future actions: "The liberation of homosexuals can only be the work of homosexuals themselves."

DISCRIMINATION

We differ from other minorities. While people of color and women cannot hide their identity, we are usually not very dis-

options of changing jobs or places of residence. But it is the young who are the real victims of our invisibility. They are robbed of the role models and the knowledge of our existence. This is very possibly the reason that gays and lesbians make up 30% of all teenage suicides while comprising only 10% of the population.

Some people say that since most gays and lesbians do not have children, we have no real purpose in life. I beg to differ. Since many of us are not burdened with the responsibilities of

The more visible we are, the more people will realize that, in many ways, we have the same basic needs: love, respect, and equality. Yet many of us have a special insight into getting along with all types of people. We, along with many disadvantaged people, have taken over the ghettos of many American cities. We have had to learn how to deal with the richness of diversity of the inner-city.

As we have just passed the tenth anniversary of the first diagnosis of AIDS, it is time we all do a better job in showing our lost brothers and sisters that the ignorance and intolerance has to stop. It can only be stopped by each and every one of us becoming more visible.

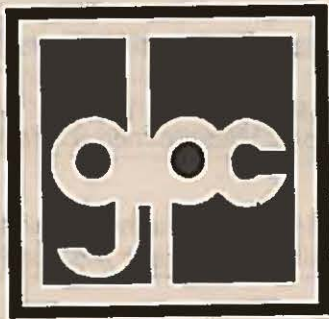
Please take this opportunity to participate in the many events during Gay/Lesbian Pride Week; each represents different aspects of our diverse community. These events—the parade, the plays, the entertainment, and the workshops—are all part of the theme TAKE PRIDE. I hope to see y'all out during Pride Week λ.

"That gay is good has always been one of the shinningly simple messages of the gay movement"

tinguishable. So many of us can lead very straight lives during the work day or family outings. This has made some professionals and those making good incomes not interested in advancing our cause because many feel they have never been discriminated against. Yet, I know a good number of professionals who are very active in our struggles. Discrimination is probably felt more by people with lower incomes who have fewer

raising our children, we can contribute to society in ways others can't. We can work toward a broader agenda, changing society. The slogan "think globally, act locally" is very appropriate. There are many community organizations that are begging for volunteers or financial help. As our organizations get stronger, it sends back the message to the non-gay community that we are not easily taken for granted.

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[The U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1976 and 1990]

The Justice & Peace Action Forum congratulates the Houston Gay/Lesbian Community on its pride and achievements. We struggle with you!

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RESOURCE GUIDE RESOURCE GUIDE

Note: Although we have tried to make this Guide accurate, some information may have changed. We regret any such errors.

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 1413 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77006 ☎ 529-1110

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

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 its 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. Next workshop will be held July 19-21. 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 sufficient funds or insurance are referred to private practitioners when possible. 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX 77006 ☎ 520-7070

Colt 45's 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

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 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. PO Box 66804, Houston, TX 77266-6804. ☎ 529-0037

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 peer counseling and referrals. We offer resource referrals, roommate and job placement, intakes for financial assistance through community organizations, distribution of tickets to social and educational events. We also provide household items (furniture, kitchen articles, appliances) and a clothing bank for our PWAs in need. We have monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019. ☎ 522-2674

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. ☎ (713) 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*, 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 Buddy Johnston, 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 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.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

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

ACT-UP Houston (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power)

Act-UP is a non-partisan group of diverse individuals united in anger and committed to direct action in the face of the AIDS crisis. We are not silent. *ACT-UP, fight back, fight AIDS*. Meetings: first and third Thursday at Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Center, 1425 W Gray. PO Box 66275, Houston, TX 77266-6275

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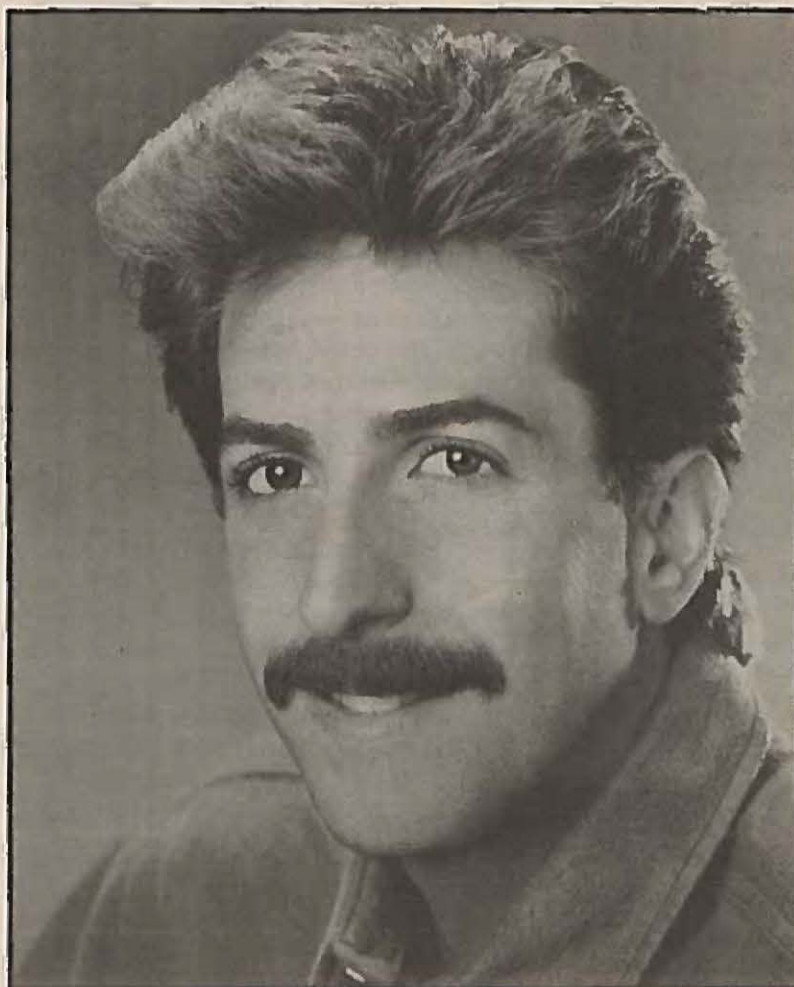
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for the civil rights of gay and lesbian people. Activities include participating in local, state, and national elections, registering voters, and other political activities. Meetings: first and third Wednesday of each month at the Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Center, 1475 West Gray, 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 2nd and 4th Tuesday at the Montrose Palace, 1401 Nevada at Commonwealth at 7:30 p.m. PO Box 131211, Houston, TX 77219-1211. ☎ 529-0100

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 Street, 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. Service: Sunday 11:00 a.m. 1315 Marconi, Houston, TX 77019. ☎ 528-6309

Dignity/Houston

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

First Unitarian Universalist Church

Service: 11:15 a.m. Sunday, 5200 Fannin, Houston, TX 77004-5899. ☎ 526-1571

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

Houston Mission Church

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

As a church, our collective purpose is to recapture the spirit of the early church and to model church life and our own lives on the precepts of the Kingdom of God. Our church is based on the ministry of laity. Services: Sunday, 11:00 a.m. 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. Phone: 861-9194

SOCIAL / EDUCATIONAL

AIDS Equity League

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

AMIGA de Houston

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 Atheists

American Gay Atheists is a non-profit, non-political, educational organization devoted to the constitutional principle of separation of state and church. We have served the gay atheist community for over six years on a local and national level. PO Box 66711, Houston, TX 77266-6711. ☎ 880-4242

Astro Rainbow Society of the Deaf

This Houston chapter of the National Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf was founded in 1979. PO Box 27597, Houston, TX 77227-7597

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 ideas and to stimulate 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

Couples/Houston

Provides social/educational out-

reach 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

A 24 hour, 7 day-a-week crisis intervention telephone service. 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 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. PO Box 66371, Houston, TX 77266-6371

Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos (GLHU)

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 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 66591, Houston, TX 77266-6591. ☎ 529-3211; TTY/TTD ☎ 529-3223

Gay Fathers of Houston

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. To form mutually supportive groups for building positive self-image and for creative problem-solving and by educating the gay community, professionals, and the general public both to their strengths and special

concerns. Meeting: Dignity Center, 3217 Fannin, second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. PO Box 981053, Houston, TX 77098-1053. ☎ 522-6766

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 Student Association of the U of H

Enhances the lives of its members by offering support groups, recreational activities, educational programs and various panel discussions on important issues. Meeting: The University Center each Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

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

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. PO Box 980243, Houston, TX 77098-0243

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 speak-

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ers 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 Gay/Lesbian 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. Meetings: third Tuesday of each month at the Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Service Center, 1475 W Gray. Mailing address: Box 66071 Houston, TX 77266-6071. ☎ 523-5623

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

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. ☎ 522-7809.

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

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 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. Meeting: Monthly Nude social events, massage group, out of town gatherings. PO Box 740572, Houston, TX 77274-0572

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

Men of All Colors Together

This Houston chapter of the National Association of Black and White Men Together (see listing in "Out of Town") is a social organization which 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 Meeting, sometime odd numbered months. PO Box 66684, Houston, TX 77266-6684.

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

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month, 8:00 p.m., C&N Cafe, 604 Fairview. Social Nights are the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at Venture-N at 8:00 p.m. PO Box 541921, Houston, TX 77254-1921

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 flAG/Houston

Promotes understanding and education within the family and with friends. Meeting every third Sunday at 2:00 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh, PO Box 31853, Houston, TX 77231-1853. ☎ 952-2525

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

The group helps meet the needs of older gay men; activities will include a wide spectrum of events, such as meetings, socials, workshops, parties, trips, and "rap" groups. PO Box 66574, Houston, TX 77266-6574. ☎ 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

The Company We Keep

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

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

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) 670-6705 or (214) 526-5417.

Human Rights Campaign Fund

PO Box 1396, Washington, DC 20013. ☎ (202) 628-4160

Lambda Legal Defense

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

Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGR)

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

Lesbian Visionaries

Promotes and facilitates communication and educational activities among organizations and individuals concerned with the welfare of the Texas Lesbian Community. Dues: \$15 individual, \$25 Couple, MCC Activities Center, PO Box 191443, Dallas, TX 75219-1443. Phone: ☎ (214) 528-2426

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

A national organization supporting rights for Gay and lesbian people. 1517 U Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009

National Gay Health Educational Foundation

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

Texas Human Rights Foundation

THRF is a statewide, 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 Kindship

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

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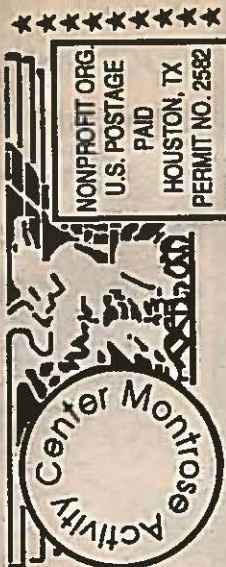
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