



OUT & PROUD

Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 93

June
18 -
June
27

HOUSTON GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK

guide to events and
information

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SENSITIZATION

"I'm different."

difference from same-sex peers

childhood to early adolescence

If there is one lesson to be learned from the battle over the military ban of gay men and lesbians it is that the only answer for our community is to be out of the closet, and proud of our unique qualities.

It is hardly surprising that senators and others who would oppose openly gay and lesbian soldiers would rally to a compromise that would perpetuate the closet. That's where they've always wanted us. This, if for no other reason, is the best argument that none of us can remain in the closet, that none of us can afford to continue to deny our special qualities in our quest for our equal rights.

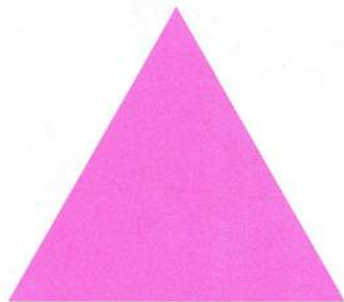
More importantly, once out of the closet there can be no going back, the silence is broken for all time. There is a wish, often repeated until it has become a cliché, that if all gay men and lesbians came out of the closet at one time, anti-gay prejudice would be forced into the closet. While this is probably true but also unlikely, it is equally true that every time a closet door opens we are that much closer to gaining our equal place in the sun.

It is easy to become frustrated with those maintaining the closet mentality, particularly with those in place of power or influence—from Hollywood to Washington, D.C. We often fail to see the larger picture, that of accelerated visibility in the arts, in politics and even in religion.

Even twenty-four years ago, at the time of Stonewall, already groups were forming to advocate gay rights. Each battle since, from Stonewall to Anita Bryant to Harvey Milk to Colorado and Oregon, our visibility has grown, and the closets have been ever more rapidly opening for the nation to see.

And each battle, whether a victory or a temporary setback, only increases our pride in ourselves and our community. While we may from time to time become frustrated and impatient with the process, our community is moving, irretrievably, toward the day when we shall see justice prevail and equality for all lesbians and gay men.

The struggle is not over and our efforts are more needed than ever before, but one day we shall all proudly stand together, out and proud, to be queer in America.



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PRIDE ORGANIZATION

Our goal

This organization's goal is to install Pride in our community. And as hard as we all work, Pride is a very personal feeling. To have Pride you must feel good about yourself. That is why we chose the theme **Out & Proud** this year.

Our Committee works year-round to organize the many events of the ten-day celebration. Countless hours of volunteer work are donated by community-minded people and our Executive Committee. We have only praise of our Executive Committee for their dedication and hard work.

As Co-chairs for the past three years we have worked hard to build upon the Pride celebration each year. We have enjoyed the opportunity to serve and feel it is time to turn this task over to new leadership. We leave this organization as a newly formed non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization called the Pride Committee of Houston.

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Our now-traditional Pride Guide has the most extensive listing of community organizations published. It will serve as a valuable resource throughout the year. Please give your patronage to the advertisers who have made a commitment to our community in supporting the cost of the Pride Guide.

We hope you come out to enjoy as many events as you can. Take note that Pride Week is a cooperative effort of many organizations within our community. The energy and determination that builds every year added to the March on Washington must continue so that we can be an even stronger community.

It looks as if this year will have the biggest parade yet, followed by our reclamation of the Rally at Spotts Park. We hope to recapture the energy of the early 80s where we as a community stood together one night each year and became a family of choice and celebration.

"What am I?"

2 IDENTITY CONFUSION

INNER TURMOIL

onset of puberty to early adulthood

"a straight or gay?"

1993 PRIDE COMMITTEE OF HOUSTON



those behind the scenes that make it all possible

Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Committee

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"OKAY, I'm gay."

begins M: 19-21 F: 21-23

"What does that MEAN?"

IDENTITY ASSUMPTION

need to explore subculture before intrapersonal possibilities

WHY

WHY

Rally at SPOTTS Park

June 27

after the Parade

From the
1992 Long
Beach
Lesbian &
Gay Pride
Celebration
Guide

On Friday, June 27, 1969, shortly before midnight, New York City Police led a raid on Stonewall Inn, a gay bar on Christopher Street in the heart of Greenwich Village. The raid was only one in a series of frequent raids on gay bars in New York. Similar raids were occurring in other cities throughout the country. But this time was different. As police led the bartenders to the paddy wagon, the drag queens and other gay men and women who were patrons of the bar fought back. At that moment the scene became explosive. A riot erupted as word spread. Beer cans, bottles, and rocks were heaved at the police in the street and the windows of the bar. The rioting continued for the next two nights. After the rioting had finally come to an end, the birth of the lesbian/gay liberation movement in America had emerged.

The Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Committee was founded in 1979 by a small group of Houston gay activists to coordinate a formal program and celebration each year for the gay and lesbian community of Houston. HL/GPW, through its many cultural, athletic and educational events, seeks to "increase understanding of social, racial and sexual minorities, and to encourage acceptance and tolerance of alternative lifestyles so that, together, the citizens of the City of Houston and the State of Texas may work in the spirit of peaceful cooperation to build a better society." HG/LPW operates under the Pride Committee as a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

From the
1993 Gay
& Lesbian
Pride
Committee
of Houston

Coming Out

shift in stigma management [self-protective>self-promotional]

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COMMITMENT

begins with entry into same-sex intimacy-focused relationship

PROUD

This book is dedicated to Jim M. for considering
an issue that he has been told is not worthy of consideration

the theme for the 1993 parade

Richard Troiden's excellent research into gay and lesbian identity formation finds that being out & proud is the final stage in the process of healthfully accepting the label of homosexual.

Mr. Troiden's work therefore provides a useful tool to understand the issues inherent in the Out & Proud theme. The creators of this book have used his work to guide the design of the book.

Once you understand the gay and lesbian identity formation process on these terms, you can see where you fit in. You can recognize where you've been. You can see where you are. And you can foretell that getting to be out & proud isn't so large a leap as you might think.

Our greatest wishes for a fabulous
Pride Week and a flawless year.

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Fontographer 3.5.1
Quark XPress 3.11
Adobe Illustrator 3.0.1
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and Aldus Freehand 3.1

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PROUD

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IDENTITY SYNTHESIS
<SEXUALITY > humanity

Grand Marshal

Brian Bradley

• Brian Bradley claims that the day he entered this world 32 years ago he felt like an activist. He was born in New Albany, Mississippi and is sure that the citizens there proclaim him "one of their sons." After living in Mississippi, Tennessee, and California, Brian finally settled in Houston with his lover Josh, who was a proud member of the military for 20 years. When asked what aspect of his life he is proudest of, Brian answers, "The relationship I built with Josh. It had a happy beginning, a very satisfying, fulfilling middle, and a serene, graceful 'till death do us part' end." After Josh's death, Brian decided he had nothing more to lose and decided to dedicate all of his energies to AIDS and G/L Rights. He joined Queer Nation, ACT-UP, and the Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus, and he helped found PISD (People with Immune System Disorders). In 1992, he was presented the AIDS Equity League's Personal Service Award. On a national level, Brian is seeking job protection for HIV Positive Health Care Workers through his lawsuit, "Bradley vs. The University of Texas M.D. Anderson." He has made numerous television appearances including "Good Morning, America," "20/20," and "Oprah Winfrey," and co-hosts a popular late night radio program, "After Hours", on KPFT.

• When asked how he feels to be this year's Grand Marshall, he replies, "I am equally, if not more, honored by The Women's Action Coalition's nomination, but I am quite pleased to sit on the hood of a car in the parade. In fact, it's a double pleasure."

Grand Marshal

Rev. Carolyn J. Mobley

Where I've Been

- A native of Sanford, Florida
- Lived for 17 years in Atlanta, Georgia
- Was an "Out" lesbian activist in Atlanta from about 1976 - 1990; served as a volunteer with Aid-Atlanta (the first local AIDS organization); sang with the Atlanta Feminist Women's Chorus; served on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Gay Center for two years and was founding board member of African-American Lesbian/Gay Alliance; and was lay-leader in First MCC of Atlanta
- Participated in Atlanta Pride events since 1981.

What I do Now

- Since June 1, 1990, Assistant Pastor of MCCR
- Primarily responsible for Christian Ed. Program
- Shares responsibilities for pastoral duties including worship, counseling, and visiting the sick
- Co-chaired 1992 Houston Pride Awards Committee
- Facilitated the founding of MCCR's Coalition of Colors
- Was licensed as UFMCC Clergy on August 1, 1992
- Participated in local gay/lesbian rallies and demonstrations: 1991 March on Austin, 1993 March on Washington

1993 Grand

Organization

P-FLAG

During the 1979 March on Washington, lesbians joined together, starting the organization of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Now an international organization, P-FLAG, has more than 300 chapters in other countries. P-FLAG is confidential, and advocating full human rights for gay, lesbian, and transgender people, helping them to unlove and pride.

The Houston chapter of P-FLAG includes, and other relatives of gay and lesbians. The chapter's services include group discussions,



Marshals

ington for Human Rights, 25 parents of gays and the momentum that led to the creation of a Federations and Gays in 1982.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, or PFLAG, and contacts throughout the U.S., Canada, and eight states, committed to providing support for families, educating the public, and civil rights for all gays and lesbians. With a support system for families of gays, PFLAG offers a support system for families of gays to understand, accept, and support their children with

has more than 100 members, including parents, siblings; lesbians and gay men; and friends of gays. Activities include monthly meetings with educational programs, a helpline, and community education.



◀◀ **Brian Bradley**

▲ **Rev. Carolyn J. Mobley**

▶▶ **Dr. Adan Rios**



Honorary Marshal

Adan Rios, MD

Dr. Adan Rios is a physician currently in private practice in the City of Houston. He was born in Panama City, Republic of Panama. He came to M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in 1975 after completing a residency in Internal Medicine at the Gorgas U.S. Army Hospital in the Canal Zone. He then worked in the development of biological response modifiers for the treatment of cancer and became involved with the AIDS epidemic from the beginning in 1981. Since then he has participated in the battle against AIDS by working actively in the care of patients, research and development of new therapies for AIDS as well as education. In addition to helping develop therapies for the management and treatment of AIDS, in 1986 Dr. Rios co-founded the Institute For Immunological Disorders, the first institute solely devoted to the development of treatment and AIDS research.

When the Institute for Immunological Disorders unfortunately closed its doors in December 1987, Dr. Rios started working in the private sector continuing his activities in the AIDS field. That year, he created the "Annual Houston Conference on AIDS in America", which attracts the best minds in the country to Houston to educate and bring new information on therapies and advances in the management of AIDS. He is actively involved in community organizations such as the AIDS Foundation, Body Positive, and Heart Strings. This year Dr. Adan Rios was instrumental in getting a \$100,000 donation from the Rev. George Foreman for Stone Soup, the AIDS Foundation food pantry. This was the largest single donation ever given to the foundation and one of the largest individual single donations to AIDS in the U.S. He is a member of numerous scientific organizations, and his most recent clinical research work had been published as an abstract in the proceedings of the "American Society of Clinical Oncology 1982: A Phase I single dose safety evaluation and pharmacokinetic (PKC) study of Nystatin-LF I.V. in patients with HIV infections."

Pride Events

Week

18 Friday

Pride Week Kick-Off

Opening night of Pride Week welcomed in by a reception featuring Mexican Food,

sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Committee
no cover, suggested donation
\$3.00

5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Lovett Inn

501 Lovett

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Pride Week Kick-off Reception

Olé Olé Olé

at the Lovett Inn
501 Lovett

5:30 - 8:30PM

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Gay and Lesbian Hispanic Unidos

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Theatre Night "Sum of Us"

A presentation of the play "Sum of Us"
by David Stevens

Theatre Lab Houston

\$12

8:00 PM

1706 Alamo, off 2100 Houston Ave.

☎ 868-7516

19 Saturday

17th Anniversary Party

Bar tour starts at BRB then continues on to Venture-N,
Mary's, Gentry's, E.J.'s, Cousins.

Colt 45's

Free

2:00 PM

BRB, 2400 Brazos

☎ 524-1399

Pride Week Events (continued)

19 Saturday (cont.)

Puppy Love II - A Very Off Broadway Musical

A 1950's musical review NOT to be missed. The reprise of *Puppy Love*. This show is a fast-fun-filled hour of our favorite music, just a little twisted! The garden Party
\$3.00 advance, \$4.00 door
The Ranch
9200 Buffalo Speedway
☎ 688-0336

Mr. Gay Houston USA

This is the preliminary event to the Mr. Gay Texas contest.
Delorean Texas Productions
\$7.00 with non-perishable food item
8:00 PM
Pacific Street
710 Pacific St.
☎ 680-0712 or 523-0213

21 Sunday

Panel Making Workshop

This workshop is to assist in making panels for the AIDS Memorial Quilt.
Houston NAMES Project
Free, 5:00-9:00 PM
Houston NAMES Project
2410 Woodhead
☎ 868-9837 or 52-NAMES

21 Monday

Panel Making Workshop

This workshop is to assist in making panels for the AIDS Memorial Quilt.
Houston NAMES Project
Free, 5:00-9:00 PM
Houston NAMES Project
2410 Woodhead
☎ 868-9837 or 52-NAMES

Roller Skate Night official Pride Week Event

Rollerskating for the whole family.
Be sure to rent skates before the event.
Lambda Rollerskating Club
\$5.00 cover includes skates
7:30-10:30 PM
Hobby Skate World, 6804 East Haven
☎ 941-1134 or Ray 862-4875

22 Tuesday

Panel Making Workshop

This workshop is to assist in making panels for the AIDS Memorial Quilt.
Houston NAMES Project
Free, 5:00-9:00 PM
Houston NAMES Project
2410 Woodhead
☎ 868-9837 or 52-NAMES

Make a Joyful Noise III

A joyous musical celebration of seven churches joining together to share musical talents. A dessert fest will also be held.
Community Gospel Church
Donation
7:30 PM
Community Gospel Church
501 E. 18th St. at Columbia
☎ 880-9235

Ice Skate Night

Come out, ice skate at the Galleria.
Lambda Rollerskating Club
\$4.50 includes skates
8:00 PM-10:00 PM
Galleria (Westheimer & Loop)
☎ 862-4875



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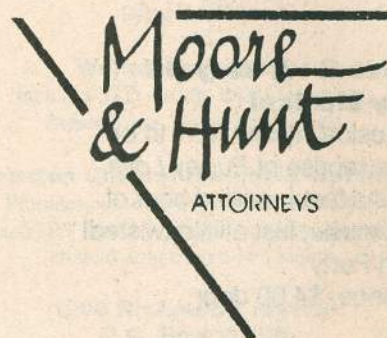
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7:00 PM August 17, 1993

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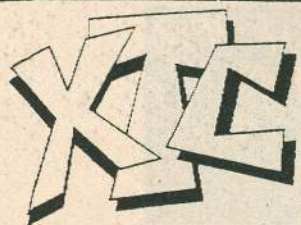


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23 Wednesday

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Houston NAMES Project

Free, 5:00-9:00 PM

Houston NAMES Project

2410 Woodhead

☎ 868-9837 or 52-NAMES

The Word on Sexuality

What the Bible says and does not say about your sexuality. An enlightening and empowering seminar

Kingdom Community Church

Donation

7:30 PM

Kingdom Community Church

614 E. 19th St.

☎ 921-7401

24 Thursday

Panel Making Workshop

This workshop is to assist in making panels for the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Houston NAMES Project

Free, 5:00-9:00 PM

Houston NAMES Project

2410 Woodhead

☎ 868-9837 or 52-NAMES

Ecumenical Communion Service

Ecumenical communion service celebrating Eucharist including all churches serving the gay community.

Houston Mission Church

Free

7:30 PM

Montrose Palace

1505 Nevada at Commonwealth

☎ 524-7980

25 Friday

Panel Making Workshop

This workshop is to assist in making panels for the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Houston NAMES Project

Free, 5:00-9:00 PM

Houston NAMES Project

2410 Woodhead

☎ 868-9837 or 52-NAMES

Outdoor Skate

An evening of outdoor skating.

Bring your own skates or rent them at Montrose Skate Rental.

Lambda Rollerskating Club

Free

6:30 PM - DARK

Memorial Park, 100 Picnic Ln.

☎ 862-4875

Theatre Night: "Fay & Ray"

A comedy drama by Houston playwright Holli Bara. Per-formed in

March and April of this year and

brought back by popular demand

for Pride Week. A tender tale of

"family values" for the 90's

The Group (Theatre Workshop)

\$12.00

8:00 PM

Stages Repertory Theatre

3201 Allen Parkway

☎ 522-2204

Houston's Hot V: A Night in Black Leather

Buffet party to kick off NLA:

Houston's Leather Pride Weekend.

NLA Houston will serve cocktails at midnight.

National Leather Association:

Houston

Free

10:30 PM

Venture-N, 2923 Main

☎ 528-2850

Pride Week Events (continued)

26 Saturday

Funky Freeway Bike Ride

A leisurely tour of Houston. The twenty mile bike ride will wind through River Oaks, North Galleria, Memorial Park, Heights, and Downtown.

Chain Gang Bicycle Club

Free

10:00 AM

Heaven, 810 Pacific at Grant

☎ 522-4481

Bar to Bar Fun-Run

a run from bar to bar in the Montrose area, sponsored by FrontRunners

\$10.00 donation to favorite charity

6:00 PM

Brazos River Bottom

2400 Brazos

☎ 522-8021

Out, Together and Proud Concert

Gay Mens Chorus of Houston with HeartSong, Tapestry (Austin Womens group), Alamo City Men's Chorus, Encore (special/ensemble of Turtle Creek Chorale, Dallas) and Capital City Men's Chorus, come together for OUT & PROUD

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston

\$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.00

7:00 PM

Cullen Theatre at Wortham Center

☎ 523-3751

Baile '93

Texas' largest indoor Pride Week event

Gay and Lesbian Hispanic Unidos

\$12.00 advance, \$15.00 at door

9:00 PM

Sharon Astrodome

Kirby at South Loop

☎ 861-1313 or 270-GLHU

27 Sunday

Dignity Liturgy

a special mass to celebrate our pride in the special, divine gift of being lesbain or gay

Sponsored by Dignity Houston

11:00 AM

1307 Yale Suite H

☎ 528-0111

Grand Marshall's Reception

Prior to the Parade the Court will serve snacks and refreshments in honor of the Grand Marshall's and the Parade participants

Sponsored by The Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star

free

2:00 PM

E/J's, 2715 Ralph

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Parade

One of the largest parades in the City of Houston and one of the largest in the Southwest

4:00 PM, lower Westheimer, from Woodhead to Montrose

☎ 529-6979

FAX 529-1223

Scorcher-The Party

post-parade warehouse-style party

Sponsored by National Leather Association Houston

\$5.00

Pacific Street

710 Pacific Street

☎ 523-0213

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Rally

It's back to the park with a grand celebration. Come out and celebrate with us and enjoy the music of various performers, great food and many community booths. The evening ends with a bang at 10:00 PM with a big fireworks show.

Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week

Free

6:00 PM

Spotts Park, Waugh and Memorial

☎ 529-6979

FAX 529-1223

It is both fitting and revealing that the theme chosen for the 1993 Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Week celebration is the forceful and unambiguous

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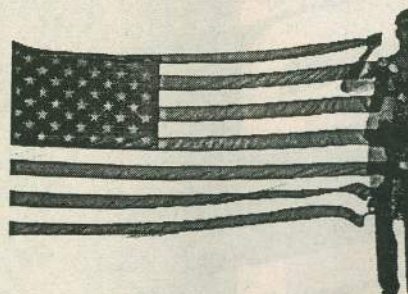
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Pride Parade

“Out & Proud”

The sound of it is at once exuberant and defiant, and it's interesting to note the staircase quality of the slogans we have attached to our local movement and community as the nation and world around us shared our journey of self-discovery in the "Gay Nineties."



We are celebrating being out and proud. This year marks the first time in the history of the local pride organization that the word **OUT** has been used in the theme. Leading up to this stage of interpreting our pride, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion at the decade's turn, decided to "Take Pride" in 1991 and asserted last year that "Pride Equals Power".

1993 has been a year in which **out** has truly been **in**: in the news, in the world spotlight. The involvement of gay and lesbian people in the election process and the seemingly endless debate over the military's anti-gay and lesbian policy have ushered in, at last, a time of intense attention to our issues in the overall public. Gay men and lesbians, our lives, goals and political movement





have received more serious coverage in the mainstream media, print and electronic, in the past six months than they have in over a decade.

At the core of this newfound focus has been a steady stream of stories about people from every strata of life who are—or at least, are learning to be—Out and Proud.

Driven both by the positive attitude of our government's new administration and the swift and fierce negative backlash to the changes from the radical right, role models seem to suddenly be crawling out of the cracks in the pavement. They are everywhere, coming out or coming forward in droves, and their appearance has coincided with a reexamination of values, policies and approach in society at large.

Gays and lesbians are out in the American military, and television news programs devote hours to exploring both sides of the U.S. debate as well as the effects that non-discriminating military policies have had in other countries. Gays and lesbians are out in the professional and business communities and as consumers, and businesses are scrambling to learn how to network with and market to a vital and prosperous population that had once been invisible.

Gays and lesbians are out in the media, and many mainstream media organizations are at least making strides toward balance and sensitivity regarding our issues. Gays and

lesbians are out in academia, and courses focusing on gay and lesbian issues, life,

history or sociology are included in the curriculum of many of the nation's competitive universities.

an obvious correlation between visibility and empowerment.

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It would seem inconceivable that anyone would deny such an obvious correlation between visibility and empowerment. Yet, there seem to be many who are now shrieking for retreat, and the voices are not wholly those of an increasingly paranoid and organized enemy warning of their own response. More disturbing, in my mind, is the resurgence within our own community of a trend to question the value of being Out and Proud. Against the backdrop of questionable new studies reported, ironically, days before our million-strong march on the nation's capital and placing our numbers at the lowest point ever assumed under the auspices of science, another debate has emerged over whether such events "help or hurt" the gay and lesbian rights movement. The discussion isn't new, of course: being out in general, and gay pride celebrations or civil rights marches in particular, have long gotten a bad rap in certain circles of our community. Politically charged and pride

* "Being gay is just
one part of who I am.

Making a big deal

out of it just makes

* "I'm perfectly comfort
things worse."

affirming rallies—like the one we are finally reclaiming in Spotts Park this year—are even more out of the loop among those who bemoan the fact that we cannot "stop calling attention to ourselves" and be "just like everybody else."

The Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade, in Houston and in probably every other city that holds one each year, becomes a point of contention for letter writers to gay and lesbian publications. They unfailingly complain about the inclusion of one or more groups who do not fit the writers' personalized vision of the "appropriate" image for our community. As the female grand marshal of the 1992 parade, I am among the "geeks and freaks" who, according to one such editorialist, promote shame and not pride by parading on Westheimer.

The people who are ashamed of Gay & Lesbian Pride (or some of its manifestations) are missing one very important point. **The general public-like the gay and lesbian community-is in fact a diverse collection of**

INDIVIDUALS.



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Fay & Ray

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— Houston Post

"...full of depth, humor...alternately hilarious and emotionally loaded..."

— Houston Press

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3201 Allen Parkway

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The individuals that make up society as a whole also belong to their own countless communities and affinity groups, and the whole includes every race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identification, religion, philosophy and political persuasion imaginable. Just as the participants in the parades and the marches on Washington and state capitals represent a cross-section of a broader gay and lesbian society, our community is a microcosm of society itself. **Considering this, we are about as much "like everybody else" as we are ever going to get.** That we define our vision of a nebulous "everyone" deserving of our respect and emulation in terms of a minority within society that rejects us is an irony rooted in self-hatred.

In 1989, the Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week theme was "Look to the Future." At the time, a popular parlor talk topic was the book "After the Ball" and its thesis that perhaps the usefulness of holding celebrations and demonstrations that revel in lesbian and gay identity and diversity had run its course. Many people here and in cities across the country were seduced by the vision of a shrewder

approach, a concentrated public relations effort that would emphasize our similarities to the heterosexual populace.



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I agreed it was time for some good PR. and an outreach effort. However, I had a great deal of difficulty swallowing the notion that any one segment of our own population represented, or even knew, the only "proper" image to project. I was even more disturbed by the implied message that, in order to assimilate, gays and lesbians should attempt to become invisible. In an editorial that appeared in a local gay publication, I detailed my view that a radically different change was needed to gain ground in the "Gay '90s": a resurgence of the energy Stonewall brought to the '70s and a new crop of out-of-the-closet leaders from a more representative cross section of the community. I added, facetiously, that if we were to do away with the "balls" in our gay and lesbian community, what those outside of it would notice most was that we no longer had any.

In the wake of this year's March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, and with this year's flood of positive media portrayals of gays and lesbians, it would

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appear that pride, diversity and being Out are good for us after all.

As we celebrate our theme this year, perhaps it is time for a reexamination of what it means to be **lesbian** or **gay, out**, and **proud**. How many of us have used or heard some version of the following statements:

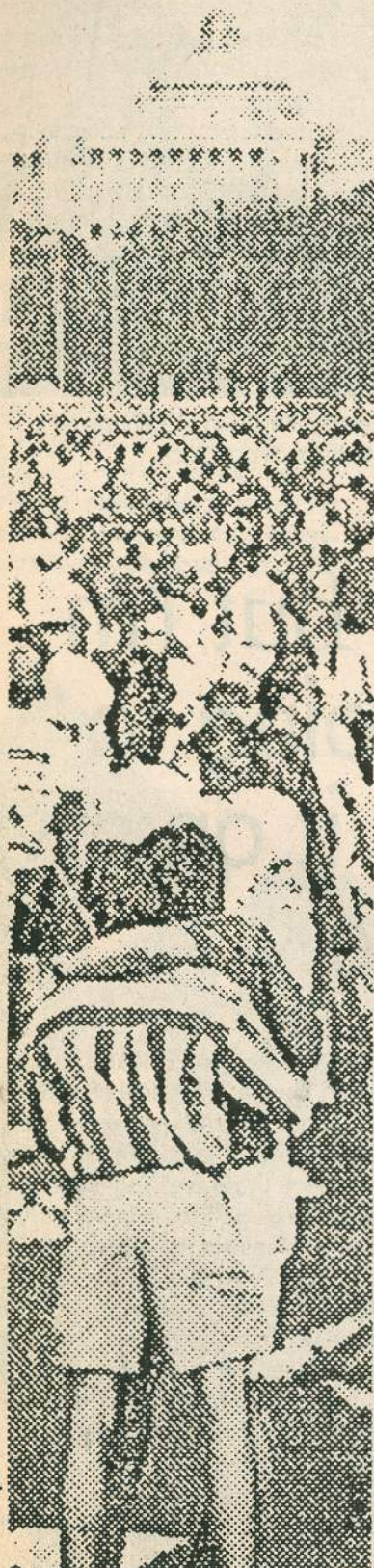
"I'm perfectly comfortable with my sexuality, but I'm not going to wear it on my sleeve."

"Other people have a right to their own beliefs, and if I flaunt my gayness I'm infringing on their space. Sex, after all, is a private thing."

"Being gay is just one part of who I am. Making a big deal out of it just makes things worse."

It is true that sexual orientation is only one aspect of an individual's personality. However, historically and in today's political climate, it is not gay and lesbian people who have made the biggest deal out of it. While we are consistently described as an aggressive and powerful lobby, in truth we are only now regrouping from an overwhelming blow the AIDS crisis landed on our energy, leadership, organization and political firepower. Meanwhile, those whose political agenda it has always been to deny us basic human rights have maintained their presence and power and have become more aggressive.

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The myth that gay people are inherently, obsessively absorbed with sex and are afflicted across the board with insatiable sexual appetites flourishes even in some corners of our own community. However, we fail to apply evenly our interpretation of what constitutes a sexually charged image or act.

Why should a couple holding hands or kissing in a public place only be viewed as "flaunting" sexuality if it is a same-sex couple? Why should a man refrain from placing a photo of his lover on his desk so as not to make his coworkers uncomfortable, if said coworker's space is strewn with pictures of his wife and children? (It would seem the heterosexual worker is more clearly advertising his sexuality since children are usually the result of a sex act). Why should a woman be criticized for wearing freedom rings and slogan pins by another woman whose left finger sports two gold bands and a gaudy stone? And why should some of us agree that this is an acceptable reaction?

Why come out?

Because, as we have already seen, our numbers, strength and viability are questioned even as we are in the process of staging the largest-ever demonstration of them. Why not just try to blend in? Because an increasingly organized and effective special interest lobby driven by its members' sexual orientation is working day and night toward its goal of making that co-existence impossible.

I am not suggesting that a gay oil company accountant whose deeply felt political philosophy is to work within the system should go to the office in a ripped Gay and Lesbian Pride Week T-shirt and join Act Up. I am suggesting that a rainbow flag tie tack might add a fashionable splash of color to a dreary suit. Or perhaps, if she removed the red ribbon AIDS awareness pin from her Friday night vest and affixed it to the lapel of that suit, it would be seen by many more people truly in need of having their awareness raised about this epidemic.

Now that we have a friend—or at least, a friendlier attitude—in the White House, there has been a lot of discussion among gay and lesbian leaders about how our community should respond to the change.

It is a fact that, as we take a place among the so-called "insiders," we must become more aware of and astute at the political game.



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We hold our personal friends accountable when their actions are unacceptable, and we tell them when they have hurt us. Should we hold our political friends to a different standard? If we threw a party, over a year in the planning, and our dearest friend gave a flimsy excuse for failing to attend or call, would it be wrong or inappropriate to make our feelings known? If our friend offered us a long-awaited invitation, then suggested that we should be separated from the other guests, would we not be rightfully indignant?

Gay and lesbian people indulge a very curious double standard when it comes to dealing with our own and with "everyone else."

It works both ways: In some matters, we subject our gay community institutions, businesses, organizations and leaders to an almost impossible code of purity and selflessness, which we relax or eliminate for others. At other times, we let glaring inadequacies—including all of the ominous 'isms'—slide in our own yard while railing at their existence in the mainstream.

But, **does it make sense** to think nothing of dropping half a paycheck to impress a special person with dinner and drinks at a tony, heterosexual-owned restaurant, then criticize a gay bar or business owner for conducting sane business and "making a profit from the gay community?"

Does it make sense to rant at the mainstream media for doing a poor job of reporting on our issues, and to accept shoddy, slanted or half-hearted coverage of those issues in gay press?

In order to be **Out and Proud**, we have a responsibility to support the weary warriors who do more than their share of our community's work. We also have a responsibility to personally participate, each in our own way, and to offer our leaders the insight and guidance they need from a broader and more representative community.

In order to be **Out and Proud**, we have a responsibility to support our businesses and institutions with our input and our dollars, and to remember that we have a personal stake in helping them survive. We also have a responsibility to hold these community institutions to the same standard of ethics and professionalism we demand from anyone.

Most importantly, if we are to be **Out and Proud**, we cannot let either the backlash or the gains that expedited it pressure us into even one step backward. We cannot afford to forget so quickly the steps that led us to that hypothetical table, and this stage of our pride.

We do have reason to celebrate.

But now is not the time to compromise ourselves back into a closet of obscurity, even a padded one with a view. We make positive strides and withstand negative aggression by being **Out and Proud**.

(Sheri Cohen Darbonne is a journalist who has contributed to numerous local and national gay and lesbian publications since 1976. She is currently a staff reporter for *The Texas Triangle*, a statewide weekly lesbian and gay newspaper.)



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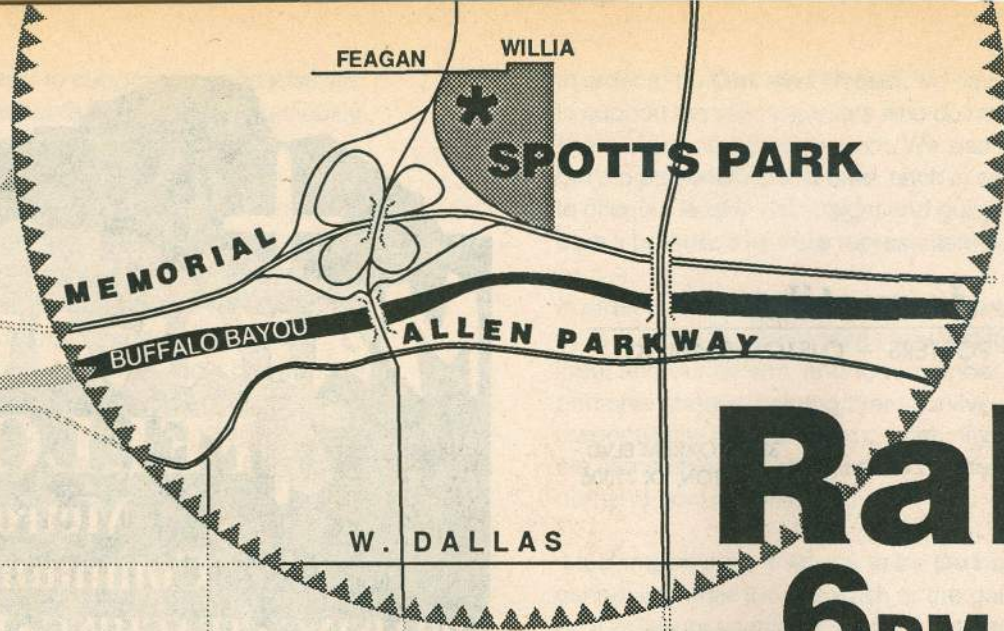
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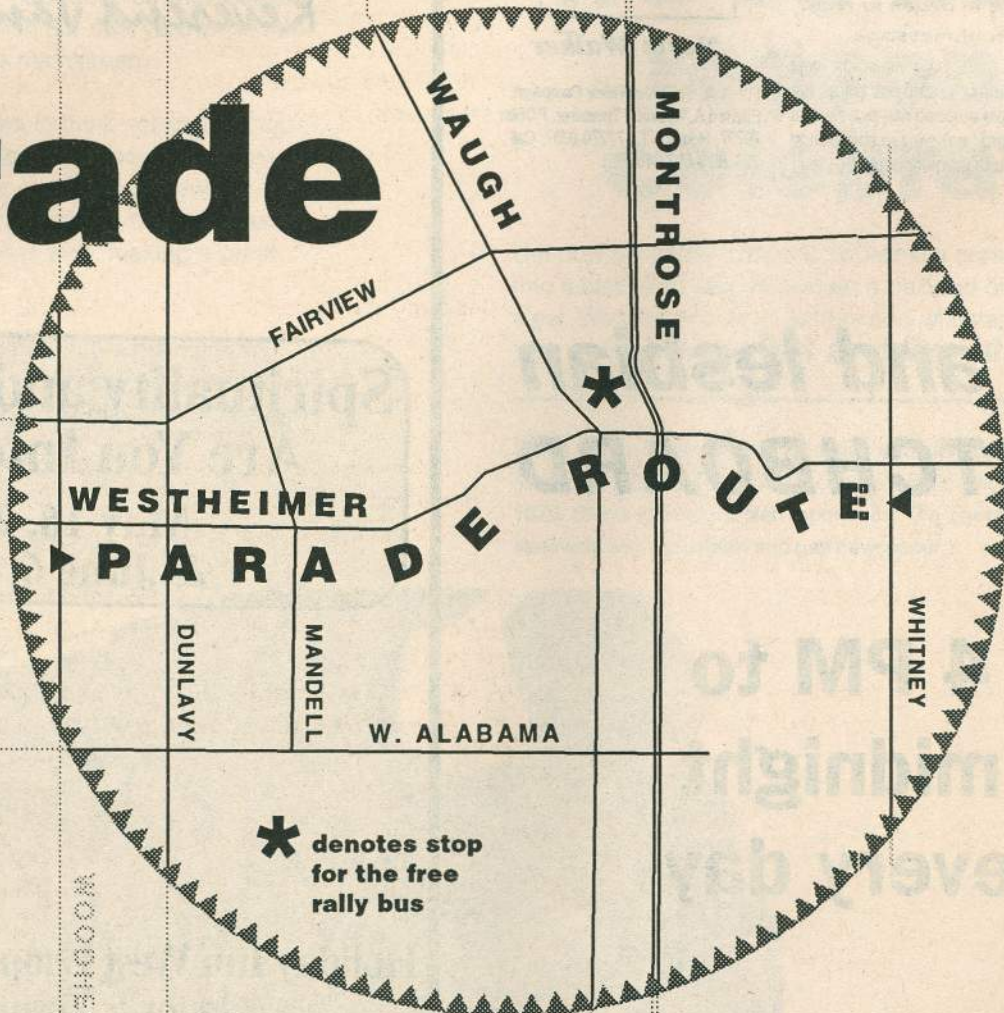
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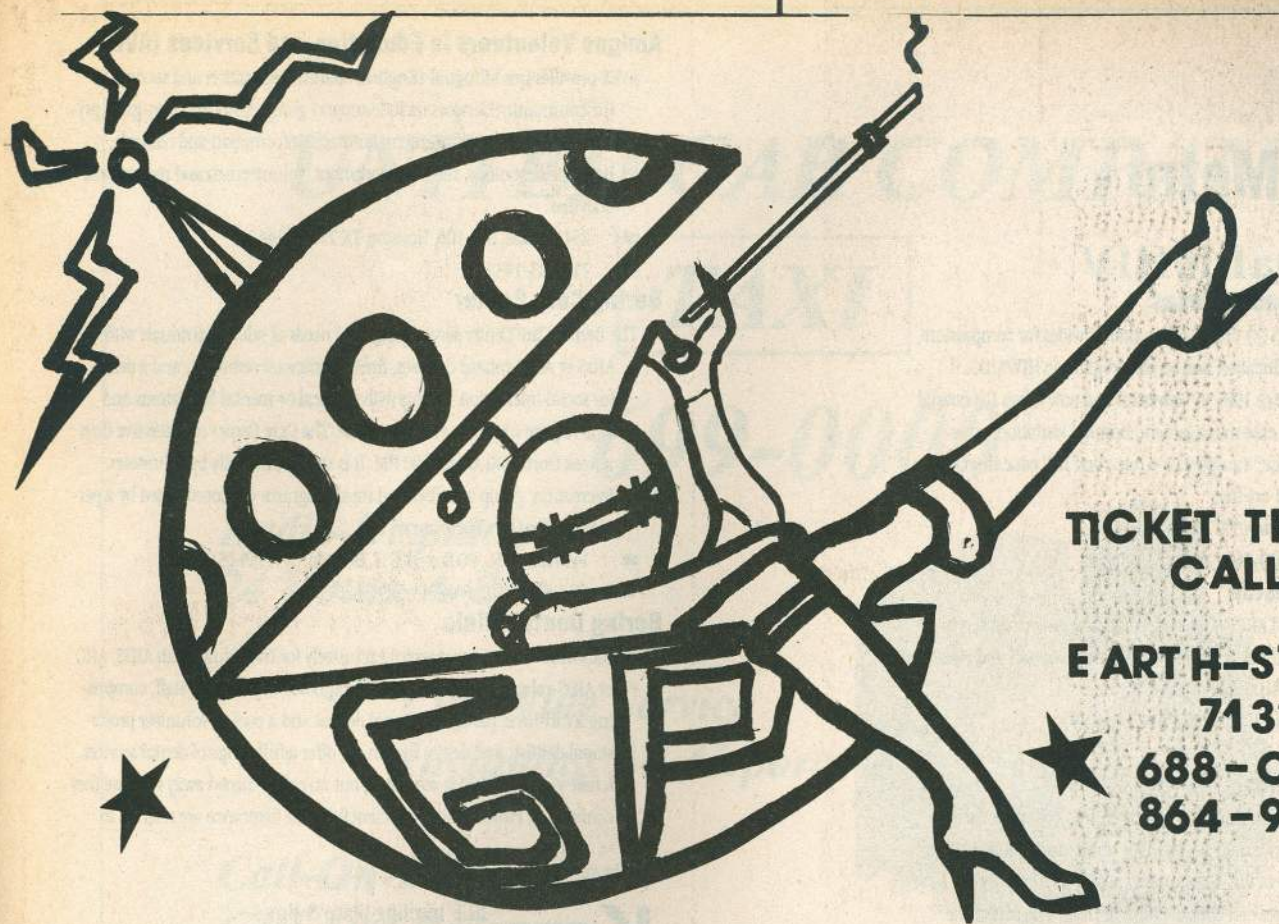
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- ☒ 1419 Tremont, Galveston TX 77550-4514
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- ☒ 3202 Wesleyan, Houston TX 77027-5113
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- ☒ 3408 W. Lamar, Houston TX 77019
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- ☒ 2510 Broad, Ste. 100, Houston TX 77087-1445
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- ☒ 1440 Harold St., PO Box 540517, Houston TX 77254-0517
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- ☎ 701 N. Post Oak Rd. Ste. 330, Houston TX 77024-3883
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Greater Houston HIV Alliance

- ☎ 811 Westheimer Suite 103, Houston TX 77006
- ☎ 713-526-2369

Harris County Health Department

- ☎ PO Box 25249, Houston TX 77265-5249
- ☎ 713-526-1841

Harris County Hospital District

- ☎ PO Box 66769, Houston TX 77266-6769
- ☎ 713-746-5400, FAX 713-746-5401

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- ☎ 900 Lovett, Suite 203, Houston TX 77006
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Houston AIDS Legal Hotline

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- ☎ 4131 S. Braeswood
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Mental Health Association

- ☎ 2211 Norfolk #810, Houston TX 77098
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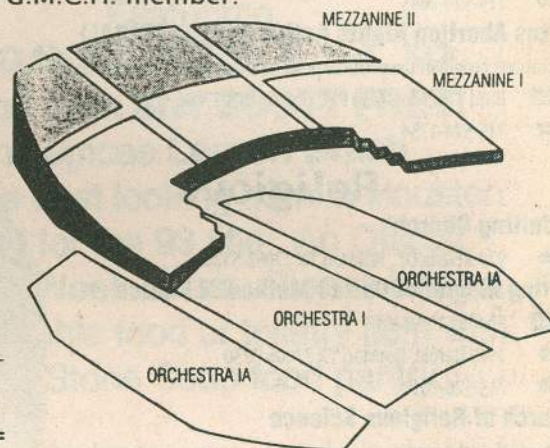
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713-526-5200

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

A parish of the Trinitarian Catholic Church providing gays and lesbians with acceptance, love, and nurturing; offering women access to ordained ministry; and restoring our gay Catholic heritage and pride.

Sunday, 11 AM: Tuesday-Thursday, 8 AM Saturday, 11 AM: 1218 Welch St.
PO Box 66641, Houston TX 77266-6641
713-523-8412

Kingdom Community Church

Christian educational/worship community with primary outreach to the gay community. Seeks to discover and develop the unique person that God made each of us to be.

Sunday School, 9:30 AM Worship Service, 11:00 AM; numerous self-improvement/Christian classes during the week: 614 E. 19th Street
614 E. 19th Street, Houston TX 77008
713-862-7533

Kolbe House

House of Hospitality and ministry for the gay community and people living with AIDS.

1509 Fairview Street
PO Box 66669, Houston TX 77266-6669
713-522-8182

Live Oak Meeting (Quakers)

Meetings for Worship, Sunday 11:00 AM: 1003 Alexander Street at 10th Street
1003 Alexander Street, Houston TX 77008
713-862-6685

Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Community Church

Praise the Lord in Music, the Word and Prayer

Service: 10:00 AM - Noon Sunday, Holiday Inn West Loop South
1422 Richmond Ave. #2051, Houston TX 77006
713-528-6756

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 AM and 7:15 PM Sunday, 6:45 PM Wednesday, as well as other spiritual, social and educational activities. Tuesday night, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Empowerment for Living which begins with pot-luck; PWA Support Group.
1919 Decatur, Houston TX 77007-7636
713-861-9149

Mischpach Alizim

Organization for Jewish gays and lesbians and their friends and families.

Stuart, 713-688-8997

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Sundays, 8:00, 9:00 and 11:00 AM
1805 W. Alabama, Houston TX 77098-2601
713-528-6665, FAX 713-528-4179

Social/Educational

AIDS Equity League

A non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring equitable treatment of the gay and lesbian and at-risk community in local HIV/AIDS decision-making. The League was founded in 1990 on the premise that people have a right to a voice in decisions that ultimately affect their lives.

- ☎ 12 Noon second Tuesday & 5:30 PM fourth Tuesday: Charles
- ☎ PO Box 980307, Houston TX 77098-0307
- ☎ 713-871-0092, FAX 713-871-0093

Alternative Broadcasting Service

Houston's only gay television production facility. Formed in 1989, ABS dedicates itself to providing materials for all television markets including home video release 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, FAX 713-522-5115

American Civil Liberties Union of Texas

The ACLU of Texas is the state affiliate office of the national ACLU. Its goal and purpose is to protect and expand everyone's civil liberties as those rights are contained in the US and Texas Constitutions. It accomplishes these goals through lobbying, litigation and public education.

Dues: \$20.00 and up.

- ☎ 1236 West Gray, Houston TX 77019
- ☎ 713-942-8146, FAX 713-942-0131

American Gay and Lesbian Atheists

As a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt educational foundation, American Gay and Lesbian Atheists is helping to ensure that the light of the First Amendment continues to shine brightly upon everyone in our diversified community, and is opening a door for the many Lesbian and Gay freethinking individuals who grasp for knowledge's immutable principles. Publishes a monthly newsletter and operates Dial-A-Gay-Atheist at 880-4242, a 24-hour editorial/opinion line on topics of concern to lesbians and gays.

- ☎ PO Box 66711, Houston TX 77266-6711
- ☎ 713-862-3283, FAX 862-3283

AMIGA de Houston

Created to further the commitment of Lesbian Latinas in the quest for equality for all. Dues: \$15 for newsletter quarterly.

- ☎ third Sunday
- ☎ PO Box 980134, Houston TX 77098-0134
- ☎ 713-520-5667

Art League of Houston

A non-profit educational organization to promote public interest and appreciation of the visual arts. The Art League has been dedicated to enriching Houston's cultural environment through its exciting and varied activities since 1948. It is supported primarily by membership gifts as well as public grants. Monthly exhibitions and art school, outreach programs and the Art Registry of Texas are only a portion of its diversity.

- ☎ 1953 Montrose Blvd., Houston TX 77006-1243
- ☎ 713-523-9530

Asians & Friends

A non-profit, educational community service group for Lesbian and Gay Asians, Asian-Americans, Pacific Islanders and anyone interested in furthering their understanding of the rich and varied cultures of Asia. Asians and Friends will soon be registered with the State of Texas under Section 511(c)(6).

36 ☎ Potluck on Saturday evenings, Dim Sum, Sunday Business Meetings

- ☎ PO Box 740346, Houston TX 77274-0346
- ☎ 713-772-3757

Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf

This Houston chapter of the National Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf was founded in 1979. Upcoming: Deaf Glow '94, biannual conference for the deaf of the western region, September 1-5, 1994. Dues: \$15.00 for members, \$12.00 for HIV+, Senior, Students

- ☎ 7:30 PM on 2nd Friday: call for location
- ☎ PO Box 66136, Houston TX 77266-6136
- ☎ 800-735-2988, FAX 713-528-4923

B'nai B'rith Women

- ☎ 4660 Beechnut, Ste. 2, Houston TX 77096-1872

Bad Girls Golf

- ☎ 2106 Duberry, Houston TX 77018
- ☎ 713-956-8132

Bar Association for Human Rights

The purpose of this organization is to provide a forum for Gay and Lesbian attorneys and other professionals in the legal field interested in our community to exchange information and promote the effective practice and professional expertise of membership, and to provide educational programs for our membership and the community at large. Dues: \$40.00 for attorneys, others vary.

- ☎ once a month; please call for information
- ☎ 3601 Allen Parkway, # 373, Houston TX 77019-1617
- ☎ 713-524-5549

Bay Area Gays and Lesbians (BAGAL)

Recently formed social organization centered in the Galveston Bay/Clear Lake area.

- ☎ once or twice a month, Houston TX 77006

Center for Positive Lifestyle

- ☎ 1505 Nevada St., Houston TX 77006-1023
- ☎ 713-526-5683

Chain Gang Bicycle Club

- ☎ PO Box 130064, Houston TX 77219-0064

Classic Chassis Car Club

- ☎ PO Box 981102, Houston TX 77098-1102

Couples/Houston

Purpose: To provide social/educational outreach to persons participating in an alternative lifestyle relationship; to support the positive aspects of a relationship and the sense of stability they represent.

- ☎ PO Box 70884, Houston TX 77270-0084

Crisis Hotline

A 24 hour, 7 day-a-week crisis intervention telephone service is provided. Crisis counseling and specific information and referral on a wide range of topics including suicide, AIDS and mental health issues.

- ☎ PO Box 130866, Houston TX 77219-0866
- ☎ 713-228-1505

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.

- ☎ 4800 Calhoun CA # 219, Houston TX 77204-0001
- ☎ 713-529-3211

Diana Foundation

- ☎ PO Box 66523, Houston TX 77266-6523
- ☎ 713-861-6561

DIFFA

- ☎ 20 Greenway Plaza, Houston TX 77046
- ☎ 713-621-7989

Diverse Works

- 1117 East Freeway, Houston TX 77002
- 713-223-8346

Executive & Professional Association of Houston

- PO Box 130227, Houston TX 77019-0227

Family Connection

- 5501 Austin St., Houston TX 77004-7103
- 713-523-6825

Four Seasons Club

- 2230 Goldsmith St., Houston TX 77030-1119
- 713-664-6627

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. Other activities include a monthly dinner, Sunday Brunch and out of town runs. Dues: \$12.00

- Sundays at 9:00 AM and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM:
The Tennis Center at Memorial Park
- 3327 West Lamar, Houston TX 77019-1915
- 713-522-8021

Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International

The Houston chapter has been providing support to lesbian and gay parents for over three years. They meet every third Tuesday to discuss issues such as coming out to their kids, handling a relationship with a partner, ex-spouse, divorce, visitation and the effects of homophobia on the gay/lesbian family. Child care is provided and teens have their own group.

- 713-666-8256

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard Houston

Clearinghouse of information of gay/lesbian community; calendar of events; AIDS/STD information; telephone counseling and active listening, crisis/suicide intervention; referrals of bars, restaurants, hotels, community merchants, medical, legal, and mental health professionals.

- PO Box 66469, Houston TX 77266-6469
- 713-529-3211; TTY/TTD

Gay Fathers / Fathers First

Weekly support meetings for gay fathers and their partners. Informal discussions concerning coming out, legal issues and other topics related to gay parenting.

- Mondays, 8:00 - 9:30 PM.
- PO Box 981053, Houston TX 77098-1053
- 713-265-8191

Gay & Lesbian Hate Crimes Hotline

Gay and lesbian hate crimes reporting, counseling, and referrals.

- PO Box 66469, Houston TX 77266-6469
- 713-529-9615

Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos (GLHU)

A social, cultural and educational organization created to motivate, educate and instill pride in gay and lesbian Hispanics, their friends and supporters. Discrimination can be eliminated through political, economic and social equality. Founded as Gay Chicano Caucus in 1978, it has grown from a social gathering to a diversified organization of artists, musicians, lawyers, accountants, TV-film specialists, administrators, mechanics, and more.

- PO Box 66469, Houston TX 77266-6469
- 713-880-GLHU

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston

Come sing with a group of community-minded gay men who enjoy making music.

- 38 Open rehearsals every Thursday at 7:00 PM: Bering Memorial

Methodist Church, 1440 Harold

- PO Box 541004, Houston TX 77254-1004
- 713-630-0333

Gay Men's Network

A social and discussion group that discusses topic which concern the Gay and Lesbian community.

- Once a month @ Bering United Methodist Church
- Info. Pat 713-522-0268, Rick 713-522-5957 or Albert 713-521-2296

Gay Men's Support Group

- PO Box 66469, Houston TX 77266-6469

Gay/Lesbian Students Assn. of UH

GLSA is an educational, social, political, and service organization dedicated to improving the lives of Lesbian & Gay members of the UH Community.

- every Wednesday at 3:30 and 7:00 PM
- Campus Activities Box 314, Univ. of Houston, Houston TX 77204-3650
- 713-529-3211

Gays and Lesbians of Rice (GALOR)

Educational offerings include holding panel discussions in classes dealing with sexuality and gender, publishing a newcomer's guide, providing awareness and sensitivity training for incoming students and maintaining a visible and positive presence on the university campus. Dues: \$5.00

- 4:00 PM, every Sunday during school year: varied
- Student Activities - Rice Univ., PO Box 1892, Houston TX 77251-1892
- 713-527-4097

Grey Party

- 713-524-8463

Gulf Coast Legal Foundation

- 2626 S Loop W Fl 4, Houston TX 77054-2648

Gulf Coast Transvestite Chapter

- PO Box 90335, Houston TX 77290-0335
- 713-780-3553

Hazelwitch Productions

Produces cultural events that are validating and empowering as well as entertaining for Houston lesbian/feminist community.

- 846 Richmond, Houston TX 77098
- 713-521-3369

Heartsong

Provides a place for women who love to sing songs that empower people. Women who like to sing are welcome.

- Rehearsals are Monday s, 7:00 to 9:00 PM
- PO Box 980243, Houston TX 77098-0243
- 713-667-2932

Houston Area Gay and Lesbian Engineers & Scientists (HAGLES)

Social organization 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.

- 713-480-2177

Houston Area National Organization for Women

The main goal of the Houston Area National Organization for Women is to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society with truly equal partnership with men. Dedicated to the freedom from discrimination because of race, ethnic origin, age, marital status, sexual preference/orientation or parenthood; this includes equal rights and responsibilities in all aspects of citizenship, including but not limited to public service, employment, education, and family life.

- third Tuesday: location to be announced
- PO Box 66351, Houston TX 77266-6351
- 713-668-9008

Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH)

HATCH provides a safe, secure environment for gay and lesbian teens to socialize with their peers, to find support and to develop a more positive outlook on their sexuality. Open to gays and lesbians under 21.

- 📞 Fridays at 7:15 PM, Sundays at 6:30 PM: call for info
- ✉ PO Box 66574, Houston TX 77266-6574
- ☎ 713-942-9810

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 speaks on domestic violence, sexual assault and rape avoidance.

- 📞 Volunteer orientation second Mon, 6:00 PM: 3101 Richmond, Ste. 150
- ✉ 3101 Richmond, Suite 150, Houston TX 77098-3013
- ☎ 713-528-6798; 24 hour hotline 528-RAPE
- WIRES, 528-2121, FAX 713-535-6363

Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth (HIPY)

Provides support and assistance to youth in need. Programs are committed to promoting physical and moral wellbeing for young people under 21 and their families.

- 📞 811 Westheimer, Suite 201
- ✉ 811 Westheimer, Suite 201, Houston TX 77006
- ☎ 713-942-YUTH [942-9884]

Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1993

Educates the gay and lesbian community on our history by putting together a celebration each year in June commemorating the Stonewall riots.

HGLPW is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization incorporated under the Pride Committee of Houston.

- 📞 first Tues *executive*, third Tues *general* 7:00 PM:
- Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Service Center, 1475 W. Gray
- ✉ PO Box 66071, Houston TX 77266-6071
- ☎ 713-529-6979 FAX 713-529-1223

Houston Mission Church

Rev. Robert Carter

- 📞 10:30 AM Sunday: 1505 Nevada
- ✉ PO Box 131371, Houston TX 77219-1371
- ☎ 713-529-8225

Houston NAMES Project

Create memorial panels in tribute to someone who has touched their lives and died with AIDS. Conduct educational outreach with Quilt to schools, churches, corporations, PTO/PTA groups.

- 📞 Workshop: Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM: 2410 Woodhead
- ✉ PO Box 66595, Houston TX 77266-6595
- ☎ 713-52-NAMES

Houston North Professionals

Dues: \$10.00

- 📞 Second Saturday, 7:30 PM
- ✉ PO Box 3840, Humble TX 77347-3840
- ☎ 713-821-7126

Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)

Provides an opportunity for gay/lesbian people to meet one another and to

40 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 980893, Houston TX 77098-0893
- ☎ 713-KAMPOUT (526-7688)

Houston Tennis Club

- ☎ 713-524-8046

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 77449-3991

Houston Wrestling Club

Athletic organization that teaches wrestling fundamentals to adults. Members are provided newsletters, roster, voice mailbox on The Wrestling Switchboard and contact sources for times of interest to wrestlers. The club makes occasional out-of-town trips to conduct workouts as well as maintaining regular Houston workouts. The club's focus is on collegiate or amateur wrestling style. Dues: \$36.00 pro-rated

- 📞 Saturdays 2x/month 1:00 PM: usually Multi-Service
- ✉ PO Box 131134, Houston TX 77219-1134
- ☎ 713-522-5994

Integrity-Houston

Lesbian/gay Episcopalians and their friends. Offering worship/fellowship in a comfortable setting. We work within the Episcopal Church for change.

- 📞 second (worship) and fourth (social) Monday, 7:30 PM:
- Autry House, 6265 South Main
- ✉ PO Box 66008, Houston TX 77266-6008
- ☎ 713-423-0414

Justice & Peace Action Forum

JPAF is an educational/advocacy coalition predominantly Catholic, working on a variety of political and social issues. Dues: \$35.00

- ✉ PO Box 980785, Houston TX 77098-0785
- ☎ 713-664-7089

Krewe of Hydra

- ✉ 1406 Richmond 138, Houston TX 77006
- ☎ 713-523-2953

Krewe of Olympus-Texas

- ✉ PO Box 920794, Houston TX 77292-0794

Lambda Bike Club

- ✉ PO Box 271442, Houston TX 77277-1442
- ☎ 713-496-0288

Lambda Center

Gay/lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous club

- 📞 3600 Montrose #1205
- ✉ PO Box 66703, Houston TX 77266-6703
- ☎ 713-521-9772

Lambda Rollerskating Club

- 📞 skates at Hobby Skate World, 6804 Easthaven 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM, first, third and fifth Mondays 219
- ✉ Knox St, Houston TX 77007
- ☎ 713-862-4875

Lambda Women's Support & Social Group (Beaumont)

Offers group discussions, social activities, guest speakers, referrals, and a support network.

- 📞 Fridays, 6:30 to 8:30 PM
- ✉ PO Box 1206, Port Neches TX 77651-1206
- ☎ 713-736-1439 or 724-7222

Lesbian Teachers Network

new group forming.

☎ 10222 Hammerly, Box 88, Houston TX

Lesbian/Gay Students

☎ 2700 Bay Area Blvd # 198, Houston TX 77058-1098

☎ 713-488-9466

Lesbians Over Age 50 (LOAF)

Social and educational group of Lesbians over the age 50

☎ third Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00 PM: Montrose Counseling Center,
701 Richmond

☎ PO Box 980601, Houston TX 77098-0601

☎ 713-661-1482

Lesbians in Business (LIB)

A women's empowerment group to promote business skills. Dues: \$10.00 membership, \$3.00 meeting, \$5.00 meeting without membership.

☎ third Friday, 6:00 PM networking, 6:30 PM meeting:
Innova, 20 Greenway Plaza

☎ PO Box 66748, Houston TX 77266-6748

☎ 713-529-0077, FAX 713-529-2598

Lone Star Nudist Group

Gay or Bi men share nude experiences together; 72 members in Houston area. Singles and lovers welcome. Monthly meetings. Nude social events, massage group, out of town gatherings.

☎ PO Box 541061, Houston TX 77254-1061

Lone Star Symphonic Band

Montrose's own Symphonic Band, the organization is active in promoting the community with its many concerts for various groups.

☎ 1838 W. Main #2, Houston TX 77266-6613

☎ 713-524-0218

Lone Star Volleyball

There are different leagues, Beginners, Intermediate \$30.00. Power is \$225 per team; league play begins in February. Call for details.

☎ University of St. Thomas, Jerabek Activity Center

☎ PO Box 130423, Houston TX 77219-0423

☎ 713-475-2082

MacAdory House

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

☎ 3202 Wesleyan, Houston TX 77027-5113

☎ 713-623-6796

Men of All Colors Together

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

☎ 713-485-8888

Men's Network

Discussion group for social and educational development. Dues: voluntary donation.

☎ first/third Wed: Montrose Counseling Center, second floor,
701 Richmond

☎ 701 Richmond, Houston TX 77006

☎ 713-529-0037

Miss Camp America

For over 24 years, the Miss Camp America Pageant has brought to Houston audiences the final word in theater—CAMP—providing for an evening of fun, laughter, choreography, oversized wigs and head pieces, size 15

heels, and legs (hairy, of course.) The ultimate spoof on the Miss America Pageant, the non-profit corporation consists of a maximum of 90 members from all walks of life, the pageant happens on the same night as the Miss America pageant at Houston's Music Hall. Dues: \$130

☎ Second Monday

☎ PO Box 142, Bellaire TX 77402-0142

☎ 713-520-STAR

Monday Night Women's Bowling League

Fall and summer leagues for female bowlers.

☎ 6:00 - 9:00 PM: Fair Lanes Southway 59 & Gessner, Houston TX 77006

☎ Marla, 713-862-3630

Montrose Activity Center

A non-profit organization whose purpose is to build and run a community center for gays and lesbians in the greater Houston area. New center opened at 3330 Graustark, one block off Westheimer.

☎ first Thursday: Montrose Activity Center, 3330 Graustark

☎ PO Box 66684, Houston TX 77266-6684

☎ 713-523-4550

Montrose Branch Library

Various gay and lesbian groups and organizations utilize meeting rooms.

Gay/Lesbian periodicals and books available. AIDS related newsletters, too.

☎ 4100 Montrose Blvd., Houston TX 77006-4912

☎ 713-520-5487

Montrose Counseling Center

Provides quality, affordable, comprehensive, mental health and substance abuse recovery services. The center is sensitive to and knowledgeable of gay & lesbian individuals and their significant others and provides research and education to the community and to other mental health professionals.

☎ Women's Network: 2nd, 4th Wed, 7-9 PM

Men's Network: 1st, 3rd Wed, 7-9 PM

☎ 701 Richmond, Houston TX 77006-3938

☎ 713-529-0037; TDD, 713-526-6285, FAX 713-526-4367

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 the lesbian community in particular.

☎ second and fourth Wednesday

☎ 701 Richmond, Houston TX 77006-3938

☎ 713-529-0037, FAX 713-526-4367

Montrose Country Cloggers

The oldest Gay Clogging group in the United States, the Montrose Country Cloggers are over 10 years old. "We welcome all men and women who would like to learn or watch our traditional dance form."

☎ 6:30 PM, Wednesday: Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos

☎ PO Box 875, Humble TX 77347-0875

☎ 713-987-8277

Montrose Resource Center

☎ 811 Westheimer #104, Houston TX 77006-3492

☎ 713-524-1069

Montrose Singers

☎ 3407 Graustark, Apt 10, Houston TX 77006-3844

☎ 713-526-5348

Montrose Softball League

Promotes sportsmanship and friendship through a Sunday softball league.

Season is generally April through June.

☎ Games on Sundays from 11 AM - 5 PM: Tim Hearne Field on Jackson Hill at Memorial

Mothers Support Web

Social and educational support group for all mothers and supporters in feminist community, allied with the Women's Group at First Unitarian Church. We are supportive of lesbian, bisexual and heterosexual women, single or partnered, whether a custodial or non-custodial parent. We encourage non-mothers to get involved in supporting mothers and their children through friendship. We have a pot luck lunch once a month at a park or a member's home. Dues: None

- 📅 third Sunday of Month, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM: Russ-Pitman Park at Evergreen and Newcastle in Bellaire, except July, August, December and January when we meet at a member's house
- 📍 1019 Oman, Houston TX 77009
- ☎ 713-869-6689

National Leather Association: Houston

National Leather Association: Houston is the 18th Chapter of the National Leather Association. NLA: Houston is a pansexual social service organization established to educate and eradicate prejudice to the leather, S/M and fetish lifestyles. Men, women, gay, straight and bisexual individuals who are interested in NLA: Houston are encouraged to attend. Social events in bar and out of bar are ongoing, as well as fundraising for both the organization and area charities.

- 📅 second Thurs, 7:00 PM: Metropolitan Multi Service Center at 1475 West Gray
- 📍 PO Box 66553, Houston TX 77266-6553
- ☎ 713-434-2417, FAX 713-434-2823

National Organization for Women (NOW) at UH

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, & economic equality between all women & men.

- 📅 Tuesdays, 3:30 PM: University Center, Underground, NOW office
- 📍 4800 Calhoun, UC, PO Box 509, Houston TX 77004

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. Care is provided by professional staff and volunteer caregivers.

- 📍 2615 Waugh Drive, Suite 286, Houston TX 77006
- ☎ 713-523-7110

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)

Support group for parents, friends and families of gays and lesbians, and for gays and lesbians.

- 📅 Meets first Sunday (except holidays when it moves to the second Sunday), 2:00 PM: IntraCare Hospital, 7601 Fannin
- 📍 PO Box 692444, Houston TX 77269-2444
- ☎ 713-867-9020

People with AIDS Coalition Houston

The People with AIDS Coalition of Houston is an organization by and for people living with HIV and provides psychosocial support through assistance programs and referrals. We offer a buddy program, roommate referral, drop-in center with laundry facilities, bi-monthly newsletter, treatment and information library, aerobics classes, volunteer opportunities, distribution of tickets to social and educational events, intakes for financial assistance through community organizations, food stamp applications and appointments, social events, educational forums, and resource referral information. We also provide household items (furniture, kitchen articles, linens, etc.) for PWAs in need. Membership meetings are held quarterly. Open board meetings each month.

- 📅 Open board meetings on first Thur at 5:45 PM: 1475 West Gray, Ste 163
- 📍 1475 West Gray, Suite 163, Houston TX 77019-4926
- ☎ 713-522-5428, FAX 713-522-2647

Pride Awards

- 📍 PO Box 542258, Houston TX 77254-2258
- ☎ 713-524-4318

Prime Timers - Houston

The group helps meet the needs of older gay men; activities include a wide spectrum of events, such as meetings, socials, workshops, parties, trips, and "rap" groups.

- 📍 PO Box 980612, Houston TX 77098-0612
- ☎ 713-981-8440.

Q Patrol

A non-violent community group that patrols in the Montrose area on Fri. - Sat. nights. All participants must go through training before joining.

- 📅 Friday and Saturday 11:30 PM: at the Westheimer storefront police station, Houston TX 77006
- ☎ 713-524-5110

Royal, Sovereign Imperial Court of the Single Star

RSICSS is a community service organization. The Imperial Court System was founded over 28 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 nine years.

- 📅 2:00 PM, second Sun at announced locations: alternate Cousins, BRB, Gentry and EJs
- 📍 PO Box 98044, Houston TX 77098-0444

Sam Houston GLBA

An organization devoted to supporting the needs of gay, lesbian and bisexual students, staff and faculty and improving the atmosphere for all persons in regards to issues based on sexual/affective orientation. Dues: \$5.00

- 📅 5 to 6:30 every other Thursday: Lowman Student Center
- 📍 Box 2172 SHSU, Huntsville TX 77341-2172
- ☎ 409-291-3584

Silk Stocking Ball

- 📍 1502 Rosenberg St., Galveston TX 77550-4533
- ☎ 409-765-6457

Sober and Free

- 📍 1612 Columbia St., Houston TX 77008-4308
- ☎ 713-784-1400

Southern Country Houston

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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 66405, Houston TX 77266-6405
- ☎ 713-621-5300

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

Texas Lesbian Conference

- Hosted in a different Texas city every year, Houston TX 77006
- ☎ (214) 942-5921

Texas Lovin' Cloggers

- ✉ 7639 Candlegreen Ln, Houston TX 77071-2737
- ☎ 713-728-4202

Texas Riders

- ✉ PO Box 66545, Houston TX 77266-6545

That's What Friends are For!

A community-based fund-raising organization whose annual goal is to raise money for at least four HIV service organizations providing direct care to People with HIV infection at little or no administrative expense. Founded in 1989 and noted as Houston's premiere annual AIDS fund raiser, the event continues to provide the community with an affair it can be proud to call its own. Proceeds are sheltered under the 501 (c)(3) charity designation of the Larry Garrett Foundation. Dues: none.

- ✉ PO Box 540326, Houston TX 77266-6545
- ☎ 713-721-0721, FAX 713-522-0956

The Company We Keep

Showcases the theatrical and performing arts talents of Lesbians and Gays.

- ✉ 707 1/2 Avondale St., Houston TX 77006-2823
- ☎ 713-523-9000

The Garden Party

A non-profit organization whose main project is the Garden Party, held annually on the last Sunday in July. Our purpose is to raise funds for organizations that give direct assistance to People with AIDS, and to otherwise support our community.

- 📅 various Wednesdays, 7:00 PM: 2606 Montrose
- ✉ PO Box 66693, Houston TX 77266-6693
- ☎ 713-688-0336

The Group

A theater workshop producing gay and lesbian plays. Joe Watts, Director.

- ✉ 436 Hawthorne #2, Houston TX 77006-4052
- ☎ 713-522-2204

The ROBERT Foundation

A newly formed non-profit organization dedicated to providing information and referrals on AIDS. A video library is established that will teach, inform and educate about HIV/AIDS.

- ✉ PO Box 630422, Houston TX 77263-0422
- ☎ 713-789-0278

Thomas Audett Memorial Clinic

Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic: hours, Monday to Friday 6:00 - 9:30 PM, no appointment necessary. T4/T8 testing also available. Marion Panzer Women's Program: hours 6:00 - 9:30 PM, full women's examination including gynecological and breast exams. HIV testing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:00 - 9:30 PM, also Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 - 4:30 PM. Cheap Lab Work and pendamidine treatments.

- ✉ 1200 Richmond, PO Box 66251, Houston TX 77266-6251
- ☎ 713-528-5548, FAX 713-528-2984

Upfront

- ✉ PO Box 66844, Houston TX 77266-6844

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 PM, Houston VA Medical Center.

- ✉ 2002 Holcombe Blvd., Houston TX 77030-4211
- ☎ 713-795-4411

Westheimer Art Association

- ✉ 2700 Albany St., # 206, Houston TX 77006-1504
- ☎ 713-521-0133

Wigs on Fire

- ✉ 118 E. 14th, Houston TX 77008-4229
- ☎ 713-880-0767

Women's Action Coalition

An open alliance of women committed to direct action on issues affecting the rights of all women.

- 📅 Wednesday, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM: varies
- ✉ PO Box 131148, Houston TX 77219-1148
- ☎ 713-867-9581

Women's Action Coalition, Lesbian Issues Committee

Works to end the violence, invisibility and inequity that lesbians have long endured. Focuses on homophobic violence and harassment; bias crime; domestic partnership legislation and biased media representations.

- 📅 Fridays, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM: varies
- ✉ PO Box 131148, Houston TX 77219-1148
- ☎ 713-867-9581

Womynspace

Provides gathering/healing support space for womyn. The non-profit organization offers activities and events which are chemically free.

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- ☐ PO Box 2505, Austin TX 78764-0323
- ☎ 512-463-0552, FAX 512-463-0495

Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas

- ☐ PO Box 190933, Dallas TX 75219-0933
- ☎ 214-522-0438

Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL)

Statewide organization supporting the lesbian/gay lobby in the Texas

Legislature, Dues: \$25.00.

- ☐ 601 W. 18th Street, PO Box 2579, Austin TX 78768-2579
- ☎ 512-474-5475, FAX 512-474-4511

Log Cabin Republicans of Texas

- ☐ PO Box 2044, Austin TX 78764-0323

Social/Educational

Men of All Colors Together

Men of All Colors Together/Dallas is a gay, interracial organization committed to fostering supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality can be realized.

To these ends, we engage in educational, political, cultural and social activities as a means of dealing with racism, sexism, homophobia, and other inequalities in our communities and our lives. Dues: \$24.00 annual single membership, \$36.00 dual.

- ☐ 7:00 PM, second Tuesday: Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Regan, Dallas
- ☐ PO Box 190611, Dallas TX 75219-0611
- ☎ 214-521-4765

Texas Human Rights Foundation

THRF is a statewide non-profit litigation organization that seeks to end discrimination against gay men, lesbians and individuals living with HIV 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 and was heard before the Texas Supreme Court on January 5, 1993.

- ☐ Office: 601 W. 18th.
- ☐ 815 Brazos, #801, Austin TX 78701-2509
- ☎ 512-479-8473

National

Political

Human Rights Campaign Fund

Since 1981, HRCF has become the largest gay/lesbian organization in the U.S. It exerts the power of lesbian and gay Americans through bipartisan political action, lobbying, and grassroots mobilization. Join "Speak Out" constituent mail program.

- ☐ 1012 14th Street, NW, Washington DC 20005-3410
- ☎ 202-628-4160. • Local contact: Bill Willis, leave message at 521-1000

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

National civil rights organization lobbies the federal government and provides technical and strategic support to local and statewide organizations on many issues. Annual conference: Creating Changes, mid November.

- ☐ 1734 14th, NW, Washington DC 20009-4309
- ☎ (202) 332-6483

Social/Educational

Coalition of Lesbian/Gay Student Groups

A network of lesbian/gay/bisexual student groups at post-secondary institutions in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and New Mexico. Meets quarterly at various campuses in the region.

- ☐ PO Box 190712, Dallas TX 75219
- ☎ 214-761-3802

Digital Queers

DQ's first major goal is to raise money to replace the antiquated computers at the National Gay/Lesbian Task force so that they can work more effectively with the new administration in Washington. Dues: \$20.

- ☐ 548 Castro Suite 150, San Francisco CA 94114
- ☎ 415-826-0500, FAX 415-826-1400

Lambda Legal Defense

- ☐ 666 Broadway, New York NY 10012-2317
- ☎ (212) 955-8585

National Coming Out Day

Sponsors yearly National Coming Out day October 11.

- ☐ PO Box 8349, Santa Fe NM 87504-8349
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National Gay Alliance for Young Adults (NGAYA)

- ☐ Box 190712, Dallas TX 75219-0719
- ☎ 214-528-4233

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 worldwide. Volunteers needed to help with correspondence from Asia and Latin America., Dues: Subscriptions: \$3 to \$10, free sample.

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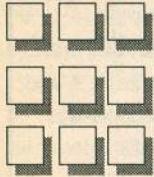
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All activities of Pride Week are done on volunteer time and effort. We would like to know how we did and how we can make Pride Week better. We would like to know how we can improve our celebration. Please feel free to write down your comments and send them to us.

More importantly, ideal are great but action is even better. Why not join us in planning next year's event. It is still not too late to help out this year. We begin planning the day after the parade. We have monthly meetings beginning on Tuesday, August 17, 7:00 PM, place to be announced. If you would like to be notified please fill out below and mail to us.

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**Theatre Night
"Sum of Us"**
8:00 PM
1706 Alamo, off
2100 Houston Ave.

**17th
Anniversary
Party Bar tour**
2:00 PM
starts at BRB

**Puppy Love II A
Very Off
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Musical**
The Ranch
8:00 PM
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**Mr. Gay
Houston USA**
8:00 PM
Pacific Street
710 Pacific St.

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Panel Making Workshop 5:00-9:00 PM 2410 Woodhead Panel Making Workshop 5:00-9:00 PM 2410 Woodhead Roller Skate Night 7:30-10:30 PM Hobby Skate World 6804 East Haven Panel Making Workshop 5:00-9:00 PM 2410 Woodhead Make a Joyful Noise III 7:30 PM Community Gospel Church Ice Skate Night 8:00 PM-10:00 PM Galleria Westheimer & Loop Panel Making Workshop 5:00-9:00 PM 2410 Woodhead The Word on Sexuality 7:30 PM Kingdom Community Church Panel Making Workshop 5:00-9:00 PM 2410 Woodhead Ecumenical Communion Service 7:30 PM Montrose Palace 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth Panel Making Workshop 5:00-9:00 PM 2410 Woodhead Outdoor Skate 6:30 PM - DARK Memorial Park 100 Picnic Ln. Theatre Night: "Fay & Ray" 8:00 PM Stages 3201 Allen Pkwy. Houston's Hot V: A Night in Black Leather 10:30 PM Venture-N 2923 Main Funky Freeway Bike Ride 10:00 AM Heaven 810 Pacific at Grant Bar to Bar Fun-Run 6:00 PM BRB, 2400 Brazos Out, Together and Proud Concert 7:00 PM Cullen Theatre at Wortham Center Baile '93 9:00 PM Sheraton Astrodome Kirby at South Loop	s 20	m 21	t 22	w 23	t 24	f 25	s 26
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Dignity Liturgy
11:00 AM
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Grand Marshal's Reception
2:00 PM
E/J's, 2715 Ralph

Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade
4:00 PM, along
Westheimer, Woodhead to Montrose

Scorcher-The Party
after the parade
Pacific Street
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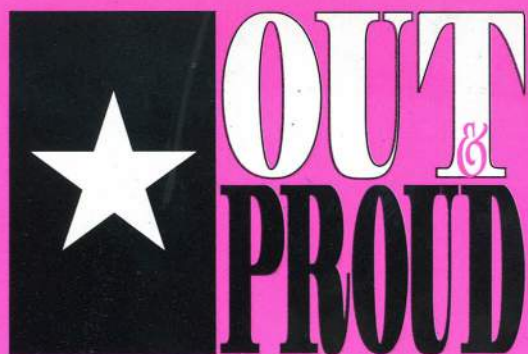
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1993 Pride Week

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