

# TAKE *Pride*

Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991

# HOUSTON GAY/LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK newsletter

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## Come Out and Party!

by Jack Valinski  
Co-Chair HG/LPW

**M**ost of us on the Executive Team of Pride Week have been working very hard over the last few months to get things ready for Pride Week. It is at this time I would like to thank the players for their hard work. We have been busy with many tasks. The T-shirts and the other items under the Merchandise Committee have been out for a while. With three major events—The March on Austin, The Poster Party, and the Westheimer Art Festival—we are much farther ahead than ever before. The Fundraising Committee has finished the first major event, The Auction, and is working on the next, the Pride-A-Thon. Under Logistics there are about 20 events planned at this writing. To save money, the Pride Guide has been scaled down to be a 20-page tabloid with spot color. And things in the Parade Committee are going right on schedule.

With that brief overview, I would like to talk about how and why we are working so hard to organize and produce Pride Week.

Many of us know that in June, 1969, when the only establishment where gays would gather were gay bars. There were practically no political, social, religious, or educational organizations for us. The bars that existed were mostly in dark alley ways, mostly without signs, so

then and many of us have never experienced that kind of oppression. Yet most of us have experienced the isolation of feeling alone. It could have been when we were teenagers and somehow felt that we did not fit in. We had feelings that we thought were wrong. As we got older and

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that attention would not be drawn to them.

In most areas, there were laws prohibiting even the concept of a bar where people of the same sex could gather. One of the bars in New York City was called the Stonewall. Bar raids were routine. People would be arrested and their names would be published in local newspapers. Lives were ruined.

It was there that a number of gay men and women finally got tired of it and decided to riot. That event marks the beginning of the modern gay rights movement.

We have come a long way since

discovered that there were more like us, our feelings began to improve. And many of us have come to the understanding that we should feel proud.

And we can feel proud. Proud that we have looked within ourselves to improve our society. In the beginning, many of us felt that we had to be super-good, super-hard working, or super-community oriented to get respect from non-gay people. We perhaps neglected building our own community to prove to others that we were good and worthwhile people.

Others of us, however, felt that

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### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 PM

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center

1475 West Gray

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# TAKE PRIDE

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## Come Out and Party!

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we needed to concentrate on our own and to build our own institutions, like the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, the Montrose Clinic, and the Montrose Counseling Center. Little did we know how important these institutions would be.

As we began to make progress, not only by educating ourselves, but by educating society to accept us (or at least to get used to us), we did have some setbacks. AIDS has killed so many of our loved ones and has touched so many of us. It has changed the way we are as a community. We have discovered how important our institutions really are. We have the Clinic to educate us about AIDS. We have the Counseling Center to help us cope with the loss of our friends. The Caucus has helped us defend our rights and get the government to quit ignoring the epidemic.

There are, of course, many other organizations that helped us to cope and others that were formed to specialize in AIDS work.

These organizations formed, grew, and, more importantly, sur-

vived because of one thing—PEOPLE. Our people. Because of the sacrifice, sweat, and dedication of the countless heroes of our community, not only have we survived AIDS, but we have rejected the notion that there is somehow something wrong with us. We know better now. Some even say that gay and lesbian people have special talents that contribute to society. It was Fran Leibowitz who said, "If you removed all of the homosexual and homosexual influence from what is generally regarded as American culture, you would be pretty much left with *Let's Make a Deal*."

Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991 is a party. And I would like to dedicate it to the people who make our community a very special place. As I have been involved in many gay and lesbian organizations, I hope everyone will come out and celebrate Pride Week to honor those who have made it possible for us to do this against all the odds.

Please make an effort to join us at the Pride-A-Thon on May 31st at Rich's. λ



Pride Week volunteers were out in force at the recent Westheimer Arts Festival.

# Minutes of HG/LPW, April 16th

## CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Jack Valinski called the meeting to order and welcomed the group present (19 voting members & 14 visitors).

**PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice of the evening's meeting was included in the April Pride Week Newsletter.

## PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Minutes for the March 19, 1991 meeting were made public in the April issue of the Pride Week Newsletter and accepted for the record.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Wunrow submitted the January 31, February 28, and March 31, 1991 reports; closing balance as of March 31st was reported as \$3,705.23; the proposed budget for Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991 was submitted for the record with a total of \$31,152.00 as income and \$30,083.25 as expenses; the budget was accepted for the record; a motion was passed that authorized the Treasurer to pay bills, including the Pride Week Newsletter, with a cap of \$200.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Marketing** - Bobby Miller and Brian Keever announced that \$600 was raised at the Pride Week Poster Debut; the committee will be at the Westheimer Arts Festival selling hats, T-shirts, posters, and soda in squeeze bottles; volunteers are needed to staff the table; outlets for selling Pride Week merchandise will open at various locations the week after the Arts Festival; a motion was passed to allocate \$700 for 144 more T-shirts, if needed.

**Publications** - Bob Alban informed the group that the "Guide" has been dropped from this year's Pride Week; he thanked MCCR, StarNite '91 and others who had already submitted ads; discussion of the guide by some individuals present followed; the guide idea was tabled to the next Executive Team meeting on May 7th at Jack Valinski's.

**Fundraising** - Wayne Grabein reported on two events. "What's It Worth" is to be held on April 28th at Heaven (3:30-7:00 p.m.); items are being collected for the auction; Lloyd Powell will be the auctioneer; invitations will be mailed out; letters for potential donors are available; call 864-0890 or 623-8665 for items to be collected. The second event is the dance "Pride-a-thon" on May 31st at Rich's; a DJ spinoff is also scheduled; dancers will commit to certain hours of dancing; \$4,500 profit is projected; Anabel explained the procedure for the event; forms for entering the event were handed out to the group present; a suggestion that organizations challenge each other was made.

**Media** - Jack Valinski reported that Donn Mumma assisted with the April Pride Week newsletter; 800 copies were printed and 500 mailed out.

**Logistics** - Carol Clark announced that the cover letter and Parade information had been sent out with the deadline listed as April 30th; the pocket guide will be printed again this year; 10 events have been received for the pocket guide and she expects the guide to be out by the first week of June.

**Parade** - James Laque-Lefevre informed the group that this year one person will be designated as Unit Manager; the Unit Managers will meet on April 25th at EJ's on Ralph Street at 7:30 p.m. to receive Parade rules and regulations; he elaborated on the new silent memorial unit; a \$5 fee will be requested for participants in the silent memorial unit with a \$10 late fee; a second and final meeting will be held on June 11th at EJ's, 7:30 p.m.; a question on the definition of a parade unit was addressed.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Debbie Holmes, Logistics Chair for StarNite '91 reported for Ronnie Diaz; a roller skating fundraiser is planned for April 23rd at the Carousel.

Rink; the flyers announcing this event were donated by Printex Plus; booths are encouraged (call 289-7684 for more information); a volleyball tournament is being planned; two banners and booth signs have been donated along with \$500; Pepsi has assisted with tents and cups; the meeting with Charles Armstrong was held and three checks will go to the Pride Week Committee. Anabel Evora announced that outreach efforts will take place on Wednesday (5-8 p.m.) at Missouri Street Station and Friday (9-11 p.m.) at the Ranch.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Harrington stressed the importance of Pride Week and the participation of all community members; Dean Walradt reported on the National Leather Association; Brad Veloz announced that the Gay/ Lesbian Hispanics Unidos (G.L.H.U.) were having the annual Pride Week event, BAILE '91, featuring the international singer Elsa Garcia at the Sheraton Astrodome on June 22, 1991; Debbie commented on the Pride Week Poster efforts.

## ADJOURNMENT

Jack Valinski called for adjournment of the meeting. λ

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Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991

# Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week '91 Application for Official "Feel the Music" Parade

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**PLEASE RETURN TO:  
Parade Committee  
Gay/Lesbian Pride '91  
Box 66071  
Houston, TX 77266-6071**

**PRIDE WEEK INFORMATION: 713-523-5263**  
**Parade Meeting April 25 & June 11**  
**7:00 PM at EJ's, 2517 Ralph**  
**Deadline June 11, 1991**

# Calendar

## May

- 7 Executive Team  
7 p.m.  
21 General Meeting  
Multi-Service Center  
7 p.m., 1475 W. Gray  
31 Pride-a-thon, Rich's  
9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 2401  
San Jacinto

## June

- 4 Executive Team  
7 p.m.  
11 Last day to submit  
Parade Application  
11 Parade Meeting, EJ's  
7 p.m., 2517 Ralph  
14 **Pride Week Begins**  
(see description of  
events on pages 6 & 7)  
14 Media Conference  
11 a.m., location TBA  
17 GLHU Mr. & Mrs. Baile  
Pagaent, Rich's

9 p.m., 2401 San  
Jacinto

- 22 **StarNite '91**  
all day, Montrose &  
Lovett  
23 "Feel the Music"  
**Parade**  
5:30 p.m., on  
Westheimer  
23 **StarNite '91**  
all day, Montrose &  
Lovett

## July

- 2 Executive Team  
7 p.m.  
16 Awards Ceremony  
Multi-Service Center  
7 p.m., 1475 W. Gray

## August

- 5 Executive Team  
7 p.m.  
19 Elections

# A March on Washington?

Word will soon be out from a May 11-12 nationwide meeting of lesbian and gay activists to decide if and when a third March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights will take place. The first such march took place in October of 1979, the other during the same month in 1987.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) had called for discussion within the gay/lesbian community of the possibility of a March on Washington. Nearly one hundred lesbians and gay men met on March 9th to consider the issue. Those present decided to convene the more formal national meeting in

Washington where final decisions would be made. One proposal coming out of the earlier meeting called for a March on Washington to take place in the spring of 1992.

In making their decisions, the planners are considering other events which would draw upon the gay/lesbian community.

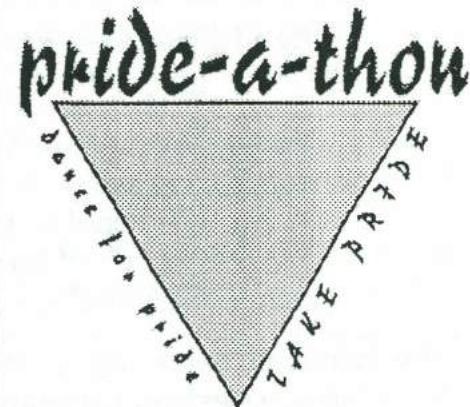
Any plans for a March would have to be finalized soon to allow for adequate lead time to organize a successful event. The National Planning Meeting Organizing Committee (NPMOC) can be reached c/o NGLTF, 1734 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009. λ

# Dance For Pride!

**N**ow you can come out and party, meet your friends, and help support Pride Week all in one event!

Pride-a-thon will be a five-hour dance and party fundraising event for Pride Week 1991. Participants will collect pledges for each hour they dance with prizes awarded to the top money-makers.

The dance will be held at 2401 San Jacinto on Friday, May 31st, at 8 p.m. There will be ten-minute breaks every hour of the dance. Par-



icipants don't have to dance the full length of the event, but the longer they do and the more pledges they get, the better their chances of winning prizes.

Those who don't participate directly in the marathon are welcome, too; it should be fun to watch! A cover will be charged.

Pledge forms can be obtained by calling the Pride Line at (713) 523-5263 or by writing to HG/LPW, Box 66701, Houston, TX 77266-6071.

Time's a wastin'...so ask your family, friends, co-workers, or businesses to sponsor you, have a great time at the dance, and help support Pride Week. λ

# Pride Week Event Guide

## SATURDAY, JUNE 15

### "Next Step" Workshop

Time: 1-5 p.m.  
Place: 4211 Graustark (behind  
Audette Center)  
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.

### 1991 Pride Awards Banquet

Time: TBA  
Place: Sheraton Astrodome Hotel  
Sponsor: Montrose Activity Center /  
Metropolitan Community  
Church of the Resurrection  
Cost: \$30 and up

The banquet, featuring a prominent speaker from the gay/lesbian community, will recognize some of our own who have contributed to improve our quality of life.

## 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

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## MONDAY, JUNE 17

### Spiritual Renewal with Delores Berry

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

### 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.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 18

### 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

### 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.

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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

### 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.**

## THURSDAY, JUNE 20

### Quilting Bee Workshop

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

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### 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  
(LGL)  
Cost: Donations accepted

Fundraising event and thanks for the community's continuing support of the statewide lesbian and gay lobby effort.

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What you do matters—  
please recycle!

## FRIDAY, JUNE 21

### Baile '91

Time: 8 p.m. - 2 a.m.  
Place: Sheraton Astrodome Hotel  
Sponsor: Gay & Lesbian Hispanics  
Undios  
Cost: \$15 presale/\$20 at door

Largest indoor event held during Pride Week. Tex-Mex music, salsa-Latin sounds. **¶ 880-GLHU** for details.

### 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.

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## RESOURCE GUIDE INFORMATION

The Resource Guide copy will be available on the May 21st meeting for inspection. Anyone who represents an organization should be present to make additions or corrections. The Resource Guide will be published in the 1991 PRIDE GUIDE. If you cannot be present and would like to review the copy please call Jack Valinski at 529-1223 before May 21st.

# Pride Week Event Guide

## SATURDAY, JUNE 22

### Legal Issues Facing the Gay/Lesbian Community

Time: TBA  
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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Take Pride Concert

Time: 8 p.m.  
Place: StarNite '91  
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*.

### StarNite Pride Festival '91

Time: 3-10 p.m.  
Place: Kwik Kopy parking lot, Montrose & Lovett  
Sponsor: Montrose Activity Center  
Cost:

StarNite is a two-day community festival featuring food and drinks, merchants, community organizations, an art exhibit, games and tournaments, and live entertainment.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 23

## StarNite Pride Festival '91

Time: 3-10 p.m.  
Place: Kwik Kopy parking lot,  
Montrose & Lovett  
Sponsor: Montrose Activity Center  
Cost:

StarNite is a two-day community festival featuring food and drinks, merchants, community organizations, an art exhibit, games and tournaments, and live entertainment.

## "Feel the Music" Parade!

Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Place: On Westheimer, from Dunlavy  
to Whitney  
Cost: Free; entry fee for parade  
participants

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

## LA Parade on Cable

Houstonians may have the opportunity to see the 21st Annual Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade live from Los Angeles on their cable systems. Christopher Street West/LA, the sponsor of the event, is urging members of Houston's lesbian/gay community to call their cable companies and ask them to carry it.

Christopher Street West/LA has televised the event for five consecutive years and is offering the television feed to the cable companies free of charge.

The theme of this year's parade, scheduled for June 23rd, is "Together in Pride". It is the third largest parade of any kind in California with more than 300 units and is expected to draw 300,000 spectators this year.

Melinda Tremaglio, Marketing Director of the satellite telecast, said, "We need calls from you, your organization, and your friends urging your cable companies to carry the parade. We want to flood them with the message that the parade is available, is free, and that you, as one of their subscribers, deserve the opportunity to see it."

You can contact your Houston-area cable companies at these addresses:

Warner Cable, 8400 West Tidwell, Houston, TX 77040

Houston Community Cablevision, 2505 Bisbee St., Houston, TX 77107

Prime Cable, 13700 Veterans Memorial Dr., #140, Houston, TX 77014. λ

## ORGANIZATION LISTING— RESOURCE GUIDE

The Pride Guide will again this year list organizations serving the Lesbian and Gay community. This list is known as the Resource Guide. Next month this newsletter will publish the Resource Guide so any corrections can be made. If you would like to get a head start please fill out below.

Type:  Civic  Religious

Health  Social/Educational

Media  Out of Town

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

Meetings: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Resource Guide, HG/LPW, Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071



# New York City To Host Massive '94 Celebration

Planning has already begun for Stonewall 25, a month-long celebration to be held in New York City in 1994, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots which marked the beginning of the modern gay/lesbian rights movement there in 1969.

Numerous events and meetings are being scheduled to coincide during June and July, 1994. Lesbians, gays, and their supporters will converge on New York to celebrate with a wide range of events, including Gay Games IV, the annual International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) conference, an expanded Heritage of Pride Parade, a concert by over 500 musicians of the Lesbian/Gay Bands of America, and conventions of many lesbian/gay organizations.

The march on Sunday, June 26, 1994, is expected to be the largest lesbian and gay event in history.

To allow as many people as possible to participate, the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators has agreed that those cities which usually hold their Pride events on the last weekend in June will reschedule their events in 1994. National organizations are encouraged to schedule their meetings and conventions in New York City during June of that year.

## UNITY '94: GAY GAMES IV

Gay Games IV continues in the tradition started by former U.S. Olympic decathlete, Dr. Tom Waddell. From the first games in San Francisco in 1982 which included 1,300 participants, the Unity '94 event is expected to attract 12,000 athletes and 60,000 spectators from over 40 countries.

Participants will be competing in 30 sports ranging from badminton to powerlifting, croquet to wrestling.

The Gay Games centers on the concept of inclusion. Everyone is welcome—people of all colors, ages, and abilities. Athletes of all skill levels can strive for their personal best. There are no regional eliminations—everyone participates. New York organizers feel that now is the time to reach out to include more non-gays, more people of color, more differently abled individuals, and more persons with AIDS—in short, an expansion of the traditional population which has been attracted to the Gay Games. The Games are open to every person regardless of sexual orientation, but the overall philosophy remains a spirit of openness and honesty where no participants need

disguise any aspect of their lifestyles.

Gay Games can be reached at Unity '94, Times Square Station, PO Box 202, New York, NY 10036, or at (212) 732-3612. Memberships range from \$25 to \$250.

## STONEWALL 25: YEARS IN THE MAKING

Much work needs to be done between now and June, 1994. The initial Stonewall 25 planning meeting was held in February. Further meetings are scheduled for the upcoming IGLA conference in Mexico and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) conference in Arlington, Virginia.

The Stonewall 25 Planning Group can be reached at 208 West 13th Street, New York, NY 10011-7799.

Morris Knight, a longtime gay activist, summarized Stonewall 25 as, "Our last great chance in this century to do something so great, so mystical, that everyone for the rest of their lives will be enchanted by it." λ

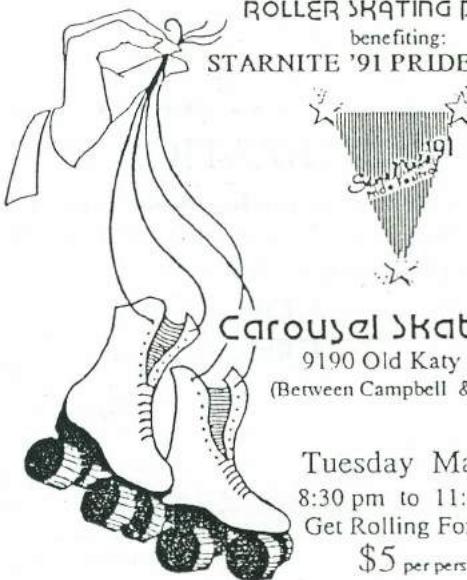


## Gay Nineties

ROLLER SKATING PARTY

benefiting:

STARNITE '91 PRIDE FESTIVAL



Carousel Skating Rink

9190 Old Katy Road  
(Between Campbell & Blalock)

Tuesday May 21

8:30 pm to 11:00 pm

Get Rolling For Only

\$5 per person

(Includes Skate Rental or bring your own)

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Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991

# HOUSTON GAY/LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK PRIDE GUIDE

Dear Advertiser

The Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee is in the process of finalizing the plans for this year's events. The activities will begin on June 14th and continue through June 23rd with the "Feel the Music" Parade at 5:30 PM.

The **Pride Guide** is an important part of our plans. The **Pride Guide** will contain a schedule of all the events (over 20), the parade route, resource guide (listing of community organizations) and many articles on our community. The **Guide** will be used as a reference guide long after this year's celebration.

The **Pride Guide** will have a circulation of 15,000 with approximately 3,000 to 5,000 being mailed directly into area homes. The format will be a tabloid style. There will be spot color on some pages.

The advertising rates are as follows:

	Regular	Non-Profit	Size
Full page	\$275	\$250	13 high x 9 1/2 wide
Half page	\$170	\$150	6 1/2 high x 9 1/2 wide
Quarter page	\$85	\$75	6 1/2 high x 4 3/4 wide
Business card	\$20	\$20	1 3/4 high x 3 1/8 wide

Prices quoted for camera ready. Deadline May 28, 1991. The **Pride Guide** will be distributed the first week of June.

The **Pride Guide** is an opportunity to get your message out about your business or organization. It will also be a way to show your community support. Please call me at 529-1223 if you need any more information or have any questions.

Thank you,

Jack Valinski  
Co-Chair HG/LPW

# PRIDE WEEK NEEDS YOUR INVOLVEMENT!

We need your help. Pride Week is a year 'round activity. We have to raise money and awareness twelve months of the year to produce the parade and associated activities. If you have even a little time to spare, you can make a difference in helping people feel good and proud about themselves.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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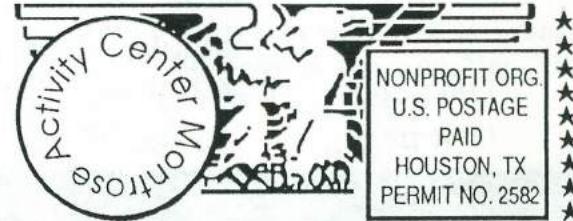
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Houston Gay/ Lesbian Pride Week 1991

# HOUSTON GAY/LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK newsletter vol 1, no 6      july, 1991

## Thanks to you !!!

The Executive Committee would like to thank everyone who was involved in this year's celebration. We spent long hours in planning and raising money to help support all the events that took place. But the effort was worthwhile.

The success of the events is really because of the involvement of the community.

A full report will be given on the July 16th meeting, 7:00 PM at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. Hope to see you there.

We must already begin planning for next year's events. Nominations for Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992

officers will be accepted at the July 16th meeting and elections will take place on August 20th. Anyone interested must nominate themselves.

Only those attending both the July and August meetings will be eligible to vote for the new officers.

## Media Coverage

by Jack Valinski

This year there was more coverage by the non-gay media than any of us could remember. The *Houston Press* did a cover story on gay and lesbian people. This was sort of a take off on our poster where as our poster was the pictures of our com-

munity, the *Houston press* feature was the stories of our people.

The *Houston Post* did a story on the first page of the second section on Monday. The *Houston Chronicle* had pictures on the first page of the Metropolitan section with a story on page 2 of that section. The stories were very positive and very well written.

On Saturday June 22 the *Houston Post* ran an article I wrote in the OP-ED section.

I have had reports that Channel 2, 11, 13 & 26 all had coverage of the parade in their Sunday newscast. Channel 26 ran coverage on the next day noon report.

K-Lite was running public service announcements before the parade and KRBE was not only in the parade but talked about it on Monday morning.

All in all there was more coverage and more positive coverage of the events and of our people than ever before. We at pride week can't take full credit for all of it. The success is because many of our people talked to the media.

## NEXT MEETINGS

*nominations for 1992 officers  
& 1991 wrapup*

**Tuesday, July 16, 7:00 PM**

*election of officers*

**Tuesday, August 20, 7:00 PM**

**Metropolitan Multi-Service Center  
1475 W Gray**

# Pride high, dry as parade floats by

## Gay Day celebration fills Montrose as rain threat holds off

By R.A. DYER  
Houston Chronicle

The clouds gathered and the sky became dark. Yet the rain would not fall.

For hours, float after float drifted down Westheimer, disco music wafting from enormous speakers. Not until the final moments of Houston's 1991 Gay Pride Day parade Sunday, as the last flower-festooned Cadillac finished the route, did the deluge begin.

It was almost like a miracle.

"In the 12 years we've had parades, it has never rained," said Robert Bridges, a participant. "People say God is against homosexuality — but if he or she is against us, how come it never rains on our parades?"

The Feel the Music parade, the culmination of Gay Pride Week celebrations in Houston, attracted thousands of spectators in a 10-block segment of Westheimer in the Montrose area. At first, there was 94-degree heat and oppressive humid-

ity. Then came the clouds and finally a brief shower.

And through it all, gay men and lesbians openly embraced. They held hands and kissed and laughed together, secure in their numbers.

Rep. Glenn Maxey, the state's first openly gay legislator, waved from a long convertible. City Councilwoman Sheila Jackson Lee shared the backseat of a car with Larry

Lingle, past president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

City Council hopeful Annise Parker, part-owner of the feminist bookstore Inklings, was greeted with applause at every intersection.

Jane Hutto, a longtime resident of the Heights, said she has attended every Gay Day parade since they began here in 1979.

"I'm here because it's really important to show my pride," said the 39-year-old carpenter. "It's important to stand up to the repression, to the homophobia, to say, 'I'm gay and it's OK.'"

Geoffrey Wickland, a recent emigre from New York, said he was seeing his first gay parade in Houston.

"It's very liberating," he said. "It's great for gay people to be seen in numbers, so people realize how many of us there are. So they see we are taxpaying, responsible citizens who deserve civil rights."

A group known as Queer Nation carried banners lambasting City

Council for not supporting a redistricting plan to create a non-incumbent council district centered in Montrose. They chanted, "Hey, ho, homophobia has to go."

Minutes later, a towering tractor entered by a gay bar carried flag-waving, T-shirted men in hard hats — many dancing to blaring disco music.

On another float, entered by the "National Leather Association," about six men in skintight black leather pants shook and shimmied to old rock 'n' roll tunes.

But perhaps the loudest applause was reserved for someone who was not part of the parade.

Minutes before the arrival of the first float, a tall, dark-haired Houston police officer rode by on horseback. As he passed Mary's, a gay bar at 1022 Westheimer, he flashed a wide, toothy grin.

He was greeted by appreciative catcalls and whistles. Remarked one man outside the bar: "He's cute."

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Robert Bridges

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Nuri Vallbona/The Houston Post

**"Rainbo de Klown" winds down Westheimer while admirers cheer along the way.**

## Gays celebrate end of special week

By MICHAEL A. SMITH  
OF THE HOUSTON POST STAFF

Five rumbling motorcycles led the big parade.

They were followed by a huge, rolling six-pack, a platinum-blond mermaid pushed in a shopping cart and a leather-clad kazoo band.

This eclectic group represented only a smidgen of the several hundred people from 60 organizations who walked the near-molten pavement of lower Westheimer Sunday to celebrate the culmination of Houston's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week.

In its 12th year, Gay and Lesbian Pride Week is designed to promote acceptance of alternative lifestyles, event organizers said. This year, it

also had the goal of raising money for the Montrose Activites Center, said Jim Owens, president of the center.

Owens said the center is a non-profit umbrella organization that supports other groups within the gay and lesbian communities.

Much of the fund-raising took place at the StarNite Pride Festival on the corner of Montrose Boulevard and Lovett Street, where vendors offered wares ranging from intricate ceramic masks to water pistols — a briskly selling item used to cool off in the heat.

As with any other festival, many operating booths Sunday were merely displaying their handicrafts and services. But there were also some

with more serious, perhaps grim tasks.

Houston lawyer Robert M. Rosenberg, of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, offered information about a move to repeal Section 21.06 of the state penal code, which makes consensual sex between adults of the same gender illegal. Rosenberg said the law's repeal is essential before gays can make much progress in Texas.

And like the threatening black clouds that loomed in the northern sky as the parade formed up, reminders of the AIDS epidemic cast a shadow on the festivities.

One graphic reminder was the patch-work quilt constantly being added to by the Names Project.

# PRIDE WEEK NEEDS YOUR INVOLVEMENT!

We need your help. Pride Week is a year 'round activity. We have to raise money and awareness twelve months of the year to produce the parade and associated activities. If you have even a little time to spare, you can make a difference in helping people feel good and proud about themselves.

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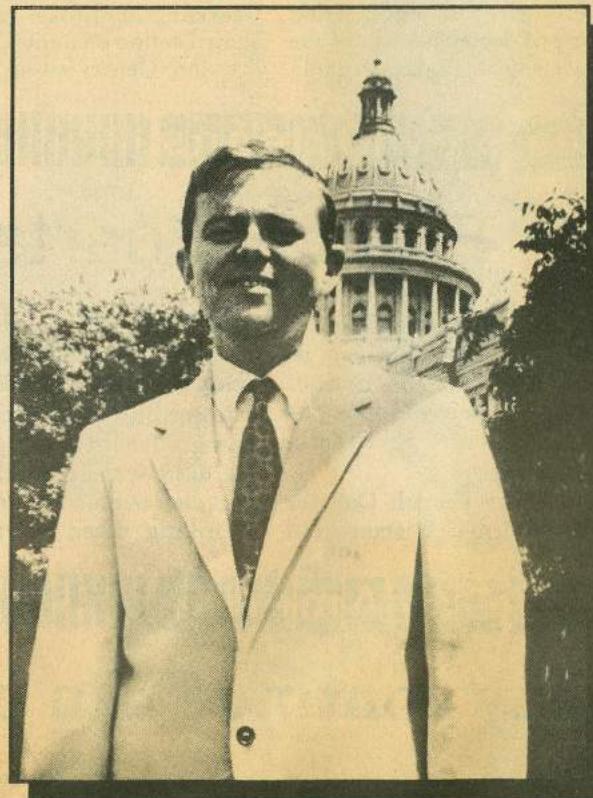
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**Sheila James Kuehl**

Ms. Kuehl is the founder of the Southern California Women's Law Center. An actress on the *Dobie Gillis Show*, Sheila left her acting career, went on to Harvard Law School, and "came out" as a lesbian activist working to change laws to further feminist causes.

*with Guest Host*



**The Honorable Glen Maxey**

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## Nominees for 1991 Pride Awards

The following organizations or individuals are nominees for the 1991 Pride Awards. Balloting will be from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Final selections will be announced at the Pride Awards Dinner. Ballots will be available for those not purchasing tickets.

### *Promoting Pride*

#### **WITHIN THE COMMUNITY**

- ▼ BERING COMMUNITY SERVICE FOUNDATION
- ▼ PRIDE WEEK PARADE 1990
- ▼ TEXAS GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

#### *Promoting Pride by a COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION*

- ▼ AIDS EQUITY LEAGUE
- ▼ COLT 45'S
- ▼ EPAH

#### *Promoting Pride by an INDIVIDUAL (Male)*

- ▼ FELIX GARCIA
- ▼ JACK JACKSON
- ▼ CHUCK PATRICK



### *Promoting Pride*

#### **BEYOND THE COMMUNITY**

- ▼ MONTROSE CLINIC
- ▼ STATE REPRESENTATIVE GLEN MAXEY
- ▼ NAMES PROJECT-HOUSTON

#### *Promoting Pride by a BUSINESS*

- ▼ INKLINGS
- ▼ LOBO
- ▼ THIS WEEK IN TEXAS (TWT)

#### *Promoting Pride by an INDIVIDUAL (Female)*

- ▼ MARION COLEMAN
- ▼ LINDA MORALES
- ▼ ANNISE PARKER

**THE STOUFFER PRESIDENTE - GREENWAY PLAZA  
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1991  
6:30 TO 10:00 P.M.**

### **TICKETS:**

**Sponsor: \$100 (Advance Only) • Donor: \$50 (Advance Only)**

**Dinner: \$35 (Advance Only) • Program Only: \$15**

**Tickets Available at Printex Plus, Lobo, and Inklings**

**For Further Information call 524-4318**

*Signed for the hearing impaired*

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