

HOUSTON STONEWALL 25

HOUSTON LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE WEEK 1994

January, 1994

Julie Siska & Ray Ramirez, Co-Chairs

The Coming Year

As we enter 1994, let us all make a pledge to make a difference in our community. This year is the 25th anniversary of the lesbian/gay liberation movement in America, hence HouStonewall 25. Our organization is a major vehicle in Houston in educating our community and the city about our lifestyle. By producing a great Pride Week, we will give our youth and adults a way to demonstrate pride in how far we have come (out) and how we are a vital contribution to society as a whole.

Now is the time for all of us to join our efforts through joint events and to cross social, racial and economic boundaries in our own community. If we are to be successful then we must learn to work with one another for a common goal.

The Pride Week Committee has a great vision for 1994 - a universal community profoundly related. You can be a part of that vision by assisting us in producing HouStonewall 25. The new dates are June 3 through 12, 1994. This is a change from previous years -- we intend this to be the kick-off event for the Gay Games and Stonewall 25 in New York.

Month to month our various committees are growing. Fundraising events are being planned, a video is being discussed, the newsletter is in production, and the Pride Guide is in the works. The new location for

the Rally is Buffalo Bayou Park near beautiful downtown Houston. Also, new events for Pride Week are being developed as part of Pride Week 1994.

Last month, the logo finalists were selected by a panel of community judges and the winner was chosen by the Pride Committee. The winner of the contest is Paul England. His design (see the newsletter header) will appear on all Pride Week merchandise and various publications.

In February, we will be accepting nominations for the Grand Marshals (i.e. Grand Marshals (male and female), Organization, and Honorary Marshal). Nominations must be submitted in writing. If you know of some individual and/or organization that you think should be considered for these honors, you will want to schedule February 15 on your calendar. The voting will be held during the March 15th general meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting on January 18th at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray at 7 PM. In the meantime, should you have any questions or require additional information, please call the Pride line 529-6979.

Pride Week '94 Co-chairs

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Important Dates

Pride Week 1994 -- June 3 to June 12
Stonewall Celebration in New York -- June 26
Gay Games IV 1994 -- June 18-25th

The Story of Stonewall

by Marty Yaklin

It was around 3:00a.m. Saturday morning (or Friday night) when the TPF (tactical patrol force) descended upon The Stonewall Inn, a popular drag bar in the heart of New York's Greenwich Village. They were there to close the private club for selling liquor without a license. This was supposed to be a routine raid, but the TPF had no idea what was about to happen -- after all, they showed up with only about a dozen officers and a search warrant to raid a bar at 2 a.m. with over 200 patrons inside. Never before had anyone resisted the routine raids on gay bars across America.

After the TPF descended upon the Stonewall, they slowly released the patrons one by one. But as they did, a festive crowd started to gather outside. As the favorites were making their grand exits from the bar, the crowd began to cheer them on. Soon, however, the paddy wagons showed up and the mood began to change. Next to come out were three drag queens, the doorman, the bartender, and a lesbian, all being arrested. This is when it all really began to change.

In charge of the raid was Deputy Inspector Seymour Pine. He ordered the police cars and paddy wagons to leave with the arrested and hurry back. This left eight officers to control the crowd that had grown to more than 400 people. The crowd soon started getting rowdy and mass chaos was beginning to evolve.

It started with pennies, dimes, and quarters being thrown at officers barring the entrance to the club. It soon escalated to bottles and more. At this point, the officers, along with Howard Smith, a reporter for The Village Voice, took cover inside the bar. The crowd was out of control.

With the windows boarded from inside and the tight security that had shrouded the bar for the past two years, the officers probably felt reasonably safe inside. This certainly did not last.

The windows were broken and soon the front door was knocked open. From inside, three officers ran out into the crowd, only to be pelted with a hail of coins and trash. Deputy Smith was hit in the head with a beer can. Pine, the officer in charge, then grabbed someone out of the crowd and they were soon on the ground. The protestor was then dragged inside by his hair. The door was then shut again.

Now inside, the unfortunate prisoner was slapped around, beaten, and handcuffed. The crowd grew worse. (Or better, depending on whose side you

were on.) Cobblestones and bottles were now being thrown at the building. Then an uprooted parking meter was used to smash the door which was soon open again. Next, the side door came open. The officers inside then warned that they would shoot the first *!@ who came in. The officers lined the entrance inside the club, ready to shoot. The only thing that entered was an arm through a window. It was squirting lighter fluid which was followed by flames.

As the TPF inside were ready to shoot, the flames coincided with sirens from the backup units arriving. It had been forty-five minutes. The lockup units arrived in the nick of time.

When it was all over, thirteen people had been arrested and everything in the club was smashed and broken to pieces. The mirrors, the phones, the jukebox, the cash register, the cigarette machine, all destroyed. And it wasn't the result of the crowds outside that all these things were destroyed. The bar was closed, but the owners vowed to reopen the following night, and they did.

Saturday came around all too soon. With the Stonewall Inn open serving only sodas, the crowd was everywhere. The queens were out in the streets being cheered on by the "Stonewall Girls" doing their cheers:

"We are the Stonewall Girls"
"We where our hair in curls"
"We have no underwear"
"We show our pubic hairs"

It was a festive night. Kissing, handholding, and cheers of homosexual liberation filled the air. The crowd started to grow restless. Soon it moved up the street where it ran into a wall of TPF officers, sent there to disperse the crowd. After being forced back, part of the crowd, being in the gay mood it was in, broke into a chorus line facing head to head with the club carrying TPF. But it was not until they were in to a full kick routine that the TPF acted. The police chased the crowd through the streets, but it wasn't until about 3:30 a.m. before the crowd finally dispersed.

Sunday night was pretty much the same. Around 1:00 a.m., a light force of TPF made a sweep though the area and got everyone moving and scattered. Soon after, the crowd cleared.

So there you have it. For the first time ever, queens were dancing in the streets. But why? What was so different this time? Why did the crowd gather and not just go on home, happy not to be the one arrested? No one is really sure, but one thing is for certain: after this rebellion, or riot or whatever you

choose to call it, things started changing. The liberation movement started growing by leaps and bounds. But what had really changed? What changed is gay men and lesbians, drag queens, butch and fem, all stood together with pride, hate, and laughter, and said, "No more."

We certainly have come a long way since 1969, but it is not over yet. Just as those people in 1969 who stood up and fought believed well enough is not good enough, I feel the same way today. What we have today is good, but at least for myself, it's not enough. But

more than that, I believe that together we can make new progress and cover new ground. I certainly hope so, because the progress we have made can certainly be lost. After all, this is a time when we are seeing the anti-gay backlash coming at us from all across America, and we must stand together to fight it.

Marty Yakin
Newsletter Committee

Let's Rally Y'all

So that Houstonians may participate in the Gay Games IV and the Stonewall 25 March in New York City in late June 1994, Houston Pride Week Events have been moved up several weeks. The parade and rally will take place on Sunday, June 12, 1994, with several tentative changes.

The parade will follow last year's route, eastbound along Westheimer from Dunlavy to Montrose but will step off around NOON. Interested participants and organizations should plan events accordingly. This time allows ample time for participants and spectators alike to freshen up after the parade and make it back to the rally later that day to set up booths, etc.

Plans are in the making to move the rally to Buffalo Bayou Park along Allen Parkway. As always, we will have food and drink, entertainment, exhibit and merchandise booths. A shuttle from the Montrose area and the ever popular aerial fireworks display are also planned. Booth and parade applications will be sent in our March mail-out. However, anyone interested in providing entertainment or assisting in any other capacity should contact Rally Chair ASAP. We need you!!

Robert Seiler, Rally Chair

Q Patrol

Q Patrol needs more volunteers on Friday and Saturday nights if we are to continue operations. If you have available time or would like to donate money to Q Patrol, please call 871-8519.

Lesbian and Gay Voices

HOUSTON'S NEW RADIO PROGRAM

- ▼ LOCAL, STATE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS
- ▼ MUSIC AND COMMUNITY NEWS
- ▼ INTERVIEWS, BOOK REVIEWS AND COMMENTARY

6 TO 8 PM FRIDAY
90.1 KPFT
World Radio

TUNE IN TO YOUR COMMUNITY RADIO PROGRAM
289-2700 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Lambda Roller Skate Club

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WE HAVE MADE IT TO THE NEW YEAR. OUR SKATE NITES ARE NOW HELD ON THE FIRST, THIRD, AND FIFTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH, FROM 7:30-10:30.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT RAY AT 862-4875.

SKATE NITES ARE HELD AT Hobby Skate World, 6804 EASTHAVEN, JUST OUTSIDE THE LOOP OFF OF I-45 AND MONROE/Hwy 3
AS ALWAYS ADMISSION IS \$5, WHICH INCLUDES SKATES.

Pride Committee 1994 Needs YOUR Help!

In order for the 1994 Pride Parade and Rally to be successful, we need EVERYONE's help. Our Fundraising, Parade, Pride Week Events, and Rally Committees all need more volunteers to make this year's Pride Week spectacular!

If you feel you can assist us in these areas, or any you can think of, please contact us.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 18TH, 7:00PM AT THE MULTISERVICE CENTER ON WEST GRAY

Address Update

Would you like to add your name to our mailing list? There is a cost to provide you with this newsletter. If you are able to make a donation to help support both this newsletter and Pride Week in general, we would appreciate it!

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Donation _____

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January Calendar of Events

- 4th ● Lambda Roller Skate Club Skate Nite ●
See information on Page 3.
- 9th ● P-FLAG Meeting ● 2:00PM ● St. Francis
Episcopal Church ● Call 867-9020 for
information
- 11-13th ● Channel 8 Special "Tales of the City"
by Armstead Maupin
- 15th ● Deadline for February Newsletter
- 14-16th ● National Leather Association III
Anniversary ● Call the NLA Line for
information

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- 18th ● Pride Committee Meeting ● 7:00PM ●
Multi-Service Center ● 1475 West Gray
- 18th ● Lambda Roller Skate Club Skate Nite ●
See information on Page 3
- 23rd ● 1:00 DIFFA Winter Carnival
- 23-24th ● MCCR Spiritual Renewal with Rev.
Frankye White
- 24th; Agora ● 7:30 Multi-Service Center ●
1475 West Gray
- 29th ● Imperial Court Coronation ● Holiday
Inn Med Center ● Call Imperial Court for
Information

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A Word From the Co-Chairs

We again remind you that the Pride Week activities are scheduled for June 3 to 12, 1994. As mentioned in another article in this issue of the newsletter, the Gay Games and Stonewall 25 are the reasons for changing our dates to the early part of June. The Pride Week committee chose to do this so that our local contingency could attend the New York events without missing the bash we plan to put on locally this year.

In addition, we want to point out that the Parade time is scheduled for noon on June 12th with the Rally to follow at 4:30 p.m. at Buffalo Bayou Park. The Rally committee is developing the program lineup and has enclosed an Entertainer Application with this mailing. Please note the deadline for entry - March 15, 1994.

The applications for the Parade, and Pride Week Events, and Rally are scheduled to be mailed March 21, 1994. You will want to pay particular attention to the various due dates so that you and/or your organization can process the application(s) in a timely manner. To encourage a timely response, a motion was made and approved

at the January general meeting to increase the late filing penalty from \$20 to \$40.

As we move forward with the plans for Pride Week 1994, we have received an excellent response to our call for volunteers. Of course the more the merrier, as we are planning a gala week of activities. So if you think you have time to come play with us, please call or come to the general meeting.

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▲ The Pink Triangle ▼

Although today pink triangle is worn as a symbol of dignity and pride for the gay and lesbian community, its origin reflects the pain, suffering, hiding, and persecution that our community has been a victim of.

During the Second World War, Jews were not the only victims of the holocaust. Gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses, antifascists, non-conforming clergymen, and gays were all considered "contragenics"; that is, groups that the Nazis sought to eliminate.

In the concentration camps, gays were tagged with a pink triangle and assigned to high-mortality jobs, used as human guinea pigs for a number of medical experiments and sometimes only survived by prostituting themselves to the guards.

When the Allies won the war and liberated the camps, homosexual ex-prisoners were still treated as criminals and either sent to jail to finish their prison terms or set free only to be branded for life with the stigma of homosexuality and not enjoy compensation or restitution of their rights.

Today, we wear the pink triangle proudly as a symbol of the strength of our community, that, despite the great suffering and humiliation it has undergone, it has survived. The determination with which we have fought in the past not to succumb to the overwhelming odds is the same determination with which we fight now to obtain our rights.

Alma Aguirre,
Newsletter Committee

The Rally Is On A Roll

Plans are now well underway to hold the 1994 "Houstonewall 25" Rally celebration at Buffalo Bayou Park, the site of the annual 4th of July FreedomFest. Pride Committee of Houston and especially the Rally Committee are pleased to have back with us Beau Cain and Mitch Froehlich, both of whom were extremely helpful in planning and executing last years show, and serving as stage managers. (Yes, there WAS a show planned...it just got stuck in the mud, like everything else that day).

We are at this time putting together the line up for this year's presentation. Last year's show was to be a remarkable and diverse combination including vocalists, dancers, bands (Rock and C&W), drag, local politicians, keynote speakers, comedians, a drillteam and much more. PCOH will be drawing heavily from this bill, but at the same time would like to hear from the community at large regarding who or what they would like to see on stage. Besides providing entertainment for the community, the Rally show exists as a forum for local organizations to gain exposure and let the community know what they are about. If you are interested, or know of an act that would be well received please contact PCOH and/or the Rally Committee ASAP.

Rally committee thanks everyone for their input, enthusiasm and assistance in making the '94 Rally the best yet!!! Happy Houstonewall 25!!!

Robert Seiler
PCOH Rally Chair

Come as you are -  - Grow With Us!

MCCR

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection
HOUSTON

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SUNDAY WORSHIP...

8:30 AM, Holy Eucharist Worship

(45 minutes in length)

10:45 AM, Traditional Worship

(Service Signed / Youth Education / Nursery Facilities Provided)

6:00 PM, PRAISE Evangelical Worship

("People Raising Alleluias In Spiritual Excitement")

"ABUNDANT LIFE" BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

"EMPOWERMENT" HIV SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, 6:30 PM

CODA

(Co-Dependents Anonymous)

Tuesdays & Fridays, 7:00 PM

Bi-Net

(Bi-Sexual Support Group)

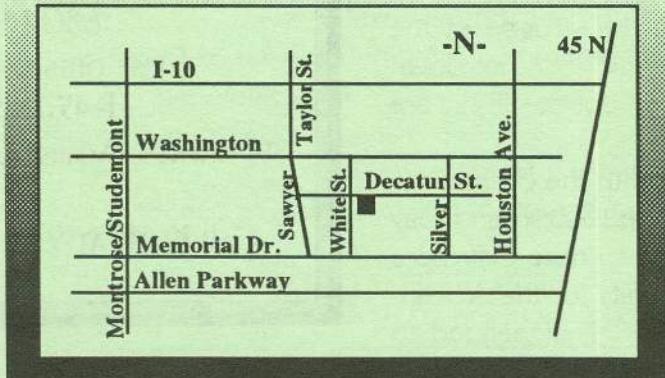
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

SORA

(Sex Or Relationship Addicts Anonymous)

(Lesbian Support Group)

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM



Rev. John Gill, Pastor

Rev. Carolyn Mobley, Assistant Pastor

A Symbol of Determination:

Carolyn Mobley

Carolyn Mobley is the best example of someone who has challenged the stereotypes society has imposed upon the Lesbian and Gay community. She challenged them and won. Besides being an African-American Lesbian who grew up and into the Southern Baptist Church, she is also an accomplished Christian educator with a congregation that both loves and admires her. By the definitions society imposes, this should have been impossible.

She is one of the best reminders our community has of the fact that being gay and spiritual is not an oxymoron. Many of us have experienced the rejection and condemnation of the religious institutions we belong to. Lesbians and Gays are considered perverts, amoral individuals, sinners. We in turn have accepted such labels and left our congregations disillusioned with organized religion. Not only that, but we also give up on our own spirituality. Carolyn has lived her life aware that what makes her spiritual is the fact that she is a person, a human being that loves God and whom God, in turn, loves too. The fact that she is a lesbian does not take that away.

In 1981, her faith was put to the test. she had been employed by the Southern Baptist church to be a Christian Educator. She loved her work. After a few years she was approached by the Board about her sexuality. Yes, she was a lesbian. On July 1, 1981, her resignation became effective.

Many might wonder why she accepted a job in a church with a largely white congregation. Her answer: she got to work directly with low-income public-housing children. Most of them were African-American. Why not the Metropolitan Community Church (the largest lesbian and gay church in the country)? After all, she was a Lesbian. Being a member of the black community, fighting for the rights of the racial minority one belongs to takes precedence over joining the struggle of the social minority one is also a member of. It comes down to this: if you are gay, the closet is an option. If you are black, it is not.

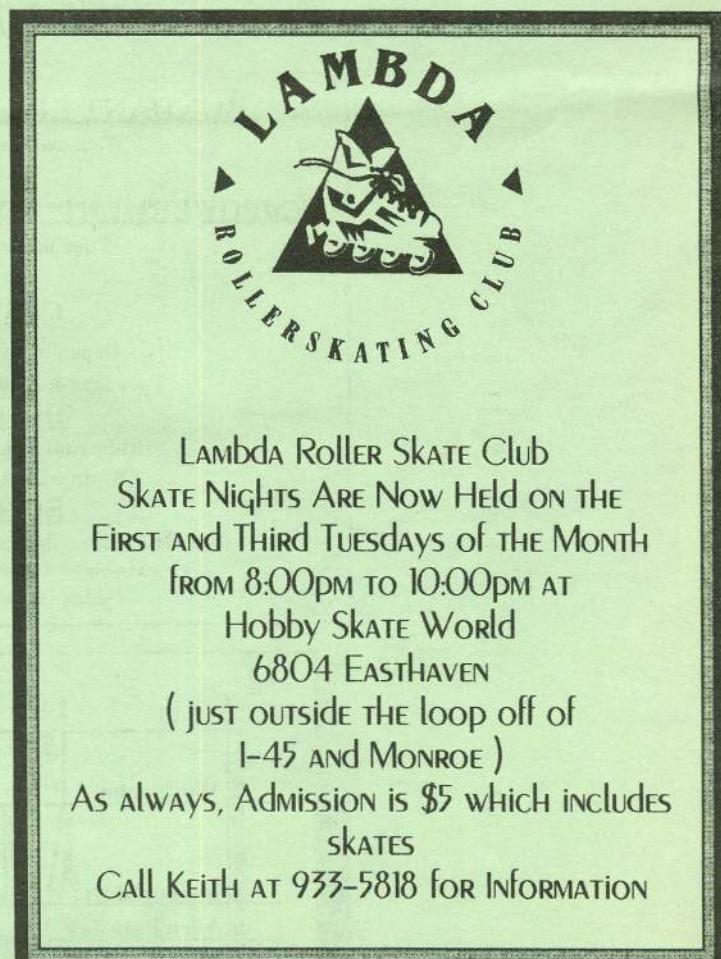
When Carolyn lost her job with the church, she decided to take a closer look at the Lesbian and Gay movement. It did not take her long to note that there were no organizations in the community for the African-American sector of the population. That needed to

change.

This proved to be a difficult task. Racial discrimination also takes place within the Lesbian and Gay community whether we can afford it. Also, with so many blacks in the closet or in complete denial, there were not many eager to join. Being Gay or Lesbian in the black community holds a stigma. But people need to feel as proud of their gayness as of their blackness. Together with some others, Carolyn helped form in Atlanta The African-American Gay/Lesbian Alliance in 1986. It was a much needed step that had finally been taken.

Today, Carolyn Mobley works as the assistant pastor at the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection here in Houston. She has reached a place where the separate roads in her life meet: she is teaching people the meaning and the importance of religion and of being spiritual, and showing them that God loves them. Most of these people happen to be gay.

Alma Aguirre
Newsletter Committee



LAMBDA
ROLLER SKATING CLUB

Skate Nights Are Now Held on the
First and Third Tuesdays of the Month
From 8:00PM to 10:00PM at
Hobby SKATE World
6804 EASTHAVEN
(just outside the loop off of
I-45 and Monroe)
As Always, Admission is \$5 which includes
skates
Call Keith at 933-5818 for information

Gay Games IV-Stonewall 25

Saturday, June 18th, New York City will be opening day for Gay Games IV. Sporting events begin the very next day. From aerobics to wrestling, from Central Park to the USTA National Tennis Center, the theme for the Gay Games is not competition, but instead, it is participation and inclusivity. The Cultural Festival will include performances and exhibits. One highlight of the Cultural Festival will be the Unity Chorus made of over one thousand voices. The Unity Chorus will perform at the opening and closing ceremonies.

After almost a week of Gay Games IV and cultural festivities, we will begin our climax with a candlelight march to the site of the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village on Saturday, June 25. The next day, Sunday, June 26, should be the pinnacle of our twenty-five years of freedom. With over one million lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people, we will not be going to the city council, mayor or governor. We will instead call on the United Nations!

The march on the United Nations will affirm Human Rights of gay men and lesbians worldwide.

One activity will include a massive rally on the Great Lawn in Central Park. The final proposal to the United Nations includes a platform of twelve items. Some include Universal Declarations of Human Rights not to be denied for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people, the global effort to combat HIV and AIDS be intensified, the General Assembly of the

UN proclaim an International Year of Lesbian and Gay People (possibly 1999), the right of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people to create families be recognized and protected, and that our family relationships be celebrated in 1994, the International Year of the Family.

The next few days after the march on the UN will be time for civil disobedience. It will be elective and to different degrees: arrest or non-arrest. There is no civil disobedience planned for the Gay Games IV, Cultural Festival, or March on the UN. Remember, this is a global celebration. We will be entertaining our people from all over the world. Civil disobedience may jeopardize their status at home or endanger their VISA status.

The Houston group attending include the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, The Lone Star Symphonic Band, Team Houston (sports community), ACT-UP, National Leather Association Houston, and PFLAG to name a few. In addition, local groups will have representatives and many, many private individuals not affiliated with any particular group.

These events will prove to be one of the biggest of our global community. It's a time for meeting new people and a time for participation. I'll be in New York, and I look forward to seeing you also.

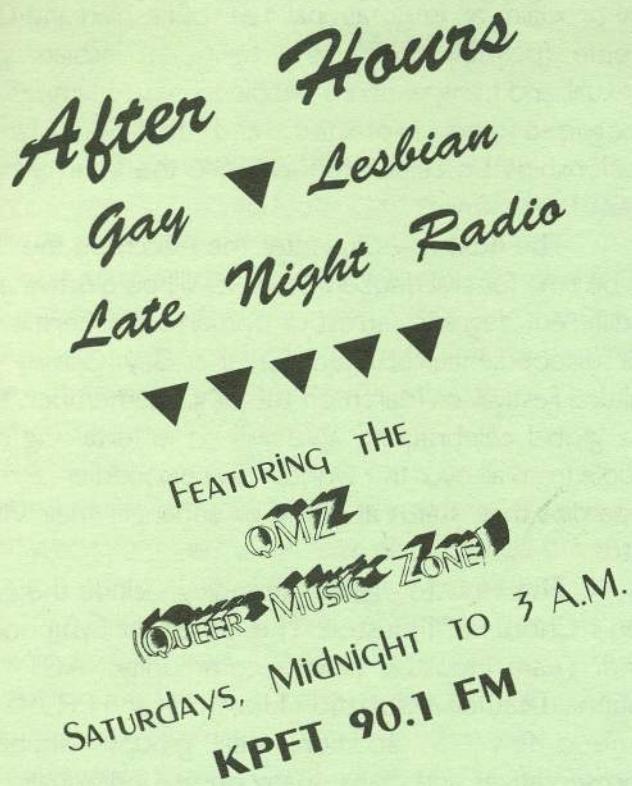
Ray Ramirez
Co-Chair, 1994.

We are looking for a few good men and women!

Pride Committee of Houston is seeking men and women to fill co-chair positions on several committees to insure gender parity. The following committees have positions available:

<i>Secretary</i>	No gender parity. PCOH needs one person to fill this position.
<i>Pride Guide</i>	Chris Noessel is current Co-Chair. Seeking female Co-Chair to assist in production. Full credit will go in the Pride Guide. This is an excellent portfolio builder.
<i>Fund Raising</i>	A male Co-Chair is needed for the fundraising committee to assist with the organization of fund raising activities for Pride Week 1994.
<i>Pride Events</i>	Both chair positions currently open.
<i>Parade</i>	A female Co-Chair is needed to assist in the planning and organization of the Parade.
<i>Merchandising</i>	A male Co-Chair is needed to assist with merchandising and marketing.

**WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH EVERY COMMITTEE!!!
IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY PLEASE CONTACT US!!!**



Robert Seiler

Robert Seiler is this year's Rally Co-Chair and he is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Pride Committee of Houston. He is on the Board of Directors of the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston and a member of the National Leather Association. He volunteers in testing for sexually transmitted diseases and participates in HIV counseling at the Montrose Clinic. He is also a council member of the Thomas Street Health Center.

This is Robert's second year with the Pride Committee. Originally he became involved as a liaison for the Gay Men's Chorus. He became involved with the Rally and has been working with it ever since. Robert brings a great deal to the committee, as he is already familiar with the procedures and the bureaucracy associated with the Rally.

We thank Robert for all of his help on this year's Rally, and the time he contributes to the Pride Committee of Houston.

Evelyn Carroll

Evelyn Carroll is one of the Co-Chairs for this year's fund raising committee. She is active with the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard and volunteers with Bering Care Center. She is also a personal attaché to Richard Lucher at the Dizinger Foundation. She also assisted with the first annual Santa's Fairies Toy Drive.

Evelyn's goal is to have exciting fund raisers for this year's Pride Committee which will assist in covering the high costs of producing a parade and rally. She has already planned one fundraising event, which is described in the ad which follows.

Sweetheart Sock-Hop Ball

Pride Committee of Houston, Gay and Lesbian Switchboard and Northern Lights Alternatives AIDS Mastery Workshop are proud to present the 1994 Sweetheart Sock-Hop Ball.

Friday, February 11th
6:00pm to 10:00pm
Multi-Service Center
1875 West Gray

Tickets are \$10.00 single and \$15.00 couple in advance (+\$5 at door). This includes dinner, dancing, a show, and a silent auction. Judging will also take place to determine the best "bee-hive" and "duck-tail" in a one of a kind male and female drag contest.

Contact:
Evelyn at 871-9726
Rusty at 668-8241

Mail Check or Money Order To:
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Donation Form

There is a cost to bring you this newsletter. If you can make a donation for the newsletter or for Pride Week in general, it would be greatly appreciated.

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*** February Calendar ***

- February 1 ► Skate Night ► 8:00pm ► Hobby Skate World ► \$5 ► 933-5818
- February 2 ► HGLPC Meeting ► 7:00pm
► Stouffer Hotel
- February 6 ► P-FLAG ► St. Francis Episcopal Church
- February 9 ► GLHU ► Multi Service Center
► 7:00pm
- February 9 ► Team Houston ► 811 Westheimer
► 7:00pm
- February 11 ► FUND RAISER ON PAGE 6
- February 14 ► PWA Coalition ► "Have a Heart Gala"
- February 15 ► Skate Night ► 8:00pm ► Hobby Skate World ► \$5 ► 933-5818
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Merchandise For Sale

There is a limited amount of merchandise available from previous years' Pride Weeks. We are in the process of gathering all the merchandise to be sold at one location. If you are interested, please call 529-6979 for more information.

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- February 15 ► Newsletter Deadline
- February 17 ► NLA Houston ► 811 Westheimer
► 7:00pm
- February 17 ► Houston Gay/Lesbian Parents
► Montrose Library ► Upstairs ► 7:00pm
- February 18-20 ► Let Us Entertain You ► 528-9192
- February 26 ► BRB ► Investiture of 10th Reign for RSICSS ► 527-9111
- February 27 ► P-FLAG ► Theatre Party
► "Jeffrey" ► Carole Miller 580-6607
- February 27 ► Excel of the Armidillo Benefit
► BRB ► 997-0104 or 827-1071
- February 28 ► AGORA ► Multi Service Center
► 7:30pm

Don't accept the bashing.

PATROL

Do something constructive about the bashing, harassment, threats and taunts aimed at us in our own neighborhood. Walk with us once a month, or donate your time, talent or money to helping us maintain a visible presence on the streets.

We need fresh leadership, new ideas and people willing to take responsibility. We're out here for you, but we can't do it without you!

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April 1994

Julie Siska and Ray Ramirez, Co-Chairs

1994 Grand Marshals Selected

At the March 15th general meeting of the Pride Committee, Grand Marshals were selected. Each nominee was given the opportunity to have someone speak on their behalf. The voting was done by secret ballot by all voting members. To be a voting member, one had to attend two consecutive general meetings. When all was said and done, (and there was a lot to be said) the voting resulted in the following winners:

Male Grand Marshal:

Jay Allen

Female Grand Marshal:

Cecily Wynne

Honorary Grand Marshal:

Claire Koepsel

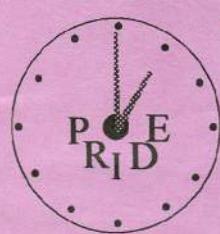
Organization:

Q-Patrol

Congratulations to all our winners and nominees. Simply being nominated for this is an honor in itself.

Parade is WHEN?

Due to a city ordinance, we are unable to hold this year's Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade at 12:00noon. Therefore, the parade time has been changed to 1:00pm. Mark this on your calendars! (You can use permanent ink this time!)

The time for the Rally is not affected by the change in the parade time. The Rally will still begin at 4:30pm.

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Pride Week Events

As part of the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in New York, the Pride Committee of Houston is already gearing up for an outstanding week of celebration and pride. Part of our week long activities during Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '94 include Pride Week Events which serve to entertain, educate, and bring together our brothers and sisters in the gay and lesbian community.

We anticipate this year's Pride Week Events to be the best ever as we incorporate the 25th Anniversary of Stonewall in with our own Pride Week celebration. I invite you to sponsor a Pride Week Event to be held anytime during the week of June 3 - June 12, 1994. Your event can be anything from social activities, seminars, workshops, concerts, benefits, and can include any theme or topic that would benefit our community. Sponsoring an event not only serves our community but also provides a great opportunity for the sponsor of the event to receive publicity and exposure to the community.

If you are interested in hosting an event during Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '94, please contact Darren Armstrong or James Robles through the Pride Line at (713) 529-6979.

James Robles
Darren Armstrong
Pride Week Events

How To REACH THE PRIDE COMMITTEE:

PRIDE COMMITTEE OF HOUSTON
PO Box 66071

HOUSTON, TX 77266-6071

PHONE: 529-6979

FAX: 529-1223

E-MAIL PRIDEHOU.Tx@AOL.COM

OUR NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 19TH

AT THE METROPOLITAN
MULTI-SERVICE CENTER,
1475 WEST GRAY @ 7:00PM

Come as you are - Grow With Us!

MCCR

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection
HOUSTON

1919 Decatur Houston, TX 77007 713-861-9149



SUNDAY WORSHIP...

8:30 AM, Holy Eucharist Worship

(45 minutes in length)

10:45 AM, Traditional Worship

(Service Signed / Youth Education / Nursery Facilities Provided)

6:00 PM, PRAISE Evangelical Worship

("People Raising Alleluias In Spiritual Excitement")

"ABUNDANT LIFE" BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

"EMPOWERMENT" HIV SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, 6:30 PM

CODA

(Co-Dependents Anonymous)

Tuesdays & Fridays, 7:00 PM

Bi-Net

(Bi-Sexual Support Group)

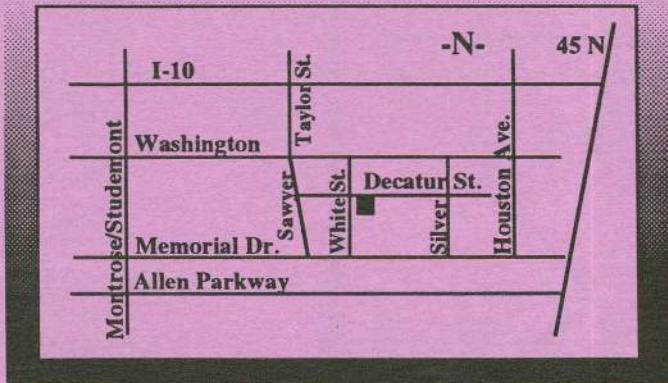
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

SORA

(Sex Or Relationship Addicts Anonymous)

(Lesbian Support Group)

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM



Rev. John Gill, Pastor

Rev. Carolyn Mobley, Assistant Pastor

To Our Leaders

As a young and upcoming leader in this community, I often find myself asking questions. By nature, I am a curious person. Sometimes, this gets the best of me, but at other times, I look at it as an opportunity. An opportunity to work with and get to know some of the current and past leaders of the community. To find out where they came from, and who taught them to lead. Who showed them the ropes, so to speak. As someone who wants to get involved and participate, as much as my time allows, I go to different organizational meetings and sit in as a newcomer. I generally say little if anything at all. I'm the one in the back corner just sitting there...watching.

When I first came to the Pride Committee, I went to the first meeting and said nothing. I sat next to Ray Ramirez, one of our committee co-chairs, and watched the natural course of business. I was later invited to stay for the board meeting, which I did, saying nothing. Having become an active part of this committee, I have noticed several things about our community in general.

Based upon my limited experience in activism, I have noticed that our respected leaders are, generally speaking, older people. But, my question is this: when these older leaders are no longer active, who will take their place? The answer is a resounding one: the young people will lead.

Now is the time for our older leaders to begin teaching us how to lead. Not just now, but all the time. It should be an ongoing process. In the future, it won't be as easy as reading the by-laws of an organization and being able to decipher what the original intentions of an organization were. Many of our organizations are based on traditions and customs that often won't be found in the by-laws or constitution.

As a "leader wanna be" I speak for all of the up and coming leaders of this community. Don't forget about us. Don't assume that we will automatically know what to do or how to do it. Teach us. Take us under your wings and show us. Introduce us to people. Point us in the right direction and give us the instructions that we need to lead. Give us the chance to make mistakes, but be there to catch us if we fall. Be open to new ideas. And don't be so quick to criticize new ideas. Have an open mind and be willing. Be willing to try different methods to achieve the same goal. But most importantly, be patient with us. You were once in our shoes.

We all have one common denominator: We are all a part of the lesbian and gay community. And we all have

an underlying goal: to continue with the work that has been laid before us until the day comes when all of our efforts will have paid off.

David

David White is the co-chair of the Newsletter Committee of the Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994. Opinions in this article do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Pride Committee of Houston.

Stonewall 25 Houston

On June 26, 1994 representatives from 162 countries will march on the United Nations Building in New York City. All facets of our global family will come together in a unified action. This international movement will show the diversity of our community, and our unity of purpose will capture world wide attention. Our avowed task: to eradicate homophobia from our villages, cities, provinces, nations...and our planet!



Houston is taking its place with the rest of the country, and the world, to see that our voices are heard. The Stonewall '94 Houston Chapter will promote outreach, media and public relations, merchandising, travel logistics, and most importantly fundraising. What can you do? Be there -- the world needs to know that YOU are here. Volunteer -- there are many projects that need your expertise. Donate -- we will assist the national committee in raising over \$2 million plus the money needed to help promote Houston and our region.

For donations, make checks payable to:
Stonewall '94 - Houston Chapter
1572 West Grey #327
Houston TX 77019

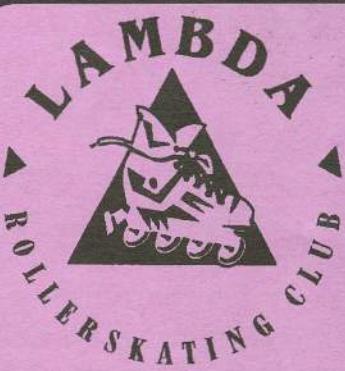
For information contact:
Graig Williams (Chairperson) 272-0656
Jim Ewing (Fundraising Co-Chair) 528-6835

Pride Committee's Mail Man - James Robles

James Robles is the newest member of the Pride Week Team. He is our new Pride Week Events Co-Chair. James is the general manager of Maleman Funzine, Houston's only free bi-weekly gay, lesbian, bisexual, transexual, transgender, and pansexual ALL FUN publication. Maleman Funzine is committed to providing an "escapism" type of "laugh-at-ourselves" humorous viewpoints on the lighter side of life as an alternative to the over hanging shadow of AIDS that has devastated our communities.

Providing the community with a "1960's style underground" formatted fun magazine, affectionately known as a Funzine, whose members write and contribute articles and short stories of a broad and varied interest. The only gay and lesbian magazine that espouses a "No politics, No AIDS, No obituaries, No 900 numbers, and NO BOREDOM" editorial policy! Maleman Funzines' purpose is simple: To put the *"unity"* back in *"community"* through laughter, fun, and with community involvement.

Maleman may be reached at 7710-T Cherry Park Drive, Suite 202, Houston, TX 77095. Phone 859-5852, FAX 859-5959.



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Call Keith At 933-5818
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Queer Droppings

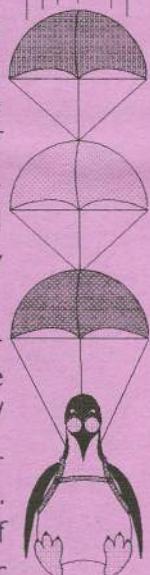
The TriAngels Skydiving Team of Houston, the world's first gay/lesbian skydiving organization will be diving from the wild blue yonder into the Rally as part of the festivities on June 12, 1994. According to founder, John Grisak, the nonprofit organization began only six months ago, but already has over 30 members. They have since gained national recognition with feature articles in "Out," "Genre," "The Advocate" and others. They are presently filming a documentary on their activities which will be released worldwide at gay film festivals. The HouStonWALL Rally jump will be part of the film, so lets all turn out and be included in the revelry! We will be seeing much more of them in the future at Pride Week celebrations, Gay Rodeos, Gay Games IV, Stonewall and elsewhere. Look for their parade entry and booth at the Rally as well!

The ultimate goal of the TriAngels, besides having a blast, is to serve as positive role models and break stereotypes of the Gay/ Lesbian community. New interested members are always welcome, as well as sponsors. They jump 3-4 times per week, taking off from the Houston Gulf Airport south of Clear Lake. For more information contact John Grisak at 488-0202. Thanks to the TriAngels for being part of this year's celebrations. Anyone for a jump?



Pump That Thing!

Pumped Up On Art is looking for gay and lesbian artists for an exhibition during Gay Pride Week. The show will feature pumps individually designed, decorated, or used as part of a sculpture (the shoes are provided) by willing artists in addition to autographed heels from Texas celebrities. These shoes will be auctioned and funds contributed to Bering Foundation (an AIDS Care Center and Dental Center for PWA's) and the Dizinger Foundation (Center that assists those living with AIDS) and the Pride Committee of Houston (sponsors of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994). Please contact The Art Gallery on Audubon, where the "pumps" will be on display before the auction. Contact Judith Harper at 942-9245 or Lissa Douglas at 523-9398 for more information.



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ABS Hits the Airways

By now you have probably seen the first segment of Pride TV on Access Channel 17. If not, there are several air-dates in April including April Fool's Day at 5:30pm, April 2nd at 4:30pm, April 3rd at 7:30am, April 4th at 6:30pm, April 5th at 7:30pm, and April 6th at 9:30pm. Keep an eye out for Segment 2 starring Julia Siska, Pride Week Co-Chair.

Alternative Broadcasting System (ABS) is assisting The Pride Committee of Houston in bringing Pride TV into your living room. ABS is the only openly gay and lesbian television production group in Houston. You may know them as the ones that bring the Pride Parade to the Access Channel. ABS believes in getting gay and lesbian events and issues on the air to educate and inform and is preparing a new show dealing with life in Montrose. In addition to Mike Stubblefield and Howard McHale, Jeannine Caracciolo handles cameras and editing for the group.

Television is a new medium for the Pride Week volunteers and is not meant to be a difficult and mysterious endeavor for the professionals. This is made available

for you. If you have an interest in writing, directing or doing anything creative for television, this is your chance. ABS will be helping anyone who needs direction. Hopefully by the third or fourth show Pride Week volunteers and friends will be handling the entire production. We provide the equipment, you just bring the ideas.

Jeannine began at ABS with a graphics design degree and an interest in what video and television can do. Within a year, she went from having little experience to having learned to operate professional cameras, write scripts, and edit shows. This is a great opportunity to try it all for free and have your work on TV.

Out of Your Pumps and Into the Streets!

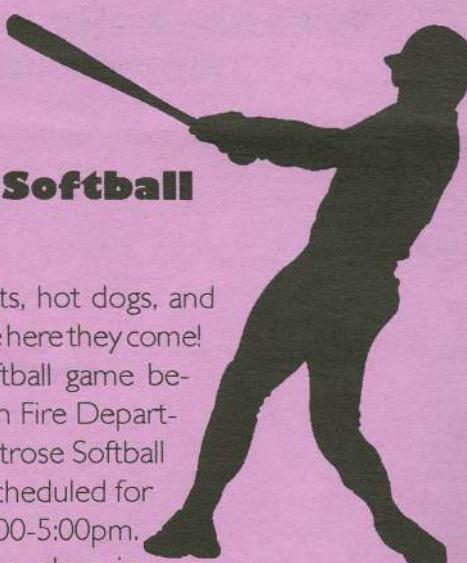
The Westheimer Street Fest is scheduled for April 16th and 17th. Pride Committee of Houston will be stationed in front of historic Mary's (Naturally!) on Westheimer. Pride Committee T-Shirts, HouStonewall 25 T's, and miscellaneous other merchandise will all be for sale. Make sure you drop by and check out this year's committee members!

Pride Week merchandise is also available at Basic Brothers and Pacific Street. You may buy your T-Shirts at these locations before the Street Fest. HouStonewall 25 T-shirts are \$12.

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Let's Play Softball

Grab your hats, hot dogs, and pom-poms because here they come! The traditional softball game between the Houston Fire Department and the Montrose Softball League has been scheduled for June 4th from 12:00-5:00pm. The game will take place in Memorial Park on Diamond #1. There is a possibility that two games might be played. Admission to the game is \$2.



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Q Patrol

Needs Volunteers and Donations.

If you feel you can offer your time or would like to make a donation, please call 871-8519 for more information.

Parade, Rally and Events Applications

Applications for this year's Parade, Rally and Events were mailed on March 21st. If you are interested in having a parade entry, a rally booth or a Pride Week event, and do not receive your applications in the mail, then please call the Pride Line at 529-6979 or FAX a request at 529-1223.

The deadline for these applications is May 24th without a penalty. After May 24th, there is a \$40 late fee. Mail in your applications early to guarantee your parade position.

Organizations which participate in the parade MUST attend a MANDATORY meeting on May 31st regarding parade rules, regulations, and line up positions. Mark these dates on your calendars!

T-OFF

HouStonwall 25 T-shirts are now available at the following locations:

Pacific Street
Basic Brothers



T-Shirts are \$12. Buy now and get the size and color you want! All proceeds from the T-Shirts go toward covering the costs of the 1994 Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade.

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What's Going On . . .

April 3rd * DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

April 3rd * Easter Sunday Worship * 10:45am * MCCR * For Details See Page 2

April 5th * Lambda Roller Skating * 7:30-10:30pm * Hobby Skate World * 6804 Easthaven (off I-45 and Monroe) * \$5 (includes skates) * 933-5818

April 6th * Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus * 7:00pm * Stouffer Hotel

April 6th * Men's Network * 7:00-9:00pm * Montrose Counseling Center * 701 Richmond * 529-0037

April 8th * Astro Rainbow Alliance of Deaf * 7:30 * 1-800-735-2988 for information

April 9th * "Geriatric Park" - 41st Annual Diana Foundation Award Show * 8:00pm * Majestic Metro * Tickets \$50 (benefitting AIDS related charities)

April 9th * Candlelight Bowling * 7:00pm * Fairlanes Southway * Info - Ken 461-2516

April 10th * Body Positive Spring Picnic * 3:00-5:00pm * Metropolitan Multi-Service Center * 1475 West Gray * 524-2374

April 10th * P-FLAG * 2:00pm * St. Francis Episcopal Church * 345 Piney Point Road * 867-9020

April 12th * AIDS Equity League * 12:00 * Charlie's Restaurant * 871-0092

April 13th * Women's Network * 7:00-9:00pm * Montrose Counseling Center * 701 Richmond * 529-0037

April 13th * Team Houston * 7:00pm * 811 Westheimer

April 13th * GLHU * Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray * 7:00pm

April 15th * Newsletter DEADLINE

April 16th * "Homosexuality and the Bible" * 10:00am * MCCR * For Details See Page 2

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April 19th * Pride Week 1994 General Meeting * 7:00pm

April 20th * Houston International Festival

April 24th * "Hairspray" - A Musical * 7:00pm * Brazos River Bottom * Benefitting The Garden Party * Roni Hulin * 864-9400

April 24-25th * Spiritual Renewal with Rev. Jeri Ann Harvey * MCCR * For Details See Page 2

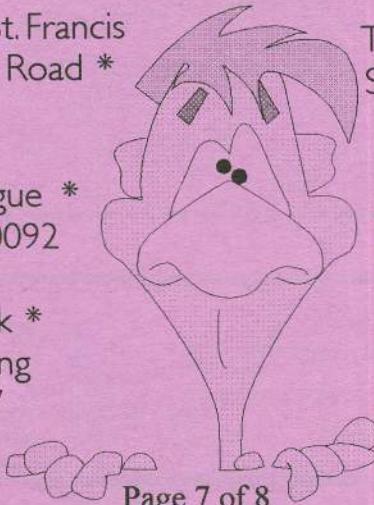
April 25th * AGORA * 7:00pm * Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray

As Always:

ACT-UP Gulf Coast meets every Thursday at 9:30pm, 3400 Montrose, Suite 520, 523-9199

BiNET meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm, MCCR Church, 1919 Decatur, 861-9149

Stonewall 25 Houston Chapter, every Tuesday at 7:00pm, 3400 Montrose, Suite 520 (ACT-UP Office), 528-6835





Donation Form

There is a cost to bring you this newsletter. If you can make a donation for the newsletter or for Pride Week in general, it would be greatly appreciated. Contributions are tax deductible, and acknowledgement will be made in the newsletter (optional) and written acknowledgement will be made upon request.

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