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# HOUSTON PRIDE

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The Newsletter of the Pride Committee of Houston

Sponsors of Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995

Member of the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators

## AIDS Walk 1994

by J.R. Futcher

Get ready and get set to walk, run or roll in the 6th annual AIDS Walk this year. Scheduled for Sunday, November 6, the walk is the AIDS Foundation of Houston's largest community fund-raiser. The event will start at 9:00 AM in Tranquility Park (at the corner of Bagby and Walker) and will conclude with ceremonies at the City Hall Plaza. Contingent walk teams are welcome and pledge sheet brochures are still available.

For further information, please call Randall Bell, Walk Coordinator at 623-WALK. Registration begins at 8:00 AM.

## All I Want For Christmas

The Pride Committee of Houston is in need of a few items to establish an office to better centralize the planning and organization of the Pride Week. While not exhaustive, the list is a *sample* of a few things that we could use. Any contribution made, whether in dollars or in property, is tax-deductible as a charitable contribution. Please contact the Pride Line at (713) 529-6979 if you can help out with any of the items on

## The Benefits of Crime

by Reevis Bell

Not many people in the judicial system, as well as the average man on the street, are aware of some wonderful, relatively new procedures that have been brought into consequence regarding the disposition of criminal cases filed in the court system and their benevolence towards charity.

In mid 1989, it was brought to the attention of one of the local judges over the Montrose area that certain defendants were not able to continue with making restitution or pay their fines as a result of their terminal illness, AIDS being the primary disease along with other terminal diseases. This judge was aware of the plight of people with AIDS because he had attended several conferences put on by the CDC and other experts regarding legislation towards such. The result was a policy set forth in his court, where a person suffering from a terminal illness could fill out a form letting the court know of his plight. The form was a simple and effective way to allow this information to be placed in front of authorities without the embarrassment of announcing one's illness in front of a courtroom full of people. This information, along with medical verification from the defendant's doctor, would

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Office Space - approximately 700-800 sq feet located inside loop 610.

File Cabinets

Desks

Folding Chairs

Tables - 8 feet long

Fax machine

Copier

Office supplies

## PrideFAX 963-0639

Do you have an EVENT, MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT, or NEWS which would be of interest to the lesbian and gay community? Would you like it included in our calendar for free? If so, then you should fill out the Event Form on Page 2 and FAX it to this number, or mail it to us as soon as possible.

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Disposition of the case is at the discretion of the judge, within certain guidelines, and upon advice of the state, he or she can then act upon those recommendations. One of the guidelines is called differed disposition, which usually means that the state will defer the final disposition of your case (not make a ruling) for a certain period of time during which you must meet the state's requirements. These requirements may be something such as no more tickets for ninety days, and/or a donation to a local charity, and payment of court costs by a certain date. The judge may set aside final judgment on the case and allow for defendants to do community service, or donate amounts of money, smaller than normally charged for fines, to charities in lieu of their fines to the state. This does not mean that court costs will be disallowed, those costs must be paid to the courts, however the defendant is allowed to pay charities moneys that would normally be going to the county coffers or state treasury. This is also possible for persons that are not ill but wish to donate time or money to charities in lieu of their fines.

Now don't get all fired up the next time you get a ticket and decide to donate to your local gay charity and discover you won't be able to. The action is strictly allowed upon recommen-

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## Discount Floats!

Teri Vega, Co-Chair of the Parade Committee, has been in communication with George Bast of Parades Etc. over the past few weeks. Parades Etc. is a local company which provides professional floats for parades. Mr. Bast has expressed some interest in working with the Pride Committee of Houston and its participants for the 1995 Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade. Mr. Bast has indicated that he will provide a price cut on floats, assuming that a reasonable number of floats are ordered for the Pride Parade.

What does this mean for your organization or business? Well, if you have thought of having a float in the past, but were always held back by the cost, please contact as soon as possible. Planning for this project must begin NOW in order for it to be successful. We would also like to suggest that smaller organizations join forces and pool their resources together in order to make the purchase of a float more affordable. A professional float not only makes your organization look better, but it also increases the amount of attention you gain.

# NOVEMBER

**1 \* Pride Committee of Houston \* Executive Meeting \* 2700 Albany in the HGLPC Office \* 7:00 PM \* Call the Pride Line at 529-6979 for details.**

**1 \* Coming Out Group for Men \* Montrose Counseling Center \* 701 Richmond \* 6:00-7:30 \* Intake assessment of \$25 required. \* Call 529-0037 for more information.**

**2 \* Social Justice Committee \* MCCR \* 1919 Decatur \* 1:00 PM \* Call 861-9149 for more information.**

**2 \* Men's Network - *Let's Laugh* \* Bring something humorous to the meeting and discover the emotional and physical powers of laughter. \* The Men's Network provides a safe environment for gay and bisexual men to come together and discuss issues which affect them. \* Montrose Counseling Center \* 701 Richmond \* 7:00-9:00 PM \* A donation of \$3-5 is requested but not required \* Call Greg at 529-0037 for more information.**

**4 \* Home for the Holidays \* Black-Tie Gala and Auction \* Moody Gardens \* Galveston \* 8:00 PM - Midnight \* Tickets are \$50.00 \* Benefiting the AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas \* Call 409-763-2437 for details.**

**4 \* *The Trust* \* Rice University Cinema \* Story of the murder of the founder of Rice University, William Marsh. Based on a stage play by alumnus Doug Killgore. \* 7:30 PM and 9:45 PM \* Matinee on November 5 at 4:00 PM \* Call the Rice University Cinema for details at 527-4853**

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## Event Form

Event	
Organization	
Location	
Date	Time
Phone/Contact	
FAX	
Fee	
Description	

MAIL TO:  
PRIDE NEWSLETTER  
PO BOX 66071  
HOUSTON TX 77266-6071  
or FAX 963-0639

**Entries must be submitted by the 15th of the month for the following month's newsletter.**

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**7 \* Roller Skate! \* Lambda Roller Skate Club Skate Night \* Come enjoy the new rink with its smooth floor. \* Dairy Ashford Roller Rink \* 1860 South Dairy Ashford \* Take I-10 to Dairy Ashford and go left \* 8:30-10:30 PM \* Admission is \$5.00 which includes skates. \* For directions or information please contact Keith at 933-5818**

**8 \* Gay Veterans of Houston \* Committed to ending discrimination against gays, lesbians and bisexuals in the military service. \* 6:00 PM \* Veterans Affairs Medical Center \* Room 4A-322 \* 2002 Holcombe \* For info call 869-0982, 857-0674, or 649-8808**

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**9 \* Thomas Street Health Center Council (TSHCC) \* Monthly meeting \* Elected citizens advisory council for PWA's input into hospital district policy and programs. \* 2:00 PM \* 2015 Thomas Street (Off of North Main) \* Call Matt at 902-2231 for details or information.**

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**10 \* Racism in the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Community \* Sponsored by GLOBAL at the University of Houston. Features a panel discussion of racism, its causes, and ways to help stop it. \* University Center, Parliament Room \* 7:00 PM \* Call Ruben at 743-7539 for details.**

**10 \* ACT-UP Gulf Coast \* General Meeting \* 3400 Montrose Suite 520 \* 7:00 PM \* Call 523-9199 for information.**

**10-13 \* Eleventh Annual TGRA Rodeo \* Travis County Exposition Center in Austin, Texas \* Too Many Events To List! \* Vendor space is available, as well as Program Advertising \* Call the Rodeo Hotline at 214-720-6051 or 512-835-5314 for more information.**

**11 \* Wonder Bar \* Al Jolson, Kay Francis, Dick Powell, Delores Del Rio, Ricardo Cortez - you'll need a relationship score card to keep up with this intricately plotted menage-a-infini, set in a lavish Parisian nightclub. \* 7:30 PM \* Gold Diggers plays at 9:00 PM \* Call the Rice University Cinema for details at 527-4853**

**11-13 \* CREATING CHANGE \* A national**

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# Computer Nerds

updating pride mailing list  
updating organizational list  
organizing calendar listing  
on macintosh computers  
(DOS users welcome)

work sessions:  
every Thursday 7  
to 9 pm  
call 529-1223 for  
directions

# Help Wanted

conference for Gay and Lesbian organizing  
and skills building. \* Southland Center Hotel  
\* Dallas, Texas \* Call the Task Force at (202)  
332-6483 or TDD (202) 332-6219 for details.

## 11 - 13 \* Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)

\* Camping trip to LOST MAPLES STATE  
NATURAL AREA \* Located in the hill coun-  
try south of Kerrville, TX. \* Call Joe at 649-  
4721 for details by Nov. 6th. \* Dial K-A-M-  
P-O-U-T for more info about HOG.

## 12 \* Thanksgiving Pot Luck \* Sponsored by the Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents \* Monthly family event of HGLP \* For more information about this event or the HGLP, please call Pam at 980-7995

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## 21 \* Coalition of Colors and White People Healing Racism \* MCCR \* 1919 Decatur \* 7:00 PM \* Call 861-9149 for more infor- mation.

## 22 \* NAMES Project \* Volunteer meeting. \* 7:00 PM \* 2410 Woodhead \* Please call 52- NAMES for information about the meeting or about NAMES Project.

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**12 \* Asians & Friends of Houston, Inc \* 2nd Anniversary Celebration \* 6:00-10:00 PM \* Admission is by invitation only. \* For more information on Asians & Friends of Houston or their anniversary celebration, please call David Chan at 713-772-3757**

**12-13 \* The Conformist \* First success of Bernardo Bertolucci. The "conformist" is a suave Marcello who has repressed his homosexuality by joining the Italian fascists and marrying a monumentally dull middle class girl. He is sent to Paris to kill an exiled leftist, who has a beautiful wife that becomes interested in Marcello's wife. \* 7:30 & 9:30 PM on Nov. 12 and 7:30 PM on Nov. 13 \* Call the Rice University Cinema for details at 527-4853**

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**18 \* AIDS & The Law Legal Seminar \* Seminar for the nonlegal community \* Free seminar presented by the Houston BAR Association HVLP AIDS Committee \* Location is South Texas College of Law \* 1303 San Jacinto \* 6:00-9:00 PM \* Contact Mitchell Katine at 981-9595 for more information.**

**18-19 \* Third Bank of the River \* Story of a man who, without warning, abandons his home and family, rows a canoe out to the center of a broad river, and stays there for 20 years. \* 7:30 PM Nov. 18 & 19 \* Call the Rice University Cinema for details at 527-4853**

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## YOUR AD HERE

Ad space is available in this newsletter. Coverage consists of approximately 1000 newsletters mailed to individuals on our mailing list, and 1000 placed in businesses in the community. If you are interested in ad space, please FAX your request or questions to 963-0639, or call 529-6979 and leave your name and a phone number, and the editors will be happy to contact you. Rates are as follows (per month):

1/2 page (10" x 7") \$40  
1/3 page (6" x 7") \$30  
1/3 page (3" x 14") \$30  
1/6 page (3" x 7") \$20  
Business (app. 3.2" x 2") \$10

Discount rates available upon request for those desiring multiple month rates. Please call us for more information.

# Letters to the Editor &

Dear Gay/Lesbian  
Pride Parade Committee:

I am writing to voice my opinion and con-  
sider the date of the annual gay/lesbian pride

The current scheduled date puts the  
parade into one of the hottest times of the year,  
at a time of day that the parade is held makes  
it worse -- typically during the 1pm to 5pm  
slot. This time slot makes it very difficult  
for PWA's and even otherwise healthy individu-  
als to attend due to the extreme heat.

I would like to suggest that the parade be  
moved back at least a month to mid-May or later  
in the year till mid-October (this would be great  
because it would allow the parade to build on  
the Halloween holiday season thus getting more  
people to participate in fancy costumes and stuff).  
While I understand the idea of having the  
parade coincide with Stonewall, I don't think that  
is practical in Texas. Most New Yorkers don't  
have air conditioning or cars with air conditioning —  
things that mean that Texans should not have  
to suffer from the heat. No - and using the same ideas  
to move the parade does not mean that if our pride parade is held  
at a later date that we have any less pride - it  
means we are being practical for our area and  
convenient for our citizens. I personally have not  
been able to attend the parade because of the  
extreme heat, humidity, and as a PWA, due to  
the large amounts of drugs I must take to sur-  
vive they make me highly sensitive to strong  
heat.

Although I'd prefer a October event per-  
haps I'd say that having the event in Mid-May,  
in the 3pm-6pm time slot, would make  
it a more enjoyable event for all who  
want to attend.

And, also, since so many people want to  
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# Why We Do What We Do and When We Do It

As cochair of Pride Week 1994 and 1995,  
many time my ears are the conduit of sugges-  
tions (good & bad), new ideas, old ideas, and  
crazy ideas. Our community is very diverse, and  
the Pride Committee does its best to produce a  
Pride Week which all will enjoy. Frequently we  
find ourselves under the microscope being criti-  
cized for our accomplishments. We listen to criti-  
cism carefully, however, because with the large  
scale of our task, we must turn it into something  
positive and nurturing.

The Pride Committee is in no way an "elite"  
organization. We are a group of volunteers that  
work all year to produce Pride Week. June is  
Gay Pride Month all over the world. Many  
people travel to Houston the last weekend in June  
to attend Gay Pride events. We could move the  
date of the parade, however it would take more  
than a year to do so. We are always working  
with the City of Houston, Traffic and Transpor-  
tation, and Parks and Recreation in planning the  
events for Pride Week. Because of our past track  
record, they anticipate our events occurring the  
last week in June. There are also many dead-  
lines involved in planning Pride Week. Many of  
these are placed on our calendar up to one year  
in advance.

Over the past year our budget, volunteer  
staff and executive committee have grown im-  
mensely. This is a credit to what we have ac-  
complished, as many pride week organizations  
throughout the country have either declared  
bankruptcy or disbanded. We attribute our suc-  
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to get men and women to work together, but we  
succeed at this task greatly.

The parade time and place will probably

never please everyone, nor will the Pride Festi-  
val. However, due to our past success with very  
limited resources, we now have individuals and  
companies that are seeking to assist us in under-  
writing our Pride Week activities. In the future  
we hope to expand the scope of Pride Week.

While the Pride Committee can defend and  
justify its actions, we would much rather seek to  
communicate with the community in an atmo-  
sphere of harmony. Rather than waiting until  
after Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995, we  
would ask that people come to us now with their  
suggestions and their assistance. Our mission  
statement directives are to motivate, educate, and  
celebrate. We are constantly working to achieve  
these goals. If you would like to assist us in any  
way, please join us at one of our meetings held  
the third Tuesday of each month at 2700 Albany  
Suite 304. We begin with a social time at 6:30  
PM, and encourage all to attend a meeting.

Proudly,  
Ray Ramirez, Co-Chair 1995 \*  
Julia Siska, Co-Chair 1995

### Editor's Note:

*We welcome letters from the community,  
for without community response it can become  
difficult to determine what the community as a  
whole desires. On page seven, you will find a  
questionnaire about Pride Week. Please take a  
moment to fill out this questionnaire and mail it  
to the Pride Committee of Houston. Letters to  
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*Rob Huebschmann, Editor Houston Pride*



## Wanted: Missing and Overdue Library Books

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Although I'd prefer a October event personally, I'd say that having the event in Mid-May, perhaps in the 3pm-6pm time slot, would make the parade a more enjoyable event for all who would like to attend.

And, also, since so many people want to attract the Billy Banker and Larry Lawyer types to be parade participants, it would make it easier to attract these types if the event was held in cooler weather. Would you want to stand around Westheimer for 4-5 hours in sweltering heat and humidity wearing a 3 piece suit, tie, starched shirt, and leather dress shoes? I would not.

-- Larry Garrett

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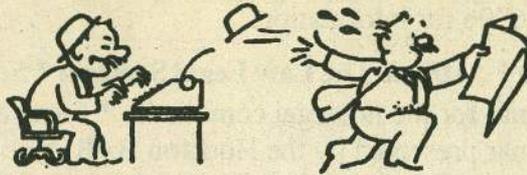
## Wanted: Missing and Overdue Library Books

Are you still enjoying that book you checked out several months ago? Have you just "borrowed" a book, magazine or other publication to read from the MCCR Library and/or the Gay and Lesbian Archives? Have you found the time to return them yet? A request is being made that they be returned immediately so that a complete inventory can begin. For years Charles (Chuck) Botts took care of the MCCR Library and the Gay and Lesbian Archives, which is also housed at MCCR.

With the death of Charles, a committee has been formed to take over where he left off and to keep his memory alive by improving the library services. The MCCR library, with over 10,000 titles, is the largest collection of books and other media in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches worldwide. Some of the many tasks the committee faces include making the library more user friendly, finding a larger home for the library and the archives, and informing the public about this often unused source of information.

Monetary donations to the library and archives can be made in Charles's name to MCCR at 1919 Decatur Street, Houston, TX 77007. The Rev. Carolyn Mobley should be contacted at 861-9149 prior to making any donations of books or other artifacts to the library or archives. If you wish to volunteer for the library committee, please call the Church Office at 861-9149.

### Newsletter Help Wanted



Our newsletter needs help! We are looking for two talented people to take control of some very important functions. One person is required to handle the location of advertisers for the newsletter. This is a relatively simple job requiring only a small amount of time each week. Another person is required to handle the coordination of our mail-out parties and bulk mailing. This is a very valuable skill.

If you feel you can assist us in either of these two capacities, please call us at 529-6979 or FAX at 963-0639 as soon as possible.

### Thanks For Your Generosity

A special thanks to the following for their significant contributions which helped make Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994 such a tremendous success. Without their help, we could not have done it.

Bunnies on the Bayou  
Echo Communications  
John Freeman  
United Beverage  
Silver Eagle  
Dr. Adan Rios  
Out Magazine  
Slick Willies  
Suzanne Anderson

# THE HILL

aka AK's Berry Hill II

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Nightly

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587-8810

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dation of the state. This means that if the state decides, in your case (hypothetically), that you are not eligible for this type of disposition, then you will still have to take care of the case via some other avenue, i.e. defensive driving class. "Why wouldn't I be eligible?" you ask. Well, there might be certain stipulations, such as you have had too many other tickets. The name of the charity may be also chosen by the state. Of the two Justices of the Peace whom have dominion over the Montrose area in Houston, only one has decided to settle cases in his court in this manner. Judge David Patronella, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Position 2 has coordinated the donation of moneys in lieu of fines via his court since the installment of these guidelines allowing this procedure. The other judge over this area, Judge Dale Gorczyński was not available for comment. Included on the list of charities receiving these funds in Judge Patronella's court are two well known AIDS organizations. Casa de Esperanza

## Q-Patrol Out for You

Q-Patrol is a citizens' patrol organization whose main purpose is to prevent harassment and bashing of gay men and lesbians.

### Careful Out There

Did you know that *your* life may be in danger? It's quite apparent after the recent murder of Michael Burzinski that all of us are at risk for being attacked.

Q-Patrol volunteers have seen an increase lately in attempted attacks on pedestrians; suspicious vehicles cruising the bar district; and malicious interference with Q-Patrol operations. We've recently interrupted three actual or attempted bashings, and have seen an increase in this kind of violence in other years during the summer months.

Getting mugged is not just a nuisance. Q-Patrol intercepts trouble before it happens; the police can only act after the fact -- and that fact might be that *you are dead!*

We're out here for you, but we can't do it alone. We need your support and your participation. Please lend a hand now, before someone else is attacked.

JOIN Q-PATROL TODAY! Call

## Hey You!

Pride Committee of Houston is looking to fill vacant positions on the Executive Committee. The following positions are currently open and need to be filled as soon as possible.

**SECRETARY** - Maintains minutes of meetings.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY** - Assists the Secretary in maintaining minutes of the meetings.

**FESTIVAL CHAIR** - (2 People) Organizes the Pride Festival, booth participation, and entertainment.

**MEDIA CHAIR** - Insures local media is aware of Pride Week events, the annual Gay Pride Parade, and any fund-raisers.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** - Maintains active volunteer contacts and performs call-outs for mailings and other activities which require the assistance of volunteers.

**MAILING COORDINATOR** - Responsible for bulk mailing of newsletters and other Pride Committee related material.

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While there is a waiting list for charities to be beneficiaries of this program in Judge Patronella's court, there are other Judges in Harris County, or for that matter all over the state of Texas, that are quite capable of setting up this program in their courts. Perhaps if someone approached them regarding this marvelous new tactic, they would realize that they could possibly make a difference in the way crime pays.

*Reevis Bell is a guest columnist for Houston Pride. We welcome anyone who wishes to write informative articles of interest to the community.*

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--Glenn Holt (Reprinted with permission from Q-Patrol's newsletter, *StreetBeat*.)

## Safety Tips

- ▼ Don't walk alone. Always walk with a friend.
- ▼ Park in well lighted areas.
- ▼ Check in, around and under your car.
- ▼ Don't carry a lot of money or credit cards.
- ▼ Have your keys in your hand when approaching your car or your home.
- ▼ Carry a whistle and be ready to use it.
- ▼ Be alert! Keep your distance from suspicious characters.
- ▼ Report hate crimes!

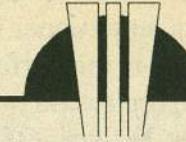
If, despite your efforts and ours, you or someone you know is the victim of a hate crime, help all of us by reporting it to the

**HATE CRIMES HOTLINE  
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## Milam House Needs Volunteers

Milam House, a residential facility for people living with AIDS, is in need of volunteers. If you have time and would like to help with this worth while cause please contact the administrative office at 520-9248. Volunteer training will be conducted.

We need people to be at the house to help with either light housekeeping, keep log of activities, or even to be there to talk with the residents and provide support. Administrative and office volunteers are also needed.

Please call 520-9248 or fax your name, address, and telephone number to 520-6939. Milam House administrative office is at 811 Westheimer Suite 101, Houston, TX 77006.

## Q Patrol

Dedicated to the prevention of hate crimes against lesbian and gay men. We patrol the bar areas in Montrose and are always on the lookout for volunteers. If you have one Friday or Saturday a month free or would like to donate to the protection of our community, please call us.

871-8519

## Tid Bits

### PrideNet International Gay News The First Pride Parade

The first Pride Parade was held in the Philippines in June, 1994. Japan had its first Pride Parade on August 28, 1994. Vancouver based professor Douglas Sanders utilized those milestones in a worldwide lesbian and gay update presented last month to the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Sanders pointed out to the Geneva listeners that lesbian and gay pride parades exist in all major cities of the Western states.

Last February, the New Zealand HERO parade marched down Queen Street in Auckland. The same month, the 14th annual lesbian and gay Mardi Gras parade in Sidney, Australia was televised nationally by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. This December, for the first time, national gay and lesbian conferences will be held in India, as well as a lesbian and gay film festival in New Delhi, India.

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# PUMPKIN PRIDE

## HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE BALL Benefiting the Pride Committee of Houston

Monday

October 31

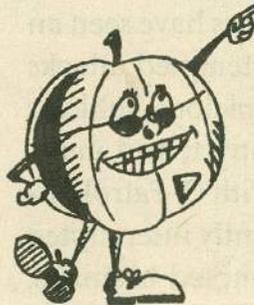
8:00 PM ~ Midnight

Museum Restaurant and Bar

1512 West Alabama

524-7676

\$5.00 donation at door



Prizes  
You show me  
yours and I'll  
show you mine.

### A Gay Cincinnati \*

In a major victory for gay equal rights, a federal judge ruled August 9 that an anti-gay initiative passed by Cincinnati voters in November is unconstitutional. The ballot initiative, known as Issue 3, was intended not only to strip gay people of protection against discrimination, but also to prohibit Cincinnati lawmakers from extending any such protection in the future.

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## "Rusty"

Rusty Morrissey, Fund-raising Co-Chair of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994 and Secretary for 1995, passed away at 3:30 AM on October 12.

I could go on about Rusty's community involvement and how much he will be missed, but I think that would sound just a little too much like an ending. Instead, I would like everyone to think about the times they sat with Rusty laughing, and enjoying life. We should cherish those moments and keep them alive in our hearts and minds.

A while back, Rusty sent the following poem to me on a local computer bulletin board. He said the poem meant a great deal to him, so I have included it here.

--Rob, Editor Houston Pride

### WHAT REALLY MATTERS

My Parents asked if I'm Gay  
I said does it matter,  
They said not really,  
I told them yes I'm Gay,  
They said get out of our lives,  
I guess it mattered!

My boss said are you gay,  
I said does it matter,  
My boss said not really,  
I told my boss, yes I'm gay  
My boss said you're fired queer,  
I guess it mattered!

My friend asked if I'm gay,  
I said does it matter,  
My friend said no not really,  
I told my friend yes I'm gay,  
My friend said don't call me friend,

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## **PrideNet International Gay News** **"We Are Family"**

For the first time, a gay and lesbian float took part in Vancouver's Pacific National Exhibition Parade. The Vancouver Gay and Lesbian centre submitted an entry under the theme "We Are Family". "This is the perfect theme for a parade in which the centre will first participate," says organizer Ken Walker, "It reinforces the reality that lesbian and gay people are everywhere, that we are a family." The parade took place on August 20, 1994.

### **Unlucky 13**

"Measure 13," Oregon's anti-gay/lesbian initiative is a study in homophobic defamation and hate. The initiative is euphemistically — and inaccurately — titled "The Minority Status and Child Protection Act." Among the provisions of the Act are a ban on public funds "expended in a manner that has the purpose or effect of promoting or expressing approval of homosexuality" and an adults-only restriction on "the availability in public libraries of books and materials . . . which address homosexuality." "No on 13" organizers encourage everyone outraged by this censorious and hateful legislation to speak out in the mainstream press. Alert your local paper to what's happening in Oregon and/or share your thoughts by writing Letters-to-the-Editor, Robert Landauer, The Oregonian, 1320 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97201, tel. 503-221-8157, fax 503-227-5306. For more information about the "No on 13" effort, call the campaign offices at 503-222-6151.

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### **Death Verdict in Gay Slaying \***

KERRVILLE, Texas - Former fast-food restaurant manager Donald Aldrich has been sentenced to death for the execution-style slaying of a gay man. Aldrich was convicted in the capital murder of Nicholas West, 23, who was abducted from a park and shot to death last November 30.

Aldrich, 29, showed no emotion last month when state District Judge Joe D. Clayton read a Kerr County jury's verdict August 9. Aldrich would not speak to reporters as he was ushered away by jailers. He later cried openly during an interview in the Kerr County Jail with the Tyler Morning Telegraph. "I didn't intend for [Nicholas] West to die. I'm a lot of things, but I'm not a killer," Aldrich told the newspaper. "I can't justify what I did no matter what I say. I just can't justify it."

In a videotaped confession, Aldrich said he and some friends abducted West from a park and robbed him because he was gay. Aldrich told investigators he flinched and fired two shots after another man began shooting West. West's half-naked, bullet-riddled body was found in a clay pit about 10 miles outside Tyler.

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I told my boss, yes I'm gay  
My boss said you're fired queer,  
I guess it mattered!

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My friend said no not really,  
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My lover said do you love me,  
I said dose it matter,  
My lover said yes,  
I told my lover yes, I love you,  
My lover said hold me in your arms,  
For the first time something  
in my life matters.

God asked, Do you love yourself,  
I said does it matter,  
God said yes,  
I said how can I love myself  
if I am gay,  
God said because that is the way  
I made you.  
Nothing will ever matter again.



The **TEXAS HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION** has a valuable brochure, "AIDS & the Law: Know Your Rights" which can be requested by calling THRF at **1-800-828-6417**. The are currently back logged, but are trying to process all requests.

mation.

**23 \* Women's Network** \* Support group established to serve the Lesbian and bisexual women's community. Provides an opportunity to discuss women's issues in a safe environment and socialize with old and new friends. \* Donation of \$3-5 requested but not required \* Montrose Counseling Center \* 701 Richmond \* 7:00-9:00 PM \* Call Sue Long at 529-0037 for location and details.

**24 \* HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP** \* (HOG) \* Resource center for the active women and men in the Gay Community of Houston and S.E. Texas \* Meets the fourth Thursday of the month \* Dial K-A-M-P-O-U-T for more information.

**24 \* Safer Sex in the Lesbian Community** \* AIDS Foundation Houston \* Explores options for safer yet erotic sensuality \* Offered in conjunction with Nancy Ford's comedy act at Miss B's nightclub at 9200 Buffalo Speedway

**25 \* ACT-UP Gulf Coast** \* General Meeting \* 3400 Montrose Suite 520 \* 7:00-PM \* Call 523-9199 for information.

**26 \* Dignity/Houston** \* Provides support and encourages growth of gay and lesbian Catholics \* 7:00 PM \* 1307 Yale Suite H \* Call 880-2872 for more information.

**28 \* Fellowship Friday** \* Games and Fun Activities \* MCCR \* 6:30 PM \* Call 861-9149 for more information.

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## What Do YOU Like?

The following questionnaire has been produced in order to obtain the opinions of the community at large. For each question, please pick ONE choice. Answers from this questionnaire will be used to assist us in planning future Pride Weeks.

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

As a whole, did you like Pride Week 1994?

- Yes  
 No

Did you attend the Pride Parade?

- Yes  
 No

Did you attend the Pride Rally?

- Yes  
 No

Did you attend any Pride Week Events?  
(Fund-raisers, Events during Pride Week)

- Yes  
 No

Please mail this form to QUESTIONNAIRE, c/o PRIDE COMMITTEE OF HOUSTON, PO BOX 66071, HOUSTON, TX 77266-6071

### PRIDE WEEK

What time of the year would you like Pride Week to be held?

- April  
 May  
 June  
 September  
 October  
 November

Would you prefer that the Pride Rally (Pride Festival) be held at the end of the parade route?

- Yes  
 No

What time of day, between 1:00 PM and DUSK would you like the Pride Parade to be held?

- Early (1:00-3:00)  
 Mid-Afternoon (3:00-4:00)  
 Evening (4:00-6:00)

### NEWSLETTER

Do you enjoy receiving this newsletter each month?

- Yes  
 No

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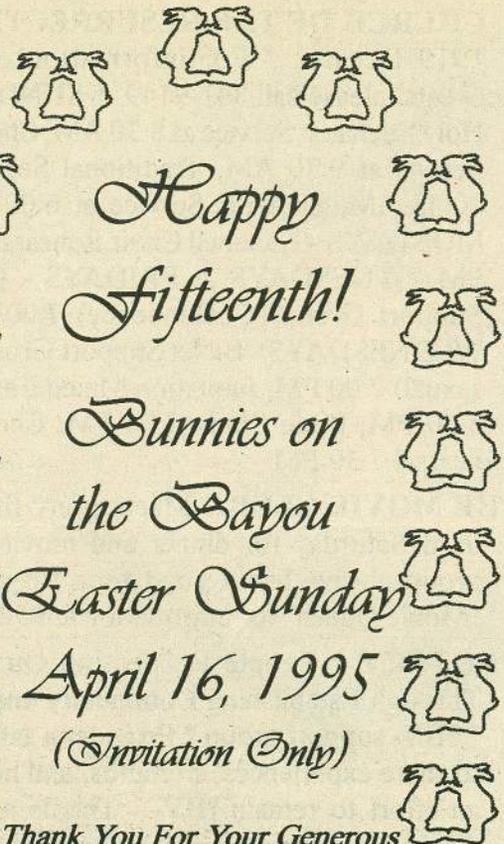
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**December 15 \* Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents \* Support Group Meeting provides support for lesbian and gay parents. Child care is provided, and there is also a group for teens. They also have a monthly family activity (Dec. 10) \* 4100 Montrose (Montrose Library in the upstairs conference room) \* 7: 00 PM \* Call Pam at 980-7995 or Gordon at 861-0885 for more information.**

**December 31 \* Celebrate 1995 - New Year's Eve Celebration \* Bayou City Boy's Club \* Wyndham Warwick Hotel \* 9:00 PM \* \$75.00 includes open bar and a breakfast buffet at midnight \* Benefits the Bering Community Service Foundation, MCRN, and The Assistance Fund \* Contact Stacie Cokinos at 529-6071 for more information.**

**January 19 \* Harvey Milk Preview Benefit Performance \* World premiere performance presented by the Houston Grand Opera benefits the NAMES Project and the Bering Community Service Foundation \* Wortham Center \* 7:30 PM \* Tickets are \$50-\$200, comps are available for PWA's \* Contact Stacie Cokinos at 529-6071 for more information**

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Fifteenth!  
Bunnies on  
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Easter Sunday  
April 16, 1995  
(Invitation Only)*  
*Thank You For Your Generous  
Donation For Pride Week 1994*

*When you have legal concerns...  
You don't need a lot of lifestyle questions.*

**Moore  
& Hunt**  
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*Connie Moore  
Debra E. Hunt  
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Houston TX 77006  
713-522-4282*

*Emphasizing family, probate,  
estate planning, personal disputes,  
and small business issues.*

*Not certified by the  
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## Regular Events

**AIDS ALLIANCE OF THE BAY AREA \***  
Support group for the infected and affected \*  
Tuesdays \* 17511 El Camino Real, Suite 159  
\* 7:00-8:30 PM \* Call 488-4492 for infor-  
mation

**AFTER HOURS \* Radio Show \* Saturdays**  
midnight to 3:00 AM \* KPFT 90.1 FM

**BINET \* Bisexual Network \* MCCR \* Wednes-**  
days \* 1919 Decatur \* 7:00 PM \* Call 861-  
9149 for information.

**DIZINGER FOUNDATION \*** Provides free  
photography and art classes to those who are  
HIV+, and provides grants for their completed  
works. Those who wish to visit their offices  
and view the works on display should go to  
3701 Montrose. \* Call 522-8660 for more  
information.

**EMPOWERMENT FOR LIVING \*** Weekly  
support and potluck dinner \* Tuesdays \*  
MCCR 1919 Decatur \* 6:00 PM \* Call 861-  
9149 for information.

**FRONT RUNNERS \*** Group meets for weekly  
runs at the Memorial Park Tennis Center \*  
Sunday 9:00 AM, and Tuesdays/Thursdays  
6:30 PM \* Call 522-8021 for details

**GAY 90's \*** TV (Public Access Channels) \* Of-  
fers a variety of topics from local news to res-  
taurant reviews, along with some humorous  
looks at ourselves \* Times listed in TV guides  
under the PAC channels \* For info call 949-  
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## Address and Donation Form

Did you move? Would you like to add your name to our mailing list? If so, please fill out this form and mail it to the address below, or FAX it to us at 529-1223.

There is a cost to bring you this newsletter and celebrate Pride Week. If you feel you can make a donation, please mail it along with this form. Pride Committee of Houston is a registered 501(c)3 organization, so your donation is **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**. If you would like a receipt, please indicate so in the appropriate box.

Name

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The Pet Patrol is a nonprofit organization whose volunteers care for pets in the homes of persons with AIDS.

Donations help defray the costs of veterinary care, city registration, spaying and neutering, pet food, supplies, and flea control. Volunteers provide grooming, in home assistance or foster care for pets, hospital visitation with the pet, and friendship to both owner and pet.

If you would like to volunteer or feel you can make a donation to Pet Patrol, please contact us as soon as possible.

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Houston TX 77098  
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**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION** \* 1919 Decatur \* For information on any events, please call 861-9149. \* SUNDAYS - Holy Eucharist Service at 8:30 AM, Choir Rehearsal at 9:30 AM, Traditional Service at 10:45 AM, PRAISE Service at 6:00 PM \* MONDAYS - Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM \* TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS - CODA Support Group (CoDependency) 7:00 PM \* WEDNESDAYS - BiNet Support Group (Bisexual) 7:00 PM, Jubilation Mixed Ensemble 6:30 PM, Bible Study 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

**THE MOVIE CLUB** \* Meets every first and third Saturday for dinner and movie. The group always has a good time, so call the "Movie Queen" for information at 952-4048.

**PROTECT** \* People Respecting Ourselves Through Establishing Community and Trust \* HIV- support group \* Provides a safe place to share experiences, strengths, and hopes in an effort to remain HIV-. This is an open discussion meeting for HIV- people to share openly the issues of safe sex, whether you are having safe sex, unprotected sex, or no sex at all. \* Tuesdays \* 7:00-8:30 PM \* Bering Church Office \* 1440 Harold \* Call Marty at

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NOVEMBER

# HOUSTON PRIDE

One Free! Take

The Newsletter of the Pride Committee of Houston  
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## One More Time

We have decided to publish the "questionnaire" regarding Pride Week for one more month. The questionnaire was designed to obtain initial input from the community about various aspects of Pride Week. As of the 15th of November, fewer than 50 of these questionnaires have come back. While some initial patterns are already visible, a 2% sample cannot easily be used to meter the opinions of the entire community.

We encourage everyone to fill out the questionnaire in this month's issue (**See page 6**) and mail it in as soon as possible. If you would prefer, you may also FAX your response to 963-0639.

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## Logo Contest

### Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995 Official Logo Contest Rules And Specifications

#### General Information

- ▼ The logo contest is open to anyone.
- ▼ You may submit one or more entries.
- ▼ All entries will be accepted which meet the specifications described below.

The contest consists of a preliminary and a final judging. Local professionals with design, advertising, and/or marketing backgrounds will vote at the preliminary judging. During the judging, entries will be identified to the judges by number only. Entries selected from the preliminary judging will advance to the final judging. Final judging will be made by voting members of the 1995 Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Committee. Entrants to the contest are encouraged to attend receptions held during these judgments.

Entries are not restricted to any particular style. They may be subtle or obvious. They may be graphic, abstract, pictorial, symbolic, or typographic.

In designing your entry, take into consider-

## 1995 Slogan Chosen

At the November 15, 1994 meeting of the Pride Committee of Houston, the slogan for Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1995 was chosen. (Is that a poorly written sentence or what?) Anyway, the slogan for 1995 is "Silence to Celebration." This is a shortened form of the national slogan which is "Pride: From Silence to Celebration."

The slogan is used on the annual logo, and Pride Merchandise throughout the year, so prepare yourself for seeing these words quite frequently. I am sure this slogan will stir a few of you up, and convince you to come out of your "silence" and write that "letter-to-the-editor" that is continually solicited!

## Pride Forum

Pride Committee of Houston is sponsoring an open community forum for discussing issues surrounding Pride Week 1995. We will look at the proposed parade route, the location of the festival, and other issues concerning Pride Week. The topics discussed will also affect Pride Week 1996, as we are trying to plan for the future. Issues such as the time of day for the parade, and the time of year for Pride Week 1996 will be

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# Needs

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"GAY" STUFF	6
QUESTIONNAIRE	6
MINUTES	7

ing, entries will be identified to the judges by number only. Entries selected from the preliminary judging will advance to the final judging. Final judging will be made by voting members of the 1995 Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Committee. Entrants to the contest are encouraged to attend receptions held during these judgments.

Entries are not restricted to any particular style. They may be subtle or obvious. They may be graphic, abstract, pictorial, symbolic, or typographic.

In designing your entry, take into consideration that the winning logo will be reproduced in various ways. It will be used on all publications and advertising, as well as on merchandising, i.e. T-shirts, buttons, letterhead, billboards, etc. Entries which will not transpose well into these formats are less likely to be chosen.

In producing the presentation versions of the logo, remember that well-presented work is more likely to express the strength of the design. For the black and white version, ensure that the black is dark and the white is clean. For color, choose a medium which accurately represents how you would like the colors reproduced.

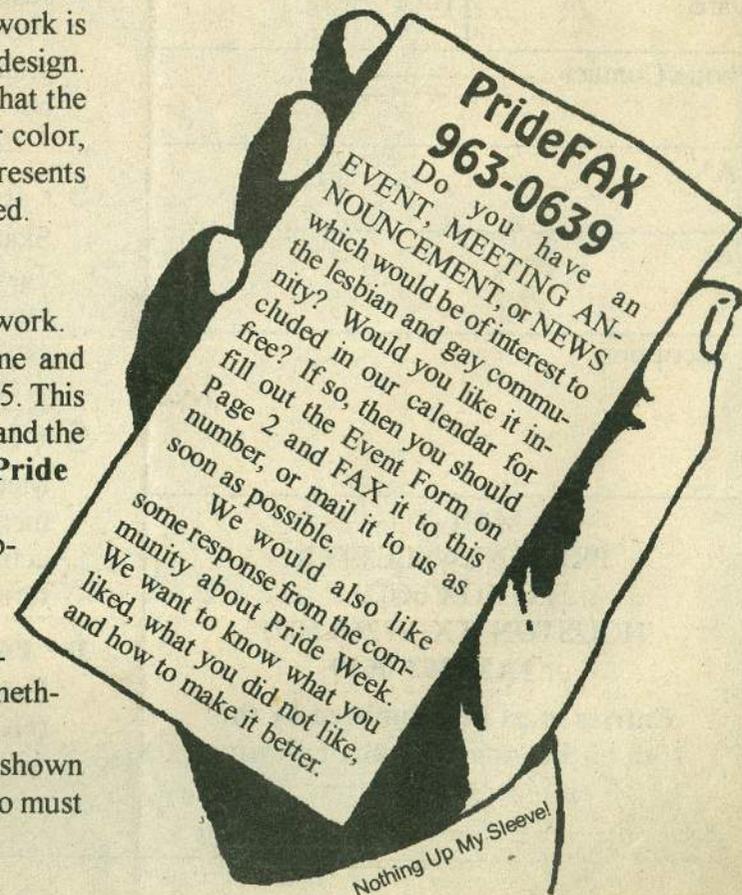
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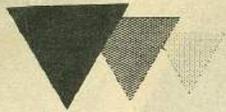
1. The logo must be the artist's original work.
2. The logo must be based on the theme and Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995. This year's theme, "Silence to Celebration", and the words "Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995" must appear in the design.
3. Two versions of each logo must be submitted. The first version must be black and white. The second must be in color. The color version must be reproducible using standard two- or three-color printing methods.
4. For presentation, each logo must be shown on an 8" x 11" white background. The two must

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## Pride Forum

Pride Committee of Houston is sponsoring an open community forum for discussing issues surrounding Pride Week 1995. We will look at the proposed parade route, the location of the festival, and other issues concerning Pride Week. The topics discussed will also affect Pride Week 1996, as we are trying to plan for the future. Issues such as the time of day for the parade, and the time of year for Pride Week 1996 will be on the agenda. Currently, we are planning to hold the event on January 22nd at the Harvey Hotel. If you need more information on this event, please call us at 529-6979. We are looking toward the future, and we hope you will join us.





# DECEMBER



**1 \* World AIDS Day \*** For information on city wide activities or to volunteer contact HIV Service Providers at 521-9862

**1 \* Tree of Remembrance \*** Annual event honoring and remembering those individuals who have been lost to AIDS. Benefiting the Houston Names Project and Body Positive. \* 6:30-8:30 PM \* Metropolitan Multi-Service Center \* 1475 West Gray \* Call 524-2374 for information.

**1 \* World AIDS Day at U of H \*** Variety of activities \* 9-5 a 12x12 section fo the "Quilt" will be on display in the World Affairs Lounge at the UC Center \* 11:30-1:00 PM students will be distributing Safer Sex Kits at the UC Satellite \* Speakers will include Amy Dolph, Mary Nixon, Greg Cason, and others \* 7:00 PM Candlelight Vigil at the Cullen Family Plaza \* For details call Ruben at 742-7539

**1 \* NLA: Houston \*** Board of Directors Meeting \* 710-A Fairview \* 7:30 PM

**1-6 \* Jewish Community Center Observes World AIDS Day \*** Week long calendar of educational and ceremonial activities. \* Call 729-3200 for information.

## **2 \* DEADLINE FOR LOGO ENTRIES**

**2 \* Minutes MAX! \*** Local and farflung, emerging and well-known artists have no more than twelve minutes each to stage their new works

in any discipline. \* Diverse Works Artspace \* 8:00 PM \* For details, please call 223-8346

**2-3 \* Flower Warrior \*** Acclaimed Texas artist Michael Tracy has made a painterly mystic tale of passionate love, betrayal and sacrifice, imagining a latter-day Aztecan ritual. \* Brown Auditorium at the Museum of Fine Arts \* 8:00 PM (2nd) & 7:30 PM (3rd) \* Admission is \$5/\$4 for MFAH members, students, seniors \* Call 639-7530 for more information.

**2 & 3 \* Faust \*** Animated movie by Czech master Jan Svankmajer which explores the surreal, nightmarish places where cartoons don't usually go. Explores the themes of magic and manipulation. \* Rice University Cinema \* 7:30 \* 9:30 PM \* Admission is \$5 \* Call 527-4853 for information.

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**3 \* Memorial Panel Dedication Ceremony \*** NAMES Project Houston \* Friends and family will come together to dedicate and send off panels they have made in remembrance of loved ones who have died of AIDS \* The Menil Collection \* 1515 Sul Ross \* 7:30 PM \* For more information, please call 52-NAMES

**3 \* Chain Gang Cycling Club \*** University Cycling \* Join the Chain Gang and Dave as they cycle through the local universities. \*

## **TOY DRIVE**

For Children with HIV/AIDS  
Benefiting Casa de Esperanza  
Sponsored by the  
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Ongoing Event from  
**Nov. 25-Dec. 21**

This is the fourth annual toy drive. Toy boxes and change jars will be placed in 16+ local bars and businesses throughout Montrose. Pre-packaged, new toys are requested.

For more information, please call  
**527-9666**



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**Event Form**

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# Event Form

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Location	
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 PO BOX 66071  
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 or FAX 963-0639

**Entries must be submitted by the 15th of the month for the following month's newsletter.**

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**4 \* Social Justice Committee \* MCCR** \* 1919 Decatur \* 1:00 PM \* Call 861-9149 for more information.

**4 \* Blood of the Condor** \* Controversial film based on actual events which recounts the 1968 U.S.-imposed population control program which sterilized Quechua women without their consent. \* Rice University Cinema \* 7:30 PM \* Call 527-4853 for information.

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**7 \* Outdoor Roller Blading** \* Lambda Skate Club will be meeting behind Heaven at 8:00 PM for outdoor roller skating. \* For information on this event, call Keith at 933-5818.

**8 \* Understanding Your Lab Results and Treatments** \* Joel Martinez at Houston Clinical Research network will explain the basics of interpreting typical HIV lab tests and discusses the various medical treatment options for people living with HIV/AIDS. \* Sponsored by AFH and HCRN \* Montrose Library \* 4100 Montrose \* 7:00-9:00 PM

**8 \* SM/Leather and the Law** \* Educational Meeting of the National Leather Association: Houston. This meeting is open to the public. Les Ribnik, Attorney, will discuss how State of Texas Law affects one's practice of leather/SM. He will cover the basic do's and don't's of the law. \* Hyde Park Galleries \* 711 Hyde Park \* 7:00 PM \* For information, please call 527-9666.

**9 \* LOGO JURY** \* Selection of finalist's for the 1995 Gay/Lesbian Pride Week Logo

**9 \* Employees' Entrance and 42nd Street** \*

## YOUR AD HERE

Ad space is available in this newsletter. Coverage consists of approximately 1000 newsletters mailed to individuals on our mailing list, and 1000 placed in businesses in the community. If you are interested in ad space, please FAX your request or questions to 963-0639, or call 529-6979 and leave your name and a phone number, and the editors will be happy to contact you. Rates are as follows (per month):

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Rice University Cinema \* 7:30 PM and 9:30 PM respectively \* For details on these films, please call 527-4853

SA **10** \* **Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents** \* Holiday Party \* Family Activity \* Call HGLP at 980-7995 for more information on this event.

**10** \* **Death In Venice** \* While vacationing in turn-of-the-century Italy, an aging artist name Aschenbach becomes obsessed with a beautiful blonde boy. \* Rice University Cinema \* 7:30 & 9:50 PM \* Call 527-4853 for details.

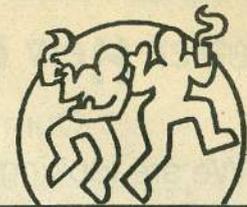
**10** \* **Tierra de Vida** \* Presentation of various works by Houstonian Robert Campbell covering his altarpieces, retablos, sculptures and frescoes. \* Runs through January 29 \* Opening reception from 7:00-9:00 PM \* For more information call 223-8346.

**10** \* **Rummage-Arama!** \* Rummage Sale benefiting Bering Care Center \* Various Houston groups will have tables of merchandise for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting Bering Care Center \* 10:00 AM-4:00 PM \* Call 759-0132 if you wish to participate in this event

SV **11** \* **Outdoor Skating** \* Lambda Roller Skate Club will meet in the Memorial Park Picnic Area for outdoor roller skating. The weather has been perfect now that it is cooler. \* 1:00 PM \* For information, call Keith at 933-5818

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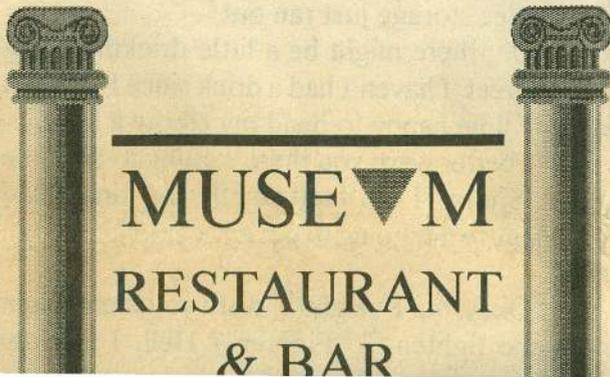
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SA **15** \* **Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents** \* Support Group Meeting provides support for lesbian and gay parents. Child care is provided, and there is also a group for teens. They also have a monthly family activity (Dec. 10) \* 4100 Montrose (Montrose Library in the upstairs conference room) \* 7:00 PM \* Call Pam at 980-7995 or Gordon at 861-0885 for more information.

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14 \* **Thomas Street Health Center Council** \* Monthly Meeting \* Elected citizens advisory council for PWA's input into hospital district policy and programs. \* 2015 Thomas Street \* 2:00 PM \* Call Matt Locklin at 902-2231 for details.

14 \* **[M] Women's Network** \* Sharing the Holidays \* This evening will be dedicated to sharing ideas for transforming what can be a lonely experience into one of meaningful connection. Everyone is invited to bring finger food and munchies. Punch will be provided. \* Montrose Counseling Center \* 701 Richmond \* 7:00-9:00 PM \* Donations accepted \* Call Sue at 529-0037 for details.

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16 \* **Coalition of Colors & White People Healing Racism** \* MCCR \* 1919 Decatur \* 7:00 PM \* Call 861-9149 for more information.

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Our newsletter needs help!

We are looking for one very talented person to assist us in the location of advertisers for this newsletter. We also require volunteers to distribute newsletters once per month. If you feel you can help us in

either of these two capacities, please call us at 529-6979 or FAX at 963-0639 as soon as possible.



**17 \* Chain Gang Cycling Club \* Christmas Party \* Please call with your RSVP \* Members should also bring a \$5 gag gift. \* 7:00 PM \* Please call 863-1860 for details and RSVP.**

**18 \* Roller Skating and Picnic \* Sponsored by Lambda Roller Skate Club \* We will meet in the Memorial Park Picnic Area for skating and a picnic. Everyone is encouraged to bring a food item for the picnic. \* For information, call Keith at 933-5818**

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**31 \* Celebrate 1995 - New Year's Eve Celebration \* Bayou City Boy's Club \* Wyndham Warwick Hotel \* 7:30 PM Dinner and 9:00 PM Party \* \$75.00 includes open bar and a breakfast buffet at midnight \* Benefits the Bering Community Service Foundation, HCRN, and The Assistance Fund \* Contact Stacie Cokinos at 529-6071 or Brad Smith at 529-9712 for more information.**

**31 \* New Year's Eve Ball \* Sponsored by LIB \* Downtown Doubletree Hotel \* 400 Dallas \* Dancing, hors d'oeuvres, party favors \* Cash Bar \* \$25 per person \* Tickets available IN ADVANCE ONLY at Inklings and Crossroads**

**After December Is Over**  
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## Just for Laughs

### NEW NEIGHBOR

This friend of mine got tired of the rat race and quit work to go out and ranch for himself in Montana. Needless to say he cashed everything in and bought a big spread. The spread was so big that for months he never saw a neighbor.

He told me that one day as he was fixing the water pump, he saw a dust cloud on the horizon. The cloud kept getting closer until he could make out a horse with rider. Getting excited about someone visiting him he jumped up and ran towards the incoming figure. He yelled, "Hey!"

The rider kept coming, and when he approached my friend, he yelled, "Hello!" My friend asked the rider, "Who are you?" The rider replied, "I'm your neighbor." "I didn't think I had any neighbors." The rider said, "Well, you do. About 6 hours ride that way". He wiped his brow and pointed with his hat.

The rider continued, "Yeah, I came over to invite you to a party this Saturday. Want to come?" "You kidding? I've been here three months and I haven't seen a soul. You bet I'll be there."

The rider quickly came back and said, "Be sure to bring your appetite 'cause we're going to have a lot of food." "No problem, hell, my garden hasn't produced since I've been here and my staples storage just ran out."

"Oh, there might be a little drinkin' going on." "Great, I haven't had a drink since I've been here. I'll be happy to bend my elbow a little."

"I better warn you there's going to be some sex." "Shoot! I can't tell you the last time I had sex. You're not going to get any complaints from me!"

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happy holiday season. \* Do the holidays make you stressed out or blue? Come share your experiences and discover ways to make the holidays more enjoyable. \* Montrose Counseling Center \* 701 Richmond \* 7:00-9:00 PM \* Donations accepted \* Call Greg at 529-0037 for details.

## 21 \* Chain Gang Cycling Club \* Memorial

Park - The Loop \* This ride goes around the Loop and is a great way to get in some miles while avoiding traffic. \* Call 863-1860 for details.

## 23 \* Fellowship Friday \* Games and fun ac-

tivities \* MCCR \* 1919 Decatur \* 6:30 PM \* Call 861-9149 for more information.

## 25 \* MERRY CHRISTMAS

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**Operators Are Standing By!**

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**SECRETARY** - Maintains minutes of meetings.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY** - Assists the Secretary in maintaining minutes of the meetings.

**FESTIVAL CHAIR** - (2 People) Organizes the Pride Festival, booth participation, and entertainment.

**MEDIA CHAIR** - Insures local media is aware of Pride Week events, the annual Gay Pride Parade, and any fund-raisers.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN** - Insures meeting participants obey rules of the bylaws

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So the rider turns his horse, starts to ride off and says, "Great, then I'll see ya' Saturday." My friend starts chasing the rider and yells, "Hey, wait, what should I wear?" The rider turns around, looks at my friend and yells back, "Wear? What the hell do you care, it's just goin' to be me and you!"

thanks for your generosity

A special thanks to the following for their significant contributions which helped make Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1994 such a tremendous success. Without their help, we could not have done it.

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## Regular Events

**ACT UP/GULF COAST** \* PO BOX 66072, HOUSTON, TX 77266-6072 \* CALL 522-1869 FOR MEETING TIME, LOCATION, AND INFORMATION.

**AIDS ALLIANCE OF THE BAY AREA** \* Support group for the infected and affected \* Tuesdays \* 17511 El Camino Real, Suite 159 \* 7:00-8:30 PM \* Call 488-4492 for information

**AIDS TALK HOUSTON** \* Ongoing HIV/AIDS education on local Public Access Channels. \* For more information, please contact Matt Locklin at 902-2231.

**AFTER HOURS** \* Radio Show \* Saturdays midnight to 3:00 AM \* KPFT 90.1 FM

**BINET** \* Bisexual Network \* MCCR \* Wednesdays \* 1919 Decatur \* 7:00 PM \* Call 861-9149 for information.

**DIZINGER FOUNDATION** \* Provides free photography and art classes to those who are HIV+, and provides grants for their completed works. Those who wish to visit their offices and view the works on display should go to 3701 Montrose. \* Call 522-8660 for more information.

**EMPOWERMENT FOR LIVING** \* Weekly support and potluck dinner \* Tuesdays \* MCCR 1919 Decatur \* 6:00 PM \* Call 861-9149 for information.

**FRONT RUNNERS** \* Group meets for weekly runs at the Memorial Park Tennis Center \* Sunday 9:00 AM, and Tuesdays/Thursdays 6:30 PM \* Call 522-8842 for details

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**GAY 90's** \* TV (Public Access Channels) \* Offers a variety of topics from local news to restaurant reviews, along with some humorous looks at ourselves \* Times listed in TV guides under the PAC channels \* For info call 949-3119

**GLOBAL** \* Weekly meeting and discussion session from the student group at the University of Houston. Meetings are generally held in the Embassy Room of the University Center at U of H. \* Tuesdays 2:30 and Wednesdays 4:00 \* Call Ruben at 743-7539 for details.

**GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY** \* For tranvestite, transgender, and transexual individuals. \* This is a social, nonsexual organization providing a safe environment for its individuals. \* Social meetings are once a month. \* See CALENDAR for Discussion Meetings \* Please call 780-4282 for more information.

**HATCH** \* Support group open to gays and lesbians age 15-21 \* Fridays 7:30-10:00 PM and Sundays 6:00-9:00 PM \* Call 942-7002 for meeting location or information. Please follow the voice mail instructions.

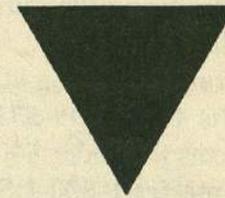
**HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP** \* (HOG) \* Resource center for the active women and men in the Gay Community of Houston and S.E. Texas \* Meets the fourth Thursday of the month \* Dial K-A-M-P-O-U-T for more information.

**LESBIAN AND GAY VOICES** \* Radio Show \* A community program featuring news, interviews, reviews, music, commentary, and other matters of interest to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. \* Fridays 6:00-8:00 PM \* News, music, interviews, and commentary \* KPFT 90.1 \* For comments or to volunteer please call 289-2700

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY**

**PROUD MAIL** \* Pride Committee of Houston is working on their mailing list. We are doing computer and manual work and need assistance in updating our mailing list and resource guide. \* For information please call us at 529-1223.

**THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR** \* Larry Garrett Foundation \* A 501(c)3 organization created to raise funds for HIV related issues. For information, please call 729-7077 or FAX 729-6878.



## Logo Contest Continued

be centered on an 18" x 24" black or gray vertical matte board, separated from each other by one inch. Correct placement leaves a 3.5" border at the edges of the board. The color version must be on top and the black and white version below.

5. A copy of the entry form must be attached to the back of each entry in the lower, left-hand corner. Entry forms are available at the TWT Offices at 811 Westheimer.

Deadlines -- All entries must be received by 5:00 PM on December 2nd, 1994 at either Crossroads Market, or TWT at 811 Westheimer, Suite 106.

Preliminary judging is December 9th (time and location to be announced).

Final Judging is December 20th, 7:00 PM, Pride Committee general meeting, 2700 Albany, Suite 304. The final judging will be made only by voting members of the 1995 Houston Gay and Lesbian Gay Pride Week Committee attend-

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**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION** \* 1919 Decatur \* For information on any events, please call 861-9149. \* SUNDAYS - Holy Eucharist Service at 8:30 AM, Choir Rehearsal at 9:30 AM, Traditional Service at 10:45 AM, PRAISE Service at 6:00 PM \* MONDAYS - Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM \* TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS - CODA Support Group (CoDendency) 7:00 PM \* WEDNESDAYS - BiNet Support Group (Bisexual) 7:00 PM, Jubilation Mixed Ensemble 6:30 PM, Bible Study 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

**THE MOVIE CLUB** \* Meets every Sunday for dinner and movie. The group always has a good time, so call the "Movie Queen" for information at 952-4048.

**PROTECT** \* People Respecting Ourselves Through Establishing Community and Trust \* HIV- support group \* Provides a safe place to share experiences, strengths, and hopes in an effort to remain HIV-. This is an open discussion meeting for HIV- people to share openly the issues of safe sex, whether you are having safe sex, unprotected sex, or no sex at all. \* Tuesdays \* 7:00-8:30 PM \* Bering Church Office \* 1440 Harold \* Call Marty at 520-7870

Deadlines -- All entries must be received by 5:00 PM on December 2nd, 1994 at either Crossroads Market, or TWT at 811 Westheimer, Suite 106.

Preliminary judging is December 9th (time and location to be announced).

Final Judging is December 20th, 7:00 PM, Pride Committee general meeting, 2700 Albany, Suite 304. The final judging will be made only by voting members of the 1995 Houston Gay and Lesbian Gay Pride Week Committee attending this meeting. Non-winning entries may be claimed after the final judging on December 20th.

### Prizes/Awards

1. The final winner will receive a cash prize of \$300 upon completion of the responsibilities of the winner (see below).
2. The winner will be recognized by name and photo in local and state publications.

### Responsibilities of the winner

The winning logo becomes the sole property of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995 and will be copyrighted. The artist must sign a release form transferring all rights of and to the winning logo to Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995. The contest winner must, by December 23rd, provide Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995 with either of the following: A) Paper positive camera-ready art of the black and white version of the logo, and paper positive camera-ready color separations of the color version of the logo; or, B) A 3.5" floppy disk with Postscript definitions of both versions of the logo.

For information or clarification contact 713/529.6769.

## Really Gay Stuff!

**Pride With Style 1-800-81-PRIDE** They offer what they call "pride jewelry". Call for catalog.

**Gay Greeting Cards 1-800-655-2321** Gee! What a concept! A wedding card with two men on the front! Call for free discreet catalog.

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**Community Service InfoPack.** Call 1-800-842-0502 for a free one year subscription to CPS Infopack, which provides informative articles, resources, and data on new HIV treatments.

**POZ Magazine 1-800-883-2163.** Wonderful source of information on issues of interest to most HIV+ people. Free subscriptions are available for PWA's.

**Free ONDROX Samples 1-800-541-3492.** Vitamin supplement. The product has been favorably received by many HIV+ patients. Ondrox is a multi-antioxidant nutritional supplement developed at a leading university research center right here in Houston. Ondrox is the first sustained-release supplement, delivering its 41 vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants in precise quantities in a theoretically synergistic combination.

tact Stacie Cokinos at 529-6071 for more information

**January 21 \* Don Gill's "Nights of Black Leather" \* Presented by Soiree Aubergine \* Venture-N \* All proceeds benefit the Bering Care Center \* Out-of-town title holder and exotic performers will be present. \* Fashion show by Leather by Boots \* Guest MC Larry Arbo \* 9:00 PM**

**January 22 \* Winter Carnival \* Benefiting the Colt 45's and Bering Community Service Foundation \* Venture-N \* 1:00 PM-???** \* For information on having a booth, please call 526-4392.

**January 28-February 5 \* Living Proof: A photographic exhibit of people living positively with HIV/AIDS \* Sponsored by DIFFA/Houston \* More information as it becomes available, or call 552-9445.**

**March 23 \* Angels In America** \* Opening Night Performance with a Special Guest \* Alley Theatre \* Benefiting DIFFA/Houston \* \$150 per ticket \* Call 552-9445 for more details.

**March 30 - April 2 \* AIDS Memorial Quilt Display \* Over 800 panels of the Quilt will be on display at the George R. Brown Convention Center \* Sponsored by the NAMES Project of Houston \* Admission is Free \* For information, please call 52-NAMES**

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## Letters

Dear Pride Committee,

The Board of Directors of NLA: Houston strongly urge you to consider moving Houston's Pride Celebration either in its entirety or split its events similar to Dallas. The health of our entire community is too critical to be stubborn over this issue. Many of us including those who participate year in and year out are HIV+ or diagnosed with AIDS. For many less fortunate their health does not even allow them to be in a wheel chair along the parade route unless its cloudy. With the heat, the humidity and the heat rising off the pavement many march when they probably shouldn't, but they feel strongly about their pride and their freedoms and need to be seen and heard.

One potential compromise is to move the parade and other Pride Week activities to either early April or early to mid October, and then have the Pride Committee host a major event / fundraiser during the June 26th weekend. Such an event could be a number of things, but with the proceeds going to the Pride Committee. The Spectrum '95 event along with an evening dinner and ball/dance might be one possibility and a way to get Houston's many clubs and organizations involved. Another would be to tie in a contest with the above mentioned events naming a Mr., Ms. and Miss Houston Pride, who would be leaders from within the community and possibly required to be a member of a Houston club or organization, leading off the parade and helping organize the next year's June event. Under some limited financing from the committee, titleholders might be able to travel at least state-to-state to promote our Pride Activities and Houston.

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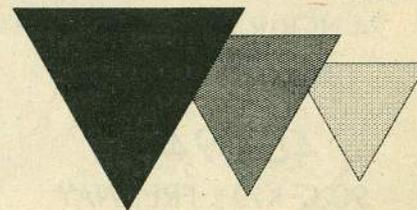
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Since NLA: Houston has been involved since its inception in the Pride Week activities from Official Pride Week Events, to parade entries, to several of its members serving on the Executive Committee of Pride Week for several years (Brian Keever, Dean Walradt, Steven Chaisson) the Board would like to encourage you to call on us for any help, input, or service we might render.

Through Pride and Leather,  
[signed]  
Mike Geinzer, President  
Orlin Cullever, Vice President  
Michael White, Treasurer  
Dean Walradt, Secretary  
Randy Weaver, At Large #1

*As always, Houston Pride welcomes letters from the community regarding Pride Week. We gladly accept general interest letters as well. Thanks to everyone for their input and their patience.*

*Rob, Editor*



## ? What Do YOU Like? ?

The following questionnaire has been produced in order to obtain the opinions of the community at large. For each question, please pick ONE choice. Answers from this questionnaire will be used to assist us in planning future Pride Weeks.

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

As a whole, did you like Pride Week 1994?

- Yes
- No

Did you attend the Pride Parade?

- Yes
- No

Did you attend the Pride Rally?

- Yes
- No

Did you attend any Pride Week Events?  
(Fund-raisers, Events during Pride Week)

- Yes
- No

Please mail this form to QUESTIONNAIRE, c/o PRIDE COMMITTEE OF HOUSTON, PO BOX 66071, HOUSTON, TX 77266-6071 or you may respond by FAX at 963-0639.



### PRIDE WEEK

What time of the year would you like Pride Week to be held?

- April
- May
- June
- September
- October
- November

Would you prefer that the Pride Rally (Pride Festival) be held at the end of the parade route?

- Yes
- No

What time of day, between 1:00 PM and DUSK would you like the Pride Parade to be held?

- Early (1:00-3:00)
- Mid-Afternoon (3:00-4:00)
- Evening (4:00-6:00)

### NEWSLETTER

Do you enjoy receiving this newsletter each month?

- Yes
- No

# Pride Committee of Houston Meeting Minutes November 2, 1994

## Committee Reports

### **Treasurer**

Currently we have a negative situation which Darren Armstrong expects to continue through January or February. At that time, we should begin to see some revenue coming in. All committee cochairs are reminded that their budgets are due at the next meeting on November 15th. Anyone needing help should contact Darren. Carol Clarke is reviewing the books for the fiscal year and the results will be published in the December newsletter. [Editors note: this has been delayed until January]

### **Newsletter**

Rob Huebschmann announced the Houston Voice is now networking with us on the community calendar of events. Everyone is reminded that the deadline for submitting articles or ads is November 15. Rob still needs help with content and would appreciate some volunteers for this.

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From Silence to Celebration." The committee members who attended felt the workshops were very beneficial and informative. The topics included parade organization, fund-raising, newsletters, networking, and bunches more. Darren Armstrong commented on the Las Angelas pride guide. They included a graphics breakdown of how their budget is spent with 24% being returned to the community nonprofit organizations. He suggested we work towards adopting a similar approach. Julie indicated 1994 was the first year our committee gave donations to community groups such as Bering Care Center.

Jack V. reminded everyone mailing list update meetings were now being held every Thursday from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at 2700 Albany. The resource guide mail-out should be out next week. The goal is to have it ready for the January newsletter.

A call was made for a new Secretary. This item will be addressed at the November 15th meeting.

Ray thanked everyone who attended Rusty's memorial.

Chris Noessel made a motion to move the meeting location. Darren Armstrong seconded the motion. After some discussion of the pros and cons of our current location, it was voted by the group to remain at the current location until year's end. Chris would research alternative locations.

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## Q Patrol

Dedicated to the prevention of hate crimes against lesbian and gay men. We patrol the bar areas in Montrose and are always on the lookout for volunteers. If you have one Friday or Saturday a month free or would like to donate to the protection of our community, please call us.

**871-8519**

# Welcome!

We would like everyone to help us in welcoming two new members to the Pride Committee of Houston -- Rose Gutiérrez and Patrick McIlvain. Rose is now in charge of Volunteer Coordination. Those of you who volunteer with us will probably be hearing from her sometime in the near future. She has the difficult task of finding volunteers to help us mail our newsletters, distribute newsletters, help with fund-raising events, and assist with Pride Week when June rolls around.

Patrick McIlvain is our new Bulk Distribution Coordinator. He is in charge of preparing bulk mailing and insuring the newsletters are delivered to the post office and mailed correctly. Anyone who has attended one of our recent Mail-Out Parties has probably met Patrick.

Thanks again, to our new volunteers and to everyone who has

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Festival - June 25th immediately following the Parade

Location for the picnic would be Buffalo Bayou Park with the same food vendors we had last year. Some discussion occurred on whether to charge a small entrance fee or solicit a donation from attendees. A decision was tabled for future resolution.

Also discussed was whether Silver Eagle would underwrite the parade and what was expected in return. Terry will continue to work on this issue and keep the committee informed.

In an effort to increase the number of floats in the parade, Terry has negotiated an agreement with a professional float builder to give price breaks on float construction as the number of floats ordered increases. She is also working to try and get the floats to remain on-site at the festival after the parade.

Current plans are to have the festival begin immediately after the parade. Terry has two lots picked out for the festival and may be able to get them free of charge if we allow the owner to handle all the catering.

### Old Business

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December 2 - cut off for entries

December 9 - Jury selection of logos

December 20 - viewing of entries and voting at the general meeting

### Other

Darren Armstrong announced we had received \$165.00 in donations from the newsletter. He suggested thank-you letters be returned by the cochairs.

Steve Johnson announced the play "Simple Divine" is now showing at the Houston House Theater. Tickets are \$15.00 and the play is getting good reviews.



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## Government Opens AIDS Hot Line

WASHINGTON—The federal government is opening a toll-free telephone number Monday to provide treatment information by telephone or computer to people with AIDS, their families and health care providers. The HIV-AIDS Treatment Information Service was scheduled to begin taking calls at 9 a.m. EST. The number is 800-HIV-0440 and the hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST Monday through Friday.

The service will be staffed by health information specialists who are fluent in English and Spanish. Deaf access is included, and all calls are confidential. The service's staff will not provide treatment advice. Staffers will, however, provide information on the latest research and treatment options to physicians and patients who call. "In addition to assisting health care providers, the AIDS Treatment Information Service will help people living with HIV/AIDS extend and improve the quality of their lives by helping them make informed decisions about their health care with their providers," said Philip L. Lee, the director of the U.S. Public Health Service.

The service's data base, which is housed at the National Library of Medicine, will be updated to include all federally approved HIV and AIDS treatment information. The data base can be accessed free via computer. Users can call 800-272-4787 for directions on how to access the system with their computer. [Note: Access to the computer database at the National Library of Medicine is not free, and requires specialized communications software that costs \$29.95.]

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Need a little  
something extra

## Address and Donation Form

Did you move? Would you like to add your name to our mailing list? If so, please fill out this form and mail it to the address below, or FAX it to us at 529-1223. There is a cost to bring you this newsletter and celebrate Pride Week. If you feel you can make a

donation, please mail it along with this form. Pride Committee of Houston is a registered 501(c)3 organization, so your donation is **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**. If you would like a receipt, please indicate so in the appropriate box.

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(Fill out the following only when applicable)

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Please indicate the following:

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Include "Thank You" in the Monthly Newsletter

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**PRIDE COMMITTEE OF HOUSTON  
PO BOX 66071  
HOUSTON TX 77266-6071**

**713-529-6979**

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Items from \$1 - \$5  
520-0714**

#### **Pride Committee of Houston Newsletter**

Produced by Rob Huebschmann  
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The conference was attended by Pride Committee Coordinators throughout the United States ranging from smaller communities (Waco, Texas) to cities as large as Los Angeles (Christopher Street West) and New York (city, that is) and as far away as London, England.

Needless to say, we came back with much enthusiasm and many ideas for having the 1995 Pride Week be better than ever. We attended such workshops as "Putting on Pride: Parade, Festival, and Site", "Money Skills: Merchandising & Fundraising, Budget & Finance" and "Make News, Make Noise: How to Get Publicity For Practically Anything" to name a few.

More importantly, we realized that we want to share this information with you as well as get your input. Therefore, we have scheduled a Community Forum to get your ideas and suggestions in the development of Pride Week 1995. This meeting has been scheduled for January 22, 1995 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Harvey Hotel. Mark this in your calendar because we want you to be there. More details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

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- Completely address and apply postage stamps to the envelope or envelopes you wish to have postmarked.
- Insert the items into a larger envelope or container
- Include a note requesting the North Pole postmark
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Those wishing to have holiday cards they are sending to friends receive the North Pole postmark, should send the cards already addressed and stamped to the address above. The Postal Service recommends this be sent via Priority Mail or Express Mail. The cards will be postmarked North Pole and enter the mail stream at Fairbanks. Customers cannot have their postmarked cards returned to him for mailing from their own town. The Postal Service recommends these requests be received by Dec. 8th.