

HOUSTON PRIDE

HOUSTON GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK 1997

OCTOBER 1996

And Now...A Word from our Co-Chairs

by Susan Guerrero & Darren Armstrong

Happy New Year! We are Darren Armstrong and Susan Guerrero, your co-chairs for the Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee 1997. We are very excited about this upcoming year but first, let us introduce ourselves. I'm Susan Guerrero and have lived in the Montrose area for the last 3 years. Before that, I was a resident of San Francisco, California. Darren says I should say I'm originally from North Carolina, but I'm afraid people will hold that against me. I work at Chevron and hope that anyone who reads this, works downtown and would like to do lunch will get in touch with me. I'm Darren Armstrong and am originally from Waco (no, not a Branch Dividian, yes a graduate of Baylor University, and no, not a Baptist) and have lived in the Houston area for about 6 years. I'm currently the Chief Financial Officer and co-owner of Eleventh Second Communications, a small multimedia company. I served as Treasurer of the Pride Committee

for the last four years. We have established four goals we hope to achieve. They are, increase membership, attract corporate sponsorships, achieve excellence, and have fun.

Membership is strictly voluntary and we charge no dues to join or participate. It's a great way to meet people, help organize a historical event and develop new skills. You should think about joining!

Corporate sponsorship serves two purposes. First, it raises the funds needed to put on the parade, pride week events and festival. Secondly, it creates a two-way street of exposure. Sponsors receive favorable advertising within our community, and we can identify gay-friendly corporations. Spend your money with those who care!

We will achieve excellence by creating a world-class event that attracts national media exposure, out of town visitors and creates a positive image of our community. Only with

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Upcomming Meetings

Pride Board Meeting	October 8
General Meeting	October 15
Executive Meeting	November 5

your help and participation can this goal be achieved!

Have Fun... need we say MORE!

We are very excited about the upcoming year and are planning on organizing the best pride week ever held. To do so we will need your help. Please join us at one of our upcoming meetings and give us your ideas. Next newsletter we will discuss security and safety issues. Till then, if you see us around, say hello.

served as treasurer of the Pride Committee for 3 years and also chaired the Pride Week Events committee for 2 years. Both of these positions are currently available for this year (hint, hint).

You've probably heard the rumors about this year's parade. The rumor about it being at night is true. What we know at this point is that it will be held on Saturday night, June 28th stepping off at 9:00 PM. The parade route will be slightly different to comply with city ordinances but will basically be centered on Westheimer as it has in the past. In future articles of this newsletter we will cover topics such as security and personal safety, creating illuminated floats, and ideas for night costumes. Right now, everything else is yet to be decided. Here's where you come in. We need your ideas, suggestions and help to pull off the first ever night time Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade in this country. For the months of October and November, our general meetings will be focusing on brainstorming ideas in the areas of kick off events, pride week events, festival activities, and an after hours party. We are encouraging everyone to attend the Oct. 15 and Nov. 19 meetings and share your ideas. The meetings are now being held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray (across from River Oaks Cineplex Odeon Theater). After the meeting, several of us move across the street to Cafe Express for a snack and we usually continue brainstorming there too! If you can't make the meeting, join us there.

Each year, co-chairs identify goals they would like to work towards to improve the Pride Committee and the upcoming Pride Week celebration. This year, we have identi-

NEW MEETING LOCATION

METROPOLITAN MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

free & lighted parking

handicap access

1475 W GRAY
7 PM, OCTOBER 15th

(Executive Meeting First Tuesday
General Meeting Third Tuesday)

Future Meetings at New Location

In a unanimous decision at the August 6th Executive Meeting, the Pride Committee of Houston voted to move its meetings to the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center beginning October 15, 1996. Reasons for the change include a more efficient classroom-style meeting facility, improved lighting, availability of visual aids, extra parking and the presence of security. The Pride Committee is hoping for a significant growth in its volunteer participation in the upcoming year and is anticipating a big year of planning and preparation in accordance with the plans of a night parade. With this new meeting space, the Pride Committee feels it can grow and accommodate more volunteers and conduct more efficient meetings in a classroom setting.

The Pride Committee previously met at

the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center up until 1994 when the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus offered their new office space to the Pride Committee for meetings. The Pride Committee is very grateful to the Caucus for making the office available over the last two years and hopes to continue to use the offices for special meetings and mailouts.

The Pride Committee has secured the new location through August 19, 1997. The meetings will be held as usual on the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray (across from the River Oaks Cineplex Odeon) beginning October 15, 1996. Up until October 15th meetings will be held at the Caucus office at 2700 Albany.

Join Us to Make a Better Pride Week

The Committees

The following are the committees that make up Pride Week. Each September we start new. Are you interested in any of the following committees? If you have an interest in helping out please fill out the mailer included.

Events

This committee stimulates interest and gathers applications to schedule community activities during Pride Week for publication in the Pride Guide and other media releases. Lots of fun, lots of work, lots of opportunities to meet people and be in the know.

nity for anyone interested in writing articles or gaining valuable experience with print media.

Pride Guide

Once a year, the Pride Committee publishes the Pride Guide. The publication is dis-

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Jerry Sherman

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Pete Ctreras

to meet people and be in the know.

Fund-raising

A year-round committee that thinks up and produces fun events that raise funds for the Pride Committee's operations budget. The committee also develops joint efforts with other non-profit organizations. If you want to be involved with only one project or event, come join us. Ideas are always welcome.

Media, outreach, video

This committee reaches out locally, statewide and nationally via print and broadcast media to let everyone know what the Pride Committee is doing. The committee also promotes interest in Gay and Lesbian Pride Week.

Mailouts

Every month, we publish this newsletter and once a year we mail 5,000 Pride Guides. This committee learns the U.S. Postal Service routines, organizes mailout materials, provides motivational food and music for volunteers at the mailouts and delivers bags of completed Pride mail to the Post Office.

Merchandising

This committee selects merchandise to sell, solicits bids, places orders and coordinates sales parties. The group consists of people who like to meet new people.

Newsletter

Once a month throughout the year, the Pride Committee publishes a newsletter (this one, in fact). Members of this committee find out what is happening with the other committees and report on the progress and development of Pride Week and other community activities. The committee solicits articles and produces the newsletter. This is a great opportu-

tributed in time to promote Pride Week. It contains a resource guide that is a listing of local organizations and services. This committee solicits advertising to offset its costs, gathers and develops content, designs, produces and distributes the guides. If you've ever wanted to gain large-scale print media experience, then this is the committee for you.

Parade

This committee is in charge of hundreds of people marching down Westheimer. The committee seeks sponsorships, obtains insurance, organizes with the police and health department, arranges cleanup, obtains city permits, sends applications to participants, organizes parade volunteers, finds judges, assembles reviewing stands, handles street decorations, trophies, Pride Committee transportation and orders banners. This committee needs many people with strong organizational and communication skills to make it work.

Pride Fest

This group isn't happy unless there's a huge party waiting to reward our marchers and attendees at the parade's end. They find entertainment, solicit vendors, decorate the grounds, coordinate efforts with the Parade Committee.

Volunteers

Throughout the year, this group coordinates volunteers for mailouts, merchandising events, fund-raising events and, most particularly, during Pride Week. Participating in this committee means greeting new volunteers, getting to know them and helping them discover where their talents and skills can best be used.

Fund-raising:
Nick Brines

The Pride Committee
PO Box 66071
Houston TX 77266-6071
713-529-6979
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M I S S I O N S T A T E M E N T

The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization whose purpose is to coordinate and promote events which celebrate the diversity, unity and history of the Lesbian and Gay Community. We do not discriminate on the basis of color, gender, transgender or bisexual identification, the physically challenged or differently abled or on the basis of age.

We are here to commemorate, educate and celebrate our pride and to create a path towards a positive future for all humanity not to exclude any segment of who we are as a people.

Join Us to Make a Better Pride Week 1997 a new beginning with lights

☐ Volunteering (see page 2)

Please see Page 2 of this Newsletter to find what area you may be interested in. We need help in every area to have a successful event.

☐ Donations

Our yearly budget is over \$50,000. It takes money to produce all the events and to publish these events. No money goes for salaries, every body is a volunteer on this committee. We use bulk and non profit bulk mail for most of our mailouts to save money, yet it takes money to do all the things associated with pride week. Will you help? The Pride committee of Houston is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

☐ Meetings and Voting

Every month on the third Tuesday we meet at 2700 Albany, Suite 304. Starting on October 15 we will began meeting at the Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475 W Gray. Anyone can participate in a meeting. To be eligible to vote you must attend two meetings in a row.

☐ Be Informed

You can keep up to date with what is happening in our community. We update our home page every week with the most comprehensive calendar of events. Check it out at <http://www.pridehouston.org>.

☐ The Video of 1996 Parade

A 2 hour video is available for \$19.96, you can order with this form.

☐ Newsletter Subscription Renewal

Once a month throughout the year, the Pride Committee publishes a newsletter (this one, in fact). If you would like to continue to receive a copy please return this card with any corrections so we will keep you on our active mailing list.

Volunteering & Subscription Renewal

Circle Area of Interest for Volunteering

Events	Fund-Raising	Media	Mailouts	Volunteers
Pride Guide	Merchandising	Pride Fest	Parade	

Other Area of Interest _____

Donation \$: _____

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Corporate Funding: Stretching your Donation Dollars Pride Committee needs your dollars to help fund this year's events.

Can you help?

In our community, a week doesn't go by, that one group or another is requesting money to fund their endeavors. Have you often wished you could donate more to your favorite organization, but your budget just wouldn't allow it? Well, there's a good chance you've overlooked a valuable resource. Like some of us, my dollar is in high demand from our community service organizations. There is just so much I can afford to give. But, I work for Chevron, and one of the many programs Chevron has to help employees give back to their communities is the Matching Funds Program. For every dollar I donate to an established 501 (c) (3) organization, Chevron will also donate a dollar. All I have to do is fill out the required form and send it to my Human Resources Department. They handle the paperwork and issue the matching funds check.

That way, my ten dollar donation becomes a twenty dollar gift. I can choose any qualified group I wish and I can let my company know that our community is important to an employee. As it turns out, lots of companies have a similar program, and not all these companies are major corporations. If you donate to any organizations in our community, check with your Human Resources/People Department/ Personnel Group or what ever title your company has for a similar program. Find out if your company has a Matching Funds Program. With a few simple questions and a form, you can help your community and educate your company at the same time. Remember, unless we can bring new money into our community from outside organizations, we are simply passing the same dollar from group to group.

IBM Adds Benefits for Gay Partners

Proponents Hope Other Firms Will Follow

One of Austin's largest private employers, will offer health and other benefits to partners of its gay and lesbian employees.

spokeswoman Melinda McMullen.

That doesn't change the views of religious conservatives. ``As a private company, IBM

From The Names Project

On behalf of our Board of Directors and volunteers, I would like to express our appreciation for the \$500 we received from the Pride Committee. It will be used to continue our mission to use the AIDS Memorial Quilt to help bring an end to the AIDS pandemic.

We commend the Pride Committee for organizing Houston's Lesbian and Gay Pride Week and your year-round efforts to promote diversity and unity within the community. The dedication of the members of the committee ensured for a memorable parade and events during the week.

Again, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,
David B. Jackson
Chair of the Board

Parade Video

2 hour video of the 1996 Pride Parade, copies are limited, \$19.96, Infinite Index Independent, PO Box 66690, Houston, TX 77266

Unusual poll shows gays not so different

Gay Americans' concerns mirror those of

welcomed the decision and said they hoped it would encourage other companies to do the same.

Because it is so large and diverse, IBM is viewed by many as a bellwether of American business practices. Its new policy covers dental, vision and general health benefits, starting Jan. 1.

"It's wonderful news," said Olive Calvey, a distribution technician at IBM Austin. "I have to say I thought it would happen. IBM is very progressive, and it seemed like a natural step."

Calvey, who has worked for IBM for 21 1/2 years, said her partner, who works for the State of Texas, does not need health benefits. "But it's just good to know that my company views me as a whole person who is entitled to the same benefits as everyone else."

IBM, which has 7,500 employees in Austin, becomes the nation's largest company to extend health benefits to domestic partners of employees. IBM has about 225,000 employees worldwide and 110,000 in the United States.

High-tech companies generally have been leaders in extending benefits to partners of gay and lesbian employees. Lotus Development Corp., which was acquired by IBM last year, was among the first to offer such benefits six years ago. Since then, companies including Microsoft, Apple Computer, Advanced Micro Devices and Borland International have followed suit.

In recent months, Walt Disney Co. and American Express Co. also have extended health benefits to partners of gay and lesbian employees. "So many other high-tech companies already offer these benefits, that for us it's a way to remain competitive," said IBM

that doesn't make it right," said Charles Bullock, senior pastor at Christ Memorial Baptist Church and a leader of opposition to Austin's domestic-partners policy in 1994. "This is an endorsement of an immoral, criminal lifestyle."

Domestic-partner benefits policies and the opposition they have sparked have put the Austin area in the national spotlight in recent years.

In 1994, Austinites voted overwhelmingly to repeal benefits to domestic partners of city employees.

In November 1993, the Williamson County Commissioners Court voted to deny Apple Computer a \$750,000 tax abatement for its planned \$80 million plant because the company offered domestic-partner benefits to gay and lesbian employees. The commissioners later approved a \$1 million tax reimbursement because tax dollars would not be used to subsidize the company, which ended up not building the facility because of financial concerns.

IBM in 1974 was the first large company to include sexual orientation in its nondiscrimination hiring policy. It was rated as exceptional in Working Mother magazine's recent list of the 100 most family-friendly companies.

To qualify for the new benefits, IBM employees must sign affidavits that they are financially and emotionally interdependent with their domestic partners. Other companies have a similar requirement and such documents have become common in same-sex partnerships.

IBM did not extend benefits to domestic partners of the opposite sex who are not married.

the biggest personal worry, followed by economic issues, health care and education, a poll sponsored by a gay rights group found.

A majority of those who identify themselves as gay, lesbian or bisexual say they live now or have lived with a partner in a serious relationship, according to the poll. Nearly half say they are involved in a long-term monogamous relationship and 22 percent say they have children living in their homes, the Human Rights Campaign reported Wednesday.

Just 45 percent ranked same-sex marriage as an important issue for national gay organizations to be pursuing, compared with 81 percent for a nondiscrimination law and 80 percent for more funds to fight AIDS.

"The importance of AIDS and employment discrimination was interesting and the heightened concern among lesbians about hate crimes," said Celinda Lake, a

Democratic pollster who oversaw the survey. One in four ranked crime and drugs as their top personal concern, about the same result Lake has gotten when she presented the same list to the general population. (Crime ranks lower in polls asking people what issue is most important in deciding how they will vote for president.)

Because sexual orientation is too sensitive for some people to talk about, few efforts have been made to scientifically survey homosexuals. Even among the self-identified respondents, 53 percent said they had not shared their orientation with employers.

Using a series of 28 telephone polls that interviewed 28,282 adults over 13 weeks, the study found 354 respondents willing to participate. Survey experts described this method

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HOUSTON PRIDE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club

Different rides every week and different levels, Easy Riders (Montrose area rides), Chainsmokers (faster/longer rides) and Rough Riders (off-road), free FYI 713-863-1860

Rainbow Riders

Rainbow Riders: A Bicycling Club for Womyn. Bicycle rides every Sunday morning. Easy, long off road rides. All womyn are welcome regardless of ability and experience FYI Cookie Davenport at 869-1686 eMail: guusje@aol.com

FrontRunners

Running group, 9:00 am, Memorial Park at the Tennis Center FYI 713-522-8021

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection

MCC Churches are Christian Churches with an outreach into the lesbian and gay communities. They welcome all people into their fellowship and extend their ministries to everyone to worship, witness and service together, 9:00 am (Holy Eucharist) 45 minutes in length; 11:00 am (Traditional), 9:00 am, 1919 Decatur St. (White at Washington; between Studemont/Montrose and Houston Ave.) FYI 713-861-9149 <http://www.neosoft.com/~mccr/mccr.html>

Houston Tennis Club (HTC)

Houston Tennis Club is a lesbian and gay tennis club with members of all levels of play - beginner to advanced, 9:00 am to noon, Memorial Park Tennis Center FYI 713-868-5039

Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Church

AIDS Foundation Houston Creative Writing Class

Taught by freelance writer Greg Rodriguez for anyone affected by AIDS, Sponsored by the AIDS Foundation Houston, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm FYI 713-623-6796 713-868-0008

Monday Night Men's League

Mixed league, Fall/Winter session September to April, Summer session May to August, Dues \$12, 7:00 pm, Palace Lanes, Bellaire Blvd, Inside the Loop FYI 713-522-9612

Monday Night Women's League

Mixed league, Fall/Winter session September to April, Summer session May to August, Dues \$12, 7:00 pm, AMF Southway Lanes, Hwy 59 @ Gessner FYI 713-437-6218

Calendar/Computer Workshop

weekly sessions to keep up to date the community's best mailing list along with this calendar, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, call for details FYI 713-529-1223 FAX 713-529-1223

Gay Fathers / Fathers First

Weekly support meeting for fathers and their partners, 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh FYI 713-861-6181

TUESDAYS

FrontRunners

Running group, 6:30 pm, Memorial Park at the Tennis Center FYI 713-522-8021

PROTECT, People Respecting

Ourselves Through Establishing Community & Trust

provides a safe place for HIV negative people to share their experiences, strengths and hopes in an effort to remain HIV negative and to help ourselves

Bi-NET of Houston

This group is supportive of responsible, health-conscious bisexuality and is open to all women and men exploring or questioning their sexuality or already identifying as bisexual. All meetings are confidential and open to all races, religions, cultural diversities, married or single. Anonymity or the using of assumed name is respected in this group. Respectful, appropriate social conduct is expected. This group is not considered professional therapeutic, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 1919 Decatur Street FYI 713-861-9149

Houston Pride Band

Get your instruments out of the closet, a new band has formed to provide musical entertainment for the Houston community, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Dignity, 1307 Yale, in the Heights FYI 713-524-0218

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection

Mid-week uplift service lasting 25 minutes. MCC Churches are Christian Churches with an outreach into the lesbian and gay communities. They welcome all people into their fellowship and extend their ministries to everyone to worship, witness and service together, 7:00 pm, 1919 Decatur St. (White at Washington; between Studemont/Montrose and Houston Ave.) FYI 713-861-9149

HIV Survivor Support Group

For anyone whose life is touched by HIV, meetings include a relaxing meditation, information about community resources and occasional speakers, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Unity Church of Christianity, 2929 Unity Drive at Hillcroft FYI 713-782-4050

Lesbian and Gay Voices

A radio show featuring community activists who produce a magazine format featuring many segments including interviews with both community leaders, national leaders and just the ordinary gay and lesbian activist. Also included will be a segment each week of music, reviews of gay and lesbian cultural events, news from This Way Out and a few comments along the way, 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, KPFT 90.1 FM FYI 713-866-6505 FAX 713-529-1223 eMail: LGVoices@aol.com

Cafe Artiste

Open mike and songwriters night every Thursday, all instruments welcome, 8:00 pm, Cafe Artiste, 1601 W Main at Mandell FYI 713-528-3704

Rainbow Ranglers

Country Western bar promotes Texas Style couple dancing, Beginner Level, classes are free and open to the public, 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm, Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos FYI 713-880-0670

Houston Thursday Nite Mixer

Mixed league, Fall/Winter session September to April, Summer session May to August, 9:00 pm, Palace Lanes, Bellaire Blvd, Inside the Loop FYI 713-522-9612

FRIDAYS

HIV Art Class

free for all HIV+ individuals, this class offers mixed media art projects for the artist and non-artist alike, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the Art League of Houston, 1953 Montrose, classroom 2 FYI 713-225-9411

Art Classes

Express yourself!, Sponsored by the

tan Church

To praise the Lord in Music, the Word and Prayer, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, 3400 Montrose, Suite 600 FYI 713-528-6756

Community Gospel Church

Worship services, a high spirited gathering for a charismatic, Pentecostal worship service, 11:00 am, 501 East 18th at Columbia FYI 713-880-9235

Houston Mission Church

Come worship the Lord in a supportive atmosphere, 11:00 am, 1505 Nevada FYI 713-529-8225

Kingdom Community Church

Sunday worship; Sunday school 10:00 AM, 11:00 am, 4404 Blossom FYI 713-351-4217

Montrose Ice Picks

Skates every Sunday at the Galleria ice skating rink, 5:00 pm FYI 713-629-1432

Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH)

A peer support group for teens and young adult between ages 16 and 21 in greater Houston area with committee meetings, socials and movies with gay theme, 6:30 pm, Call for location FYI 713-942-7002

Inner Loop Sunday Bowling League

Mixed league, Fall/Winter session September to April, Summer session May to August, 7:00 pm, Palace Lanes, Bellaire Blvd, Inside the Loop FYI 713-522-9612

MONDAYS

Heartsong Women's Chorus

Rehearsal's are at 7 PM, 3rd Floor First Unitarian Church, corner of Fannin and Southmore FYI 713-947-1488

Avez

Free HIV testing in English and Spanish, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717 (Twelve Oaks Tower)

strengths and hopes in an effort to remain HIV negative and to help ourselves understand and change behaviors that could lead to infection, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Bering Church, 1440 Harold FYI 713-520-7870

Survivors of Loss

A weekly group for gay men or women who have lost a loved one to AIDS, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Sharpstown General Hospital FYI 713-778-2677

Helping Cross Dressers Anonymous

For all persons who are in any way affected by crossdressing, either on their personal part or on the part of someone in whom they have an interest, 8:00 pm, 1509 Fairview FYI 713-495-8009

Southern Country

Country Western Dance Lessons at the Ranch, 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, The Ranch, 9200 Buffalo Speedway

WEDNESDAYS

Avez

Free HIV testing in English and Spanish, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, 4125 SW Freeway, Suite 1717 (Twelve Oaks Tower)

Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance at the University of Houston (GLOBAL)

University of Houston Student Group, 4:00 pm, University Center, University of Houston FYI 713-743-7539

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Lambda Rollerskating Club

gay rollerskating group, 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm, 8075 Cook Road at Beechnut FYI 713-933-5818 eMail: gayskate@aol.com http://members.aol.com/gayskate1/lambda.htm

THURSDAYS

Living in Process Group

Ongoing gay men's group FYI 713-622-7250 FAX 713-622-2180

HIV Art Labs

free for all HIV+ individuals, these labs offer mixed media art projects for the artist and non-artist alike, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the Art League of Houston, 1953 Montrose, classroom 2 FYI 713-225-9411

FrontRunners

Running group, 6:30 pm, Memorial Park at the Tennis Center FYI 713-522-8021

Gay Men's Chorus of Houston

come sing with a rapidly growing community minded men's chorus, open rehearsals, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh FYI 713-521-7464

Community Gospel Church

Worship services, a high spirited gathering for a charismatic, Pentecostal worship service, 7:30 pm, 501 East 18th at Columbia FYI 713-880-9235

Twenty Something

a group of young adults ages 20 to 29 addressing issues concerning bisexual, lesbian and gays. A positive atmosphere to share, learn, encourage each other and create a safe environment that is conducive to personal growth, 7:30 pm, TBA FYI 713-315-6786

Art Classes
Express yourself!, Sponsored by the AIDS Foundation Houston, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, The Art League FYI 713-526-1118

Lesbian Avengers

Join us in the struggle against homophobia, 7:00 pm to 9:00 PM, Toupee's, 1830 W Alabama

FRIDAYS

Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH)

A peer support group for teens and young adults between ages 16 and 21 in greater Houston area with guest speaker, 7:10 pm, Call for location FYI 713-942-7002

SATURDAYS

Houston Chain Gang Bicycle Club

different rides every week and different levels, Easy Riders (Montrose area rides), Chainsmokers (faster/longer rides) and Rough Riders (off-road), free FYI 713-863-1860

Dignity/Houston

An organization for gay and lesbian Catholics and their friends meets for liturgy and a social hour, 7:30 pm, 1307 Yale, Suite H, just north of 13th Street FYI 713-880-2872

After Hours

A late night radio show featuring a different host and crew present interviews, music and mayhem, 12:00 am to 3:00 am, KPFT 90.1 FM FYI 713-526-5738

Weekly Updates <http://www.pridehouston.org>

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, October 4

Celebrity Auction

Silent Auction of various celebrity items benefitting Colt 45s, runs until October 6, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Gentry, 2303 Richmond Ave,

Tongue Cut Sparrows

An installation by James Drake, reading by Benjamin Saenz, runs until October 26, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Diverseworks, 1117 E Freeway (1-10 @ N Main) FYI 713-223-8346

Dos Lesbos

Play about the lives of two gay women, playing Thursday thru 11/7 at the Lovett Inn, \$15, runs until November 7, 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm, Lovett Inn FYI 713-522-2204

Saturday, October 5

Spectrum 96

Business Expo, Speakers Program and Entertainment, runs until October 6, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm, George R Brown Convention Center FYI 713-526-2853

Houston Tennis Club - Women's Championships

Runs until October 6, 9:00am to 1:00pm, Memorial Park FYI 713-523-5052

Sunday, October 6

The Women's Group

The Women's Group is a feminist group for all women; each woman defines feminism by her experience, 10:45 am, First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin FYI Iris at 713-529-8571

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbian & Gays

support group for parents, friends and families of gays and lesbians, and for gays and lesbians. Our mission includes

Wednesday, October 9

PASSION

Shows the dark side of love and obsession, \$18, runs until October 20, Theater Lab, Houston, TX 77270-0755 FYI 713-227-ARTS

St Thomas Health Center Council

Elected group that advises the Harris County Hospital district on matters concerning the AIDS facility, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, 2015 St Thomas Street,

Women's Network

Butch Fem Stereotype or Identity, \$3 to \$5 donation requested, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond FYI 713-529-0037

Healing and Happiness Through Wellness

Bart Loeser of the AFH Wellness Program will explore the concepts of wellness, offering options for improving and maintaining good health and happiness, Sponsored by AIDS Foundation Houston, 7:00 pm, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray FYI 713-623-6796

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus

Board meeting, 7:00 pm, 2700 Albany 304 FYI 713-521-1000

The Mind/Body Connection: Alternative Approaches

A panel of health care specialists will discuss complementary health alternatives beyond traditional medicine, 7:00 pm, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray FYI 713-524-2374

Thursday, October 10

HIV Prevention Community Planning Group

Work on AIDS update and other prevention strategies, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)

Lost Maples Camping Trip, Free, runs until October 13 FYI 713-(KAMPOUT)

New Treatments New Hope

Harris County Hospital Districts 5th Annual Conference on HIV/AIDS Impact on Health Care, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Brady's Landing, 8505 Cypress Street, Houston FYI 713-636-5160

Houston Professional Men's Association

Dinner at Bibas, \$15 for Dinner \$4 for dues, 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm, call for directions FYI 713-643-6454 eMail: terrier@neosoft.com

Astro Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf

General meeting, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm, Montrose Clinic, 215 Westheimer FYI 713-869-2287

Movie Time

Free Les/bi/gay film showing at Kolbe House, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, 1509 Fairview FYI 713-522-8182

Saturday, October 12

Gulf Coast Transgender Community

is a non-sexual support group for all transgendered individuals and their partners. Monthly socials are held FYI 713-780-4282

Aids Housing Coalition Houston

A 90 day gay positive emergency house for PWAs in transition, 10:00 am to 12 pm, 117 Tuam Ave @ Helena FYI 713-521-1613

Art Colony Festival

Fundraiser Benefitting AIDS Foundation Houston, runs until October 13, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Location TBA FYI 713-521-0133

Sunday, October 13

Texas Medical Center Lambda Group

welcomes all lesbian, gay, bisexual and gay-friendly faculty, staff and students of the Texas Medical Center, 5:00 pm, RAS W-204, School of Public Health building FYI 713-523-5539

Cancer Support Group

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Montrose Counseling Center FYI 713-681-1309

Tuesday, October 15

Empowerment for Living

Interfaith HIV positive group meets for potluck meal and love, MCCR 1919 Decatur FYI 713-861-9149

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week

General meeting, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray FYI 713-529-6979 FAX 713-529-1223 eMail: info@pridehouston.org <http://www.pridehouston.org/~pridehou>

Dating & Mating: Erotic Choices in Safer Sex

Entertaining and confidential workshop explores the nature of safer sex and sensual options through lively discussion and games, 7:00 pm, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray FYI 713-524-2374

Wednesday, October 16

Benefit Shopping Day

Charitable donation receives coupon for 10 to 20% off merchandise at Macy's Galleria, \$10, 10:00 am - 9:30 pm, Macy's Galleria FYI 713-552-9445

Men's Network

donation of \$3.00 to \$5.00 requested, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond FYI 713-529-0037

Pride Committee of Houston

community education and advocacy, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, St Francis Episcopal Church, 345 N Pitney Point Road FYI 713-867-9020

Monday, October 7

Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

Greater Houston Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, general business meeting for all members, The Teacher Store, 1001 South Allen at Genoa FYI 713-944-2306

Tuesday, October 8

Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents

A monthly support group for the parents and also a monthly family activity, \$25 per year, 10400 South Post Oak Road Suite E-263, 77035 FYI 713-284-4939

AIDS Equity League

A non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring equitable treatment of the gay and lesbian and at-risk community in local HIV/AIDS decision making. The League was founded in 1990 on the premise that people have a right to a voice in decisions that ultimately affect their lives, 12:00 pm, Charlie's Restaurant, Westheimer At Waugh Drive FYI 713-529-9966

Pride Committee of Houston

Board meeting, 7:00 pm, TBA FYI 713-529-6979 FAX 713-529-1223 eMail: info@pridehouston.org <http://www.pridehouston.org/~pridehou>

tion strategies, 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Ramada Astrodome FYI 713-794-9251

Blast out at Toupees Cafe

National coming out day celebration featuring Jazz/blues, Toupee's treats, door prizes and lots of fun, FREE, 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm, Toupee's, 1830 W Alabama, Houston, TX FYI 713-522-7662 or 713-521-7867

Kolbe Project

Kolbe is an ecumenical outreach to gays lesbians and other sexual minorities modeled after the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi, 7:00 pm FYI 713-522-8182

Lesbian and Gay Voices

A radio show featuring community activists who produce a magazine format featuring many segments including interviews with both community leaders, national leaders and just the ordinary gay and lesbian activist, 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, KPFT 90.1 FM FYI 713-866-6505 FAX 713-529-1223 eMail: LGVoices@aol.com

Montrose Ice Picks

Ice skating get together. The rink will be open to General Public so Gays/Lesbians are encouraged to wear pink clothing or favorite lesbian and gay t shirt, \$5, 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Galleria Ice Rink, 5015 Westheimer FYI 713-629-1432

Friday, October 11

AIDS Memorial Quilt Display in Washington, DC

This largest-ever display of the Quilt will be held on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Officials from The NAMES Project expect up to 45,000 individual memorial panels to be on display, which will entirely cover the National Mall from the Washington Monument to the Capital Building and be visited by three-quarters of a million people. The NAMES Project, runs until October 13, Washington, DC FYI 415-882-5500 FAX 415-882-6200

Sunday, October 13

The Women's Group

The Women's Group is a feminist group for all women; each woman defines feminism by her experience, 10:45 am, First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin FYI Iris at 713-529-8571

Just For Us - Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents

Trip to the Renaissance Festival, Just for US (JFU) is a social and support group for youth in 6th through 12th grades who have gay or lesbian parents, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, 10400 South Post Oak Road Suite E-263, 77035 FYI 713-284-4939

Texas Gay Rodeo Association

Regular monthly meeting of the TGRA, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Bacchus II, 2715 Waughcrest FYI 713-777-1444

Houston Area Bears

a social group for men who are "bears" and for those who like/admire bears, 4:00 pm, varies FYI 713-867-9123

Monday, October 14

Miss Camp America

Monthly meeting, the Miss America Pageant, the non-profit corporation consists of a maximum of ninety members from all walks of life, the pageant happens on the same night as the Miss America and is a non-profit who raises funds for AIDS related charities, Montrose Library or Metropolitan Multi-Service Center FYI 713-520-STAR

Houston Area Women's Center

Volunteer training to provide a variety of free services for women in crisis. Free individual counseling and support services for lesbians and gay male, and bisexual survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, 10:00 am and 6:00 pm, 1010 Waugh Drive, Houston, TX 77019 FYI 713-528- FAX 713-535-6363

Pride Committee of Houston

Board meeting, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, TBA FYI 713-529-6979 FAX 713-529-1223 eMail: info@pridehouston.org <http://www.pridehouston.org/~pridehou>

Women's Network

Achieving Intimacy the give and take of staying together, The Women's Network is a support group for lesbian and bisexual women, \$3 to \$5 donation requested, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond FYI 713-529-0037

OutVote

A non-profit organization dedicated to registering, educating, and motivating our community to vote, 7:00 pm, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray FYI 713-520-VOTE

Roundtable: The Houston Philosophy Forum

What has been the cost of being gay lesbian bisexual transgender in your life, Cafe Express 1422 W Gray (at Waugh) FYI 713-779-8620

Gay Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network

Dedicated to fighting homophobia in the schools, 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5200 Fannin, FYI 713-942-7002

Thursday, October 17

NOW

Now fights for Lesbian Rights and all womens rights, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Conference Room of Suzanne Anderson Properties, 239 Westheimer FYI 713-665-8NOW

Lesbian and Gay Voices

A radio show featuring community activists who produce a magazine format featuring many segments including interviews with both community leaders, national leaders and just the ordinary gay and lesbian activist, 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, KPFT 90.1 FM FYI 713-866-6505 FAX 713-529-1223 eMail: LGVoices@aol.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, October 18

LiB (Lesbians in Business) General Meeting

Kristen K Anderson, sex sports and rock n roll, \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 to non-members, \$10.00 for membership, 6:30 pm for networking and 7:00 pm meeting, Innova Building, 1st floor, 20 Greenway Plaza FYI 713-529-0077

Saturday, October 19

Creating Families

Detailed information on building families thru adoption and donor insemination, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm, Law Firm of Moore and Hunt FYI 713-522-4282 ext 10

Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)

Horseback Riding at Heather Hollow Stables, cost is \$10 hour per horse, need to call by 10/17 to get a spot, 7:30 pm FYI 713-440-9528

Halloween Magic

Benefiting Body Positive and Bering Community Service Foundation, 8:00 pm to 10:00 PM FYI 713-524-2374

Sunday, October 20

The Women's Group

Ann Rushing and Colleagues: Women defining sexuality. Does waiting to have sex make a better relationship, The Women's Group is a feminist group for all women; each woman defines feminism by her experience; Sunday's meeting will consist of BLACK SUN RISING a performance poem that chronicles the developing friendship between two women, 10:45 am, First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin FYI Iris at 713-529-8571

LOAF, Lesbians Over Age Fifty

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Houston Mission

Thursday, October 24

Dollars & Sense: Money and Other Matters

A panel of planning specialists will review vital legal and financial matters concerning PWAs/HIV including record-keeping, resource management, discrimination and important documents, 7:00 pm, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray FYI 713-524-2374

Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)

monthly business meeting and mailout party for the HOG newsletter. HOG is a social group for Gay men and Lesbians who enjoy the outdoors, Free, 7:30 pm FYI 713-(KAMPOUT)

Friday, October 25

Gay and Lesbian Unitarian Uni- versalists Potluck

Potluck dinner, First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin FYI 713-526-5200

Houston Gay and Lesbian Par- ents

Camping Trip to New Braunfels, \$25 per year, runs until October 27, 10400 South Post Oak Road, Suite E-264, 77035 FYI 713-284-4939

How To get your estate docu- ments in order

Free seminar led by attorney Mitchell Katine. RSVP, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, ONCOL Medical Associates, 4140 Southwest Frwy, 4th floor FYI 713-961-7100

Saturday, October 26

Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)

Hog Breakfast, Free, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Toupees FYI 713-529-2691

Opening the Heart

Monday, October 28

Cancer Support Group

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Montrose Counseling Center FYI 713-681-1309

Log Cabin Republicans

Gay Republicans, 7:00 pm, Renata's, 2006 Lexington FYI 713-529-9100

Gay and Lesbian Readers Group

Various gay lesbian books are discussed, 7:00 pm, Barnes & Noble, 3003 W Holcombe FYI 713-349-0050 FAX 713-349-8152

Tuesday, October 29

HIV/AIDS Treatment Mixer

Informal treatment discussion and open fro for asking questions, sharing information and comparing notes, Sponsored by The Center for AIDS: Hope and Remembrance Project, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, 2700 Albany, Suite 205 FYI 713-527-8219

Thursday, October 31

Heart of the West

A woman's dance and music extravaganza in Las Vegas, \$259, runs until November 3, 3:00 pm - 11:59 am, Stardust Resort, Las Vegas, NV FYI 800-634-6757

Safer Sex for Lesbians

This entertaining program discusses the facts and risks of women to women sex, exploring options for a safer, yet erotic sexuality. This program is presented by Nancy Ford and offered in conjunction with her comedy act, sponsored by Aids Foundation of Houston, 9:30 pm, Plaza 9200, 9200 Buffalo Speedway FYI 713-666-3464

Friday, November 1

Wednesday, November 6

Men's Network

Financial Planning, learning the first steps in making informed financial decisions that made sense in light of your overall needs and objectives, the discussion will be chaired by Daniel Poland, Discussion group for social and educational development for Gay and Bisexual Men, donation of \$3.00 to \$5.00 requested, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond FYI 713-529-1223

Roundtable: The Houston Phi- losophy Forum

What is the place of separatism in our community, Cafe Express 1422 W Gray (at Waugh) FYI 713-779-8620

Houston Gay and Lesbian Poli- tical Caucus

general meeting, 7:30 pm, 2700 Albany 304 FYI 713-521-1000

Friday, November 8

Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)

Camping at the Rainbow Ranch, Free, runs until November 10 FYI 713-(KAMPOUT)

Saturday, November 16

Houston Gay and Lesbian Par- ents

Thanksgiving Potluck, \$25 per year, runs until October 27, 10400 South Post Oak Road, Suite E-264, 77035 FYI 713-284-4939

Friday, December 6

How To understand your insur- ance benefits

Free seminar led by attorney Mitchell

wealth FYI 713-661-1482

African American Lesbian Gay Alliance

African American Lesbian Gay Alliance Support Group general membership and interest meeting, 5:30 pm, Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold FYI 713-864-2242

Service of Healing and Hope

Service of Healing and Hope for HIV AIDS, all welcome, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Zion Lutheran Church, 3606 Beauchamp at Pecore FYI 713-869-1493

Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)

Hog Steak night at the Brazos River Bottom, Free, 7:30 pm FYI 713-(KAMPOUT)

Tuesday, October 22

AIDS Equity League

A non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring equitable treatment of the gay and lesbian and at-risk community in local HIV/AIDS decision making. The League was founded in 1990 on the premise that people have a right to a voice in decisions that ultimately affect their lives, 12:00 pm, Charlie's Restaurant, Westheimer At Waugh Drive FYI 713-529-9966

Love, Lust & Intimacy

An entertaining and confidential discussion for developing/improving communication and intimacy in relationships through discussion and games, 7:00 pm, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray FYI 713-524-2374

Ondrea Levine will explore with us how to live, die, grieve, and heal with compassion and understanding, \$75, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Emerson Unitarian Church, 1900 Bering Drive, Houston, TX between Westheimer and San Felipe FYI 713-729-6707

Benefit Bowling Tournament

Benefitting AIDS Foundation Houston, \$30, 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm FYI 713-868-9206

Houston Outdoor Group (HOG)

Halloween Social, Free, 7:30 pm FYI 713-(KAMPOUT)

Sunday, October 27

The Women's Group

The Women's Group is a feminist group for all women; each woman defines feminism by her experience, 10:45 am, First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin FYI 713-529-8571

Beautiful Thing

Love affair between two boys at boarding school, Landmark Greenway FYI 713-626-0402

Saturday, November 2

Houston Black Tie Dinner

Annual AIDS Fundraiser, 8:00 PM - 10:00 pm, First City Bank Lobby FYI 713-524-5123

Tuesday, November 5

Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Week

executive meeting, open to public, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray FYI 713-529-6979 FAX 713-529-1223 eMail: info@pridehouston.org http://www.pridehouston.org/~pridehou



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TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CALENDAR

This Calendar is a joint project of the Pride Committee of Houston and Lesbian and Gay Voices. Calendar listings must be received fifteen days before the end of the month for publication and seven days for Lesbian and Gay Voices. Photos encouraged! Please specify if the event is not open to everyone. Use our format as a guide for listings, including time, date, place, contact person and most important, a phone number. Note that listings are printed only as space allows. We plan to publish this newsletter by the beginning of each month. This calendar is also supplied to the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard of Houston, the Gay/Lesbian radio shows of KPFT-FM and the community publications on an ongoing basis. Our success depends on items being supplied to us. We are looking for a volunteer to help organize this section. Items should be mailed to Calendar, Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week, PO Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071, eMail to calendar@pridehouston.org or FAX to 713-529-1223. Please do not phone in Calendar items.

VIDEO & CABLE CALENDAR

The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert

(1994) Terence Stamp, Hugo Weaving. Three drag queens cross the Outback in a dilapidated bus. R (1:42) SHOW 11:15 pmm

Boys on the Side

(1995) Whoopi Goldberg, Mary-Louise Parker. A cross-country trip draws three women together. R (1:57) MAX 9, 2:30 am

A Chorus Line

(1985) Michael Douglas, Alyson Reed. Auditioning dancers reveal their innermost thoughts. PG STARZ 4 4:00 pm 21 10 am; 6:00 pm, 25 1:45 pm, 26 4:15 pm

Divine Madness

(1980) Bette Midler, The Harlettes. Midler performs in a show at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. R (2:00) CMDY 4 3:00pm, 1:00 pm; 6, 1:00pm

Drugstore Cowboy

(1989) Matt Dillon, Kelly Lynch. Drug addicts resort to robbery to support their habit. R (1:45) IFC 4 11:30 pm, 10 10:00 pm 19, 10:00 pm, 28 8:00 pm

Even Cowgirls Get The Blues

(1994) Uma Thurman, Jon Hurt. A misfit with oversized thumbs finds solace in hitchhiking. R IFC 4, 8:00 pm, 5 2:00 am

Fame

(1980) Irene Cara, Eddie Barth. Students at a school for the performing arts learn of life. R ENC 4, 12:15 am, 18, 11:45 pm, 24, 2:00 am, 28, 8:00 pm

Fetishes: Mistresses and Domination at Pandora's Box

(1996) Documentary. Adults with a kind for S&M visit a New York Palace of Pain. NR (1:24) HBO 19, 12:00 am, 24, 12:00 am 28, 2:05 am, 30 12:30 am

The Front

(1976) Woody Allen, Zero Mostel. A scheming bungler fronts for blacklisted author friends. PG SHO 9, 1:45 pm, 22, 3:30 pm

Funny Lady

(1975) Barbara Streisand, James Caan. Fanny Brice marries despite her unforgettable first love. PG TCM 5, 10:00 am

Go Fish

(1994) VS Brodie, Guinevere Turner. Lesbian friends play matchmaker for two young women. R MAX2 5, 2:30 pm; 10, 1:05 pm; 30, 2:30pm

Heathers

(1988) Winona Ryder, Christian Slater. A teenager grows tired of her class conscious peers. R TBS 4, 12:45am

Heavenly Creatures

(1994) Melanie Lynskey, Kate Winslet. Two schoolgirls darkly vivid imaginations lead to murder. R STARZ 2. 2:30 am; 12, 12:00 am; 23, 10:30 pm, 27, 3:45 am

Interview with the Vampire

(1994) Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt. A vampire recalls the tragic events of his 200 year life. R MAX 23, 8:45 am

Jesus of Montreal

Lothaire Bluteau, Catherine Wilkening. Actors stage a controversial version of the Passion Play. R TMC 2, 1:00 pm 18, 4:20 pm

Johnny Guitar

(1954) Joan Crawford Mercedes McCambridge A woman rallies townfolk against a female saloonkeeper. PG BRAV 5, 12:30pm; 16, 10:05 pm; 17, 11:30am, 25, 3:00 pm

Last of Mrs. Cheyney

(1937) Joan Crawford, William Powell. A jewel thief targets the members of British

Lie Down with Dogs

(1995) Wally White, James Sexton. A gay New Yorker hopes for fun in the sun in Massachusetts. R SUN 18 9:00 pm; 22, 11:00 pm; 26, 11:30 pm

Maurice

(1987) James Wilby, Hugh Grant. A man tries to come to terms with his homosexuality. R SHO 17, 1:15am

Mildred Pierce

(1945) Joan Crawford, Ann Blyth. An ambitious woman and her selfish daughter vie for a worthless man. G TCM 23, 6:00 pm

My Beautiful Laundrette

(1985) Gordan Wamecke, Daniel Day Lewis. Two gay lovers try to refurbish a ratty London laundrette. RSHOW2 23, 12:55 pm; 31 6:25 pm

Naked Lunch

(1991) Judy Davis. William Burroughs cult novel about a drug induced journey R HBO2 15, 12:40am; 26, 3:45am; HBO3 18, 4:00am; 29, 9:00pm

Naked Truth

(1992) Zsa Zsa Gabor, Little Richard Two heterosexual men are forced to pose as women. PG CMDY 17 8:00 am, 3:00 pm

Next Stop, Greenwich Village

(1976) Lenny Baker, Shelley Winters. A 1950s Brooklynite moves to the Village to take up acting. RTMC 2, 3:00 pm; 5, 11:25am, 11, 1:30 pm, 17, 9:55am, 18 4:35 pm, 20 4:30 pm, 30, 3:45 am

No More Ladies

(1935) Joan Crawford, Robert Montgomery. A wealthy woman tries to make her playboy husband jealous. GTCM 8, 3:00 pm

Parting Glances

(1986) Richard Ganoung, John Bolger. Two gay men recognize their love when one is sent overseas. NR SUN 5, 1:30 pm, 6, 1:00 am; 8, 11:30 am, 6:30 pm, 9, 1:00 am, 13, 11pm 14, 11:pm 23, 4:30 pm, 24 4:30 am; 12:00 pm

Possessed

(1947) Joan Crawford, Van Heflin. A nurse's obsession leads to jealousy, madness and murder. PGTCM 29, 7:30 am

Staircase

(1962) Richard Burton, Rex Harrison. Two elderly homosexuals share a thriving barbershop business. R FLIX 10, 9:00pm, 21 12:35 am, 31 12:15 am

Threesome

(1989) Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin. Coed college roommates receive a crash course in sexual politics as they proceed through their college years together. SHOW2 1, 12:30 am

Unusual poll shows were not so different

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as professional and sensible but with unmeasurable risks of getting an imperfect sample.

``There may be some type of self-selection bias," said Janice Ballou, director of the Center for Public Interest Polling at Rutgers University.

Tom W. Smith, a University of Chicago social scientist who reviewed the poll for the Human Rights Campaign, called it ``a pioneering study" with credible numbers. But he cautioned against using it to measure the size of the gay population, because the survey lacks questions about sexual behavior or sexual attraction.

Respondents were younger, better educated, more urban, more liberal and more Democratic than the American population, but typical in their racial makeup and income.

Some past attempts by the media to poll gays have relied on commercial mailing lists, resulting in an upscale portrait. ``I think it

was just stereotyping," Lake said.

The poll was taken after President Clinton announced he would sign the Defense of Marriage Act, a bill approved by Congress Sept. 10 to define marriage in federal law as a legal union between one man and one woman.

But even though Clinton opposes same-sex marriage and abandoned his effort to let gays serve openly in the military, he got an overwhelming 73 percent favorability rating in the poll, compared with 27 percent for Bob Dole. Lake found little volatility in voting preference over the 13 weeks, with Clinton leading by 74 percent to 13 percent. In a three-way matchup, 70 percent said they would vote for Clinton and 11 percent for Dole, who was in a statistical tie with Ross Perot at 9 percent. The poll was taken from June through early September by ICR Survey Research Group for Lake Research. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

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