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EMBRACE DIVERSITY

A NIGHT OF EMBRACING ... A LIFETIME OF DIVERSITY

by Jim Shumsky

I HOPE EVERYONE HAS MARKED their calendars for Saturday June 23 – this is the night that we line the streets and get ready to watch what has become one of the nation's premier Pride Parades. Each year we get together in October to put our heads together, take a look at what we did that year and coordinate our efforts to make the next Parade even better. This year the Parade committee is broken up into four

separate sub-committees in order to come up with a more fabulous event.

Every person that either attends the Parade, volunteers the day of the Parade or walks/marches/rides in the Parade is important to the success of Houston Pride. If you will be attending make sure you plan on getting to the Parade area early. This year's Parade will step off promptly at 8:45 p.m. and will begin at Woodhead and travel down Westheimer to Whitney. Any place along the Parade route is a good seat, but if you

as this area fills up fast. Plus, our Parade Diva, Ms. Maria Todd, will be our emcee once again.

If you would like to be a behind-the-scenes volunteer, every helping hand is needed and appreciated. You may contact the Parade committee by e-mailing us at info@pridehouston.org or by calling the Pride line at

713-529-6979. What a better way to get to see each and every float before it hits the streets and see where the real party is. Fair warning ... once you volunteer you will be hooked and will want to be a part of the behind-the-scenes party each and every year.

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Watch for some exciting things to happen. We promise



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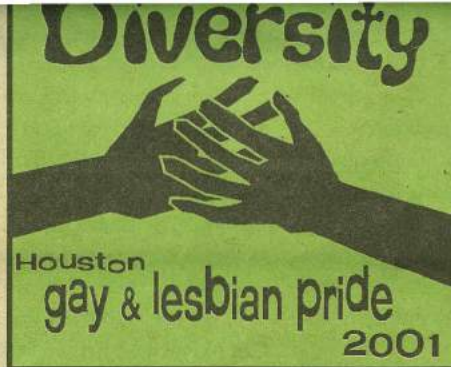
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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR PRIDE 2001

by Cindy Archer

ARE YOU EXCITED about Pride 2001? Have you been looking for a way to get involved in Houston Pride this year, but didn't know where to start? The Pride Committee of Houston would like to get to know you! With new and exciting Pride events on the horizon, we need volunteers now more than ever.

You already know that Pride events in Houston are a great way to show your pride and celebrate with your friends. When you volunteer with the Pride Committee, you can do all that while also meeting new people and keeping a finger on the pulse of Houston's GLBT community. It's a fun and rewarding way to get involved and make a difference.

So, when do we need your help? Any time! The Committee works on various aspects of Pride events year-round, so you don't have to wait until June to get involved. We plan events, mail out newsletters and other materials, attend conferences, sell merchandise and maintain our office and our large community database.

Who can help? Anyone! Volunteers from all over the Houston area, from all walks of life and all age groups, with differing political backgrounds and varying physical abilities, from every segment of the GLBT community and beyond, have worked with the Pride Committee in the past. We appreciate that everyone's time is valuable—so we value our volunteers! Without their generous support, Pride literally could not happen.

What about the June Pride events? Well, that's when we need your help the most. Much of our work takes place on and around the day of the nighttime Pride Parade, and the Pride Festival the following day. (This year, those dates are June 23 and 24, respectively.) Our volunteers work on every aspect of the Parade, from helping with set-up and entry check-in to carrying banners for our Grand Marshals. Volunteers will also be instrumental to the success of the Pride Festival, Houston's first in several years, with jobs such as ticket sales and security.

There are perks for Parade and Festival volunteers, including staff T-shirts and refreshments on the day of the event, and an invitation to our volunteer appreciation party in July.

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Advise the agent of reference # OHRPT5



Outside of the June Pride celebration, our volunteer opportunities center around mailouts, merchandising, and record-keeping. Throughout the year, we keep the community informed of Pride happenings with Insidepride, our quarterly newsletter. Other mailouts include the Pride Guide and various materials announcing important dates and events. We also sell official Pride merchandise in local clubs and other venues; volunteers who staff our table can make new friends while helping to raise funds for the Parade. And because every organization needs to stay organized, we also conduct work sessions to keep our records in shape. Volunteers can lend a hand as we make regular updates to our mailing list, media guide and events calendar.

Don't put it off—become a Pride volunteer now! Visit our web site at www.pridehouston.org, where you can download a printer-friendly volunteer form to mail or fax.

You can call the PrideLine at 713-529-6979, fax 713-529-6929, or e-mail info@pridehouston.org. But whatever you do, please join us in making Pride 2001 a great success! ✧



Pride Committee of Houston, Inc.

Mission Statement

The Pride Committee of Houston, Inc., is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to coordinate and promote events that celebrate the diversity, unity, and history of the lesbian and gay community. We do not discriminate on the basis of age, color, gender, transgender, or bisexual identification, nor do we discriminate against the physically challenged or those who are differently abled.

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

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IT WAS A BRIGHT AND SUNNY Sunday morning almost 31 years ago when about 200 men and women stepped off Sheridan Square and onto 6th Avenue in New York City. For about an hour they marched to Central Park and made history. This was the first anniversary of a riot at a gay bar in Greenwich Village, the Stonewall Inn. It was the first of what would be called Gay Pride march. Houston traces its yearly parade to 1979. I know of at least one person who was there that year – Ray Hill. It was people like Ray who paved the way for us. Our parade has come a long way with major sponsors, employees groups from major corporations, many churches, organizations, community businesses and elected officials.

The first marches protested the lack of rights for the GLBT community. There were sodomy laws, police raids in gay bars were commonplace, and gays were portrayed in the media as lowdown characters.

Now as we lead up to our celebration we have won many battles, major corporations seek us out for employment, police are much more cautious about raiding our bars, we are portrayed much more positively in the media and we have two mayoral candidates seeking our vote.

Could it be that we are on the brink of being rendered irrelevant by our own success? I believe that we have been very successful – just look at the thousands in our parade having a great time. Look at the 150,000 people who come to see the parade. They're also having a great time!

But there is so much more we need to accomplish. 21.06, the Texas sodomy law, is still on the books, and an appeals court voted 7 to 2 to keep it the law in a recent ruling. We still have discrimination, we are still dealing with HIV/AIDS, we still deal with brutality like the fatal beating of

Matthew Shepard in Wyoming in 1998.

Our movement is distinct compared to other movements. We are very diverse, with different income groups, different colors, and different ideologies, but we share a common thread – our sexual orientation. So with all of our differences, the fact that we are still working together on many of the issues is pretty incredible.

And some may think that we have even become too mainstream, but I disagree. We still want our basic rights like everyone else in our society. We can still lose our jobs because of who we are. We can still be denied visitation of our partners if they are hospitalized.

On parade day, all parts of the community come together to commemorate our history and just have a good time. And if our world-class parade on Saturday, June 23, 2001 is not enough, we are bringing our Pride Festival back the next day.

See you there with 150,000 of our closest friends!

Jack Valinski



Jack Valinski received a community activist award from the Texas Human Rights Foundation on March 22. Photo by Troy Christensen.

LETTER FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

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Meetings

Board of Directors and general meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month, respectively. All meetings are held at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center (1475 W. Gray) and begin at 7 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

Submissions

We encourage you to submit articles or photographs for possible inclusion in *insidepride*. Submitted materials may be edited and cannot be returned without prior arrangement.

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This is a very exciting time for Pride. Our Merchandise coordinators, other committee members and volunteers have been very busy selling our fabulous Pride T-shirts, hats and boxers sporting the Pride 2001 theme and logo. Show your pride and support – be on the lookout for our volunteers selling our wares at upcoming Pride events, many of the bars, and in some retail outlets in our community. This is a big job and a lot of fun. If you'd like to help out, e-mail info@pridehouston.org.

Our Events coordinators are busy putting together the events calendar for Pride 2001. We have received a good variety of event applications for events to attend during Pride. They consist of films, plays, educational and informational seminars sponsored by community organizations and businesses and various functions benefiting community organizations. They are also preparing for our annual Kick-off party, which promises to be a great introduction into Pride 2001. Even though it rained last year we had record turnout, so we hope you don't miss out on this fun event.

Pride Day at AstroWorld is going to be a gay day filled with fun, frolic and the Village People. Last year we had some great talent for entertainment and this year promises to be equally

inviting. Round off your weekend at WaterWorld on Sunday with friends and "family." For additional savings, don't forget to buy your tickets early.

We are extremely excited that Mayor Lee Brown has agreed and is looking forward to being in the Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade for a second year. This is a record in Houston and we are proud, as Co-chairs of this committee, to be a part of that.

The huge mirrored disco ball will be suspended proudly over the Montrose/Westheimer intersection with laser lights bouncing off the ball to add to the excitement and aura of the parade. We had a record crowd last year and we are anticipating this year to be just as fabulous.

The new undertaking of the Pride Festival at Garden in the Heights has put our Festival coordinators to task and they are rising to the occasion. They are working hard to assure everyone a festival to remember with food and beer, fabulous entertainment on two stages, and a market area for community organizations and businesses. We invite you to come out and browse around or just kick back and celebrate with us.

We on the Pride Committee are embracing diversity by pulling together to create a oneness within our community. As Co-chairs we would like to thank the entire Celebration Committee, the Board of Directors and all of our volunteers for giving their time and hard work to make us all proud.

Lynn Sixkiller & Paul Radous



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Photo courtesy of Lynn Sixkiller.

EMBRACE Diversity

2001 PRIDE EVENTS CALENDAR

HOUSTON GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE 2001 will be the city's longest Pride celebration ever. It starts with the Pride Kick-off Party on Friday, June 1, and climaxing with the nighttime Pride Parade on Saturday, June 23 and the return of the Pride Festival on Sunday, June 24. Here is a list of some of the events that the Pride Committee sponsors in June. However, for a complete list of the educational, cultural and social events taking place during Pride 2001, refer to your weekly edition of *The Texas Triangle* throughout the month of June. You can also call the PrideLine at 713-529-6979 or check the web site, www.pridehouston.org.

Pride Kick-off Party - Friday, June 1

Start off Pride 2001 and a very busy Pride weekend with a free buffet, a cash bar and entertainment. Meet the Pride Parade Grand Marshals, the Pride Committee, and other members of the community. Time and location to be announced.

Pride Day at Six Flags AstroWorld- Saturday, June 2, and Sunday, June 3

Spend a day or two at Six Flags and show your Pride. Your \$30 Pride Committee ticket covers admission to AstroWorld on Saturday, including a free barbecue buffet in our private picnic area, free admission into Rich's on Saturday night, and a free pass to WaterWorld on Sunday (or any other day throughout the season). The headline entertainers for Pride Day are the **Village People!** Tickets are available at Basic Brothers, located at 1232 Westheimer or by mail from the Pride Committee of Houston, P. O. Box 66071, Houston, Texas 77266-6071. A special room rate of \$55 (up to four people) will be available at the Radisson Hotel Astrodome, 8686 Kirby. Call 800-333-3333 and ask for the "Pride 2001 event" rate.

AstroWorld/WaterWorld, 9001 Kirby at the 610 Loop.

2001 Pride Participant Mandatory Meeting - Tuesday, June 12

All groups participating in the Pride Parade are required to attend this meeting, except for those located outside a 50-mile radius of the city. The meeting is also the deadline for all

entry applications submitting a parade entry application with a late fee.
Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray

Parade/Festival Volunteer Orientation - Tuesday, June 19

Pulling off the annual nighttime Pride Parade and the Pride Festival wouldn't be possible without the help of dozens of volunteer Parade Marshals and Festival Staff. Individuals who would like to volunteer are requested to attend this meeting to prepare for the Big Weekend of Pride.

7:00 p.m., Parade Marshals Orientation

8:00 p.m., Festival Staff Orientation

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray

2001 Pride Parade - Saturday, June 23

Embrace Diversity with over 150,000 of your friends and family at Houston's annual nighttime Parade, the largest Pride Parade in the Southwest and one of the largest parades in Houston. The awesome 8½ foot disco ball returns to light up the night and add flair to our already colorful, float-filled celebration of Pride.

8:45-11:00 p.m.

Westheimer, from Woodhead to Whitney

2001 Pride Festival - Sunday, June 24

This year witnesses the return of the Pride Festival after a long five-year hiatus. Come experience the local GLBT culture first-hand. Speak with club representatives, shop the vendor bazaar, enjoy the artists and entertainers and be energized by motivational speeches. Most of all, participate and meet other members of our "family" on a lazy Sunday afternoon. Tickets are \$10 (\$12 at the gate) and are available through the Pride Committee of Houston..

1-7 p.m., Garden in the Heights, 3926 Feagan

DISCO WITH THE VILLAGE PEOPLE AT ASTROWORLD

PRIDE DAY AT ASTROWORLD has grown more exciting each year.

This year the fun at Six Flags' AstroWorld will begin on Saturday, June 2. Pride ticket holders will be admitted into the park one hour before the general public, giving you a chance to ride the most popular rides without standing in a long line.

In addition to the regular rides, carnival games and entertainment throughout the day, the Pride Committee of Houston will host a special barbecue buffet lunch in a private picnic area. Our Pride guests can relax (or recover), meet other members of our community, join in a quick volleyball game or just kick back in an air-conditioned hall with an ice-cream sandwich. You must purchase a ticket through the Pride Committee or at Basic Brothers, 1232 Westheimer, before June 1 to have access to this area.

We are especially excited to announce that Six Flags has signed none other than the **Village People** as the headline entertainment for the evening! Yes, your favorite Police Officer, Construction Worker, Leatherman, Cowboy and Indian will be leading the crowd in

want to miss this show! However, if it doesn't provide enough dancing and excitement for you, use your ticket stub to get you into to Rich's for free that night!

To cap off this full weekend of events, all participants will be given a pass for free admission to join us at Six Flags' WaterWorld on Sunday, June 3. Enjoy the cool water slides and poolside parties as you close out the weekend.

You can purchase a ticket through the Pride Committee of Houston for a discounted price of only \$30 per person. (Tickets the day of the event will be \$36 and will not include lunch.) This is an incredible value for a package that would regularly be over \$71. You can purchase these special **Pride Day in the Park** admission tickets through our Pride retail partner Basic Brothers, 1232 Westheimer, 713-522-1626, or call the PrideLine at 713-529-6979 for more information.

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RETURN OF THE PRIDE FESTIVAL CAPS OFF A MONTH OF PRIDE

AFTER A FIVE-YEAR HIATUS the Pride Festival is making a return to the long list of Pride events. Why was the festival absent for so long? The major reason was the switch to the nighttime parade format in 1997. Running a nighttime parade required more resources than were available for both a parade and a festival. Additionally, the committee wanted to focus on growing the Parade and proving its value. Now that the Parade has become the largest Pride event in the Southwest, with attendance last year exceeding 150,000, and more volunteers have taken the call to action and service, the Pride Committee thought it was time to fill in this obvious void in our community involvement and outreach activities.

After last year's Parade, the Board determined it was time to bring the Festival back to Houston in a new format and on a new day. Unlike the Parade, a Festival gives you the opportunity to experience the local GLBT culture rather than watch it ride by on a float. You can speak with representatives of local clubs and groups, purchase merchandise from local retailers and enjoy food from local restaurants, all while being entertained, encouraged, amused and informed by local and national speakers and artists. In short,

the Festival allows personal community interaction that the Parade simply cannot provide. After all, to be a community, you have to communicate. Besides, why should all the fun end on Saturday?

Look for the all new Pride Festival to return to Houston on Sunday, June 24, 1-7 p.m., at Garden in the Heights, 3926 Feagan. Spend a quiet, lazy afternoon meeting others in our community and sharing you Pride in our uniqueness.

Scheduled attractions will include two stages of music, speakers, comedians and other performers. A Marketplace featuring local organizations and businesses as well as multiple food and drink vendors will also be on site.

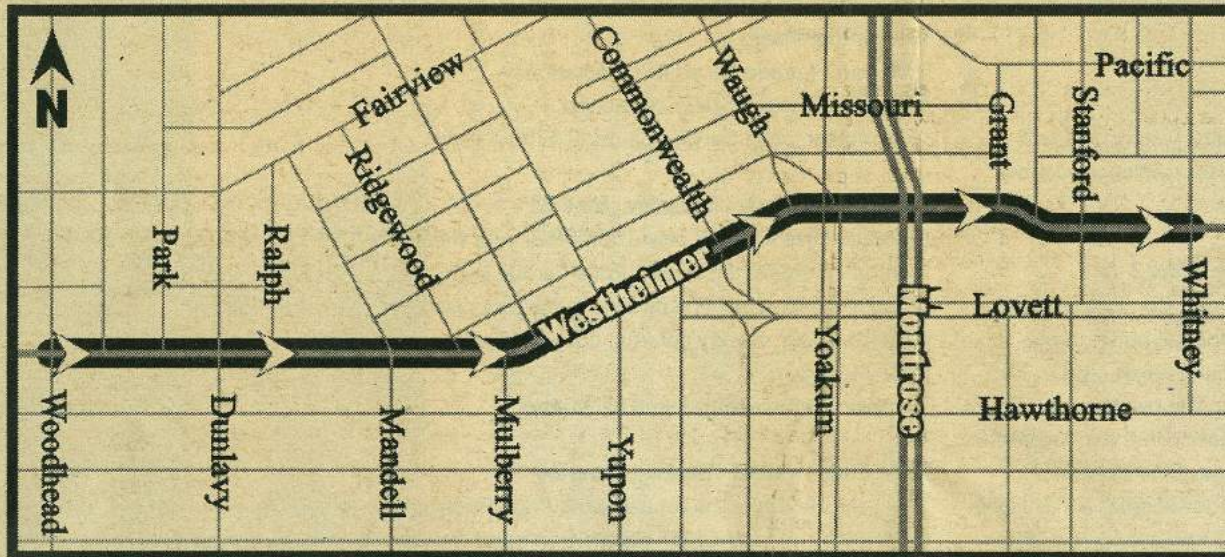
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Vendor applications for the Festival Marketplace are still being accepted for a short time. For more information, check the Pride web site, www.pridehouston.org. ✕

**To order tickets for Six Flags' AstroWorld
or the Pride Festival, see page seven.**

2001 HOUSTON GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE PARADE

8:45 P.M., SATURDAY, JUNE 23



HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Are you or your guests coming in from out of town for the Parade and Festival?

Check out **Holiday Inn Select**
at Greenway Plaza
(713) 523-8448

Ask for the
"Pride 2001 Parade" special rate
of \$74 per night room rate
for up to four people.

BALLOON ARCHES AND CANDLES: A HUGE VISUAL ... AND WITH PLANNING – NOT A HUGE HEADACHE!

by Jim Shumsky

FOR ALL OF YOU OUT THERE that want your organization to be a part of what has become a tradition, the fabulous nighttime Pride Parade, but either don't know what to do or have the funds to have a float, it's all about visual stimulation. Think about what it would look like if you had several rainbow balloon arches or candles marching down Westheimer. Every entry is eligible to win a trophy and with a little planning you could be walking home on Sunday, June 24th with one to show off.

STEPS FOR BALLOON ARCH/CANDLE PRODUCTION

Pre-planning:

How many helpers will you actually have?

Grand or Grander

This is not a time to be a size queen! The arches that are used in the New York march are approximately 180 feet (60 meters). But they also have 35-40 people carry six arches along the march route.

1. You need a minimum of five people for inflating.
2. You need at least two people for every 20 feet of arch for carrying.
3. By using 14" balloons, estimate that two balloons equals one foot. (Don't ask. You'll see.)
4. All the lengths mentioned are based on 14" balloons.

The Drama

Know your options:

1. Huge six-color arches (minimum 60 feet long) –

2. One single twist below the line.
3. Pull twist up to the line.
4. One single twist above the line.
5. One extra pull to tighten.
6. Slide knotted balloons up the line to the line captain.
7. Line captain carefully pushes each pair of balloons into a nesting "X" position.
8. At the end of the balloons, line captain does an other double-arm-length extension and ties last handle. If making a candle, just tie a knot. Duct tape knots.
9. Tie off arch or candle to a safe place and start next arch or candle.

Proper Color Position:

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How many helpers will you actually have?

- For inflating
- To carry them in the parade

How large of a space are you hoping to fill?

- Need space for inflation
- Need space for tie-off at site
- Pre-determine realistic size.

Pre-inflation:

1. Scope out the inflation site. Is it void of trees, light poles and street signs? Do you have very heavy tie-off points, i.e. park benches or fence posts?
2. Scope your dispersal site for the same.

Confronting Mother Nature

1. Will strong winds or gusts be a factor?
2. If outside, will it be a hot sunny day? Hello, it's Houston, so that answer would more than likely be "yes." You will need to purchase Sta-float, which will increase the lifespan of the inflated balloon by 3-5 hours.

Supplies Required

1. Balloons - equal number per color (10-foot arch or candle will take 24 balloons, using 14" solid color balloons.)
2. 200 lb. strength fishing line
3. Wax, paraffin blocks or bar soap
4. Handles (including dog clips), scissors, rubber gloves, baby wipes, PVC poles (optional), duct tape
5. "Sta-float"
6. For helium estimates, work with your balloon supplier.

Grand or Grander

This is not a time to be a size queen! The arches that are used in the New York march are approximately 180 feet (60 meters). But they also have 35-40 people carry six arches along the march route.

1. You need a minimum of five people for inflating.
2. You need at least two people for every 20 feet of arch for carrying.
3. By using 14" balloons, estimate that two balloons equals one foot. (Don't ask. You'll see.)
4. All the lengths mentioned are based on 14" balloons.

The Drama

Know your options:

1. Huge six-color arches (minimum 60 feet long) - 10 feet per color, twenty 14" balloons per color.
2. Six mini arches - solid color arch per color of the rainbow.
3. Columns (also known as verticals or candles) can be five to ten feet tall (These are best in high winds or gusts.)

Inflation Process

Preparation:

1. All balloon handlers must remove all jewelry, rings, bracelets and watches. NO smoking!
2. Pre-sort and count balloons by color for each arch or candle.
3. One inflator person per tank.
4. One person for Sta-float (wear rubber gloves) - a little squirt in relaxed balloon, squish or massage it around to coat inside.
5. One person (line captain) to prep line, handles and knots and to adjust balloons.
6. Have as many knotters as possible.
7. Line captain should instruct each knotter on the tie. If knotter loses more than four balloons, put them on another job.

Are We Ready?

1. Line captain fixes handle (including dog clip) with a duct tape knot, extends two arms-lengths of line, and ties one slipknot for start point. Start at knot and wax the line. This will make the balloon positioning a lot easier and smoother.
2. Each knotter takes two inflated balloons - one in each hand and approaches line.
DO NOT TWIST YET!

The Knot

The knot is easy if you do it exactly per these instruction:

1. At line, with one balloon in each hand, wrap your arms over and around the line.

2. One single twist below the line.
3. Pull twist up to the line.
4. One single twist above the line.
5. One extra pull to tighten.
6. Slide knotted balloons up the line to the line captain.
7. Line captain carefully pushes each pair of balloons into a nesting "X" position.
8. At the end of the balloons, line captain does an other double-arm-length extension and ties last handle. If making a candle, just tie a knot. Duct tape knots.
9. Tie off arch or candle to a safe place and start next arch or candle.

Proper Color Position:

I know we should all know this but I didn't realize there was a politically correct way:

1. If linear along route: red in front and purple in the back.
2. If hanging: red to the left and purple to the right.
3. Candle: red on top and purple on the bottom.

DOES SIZE REALLY MATTER?

by Manuel Gutiérrez

WHEN CONSIDERING AN ENTRY for the 2001 Pride Parade, "size matters not." What is important is that you have fun along with certain guidelines. What you must keep in mind is safety above all else. Use flame retardant materials and keep a fire extinguisher available at all times.

The frame of your entry (float) must have braces holding the frame sturdy to maintain balance. Remember that the more sturdy it is, the more you can remain on board and take your bow in front of thousands of people. Make sure the required power supply is present if using electricity.

A great misconception is that a small power battery can last the whole parade route. There is a lot of starting and stopping along the Parade route. Also, each entry wants to look its best for the judges. At the starting line-up, remember that we are using a neighborhood with small trees. Keep in mind the height and width of your entry so as not to cause an obstruction.

Above all, use common sense in planning your Parade entry. Remember that "size matters not," but to have fun and do the best with what you have. ✕

2001 PRIDE PARADE GRAND MARSHALS ANNOUNCED

MITCHELL KATINE, DALIA STOKES, Blake and Gordon Weisser and PFLAG Houston will preside over the 2001 Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade as its Grand Marshals.

Over 520 Houston-area individuals voted by mail-in ballot and poll voting for individuals and groups who had been nominated for the four Grand Marshal positions. More people took part in the community-wide vote than ever before. The 2001 Grand Marshals and all of the nominees were honored at an announcement party held by the Pride Committee of Houston at the Art League of Houston Gallery on Thursday, March 8, 2001.

Male Grand Marshal Mitchell Katine is a Houston lawyer who is currently representing two men challenging the Texas Homosexual Conduct Statute 21.06 in coopera-



Dalia Stokes and Mitchell Katine accept the Female and Male Grand Marshal honors during the Announcement Party at the Art League of Houston on March 8, 2001. Photo by Troy Christensen.

tion with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Mitchell provides free legal assistance and seminars to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and HIV+ Houstonians and was the founding chair of the State Bar of Texas section on GLBT and HIV legal issues, the first such State Bar section in the U.S.

Dalia Stokes, who will serve as Female Grand Marshal for the 2001 Pride Parade, is a lawyer with the firm of Bayless & Stokes. She founded River Oaks Democratic Women (ROADWomen), a group that supports advancing equality for all, especially GLBT people. Dalia was a co-chair of the Human Rights Campaign Houston Gala in 2000 and 2001 and was a Democratic judicial candidate endorsed by the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus in 1996 and 1998.

Honorary Grand Marshals Blake and Gordon Weisser are longtime members of PFLAG Houston. They have been active in the PFLAG/H.A.T.C.H. Youth Scholarship Foundation, they sponsor the group's southwest mid-month support group and they network with HSD administrators and counselors to inform them of GLBT issues. The Weissers have participated in several of PFLAG's lobbying efforts on the state and national levels and speak at local functions with the PFLAG Speakers' Bureau.

PFLAG Houston, the 2001 Honorary Grand Marshal - Organization, provides an always-reliable source of love for the GLBT community, family and friends through its three missions of support, advocacy and education. PFLAG supports the community through its monthly educational and sharing meetings, a telephone help line, a lending library and youth scholarships. The group advocates for GLBT rights at the local, state and national levels and meets with media representatives to ensure fair coverage of the community. PFLAG educates others with its active



PFLAG Houston is the Pride 2001 Honorary Grand Marshal - Organization.

Speakers' Bureau, the biannual "Healing the Hurt" conferences for educators and billboards placed around Houston.

The Grand Marshals will preside over Houston's nighttime Pride Parade on Westheimer between Woodhead and Whitney on Saturday, June 23, at 8:45 p.m. They will also be at the Pride Kick-off party on Friday, June 1, and at many Pride events throughout June.

Mitchell, Dalia, the Weissers and PFLAG Houston are all community leaders who make us proud. We hope you will have many opportunities to meet and be inspired by them throughout this year's Pride season. ✨



Honorary Grand Marshals Gordon and Blake Weisser receive their trophies from Pride Co-chairs Paul Radous and Lynn Sixkiller. Photo by Dalton DeHart.

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PARADE WATCHING TIPS

- ✓ Drink plenty of water and dress light to avoid dehydration.
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- ✓ Don't travel alone. Take a friend for the walk or go where other people are near.
- ✓ If you are walking alone, stay near the curb. Avoid alleys, shrubs and entrances where someone may be hiding.
- ✓ Avoid carrying extra money or valuables. Keep purses and bags close. Don't allow them to dangle.
- ✓ Be alert and aware of any potentially dangerous places.
- ✓ Trust your instincts. If you have doubts, leave the situation.
- ✓ Don't hitchhike, pick up hitchhikers or accept rides from strangers.
- ✓ If a car pulls up alongside you and the driver asks you a question, avoid getting near the car.
- ✓ Have your keys ready before you enter your vehicle or residence.
- ✓ Before you enter your vehicle, look in the back seat.
- ✓ Keep your car doors locked at all times.
- ✓ Park in areas that will be well lit at the time of your return.
- ✓ If you are going to leave with someone you have just met, introduce them to someone you know.
- ✓ If trouble does occur, be calm and try to defuse the situation.
- ✓ If you own a cell phone, carry it with you.

If you are being harassed or followed, call 911 and ask for police assistance. If you are a victim of an attack, report the crime. The police will need your assistance to help stop the attacker from claiming more victims.



PARADE TROPHIES

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED in several categories. Eligibility for each category will be determined by answers on the Parade application:

Additionally, the committee will award certificates honoring outstanding achievement in various facets of the entry. Parade entries will be judged from a specified reviewing stand by a panel of guest judges independent of the Pride Committee. Performing at any point other than this specified area that holds up other Parade entries will lead to disqualification from the award completion and/or probation from future Parades.

Performances for the judges are limited to a maximum of three minutes. A timekeeper will advise when the allotted time has expired. Any unit not proceeding when time has expired may be subject to disqualification from the award competition. One trophy will be awarded in each of the following categories:

RUBY SLIPPER

Best walking unit

GYPSY ROSE

Best out-of-town unit

EDISON

Best lighting on a non-professionally built unit

HOUSTON

Best non-professionally built motorized unit

RAINBOW LIGHTS

Best lighting on a professionally built unit

TEXAS

Best professionally built motorized unit

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- ✓ Drink plenty of water and dress light to avoid dehydration.
- ✓ Plan to get there early to avoid the last-minute rush.
- ✓ Parking in the area is limited, so walk, take public transport or carpool.
- ✓ Respect the neighborhood's residents by keeping off of private property and using trash cans.
- ✓ Don't take problems into your own hands. Find a volunteer Parade Marshal if trouble occurs.
- ✓ Everyone is invited to attend. There is special seating for the physically challenged.
- ✓ Be safe and secure by exercising time-honored personal safety tips.
- ✓ Call 911 if there is trouble.

OPEN TO ALL ENTRIES:

STONEWALL

Best commemoration of pride

EMBRACE DIVERSITY

Best interpretation of theme

SPIRIT OF MONTROSE

Best overall entry

PRIDE BETWEEN THE COASTS

(AND OUTSIDE THE BELTWAY)

by Mark Willis

HOUSTON IS BUSY GEARING UP for another wonderful Pride season, but there are exciting things happening all over our region.

The second annual Regional Pride Conference and Media Workshop was held in Dallas March 9-11. Pride coordinators and producers of other GLBT events gathered for a weekend of workshops, information and networking. The weekend was hosted by Razzle Dazzle Dallas and held under the auspices of Region 3 of InterPride, the International Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Pride Coordinators. Region 3 consists of the states of Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

PJ Sedillo of Albuquerque Pride and I, as Regional Directors, were honored to welcome both the male and female Co-Presidents of InterPride as well as the Treasurer and a Vice President of the organization. In addition to members of various Pride organizations within the region, members of Twin Cities Pride, from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, also attended. The agenda included sessions on fundraising and finances, volunteers, diversity, communication and the media. The conference was open to all organizations that produce Pride celebrations or other major events for the GLBT community. Later, conference attendees were treated to a Saturday evening barbecue and some of the Dallas nightlife. I was also re-elected for a full two-year term as Regional Director.

As we present this year's theme, "Embrace Diversity,"

we are fortunate to live in one of the most diverse cities in the world. But we are part of a larger region. In addition to the festivities here in Houston, events are being held throughout the region in June.

The first weekend of June offers two Pride celebrations within a couple of hours' drive. Corpus Christi will have their Pride Parade on Saturday, June 2 followed by the Beach Party on Sunday. Also on June 3 is the annual Pride Festival in Austin, sponsored by the Lesbian & Gay Rights Lobby of Texas.

On the second weekend, Albuquerque Pride holds its 25th annual Pride Parade and Festival on Saturday, June 9. Also, later that evening (and several hundred miles to the east) is one of the premier events in all Texas' Razzle Dazzle Dallas! This wonderful organization holds their fabulous street party from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. raising funds for their selected charities.

Coming around the three-quarter turn, Kansas Pride raises the rainbow flags and shows their Pride in Topeka. Their Pride Prom is held on Friday, June 15, followed on Saturday by their Pride March and Rally on the steps of their state Capitol and a picnic that evening.

A bit closer to home is San Antonio, with their Saturday afternoon picnic and a nighttime Pride Parade at 9 p.m.

And finally, on Stonewall Weekend, Denver and Oklahoma City each hold their Parade and Festival on Sunday, June 24.

For more information about regional Pride, check the PCOH web site at www.pridehouston.org.

GLOBAL PRIDE

by Troy Christensen

PRIDE IS WORLDWIDE. Every year, cities and towns across the planet hold celebrations to commemorate the Stonewall Rebellion, the June 1969 beginning of the modern gay and lesbian rights movement.

Listed below are the dates for this year's American and international Pride celebrations. You can get a lot more information about these events by visiting www.interpride.org, the web site for InterPride, the international association of Pride groups.

UNITED STATES

Alabama: Birmingham 6/1-10, Hanceville 6/16; **Arizona:** Flagstaff 6/16, Tucson 10/13; **California:** Arcata 6/10, Bakersfield 6/30-7/1, Chico 9/22, Claremont 10/13, Davis 6/10, Irvine 8/18-19, Long Beach 5/19-20, Los Angeles 6/15-17 (West Hollywood), 6/28-7/4 (LA Black Pride), 8/5 (Latin Pride), 10/6-7 (LA Valley), Monterey 6/16, Oakland 8/26-9/4, Orange County 8/18-19, Palm Springs 11/1-4, Pasadena 9/15, Sacramento 6/16, San Bernardino 7/14, San Diego 7/27-29, San Francisco 6/9 (Polynesian GLBT Pride), 6/23-24, San Jose 6/9-10, San Luis Obispo, 7/14-15, Santa Barbara 10/20-21, Santa Rosa 6/10, Ventura 8/25; **Colorado:** Denver 6/17-25; **Connecticut:** Hartford 9/22, New Haven 6/9, Ridgefield 6/16; **District of Columbia:** Washington 6/10; **Florida:** Fort Lauderdale 6/24, Jacksonville 5/12, Orlando 5/31-6/4 (Gay Day at Disney World), Sarasota 6/10, Tampa 7/6-8; **Georgia:** Atlanta 6/22-24, Columbus 6/3, Macon 10/6, Savannah 9/15; **Hawaii:** Honolulu 6/28-30; **Illinois:** Chicago 6/24-29-7/4 (Black LGBT Pride); **Iowa:** Cedar Rapids 6/9, Des Moines 6/4-10; **Kansas:** Topeka 6/10-17; **Maine:** Portland 6/10-17; **Maryland:** Baltimore 6/16-17, 10/14 (OUToberFEST); **Massachusetts:** Boston 6/2-10, Hyannis 6/2, Lawrence 5/27-6/2, Northampton 5/5; **Michigan:** Detroit 6/1-3, Port Huron 8/10-13; **Minnesota:** Minneapolis 6/23-24; **Missouri:** Kansas City 6/3-10, St. Louis 6/23-24; **Nevada:** Las Vegas 5/11-12, Reno 8/17-19; **New Mexico:** Albuquerque 6/9; **New York:** Huntington 6/10, Jackson Heights 6/3, New York City 6/17-24, Rochester 7/13-15, Syracuse 6/16, Utica 6/2; **North Carolina:** Charlotte 5/5, 10/4-7, Durham 9/29, Raleigh 9/29; **Ohio:** Cincinnati 6/10, Cleveland 6/16, Columbus 6/22-24; **Oklahoma:** Oklahoma City 6/17-24, Tulsa 6/2-9; **Oregon:** Portland 6/16-17; **Pennsylvania:** Allentown 6/16, Harrisburg 7/28, Erie 6/30, Philadelphia 6/10, Pittsburgh 6/16; **Puerto Rico:** San Juan 6/3; **Rhode Island:** Providence 6/3-16; **Texas:** Dallas 6/9, El Paso 6/2, Fort Worth 6/3-9, Houston 6/1-24, San Antonio 6/16, Utah: Salt Lake City 6/10, Vermont: Burlington



InterPride officers attending the Region 3 Conference in Dallas March 9-11. (from left) Darren Armstrong, Ruth Baker, Glen Paul



Pride Committee Executive Director Jack Valinski mingles with Region 3 Pride representatives. Photo by Troy Christensen.



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INTERPRIDE: EMBRACING DIVERSITY AROUND THE WORLD

by Alan Reif - Heritage of Pride, NY

INTERPRIDE IS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION (USA) whose membership consists of organizations in cities, towns and states all over the globe producing gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender events. An international conference is held each October to conduct corporate business, address political concerns and share information and resources concerning operations and logistics for the planning and production of a variety of GLBT Pride events that are held around the world.

This conference also provides an opportunity to network with each other and enjoy oneself. In addition, there are yearly regional conferences held in North America, the South Pacific and all over Europe. The European Pride Organizers Association (E.P.O.A.) is the largest in Europe. The international GLBT Pride theme is also chosen by the general membership at InterPride's annual meeting. This year's convention will be held October 4-7 in Auckland, New Zealand. This will be the first time the annual international convention will be held in the South Pacific region. "We are very excited about the outreach possibilities to the Far East that this conference will generate," said Glen Paul Freedman, InterPride Co-President,

In response to the Vatican's Millennium 2000 campaign, and widespread discrimination against the GLBT community in Italy, InterPride supported and was

instrumental in assisting Circolo Mario Mieli (Rome, Italy Pride), to organize and produce the first ever, World Pride event in July 2000. A week of events was crowned by an International Pride March through the streets of Rome. A record 700,000 people from all over the world marched in support. Based on the energy and electrical current of change this caused, plans for a second World Pride event are now being worked on for 2004 in Israel.

InterPride was founded seventeen years ago in Boston by a core group of twelve cities producing Pride celebrations (including Heritage of Pride), and has grown year by year to include over 75 cities and organizations from 35 countries that attend the conference. InterPride does not require membership in the organization to participate, but does extend benefits to those choosing to do so.

In 1995, InterPride produced the first "Global Pride Calendar" listing over 120 cities in North America and over 20 in Europe holding Pride Events. You can reach the Global Calendar at www.interpride.org.

In 2001 it is estimated that GLBT Pride events will publicly mobilize 15-20 million people around the world from San Francisco to Jerusalem to Sydney. These events celebrate being GLBT, and inspire people to take pride in themselves, to organize and to come out.

Today, in English, we use the word "pride" to define the movement. For us it stands for all that has come

Rapids 6/9; Des Moines 6/4-10; Kansas: Topeka 6/10-17; Maine: Portland 6/10-17; Maryland: Baltimore 6/16-17, 10/14 (OUToberFEST); Massachusetts: Boston 6/2-10, Hyannis 6/2, Lawrence 5/27-6/2, Northampton 5/5; Michigan: Detroit 6/1-3, Port Huron 8/10-13; Minnesota: Minneapolis 6/23-24; Missouri: Kansas City 6/3-10, St. Louis 6/23-24; Nevada: Las Vegas 5/11-12, Reno 8/17-19; New Mexico: Albuquerque 6/9; New York: Huntington 6/10, Jackson Heights 6/3, New York City 6/17-24, Rochester 7/13-15, Syracuse 6/16, Utica 6/2; North Carolina: Charlotte 5/5, 10/4-7, Durham 9/29, Raleigh 9/29; Ohio: Cincinnati 6/10, Cleveland 6/16, Columbus 6/22-24; Oklahoma: Oklahoma City 6/17-24, Tulsa 6/2-9; Oregon: Portland 6/16-17; Pennsylvania: Allentown 6/16, Harrisburg 7/28, Erie 6/30, Philadelphia 6/10, Pittsburgh 6/16; Puerto Rico: San Juan 6/3; Rhode Island: Providence 6/3-16; Texas: Dallas 6/9, El Paso 6/2, Fort Worth 6/3-9, Houston 6/1-24, San Antonio 6/16; Utah: Salt Lake City 6/9-10; Vermont: Burlington 6/16; Virginia: Roanoke 9/21-23; Washington: Seattle 6/24, Tacoma 7/7; Wisconsin: La Crosse 8/24-26, Milwaukee 6/8-10

INTERNATIONAL

Argentina: Buenos Aires 11/3; Australia: Perth 10/1 & 27; Austria: Vienna 6/1-30 (EuroPride 2001); Belgium: Brussels 5/5; Brazil: Sao Paulo 6/14-17; Canada: Edmonton 6/17-23, Halifax 6/23-29, Halton 6/2, Hamilton 6/14-17, Kitchener 6/8-10, London 6/29-7/8, Moncton 6/17-23, Montreal 7/31-8/5, Sarnia 8/10-13, Saskatoon 6-17-23, Toronto 6/18-24, Vancouver 7/28-8/6, Windsor 6/10-17, Yellowknife 6/18-23; Czech Republic: Brno 6/11-17; Denmark: Copenhagen 8/18; England: Birmingham 5/26-28, London 6/30, Manchester 8/17-26; France: Paris 6/23, Rouen 5/18 & 6/8-10; Germany: Berlin 6/16-23, Cologne 7/6-8, 9/20-23 (EPOA Conference), Frankfurt 6/20-21, Hamburg 6/8-10, Munich 7/13-15; Holland: Amsterdam 8/2-5, Rotterdam 6/22-7/1; Iceland: Reykjavik 8/11; Ireland: Dublin 6/21-31, Waterford 8/16-20; Italy: Catania 6/28, Milan 6/1-23, Rome 7/1-22, Verona 6/9; Japan: Tokyo 8/25-26; Mexico: Cancun 5/3-7, Mexico City 6/30, Monterrey 5/23-26, Tijuana 6/9; New Zealand: Auckland 10/4-7 (World Pride Conference); Norway: Bergen 5/1-5; Portugal: Lisbon 6/24-30, Porto 7/9-14; Russia: St. Petersburg 7/21-8/1; South Africa: Cape Town 12/17; Sweden: Stockholm 8/1-5; Uruguay: Montevideo 9/22-28

before us and brought us to this point in time. Around the world, you may find it translated into many different words, but no matter what you call it, or how you say it, "pride" is the foundation on which we build our future, and InterPride will be there to help.

Pride 2001 Ticket Order Form

Use this form to order your tickets for **Pride Day at Six Flags AstroWorld** on Saturday, June 2, and for the **Pride Festival** at Gardens in the Heights on Sunday, June 24.

AstroWorld ticket orders must be received by **May 26**.
Festival ticket orders must be received by **June 16**.

Tickets will not be mailed to you. They will be held for you at the gate for both events. **Bring a photo ID to claim tickets.** You will be contacted to confirm payment. Please provide an e-mail address and/or a phone number.

Name _____

Address _____

Apt. # _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

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Event

of Tickets

Price

Total

AstroWorld

(\$35 at the gate)

\$30

\$ _____

Festival

(\$12 at the gate)

\$10

\$ _____

Grand Total

\$ _____

Payment:

☐ Make check payable to Pride Committee of Houston

☐ VISA

☐ MasterCard

☐ American Express

Card # _____

Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

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Pride Committee of Houston

P.O. Box 66071

Houston, TX 77266-6071

Or fax (for credit card payment only): 713-529-6929

Can't wait? Purchase your tickets today at
Basic Brothers, 1232 Westheimer



☐ **Yes!** **i can make a difference in 2001.**

Please accept my contribution at the level indicated below. I want to support

E-mail

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Can Make A Difference In 2001

Embrace Diversity is the theme of Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride 2001. Help the Pride Committee of Houston create a celebration that embraces all aspects of our community while educating everyone about the wonderful contributions our diversity provides.

When you become a **Friend of Pride** in 2001, you'll receive perks for a whole weekend of Pride, including exclusive bleacher seating at the nighttime Parade on **Saturday, June 23**, and priority admission into the new Pride Festival on **Sunday, June 24**.

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☐ **Yes! I can make a difference in 2001.**

Please accept my contribution at the level indicated below. I want to support Houston's Pride celebration and take advantage of the benefits listed below.

☐ **Red \$1000**

- 20 reserved Pride Parade bleacher seats
- 20 priority entrance Pride Festival tickets
- 20 commemorative T-shirts and pins
- 20 copies of the Pride.01 keepsake magazine
- 20 invitations to the pre-Parade VIP party
- 20 invitations to the post-Parade wrap-up party
- quarterly Inside Pride newsletter subscription
- advance notice and invitations to all Pride events

☐ **Orange \$500**

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☐ **Yellow \$250**

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Payment

☐ check payable to Pride Committee of Houston

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx

Card #

Exp. Date

Signature

☐ **Green \$100**

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☐ **Blue \$50**

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☐ **Purple \$25**

- 1 reserved Pride Parade bleacher seats
- quarterly Inside Pride newsletter subscription
- advance notice and invitations to all Pride events

Indicate T-shirt sizes and quantities:

☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

Mail to Pride Committee of Houston,
P.O. Box 66071, Houston TX 77266-6071

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