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PRIDE WORLDWIDE

QUEER AND MUSLIM: Cultures in conflict

LESBIAN EROTICA: Grrrls going XXX

POLICE ENTRAPMENT: Yes, it's still happening





Welcome to Pride 2002!

It is my great honor, on behalf of the entire Pride Committee, to welcome everyone to the 2002 Pride Celebration. Everyone on the committee has worked hard year round to make sure that, more than ever, we bring the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community together to celebrate our pride, commemorate our history, and educate society about who we really are: real people.

We are very excited with all the changes going on with Pride this year. To achieve our goal of bringing the community together in unity and camaraderie, we are partnering with various organizations in presenting Pride Days, a nine-day celebration of our community. We guarantee that there is something for everyone in at least one of the various themed days. Of course, there will also be the big nighttime Parade on Saturday, June 29th, marching down lower Westheimer with this year's international theme of "Pride Worldwide." It will be one you don't want to miss!

However, no matter how you may celebrate Pride this year, it is my sincere wish that you walk away from this celebration with a deeper appreciation for our community, each other and yourself. After all, we are here to commemorate the night when oppressed members of our community stood up and said, "We are!" What better way to honor their bravery than by celebrating our Pride in who we are today and what we will become tomorrow.

Sincerely In Pride,

Ken Donnelly
Executive Director
Pride Committee of Houston



Greetings,

As mayor of the city of Houston, I am pleased to extend my warm regards to all participating in various activities to be held during the Pride Celebration in June. I would also like to welcome the many guests who will be attending these events from across the state.

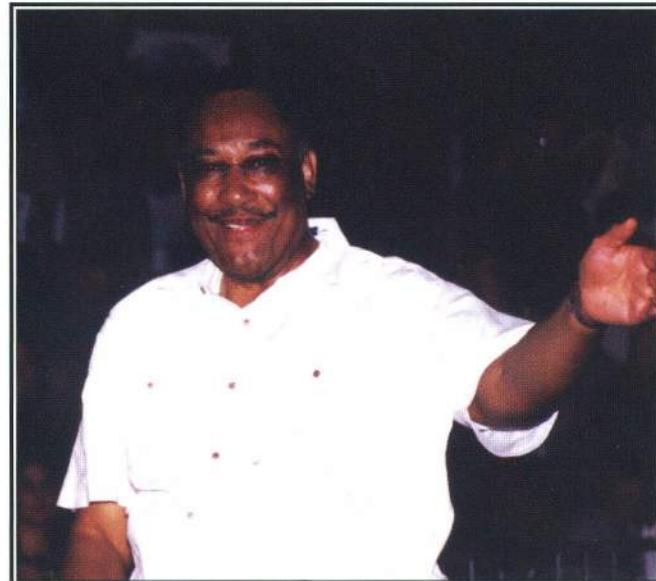
Houston is built on a tradition of diversity, and it shows in our international citizenry, economy, job opportunities and businesses. The strengths of this great city are in the men and women who make our diversity and cultural richness. Equality for all regardless of race, religion, national origin, disability or sexual orientation constitutes one of my core personal beliefs.

Best wishes for much success, and I look forward to your continuing support of our city.

Sincerely,

Lee Brown

Mayor





Friends,

Welcome to Pride Week 2002! I'm glad you're sharing in this celebration of our community and the city I'm so proud to represent.

The world definitely got a lot pinker this year, or more purple, or just more accepting — GLBT marriage across much of Europe, civil unions in Vermont, openly gay mayors in Paris and Berlin, an open TG on the Paris Council, a Republican appoints an openly gay ambassador...

What a year to celebrate "Pride Worldwide"!

Annise Parker
Houston Council Member

Greetings!

I am very pleased to join with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in celebrating Pride 2002.

This year's theme — Pride Worldwide — reminds us not only of the diversity of our local LGBT community, but of our connections with the struggles and accomplishments of LGBT communities around the world.

As the City Council Member for District D, I celebrate Montrose as the symbolic LGBT neighborhood in our city, as well as the many LGBT folk who live throughout my district and across our city.

Wishing you Happy Pride — today and every day!

Ada Edwards
Houston Council Member





Dear Citizens and Visitors of Houston;

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone in celebration of "Pride Worldwide", Houston's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride 2002. As I am sure that you are aware, Houston is a city that is dedicated to showcasing the diversity that gives it the reputation as one of the greatest cities in the nation.

I am proud that you have gathered here to rejoice in your success and organize for the future. I support the Pride Committee's goal to create the means where gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons can commemorate, educate and celebrate the past while forging new paths toward a positive future for all humanity.

Once again, I would like to thank you for participating in our Houston Pride celebration. With your support and involvement, I am sure that the 2002 "Pride Worldwide" celebration will be a huge success.

Sincerely,

Sheila Jackson Lee
Member of Congress

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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2002 Pride Celebration. This year's theme, "Pride Worldwide", represents the strength and commitment of people around the world who are determined to achieve, maintain and expand the rights of GLBT people.

As you know, I have long been dedicated both politically and personally to the service of our community. Being committed to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights is a mission that can be reflected not only in my legislative work, but also in my participation and membership in many neighborhood, state and national groups. Pride also reflects the commitment to diversity, unity and understanding that is needed to ensure that Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender equal rights are moved to the forefront of American society

Debra Danburg

Dear Pride Participants,

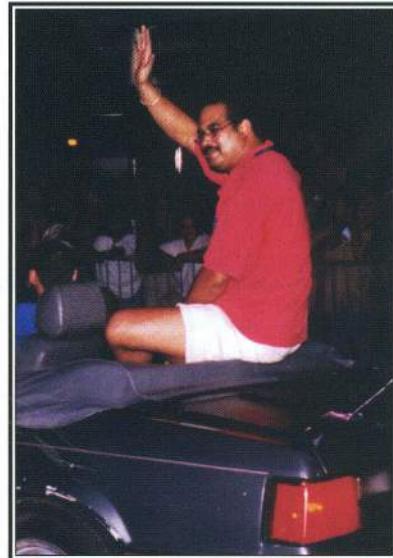
It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to this year's Pride 2002. This is a time for us all to come together and celebrate the great diversities of the GLBT community and at the same time to cherish our unity.

Throughout my political career I have felt honored by the enormous support that I have received from the GLBT community. Just as you have been there for me, I am here for you. I am proud to represent your interests in Austin. Please know that my door is always open and I am always willing to sit down and listen to your concerns or requests. Do not hesitate to call my district office at (713) 520-5355.

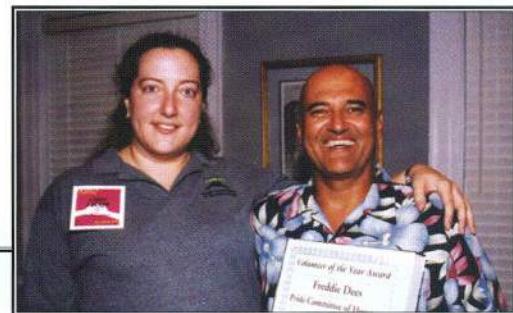
I wish you all a fabulous and safe Pride 2002.

Sincerely,

Garnet F. Coleman



2002 *Pride Volunteers of the Year*



Want to Volunteer?

No, you don't have to be volunteer of the year, but you can volunteer your time to help the Pride Committee of Houston celebrate our heritage, our diversity and our community. Moreover, you can volunteer for as little as a couple of hours or for the year. And our volunteer opportunities are as diverse as the community we serve!

To find more about how you can volunteer, please check out our Web site at www.pridehouston.org, e-mail info@pridehouston.org, call the Pride Line at (713) 529-6979, or drop us a line at Pride Committee of Houston Inc., P.O. Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071.

Clockwise from above: Volunteers of the Year Allison Brown, Freddie Dees, Brenda Kaye Silva, Christopher Lizotti.

Meet the Pride Committee of Houston

The Pride Committee is an energetic group of people who work year-round to develop and produce the annual Pride celebration for Houston. The Pride Committee is made up completely of volunteers, including a seven-member board of directors, a 20-member general committee, and dozens of committed volunteers, who work feverishly throughout the entire year to bring you the annual Pride Celebration. This year's Celebration starts June 21 with the kickoff party, continues through Pride Days and culminates with the annual nighttime Pride Parade Saturday, June 29, at 8:45pm on lower Westheimer in the Montrose area.

The board of directors meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the G&L Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. The general committee meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, at 7pm. All meetings are open to the public, and participation is always welcomed. Volunteers are encouraged to participate any time of year for one of the largest volunteer-run GLBT organizations in Houston.

The Pride Committee of Houston is proud to be a member of InterPride, the International Association of Lesbian and Gay Pride Coordinators. Through

our association with InterPride, the Pride Committee has helped hundreds of smaller Pride organizations around the world gain insight into how we organize our group, handle our problems, and put on the Southwest's largest Pride Parade. In turn, we take away new ideas and creative ways to make our Celebration that much better.

The mission of the Pride Committee of Houston Inc., as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, is to bring the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community together to celebrate individual pride, to commemorate our community's history and to educate society for the liberation of all people.

Ken Donnelly

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The executive director of the Pride Committee of Houston helps to set the organizational goals and then to shape the organization to achieve them. This often means working one-on-one with various areas of the committee and the board of directors to get them working together harmoniously with other areas. Sometimes it means filling in the gaps in the organization with direct, hands-on involvement, such as in the absence of a director to manage subcommittees, or after the development of a new area. The executive director is also responsible for the overall health and well-being of the organization — legally, emotionally and financially. The tone that the committee will take for the upcoming year is set and reinforced by the executive director.

In his third year with the Pride Committee, Ken has taken on increasing responsibility since he first joined for "Take Pride, Take Joy, Take Action" in 1999. He started as *Pride Guide* coordinator and soon became the editor of the committee's new magazine. "Actually, it was a fluke. I was late to the meeting when they were asking for volunteers for subcommittees. By the time I had gotten there, the only thing left without a coordinator was the *Pride Guide* [magazine]. However, I used that position to be involved with all the other subcommittees on some level and to connect with the community." The following year he took on the extra responsibilities of the Pride Web site and the newsletter, subcommittees he still manages as executive director. "I have been volunteering my time in one organization or another since I was in high school, so I feel out of touch if I am not helping out somewhere, somehow."

Taking over the reigns as executive director, Ken wants to move PCOH forward by looking back at our roots and taking an example from our history. "Pride in Houston started not as a parade, but as a weeklong celebration of the community coming together to commemorate, educate and celebrate Pride. I want to take us back to those days by providing a framework whereby the community can achieve those goals by coming together

and taking ownership of Pride. The Parade will then become the ultimate culmination of the community coming together." The result is Pride Days: themed days where community organizations are the event sponsors, and their messages and programs are center stage. "I want everyone in the community, come Saturday night, June 29, to feel like they had a personal part in Pride. I want them to feel that they were the Celebration, that they were Pride."

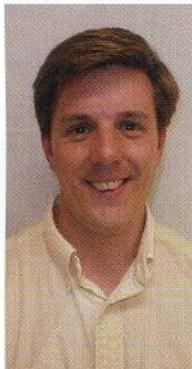
Nick Brines

FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR

The fundraising director is responsible for overseeing all fundraising, including corporate sponsorships, grant writing and the individual donor campaign. With corporate sponsorships, Nick negotiates with sizable national or local companies for large donations in return for publicity and exposure to the Houston GLBT community. He must walk a fine line between raising funds to put on events that achieve our mission and turning Pride into a corporate-marketing event. He has the delicate job of creating win-win scenarios for the corporation, the committee and the community. With grants, he oversees the art form that is writing grant requests for funding from foundations and other organizations. His oversight of the individual donor campaign includes developing and managing the efforts to speak directly to our community for monetary support of Pride.

This is Nick's seventh year as a member of the Pride Committee of Houston and his fifth as a director on the board. Nick coordinated the popular "Pumped Up On Art" fundraising gala in 1996 and 1997, when he first joined PCOH. During that time he became involved in negotiating corporate-sponsor contracts, which led to his current position on the board of directors. Nick joined the Pride Committee after years of watching the Pride Parade throughout his "coming out" in college. "Houston's Pride events are a great way to showcase the strength, diversity and unity of Houston's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community," says Nick. "I believe that visibility is important while we celebrate who we are with one another." →





When Nick is not helping the PCOH, he is helping others as a consultant, raising funds for their organizations. Nick has also been involved with a variety of activities in Houston's GLBT community, including coordinating "house parties" to raise money for Annise Parker's election to Houston City Council and fundraising for the Miss Gay USA pageant in support of HIV/AIDS charities. When it comes to the hard work of funding Pride, Nick is the miracle worker.

Troy Christensen

PUBLIC-RELATIONS AND MARKETING DIRECTOR

This is Troy's second year as the organization's public-relations and marketing director. His job is to coordinate the media and marketing efforts of PCOH by publicizing the year-round activities and events of the Committee. He is also responsible for advertising our mission and promoting community involvement of the Pride Committee. But Troy's efforts to get the word out don't stop there. He also mentors and advises Celebration Committee coordinators who publicize the June Pride events through media sponsorships and other avenues.

Troy has been involved with the Pride Committee of Houston since 1997, editing the annual *Pride Guide* and the *Inside Pride* newsletter. He has also acted as grand marshal liaison and has coordinated the decorations, costumes and music for the Celebration Committee's float in the Pride Parade since '97.

Prior to joining the Pride Committee, Troy was a volunteer for the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Houston between 1994 and 1996 and was on its public-relations committee. At the University of Houston, he was a member of the Gay/Lesbian Students' Association and OUT, a direct-action group. He even participated in the successful lobbying of the administration of President Marguerite Ross Barnett to include sexual orientation in the University of Houston's nondiscrimination policy. During these college years Troy also was a member of Queer Nation's Houston tribe and helped plan and publicize the Montrose march, protesting the murder



of Paul Broussard in July 1991. That march turned into a powerful act of peaceful civil disobedience when thousands blocked the intersection of Westheimer and Montrose.

Troy likens his role as communications director to that of a teacher. "Our life experiences as Gay and Lesbian people give us the ability and opportunity to be teachers and to reshape society in compassionate, nonobjectifying ways, ending prejudice and scorn for racial, ethnic, religious and sexual minorities. To be truly effective teachers, shaping a society in which we are full members, we must be self-aware, self-reliant and self-assured." Troy adds, "All of my service to the Gay and Lesbian community has been done to foster this kind of empowerment." Troy is excited about using his talents to promote the Pride Committee as it educates our community and celebrates our Pride. In his words, "Pride is a force for change in the world, a euphoric act of self-identification, of defiance and of love." You just can't argue with that.

Brian Keever

PARADE AND BANNER DISTRICT DIRECTOR

The director over the parade subcommittee needs to have a great deal of insight, a good grasp of history and a whole lot of patience. That's because the parade subcommittee is one of the largest and most visible subcommittee in the organization. No matter what, come floods, droughts and everything else, the parade must go on! Remarkably, the show does go on, year after year, thanks in great part to the mentoring of the parade subcommittee. The banner district is the demarcation with flags of the Westheimer strip for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride in June. The rainbow banners go up in May and don't come down until late July, proudly identifying the Montrose neighborhood as the gathering spot for our community to commemorate the Stonewall Riots. This position requires a public-relations role before the Houston City Council and Reliant Energy/HL&P to gain approvals for banner display, location and potential expansions to the banner-district area.

Brian is the perfect man for this position. With over 20 years with the Pride Committee, including being the parade's

grand marshal in 1992, Brian has a keen sense of our community's history and definitely knows how to put on a parade. His community involvement doesn't stop with just PCOH, however. He has been the president and charter member of the National Leather Association, Houston, and currently serves as its treasurer. He was on the board of the Montrose Activity Center for over four years and was a past officer of the statewide Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas. Brian was coronated Empress Ten of the Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston in 1994 and also serves on the executive committee of the Harris County Democratic Party.

Brian's personal goal for Pride is to create an environment of acceptance and inclusion. "I am very big on opening doors for Gay and Lesbian Pride here in Houston and in Texas. I believe that what I do helps people who can't afford to be out and also helps to educate our own community about all aspects of Pride. I hope that I will be able to open at least one new closet door every time we are out there and show our Pride." Brian is both a living history of Pride and an example of service and dedication to community for future generations.

Jeffrey Neaves

MERCHANDISE AND EVENTS DIRECTOR

Though the parade often steals the show, Pride events are the critical stepping stones that lead up to it. Without them, the Parade would not be the crescendo event that it is. This year is particularly true with the revamped Kickoff Party and the all-new Night at the Alley Theatre added to the list of year-round activities. Every year the Pride Events provide the community with another way to come together in a spirit of Pride! Merchandise is yet another way that the Pride Committee works at bringing the community together. Pride merchandise is seen as an integral part of the Pride Celebration. By communicating our theme and giving everyone, from the grand marshal

to the parade bystander, the opportunity to visually display his or her belief in Pride, they can come to feel a greater connection with the Celebration.

Heading these two critical areas is Jeffrey Neaves. Jeffrey is no stranger to challenges, after successfully orchestrating the experimental return to the Pride Festival last year. Though economic conditions do not allow for its continuation this year, Jeffrey proved that he could organize a new event with little history to fall back on, and with it being only his first year with the Pride Committee of Houston. But he did have a great deal of experience outside of PCOH to fall back on. Jeffrey was on Atlanta's Pride Committee for two years acting as an assist stage manager. He also has volunteered for many other organizations in Atlanta, including Meals on Wheels, the Gay Softball League and the AIDS Walk. He also played host to Gay athletes and visitors alike at the first-ever GLBT Welcoming Center at the 1996 Olympic games.

Though he gladly continued with his event-management experience by mentoring the events subcommittee, it was Jeffrey who also wanted to take on the additional responsibility for Pride merchandise. When asked why he volunteered for the extra duty, Jeffrey talks about a message that has stayed with him. "At one of last year's Pride Events hosted by HRC, I had the opportunity to hear Candice Gingrich speak. During that presentation, she said one thing that really left an impression on me.

Studies have shown that telling someone that knows you — even if only in a limited capacity — that you are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender greatly reduces the likelihood that that person would vote in favor of discriminatory or restrictive legislation against you. If this is true, just imagine the impact an average person could have in the simple act of wearing their Pride shirt for Saturday errands." Thanks to Jeff, we will all be wearing it proudly this year. ➔




Paul Radous
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Maintaining fiscal responsibility and accounting for operations is a difficult task in any organization. Doing it for the largest all-volunteer-run GLBT organization in Houston is downright tough. However, year after year, the CFO of the Pride Committee manages to help develop the budgets, maintain the accounts, manage the expenditures and account for all the activities of PCOH. Additionally, the CFO also keeps the committee legal and helps to maintain our nonprofit status with various government agencies through various filings and reports. The result is an organization that consistently creates near-miracles every year with a very limited donation-driven budget. Moreover, the committee does it with accounting for every penny spent.

New to this position but definitely not new to the Committee is Paul Radous. In only his third year with Pride, Paul has moved up to the number-two slot of the Committee after taking on such roles as last year's Celebration Committee male co-chair. The success of last year's parade speaks for Paul's dedicated leadership and ability to get things done. But Paul has long been dedicated to the GLBT community, even before joining Pride. Paul was the co-president of the American Civil Liberties Union chapter at Trinity University in San Antonio, as well as the co-president for the university's Gay and Lesbian Interest Group. Paul has also been a member of the Human Rights Campaign since 1996.

It is Paul's belief that people should get out of their comfort zones and meet people in unfamiliar environments. That's why themes like "Pride Worldwide" are so important to him. He believes that they help us to examine our own attitudes toward those who are different and discover how we may be discriminating against them. It also helps others to see us for who we are: a vibrant and diverse community. If we put a face on the GLBT community, Paul theorizes that society in general will have to respond to their own prejudices as well. "I do not expect them to be carrying the banner for PFLAG this year, but now that they have a human face, they must consider when speaking about GLBT issues."


Julie Siska
PRIDE BOOSTERS DIRECTOR

In an effort to reach out more to the GLBT and GLBT-supportive business community, an entirely new area of the committee was created this year: Pride Boosters. Boosters are local businesses that are too small to be major corporate sponsors with large marketing budgets, but too large, and with completely different needs, to be individual donors. As a result, small local businesses that wanted to be a part of supporting Pride were often left without an option, and the Pride Committee was unable to show support in return for the very businesses that we patronized daily right here in our community. Pride Boosters corrects this problem by providing a whole new level of sponsorship, with a different set of benefits and donation possibilities from our large Corporate Sponsorships.

Heading this new area is Julie Siska. After a brief break to work on growing her own small business, Julie is in a unique position to move this program forward both as a small-business owner and as the idea's sponsor. But Julie is no stranger to Pride; she has been on the Pride Committee in various positions for many years. Her work with the committee started back in 1992 as its treasurer. From 1993 to 1995, Julie was the female co-chair for the Celebration Committee. In 1995 Julie stepped up to take over the reins as executive director for the next three years. Internationally, Julie has also been the treasurer for over two years for InterPride, and she also was its co-president for another two years. But her commitment to the community does not stop there. Julie is also currently on the advisory board for the People With AIDS Holiday Charities and the CareGivers Wall.

When asked why she does so much work in various capacities and organizations for Pride, Julie responds, "I think we need to be proud of who we are and take a stand for it. Pride organization activities give us an opportunity to express ourselves while making a difference for our community." Though time spent can never be replaced, Julie has no regrets about her volunteer time with Pride. "We have come a long way with Pride. I feel that we are on the right track." All aboard! ★

*The Pride Committee wishes to thank
the many dedicated committee volunteers who
make Pride happen year after year!*



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COORDINATOR



Michael Malik
MERCANDISE ADVISOR



Bill Burford
PARADE COORDINATOR



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DATABASE AND NETWORK
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GRAPHIC DESIGN
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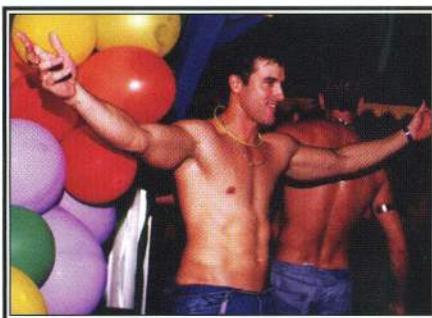
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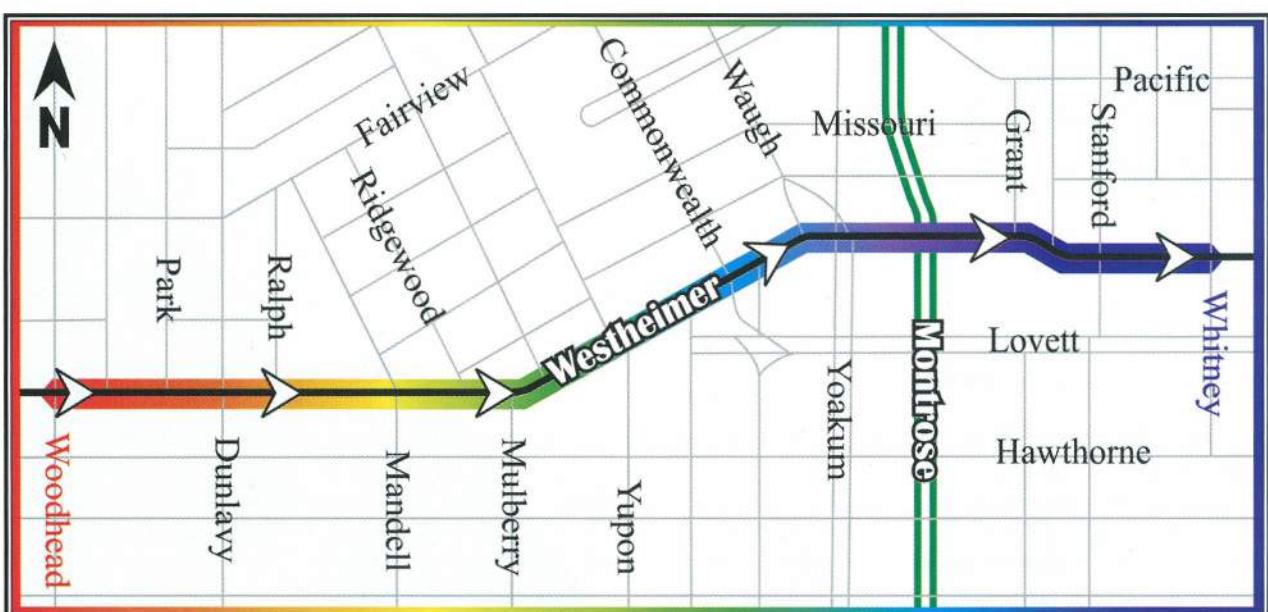
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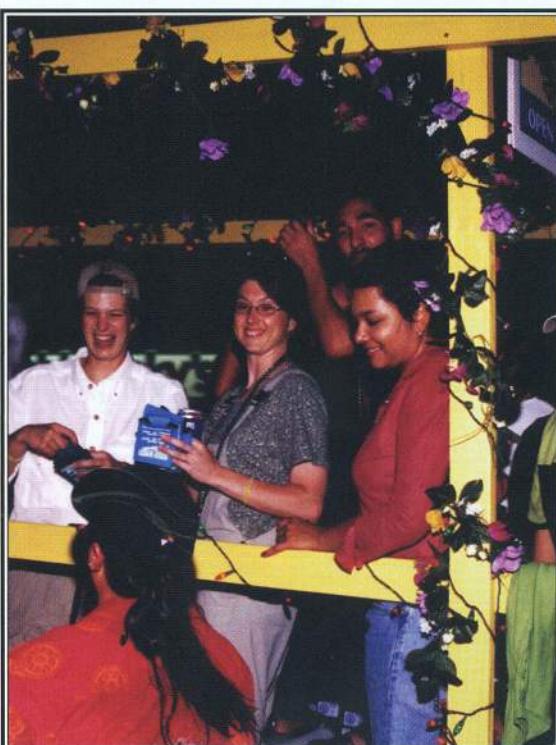
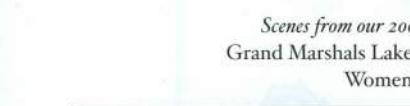
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From top: Hey, who took my shirt?; Smile for the camera!



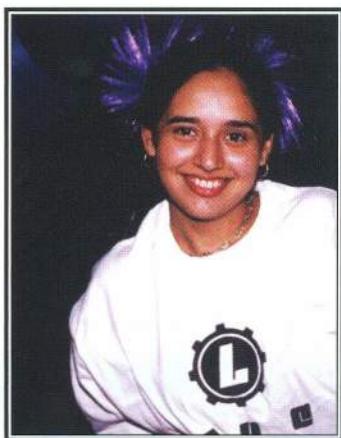
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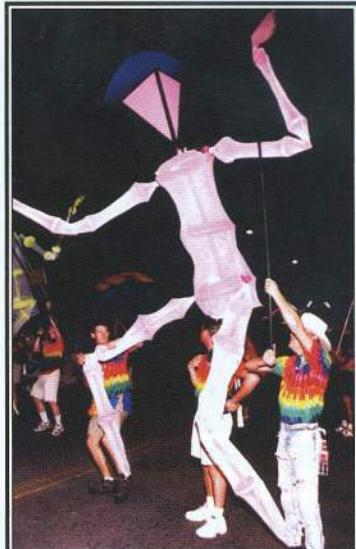
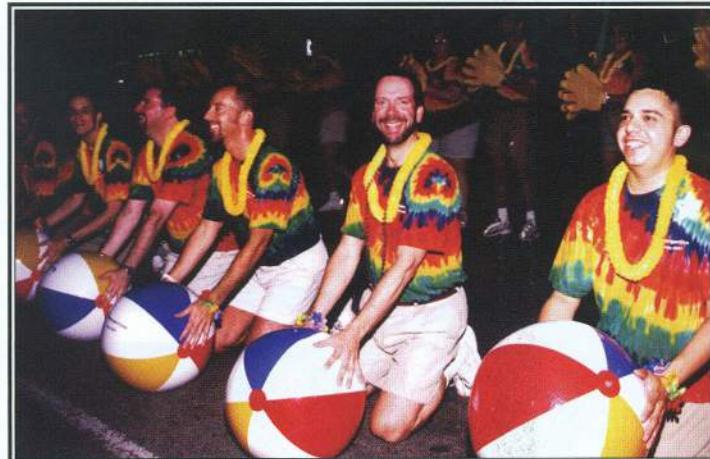


Scenes from our 2001 Parade, including, Above left: Grand Marshals Lake and Gordon Weisser; at right, Women's festival and, below, P.C.O.H.



Top left: And they said it wouldn't last!!!; Right: Asians & Friends; Below: Smile pretty for the camera, boys; Below right: The camera loves me; Bottom: Anticipating a great show



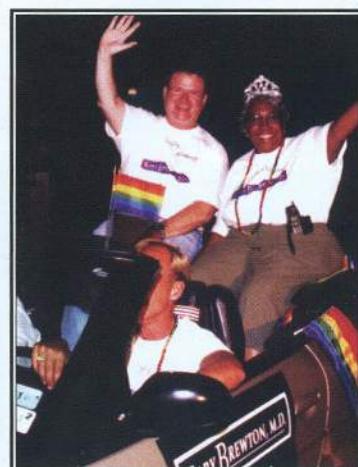
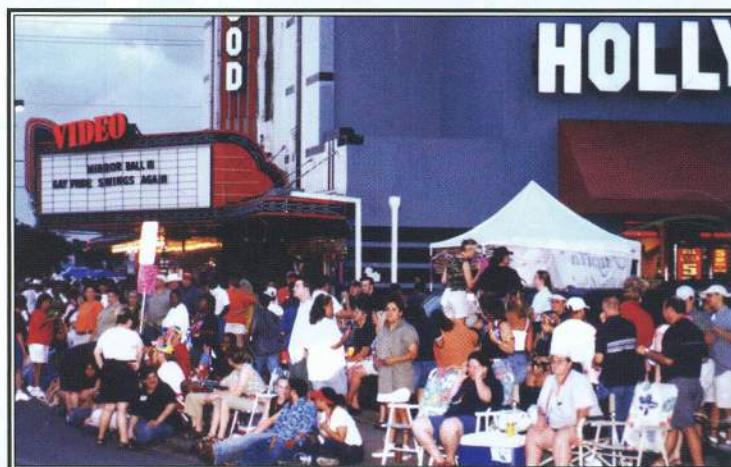


Top left: You can bank on Chase to have a good performance; *Above left:* Don't mess with our Comets Fan Club!; *Above right:* Lady Liberty; *Above:* AssistHers; *Right:* Miss Camp America



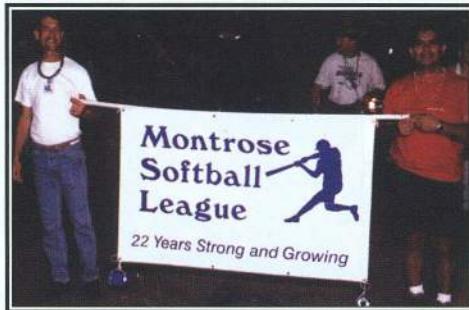
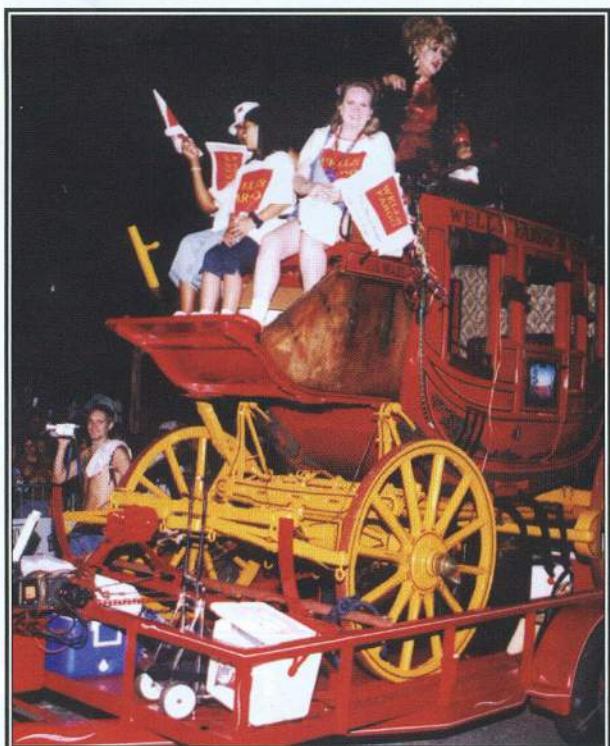
*Top left: Chase Pride; Top middle: Work it!
Above right: 2001 Grand Marshal Dalia Stokes; Above left: Moulin Rouge eat your heart out!; Far left: 2001 Grand Marshal Mitchell Katine*

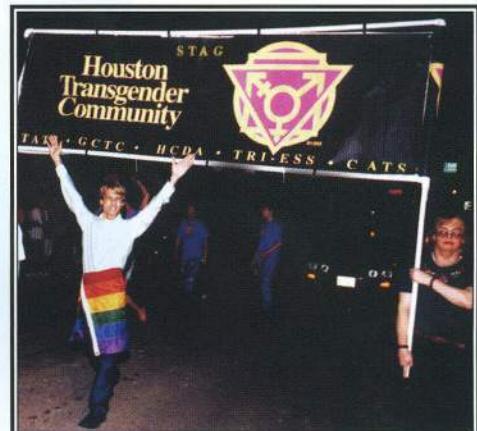
Right: Equality!; Below right: Ms., Mr., Miss Gay Pride; Below left: Who's your daddy?; Bottom right: The doctor is OUT!





Left: What a krewe; Below right: Look what's hatching; Bottom right: Not loafing around!





Above left: Grand Marshal Organization PFLAG; Above right: Your Majesties; Right: Thank you, our brave H.P.D.

Houston Pride Parade 2002 Grand Marshals

Each year, the Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade is led by several grand marshals — individuals and organizations honored for their leadership in the community. We admire the accomplishments of our Pride 2002 grand marshals, and applaud their continued support of our Gay and Lesbian community.

The male and female grand marshals are self-identified Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender men and women who are

honored for their community leadership. They are individuals who have excelled in their activities and achievements, and they serve as role models for all of us. Honorary grand marshals are self-identified heterosexual, non-Transgender individuals who have shown outstanding dedication to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender causes or to our community. Groups honored as “honorary grand marshal-organization” are groups that support the ➔



Houston GLBT community, that significantly contribute to its positive image, and that have been in existence for over two years.

Achieving grand-marshals status is no easy task. Letters of nomination for grand-marshals nominees were sent to the Pride Committee in December and January from people throughout the region. A committee of former grand marshals then met in January to review each nomination. The review committee assures that each nominee meets the qualifications outlined above, through a simple majority vote. This year's review committee included past Grand Marshals Bob Bouton, Jim Carper, Sean Carter, Gene Harrington, Jack Jackson, Brian Keever, Dalia Stokes and Tori Williams. Parade co-coordinator Dick Dickerson acted as the committee chair. Once the nominees were selected, individuals in Harris County and the adjoining counties could mail in their ballots. The Pride Committee also held one day of poll voting.

All of this year's nominees should be commended for their work to the community. They are all outstanding examples of volunteerism and leadership for us all. Unfortunately, only one in each category gets to lead this year's parade. So let's meet this year's grand marshals:

Male Grand Marshal — Rusty Mueller aka Crystal Rae Lee Love

It's hard not to know Rusty Mueller. He has been serving the community in so many different leadership roles — as both Rusty and his alternate persona, Crystal Rae Lee Love — that chances are you have met him at least once. So what does Miss Gay Pride 1997, the winner of the B. J. Summors Memorial Entertainer of the Year Award and the Giovanni Lamond Memorial Entertainer of the Year Award, do in his spare time? Volunteer!

The list of GLBT organizations that Rusty has participated in is a long one. He is currently an executive board member and treasurer for the Colt 45's, and the past chair of the AIDS Trouble



Fund and past co-chair for Soiree Aubergine. Rusty also serves as a board of directors member for the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star (as Crystal Rae Lee Love), he has served as Empress XI for the court and is Heir 17 to Jose I of the International Court Council. He has also received their President's Award for service to the community. As if that is not enough, Rusty is a member of the Lean on Me Foundation and a board member for the Montrose Clinic.

But in addition to his time, Rusty has given of his talents in so many ways to help raise thousands of dollars for our community. Some of the GLBT organizations that he has helped include the Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund, the Stone Soup Fund, the PWA Holiday Charities, Bering-Omega's Community Services Center, the Montrose Clinic's Women's Program, Steven's House, and Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center.

The Pride Committee is pleased to have Rusty as our male grand marshal for Pride 2002. His leadership in volunteerism and commitment to the GLBT community are examples for us all.

Female Grand Marshal — Herlinda (Mela) Contreras

Herlinda Contreras, or Mela, as her friends call her, is a woman of action. Mela is the first Mexican-American Lesbian in Houston to open a Tejano nightclub, Mela's, serving the GLBT community. She has used that to reach out to the Hispanic GLBT community through community fundraisers, barbecues, voter-registration drives, meetings, birthday parties, holy-union ceremonies and receptions. She has made Mela's a melting pot for GLBT people of all ages and nationalities.

But don't think Mela's contributions to the community are solely from one place. Mela is out and active in the community despite her business responsibilities. As a matter of fact, she has over 20 years of civic involvement, including fundraisers for various political campaigns and for individuals suffering with AIDS. She

participates in the various annual Christmas toy drives and the Tanqueray AIDS Rides. With Progressive Voters in Action, she signed up new voters, especially in the Hispanic community, on their voter registration drives, and she also sponsors Montrose Softball and Pool League teams. Her work has been so influential that Mayor Lee Brown, on Fiestas Patrias, September 15, 2001, honored her with a proclamation recognizing her 20 years of service to the GLBT community.

The Pride Committee is inspired by this woman of action and delighted that she will be our female grand marshal. She is an illustration of what it means to be a part of one's community through action and outreach.

Honorary Grand Marshals — Jane and Irv Smith

This year's honorary grand marshals are Jane and Irv Smith. These Smiths are not your typical next-door neighbors, though you wish everyone were like them. Parents of a Gay son, the Smiths are active members and former board members of P-FLAG Houston, and they have participated in several Houston Pride Parades. They often speak at events about human-rights issues and their experiences as parents. Irv can often be found sending letters to the editor of the *Houston Chronicle* supporting equal rights for GLBT people. Meanwhile, Jan is busy as a board of director member, recruiting new volunteers for the Gay Men's Chorus.

Jane and Irv's most prolific work has been in working with P-FLAG. They have done so much for the organization, from answering calls on P-FLAG's Helpline to helping develop P-FLAG's now-famous billboard campaign. The Smiths have also worked on the "Healing the Hurt" conference for educators, and they have distributed P-FLAG and HATCH materials to all high-school counselors in Fort Bend ISD. But their activities in

the fight for equal rights are not limited to Houston. In 1996, the Smiths went to Washington, D.C., where they lobbied for ENDA with the "Moms and Dads Go to Washington" campaign.

The Pride Committee is thrilled that these loving parents and dedicated activists are our honorary grand marshals for 2002. Their compassion toward our community is a model for heterosexuals and homosexuals alike.

Honorary Grand Marshal Organization — Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston

Help is just a phone call away — that is, if you are calling this year's honorary organization, The Gay & Lesbian Switchboard. The community-issue-sensitive volunteers are always on call to assist the GLBT community. Their success is shown by the fact that they are celebrating their 20th anniversary of providing information, nonjudgmental support, crisis intervention and referral services for our community.

This year, to expand on success, the Switchboard is expanding its service, in conjunction with the Montrose Counseling Center's Anti-Violence Program. In addition to their informational resources, volunteers can now take a more active role in helping crime survivors. Volunteers can get survivors emergency transportation and put them in touch with someone who can provide assistance with Crime Victim's compensation applications and support during medical exams, evidence collection at the hospital, and police and prosecutor interviews. Callers in more violent or abusive domestic-violence situations can get help in developing a safety plan, obtaining emergency short-term shelter services, and securing legal assistance.

The Pride Committee is honored to have such a dedicated, helpful group of volunteers, such as the G&L Switchboard, as this year's Honorary Grand Marshal—Organization. ★



Pride Worldwide

An InterPride Perspective

Each year, the Pride Committee of Houston selects a theme to highlight some aspect or issue of our community. This year, PCOH adopted "Pride Worldwide" as our theme for the 2002 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Celebration. But why "Pride Worldwide"? The answer lies in our participation in InterPride.

InterPride is an international association of Pride organizations. Founded over 20 years ago, this network of groups acts as a clearinghouse of best practices, training and support for various member organizations, from small committees such as Topeka and Duluth, to mammoth ones like New York and San Francisco. Larger organizations gain the creativity that abounds in the smaller ones, and small Prides get the knowledge and experience of their larger counterparts. In short, all Prides

from around the world take home new ideas to implement in their local communities, making the Pride movement worldwide even stronger.

Each year, InterPride holds a World Conference. In addition to the exchanges of information, conferences, workshops and roundtables, member organizations vote on an international celebration theme that will help unite all the Pride organizations, large and small, into one worldwide movement. After the merits of various proposals made by each of the committees are discussed, the field is narrowed to a select few and then translated into all the member languages present. On the final day of the conference, one theme is chosen as the theme to unite Pride around the world. Houston's theme of "Embrace Diversity" had the honor of being selected as the international theme in 2001. The theme selected by the InterPride members this year for 2002

was "Pride Worldwide." Of all the proposals submitted, this one caught the spirit and the mood of the delegates.

The InterPride Conference took place in October, only three weeks after the events of September 11th. Even though the conference took place in New Zealand, and was a diverse mix of people from all around the world, the delegates felt that in difficult times we all needed to focus more on what we had in common than on what made us different. At the least, Pride committees around the world needed to stand together, with the understanding that the problems that face the GLBT community in one country are problems that affect us all.

Though InterPride member organizations select an international theme each year, there is no requirement that they use it for their local celebrations. For example, in PCOH's history, the committee has only used the international InterPride theme a handful



of times. So why then did Houston select "Pride Worldwide" for 2002? The answer was simple: because there are still places around the world where Pride is not an option. People in the United States, Canada and Western Europe have certain rights, protected by law, that allow us to freely gather, either in protest or celebration, at the various Pride events. Though some places are more progressive than others in the acceptance of the GLBT community, for the most part we do not have to worry about the government using the military to break up our gathering or a secret police force to monitor our "subversive" activities.

For example, in Sydney, Australia's Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras is covered live by national television. Several of the Pride parades in Germany are subsidized, and political retribution would come to an elected official who did not attend San Francisco's annual parade. On the other hand, in so many countries Pride

organizations must constantly fight just to be able to hold their events. Often local governments obstruct permits, and various ministers and religious groups attempt to prevent activities by lawsuits or protests. In many other countries, the thought of a Pride parade is unfathomable; places where governments persecute individuals for their sexual orientation or gender identity sentence victims to long terms in prisons or mental hospitals, and sometimes put them to death, usually in cruel and dehumanizing ways. There are places where organizations that support equal rights for GLBT people are driven underground or officially disbanded, where official government statements deride GLBT individuals as subhuman because of their differences. Just one look at the events of the past year in places such as Egypt, China, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Indonesia, Zimbabwe and Serbia illustrate that many of our brothers and sisters still fight for basic human rights.

Their struggle should be a reminder to us that though we have come a long way since Stonewall, there is still much work to be done, here and around the world. If one person in our community is persecuted simply for who they are, then we are all lessened. Pride Worldwide is an understanding that we are one large diverse community of people. It is a chance to show the power of that diversity and our contributions to society as a community and as individuals. It is also an opportunity to work together to achieve equality and liberate all oppressed, second-class citizens. Pride Worldwide transcends borders, languages and religions. It is a bold statement that each of us is a unique individual adding to the diversity of the world. It is the recognition that we have something in common with people around the globe and the hope that one day we will all share another thing in common: the freedom to be a GLBT person full of Pride. ★

By Mark Willis



I Love a Parade

Ever since I was a kid, I have always been fascinated by parades. It really didn't matter the reason for the parade, there was something exciting and special about seeing your friends and family marching down the street in a band or riding on a vehicle or a float. One of the most vivid memories of my youth is my hometown's Fourth of July Parade, when I would get to see my father slowly drive by on one of the town's firetrucks. He seemed so larger than life up there, waving to the crowds who appeared to respond to his striking presence. No matter how big the crowd, though, he always seemed to find me in the crowd, give me a special wave and honk the air horn. It made me feel like the parade was going by just for me.

For a couple of years, I attended a completely different kind of parade, a celebration honoring the bravery of protesters at a drag bar called the Stonewall in Greenwich Village, New York, and celebrating the diversity of a community in Houston. It was my first Pride Parade. I hadn't been out very long then, only a mere two years, and I didn't feel like I fit into any of the stereotypes of the GLBT community that I had been given by society. However, here was a picture of our community that I didn't even know existed. One that made me feel like the parade was going by just for me.

The parade was filled with people that were, well, "normal." There were senior-citizen Lesbians, Gay fathers with their kids, dancing bankers, church groups in matching T-shirts and all sorts of people in costumes both familiar and bizarre, all being themselves. There was even a group of guys on a firetruck, just like my dad. That night, I came to accept my community. In the process, my perspective on the power of simple things, like parades, had changed forever.

In our desire to bring about sociopolitical change, I think we often overlook the power the Pride parade has on an individual's life and, hence, on the life of our community. Pride is an affirmation that just being yourself is a major victory. So many people stand on the edges of our community. But I know that there are others out there who find a connection with the GLBT community and peace within themselves.

I know that I may never meet these people, but they are there. I know that there is a young boy out there, confused by the fact that the gender he sees on the exterior is not the gender he feels on the inside, who will catch his first glimpse of a transgender person proudly marching down Westheimer.

I know there is a woman who is afraid of losing her kids because she is a Lesbian mom gaining solace from watching a group of Lesbian mothers pushing baby

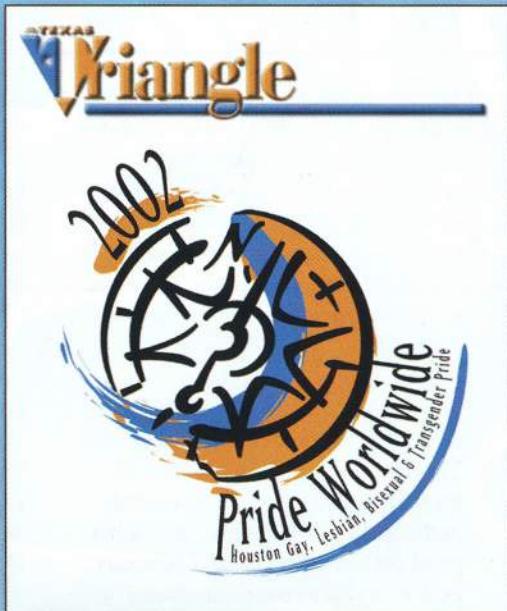
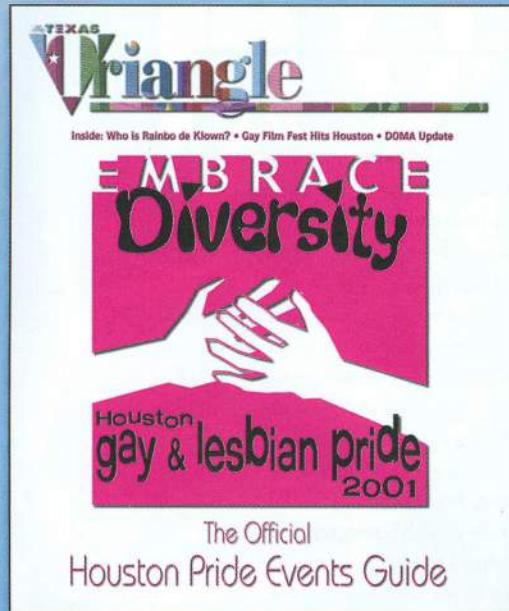
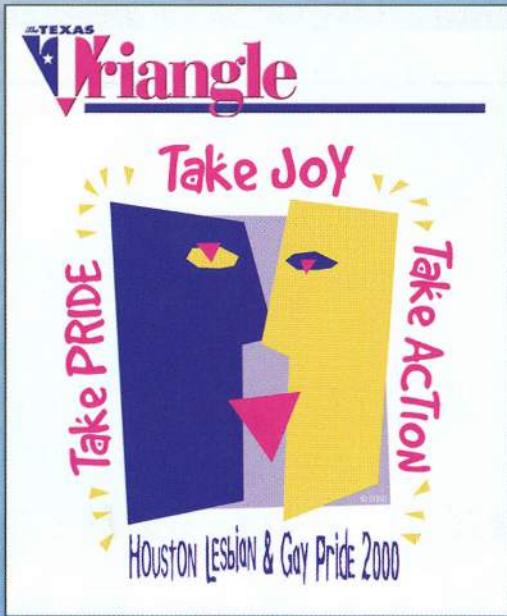
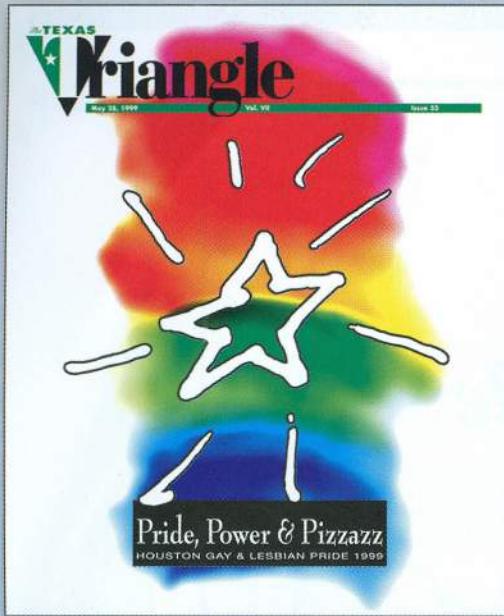
carriages down a parade route in front of 150,000 people. On parade night I know that someone in the crowd will be relieved to see their boss and fellow co-workers proudly carrying a corporate-sponsored banner celebrating diversity in the workplace.

Right now there is someone sneaking a copy of this magazine home so they can read about their community and dream of the day when they have the courage to stand up to their fears. I know that some watching the news will see their neighbor in the parade and realize that GLBT people are really like everyone else.

We may never see their faces or be able to quantify the success, but something like the Pride Parade can touch people in ways we can't imagine. A parade, after all, is about common people seeming to be, just like my dad, larger than life simply because they are not just representing themselves but the community as a whole.

We get to connect with them and, in the process, touch that part of our life they represent, maybe for the first time. So I invite everyone to come to the Pride parade this year, be a kid again, and connect with your community, maybe for the first time. After all, it will be going by just for you. ★

By Ken Donnelly



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The Pride Committee of Houston is proud to maintain an extensive listing of all the resources available to our GLBT community. Whether you are looking for new friends, a helping hand, answers to your questions, spiritual enlightenment or a place to be entertained, the Community Resource Guide is your primary source of information throughout the year.

Accommodations

LOVETT INN

This 13-room, gay-owned and -operated bed & breakfast caters to a mixed clientele and has served the Montrose and Houston's gay community for over 13 years. The Lovett Inn is located at the end of the Pride Parade route at the "crossroads" of Houston's gay community. (713) 522-5224; (713) 528-6708 (fax) *E-mail: lovettinn@aol.com* *Web site: www.lovettinn.com* *501 Lovett, Houston, TX 77006*

SYCAMORE HEIGHTS

This gay-owned and -operated turn-of-the-century bed & breakfast is located in the Houston Heights district. The inn provides the perfect setting for a weekend getaway or a venue for major social events. Though guests at Sycamore Heights feel like they're in a private and peaceful enclave, the inn is actually close to Houston's energetic downtown entertainment district and minutes from various shopping districts.

(713) 861-4117
E-mail: sycamoreheights@aol.com
Web site: members.aol.com/teksis
245 West 18th, Houston, TX 77008

Arts & Entertainment

ATHENA ART PROJECT

Athena Art supports the artistic endeavors of women and produces events for the women's community, primarily

the annual Houston Women's Festival.

(713) 861-3316
E-mail: events@hwfestival.org
Web site: www.hwfestival.org/athena.htm
P.O. Box 70102, Houston, TX 77270

DIVERSE WORKS ARTSPACE

The artist-run contemporary art center is dedicated to presenting new visual, literary and performing art. Throughout the year, DiverseWorks presents a series of Gay and Lesbian performances. (713) 223-8346; 713-223-4608 (fax)
E-mail: info@diverseworks.org
Web site: www.diverseworks.org
1117 East Fwy., Houston, TX 77002

HOUSTON GAY AND LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL

HGLFF presents films of interest to the GLBT community and its friends. *E-mail: hgloff@cs.com*
Web site: www.hgloff.org
803 Hawthorne, Houston, TX 77006 ➔

HOUSTON GRAND OPERA

HGO is a producer of the highest-quality live musical theater. Its mission is to bring larger and more diverse audiences together for exciting live opera in a financially responsible way. Performances are held at the Wortham Theater Center, 510 Preston, in downtown Houston.

(713) 546-0256; 713-228-4355 (fax)
Web site: www.houstongrandopera.org
510 Preston, Ste. 500, Houston, TX 77002

LANDMARK THEATRES

Celebrating over 25 years as Houston's premier art, independent and foreign cinema, Landmark Theatres operates both the historic three-screen River Oaks Theatre, 2009 West Gray, and the Greenway 3 Theatre, 5 Greenway Plaza — underground. Landmark offers specialty films, community events and unique productions, and participates as a host venue for the Houston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. The theaters are open evenings, seven days a week, with matinee shows Fridays through Sundays and on major holidays.

(713) 524-2175; (713) 850-1079 (fax)
Web site: www.landmarktheatres.com
5 Greenway Plaza, Ste. C-400,
Houston, TX 77046

**MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS,
HOUSTON**

MFAH is one of the country's leading art institutions, with approximately 1,095,000 visitors and a total of 1.5 million participants in its programs annually. The museum includes the Glassell School of Art and the Junior School, the Cullen Sculpture Garden, the Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens and Rienzi. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for youths 6-18, students, and seniors; and free for members and children five and under. Hours are Fridays and Saturdays, 10am-7pm; Sundays, 12:15pm-7pm; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10am-5pm; and

Thursdays, 10am-9pm. The Museum is located at 1001 Bissonnet.

(713) 639-7300; (713) 639-7398 (fax)
E-mail: hirsch@mfab.org
Web site: www.mfab.org
PO Box 6826, Houston, TX 77265

STAGES REPERTORY THEATRE

Stages Repertory Theatre is a professional Equity theater dedicated to providing Houston's diverse audiences with challenging, provocative theater. From groundbreaking new works to modern classics, Stages brings the best of today's dynamic, progressive theater home to Houston. As the *Houston Chronicle* reported, at night, Stages is "...richly rewarding." All performances are held at 3201 Allen Parkway.

Box Office (713) 527-0123, Administration and Production Offices (713) 527-0220
E-mail: join@stagestheatre.com
Web site: www.stagestheatre.com
3201 Allen Parkway, Houston, TX 77019

THEATRE NEW WEST

Headed by Artistic Director Joe Watts, Theatre New West is a progressive theater group producing Gay and Lesbian plays. Performances are held at Sonoma, 1415 California.

(713) 394-0464
E-mail: joeleewatts@aol.com
1415 California, Houston, TX 77006

Civic**HOUSTON POLICE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE GLBT
REPRESENTATIVE**

The representative serves as a liaison and ombudsman between the Houston Police Department and the GLBT community. The PAC meets monthly. The current representative is Clarence Burton Bagby, who has served on the PAC since 1998.

(713) 861-8238; (713) 861-8208 (fax)
E-mail: cbbagby@msn.com
2003 Kane, Houston, TX 77007

Corporate**COMPAQ PLUS**

Houston-based Compaq Computer Corp. sponsors this group for all of its GLBT employees. Meetings are held the first Tuesday each month.

(281) 518-0187
E-mail: compaqplus.info@compaq.com
Web site: www.compaq.com

20555 State Highway 249, Houston, TX 77070

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TEAM**

PRIDE stands for People Recognizing Individual Differences Equally and is the bank's networking group for GLBT and supportive employees. PRIDE supports the inclusion of all Chase bankers — regardless of sexual orientation and gender identification — as valued employees of the bank and encourages an environment of equality that celebrates everyone's individuality and diversity.

(713) 655-5433; (713) 216-7447 (fax)
PO Box 2558, MS LL-1301F-20,
Houston, TX 77252

PRISM

Shell Oil Products sponsors this employee group for GLBT people and allies.

(281) 874-7909
E-mail: cdbinson@equiva.com
12700 Northborough, Ste. 300H1,
Houston, TX 77084

SEA SHELL

SEA Shell (Support, Equality and Awareness at Shell) is Shell Oil Company's Gay and Lesbian company network. Its mission is to provide support for members and coworkers, promote equality for employees regardless of sexual orientation and create awareness in Shell management of issues and concerns affecting people in the diverse workplace.

(713) 245-7242; (713) 245-7981 (fax)
E-mail: sjlopez@sheccins.com
3737 Bellaire, Ste. 4020, Houston, TX 77025

Health/HIV

AMERICAN RED CROSS (HOUSTON CHAPTER)

The HIV/AIDS Education and Services Department of the Greater Houston Area Chapter of the American Red Cross provides services and education to a large population of 18 Texas counties. Our HIV/AIDS education programs consist of instructor-level certification courses available to the public. Under our culturally specific programs, we address the HIV/AIDS education needs of the African-American and Hispanic communities. Our youth and HIV/AIDS Peer Education programs are being successfully utilized in area school districts. The HIV/AIDS Workplace Program addresses the education needs of employers and employees. Our Regional Network makes HIV/AIDS education available to the states of Texas and Arkansas. Our Welcome Home trip has made it possible for dozens of people who are in the final stages of AIDS to travel "home" to be with supportive family.

(713) 526-8300; (713) 313-1702 (fax)
Web site: www.houstonredcross.org
2700 Southwest Fwy., Houston, TX 77098

ASSISTHERS CARE TEAM PROGRAM

AssistHers helps Lesbian women with chronic or disabling illness live as normally as possible. Volunteers are needed to work as part of a care team. Each volunteer visits the client once or twice a month and helps with grocery shopping, housekeeping assistance, hospital visitation, child care, pet care and more. Volunteers make friends with the client and other care-team volunteers.

(713) 521-4628
E-mail: assisthers@hotmail.com
Web site: www.assisthers.org
P.O. Box 541095, Houston, TX 77254



BERING OMEGA COMMUNITY SERVICES

Bering Omega provides a range of care to people with HIV/AIDS. Services include residential hospice care, adult day care, financial assistance and dental care.

(713) 529-6071 ext 101; (713) 524-9354 (fax)
Web site: www.beringomega.org
P.O. Box 540517, Houston, TX 77254

BERING SUPPORT NETWORK

Services provided include weekly support groups for grief, divorce, survivors of sexual abuse, survivors of domestic abuse, people with HIV and caregivers, individual and group counseling, and assistance to people with HIV/AIDS, as well as their family members, friends and caregivers regardless of beliefs or religious affiliations.

(713) 526-1017, (713) 830-3023 (fax)
1440 Harold, Houston, TX 77006

DONALD R. WATKINS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Founded by the clinic's medical director, Joseph C. Gathe Jr., M.D., FACP, DRWMF provides medical treatment and social services to Houston-area people with little income who are affected by HIV/AIDS. The clinic is fully staffed by professional personnel, with a case-management team. DRWMF also provides free HIV/STD testing and coordinates a community-building project for African-American Gay men. The clinic is open Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm, and Saturday, 9am-1pm, and is located at 4900 Fannin. (713) 528-1748, (713) 528-7285 (fax)
E-mail: drwmf@josephgathe.com
Web site: www.josephgathe.com
4900 Fannin, Houston, TX, 77004

GENERATION SEX

The gay men's health initiative at AIDS Foundation Houston, Generation Sex →



aims to reduce the incidence of HIV transmission through community building, with an emphasis on self-esteem and positive sexual values. (713) 524-AIDS; (713) 623-4029 (fax) *E-mail: garciad@afbouston.org* *Web site: www.generationsex.org* 3202 Westlawn, Houston, TX 77027

HOLLYFIELD FOUNDATION

The Foundation fosters and protects individual rights and freedoms by providing direct and indirect funding to qualifying organizations that work to prevent discrimination, educate about and secure equal rights for gay and lesbian people, and assist in HIV/AIDS education, care and treatment. The Foundation is at 2700 Albany. (713) 523-6900; (713) 520-6300 (fax) *E-mail: hollyfield@hollyfield.org* *Web site: www.hollyfield.org* P.O. Box 66722, Houston, TX 77266

HOUSTON REGIONAL HIV/AIDS RESOURCE GROUP

The largest HIV/AIDS agency in Texas administers state and federal HIV/AIDS grants to fund social and medical providers who provide direct

client services to people infected or affected by HIV in 51 counties of East and Southeast Texas. (713) 526-1016; (713) 526-2369 (fax) *E-mail: mspringer@hivresourcegroup.org* *Web site: www.hivresourcegroup.org* 500 Lovett, Ste. 100, Houston, TX 77006

INTERFAITH CARE PARTNERS

Care teams provide nonjudgmental care and supportive services to people with HIV/AIDS and their families, friends and health-care providers. The care teams are congregation-based teams of volunteers trained by staff to meet many of the spiritual, social, physical and emotional needs of people touched by HIV/AIDS. Care-team volunteers view themselves as friends and extended family members who can be counted on to help people in their homes. All services are provided free. (713) 682-5995; (713) 682-0639 (fax) *E-mail: info@interfaithcarepartners.org* *Web site: www.interfaithcarepartners.org* 701 N. Post Oak, Ste. 330, Houston, TX 77024

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

JFS is a United Way agency in southwest Houston that offers

counseling, information, referrals, psychiatric evaluation and treatment, and educational workshops. The professional staff is sensitive to Gay and Lesbian issues as well as to HIV/AIDS concerns. Services are available to individuals, couples, families and caregivers. Fees are based on clients' ability to pay. JFS is located at 4131 S. Braeswood. (713) 667-9336; (713) 667-3619 (fax) *E-mail: jfs@jfsboston.org* *Web site: www.jfsboston.org* P.O. Box 20548, Houston, TX 77225

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF GREATER HOUSTON

MHA is a nonprofit United Way agency dedicated to the promotion of mental health and the improvement of treatment of persons with mental illness. This is done through a volunteer-staff partnership. MHA offers information and referral services on all mental-health topics for interested persons in the Harris County area, as well as providing community education, advocacy services and a self-help resource center for information on support groups. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30am-5pm. (713) 523-8963; (713) 522-0698 (fax) *Web site: www.mbagh.org* 2211 Norfolk, Ste. 810, Houston, TX 77098

MONTROSE CLINIC/BODY POSITIVE WELLNESS CENTER

Houston's largest anonymous HIV testing site is committed to providing preventative and primary health care to underserved communities. Clinic services include HIV, STD and HEPC screening; counseling and education; HIV primary care; the Body Positive Wellness Center; STD treatment; research services; outreach; medical case management; and women's health care. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 9am-8pm; and Friday, 9am-6pm. The Clinic is located at 215 Westheimer.

(713) 830-3000, (713) 830-3023 (fax)
 E-mail: admin@montroseclinik.org
 Web site: www.montroseclinik.org
 215 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77006

MONTROSE COUNSELING CENTER

Anti-Violence Program services provided by MCC include 24-hour crisis services through the Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston; individual and group counseling for domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse and bias/hate crimes; accompaniment to medical, law enforcement and court procedures; advocacy; and short-term shelter for domestic violence. Prevention and education presentations on the above topics are available to community groups.

(713) 529-0037; TTD 526-6285 (TTD),
 (713) 526-4367 (fax)
 E-mail: mcc@neosoft.com
 Web site: www.montrosecounselingcenter.org
 701 Richmond, Houston, TX 77006

PEOPLE WITH AIDS COALITION HOUSTON

PWACH empowers people living with HIV to achieve independence and self-reliance through advocacy, education and responsive services. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm. PWACH is located at 3400 Montrose, Ste. 207.
 (713) 522-5428; (713) 522-2674 (fax)
 E-mail: info@pwach.org
 Web site: www.pwach.org
 3400 Montrose, Ste. 207, Houston, TX 77006

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Comprehensive and confidential reproductive health-care services include HIV counseling and testing, screening and treatment for STDs, emergency contraception, breast exams, mammograms, pap smears, birth control, abortions, vasectomies and tubal ligation. Planned Parenthood also offers counseling in Gay and Lesbian

relationships, adolescent sexuality, sexual abuse and harassment, parent-teen relationships, healthy sexuality and sexual function. All services are confidential. Planned Parenthood is located at 3601 Fannin.

(800) 230-PLAN; (713) 522-9047 (fax)
 E-mail: ppbset@ppbhoustan.org
 Web site: www.ppbhoustan.org
 3601 Fannin, Houston, TX 77004

RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS

RDD is committed to helping the community in its battle against AIDS and HIV infection in all persons regardless of age, sex, race, personal belief or sexual orientation. Money raised at the annual Razzle Dazzle Dallas event in June is used to afford a better life for those who are already affected by this disease and to educate and inform the general public in an effort to end its spread. Meetings are held the second Wednesday each month at the Center for Community Cooperative, 2900 Live Oak, in Dallas. (214) 520-7336
 Web site: www.razzledazzledallas.org
 2429 Reagan, Ste. 211, Dallas, TX 75219

RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL

The RWPC works to improve the quality of life and advocates for those affected by HIV/AIDS by taking a leadership role in the planning and assessment of HIV resources. The RWPC also produces and publishes the Blue Book, an HIV resource guide for Houston and the surrounding area.
 (713) 572-3724; (713) 572-3740 (fax)
 E-mail: feedback_rwpc@co.harris.tx.us
 Web site: www.rwpc.org
 2223 West Loop South, Ste. 240,
 Houston, TX 77027

SOUTHEAST TEXAS LEGAL CLINIC

The STLC provides legal services to those individuals living with HIV/AIDS

for free or at a reduced cost, depending on eligibility requirements. The STLC is located at 3400 Montrose, Ste. 233.

(713) 523-7852
 E-mail: stlc@neosoft.com
 Web site: 3400 Montrose, Ste. 233,
 Houston, TX 77006

STEVEN'S HOUSE

In this HIV/AIDS transitional living center, the residents' physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs are addressed while their dignity is preserved. Steven's House accepts both men and women. Services are free.

(713) 522-5757; 713-522-1910 (fax)
 E-mail: stevbous@swbell.net
 P.O. Box 131303, Houston, TX 77219

Media

AFTER HOURS

A late-night radio variety show, After Hours provides a permanent voice for the GLBT communities with its varied co-hosts. Features include a News and Views segment and music by GLBT artists throughout the show. After Hours airs Saturdays, midnight-3am, on KPFT 90.1 FM.

(713) 526-5738; (713) 526-5750 (fax)
 E-mail: afterhourskpft@hotmail.com
 419 Lovett, Houston, TX 77006

BAYOU BOOK

Published annually, the Bayou Book joins the Lone Star Directory (Austin) and Lambda Pages (Dallas) as Angle Media's newest business directory for Texas' GLBT community. Available at fine businesses throughout the Houston metro area, the Bayou Book also contains a comprehensive listing of Houston's health, educational and social organizations.

(713) 521-5822; (713) 521-5830 (fax)
 E-mail: info@bayoubook.com
 Web site: www.bayoubook.com
 315 W. Alabama, Ste. 101,
 Houston, TX 77006 →

GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION

GLAAD is a national organization dedicated to promoting fair, accurate and inclusive representation of individuals and events in all media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

(404) 614-3700; (404) 614-3701 (fax)
E-mail: glaad@glaad.org
Web site: www.glaad.org
159 Ralph McGill Blvd. NE, Ste. 506,
Atlanta, GA 30308

HOUSTON ACTIVIST NETWORK

HAN-Net is an e-mail network linking together Houston's GLBT and HIV community. Members post messages to a central server, and the messages go immediately and directly to all other members.

(713) 932-6947
E-mail: brandon_wolf@email.msn.com
Web site: www.gay-houston.com/han
8245 Kingsbrook, Apt. 237,
Houston, TX 77024

HOUSTON VOICE

A free weekly publication, the *Houston Voice* covers Houston-area and national news of importance to Gay and Lesbian people, with news, views and interviews with celebrities, politicians and entertainers. The *Houston Voice* is Houston's leading weekly GLBT newspaper. It covers local, regional, national and international events, with an emphasis on the Houston area and Texas news. The publication regularly features articles on health, nutrition, the arts, entertainment and community events, as well as human-interest stories. It is distributed at more than 325 locations in Houston every Friday. The office's hours are Monday through Friday, 9am-5:30pm.

(713) 529-8490; (713) 529-9531 (fax)
E-mail: editor@houstonvoice.com
Web site: www.houstonvoice.com
500 Lovett, Ste. 200, Houston, TX 77006

'OUTSMART' MAGAZINE

Houston's GLBT monthly magazine is distributed free to more than 300 locations in Houston, Galveston and Beaumont and across the U.S. by subscription. *OutSmart* features articles about the arts, entertainment and local and national news. *OutSmart* was named "Nation's Best Local Gay and Lesbian Monthly Magazine" by the Vice Versa Press Awards two years in a row. In 2001 *OutSmart* received three Houston Press Club Awards for excellence in journalism.

(713) 520-7237; (713) 522-3275 (fax)
E-mail: letters@outsmartmagazine.com
Web site: www.outsmartmagazine.com
3406 Audubon, Houston, TX 77006

QUEER VOICES

QV offers news, interviews with local and national figures, and features such as arts reviews, commentary and spotlight interviews with representatives of local community organizations. Queer Voices airs Mondays, 8pm-10pm, on KPFT 90.1 FM, a community-based, public-radio station dedicated to peace through cultural diversity. GLBT issues and music are a regular part of the station's programming service. A program guide is available for \$35 annually.

(713) 526-4000; (413) 502-5785 (fax)
E-mail: jack@queervoices.org
Web site: www.queervoices.org
419 Lovett, Houston, TX 77006

'TEXAS TRIANGLE'

The award-winning weekly newsmagazine for Texas' GLBT community is distributed throughout the state every Friday. The *Triangle* is free and features in-depth articles about issues, events and people important to Houston's community. The *Texas Triangle* is proud to be Pride Committee of Houston's Official Media Sponsor, publishing the Pride Events Guide, which has been distributed throughout Texas each summer since 1999.

(713) 521-5822; (713) 521-5830 (fax)

E-mail: txtriangle@aol.com
Web site: www.txtriangle.com
315 W. Alabama, Ste. 101,
Houston, TX 77006

Political**ACLU OF TEXAS**

The American Civil Liberties Union is our nation's guardian of liberty, working daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in the United States by the Constitution. Dues are \$35 annually.

(713) 942-8146; (713) 942-8146 (fax)
E-mail: action@aclu-houston.org
Web site: www.aclu-houston.org
PO. Box 132047, Houston, TX 77219

HARRIS COUNTY LIBERTARIAN PARTY

This political party seeks to remove government from our private lives. The group meets the first Thursday of every month at 8pm.

(713) 271-1776 (phone/fax)
E-mail: liberty@neosoft.com
Web site: www.lptexas.org/harris
PO. Box 27932, Houston, TX 77227

HOUSTON POLITICAL ORGANIZING NETWORK

HoP-ON is a free, easy-to-use e-mail group service. Postings include press releases and action alerts from all national GLBT and allied organizations. Local GLBT organizing opportunities are posted as well. This is a not a discussion listserve, although there is a separate chat option available.

(713) 861-8238; (713) 861-8208 (fax)

E-mail: bop-on-owner@yahoogroups.com

Web site: groups.yahoo.com/group/bop-on

2003 Kane, Houston, TX 77007

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS HOUSTON

Log Cabin Republicans is a national organization devoted to advancing the GLBT community within the Republican Party. Log Cabin's Houston chapter has been active in supporting candidates, electing precinct chairs and participating in the local party. Dues are \$70 annually. The group meets the fourth Monday each month with a social at 6:30pm and a meeting at 7pm at The River Cafe, 3615 Montrose.

(713) 222-0880; (713) 222-7020 (fax)

E-mail: alex.wathen@juno.com

Web site: houston.logcabin.org

PO Box 131104, Houston, TX 77219

NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE

The nation's oldest national GLBT civil rights organization operates the nation's premier GLBT think tank, the NGLTF Policy Institute; provides extensive technical and strategic support to local and statewide organizations on many issues; and lobbies the federal government. NGLTF also produces Creating Change, the largest GLBT conference in the world, each year in mid-November. Membership fees are \$35.

(202) 332-6483; (202) 332-0207 (fax)

E-mail: ngltf@ngltf.org

Web site: www.ngltf.org

1700 Kalorama Rd. NW,

Washington, DC 20009

Professional Services

STONEWALL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER HOUSTON

SLAGH is an organization of attorneys, students and others interested in legal issues and the legal community, especially as affects the Houston-area GLBT community. SLAGH is devoted to providing networking opportunities for everyone, educational opportunities



(including community "infomixers"), monthly CLE lunches, legal conferences/seminars and opportunities for community participation. The association works with local organizations for the betterment of the entire community. Dues are \$40 for attorneys, \$10 for non-attorneys and students and \$20 for first-year attorneys. SLAGH meets the first Friday each month at 6pm.

(713) 650-0570; (713) 222-7002 (fax)

E-mail: nechlaw@bigfoot.com

Web site: www.stonewall-lawyers.org

PO Box 66502, Houston, TX 77266

UNITED CAB

This cab company provides local transportation services to the gay and lesbian community.

(713) 699-0000; (713) 695-0405 (fax)

E-mail: ellis@unitedcab.com

Web site: www.unitedcab.com

1406 Hays, Houston, TX 77009

Religious/Spiritual

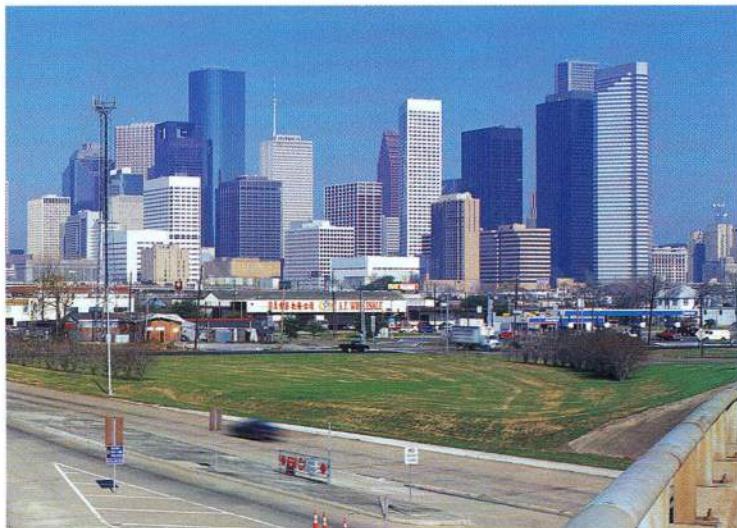
COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH

Celebrating its 20th year in ministry to the GLBT community, Community Gospel is an exciting fellowship of believers. The congregation comprises persons from various ethnicities, religious upbringings, sexual orientations and economic backgrounds. The one thing that binds the congregation together is love for each other and for the Lord. If you are looking for a church where you can worship the Lord Jesus in spirit and in truth, hear the Word of God preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and experience the love of Jesus Christ, come and join one of Community Gospel's services. Services are Sundays at 11am and 7pm and Thursdays at 7:30pm, at 4305 Lillian. (713) 880-9235; (713) 880-2245 (fax)

E-mail: cgospel@communitygospel.org

Web site: www.communitygospel.org

4305 Lillian, Houston, TX 77007 →


COVENANT CHURCH LIBERAL ECUMENICAL BAPTIST

Covenant Church affirms the sanctity, dignity and equality of human beings and the value of life in the universe. The church welcomes persons of all racial and ethnic heritages, sexual orientations and faith perspectives to its Christian community. Covenant stands for each individual's right to worship God and to respond to God's call to ministry in her or his own understanding of God's all-encompassing love. Covenant is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches/USA and the Alliance of Baptists. Worship services are Sundays at 9:30am at 4949 Caroline. Education is at 11am.

(713) 668-8830; (713) 668-8839 (fax)
 E-mail: cov@neosoft.com
 Web site: www.covenanthouston.org
 4949 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004

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FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF HOUSTON

First Unitarian welcomes and affirms GLBT people, includes sexual minorities as ministers and leaders and offers various social and support activities. Services are Sundays at 9:30am and 11:30am, at 5200 Fannin. (713) 526-5200; (713) 526-3037 (fax)
 E-mail: church@firstuu.org
 Web site: www.firstuu.org
 5200 Fannin, Houston, TX 77004

JEWISH CONGREGATION MISHPACHAT ALIZIM

A gay and lesbian Jewish congregation open to individuals, couples, friends and families, Mishpachat Alizim provides religious services, Jewish study, social events and community information and activities. All activities are open

to members and guests. Dues are \$35 for individuals and \$50 for couples. Shabbat services are held the second Friday each month at 8pm at Baby Barnaby's, 602 Fairview (713) 595-2101 ext2473, (713) 748-7079 (fax)
 E-mail: mishpachat@onebox.com
 P.O. Box 980136, Houston, TX 77098

KOLBE PROJECT

Founded in 1989, Kolbe Project offers unconditional love and acceptance in the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi to GLBT men and women of all religious faiths or none. A variety of social, educational and spiritual programs are provided, including a ministry to persons with HIV/AIDS and their families and other caregivers. Meetings are held Mondays at 7:30pm and Fridays at 10a. at 1030 Heights. (713) 861-1800, (713) 861-7212 (fax)
 E-mail: info@kolbeproject.org
 Web site: www.kolbeproject.org
 1030 Heights, Houston, TX 77008

LUTHERANS CONCERNED

As an organization of GLBT and nongay Christians who stand as a community of faith and model the gospel within the church and within the GLBT community, Lutherans Concerned seeks to employ the Gospel's principles of inclusiveness and justice, celebrating God's gifts of sexuality and diversity. Dues are \$50. Meetings are held at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh. (281) 463-7891; (713) 528-3601 (fax)
 E-mail: vschill@hcpl.net
 16307 Royal Mile, Houston, TX 77084

MARANATHA FELLOWSHIP MCC

MFMCC is evangelical and charismatic in its style of worship, which includes a praise band. Maranatha has a primary outreach to GLBT people and all are welcome. MFMCC is a cell-group church with an emphasis on small

groups that meet weekly in the homes of its members or at the church. MFMCC believes that the Holy Spirit has given every believer spiritual gifts that are to be exercised in day-to-day living and in the life of the church. Services are held Sundays at 10am, at 3333 Fannin, Ste. 106. (713) 528-6756; 713-528-6447 (fax) E-mail: maranatha@cv1.net Web site: www.maranathamcc.com P.O. Box 667032, Houston, TX 77266

Social/Educational

AN UNCOMMON LEGACY FOUNDATION

Uncommon Legacy promotes the visibility, strength and vitality of the lesbian community by awarding scholarships to Lesbian students and grants to projects and organizations that address Lesbian issues. Meetings of the Houston chapter are held the third Wednesday each month at 7pm at the Gallery, 1400 Hermann. (202) 265-7926 E-mail: abluwosen@uncommonlegacy.org Web site: www.uncommonlegacy.org P.O. Box 33727, Washington, DC 20033

BINET HOUSTON

A social support group for Bisexuals and Bi-friendly people, BiNet provides a friendly, supportive environment for people who are questioning their sexuality, people who know their orientation or people who want to know more. BiNet also runs a Bi-Line and co-hosts After Hours the first Saturday each month. The group meets Wednesdays, 7:30pm-9pm, at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. (713) 467-4380 E-mail: BiHouse@flash.net Web site: www.flash.net/~bibouse P.O. Box 667041, Houston, TX 77266

CHARLA HOUSTON SPANISH GROUP

Para practicar y disfrutar nuestro Espanol. If you want to improve your Spanish through informal conversation rather than lessons, join this group. All levels are welcome. The group meets the first and third Thursday each month. (713) 416-7203 E-mail: charlabouston@msn.com

CLASSIC CHASSIS CAR CLUB, HOUSTON

Classic Chassis is a Gay and Lesbian group whose members own or have an interest in vintage and classic cars, models, literature or other automobilia. The club's purpose is to encourage appreciation, restoration and acquisition of these automobiles in a fun, social environment. Members share information, help with care projects and maintenance and, above all, have fun enjoying their cars. The club hosts monthly events including parties at members' homes, outings at local clubs and restaurants, informational workshops and cruises through Houston and surrounding areas. The Houston club was founded in 1989. Sister groups are located in Austin, Dallas and San Antonio. Dues are \$25 for individuals and \$35 for couples. The club meets the first Wednesday each month at 7pm at World Cafe, 1340 W. Gray. (713) 797-8615 E-mail: hou@classicchassiscarclub.org Web site: www.classicchassiscarclub.org P.O. Box 920888, Houston, TX 77292

COMMUNITY AWARENESS FOR TRANSGENDER SUPPORT

CATS is an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit, peer-led resource and information group that endeavors, through grass-roots education, activism and advocacy, to advance the quality of life for all those whose physical makeup or emotional-, sexual- or self-expression is in conflict

with current cultural gender stereotypes. CATS offers transitional living accommodations for gender-variant individuals who would otherwise be homeless, as well as emotional support; medical, therapy, legal, schooling, electrolysis, surgical and medication assistance; peer support; a 24-hour help line; a clothes bank; and support-group meetings for our clients. Members are available to speak to educators, employers and service providers, as well as to any public agency.

(281) 585-8089; (281) 585-8089 (fax) E-mail: tghelp@tghelp.org Web site: www.tghelp.org P.O. Box 62, Galveston, TX 77553

DIFFA/HOUSTON

The Houston chapter of the Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS is the largest source of private dollars for AIDS care in the greater Houston area. Since its inception in 1987, DIFFA/Houston has granted over \$2.7 million to local organizations for HIV/AIDS care, research, treatment and preventive education. Volunteers create special events and help allocate funds raised.

(713) 528-0505; (713) 528-4336 E-mail: diffahouston@prodigy.net Web site: www.diffa.org P.O. Box 131605, Houston, TX 77219

GAL PALS

A division of the Houston Women's Festival, this group is producing social events for the women's community, such as Speed Dating for Lesbians, a fun, fast and effective way to meet new people.

(713) 861-3316 E-mail: bwfestival@earthlink.net Web site: www.bwfestival.org/events.htm P.O. Box 70102, Houston, TX 77270

GAY AND LESBIAN SWITCHBOARD HOUSTON

GLSH provides information, nonjudgmental support, crisis ↗

intervention and referral services. The Switchboard can also put hate-crime, sexual-assault or domestic-partner violence survivors in touch with an advocate or an emergency shelter. The Switchboard is a service of the Montrose Counseling Center.
(713) 529-3211; (713) 526-4367 (fax)
E-mail: voluntr@neosoft.com
Web site: www.gayswitchboardboston.org
701 Richmond, Houston, TX 77006

GAY FATHERS OF HOUSTON/FATHERS FIRST

Weekly support meetings are held for Gay fathers and their partners, featuring informal discussions about coming out, legal issues and other topics related to Gay parenting. The group meets Mondays at 8pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 2125 Waugh.
(713) 726-8736
E-mail: gaydadshouston@yahoo.com
Web site: www.geocities.com/gaydadshouston
5110 Kinglet, Houston, TX 77035

GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF HOUSTON

Established in 1979 as the Montrose Singers, GMCH is a 60-member men's choral ensemble. The chorus sings to achieve excellence in men's choral music, provide a nurturing environment for its members, and offer a source of pride, unity and support to our diverse communities. Dues are \$10 monthly. Rehearsals are held Mondays at 7pm at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold.
(713) 521-7464
E-mail: info@gmch.org
Web site: www.gmch.org
P.O. Box 541004, Houston, TX 77254

GLBVA HOUSTON

Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America informs neighbors that its members are Gay and Lesbian veterans who served our country honorably and well. GLBVA members speak out for

their brothers and sisters in uniform who cannot speak out. GLBVA comprises active, reserve, retired and veteran members of the United States Air Force, Army and Army Air Corps, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Merchant Marine, National Guard or any Reserve components thereof, or the various State Militia. Ask for a copy of the *Forward Observer*, the organization's quarterly national newsletter. Dues are \$25 annually. Meetings are held the first Monday each month at 7pm at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne.
(713) 498-9059
E-mail: houston@glbva@earthlink.net
Web site: www.glbva.org
P.O. Box 667135, Houston, TX 77266

GREATER HOUSTON GAY AND LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber fosters and promotes the economic development and vitality of GLBT and supportive heterosexual businesses and organizations in the greater Houston area; facilitates the exchange of ideas, resources, information and networking opportunities; and hosts Empower, an annual community expo held at the George R. Brown Convention Center. The next Empower expo will be held September 21 and 22, 2002. Annual dues are \$125 for individuals, \$200 for businesses and \$1000 for corporations. Meetings are held the first Tuesday each month at 6pm at the Warwick Hotel, 5701 Main.
(713) 523-7576, (713) 669-0452 (fax)
E-mail: info@gbglcc.org
Web site: www.gbglcc.org
P.O. Box 66129, Houston, TX 77266

GULF COAST ARCHIVES MUSEUM

GCAM collects both personal and organizational items and memorabilia to put in an archive and museum setting that serves the GLBT community,

friends and family of the Gulf Coast area. The Museum includes exhibits for viewing, hands-on and educational material and an archival section for research. Dues are \$25. Meetings are held the first Thursday each month at 7pm at the GCAM Museum, 1609 W. Main, Apt. 4.

(713) 227-5973
E-mail: info@gcam.org
Web site: www.gcam.org
P.O. Box 130192, Houston, TX 77219

HOUSTON AREA BEARS

HAB promotes camaraderie, brotherhood and social familiarity of and for the Bear community. Membership is open to any individual 21 years and older who exhibits the qualities of or is a professed Bear lover (ursaphile). Full membership is \$24 annually; associated membership is \$12 annually. Meetings are held the second Wednesday each month at 7:30pm at Biba's One's A Meal, 607 W. Gray.
(713) 867-9123
E-mail: info@houstonareabears.com
Web site: www.houstonareabears.com
P.O. Box 66443, Houston, TX 77266

HOUSTON AREA WOMEN'S CENTER

HAWC provides shelter, counseling and support services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Two 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week hotlines provide crisis counseling. The Rape Crisis program provides individual and group counseling and accompaniment to area hospitals and courtrooms for both female and male sexual-assault survivors. The Family Violence Program provides individual and group counseling, an emergency shelter, advocacy and accompaniment to area hospitals for both female and male domestic-violence survivors. The Center provides services to Heterosexual, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual survivors of violence. Services

are provided only to survivors; no batterers or offenders are served.
(713) 528-2121, (713) 535-6363 (fax)
Web site: www.hawc.org
1010 Waugh, Houston, TX 77019

HOUSTON GAY AND LESBIAN PARENTS

HGLP is a social and support group for GLBT parents, their partners and kids and those considering parenthood. HGLP hosts a monthly support group, plans at least one family activity each month and publishes a monthly newsletter. Dues are \$35 annually, or whatever you can afford. Meetings are held the second Tuesday each month, 7pm-9pm, at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold.

(713) 284-4939

E-mail: hglpinc@yahoo.com

Web site: www.hglp.org

9955 S. Post Oak, PMB#263,
Houston, TX 77096

HOUSTON LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

The center serves as the central resource for the GLBT community. The center provides community information and publications and a schedule of social and educational programming. Regular programs include community forums, dinner at the center, Hawthorne Men's Club, lesbian film night, women's game night and the Positive Art Workshop art classes for people with HIV/AIDS. Eight organizations maintain offices at the center. In addition, the center rents space for private functions like birthday parties and commitment ceremonies. Center memberships start at \$30. The center is open Monday-Friday from 6pm-9pm, Saturdays from noon-4pm, and Sundays from 2pm-5pm. It is located at 803 Hawthorne on the corner of Stanford. Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 8pm. (713) 524-3818; (713) 524-2022 (fax)

E-mail: blgcc@hotmail.com



Web site: www.hglcc.org
P.O. Box 2304, Houston, TX 77252

HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY

The Humane Society is a nonprofit animal-welfare organization dedicated to eliminating the cruelty, abuse and overpopulation of animals.

(713) 433-6421; (713) 433-4325 (fax)

E-mail: mail@boustonhumane.org

Web site: www.boustonhumane.org

P.O. Box 450528, Houston, TX 77245

HOUSTON OUTDOOR GROUP

HOG is a social group for Gay and Lesbian and Gay-friendly people who enjoy the outdoors. Activities are organized by HOG members individually or by ad hoc groups, and are reported in the newsletter. Events may be typical sports activities (camping, hiking, etc.), but can also include any social activity, whether indoors or out. Call for a free trial newsletter. Regular delivery of the monthly newsletter is available for \$20 annually.

713-KAMPOUT (526-7688)

Web site: www.absentmind.net/hog

P.O. Box 980893, Houston, TX 77098

HOUSTON PINKPISTOLS

PinkPistols is a GLBT-friendly group promoting armed self-defense through safe and accurate handgun use. Houston PinkPistols is one of 22 chapters nationwide. One of the two monthly meetings is at a local gun range. Houston PinkPistols encourages concealed-handgun licensing to qualified members.

(713) 779-8441

E-mail: houston@pinkpistols.org

Web site: www.pinkpistols.org

7826 Marinette, Houston, TX 77074

HOUSTON PRIDE BAND

Get your instruments out of the closet. The award-winning Houston Pride Band provides musical entertainment for the Lesbian and Gay community. The band seeks musicians of all skill levels and instrumentation. Rehearsals are held Wednesdays, 7pm-9pm, at Dignity Center, 1307 Yale.

(713) 524-0218, (713) 522-9604 (fax)

E-mail: houstonprideband@yahoogroups.com

P.O. Box 300788, Houston, TX 77230



HOUSTON TRANSGENDER UNITY COMMUNITY

The Unity Committee is a collaborative effort of all Houston area Transgender organizations to maintain and promote unity. The committee sponsors a Transgender float for the Pride Parade, representation at the Empower conference and the annual Unity banquet. Meetings are held the third Monday each month at 7pm at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold.

(281) 424-6080; (281) 424-6092 (fax)
E-mail: triest@prodigy.net

HOUSTON WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

The annual festival is a celebration of music, art, culture and community that draws people from throughout Texas and beyond. The eighth annual event will be held Saturday, September 28, 2002.

(713) 861-3316
E-mail: info@h wfestival.org
Web site: www.h wfestival.org
P.O. Box 70102, Houston, TX 77270

JOHN STEVEN KELLETT FOUNDATION

The foundation is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) Texas corporation that annually funds, through other nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations serving greater Houston, a small number of worthy causes related to education and gaining equal rights for, and elimination of discrimination against, GLBT persons in issues of minority sexual orientation or gender identity. Grant applications may be made only by invitation of the Foundation Board, based on their knowledge of activities and purposes of community organizations.

E-mail: kelllett@aol.com
P.O. Box 66574, Houston, TX 77266

KREWE OF OLYMPUS-TEXAS

Founded in New Orleans in 1970 and continuing the Mardi Gras traditions in Houston, the Krewe of Olympus is one of the largest predominantly Gay and Lesbian Krewes in the United States.

The Krewe celebrates Mardi Gras each year by producing an invitation-only black-tie Mardi Gras Gala in a tableau format. Additionally, the Krewe raises money for designated charitable organizations in the Houston community. Dues are \$140 annually.

(713) 864-3774
E-mail: krewe@mardigrastexas.com
Web site: www.mardigrastexas.com
P.O. Box 920794, Houston, TX 77292

LESBIANS OVER AGE 50

LOAFERS is a social-networking and support group for Lesbians fifty years of age and over. Dues are \$24 annually. Meetings are held the third Sunday each month, 2pm-4pm.

(713) 869-1482; (713) 802-2989 (fax)
E-mail: chardenea@worldnet.att.net
P.O. Box 980601, Houston, TX 77098

MISS CAMP AMERICA FOUNDATION

Miss Camp America raises money for AIDS-related charities, primarily through a spoof of a beauty pageant held the same night as the Miss America pageant. Dues are \$175. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7pm.

(713) 267-STAR
E-mail: secretary@mcaf.org
Web site: www.mcaf.org
P.O. Box 742, Bellaire, TX 77402

PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS & GAYS

P-FLAG's mission includes community education, advocacy and support. The group supports sexual minorities and their parents, families and friends. Dues are \$30 for individuals and \$50 for couples and families. Meetings are held the first Sunday (second Sunday in case of holiday) each month, 2pm-4:30pm, at Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas.

(713) 467-3524
E-mail: pflagwww@insync.net
Web site: www.pflaghouston.org
P.O. Box 66834, Houston, TX 77266

PRIDE COMMITTEE OF HOUSTON

PCOH sponsors Houston's GLBT Pride by producing the annual Pride Parade and other events; maintaining the Banner District on lower Westheimer, the community's best mailing list, this resource guide and a Web site; and publishing Pride-related information throughout the year. Meetings are held the third Tuesday each month at 7pm at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1425 W. Gray (713) 529-6979; (713) 529-6929 (fax) E-mail: info@pridehouston.org Web site: www.pridehouston.org P.O. Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266

Q-PATROL

Dedicated to the protection from and education about hate crimes based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity, Q-Patrol comprises concerned citizens who deter hate crimes by way of noninterventionist tactics such as vehicular and foot patrols in the Montrose and other areas. Patrols are done primarily on weekend nights but also at special events and as circumstances warrant. Q-Patrol is always looking for responsible and concerned volunteers. You do not need special skills, just a desire to do your part to bring about change. Friday and Saturday evening patrols start out from the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. (713) 528-7233 E-mail: qpatrolinc@aol.com P.O. Box 66362, Houston, TX 77266

ROYAL, SOVEREIGN, AND IMPERIAL COURT OF THE SINGLE STAR OF HOUSTON

The Imperial Court of Houston has been a part of the Houston Community for the past 18 years. The primary focus of the organization is raising funds for the PWA community. Over the past several years, their fundraising efforts

have expanded to include breast-cancer and hepatitis C research and treatment. Through shows and other activities, the Imperial Court has raised much needed funds for various community concerns including the Colt 45's, the Montrose Clinic, the Assistance Fund, AssistHers, the PWA Holiday Charities, Miss Camp America Foundation, Bering Omega Community Services and Body Positive. This past year, over \$40,000 was donated back to the community. Each year the community elects the Emperor and Empress who serve as co-presidents of the general membership and serve as representatives of our community at various functions throughout the United States and Canada. The Imperial Court is inclusive and open to all individuals. Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at 2pm. The location of meeting place is determined each month. Membership dues are \$5 per month. Contact persons for the Court are Emperor XVIII Sean Carter, (713) 524-3688, or Empress XI Crystal Rae Lee Love, (713) 529-3482. E-mail: EmperorXVIII@aol.com, Heir21@aol.com Web site: www.rsicss.org P.O. Box 980444, Houston, TX 77098

TEXAS GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION
TGRA produces an annual rodeo, promotes the Western lifestyle and participates in fundraising for communities across Texas. Dues are \$60 annually. Meetings are held at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos. (281) 635-2779 E-mail: dgptx@netzero.net Web site: www.tgra.org P.O. Box 130585, Houston, TX 77219

TEXAS HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION

THR's mission is to end discrimination based on a person's sexual orientation, gender identification

or HIV status. THR's mission is to accomplish its mission through operation of a statewide, toll-free legal-referral hotline; distribution at no cost of a booklet titled "AIDS and the Law: Know Your Rights"; and financial support for high-impact litigation. Hours of operation are 9am-5pm. THR is located at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. (713) 522-0636, (713) 647-0128 (fax) E-mail: donnakdavis@att.net Web site: www.thrf.org P.O. Box 667157, Houston, TX 77266

Sports/Fitness

FRONTRUNNERS HOUSTON

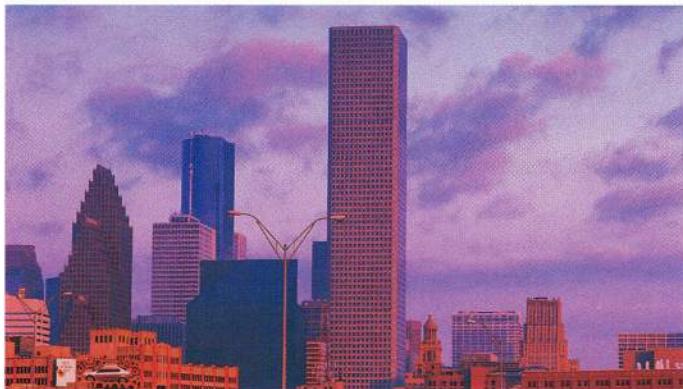
Organized in 1984 to promote beginning, recreational and competitive running, FrontRunners provides support to men and women interested in running as a means of maintaining fitness and developing friendships. All club runs are noncompetitive and informal. Each Thursday run is followed by swimming or hot tubbing, and then dinner at a local restaurant. Runs are held Sundays at 8am and Thursdays at 6:30pm at the Tennis Center at Memorial Park. (713) 522-8021 E-mail: larathon@neosoft.com Web site: home.swbell.net/larathon/boufr.htm 3327 West Lamar, Houston, TX 77019

HOUSTON MONTROSE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

HMAA sponsors the annual Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride 5k Fun Run/Walk and promotes long-distance running, track and field, and other related running activities for GLBT and straight runners, with an emphasis on inclusion, participation and doing one's best. (713) 661-8919

Web site: www.geocities.com/houstonpride5k/index.html

P.O. Box 667364, Houston, TX 77266 →



HOUSTON WEDNESDAY NITE MIXER

The Wednesday Nite Mixer is a mixed bowling league with a fall-winter session from September to April and a Summer session from May to August. Dues are \$14. League play is on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire.

(713) 861-1187

E-mail: wiccado@aol.com

Web site: www.texasinvite.com

P.O. Box 66856, Houston, TX 77266

I LOVE LUCI THURSDAY DUOS

Thursday Duos is a mixed bowling league alternating scratch and handicap with four 12-week sessions during the year. Dues are \$13. League play is on Thursdays at 9pm at Dynamic Lanes, 6121 Tarneff.

(713) 861-1187; (713) 228-7814 (fax)

E-mail: wiccado@aol.com

Web site: www.texasinvite.com

P.O. Box 540272, Houston, TX 77254

INNER LOOP ALTERNATIVE

Inner Loop is a mixed bowling league with a fall-winter session from September to April and a

Summer session from May to August. Dues are \$12. League play is on Sundays at 7pm at Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire.

(713) 861-1187, (713) 228-7814 (fax)

E-mail: wiccado@aol.com

Web site: www.leaguesecretary.com

4002 Caroline,
Houston, TX 77004

LONE STAR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

The LSVA is an all-inclusive volleyball league dedicated to promoting indoor volleyball. There are four different divisions of league play designed to ensure that everyone has fun, from Recreational to the ultracompetitive tournament teams of the Power division. First-time visitors are always welcomed to come play. There are three 12-week sessions: May–August, September–early December, and January–early May. LSVA is a member of the North American Gay Volleyball Association and teams participate in many NAGVA tournaments around the country. They also host an annual tournament here in Houston. All games are played indoors at the Jerabeck Center on the campus

of St. Thomas University, 4000 Mt. Vernon. Annual dues are \$25 and season league fees are \$25.

E-mail: info@lsva.org

Web site: www.lsva.org

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

This women-only bowling league has a fall-winter session from September to April and a Summer session from May to August. Dues are \$13. League play is on Mondays at 6:30pm at Dynamic Lanes, 6121 Tarneff.

(281) 437-6218; (713) 228-7814

E-mail: wiccado@aol.com

Web site: www.leaguesecretary.com
P.O. Box 66856, Houston, TX 77266

MONTROSE MONDAY MEN'S LEAGUE

This men-only bowling league has a fall-winter session from September to April and a Summer session from May to August. Dues are \$13. League play is on Mondays at 9pm at Palace Lanes, 4191 Bellaire.

(713) 522-9612; (713) 228-7814 (fax)

E-mail: wiccado@aol.com

Web site: www.leaguesecretary.com
P.O. Box 66856, Houston, TX 77266 ★

Is your organization not listed in the Community Resource Guide? Each year requests go out to Houston's GLBT organizations to renew, update or add their organization to the Guide. Sometimes these requests don't get through. But don't fret, the Guide is updated regularly throughout the year on our Web site, www.prideboston.org. Organizations can add or update their information there or contact us at info@prideboston.com or (713) 529-6979 for an application. Listing in the Guide is free, so get your organization listed and help bring the community together in your own unique way!