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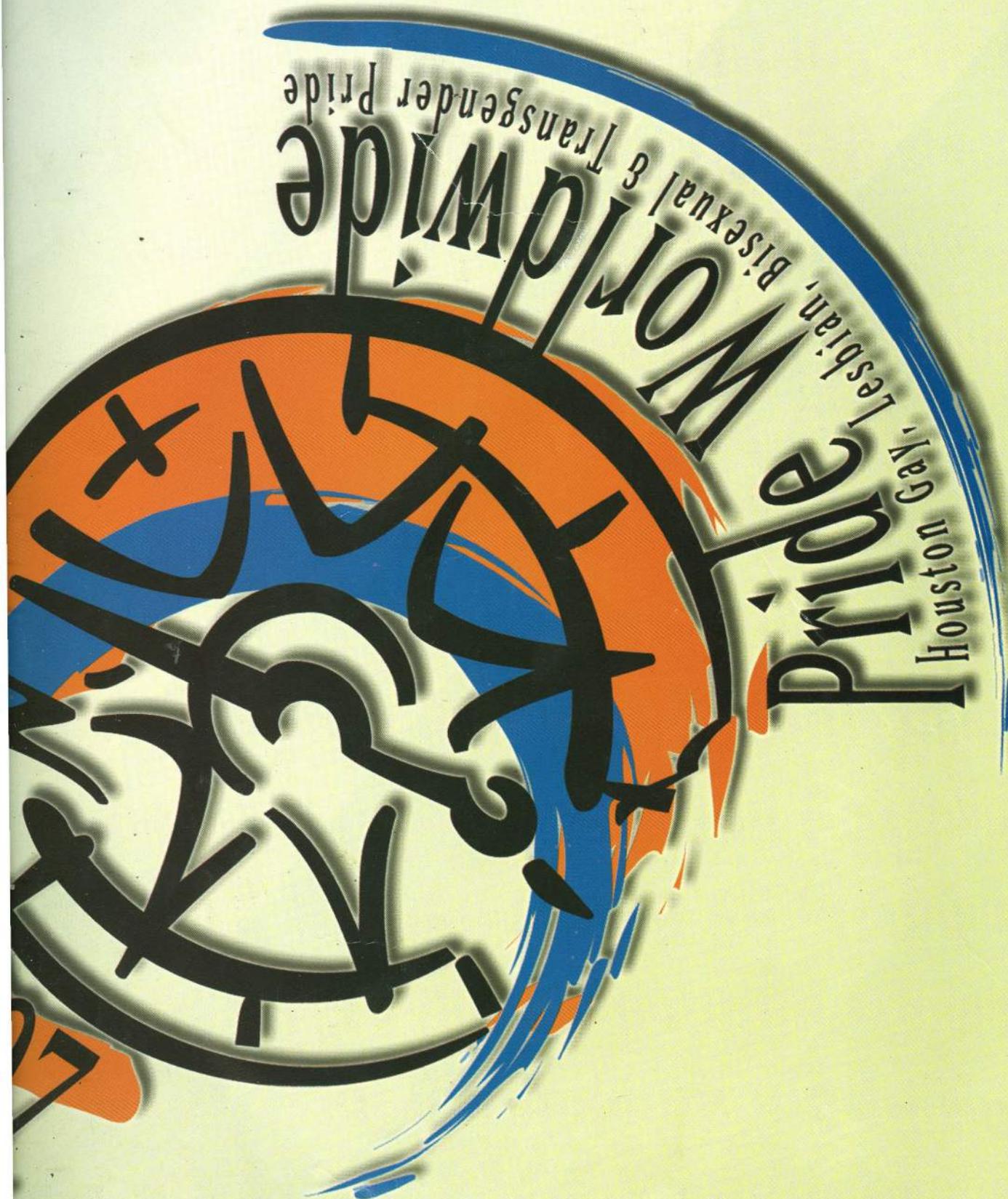
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DignityUSA, GLAAD Keep Watchful Eye on Bishop Conference

By Matt Lum



DignityUSA president Mary Louise Cervone and treasurer Joe Sinico at the Fairmont Hotel Wednesday.

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"The bishops conference represents an historic opportunity for the American public to see a more complete picture of our lives" GLAAD media director Cathy Renna said. "This is not, nor has it ever been, a matter of 'gays vs. religion.' We have always been part of the church, both in the pulpit and in the pews. Rather, it's about a small group of people who hide behind religion while they denigrate and stigmatize gays and lesbians."

President of DignityUSA, Mary Louise Cervone, had harsh words for the Bishops gathering Wednesday. "It is time for every bishop and cardinal, who knowingly harbored a child abuser, to resign," she said in a nationwide press release. "These very Bishops are the guardians of Catholic moral authority. Yet, for decades, they are the ones who have been morally bankrupt."

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the preservation of the gospel message of Jesus?" she asked.

GLAAD's Renna will post continual updates from Dallas to the organization's website to keep the GLBT community and media outlets informed on community-specific developments.

"I think the bishops are going to be in for a surprise when they walk into the press room at the Fairmont. They're going to be talking to reporters from across the country (and around the world) who've come to Dallas with the stories of abuse victims who live in their cities, sometimes in their own neighborhoods or in their own parishes," Renna said in her first posting. "There are going to be 750 reporters and outlets - and millions of watchful eyes across the nation - looking for church leaders to take accountability for the abuse and convince us that it won't happen again," she said. "The church will be courting disaster if it tries to scapegoat one vulnerable minority to cover up its role in the abuse of another."

GLAAD and DignityUSA said they were pleased overall with the mainstream media's coverage of the scapegoating attempts and noted that although right wing action groups are continually issuing press releases that report links between homosexuality and pedophilia, most outlets have refused to take the bait.

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"We are inviting Catholics, non-Catholics, both gay and straight, to come to share with us the gift of who we are as gay Catholics," Cervone said.

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In addition to attracting over 750 media outlets, the conference has garnered the attention of several GLBT watchdog and activists groups, poised on-site to ensure that the policies and statements emerging from the conference do not attempt to blame the crisis on homosexuals.

In recent months, a wide range of Catholic officials – including Cardinals Theodore McCarrick, Anthony Bevilacqua and Adam Maida; Bishop Wilton Gregory, Monsignor Eugene Clark; and Vatican spokesperson Joaquin Navarro-Valls – have attempted to scapegoat gay priests for the scandal, claiming that the problem is not one of child sexual abuse, but rather one of homosexuality and gay priests.

Spokespersons for the national Bishop's conference have since characterized such remarks as "unfortunate and not based in fact," but GLBT groups say some Catholic leaders in the United States have used such statements as permission to continue to raise the homophobic fear still present in today's society.

In response, DignityUSA, the nation's only GLBT Catholic organization, as well as the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), New Ways Ministries, and other progressive Catholic and allied organizations, have joined forces in Dallas to promote visibility of GLBT Catholic voices in media coverage.

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Cervone said that through the Bishop's actions, they have allowed the children of the Church to be physically and emotionally abused with wounds so deep, they may never heal.

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Michael Brennan, an out of town activist, set up a small protest Wednesday. "There will be more of us later this week," he said.

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Katy ISD issues a Second 'First'

Yearbook Reprint Attributed to Errors, not Gay Content

By Jone Devlin

KATY — What is the real reason that Katy Independent School District officials have opted for a reprint of the 2002 Cinco Ranch yearbook? Some say it is because the first edition of the yearbook included a controversial student essay on the topic of being gay. Others say it is because the yearbook was fraught with errors, including entire teams and after school groups being left out of the publication.

The Triangle spoke to several KISD students and parents, all of whom requested anonymity. According to these individuals, the "gay essay" caused a select group of parents to complain to school officials, who then responded by having the yearbook reprinted minus the essay in question. All of the individuals interviewed, however, were also quick to point out that this story was merely a "rumor we heard, kind of a 'he said, she said' thing that was passed along among the kids in the school. As far as we know, no real reason was ever given as to why the yearbook was being reprinted."

According to KISD's Director of Communications, Kris Taylor, the rumors are just that: rumors. "The upshot of the whole deal was that when the annual came out, there was a tremendous amount of literary content to it, a lot of long, personal essays. The annual consisted of two page spreads and on a lot of the two page spreads, two thirds of one page would be an essay - a work that was very much personal expression, geared more toward a literary manual than a yearbook."

The Cinco Ranch Yearbook is titled *First* since this year's class is the first to graduate from Cinco Ranch High. Taylor stated that there was no prior reviews of *First*, other than by a yearbook sponsor who "thought that it was wonderful that the annual was picture-light and text-heavy." But, said Taylor, when the principal and others looked at it they felt that for a yearbook that is "chartered to provide a broad brush overview of the school

year" the current annual wasn't adequate.

Taylor admitted that there were concerns raised about some of the essays, but noted that a piece about a seance and another about how to "lie creatively" caused far more reaction and raised eyebrows among the administration than the essay written about being gay. The Director also made it clear that many complaints about the yearbook came from the student body itself. "The students felt that there were a lot of things that, blended all together, were really out of sync with the year's experience for the student body as a whole," Taylor said. Another problem with the annual was that quite a bit of content was downloaded from the internet "A lot of kids [wondered] 'Why am I paying \$56 for a book that includes pages downloaded from the web that I could go online and read for free?'" said Taylor

The annual was returned to the printer, who ended up "revising all but 20 of the book's 296 pages." Taylor added that some of the problems corrected included "color corrections, because the school's colors, which are maroon, came out looking burnt orange in the annual. There were also no pictures of Cinco's award winning marching band in action, there was no picture of our undefeated freshman girls basketball team, and these were omissions we felt had to be corrected."

Taylor made it clear that the first edition of the annual has been distributed already and will not be pulled. "The second edition will be distributed at the beginning of school next year, and graduating seniors will have theirs mailed to them," she said. "Every student who bought an annual has the first edition, which contains the literary content. Those aren't being gathered up and no one has to turn the first edition in to get a second edition."

"The students can put the second edition on the bookshelf side by side with the first edition," Taylor concluded.

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Queer Voices' JD Doyle Honored by National Music Organization

By Jone Devlin

HOUSTON — On Monday, June 10, a network of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered musicians and supporters, announced its "Member's Choice" award winners for 2002. Among them was Houston's own JD Doyle, creator and producer of "Queer Music Heritage" (QMH), an hour long monthly program aired on KPFT Houston's *Queer Voices* radio show. Doyle is also the producer of the "Audiophile" segment on the nationally syndicated GLBT radio program *This Way Out*.

"I love queer music, old and new, I love sharing it and preserving it, and getting the word out about it," said Doyle. "So to be recognized for doing something I love is very gratifying."

Performers, composers, lyricists, producers, recording artists, activists, promoters, press/media and even non-musicians

who support GLBT music have joined Outmusic over the years.

Doyle was awarded the "Outstanding Support" prize for QMH, going up against such GLBT music notables as Robert Drake, host of *Q'zine*, and Daniel Jenkins, founder of *Out Voice*.

Said *Queer Voices* Producer Jack Valinski: "We wanted to add some GLBT music to *Queer Voices*, and JD has taken that mandate and made the segment a hallmark and showcase of music history in our community. JD deserves the award. We are honored to have him as part of our program."

For more information on the Outmusic awards go to www.outmusic.com. For more information on JD Doyle and his "Queer Music Heritage" program, go to www.queervoices.org.

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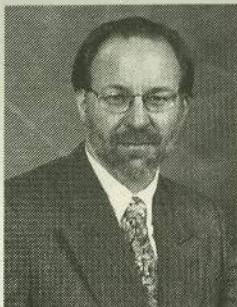
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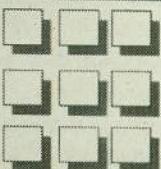
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Bat Boys Score in Gay Softball Tournament

By Bruce Vasbinder

HOUSTON — The Austin Bat Boys, one of the city's two gay softball teams, battled the heat and top-notch competition from teams across the country during the annual Lone Star Classic Softball Tournament held in Houston during Memorial Day weekend. The Bat Boys captured second place in the "C" Division, losing the championship game by one run.

The first three games of the tournament were a round robin format to determine a team's seeding in the championship rounds. The team began the tournament with a one-sided victory as they "run-ruled" the Dallas Travelers. The run rule is in effect when one team is ahead by more than 15 runs after five innings. The Bat Boys also defeated the Comets of Houston during the first round. The team finished the opening round with a 2-1 record with its lone loss was to the Meteors of Houston.

Tied with several other teams after the opening round of games, the Bat Boys were seeded third entering the double elimination rounds. In their fourth game of the day, the Bat Boys faced Chaos of Houston. The teams battled to an eight-all tie at the end of the regulation seven innings. In the top of the ninth inning, Chaos erupted for nine runs and beat the Bat Boys 18-9. Now in the losers' bracket, every game meant possible elimination when the team returned to play on Sunday.

A familiar opponent, the Dallas Travelers, awaited the Bat Boys Sunday morning. The Austin team prevailed in a close rematch, 8-6. Little did the Bat Boys know, the game would be the start of a marathon afternoon of softball. The team put together a string of five back-to-back wins to earn a spot in the championship game. Along the way, the Bat Boys eliminated teams from Portland, Oregon (the Titans), Houston (the Comets), Chicago (North End) and Dallas (The Assassins). The sixth game of the afternoon for the Bat Boys was the championship game against Xpress of Phoenix, AZ. The Bat Boys prevailed in their last at-bat and defeated Xpress 18-17. Since both teams had one loss at that point, an "if" game was needed to determine the tournament champion. After another full seven innings of softball and their seventh consecutive game that afternoon, the Bat Boys came up one run short 14-13.

Ted Burton, coach of the Austin Bat Boys, was pleased with the team's performance in the tournament. "It was a hard-fought tournament and we really have a lot to be proud of, he said. "Not only did we play some really good teams from across Texas and the country, we had to play seven games in a row without a break in 90-plus degree heat. I think we represented Austin very well and earned a little respect from the gay softball community along the way."

The Bat Boys have now set their sights on the Emerald City Classic Softball Tournament in Seattle, WA during Labor Day weekend. Always the bridesmaid, the team finished second in Seattle last year.

Gay Softball North America

A gay softball league is time has come. Well, at least the question. Currently two teams of gay players compete in the leagues. Rumor has it a third city like Houston and Dallas are leagues established — The Houston has 18 teams; the Association (celebrating its 10th year) has 13 teams.

Gay softball leagues in the United States and Canada are governed by the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (N.A.G.A.A.A.). Founded in 1977, N.A.G.A.A.A. is a non-profit organization promoting amateur athletic competition. It was formed to encourage professionals in organized softball to play in approximately 50 gay softball leagues across America.

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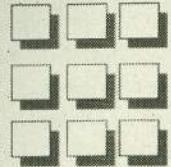
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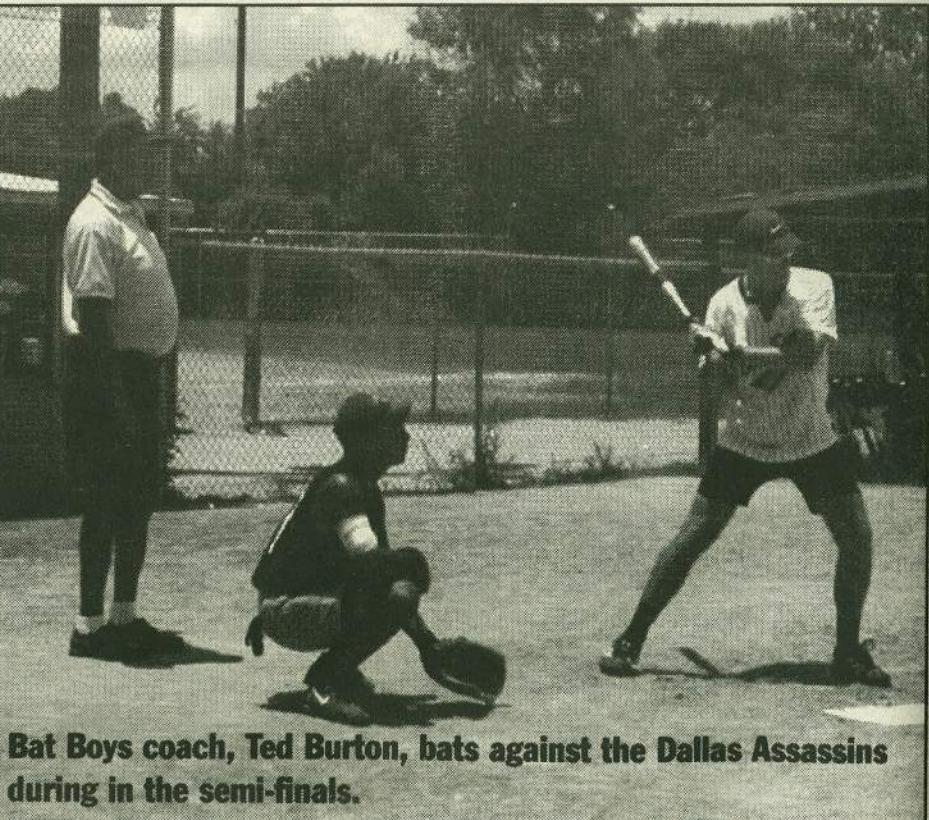
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beat the Bat Boys 18-9. Now in the losers' bracket, every game meant possible elimination when the team returned to play on Sunday.

A familiar opponent, the Dallas Travelers, awaited the Bat Boys Sunday morning. The Austin team prevailed in a close rematch, 8-6. Little did the Bat Boys know, the game would be the start of a marathon afternoon of softball. The team put together a string of five back-to-back wins to earn a spot in the championship game. Along the way, the Bat Boys eliminated teams from Portland, Oregon (the Titans), Houston (the Comets), Chicago (North End) and Dallas (The Assassins). The sixth game of the afternoon for the Bat Boys was the championship game against Xpress of Phoenix, AZ. The Bat Boys prevailed in their last at-bat and defeated Xpress 18-17. Since both teams had one loss at that point, an "if" game was needed to determine the tournament champion. After another full seven innings of softball and their seventh consecutive game that afternoon, the Bat Boys came up one run short 14-13.

Ted Burton, coach of the Austin Bat Boys, was pleased with the team's performance in the tournament. "It was a hard-fought tournament and we really have a lot to be proud of, he said. "Not only did we play some really good teams from across Texas and the country, we had to play seven games in a row without a break in 90-plus degree heat. I think we represented Austin very well and earned a little respect from the gay softball community along the way."

The Bat Boys have now set their sights on the Emerald City Classic Softball Tournament in Seattle, WA during Labor Day weekend. Always the bridesmaid, the team finished second in Seattle last year.



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Gay Softball Swings a Big Stick Across North America

A gay softball league in Austin? A novel idea who's time has come. Well, at least it's not that far out of the question. Currently two teams consisting of primarily gay players compete in the City of Austin recreation leagues. Rumor has it a third team is in the works. Larger cities like Houston and Dallas already have gay softball leagues established - The Montrose Softball League in Houston has 18 teams; the Pegasus Slowpitch Softball Association (celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year) has 13 teams.

Gay softball leagues in the United States and Canada are governed by the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (N.A.G.A.A.A.). Founded in 1977, N.A.G.A.A.A. is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting amateur athletics for the gay community. The team put together a championship game. Along the (the Titans), Houston (the the sixth game of the after-ress of Phoenix, AZ. The -17. Since both teams had he tournament champion. th consecutive game that

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divisions. The open division is comprised of teams of men and women or exclusively men competing in either A, B, C, or D classes based on competitive level of play. The women's division features women-only teams competing in either a competitive or alternative bracket. Teams may also carry a maximum of two non-gay players on their rosters.

Competing players are given a player rating which helps determine which class (A,B,C, or D) teams com-

for example, four out of five times). The top 10 players' scores are added together to determine the overall team rating.

Not only does competing on a gay softball team offer athletic competition and team bonding experiences but it is also a great way to travel. Tournaments are held in cities throughout North America including Tampa, Fort Lauderdale, Phoenix, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Long Beach, Seattle, Houston, Atlanta,

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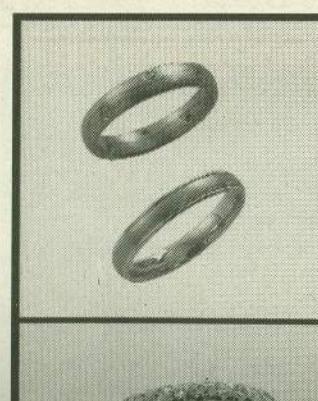
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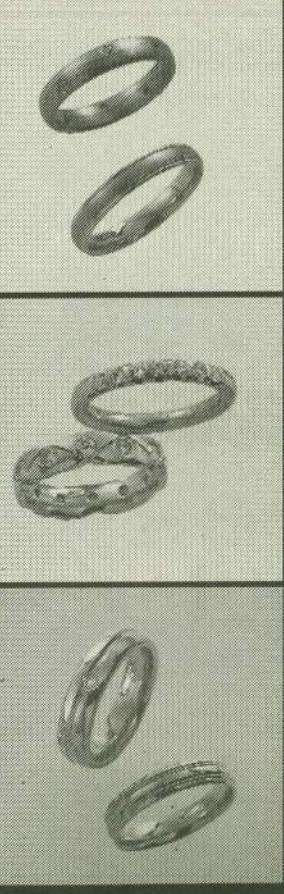
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Pridefest Hits Alamo City this Weekend

By Boun Homratsamy

SAN ANTONIO — This Saturday, the Alamo City will embark upon a much-anticipated annual extravaganza: Pridefest 2002. This year's festivities, themed "Be Yourself, Change the World," is looking to draw more than 10,000 onlookers filling Main street with hopes of catching a glimpse of colorfully decorated floats - and people - as they sashay down a rainbow-colored road.

The theme, taken from L.A.'s gay pride festivities of last year, signifies gay pride and unity. With a small gay community, group solidarity within San Antonio's gay population is one of the most important issues to the Pridefest committee. "This time of year is one of the only times the gay and lesbian community come together to celebrate gay pride. San Antonio is not a city like Los Angeles or New York City where the gay community is large and centralized," says Martin Herrera, Pridefest co-chair.

Indeed, Pridefest is a community affair. With over 40 businesses participating in the parade this year, much support for the gay and lesbian community extends across renowned businesses such as JP Morgan Chase, Halo Distributing and Fleet Communications.

The Pridefest committee promises bigger and better things this year. Last year was the first year the Pridefest committee decided to have the parade at night. In previous years, the parade took place mid-day, drawing out only a few hundred people, at most. As parade goers sat alongside Main Street, burning up in the sweltering Texas summer heat, the Pridefest committee decided to extend the picnic and have the parade later in the evening, hoping that this strategy would bring out more patrons. And it did.

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By Matt Lum

AUSTIN — The Lesbian Lobby of Texas (LGRL) Wednesday that Francisco Sanchez, the community was last month to lead the lobby director, will not assume the board of directors has once again search to fill the vacancy, just from Texas' next legislative session.

"I can't go into specifics, that it was not me that backed out of the agreement," Sanchez told the San Antonio Express-News. "Any indication that would say back out would be disingenuous."

The formal announcement came in the form of a press release issued Wednesday morning. "Mr. Sanchez will not be assuming the executive director of the Lesbian Lobby of Texas. The Board of Directors of LGRL continues an executive director," it said in the release.

"Unfortunately, I cannot say more," LGRL board co-chair Atkinson said. "We are only able to say what we have said he will not be the new ED. The board opened up again, but Francisco is our new ED as we had thought."

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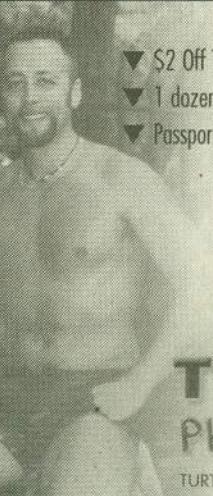
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"The announcement was made at the time we made the announcement about the situation," Atkinson said. "We were not sure what we needed to do at that time. After they changed administration, we had a chance to regroup, we sent a press release that the plans have changed."

Did LGRL officials ask Sanchez to attend the festivities June 22? "I was fully prepared to do what I was asked to do as executive director-selected," Sanchez would only say. "Congratulations on a successful nighttime parade," he said. "Aside from the controversy, I have no comment."

Sanchez would not say how he knew about LGRL's rescission. "There was a clear agreement as to what I would be doing when I was hired at LGRL," and acknowledged his non-attendance at the pride festival. He had no comment related to Wednesday's announcement.

"Beyond that, until my lawyer makes recommendations on how to proceed, I can't tell you any more," Sanchez said. "Once that's resolved, I will be happy to sit down and discuss that with you in detail, which I would prefer to do in length, which I would prefer to do in detail."



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Community Briefs

AIDS Services of Austin Goes Vegas

AUSTIN — AIDS Services of Austin, the largest HIV service provider in central Texas, has announced the ninth annual VIVA Las Vegas celebration is set for Saturday, June 29, 8 p.m. at the Austin Music Hall. This year's VIVA features cuisine, live music and Vegas-style gambling.

The beneficiary for the event is Capitol Area AIDS Legal Project, CAALP), a non-profit, volunteer-based provider of HIV-related pro bono legal services. CAALP provides direct representation, advocacy, community education and outreach, and related legal efforts.

"The HIV/AIDS epidemic is far from over," said Liz Cohen, director of CAALP, "and the legal needs of low-income people living with HIV/AIDS are growing."

The event features the new Sin City Lounge, described by organizers as "an exclusive, upstairs Vegas lair offering private seating, a fabulous lineup of music and entertainment by The Roustabouts and Mama's Boys, and the chance to rest between strolls through the silent and live auctions."

Tickets: \$20-\$25. Info: www.asaustin.org or 512-406-6175.

OZ Pool Party Travels to Wimberly

AUSTIN — Beat the heat this summer and enjoy a day of fun in the country while savoring Casa Peregrino's breath-taking view of the hill country, beautiful gardens and grounds and cool, enticing pool. The OZ Parties has announced it will hold its second annual Pool Party at Casa Peregrino Bed and Breakfast in Wimberley on Sunday, June 23, 12 noon 'til to 5 p.m.

Organizers said a caravan/carpool will meet at the downtown Post Office at 6th Street and Guadalupe at 10:30 a.m. for anyone who needs a ride. This event provides the opportunity for all HIV positive gay, straight, bisexual and transgendered individuals to meet for fellowship and making new friends, they added.

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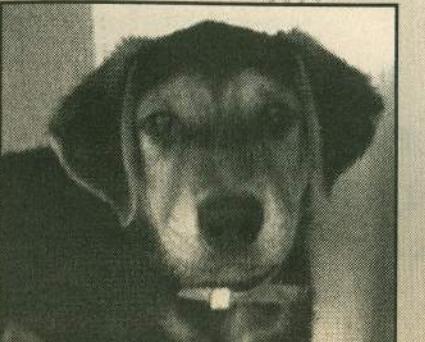
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Emily is a little 4-month-old, Beagle-Doberman mix with big, floppy paws and an endless supply of puppy games to entertain you. This little girl came in with her brothers and sisters as an "unwanted litter." (Well, that's what happens when pets are not spayed or neutered.) The good part is that when Emily is adopted, she will go home already spayed, vaccinated and dewormed and ready!



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The exhibit includes several cases displaying materials from both the Save Our Children campaign in Dade County, Florida and the historic response made by gay rights supporters in Houston on June 16, 1977. Included are posters, full-page newspaper ads, colorful leaflets, and other material chronicling the groups' campaign in Florida, plus archival photographs - some never published - of a demonstration by 4,000 gay rights supporters in Houston, when Anita Bryant arrived to sing at the Texas State Bar Association convention. One striking photo shows a phalanx of helmeted, club-wielding policemen on the Houston Public Library plaza.

The display is located on the third floor of the Central Library, 500 McKinney and runs through June.

Uncommon Legacy Foundation Schedules Extra Mile Awards Brunch

HOUSTON — An Uncommon Legacy Foundation, Inc. (Legacy) has announced that its 7th Annual Extra Mile Awards Brunch will be held at the Warwick Hotel on Sunday, July 28, beginning at 11:30 a.m. As in prior years, bottomless mimosas, a silent auction, good company, great entertainment and speaker and good food will be the course of the day, organizers said.

Speaking at the brunch is Kate Kendall, Executive Director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, with comic Vickie Shaw.

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"This special event raises dollars for organizations that do work to support the mission of Legacy, which is to enhance the visibility, vitality and strength of the lesbian community", said Legacy's Janine Brunjes. "Scholarships are given to women who request funds for undergraduate and graduate studies who can exhibit that they are furthering our visibility with their campus leadership."

Tickets: \$60. Info: www.uncommonlegacyhouston.org.

Pride Fun Run Raises \$1,200 for AssistHers

HOUSTON — Organizers of the 2002 Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride 5K Fun Run/Walk reported that 176 entrants in this year's event helped raise \$1,200 for the race's beneficiary, AssistHers.

Mac Crone, HMAA president and race director presented a check to AssistHers during a thank-you party hosted by Chipotle restaurant for volunteers who helped with the race. The presentation will be made at 7 p.m. at Chipotle, 5600 Kirby,

AssistHers, a volunteer organization that provides in-home support and care to lesbian women with chronic or disabling illnesses, has been the beneficiary of three of the five pride fun runs organized by HMAA.

Carlo Deason and Caroline Burum were the overall male and female winners of this year's 3.1-mile race along Memorial Drive, with times of 16:38.1 and 19:08.1, respectively. Richard Peoples (17:55.4) and Vicki Danielson (20:44.3) won the masters male and female division. Each received a trophy.

Medals were awarded to the top five males and females in age groups 30-34, 35-39, and 40-44, and to the top three males and females in all other age groups.

Winners who were unable to pick up their medals at the presentation ceremony are asked to contact Carlo Deason at 713-874-1686 or silentranner@rocketmail.com.

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AssistHers, a volunteer organization that provides in-home support and care to lesbian women with chronic or disabling illnesses, has been the beneficiary of three of the five pride fun runs organized by HMAA.

Carlo Deason and Caroline Burum were the overall male and female winners of this year's 3.1-mile race along Memorial Drive, with times of 16:38.1 and 19:08.1, respectively. Richard Peoples (17:55.4) and Vicki Danielson (20:44.3) won the masters male and female division. Each received a trophy.

Medals were awarded to the top five males and females in age groups 30-34, 35-39, and 40-44, and to the top three males and females in all other age groups.

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This one-day amateur tournament is open to anyone, organizers said, and the tournament will observe Billiard Congress of America (BCA) rules. The tournament is double elimination with a race to two. Trophies will be presented the top three places along with free dinners and flowers. The winner will receive a framed mounted poster with all players signatures and a \$100 gift certificate from International Billiards.

Sponsored by Spaghetti Warehouse and Budweiser, this annual tournament is held each year to raise much needed funds for a deserving local 501(c)3 charitable organization, organizers said.

Registration for this charitable event will be at 10 a.m., with the tournament starting at 11 a.m. Tickets: \$15-\$20.

Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Launches Billboard Campaign

HOUSTON — Just in time for Pride Month, Montrose Counseling Center (MCC) is having five billboards promoting Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston put up to raise awareness of the hotline and its services. The billboards were installed in the early hours Monday morning, June 10.

The five billboards, which were donated by Clear Channel Outdoor, are located inside the 610 Loop, in key locations where it's hoped they will reach the most people.

The billboards are located at Buffalo Speedway at Alabama; Dallas Ave. at Crosby; West Gray at Cushing; Montrose Blvd. at Clay; and on Waugh at Clay.

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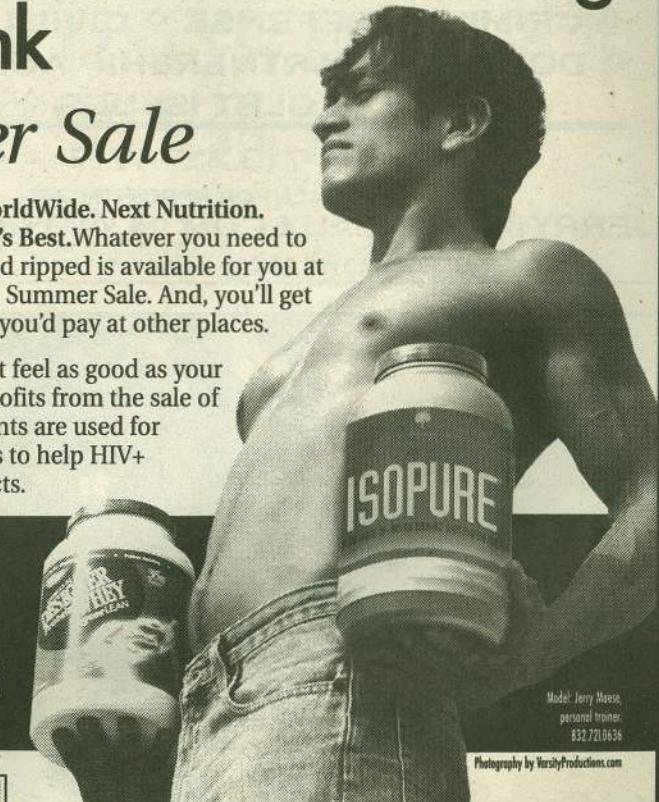
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"We want to focus attention on the services the switchboard provides as we honor its 20th anniversary," said MCC Executive Director, Ann J. Robison, PhD, MPA. "We are excited that Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston was selected as Grand Marshal of this year's Pride Parade." Along with the billboards, Montrose Counseling Center will be promoting GLSH by handing out magnets at the Pride Parade with the switchboard's phone number on it (713-529-3211).

Robison believes that the Grand Marshal recognition was earned by the scores of volunteers who committed so much of their time and energy in the last two decades to help others in the community by lending a friendly ear. "There's no telling how many lives were saved because someone cared enough to volunteer." GLSH volunteers are eager to answer the call with no hang-ups, she added.

Saving lives is one of the main objectives of Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston, which provides information, nonjudgmental support, crisis intervention and referral services for Houston's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender population. GLSH exists solely for this community, unlike other crisis hotlines or intervention services in



Houston, and volunteers are trained to handle issues specific to the GLBT community.

As part of Montrose Counseling Center's Anti-Violence Program, the switchboard is a conduit for people in crisis to get immediate help if they are sexually assaulted or the victim of a hate crime or same-sex domestic partner abuse. Volunteers can reach advocates 24-hours a day who may accompany a survivor to the hospital for treatment

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Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston always is in need of more volunteers, but for the time being, the focus is on making sure the community knows someone is available to listen to callers concerned with everything from HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, to coming out, relationship issues and suicide prevention, as well as crisis intervention and referrals.

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Pride - Unstated, But Not Forgotten

By Katrina C. Rose

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Trust me on this - you don't want to know what I was doing 21 years ago this month (although you might have gathered from the extraneous, definitely-non-gay fact-oids from my last piece, far too much of my spare time was spent sports spectating.)

In 1981 I had long-since figured out that the big, bad T word applied to me, but I had no idea when - or if - I'd ever be able to do anything about it.

I had heard of Christine Jorgensen, but being of the then-teen-ilk, other T names meant more to me at the time - names I'd seen on TV and in the newspapers (Renee Richards and Canary Conn as well as the brave women, some anonymous and some not, who were persecuted by enforcement of the Houston anti-crossdressing ordinance and who successfully fought to get it declared unconstitutional in part and, eventually, got it repealed in its entirety.)

One article in one newspaper that I'm ashamed to say that I missed at the time appeared in the Entertainment section of June 6 edition of the late, lamented *Houston Post*.

'Ladies and gentlemen . . . meet Christine'

During the second week of June, 1981, Christine Jorgensen was appearing at Rosco's Café and Jazzbar on Chimney Rock, back in show business mode after 14 years away from the stage. At the beginning of that period, she published her autobiography. The *Post* article mentioned that she was working on a second book.

Unfortunately for transgender scholarship, that second book never materialized.

But, speaking of that particular T-word, a word which was not then widely in use, Jorgensen said, "The term transgender will be used more often in the future. This has nothing to do with your sleeping partner. I have known people who have gone from male to female knowing that they were going to be lesbians. Gender has to do with who you are. Sex has to do with who you sleep with. We're going to find a lot of this is genetic. It's all there originally, so choose your ancestors carefully."

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By Bob Bouton

HOUSTON — The 2000 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Parade will be held 6-9 p.m. on Monday, June 26, on the Strand, between Main and Congress, on the bottom, 2400 Brazos. I hope the individuals chosen by the Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Parade.

Among the many highlights of the 1998 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Parade was the Grand Marshal of the 1998 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court. Of course, it helped that I was chosen to be the Grand Marshal at the time. In fact, many of the Grand Marshals have come from the Houston area. I was named Honorary Grand Marshal in 1996. As it has done for many years, the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court will host this year's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Parade on June 24.

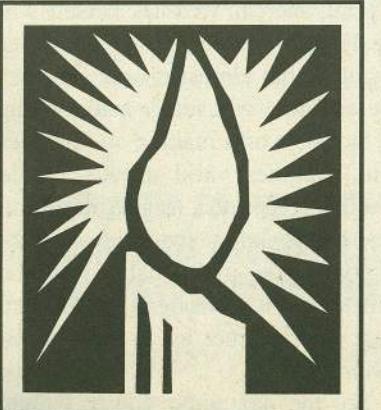
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Education on transgender issues. You do know of that concept, don't you? (Yes, I know some of you really don't despite persistently claiming to, but I had to ask nevertheless.)

Roughly eight years later, after I spent a lot of time educating myself on things that I used to divert my attention from who I knew I really wanted to be - and while I was recovering from surgery (not SRS, unfortunately) and working at an office not far from that Chimney Rock club at which she was appearing, I learned of Christine Jorgensen's death.

It would be years later still that, as part of my ongoing legal and historical research, that I would read that completed 1967 autobiography of hers as well as the numerous newspaper and magazine articles about her from the 1950s - some of which, as you might expect, were salacious and insulting while others were far more respectful of her and other then-well-known transsexuals such as Roberta Cowell (who, I've recently learned from an eminently respectable source, is alive and well, though not at all desirous of again being on the receiving end of T-related spotlight), than mainstream news articles at the time were of homosexuals.

What happened in the five decades since?

That's your subject. Now talk amongst yourselves about it - better yet, ask the folks who will be toting equal signs about it - at Pride before you decorate the Westheimer curve with recycled beer.

You'll respect yourself in the morning (although, granted, you might not remember why) and you'll be honoring the memory of those without whom there would be no Pride.

*Katrina C. Rose is a transgender legal historian as well as an attorney licensed in Texas and Minnesota. She is a author of *Sign of a Wave? The Kansas Court of Appeals Rejects Texas Simplicity in Favor of Transsexual Reality*, analyzing the opinion recently overruled by the Kansas Supreme Court, which appears in the current issue of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Review. She may be contacted at TexKatrina@aol.com.*

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Honor Our Community's Heroes at Grand Marshal Reception

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HOUSTON — The 2002 Grand Marshal Reception will be held 6-9 p.m. on Monday, June 24, at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos. I hope you will join me in honoring the individuals chosen by our community to lead this year's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Parade.

Among the many highlights of my year as the Male Grand Marshal of the 1998 Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade was the Grand Marshal Reception hosted by the Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star. Of course, it helped that I was a member of that organization at the time. In fact, many past male and female Grand Marshals have come from the Court and the Court itself was named Honorary Grand Marshal - Organization in 1996. As it has done for many years, Houston's Royal Court will host this year's Grand Marshal Reception on June 24.

Being named Grand Marshal was the pinnacle of years of service to my community and an honor beyond words. Little did I know at the time that there would be so many fun obligations and festive events to attend as well - I went to great parties, heard rousing speeches, attended the theater and, to top it all, presided over the Parade itself. At the time, I thought it was a wonderful end to doing so much for so many. Of course, my community has not yet allowed me to retire graciously.

Now I am in the proud position of being the person who nominated this year's Male Grand Marshal, Rusty Mueller. For Rusty, as it was for me, being named Grand Marshal should be the pinnacle of his many, many years of service to our community and his tireless efforts to raise needed funds for those less fortunate and should be one of the most fun tasks he will ever undertake. But we won't be letting him retire after this either.

Please join me at Brazos River Bottom on Monday, June 24, in honoring my friend Rusty and all of the other 2002 Pride Parade Grand Marshals: Female Grand Marshal Mela Contreras, Honorary Grand Marshals Jane and Irv Smith and Honorary Grand Marshal - Organization Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston.

The history of the Pride Grand Marshals is the history of our community's heroes. All of these individuals together have done an amazing amount of work for our community, have led the way for us and have shown us the potential we have as a people. In addition to introducing this year's Grand Marshals at the reception, we on the

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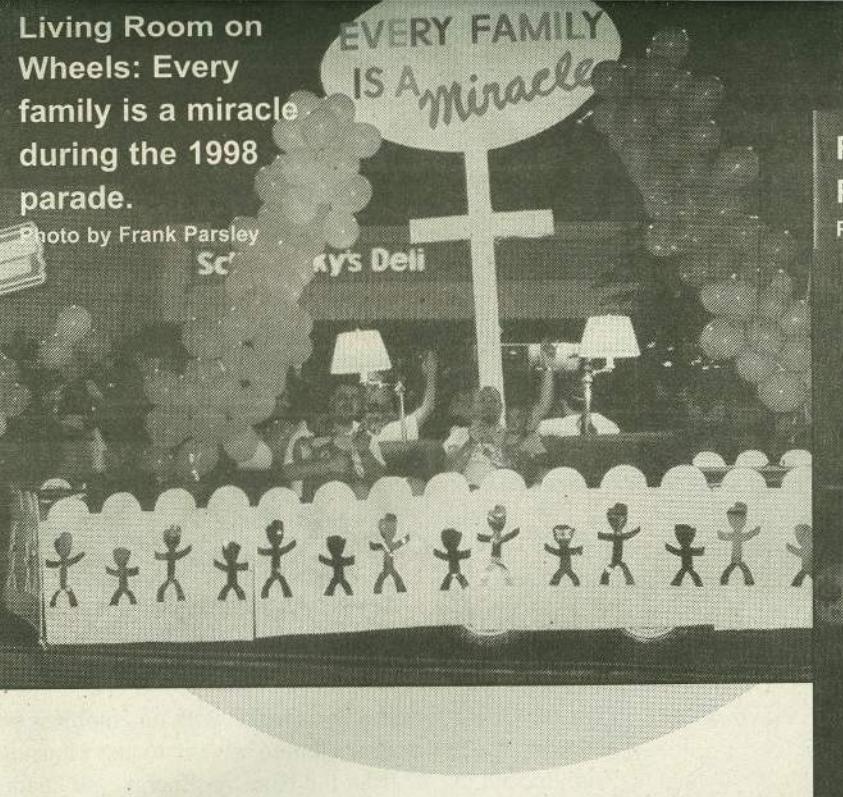
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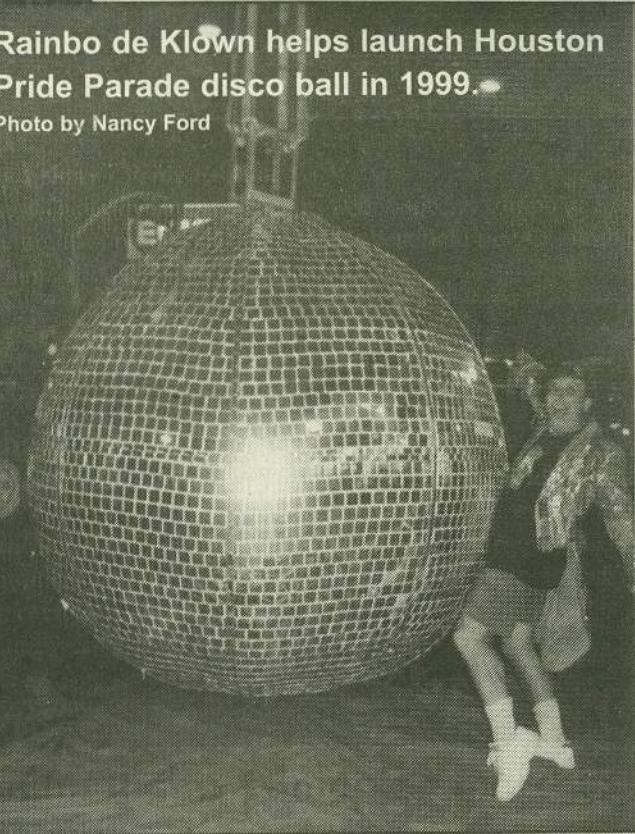
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Living Room on Wheels: Every family is a miracle during the 1998 parade.

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Rainbo de Klown helps launch Houston Pride Parade disco ball in 1999.

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Krewe of Olympus make their way in the 1993 Houston Pride Parade.

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Houston's transgender community is active with parade and political activities. Photo by Frank Parsley, 1998



Pride Worldwide

Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride 2002 Events

Compiled by Troy Christensen

Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride 2002 comprises nine days of social, cultural, educational and charitable events sponsored by the Pride Committee of Houston and other GLBT community organizations.

While Houston Pride celebrations of the past several years have lasted a month or more, this year's festivities are much more manageable and focused in what we on the Pride Committee hope will be a more meaningful series of events for Houston's GLBT community.

Another change the Pride Committee has made to produce a more meaningful celebration is in the scheduling of events. Between the Pride Kick-off Party on Friday, June 21, and the world-famous nighttime Pride Parade on Saturday, June 29, is a week of community-sponsored events. Each day has a different focus to emphasize the wide diversity of our community. We hope these themes inspire you to seek understanding of the issues facing our community and the reasons we celebrate our Pride, both through the events on these days and on your own. Saturday, June 22, is Health & Recreation Day; Sunday, June 23, Family & Youth Day; Monday, June 24, Community Awareness Day; Tuesday, June 25, Commemoration Day; Wednesday, June 26, Spirituality Day; Thursday, June 27, Pride Worldwide Day; and Friday, June 28, Arts Appreciation Day.

Arts Appreciation Day begins the exciting Parade weekend with the very special presentation of the first annual Pride Cabaret, *Before the Parade Passes By*, at Alley Theatre. Then Houston Pride 2002 climaxes with the exuberant Pride Parade on Saturday, June 29.

There are several ways to take full advantage of all the festive

activities being offered during this year's Parade weekend. Purchase bleacher seating - the best spot for watching the Pride Parade - for yourself and your friends. Call 713-529-6979 for information.

Visiting from out-of-town? Spend Parade weekend at the Holiday Inn Select near Greenway Plaza, two miles from the Parade site. Call 1-800-HOLIDAY for reservations and use group booking code PRI for a flat rate of \$69 per room per night. And join us at Rich's Houston, 2401 San Jacinto, host of the official Pride parties on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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9 a.m.-11 p.m., Six Flags AstroWorld, 9001 Kirby at the 610 Loop

phone: 713-521-0107

fax: 713-521-3926

e-mail: uum@southbeachthenightclub.com

Park for GLBT families and friends with an emphasis on activities for children, including a visit to the Houston Zoo. Special guests from the Houston Energy, our champion Women's Professional Football League team, will be



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more meaningful celebration is in the scheduling of events. Between the Pride Kick-off Party on Friday, June 21, and the world-famous nighttime Pride Parade on Saturday, June 29, is a week of community-sponsored events. Each day has a different focus to emphasize the wide diversity of our community. We hope these themes inspire you to seek understanding of the issues facing our community and the reasons we celebrate our Pride, both through the events on these days and on your own. Saturday, June 22, is Health & Recreation Day; Sunday, June 23, Family & Youth Day; Monday, June 24, Community Awareness Day; Tuesday, June 25, Commemoration Day; Wednesday, June 26, Spirituality Day; Thursday, June 27, Pride Worldwide Day; and Friday, June 28, Arts Appreciation Day.

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Community Center Art Festival

A number of local artists, including David Aylsworth, David Groover, Patrick Palmer and Vera Taylor, will have work in the silent auction at the Art Festival, which will also feature live music and refreshments. Proceeds benefit the Community Center.

7:30-11 p.m., Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne

cost: \$10

phone: 713-524-3818

fax: 713-524-2022

e-mail: hlgcc@hotmail.com

web: www.hlgcc.org

Saturday, June 22

Health & Recreation Day

Examine the various health and wellness issues that affect our community and participate in the diverse ways that we can maintain healthy minds and bodies.

Pride Day at AstroWorld

Q Texas, South Beach and Gallery Furniture present a day of fun and Pride for our GLBT community at Houston's Six Flags theme park. Pepper Mashay ("Dive in the Pool") performs at the Coca Cola Southern Star Amphitheater at 6 p.m. Proceeds benefit Pride Committee of Houston and Houston Black Tie Dinner.

cost: \$29; tickets available at Basic Brothers, Crossroads Market, Lobo and M2M Fashions

Sunday, June 23

Family & Youth Day

Acknowledge and support families with GLBT parents and understand the special needs of GLBT youth.

Pride Family and Youth Fun Day

JPMorganChase sponsors a family picnic at Hermann

Monday, June 24

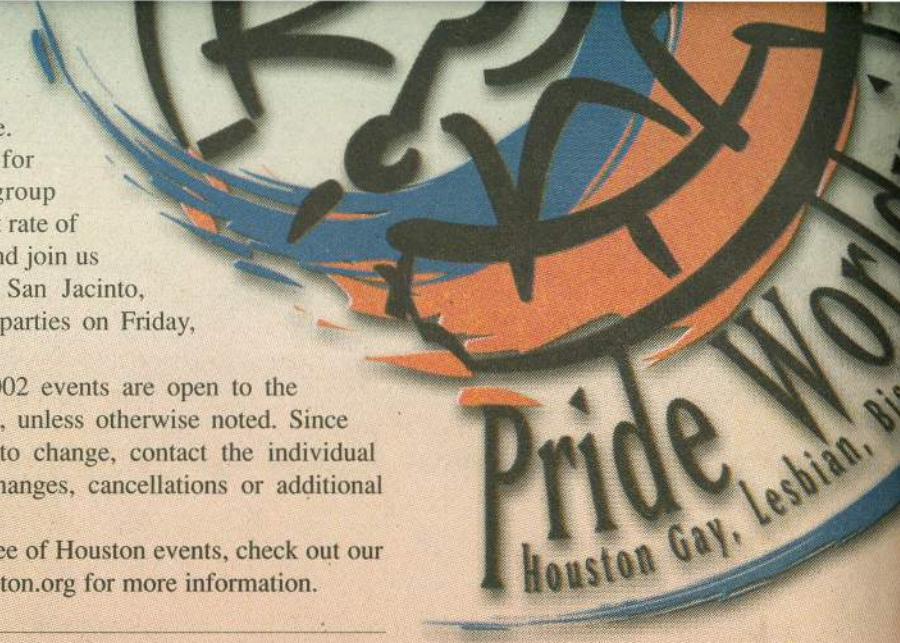
Community Awareness Day

Participate in dialogue about the social, economic and political issues that affect us as individuals and as a community.

Grand Marshal Reception

The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star of Houston, Inc. introduces the Grand Marshals of the 2002 Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Parade, along with Grand Marshals of parades past. Meet some of the most heroic and inspirational members of Houston's GLBT community and enjoy

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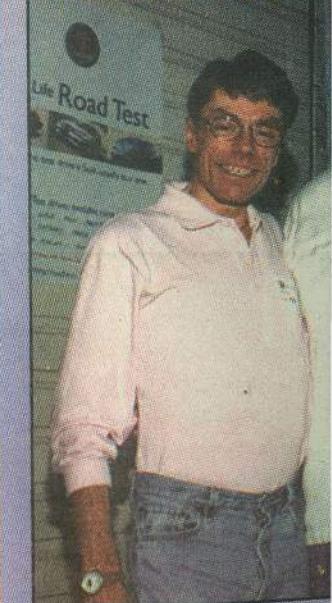


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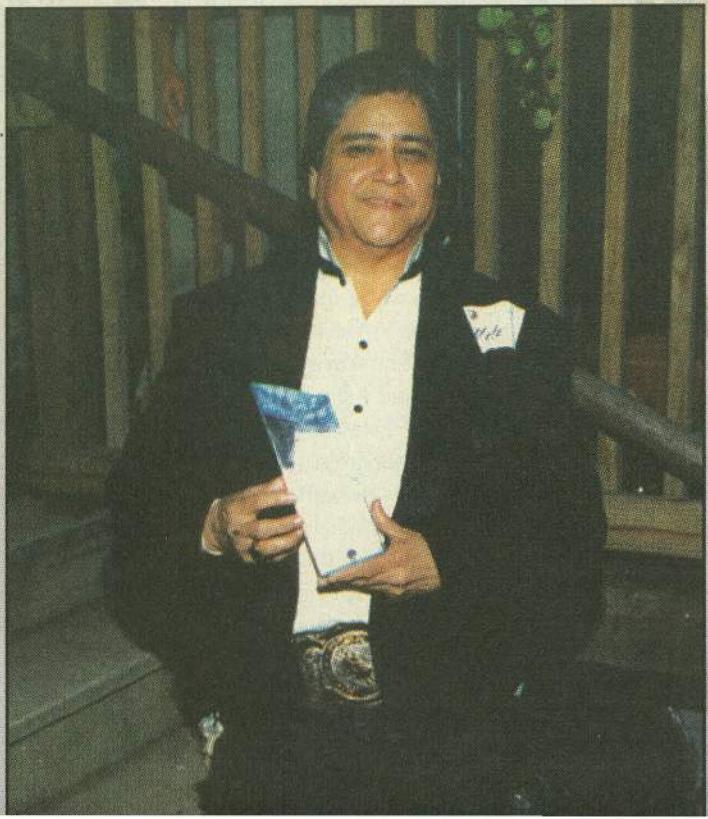
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It was the AIDS pandemic that inspired Miller's on- and off-stage activism.

"When I started, it was at a time when there were limited resources, if any, available to help with the needs of the HIV/AIDS community," he said. "There was a need to raise money and drag shows were one way to do it. At first, it was to raise money to help a friend that was dying and then it evolved into raising money for the service organizations so they could assist a multitude of people."

The big question is whether or not Mueller will assume his drag persona - Crystal Ray Lee Love - for the Parade. And as of now he and/or she won't say.



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"Only when we can all join together and stand side by side without any barriers from within, will we make a positive statement to the world," he concluded. "As Jose Sarria, the founder of the International Court System and a friend of mine, has said, 'United we stand, divided they will get us one by one.'"

Mela Contreras, Grand Marshal - Female

Mela Contreras, who will serve as Female Grand Marshal for the 2002 Pride Parade, is the first Mexican-American lesbian in Houston to open a Tejano nightclub, Mela's, serving the GLBT community. She uses her nightclub to reach out to the Hispanic GLBT community through fundraisers, barbecues, voter-registration drives, meetings, birthday parties, holy-union ceremonies and receptions, and has made Mela's a melting pot for GLBT people of all ages and nationalities.

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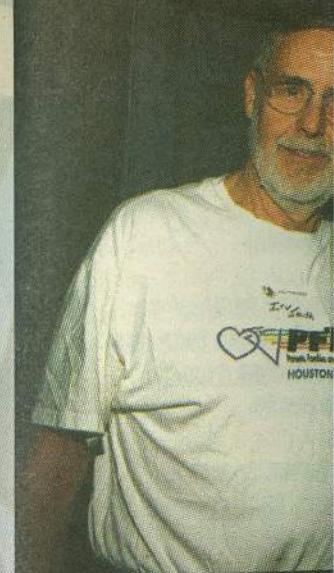
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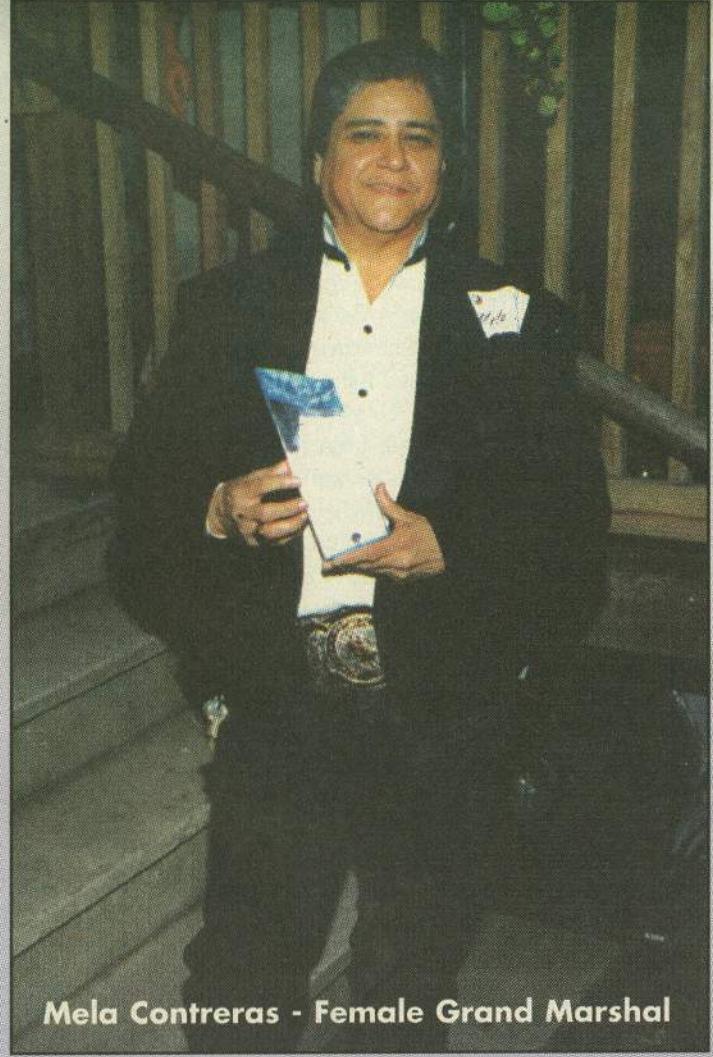
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"They have been damaged by their religion and instead of [being] love based, their religion is sin based. I have always said Jesus would love gay pride parades because he always supported the oppressed."

Rusty Mueller:

"Don't mess with my hair!"

"Actually, I would probably not say anything to them. We are all entitled to our opinions in life, and we will never all agree on everything. The protesters only serve to make us fight harder for what we believe in. Why give them the satisfaction of irritating us on a day we have chosen to celebrate what we believe in? They have 364 other days to do that."



Mela Contreras - Female Grand Marshal

"I keep going back and forth on that issue and will probably decide that day. There are those who think I should be Crystal and those who are vehemently against it. The decision will be mine and I will stand proud either way," he says.

Accompanying Mueller as an honor guard on his triumphant ride will be the Colt '45s. "They will be there with me, but I will be celebrating pride with each and every member of this community," Mueller said. "To me, that is what it is all about."

Ever the proponent of inclusivity, Mueller says his personal Pride mantra is "Pride Without Walls."

"We all have the right to be proud of who we are and what we choose to do in our lives," he explained. "Unfortunately, there are many within our own ranks who erect walls to block those of us who don't fit into their definition of what the GLBT community should be. Regardless of how we choose to define ourselves - drag, leather, Levi, political, professional, philanthropist, gay, lesbian, bi or transgendered - we are and always will be part of a very diverse com-

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What Irv Smith remembers most about he and his wife Jane's first pride parade "is that we didn't go to it." They had barely found P-FLAG in spring of 1992, six months after their son Paul came out at age 29. At the first meeting we attended, they were making plans to march in that summer's parade," Irv said. "On the way home in our car, Jane and I agreed that we would never march in such a parade. As they say, never say never.

They did attend their first Pride Parade the following year but they certainly weren't ready to lead it that year, either. "I remember being so concerned that someone I knew might see me, as we were still closeted," Jane recalled.

But all it took was a little human contact to alleviate those concerns. "A young lady came up to me and said 'I wish you were my Mother' I gave her a hug and was hooked on Pride Parades!" she said.

"We knew so little about homosexuality but loved our son so much, so we were forced into educating ourselves through P-FLAG, and reading lots of books," Jane said. "We had hurt so much and knew so little that we wanted to help other people both parents and their children."

The previous year, in 1992, she and her husband Irv had become involved with the Houston chapter of P-FLAG. One of their first big outings - so to speak - occurred when they traveled to Washington DC on the P-FLAG organized bus that visited many P-FLAG chapters through the south and picked up people as they stopped along the



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"We always take a different straight couple to hear the Chorus, because society has a stereotype gay person," she added. "It helps to meet the fine gay men who are the Chorus."

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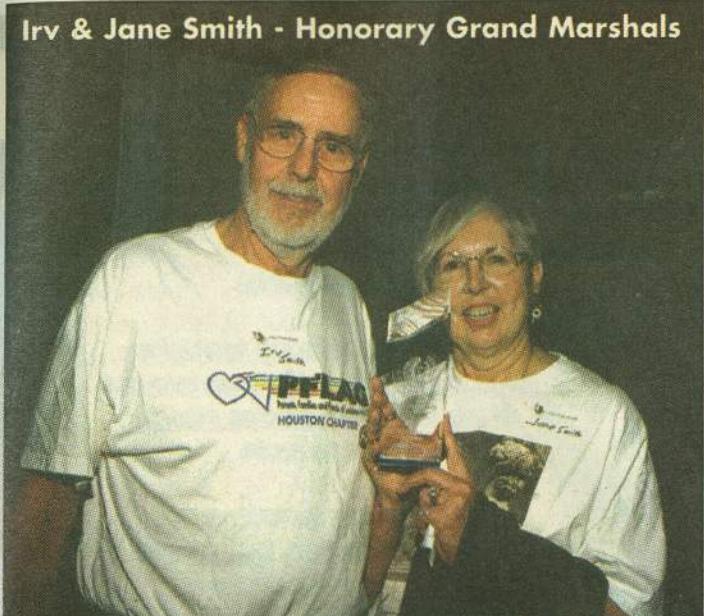
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Grand Marshals of the Past: A History of Community Pride

Houston's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community has had the tradition of honoring individuals as Grand Marshals ever since the city's first annual Pride Parade in 1979. While information for the early and mid '80s is spotty, the list is a "Who's Who" of community leaders past and present, as well as vital community organizations and treasured allies. If you have any information about Grand Marshals selected during the years missing from this list, please call the Pride Committee at 713-529-6979 or e-mail info@pridehouston.org so our community's history can be recorded.

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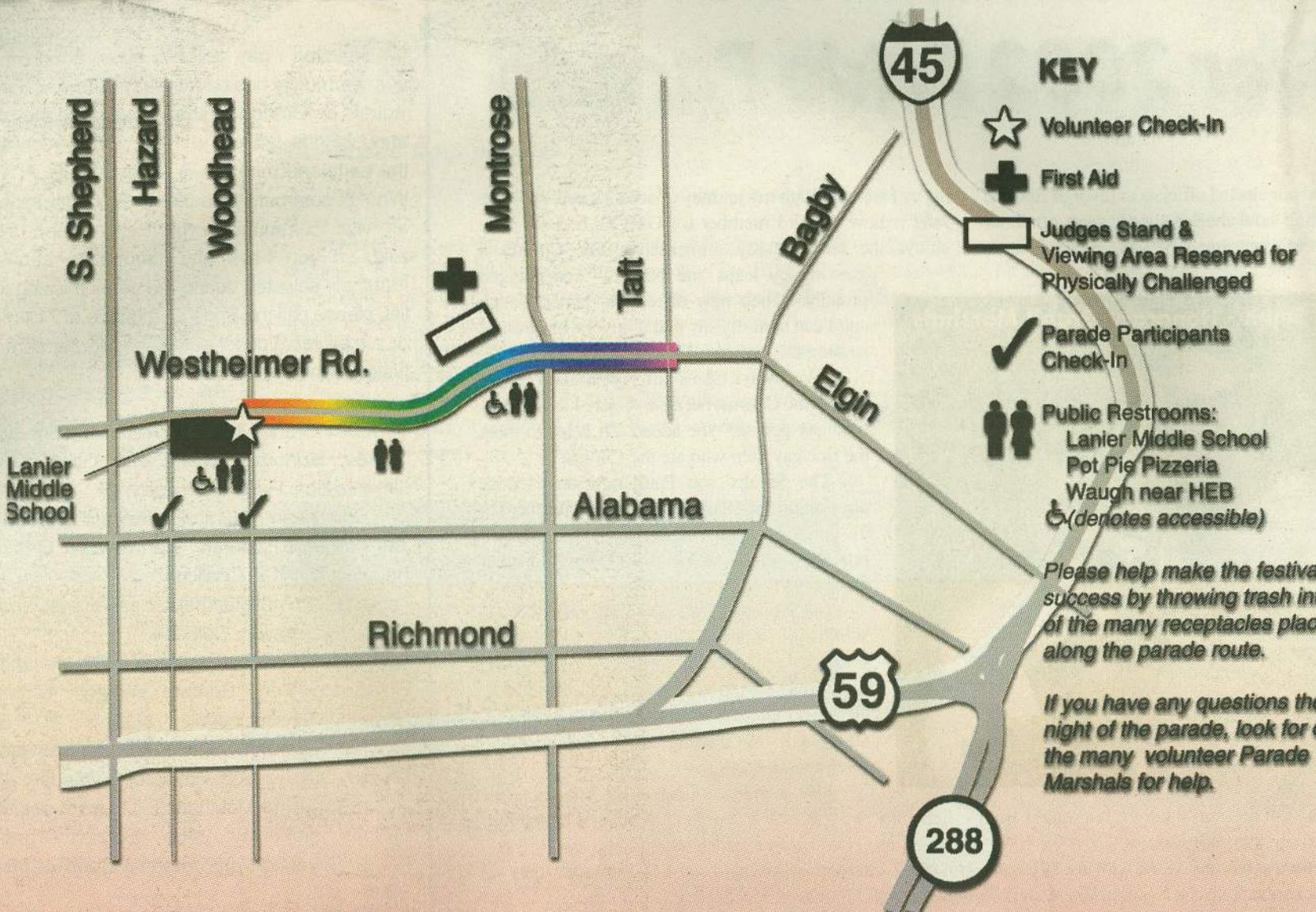
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2002 Houston Pride Parade Route



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fax: 713-529-6929

phone: 713-227-1717
fax: 281-893-0960
e-mail: jerry@simoneaux.com
web: www.stonewall-lawyers.org

phone: 713-622-6181
e-mail: rosewoman57@hotmail.com

Comfort & Joy

The hilarious comedy by Jack Heifner is presented in

Rights Campaign Federal
d'oeuvres.

6:30-8 p.m., Farrago R
cost: none
phone: 713-416-8470
fax: 713-862-5236
web: www.hrc.org

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7:30-9:30 p.m., Bering
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phone: 281-485-5097
e-mail: sdryam@housto
web: www.lgirtf.org

National HIV Testing

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a.m.-7 p.m.

8 p.m.-12 midnight, Br
cost: none
phone: 713-830-3000
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7 p.m.-2 a.m., Rhythm
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Waugh near HEB
& (denotes accessible)

Please help make the festival a success by throwing trash into one of the many receptacles placed along the parade route.

If you have any questions the night of the parade, look for one of the many volunteer Parade Marshals for help.

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e-mail: info@gogirlsmusic.com
web: www.gogirlsmusic.com

Before the Parade Pass
Join us for this very special before the Pride Parade pass to perform your favorite Broadway songs. Directed by Ken Williamson, the Committee of Houston and the Houston Pride will be a silent auction. 8-10 p.m., Alley Theatre
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web: www.pridehouston.org

Dirty Little Showtunes
Laughter was never this good. 8-10 p.m., Theatre New West
cost: \$20
phone: 713-394-0464
e-mail: joeleewatts@aol.com

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This black-tie celebration of groups. 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Rip

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Commemoration Day

Explore the history of the GLBT equal rights movement and pay tribute to those who have come before us.

GLBT History - Houston's First Decade: 1975-1985

Stonewall Lawyers Association of Greater Houston (SLAGH) presents a panel of speakers who will discuss their personal experiences on the front lines of the GLBT rights movement. Speakers include Ray Hill, Citizen Provocateur; Phyllis Frye, the Transgender Menace; and Donna Garrett, Lesbian Poet Extraordinaire. Donations benefit Community Awareness for Transgender Support, Q-Patrol, Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GLBT History and SLAGH.

6-8:30 p.m., Moot Court Room, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University, 3001 Clayburn
cost: \$5 donation requested

phone: 713-227-1717

fax: 281-893-0960
e-mail: jerry@simoneaux.com
web: www.stonewall-lawyers.org

Wednesday, June 26

Spirituality Day

Rejoice in our spiritual connections as we experience them through our diverse expressions and celebrations of life.

Interfaith Pride Worship Service

The diverse spiritual traditions of the GLBT community will be celebrated at this interfaith worship service. A reception follows the service.

7-9:30 p.m., Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood

cost: none
phone: 713-466-4438
e-mail: vschill@hcpl.net

Introduction to Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism

Learn how to become happy in this lifetime by chanting "nam myoko renge kyo." Sponsored by SGI-USA Houston "Living Out Loud."

7-8:30 p.m., 3465 W. Alabama
cost: none

phone: 713-622-6181

e-mail: rosewoman57@hotmail.com

Comfort & Joy

The hilarious comedy by Jack Heifner is presented in a benefit performance for the Pride Committee of Houston and the Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GLBT History. Join Scott and Tony, a happily married gay couple, in the midst of a Christmas disaster created by the arrival of zany members of their respective families and an unusual fairy who teaches the others about love, hope and forgiveness.

8-10 p.m., Theatre Suburbia, 1410 W. 43rd

cost: \$20
phone: 713-227-5973
e-mail: troop@rainbowprod.com
web: www.gcam.org

Thursday, June 27

Pride Worldwide Day

Embrace the diverse groups - whether united by nationality, ethnicity, common interest, stage of life or any other cultural aspect - that make our community strong, vibrant and multi-faceted.

HRC Pride

Invite a friend for an introduction to the Human

8 p.m.-12 midnight, Bra
cost: none
phone: 713-830-3000
fax: 713-830-3023
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web: www.montrosecin

Rights Campaign Federal Club in this Pride celebration with cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres.

6:30-8 p.m., Farrago Restaurant, 318 Gray
cost: none
phone: 713-416-8470
fax: 713-862-5236
web: www.hrc.org

"Love Knows No Borders" - A GLBT Immigration Talk

The Houston chapter of the Lesbian and Gay Immigration Rights Task Force presents a GLBT immigration talk by attorney-at-law John Nechman. An emphasis will be placed on the right of gay and lesbian binational couples to make a life together in the U.S.

7:30-9:30 p.m., Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold
cost: none; donation requested
phone: 281-485-5097
e-mail: sdryam@houston.rr.com
web: www.lgirtf.org

National HIV Testing Day

The Montrose Clinic provides free HIV testing in conjunction with National HIV Testing Day. Testing is also available for syphilis and Hepatitis C, and free condoms and lube are available. Testing will also be done at Montrose Clinic, 215 Westheimer, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

8 p.m.-12 midnight, Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos, and EJ's, 2517 Ralph
cost: none
phone: 713-830-3000
fax: 713-830-3023
e-mail: eroland@montroseclinic.org
web: www.montroseclinic.org

Friday, June 28

Arts Appreciation Day

Enjoy our community's expressions of identity through its many contributions to the performing, visual and literary arts.

GoGirlsRock! Houston Pride

GoGirlsMusic.com, the Houston-based online community of women artists, and the Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center present a concert featuring Liviya Compean, Carol Plunk, Astrogin, Nancy Ford and other performers, "cuz chicks rock!"

7 p.m.-2 a.m., Rhythm Room, 1815 Washington
cost: \$7
e-mail: info@gogirlsmusic.com
web: www.gogirlsmusic.com

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8-10 p.m., Alley Theatre, 615 Texas

attire: business

cost: \$25-\$100, call 713-228-8421 for tickets

phone: 713-529-6979

fax: 713-529-6929

e-mail: info@pridehouston.org

web: www.pridehouston.org

Dirty Little Showtunes - Encore!

Laughter was never this nasty - again - in this musical revue with new songs.

8-10 p.m., Theatre New West, 1415 California

cost: \$20

phone: 713-394-0464

e-mail: joeleewatts@aol.com

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This black-tie celebration and dance is a fundraiser for gay and lesbian community groups.

9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Ripley House Ballroom, 4410 Navigation

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Frequency Friday - Pride Edition

Special guest The Lady Bunny performs at this special edition of Rich's high-energy house music night. A portion of the proceeds benefits Pride Committee of Houston.

10 p.m.-4 a.m., Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto

cost: \$7

phone: 713-759-9606

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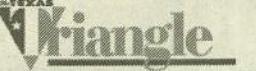
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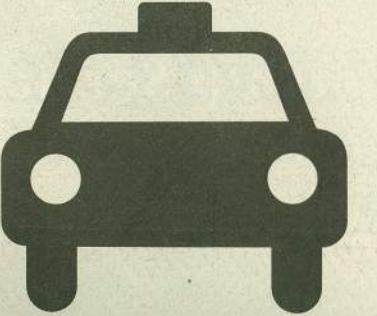
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After the Parade, dance your way down to Rich's and show your pride into the wee hours. Spectacular eye candy fills a dazzling carnival setting complete with rides and games. Chart-topping dance songstress (and Carol Burnett's daughter!) Erin Hamilton performs on the main stage following her appearance on the Rich's float in the Parade. Proceeds benefit Houston Pride.

10 p.m.-4 a.m., Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto
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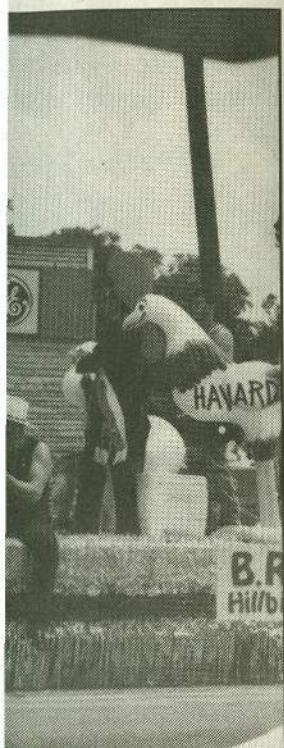
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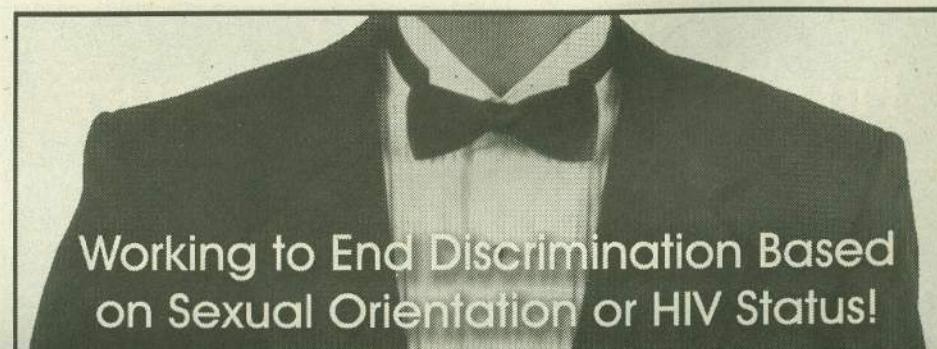
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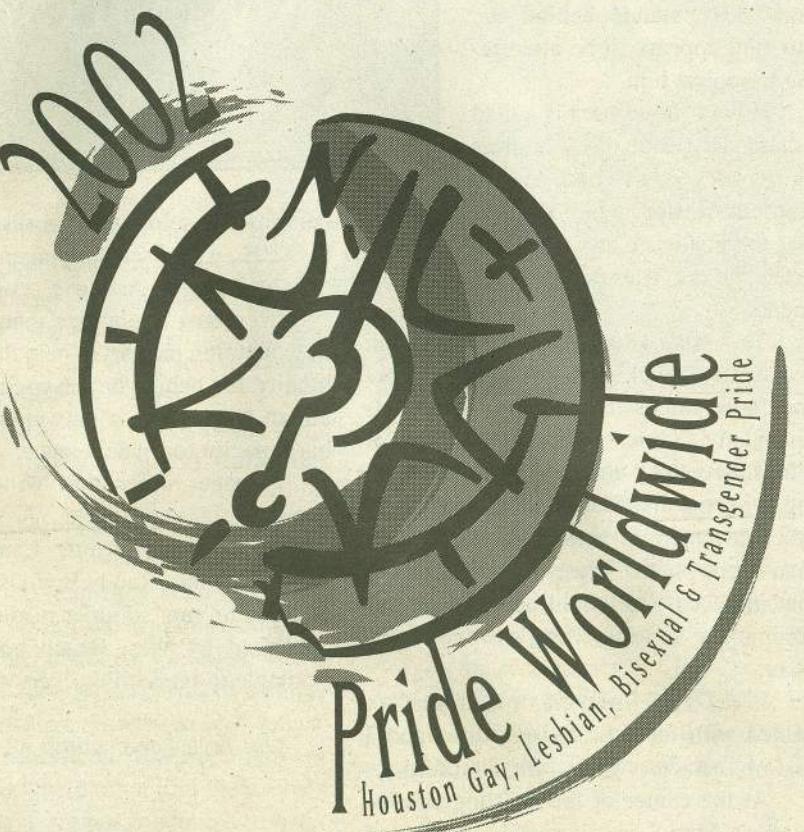
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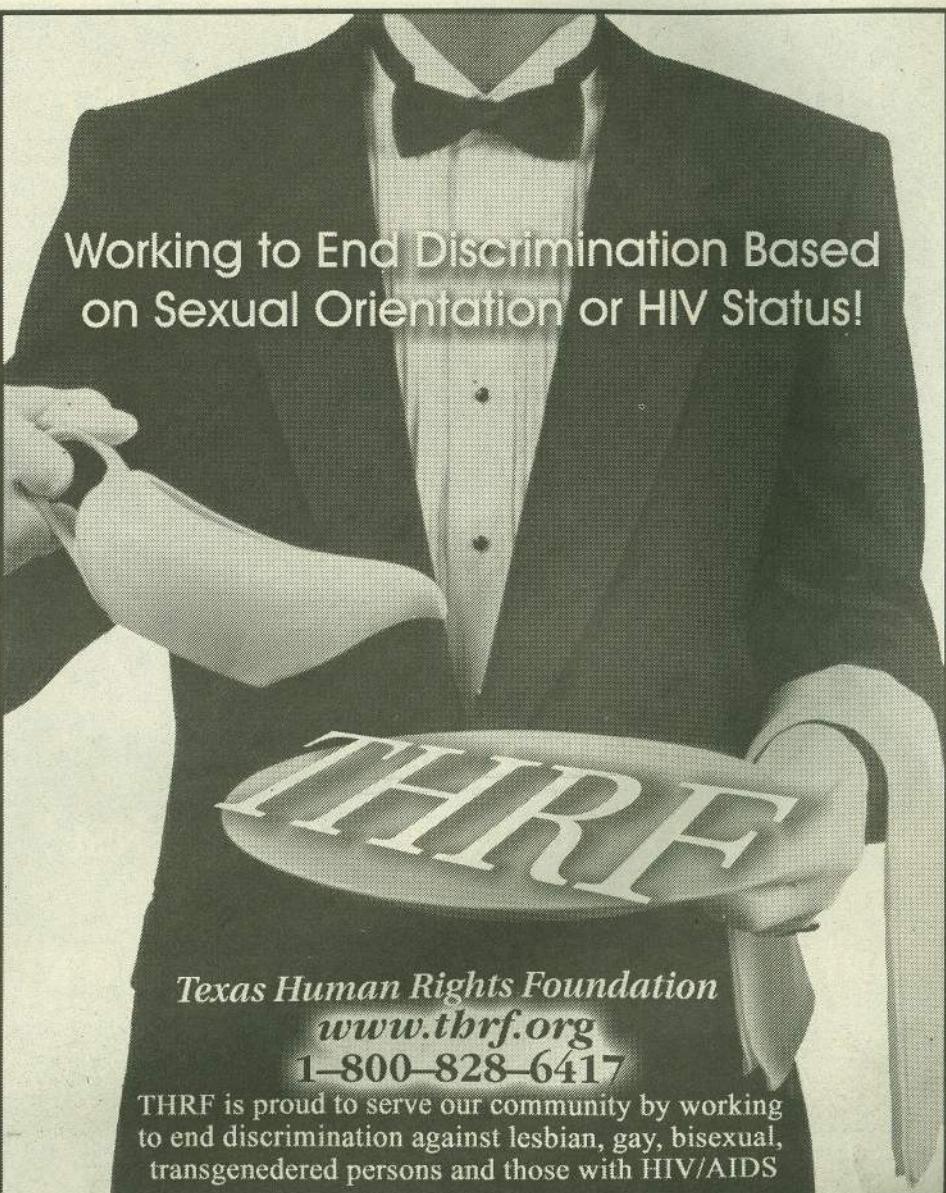
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AUSTIN

Hands Across the Nations presents *A Night of Jesus and Jazz*, including music for the deaf/hearing impaired. Saturday, June 29, 7 p.m. at MCC Austin at Freedom Oaks, 8601 South 1st St. 512-619-8194 or han_ministries@yahoo.com.

Vortex Rep presents the return of Rob Nash in his one man show, *12 Steps to a More Dysfunctional Family*, June 13-July 6 at The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd. June 14 performance benefits the Human Rights Campaign. Tickets: \$12-\$20. Info: 512-478-LAVA.

Austin Fine Properties and aGLIFF present a surprise comedy feature film at *Cinema Under the Stars*. Saturday, June 15, 7:30 p.m. with film at sunset. 1404 Windsor Rd. Benefits aGLIFF. Tickets: \$25, and includes the screening, an open bar and food. Info: www.agliff.org.

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Intergalactic Nemesis Redux! through June 29. Gallery Lombardi, 910 W. 3rd. 512-474-SVT6 or www.salvagevanguard.org.

Taylor Cage hosts *Queer Waves*, a showcase for GLBT musicians and special guests on KOOP 91.7 FM every Saturday, 4:30 p.m.



through June 29. 719 Congress. Tickets: \$23. Info: 512-469-SHOW or www.startickets.com.

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Kitchen Dog Theatre presents *The Fourth Annual New Works Festival*, a series of staged readings by regional and national playwrights. Through June 30 at The MAC, 3120 McKinney Ave. 214-953-1055 or www.kitchendogthetare.org.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra presents *Future Clasics*, June 16, 2:30 p.m.; *Jazz in June*, June 17, 7 p.m.; and *Casual Classics*, June 19, 7 p.m. Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. Info: www.dallassymphony.com or 214-871-4000.

Lambda Weekly Radio - gay and lesbian radio of North Texas, Dallas and Fort Worth airs every Sundays, 1 p.m. on KNON 89.3FM. Info: www.geocities.com/lambdaweekly.

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Main Street Theatre presents *Li'l Abner* through June 30, 4617 Montrose. 713-524-6706.

The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston rehearses Monday nights, 7 p.m. New singers welcome first three weeks of every concert cycle. No auditions, except voice placement. Non-singers welcome in support positions. Info: info@gmch.org or 713-521-7464.

BYOB and dance afterhours to old school disco, classic R&B, the retro '80s, and trance with Elkie the TG DJ. Wednesdays through Sundays, 2-6 a.m. at Club Nsomnia, 202 Tuam. Benefits AIDS Housing Coalition of Houston.

Poetically inclined? *Open mic poetry slam* is held on the second and fourth Saturdays, 8 p.m. Kim C. hosts. Oscar's Creamery, 1201 Westheimer. Info: 713-529-1672.

It's *The Dyke Show!* Comedian Nancy Ford hosts open mic for musicians, poets, and comics Thursdays, 8-11 p.m. at The G Spot (between Chances and The New Barn), 1100 Westheimer.

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Zachary Scott Theatre Center presents Craig Wright's *The Pavilion*, through July 7. 1510 Toomey Rd. 512-476-0541, ext. 1 or www.zachscott.com.

The Bedlam Faction presents Gore Vidal's *Romulus*. Through June 22 at The Off Center, 2211 A Hidalgo. 512-963-3851 or www.bedlamfaction.com.

The Flaming Idiots star in *What Goes Up...* through June 23 on ZACH's Kleberg Stage. www.zachscott.com or 512-476-0541, ext. 1.

ProArts Collective of Austin presents *Atol Fugard's Master Harold and the Boys*. June 14-30 at the Santa Cruz center for Culture, 1805 E. 7th St. 512-454-TIXS.

Salvage Vanguard Theatre presents



Houston Ballet features soloist Randy Herrera as Basilio in *Don Quixote*, through June 16 in Wortham Theater Center. Info: 713-227-ARTS.

This Way Out airs Fridays 5 p.m., followed by Outspoken at 6 p.m. www.koop.org or 512-472-1369.

Jester's Night Out, an evening of comedic competition, plays the first Wednesday of every month, 8-10 p.m. \$100 cash prize based on audience participation and costume. Benefits Wright House Wellness Center. Dick's Deja Disco, 113 San Jacinto.

Women in Jazz features *Kellye Gray, Denise Brooks, and Pamela Hart*. June 29, 7:30

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HOUSTON

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Houston Gay & Lesbian Film Festival screens at various venues through June 16. www.hglff.org.

Chris Wilson's Actors Theatre of Houston presents *Taking Leave* at Stages Repertory Theatre. Through June 22. 713-529-6606.

The Houston Pride Band, in gearing up for the Pride Worldwide 2002 Parade, is currently seeking musicians of all skill levels. Open rehearsals are held on Wednesdays, 7 p.m. 1307 Yale (Dignity Houston). Info: Russell Williams, 713-528-4379 or LGBApresident@aol.com.

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Poetically inclined? *Open mic poetry slam* is held on the second and fourth Saturdays, 8 p.m. Kim C. hosts. Oscar's Creamery, 1201 Westheimer. Info: 713-529-1672.

It's *The Dyke Show!* Comedian Nancy Ford hosts open mic for musicians, poets, and comics Thursdays, 8-11 p.m. at The G Spot (between Chances and The New Barn), 1100 Westheimer.

Theatre New West presents *Dirty Little Showtunes* again through June 28. 1415 California. 713-394-0464.

Theatre LaB presents Brad Fraser's *Unidentified Human Remains* and the True Nature of Love. Through June 15. 1706 Alamo. 713-868-7516 or www.theatrelab-houston.com.

Theatre Suburbia presents *Comfort and Joy*, through June 29. June 26 performance benefits Pride Committee of Houston and Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GLBT History. 713-682-3525 or www.theatresuburbia.com.

Les Wood presents in *Reflections* on the Game of Love. Monday, June 24, 7:30 p.m. at Ovations, 2536-B Times Blvd. Benefits Bering Support Network. Tickets: \$25. Info: 713-526-1017, ext. 208.

SAN ANTONIO

Alamo City Men's Chorale presents *15 Years of Pride*, Saturday, June 22 at 8 p.m. at San Antonio College's McAllister Auditorium. Tickets \$15. Info: 210-495-7464. They also perform in the San Antonio Sings concert, Saturday, June 29, 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium. Tickets: \$5-\$10. Info: www.tpr.org/thekey/2002/june/sa_sings.html.

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Calendar

AUSTIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Libertarian Party of Travis County presents a Candidates Forum, Sunday June 16, 4 p.m. at the LCRA Building conference room, 3700 Lake Austin Blvd. Info: Rock Howard, 512-453-5942.

Center for Women's Business meets for informative noon lunches at least once a week at 912 Bastrop Hwy., Suite. 210 (Wells Fargo Bank Building). Info: 512-472-8522.

Invade the straight world, one straight bar at a time. Second Friday of every month, 6-9 p.m. Locations vary. Info: www.gorillathing.com.

The LesBiGay Students' Association (LBGSA) meets every Thursday, 8-10 p.m. in Sanchez 296 (Speedway between MLK and 21st) for discussions, movies, guest speakers and games. Or, meet them for coffee Wednesdays, 10 p.m., at the Spiderhouse outside patio, 2908 Fruth Ave. Hungry? How about lunch at the Family Tree, West Mall by steps in front of Architecture Building, Fridays at noon. Info: www.lbgsa.org.

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meets Tuesdays, 7:20 p.m. at Dart Bowl, 5700 Grover. Info: Steve Cawthorn, 512-647-7073 or austingamblers@yahoo.com.

Austin Frontrunners meets for its weekly walk/run each Sunday morning, 7:45-8 a.m. Then it's time for breakfast. Info: Charles, 512-473-8334 or www.frontrunners.org.

SPIRITUALITY

Gay Men's Association meets first and third Fridays of each month, 7-9 p.m. at the University Catholic Center, University and E. 21st to discuss spirituality. Info: 512-476-7351.

BEAUMONT

Beaumont PFLAG meets twice monthly at 1575 Spindletop Ave. Call Caleb for dates and times. Info: 409-722-1632 or email Caleb.hutchens@NetZero.net.

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Texas Twisters, Dallas/Fort Worth's gay and lesbian country-western dance club, holds its general membership meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month, 7 p.m., at various locations. www.texastwisters.org or 972-993-2021, ext. 5052.

Hispanic Outreach Team (HOT) meets to assemble safe sex packets and to promote HIV relapse prevention among gay Hispanic males on the first and third Saturdays of the month, 10 a.m. John Thomas Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan. Info: 214-521-5124, ext. 223.

The Resource Center of Dallas is starting a new health-related outreach team. The outreach team, H.E.A.D. Hunters, is open to gay and lesbian people who want to promote physical, sexual and mental health in the gay and lesbian community while meeting fun people and volunteering to make a difference in the community. Meets first and third Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m. in the John Thomas Gay & Lesbian Community Center 2701 Reagan St. Info: India, 214-528-0144 or istewart@resourcecenterdallas.org.

Positively Young provides resources, provides psychological and emotional support for HIV/AIDS infected youth and their parents/guardians. Info: Human Services Network, 972-283-0468.

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Mesa Redonda (Round Table), an HIV positive support group meets the first Thursday of each month. Positive Personals meets each first and third Tuesday, 6-10 p.m. at The Brick, 4117 Maple. Info: 214-521-5124, ext. 142.

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HIV Wellness Center seeks personal trainers to work with people living with HIV/AIDS. Minimal pay is negotiable. Info: Monica, 512-467-0088.

The Austin Men's Project invites you to relax by the pool at its fourth annual Lava Luau. Sunday, June 16, 2-6 p.m. The Metropolis Apartments' pool/clubhouse, 2200 S. Pleasant Valley. Info: 512-447-4270 or www.austinmensproject.com.

Do you want to help stop the spread of HIV/AIDS? Would you be comfortable talking about sex in bars on 6th or 4th Street (like you don't already)? If so, then volunteer with the AIDS Services of Austin prevention team. Info: 512-406-6167.

Hike, camp, canoe, and do other overwhelmingly wholesome activities with Adventuring Outdoors, a gay recreation group. Meet them at a potluck on the first Wednesday each month, or help plan new activities on the third Tuesday. Info: Peter, 512-418-8881 or www.main.org/adventuring.

The Friends of David Powell Clinic seeks volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to assist in fund-raising activities, clerical work, and data base collection. The David Powell Clinic specializes in the treatment of HIV infected clients, and serves the uninsured and the under insured residents of Austin and Travis County. Info: Henry, 512-389-3958.

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Friends Associating and Relating (FAR) is a support group with educational and social activities giving gay men and lesbians a place to meet other than the bars. Info: 214-328-6749.

Gay? Mature? Hungry? Dallas/Ft. Worth Prime Timers meet several times throughout the month for meals and fellowship. Info: 972-504-8866.

Baffled by bisexuality? BiNet Dallas meets the first Friday of each month for support/discussion, 7 p.m. at the John Thomas Gay and Lesbian Center, 2701 Reagan and the third Saturday of the month for brunch, 10:30 a.m. at La Madeleine (Lemonn at Oak Lawn). Info: www.geocities.com/binetdallas, or alexande@ticnet.com.

Achtung, baby! Dallas Gay Deutschklub is an organization dedicated to speaking and practicing the German language. Open to anyone who speaks fluent German. Info: deutschklub@iname.com.

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Team Dallas Aquatics, a gay and lesbian U.S. Masters team, seeks swimmers and divers of all ages and abilities to join. Regular coached practices, six days per week. Info: www.TeamDallasAquatics.com.

Oak Lawn Ski & Scuba Club of Dallas meets monthly for a casual dinner. Info: oaklawnskiclub@hotmail.com or 214-521-5342, ext. 1769.

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DENTON

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Interweave, Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns, invites people of all faiths and sexual preferences for discussion every Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the Denton Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1111 Cordell St. Info: Rachel at (940) 566-1833.

University of North Texas Delta Lambda Phi fraternity meets Sundays. Info: <http://orgs.unt.edu/dlp>.

EL PASO

Under 22? Youth OUTreach meets Thursdays, 6 p.m. and Saturday, 7 p.m. for lively discussions, activities, and community involvement. Info: www.GAYelpaso.org. LAMBDA Parents meet Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Info: www.LAMBDA.org. Both groups meet at the Community Center, 216 S. Ochoa.

Texas Stonewall Democratic Caucus presents guest speaker Democratic National Committee Treasurer Andrew Tobias who signs copies of his books, *The Only Investment Guide You Will Ever Need*, *The Best Little Boy in the World*, and *The Best Little Boy in the World Grows Up*. Friday, June 14, 2 p.m. in the Convention Center. Info: www.stonewalldemocrats.org/texas/.

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Info: 713-467-4380 or www.flash.net/~bi

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A Feminist Group for all women (each woman defines her own feminism) meets every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore Sojourner Truth Room, 3rd floor. Info: Iris Greer Sizemore, 713-529-8571 or Laura Reich, 713-529-1886 or ChzHead005@aol.com.

ART

Diverse Works Art Space presents Slant: Bold Asian American Images. Through June 30. 1117 East Freeway, 713-223-8346.

FUND-RAISERS

AIDS Housing Coalition Houston offers its first Rummage-A-Rama, held the first Saturday of each month at Club Nsomnia, 202 Tuam. Booth space available. Info: Michael gates, 713-521-1613.

We gotta tell ya, the Montrose Clinic has been selected as the beneficiary of the charity tables at Katz's Deli on Westheimer for the month of June. Request to eat at the charity table, and the Clinic receives 10 percent of the total food bill as a donation.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Director of Bering Support Network Ken McLeod facilitates Jump Start, a group for GLBT persons living with disabilities such as MS, cerebral palsy, amputations, head trauma, and/or neuro-deficits. Second and fourth Fridays, 11 a.m. Info: 713-526-1017, ext. 208.

Men and women who have played soccer before are invited to join The Montrose Soccer Club. Sundays, 1 p.m. Woodrow Wilson School, Yupon at Fairview (look for the rainbow flag). Info: MontroseSC@soccer.com or www.geocities.com/MontroseSoccer.

GLBTQ? HIV/AIDS? Grieving? Lonely? Bering Support Network wants to help. Info: 713-526-1017 or www.beringumc.org.

Southern Country Houston, a lesbian and gay 501(c) 3 dance club, teaches all forms of Country & Western dancing at The New Barn, 1102 Westheimer, Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Info: Patricia or Carl, 713-721-2011.

Join the Gay/Lesbian Breakfast Club for a three-mile walk each Saturday, 9:30 a.m. the Memorial Park in front of the tennis center. They then adjourn to Java Java Cafe, 911 11th, for breakfast. Info: 281-437-0636 or <http://members.aol.com/morningclub/index.htm>.

Lone Star Volleyball Association meets Sundays, 4:30 p.m., University of St. Thomas's Jarabeck Center, 4000 Mt. Vernon St. New players are welcome and play for free. Winter 2002 season starts Jan. 6.

Body Positive Wellness Clinic offers a 3-month core program for HIV positive men and women consisting of supervised exercise training and nutritional counseling as well as optional massage therapy and chiropractic care. Graduates of the program are encouraged to continue using the facilities and receiving all services. Info: 713-524-2374.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AVER-Houston Chapter, a coalition of veterans, active duty members, reservists, and civilians dedicated to overturning "don't ask, don't tell", meets the first Monday of the month at the Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. 713-524-3818 or www.glbva.org, or houstonlgbva@earthlink.net

Discuss the priorities of the GLBT community as well as the Mayor's thoughts with Janine Brunjes, the Mayor's Liaison to the GLBT community. Roundtable's are scheduled the third Thursday of each month, 7-8 p.m. 713-520-1142.

Lesbian Book Discussion Group meets twice a month to provide lesbians a place to meet, talk about great books, and form friendships. Info: www.geocities.com/lesbianlbgd/ or 713-383-6738.

Want to improve your Spanish through informal conversation rather than instruction? Charla Houston's Spanish Group meets twice a month, on alternating Thursdays, para hablar, practicar, y divertirnos en espanol. All levels welcome. Info: charlahouston@msn.com, or 713-416-7203.

Houston Chapter of Inmate Families organization (INFO) meets the second Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. of each month at Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose. Info: 713-515-3736.

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus general meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. Info: voter@hglpc.com.

The past is present, Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GLBT History, Inc., 1609 West Main - #4, is open Saturdays, 12 noon-6 p.m. and Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. Info: 713-227-5973 or www.gcam.org.

BiNet Houston meets Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Hobbit Cafe, 2243 Richmond. Bi-questioning people, GLBT, and all open-minded people are welcome. Info: 713-467-4380 or www.flash.net/~bihouse.

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The Pride Committee of Houston needs volunteers for Houston's Annual Pride Parade, Pride WorldWide 2002, on Saturday, June 29, 8:45-11 p.m. Info: 713-529-6979, info@pridehouston.org or www.pridehouston.org.

An Uncommon Legacy Foundation meets the third Wednesday of each month, 1400 Hermann Drive in the Gallery, first floor. Volunteers are needed to work with the local steering committee as plans get underway for upcoming events. Info: 713-520-1142.

Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf meet every second Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Montrose Clinic, 213 Westheimer.

Cyberwomen, unite! Need info about health, politics, resources, a calendar of community meetings and events, and more? Log on to FEMNET, a free Email list of interest to feminists and lesbians in the Houston/Galveston area. To subscribe to The Feminist Online Network, send an email to FEMNET-

amputations, head trauma, and/or neuro-deficits. Second and fourth Fridays, 11 a.m. Info: 713-526-1017, ext. 208.

Men and women who have played soccer before are invited to join The Montrose Soccer Club. Sundays, 1 p.m. Woodrow Wilson School, Yupon at Fairview (look for the rainbow flag). Info: MontroseSC@soccer.com or www.geocities.com/MontroseSoccer.

GLBTQ? HIV/AIDS? Grieving? Lonely? Bering Support Network wants to help. Info: 713-526-1017 or www.beringumc.org.

Southern Country Houston, a lesbian and gay 501(c) 3 dance club, teaches all forms of Country & Western dancing at The New Barn, 1102 Westheimer, Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Info: Patricia or Carl, 713-721-2011.

Join the Gay/Lesbian Breakfast Club for a three-mile walk each Saturday, 9:30 a.m. the Memorial Park in front of the tennis center. They then adjourn to Java Java Cafe, 911 11th, for breakfast. Info: 281-437-0636 or <http://members.aol.com/morningclub/index.htm>.

Lone Star Volleyball Association meets Sundays, 4:30 p.m., University of St. Thomas's Jarabeck Center, 4000 Mt. Vernon St. New players are welcome and play for free. Winter 2002 season starts Jan. 6.

Body Positive Wellness Clinic offers a 3-month core program for HIV positive men and women consisting of supervised exercise training and nutritional counseling as well as optional massage therapy and chiropractic care. Graduates of the program are encouraged to continue using the facilities and receiving all services. Info: 713-524-2374.

The Montrose Clinic offers free HIV testing Mondays at Keys West 8 p.m.-12 midnight, Brick's 4 p.m.-8 p.m.; Tuesdays at 611 Club 4 p.m.-8 p.m., The Club Houston 8 p.m.-12 midnight; Wednesdays at Mary's 4-8 p.m., Lesbian & Gay Community Center 6-9 p.m., Ripcord 9 p.m.-12 midnight, E/J's 10 p.m.-1 a.m., and Midtowne Spa 10 p.m.-1 a.m.; Thursdays at OutPost 4-8 p.m., BRB 8 p.m.-12 midnight, Cousins 8 p.m.-12 midnight, and Toyz Disco, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.; Fridays at The MeatRack 10 p.m.-2 a.m., E/J's 10 p.m.-1 a.m., and Midtowne Spa 10 p.m.-1 a.m.; Saturdays at Viviana's 11 p.m.-2 a.m.; Sundays, Club Inergy 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Classes are also offered for individuals newly diagnosed with Hep C. Info: 713-830-3000.

SPIRITUALITY

The Jewish Congregation Mishpachat Alizim meets for Sabbath services the second Friday of each month, 8 p.m. at Baby Barnaby's, 602 Fairview. Info: 866-841-9139, ext. 1834 or mishpachat@onebox.com.

Congregation Beth Israel hosts a monthly study group led by Rabbi Whitman and Rabbi Glickman for gay and lesbian Jews in the Houston area. First Thursday of every month, 7:30 p.m. at Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood. Info: Rabbi Glickman, 713-771-6221.

In conjunction with Pride Week, Jewish Family Services presents Rabbi Bradley Arton who discusses With Everlasting Love: Gays and Lesbians, Torah and Covenant. Sunday, June 30, 2:15 p.m. Workshop begins at 10:30 a.m. Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood. Info: Toby Newman, 713-667-9336, or tnewman@jfshouston.org.

New Hope Christian Community holds its nondenominational worship service at the Houston Lesbian & Gay Community Center, Sundays, 11 a.m. 803 Hawthorne. Info: 713-524-3818 or 713-801-7386.

All-Spanish worship services are celebrated every Saturday, 6 p.m. in the chapel of Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church. 2025 W 11th St. 713-861-9149 or 713-303-3409.

of social, health, and educational programs each week, as well as psychotogical counseling at no cost, and HIV, women's, men's, and transgendered support groups. Open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday, 1-6 p.m. 611 E. Myrtle, in the sub-level of the Metropolitan Community Church. Info: 1-866-452-2724, 210-223-6106 or <http://glccsa.org>.

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SEGUIN

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WACO

PFLAG-Waco meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4209 North 27th St. Meet for chat, drinks and perhaps a meal at PFLAG Waco Pub Nite, the third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Info: www.pflagwaco.org or 254-776-3806.

Want to help organize a GLBT Baylor alumni group? Drop an email to info@baylorbearpride.com.

Does your organization have a special event of interest to GLBT

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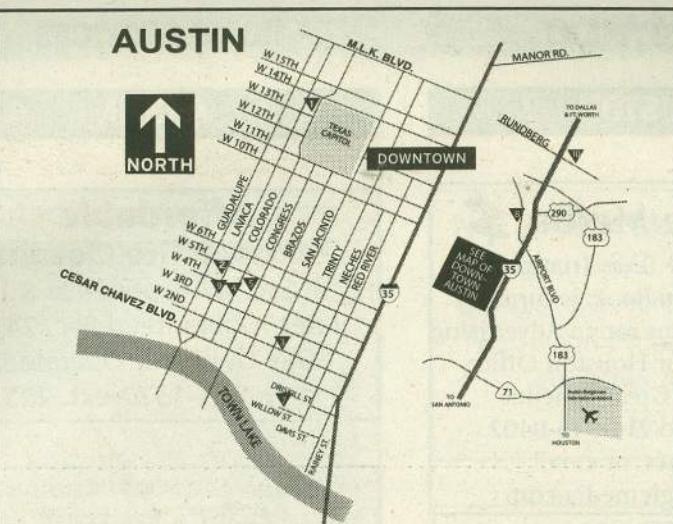
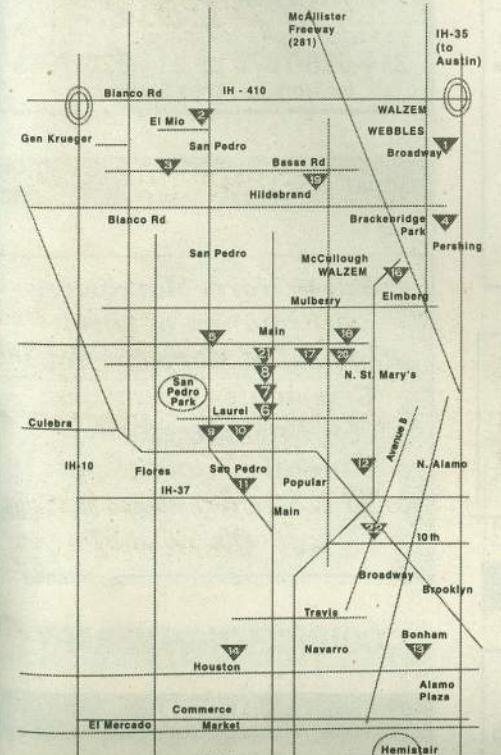
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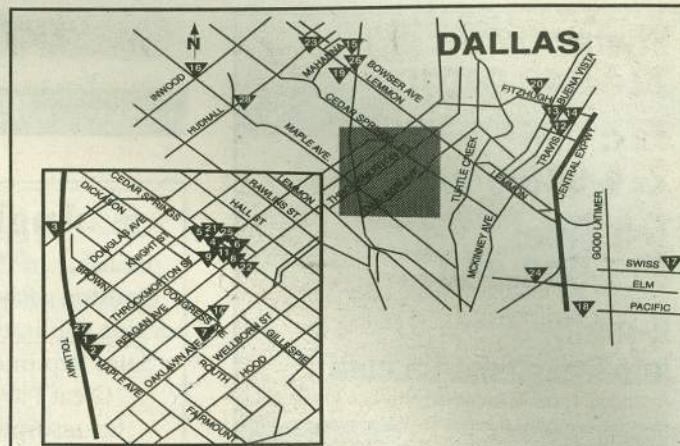
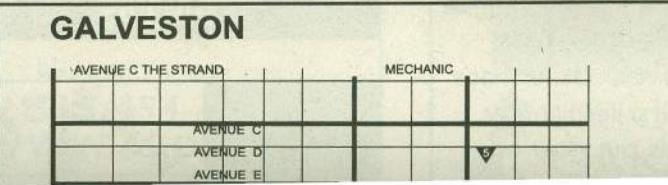
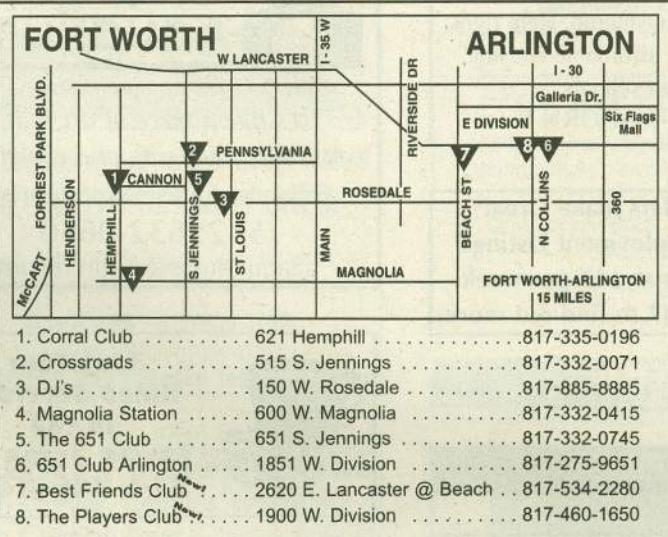
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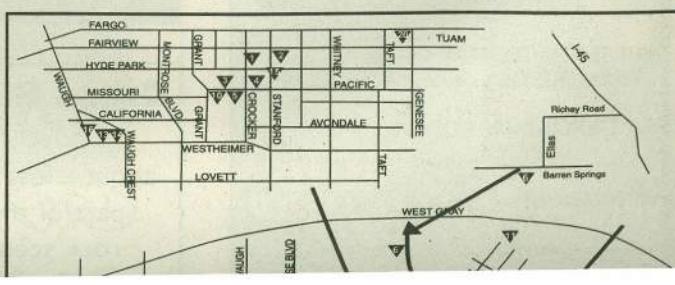
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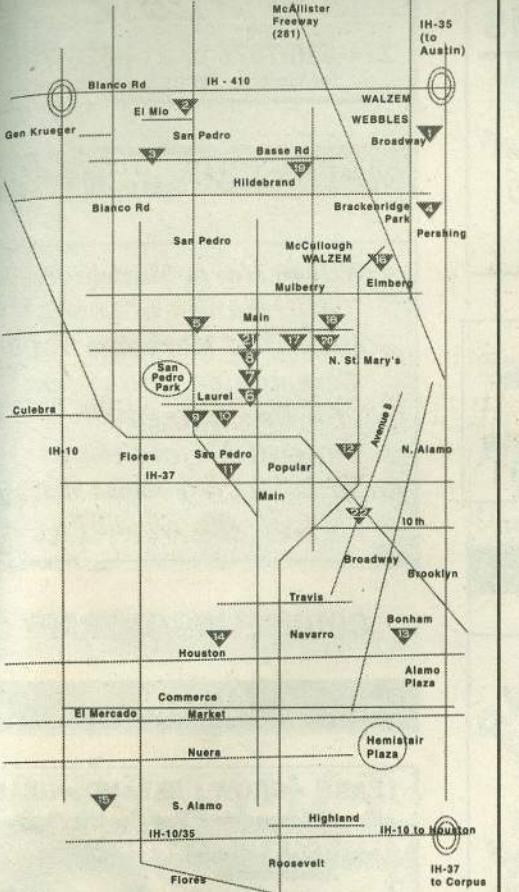
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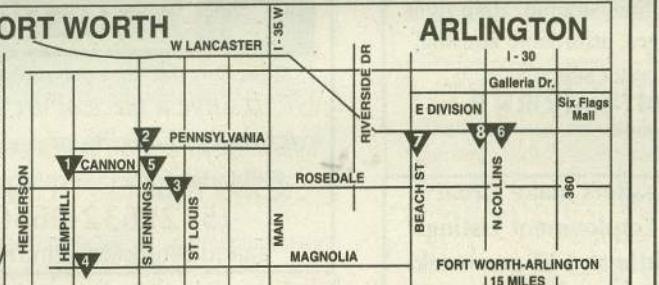
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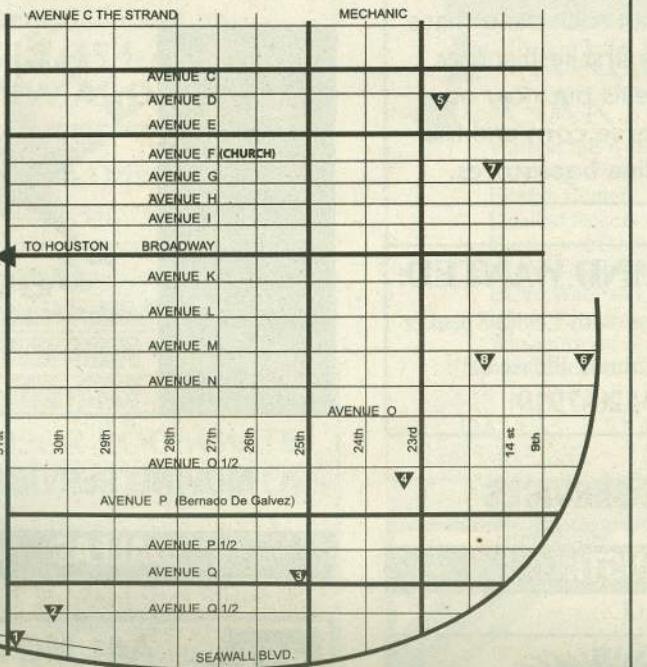
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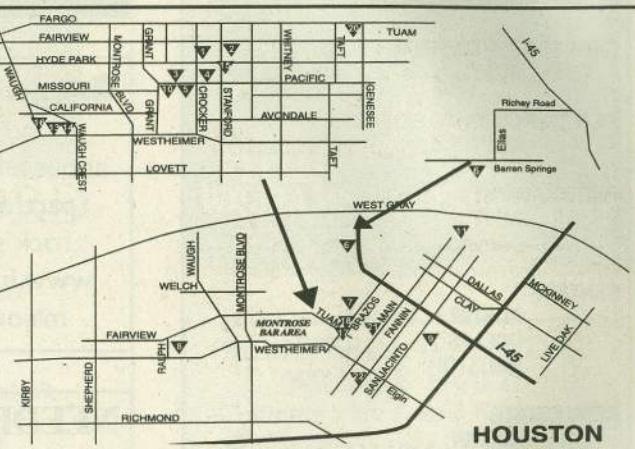
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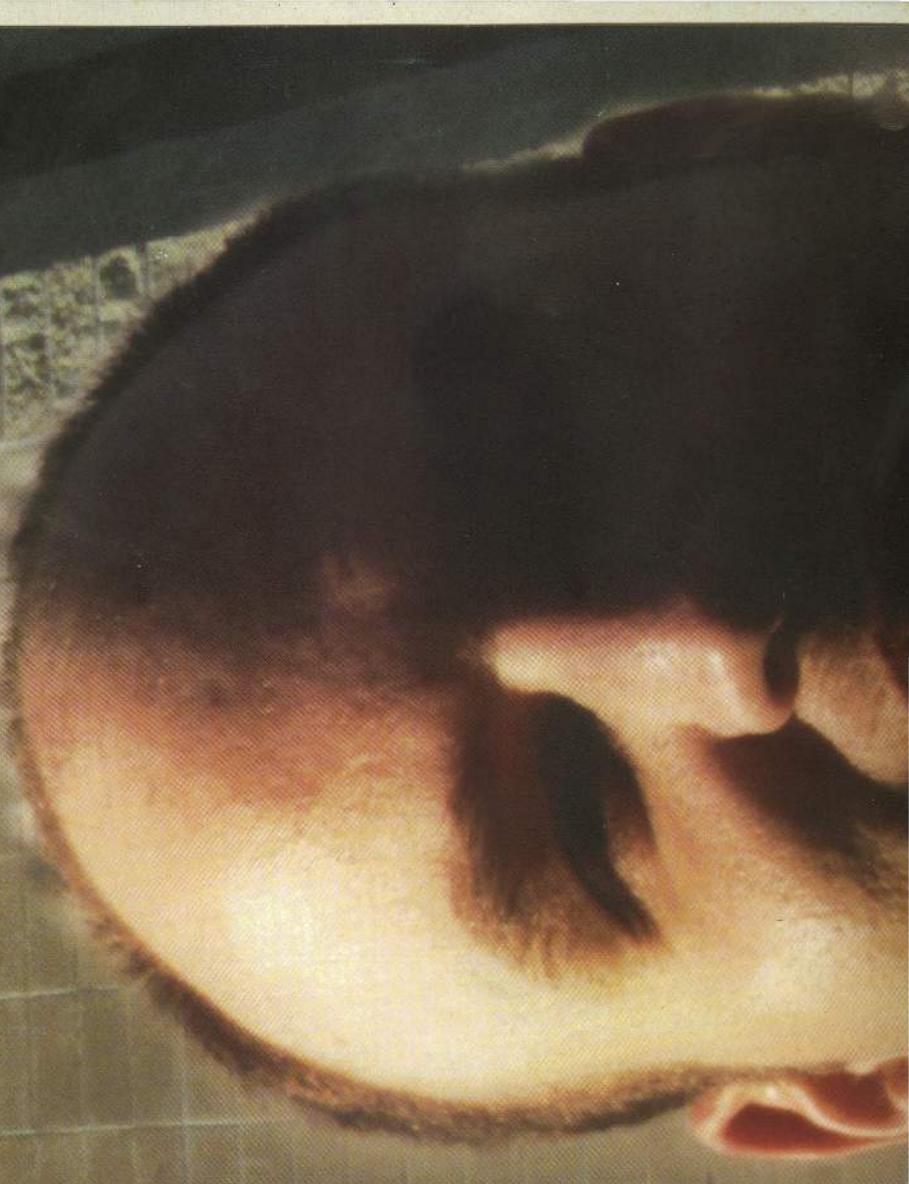
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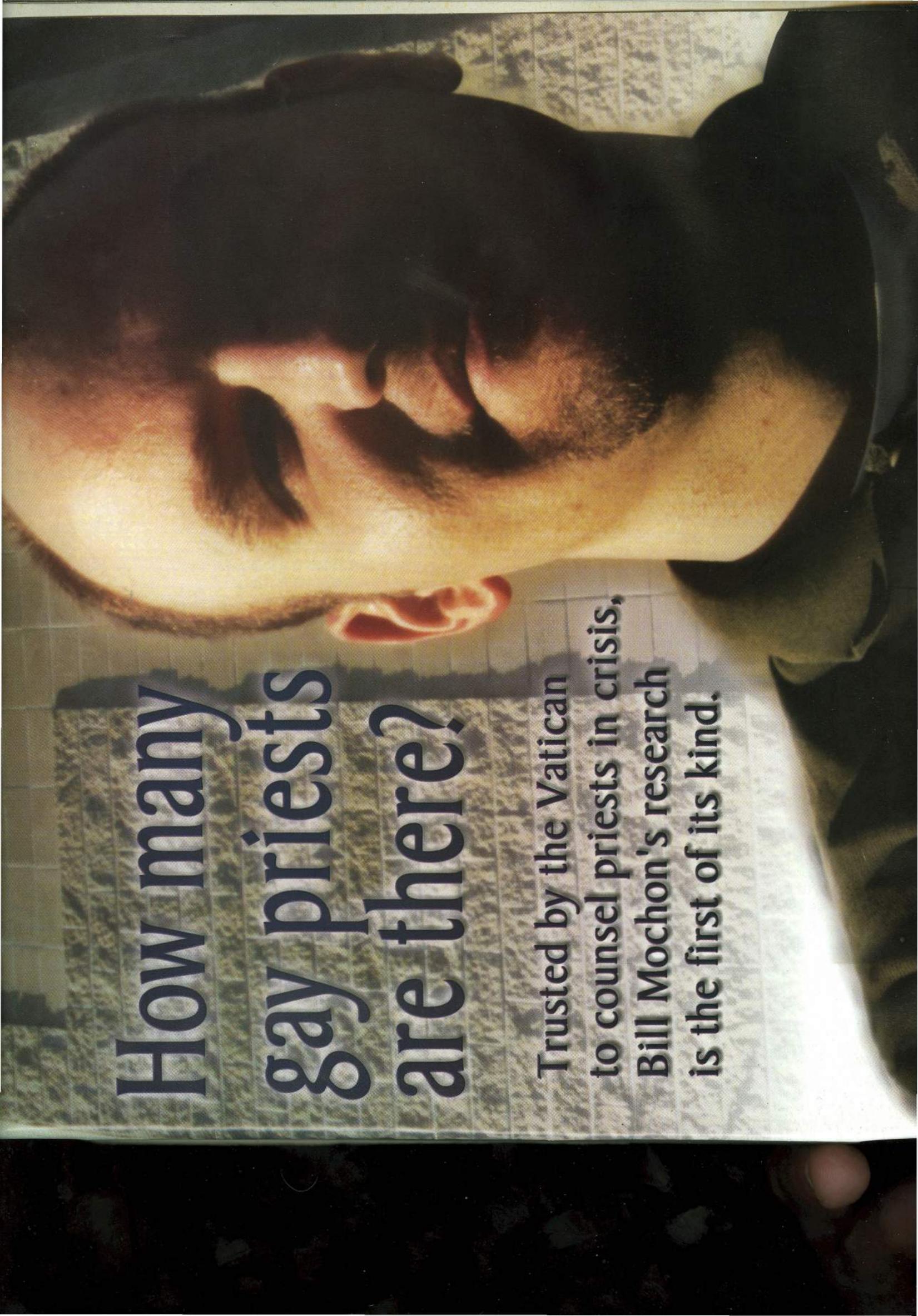
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The Wait Is Over! Get Ready for Ten Days of Houston Pride

By Troy Christensen

HOUSTON — Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Pride 2002 is here! You had to wait a little bit longer this year since it's more of a Pride Week than a Pride Month, but we on the Pride Committee promise a compact, fun and meaningful series of events lasting through next weekend to make up for the wait.

Pride Kick-off Party

It all starts tonight with the Pride Kick-off Party from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. at Sonoma, 1415 California. A \$10 donation is requested at the door for this all-ages event that offers something for everyone.

Early in the evening, enjoy a cash bar with your friends while you meet and mingle with the Pride Parade Grand Marshals and other Houston dignitaries.

There will also be a number of vendor booths for Houston Pride sponsors with samples of Sparkletts water, Red Bull energy drink, Ecco Domani Pinot Grigio and Rancho Zabaco Dancing Bull Zinfandel wines, the brand-new Vanilla Coke and other products.

The early-evening star of the show is Kristie Stremel, a Kansas City-based singer/songwriter who really rocks. Her low, cigarette-flavored growl is reminiscent of Melissa Etheridge and her lyrics are inspired by some of the best of the singer/songwriters, like Lucinda Williams and Tom Petty. Kristie's latest album, *All I Really Want*, was released late last year to rave reviews. But more importantly, she's a crowd-pleaser at live performances. Kristie's dividing her time right now between recording her upcoming album and playing at Pride celebrations. Catch her now because she won't come to town again until the Houston Women's Festival this Fall.

At 10 p.m., enjoy a spectacular drag show with some of Houston's top performers. Tip often and heartily—everything goes to support Pride activities. Then dance into the night as DJ Michael Kessler spins from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Maria Todd of the 104 KRBE morning show will emcee the entire event, giving a preview of her legendary announcing at the Pride Parade.

Pride Days

Following the Kick-off Party is a week of community-sponsored Pride events, with a different theme for each day. This is a big change from the past few years, when events were scattered through most of June, but it hearkens back to Pride celebrations of the early- and mid-80s. Every major change has its own growing pains, but we believe the Houston GLBT

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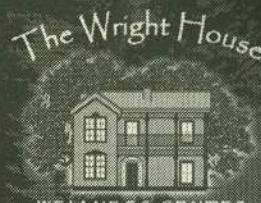
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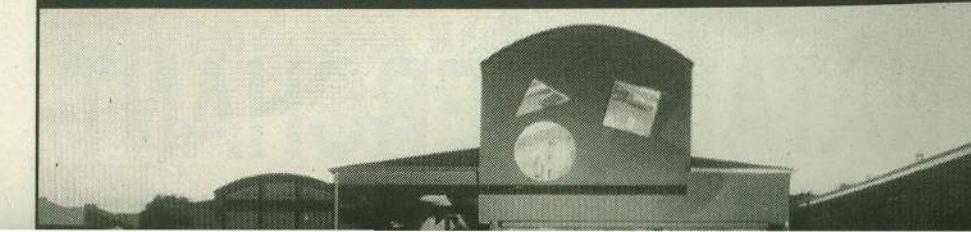


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Early in the evening, enjoy a cash bar with your friends while you mingle with the Pride Parade Grand Marshals and other Houston dignitaries.

There will also be a number of vendor booths for Houston Pride sponsors with samples of Sparkletts water, Red Bull energy drink, Ecco Domani Pinot Grigio and Rancho Zabaco Dancing Bull Zinfandel wines, the brand-new Vanilla Coke and other products.

The early-evening star of the show is Kristie Stremel, a Kansas City-based singer/songwriter who really rocks. Her low, cigarette-flavored growl is reminiscent of Melissa Etheridge and her lyrics are inspired by some of the best of the singer/songwriters, like Lucinda Williams and Tom Petty. Kristie's latest album, *All I Really Want*, was released late last year to rave reviews. But more importantly, she's a crowd-pleaser at live performances. Kristie's dividing her time right now between recording her upcoming album and playing at Pride celebrations. Catch her now because she won't come to town again until the Houston Women's Festival this Fall.

At 10 p.m., enjoy a spectacular drag show with some of Houston's top performers. Tip often and heartily—everything goes to support Pride activities. Then dance into the night as DJ Michael Kessler spins from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Maria Todd of the 104 KRBE morning show will emcee the entire event, giving a preview of her legendary announcing at the Pride Parade.

Pride Days

Following the Kick-off Party is a week of community-sponsored Pride events, with a different theme for each day. This is a big change from the past few years, when events were scattered through most of June, but it hearkens back to Pride celebrations of the early- and mid-80s. Every major change has its own growing pains, but we believe the Houston GLBT community will be better served in this new (yet old) way.

With the new arrangement, called Pride Days, we've been able to publicize all of the events in ways we never could in the past few years. It's also easier for the community to attend a concentrated week of events, especially if coming from out-of-town.

A week of events arranged by theme is also much more meaningful than events scattered throughout a month with little rhyme or reason. A major part of the Pride Committee's mission is education, and it is important to educate our own community about the issues facing it. With the themes chosen for the 2002 Pride Days, we hope you're inspired to seek understanding of some of our community's issues and the reasons we celebrate Pride, both through the events on these days and on your own.

In future years, there will be room for improvement in Pride Days. However, we think this year's celebration marks a grand return for an idea whose time has come again.

Tomorrow, Saturday, June 22, is Health & Recreation Day. Pride Day at AstroWorld certainly covers the recreation part. Q Texas, South Beach and Gallery Furniture are this year's sponsors of this popular Pride tradition at Houston's Six Flags theme park. The park, at 9001 Kirby at the 610 Loop, is open between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. and there will be a concert by dance diva Pepper Mashay at 6 p.m. in the Coca-Cola Southern Star Amphitheater. Tickets are \$29 and are available at Basic Brothers, Crossroads Market, Lobo and M2M Fashions. Proceeds benefit the Pride Committee and Houston Black Tie Dinner.

That evening, the Community Center Art Festival will include a silent auction of several artists' work, live music and refreshments, all benefiting the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center. The Art Festival is 7:30-11 p.m. at the Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. The cost is \$10 at the door.

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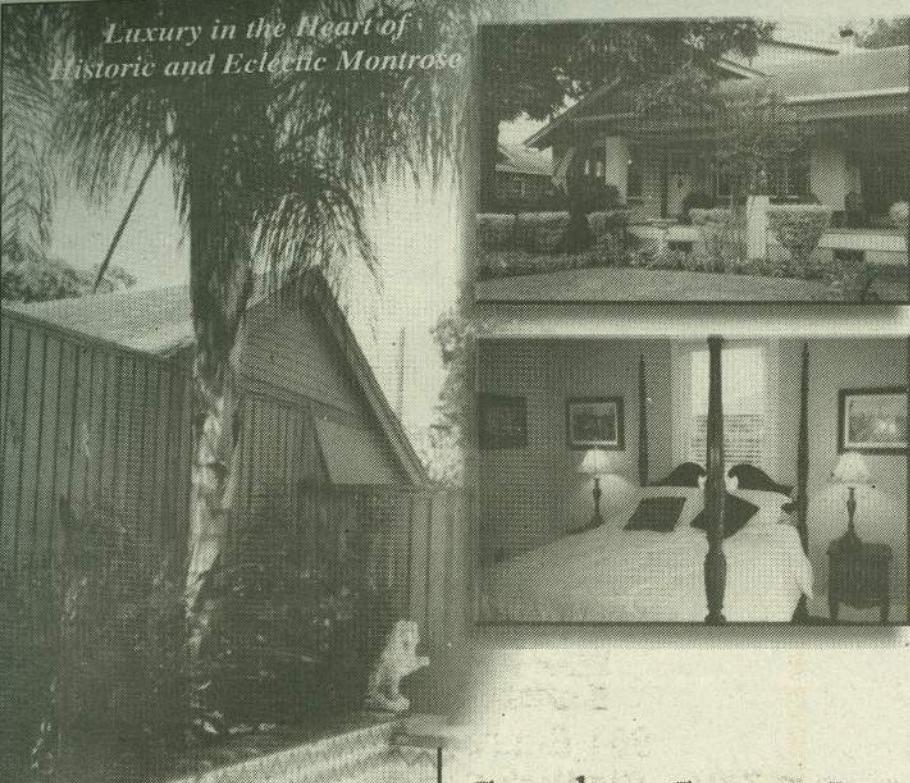
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Events continue into next week with Monday's Grand Marshal Reception, marking Community Awareness Day. The Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star introduces the 2002 Pride Parade Grand Marshals, along with Grand Marshals of parades past. The reception takes place 6-9 p.m. at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos.

A roundtable of Houston's GLBT history-makers will show us the road we took to get here on Commemoration Day, Tuesday, June 25. GLBT History - Houston's First Decade: 1975-1985 is presented by Stonewall Lawyers Association of Greater Houston and features speakers Ray Hill, Phyllis Frye and Donna Garrett. Lessons are held 6-8:30 p.m. at the Moot Court Room in the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, 3001 Clayburn. A \$5 donation is requested and proceeds benefit several GLBT groups.

Wednesday is Spirituality Day and will be celebrated with two spiritual events and a play. The Interfaith Pride Worship Service is a longstanding Pride tradition, but this year marks the first time it will be held at a Jewish temple. The ecumenical service takes place 7-9:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood. Also, an Introduction to Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism will be sponsored by SGI-USA Houston "Living Out Loud" at 7-8:30 p.m. at 3465 W. Alabama. *Comfort & Joy* is a hilarious gay, Christmas-themed play performed as a benefit for the Pride Committee and the Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GLBT History. The show goes on 8-10 p.m. at Theatre Suburbia, 1410 W. 43rd. The cost is \$20 (and well worth it, if thinking about Christmas gets your mind off the Houston heat!).

On Thursday, June 27, we explore our community's diversity during Pride Worldwide Day. And the day has some pretty diverse events. First up is HRC Pride, a cocktail party to introduce you to the Human Rights Campaign Federal Club, to be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Farrago Restaurant, 318 Gray.

Then the Houston chapter of the Lesbian and Gay Immigration Rights Task Force presents "Love Knows No Borders"- A GLBT Immigration Talk by attorney John Nechman. The talk, focusing on the right of lesbian and gay binational couples to make a life together in the U.S., will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold. Donations are requested. Finally, the Montrose Clinic participates in National HIV Testing Day with free HIV, syphilis and Hepatitis C testing from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight at both Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos, and EJ's, 2517 Ralph.



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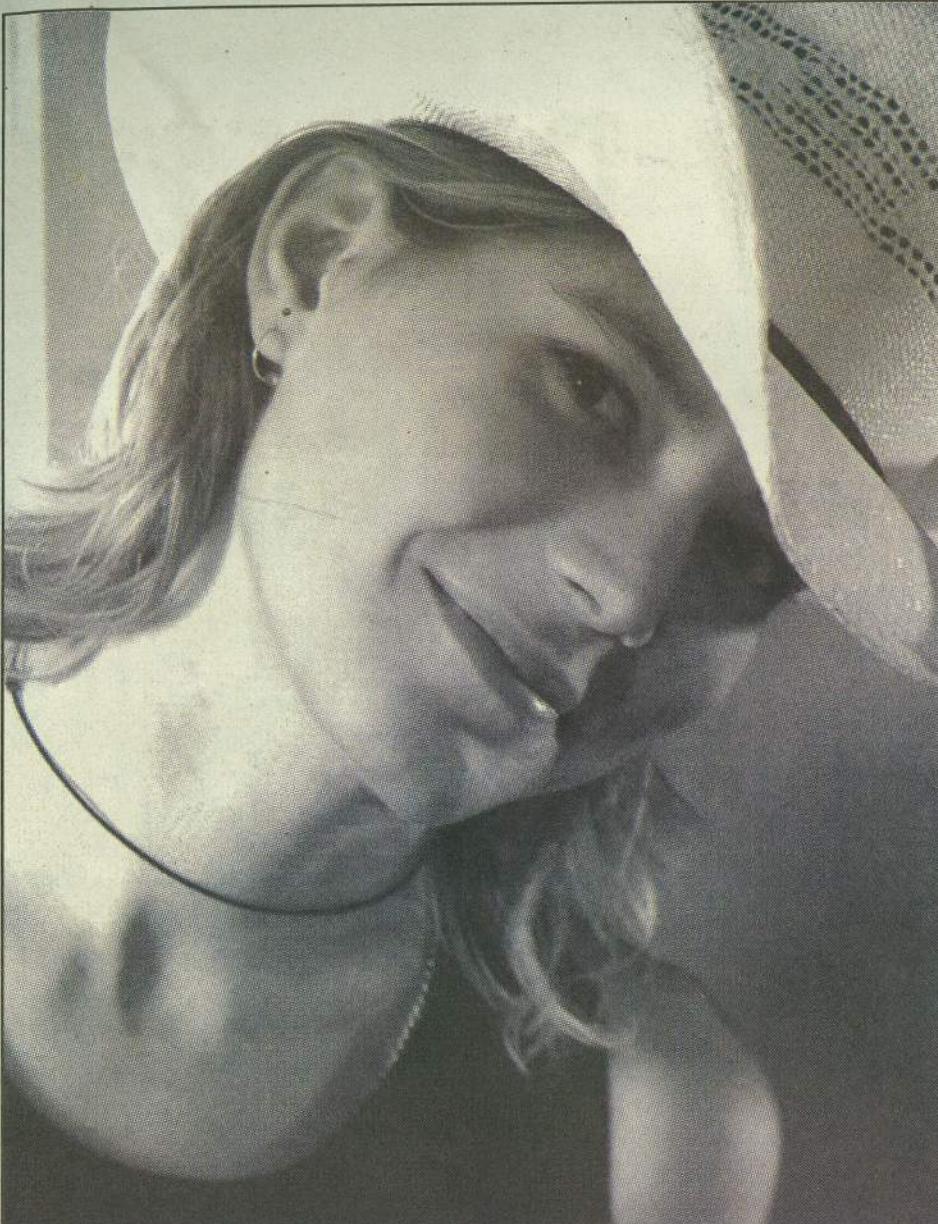
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You can attend all of these events and still catch part of Frequency Friday-Pride Edition at Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto. Fabulous drag performer and songstress The Lady Bunny performs at this special edition of Rich's high-energy house music night. The doors open at 10 p.m. and stay open until 4 a.m. The cost is \$7 at the door and proceeds benefit the Pride Committee, as they do for all of Rich's parties over Parade weekend.

Of course, all of these events lead up to biggest festivity of them all, the glorious night-time Pride Parade at 8:45 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, on Westheimer between Woodhead and Whitney. Be sure to check out next week's *Texas Triangle* for the latest information about the Parade and all of the fun post-Parade parties that will be held at Rich's and elsewhere.

We hope readers from all over Texas will be able to take advantage of the compact Days of Pride and come to Houston for the entire celebration. But we'll welcome you even if you're only here for Parade weekend. Spend it at the Holiday Inn Select at Greenway Plaza, two miles from the Parade site. Call 1-800-HOLIDAY for reservations and use group booking code PRI for a flat rate of \$69 per room per night.

No matter where you live, you'll also want to make sure you have the best spot for watching the Parade by reserving bleacher seating near Montrose and Westheimer for yourself and your friends. Call 713-529-6979 or e-mail info@pridehouston.org for information.

Check out www.pridehouston.org for complete information about all Houston Pride 2002 events and activities.

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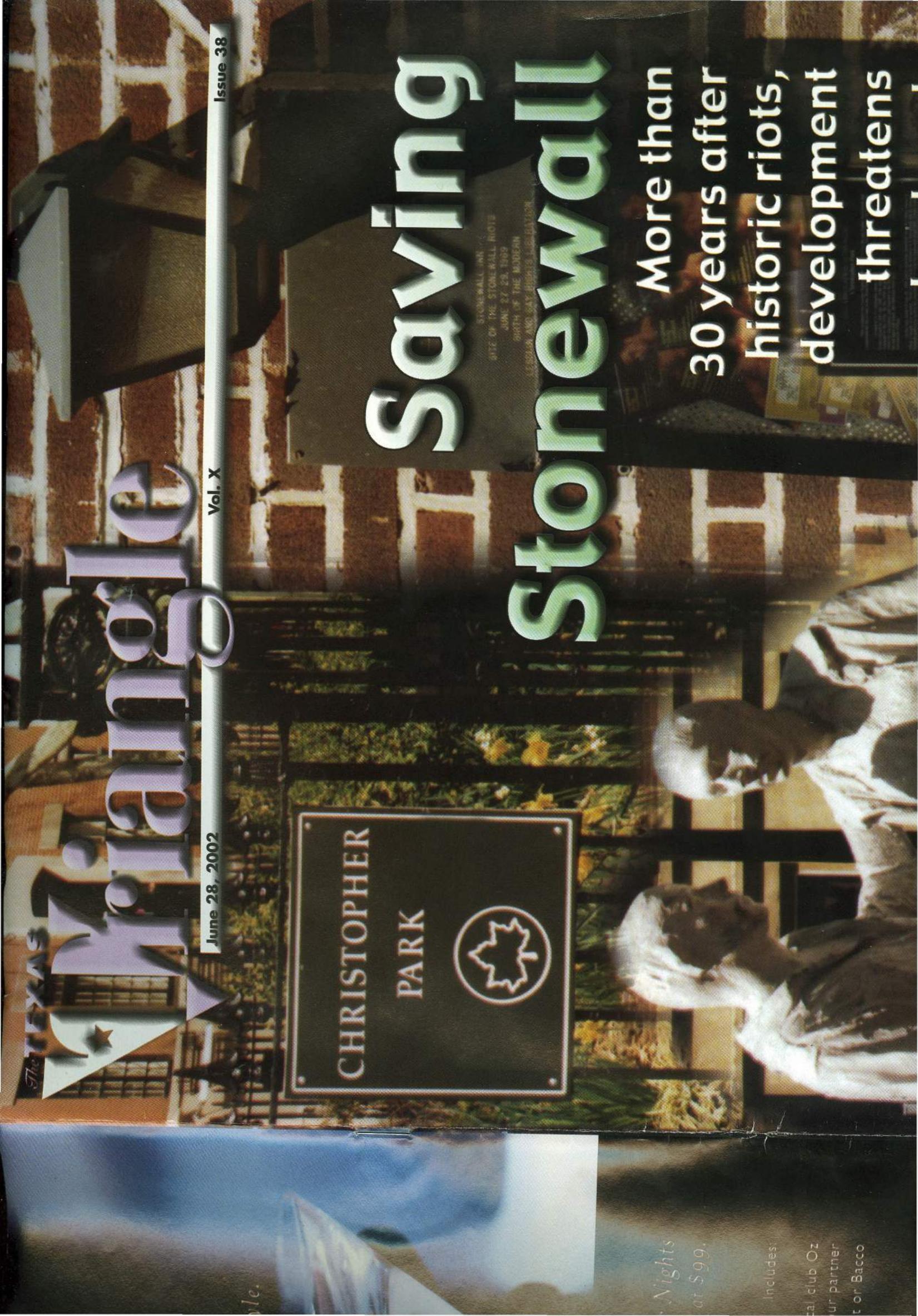
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No matter where you view the Parade, you won't miss this year's amazing new light display. The disco ball of the last few Parades was fabulous, but the new display literally says PRIDE. It is a brilliant strobe light wall on top of a 25-foot support at the corner of Montrose and Westheimer and its eight-foot letters spelling PRIDE will be seen from five miles away.

Another Parade addition that will have you cheering is an entry sponsored by the Houston Fire Department. Be sure to wave at Fire Chief Chris Connealy and our brave firefighters as they ride atop the Tower 6 truck, which is used to fight fires in high-rise buildings.

Pride Party. M2M Entertainment/Spoiled Boyz presents an amazing dance party and laser light show featuring DJ Dawna Montel of Bump (SF, LA) and Red Eye (LA) fame as well as a surprise performance. Doors open at 3:30 a.m. and the party continues until 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning. The cost is \$15 at the door and a portion of the proceeds benefits the Pride Committee.

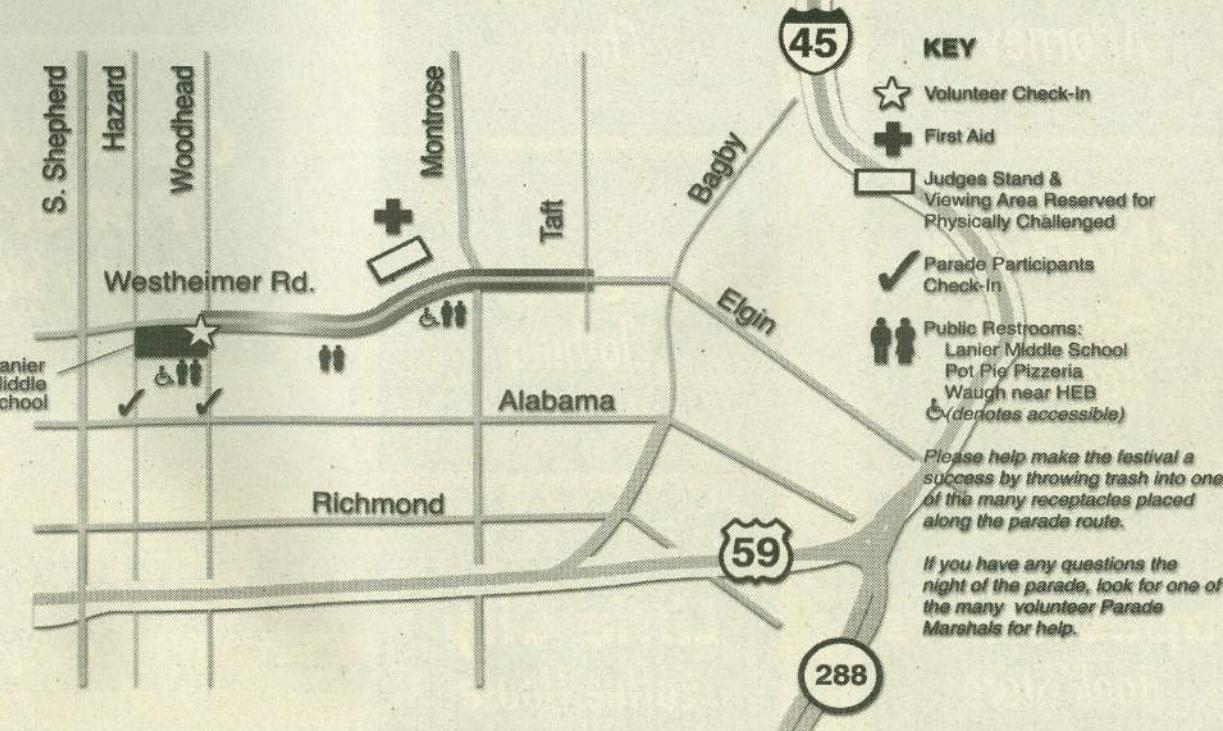
After you take a nap, or not, come back to Rich's for the Pride Recovery Party and find out who won the trophies from the Pride Parade. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the Parade award winners will be announced from the main stage at 6 p.m. The cost is \$2 at the door and proceeds benefit the Pride Committee.

We want to share Texas' biggest Pride celebration with everyone in the state! If you are coming from out of town, spend the weekend at the Holiday Inn Select at Greenway Plaza, two miles from the Parade site. Call 1-800-HOLIDAY for reservations and use group booking code PRD for a flat rate of \$69 per room per night.

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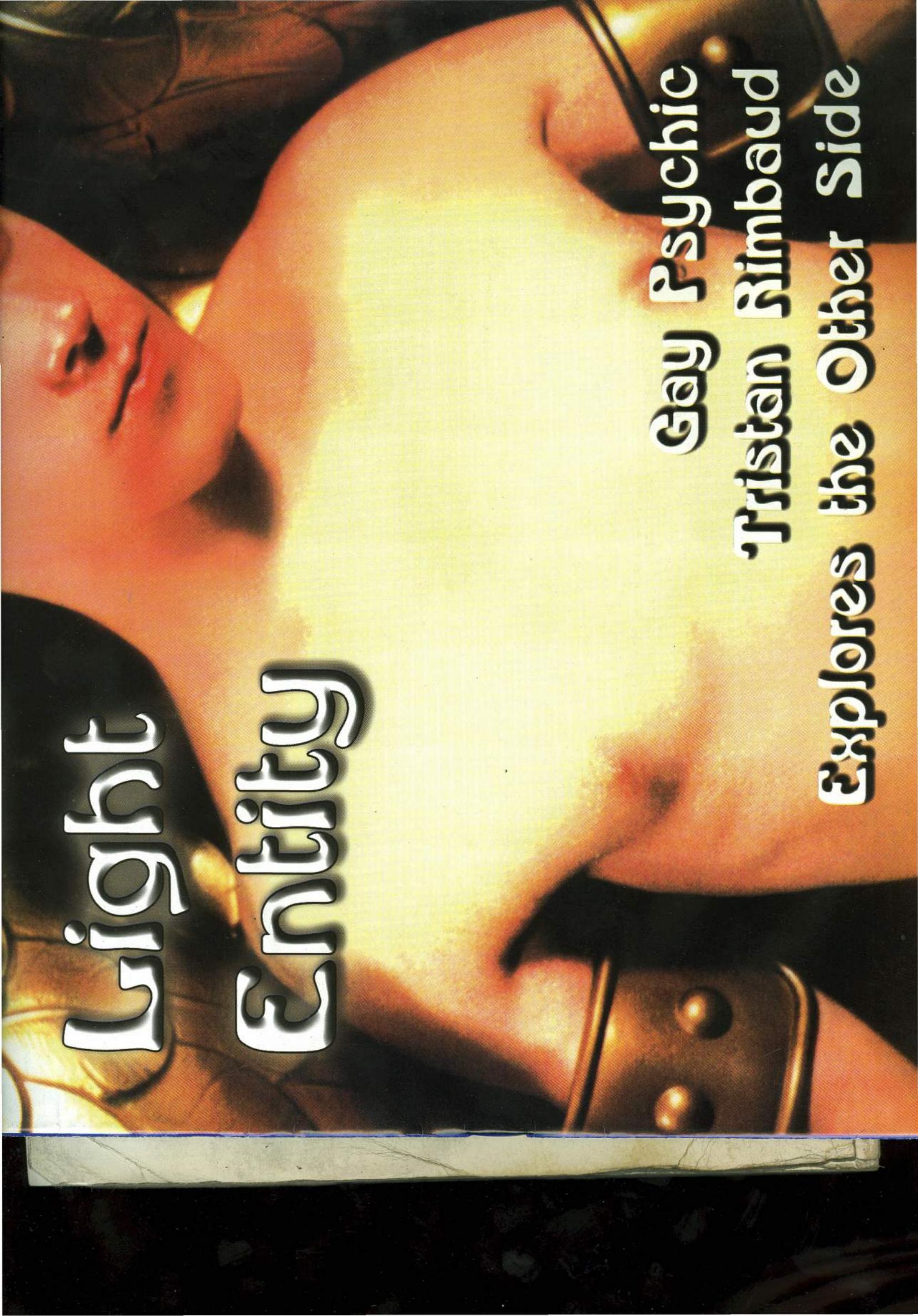
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Man in Long Beach Custody Could Have Texas Victims

Police Seek Information on Man Who Targets Gays for Robbery, Assault

By Matt Lum

DALLAS — Police in Long Beach, California are asking gays and lesbians in Texas and Florida to provide information on 38-year-old Walter Meinhardt, in custody since May 22. According to police, Meinhardt is a drifter with a criminal history in Texas, Florida and California.

"He goes to gay bars and picks up on men and invites himself to their homes or apartments and once there attacks them with a knife and/or beats them, takes their money and fleas," Long Beach Police Detective Jeff Liberman told *The Triangle*. "He's been held to answer in L.A. County court for residential robbery — and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon."

Liberman said it is likely, considering the brazenness of the crimes in Long Beach, that Meinhardt has other victims in Texas that may have not reported their attacker to police.

"We're aware of the victim's reluctance to come forward to report it, but we believe this guy is very dangerous and we want him held responsible for all of his crimes," he said.

"Walter is a real threat to our community because he is very clever in the way he picks out his victims and tells them believable stories," said Justin (an alias), allegedly attacked by Meinhardt May 21. "He wants his victim to be the same height or smaller, then he strikes up a conversa-

tion designed to size up the potential victim. "He told me he was from Austin and that he had attended a party of my lesbian neighbors not too long ago," Justin told *The Triangle*. The two men spent a brief time at the bar, during which time Justin says Meinhardt was able to see the contents of his wallet by making him buy a drink. After Meinhardt massaged Justin's shoulders and expressed his desire to give him a full body massage, the two left to Justin's apartment. "He said we could go to his place, but it was a mess and that he had a roommate," Justin said.

Once inside, Justin locked his door. Meinhardt allegedly then asked for food. When a television dinner only produced a fork, Meinhardt then searched the kitchen for something he would need a knife to cut.

"He took a big block of cheese out of the refrigerator so that he could ask for and use a kitchen knife to cut it," Justin said.

Justin then took a shower, removing his wallet from his shorts beforehand.

Justin says his shorts were neatly folded when he got out of the shower and Meinhardt began to massage his shoulders and lead him to the bed.

"He told me to lie on my back and relax and place my hands above the pillow," Justin said. "He then straddled

me and forcefully sat on my stomach and pressed a kitchen knife to my throat," he said.

Justin says Meinhardt said, "This is no joke. This is what you are going to do. You are going to give me all of your cash and don't fuckin' lie to me because I know you hid your wallet."

Justin said Meinhardt made stabbing motions with the knife and told him he had killed three people before. He then allegedly forced Justin to produce his wallet.

Meinhardt's second attack occurred the next night when he met the next victim at a Long Beach bar, then followed him to two other taverns before inviting himself to the man's apartment. He allegedly brandished a knife, duct-taped the man's mouth and demanded his money.

Detective Liberman said Meinhardt left the scene without any money because the victim, age 42, was able to fight him off.

"We have no evidence to lead us to believe it's a hate crime — he does claim to have had gay relationships in the past," Liberman said, noting his feeling that Meinhardt has victimized others in Austin and San Antonio.

Liberman would not release a photo of Meinhardt, saying it would taint the evidence and prohibit an alleged victim from picking their attacker from a lineup objectively. "Both victims said he had an extremely hairy chest and speaks with a Texas accent, a southern drawl," Liberman offered.

Meinhardt is described as a Caucasian man with brown hair, brown eyes. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 165 pounds.

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HOUSTON — Thousands braved rainy forecasts and lined Westheimer Saturday evening, June 29, to witness the 24th annual Houston Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Parade, which organizers described as the largest and most diverse in history.

With the theme Pride Worldwide, the nighttime parade featured approximately 135 entries sponsored by organizations and businesses in the Houston GLBT community and beyond, as well as government leaders, small businesses and major corporations and major media outlets.

One of the entries getting the loudest applause from the more than 130,000 spectators was the Houston Fire Department, with Fire Chief Chris Connealy riding atop the HFD's Tower 6 Truck. This marks the first year for a Fire Department entry in the Houston Pride Parade.

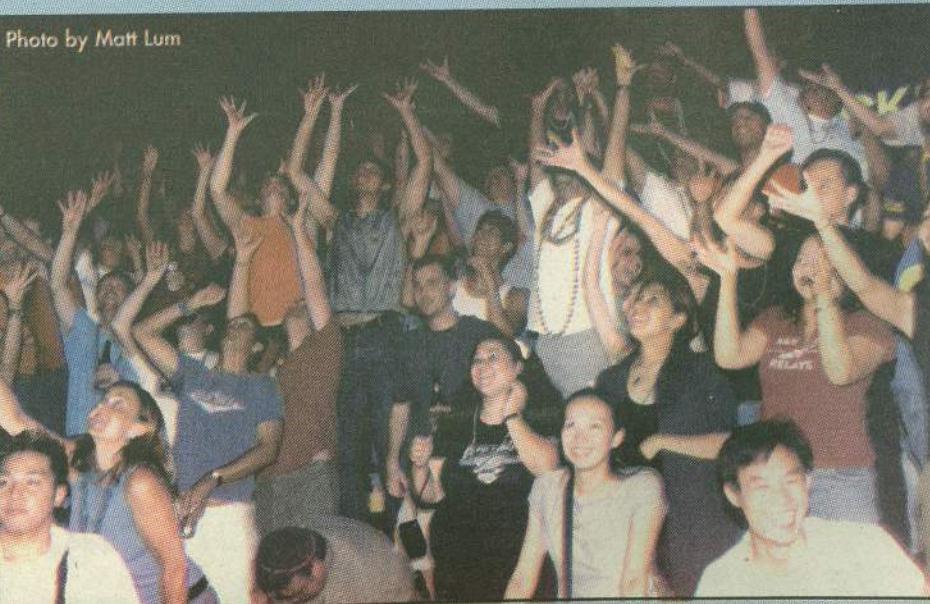
It was also the first year the Pride Parade added the words "bisexual and Transgender" to its title. The transgender community celebrated with a well-attended walking entry near the front of the parade lineup. "We registered right after last year's parade," said transgender activist Lilly Roddy.

It was the third consecutive Pride trip down Westheimer for Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown. Other elected officials in the parade included City Councilmembers Ada Edwards, Annise Parker, and Gordon Quan, State Representatives Garnet Coleman and Debra Danburg, and U.S. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee.

The parade was also historic, organizers of the Pride Committee of Houston said,

because it included two of the founders of the first Houston Pride Parade, activists Ray Hill and Larry Bagneris. Hill was spotted with the KPFT 90.1 FM's entry, and Bagneris represented the City of New Orleans Human Relations Department.

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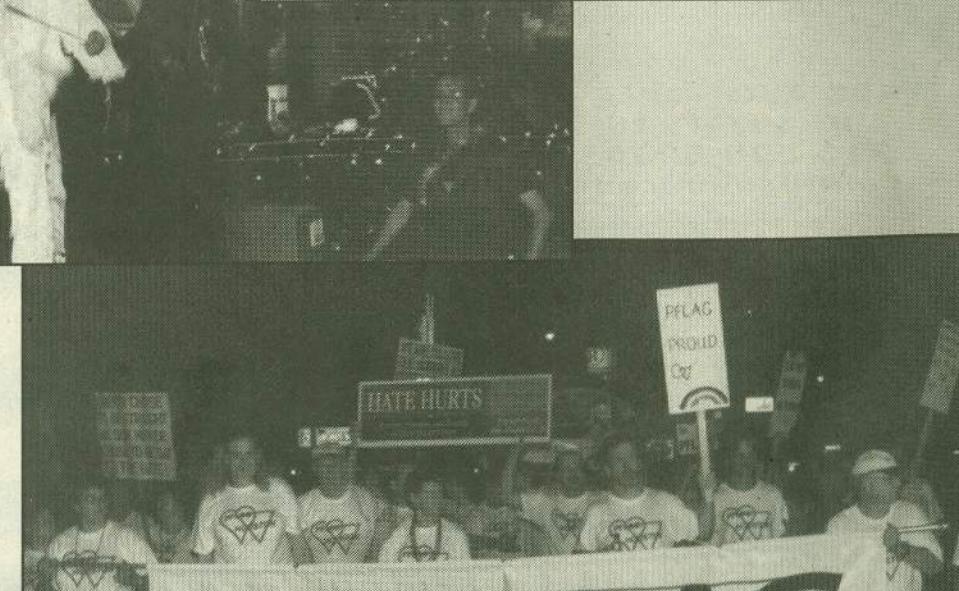
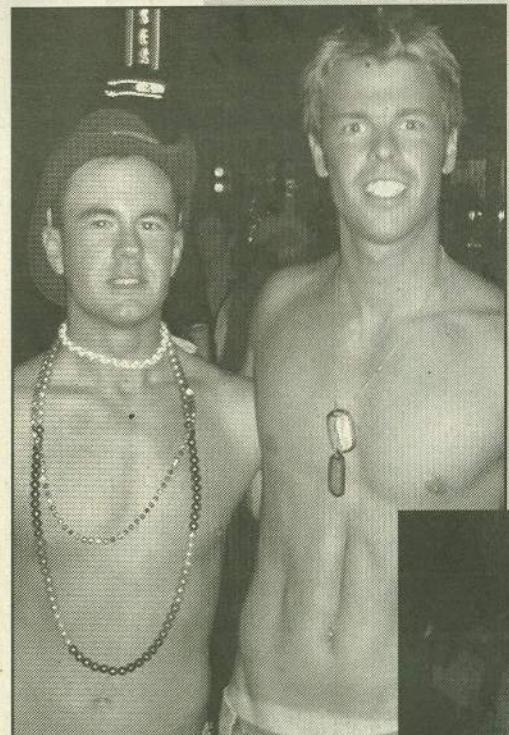
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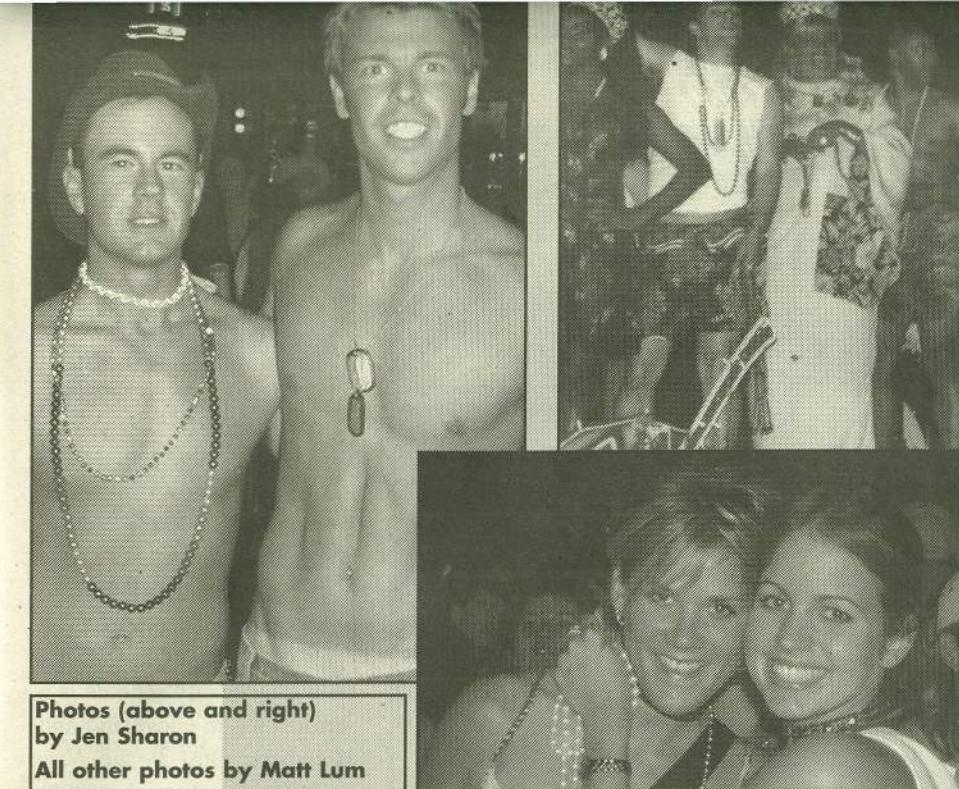
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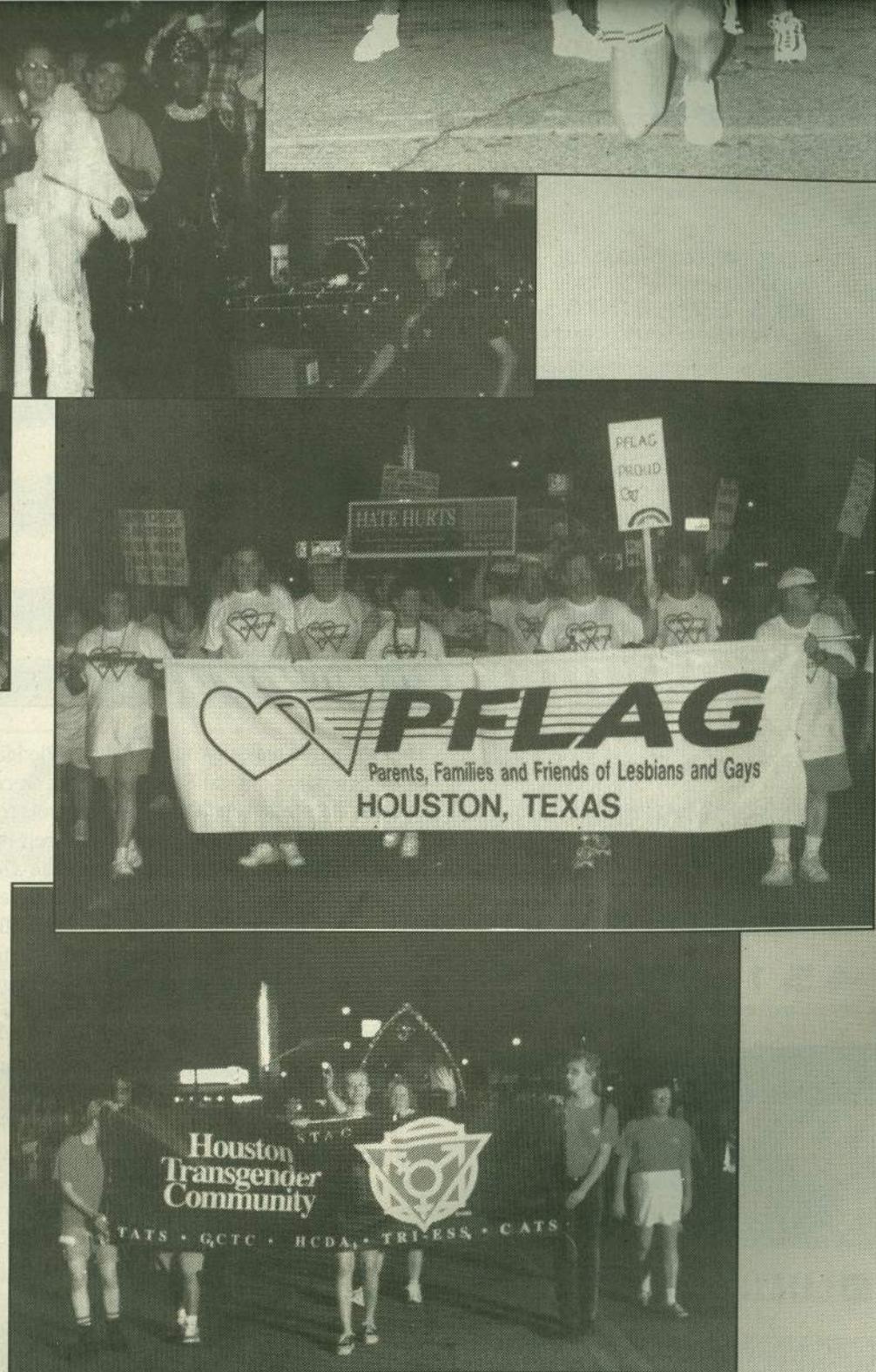
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Prize-Winning Pride

Deciding which entrants would win one of the nine prizes awarded by the Pride Committee of Houston (PCOH) was tough, as many of the entries and performances were standout. But after some intense deliberations the following prizes were awarded:

STONEWALL (Best Commemoration of Pride): Bering Church
PRIDE WORLDWIDE (Best Interpretation of Theme): Krewe of Olympus
SPIRIT OF MONTROSE (Best Overall Entry): Houston Fire Department
RUBY SLIPPER (Best Walking Unit): Houston Pride Band
GYPSY ROSE (Best Out of Town Unit): Rainbow Ranch
EDISON (Best Lighting on a Non Professional Float): Montrose Counseling Center
HOUSTON (Best Non Professionally Built Motorized Unit): Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)
RAINBOW LIGHTS (Best Lighting on a Professionally Built Unit): Chase Bank
TEXAS (Best Professionally Built Motorized Unit): Club Nergy

Judges included Jone Devlin of KPFT and *The Texas Triangle*, Rich Arenschmidt of AIDS Foundation Houston, Fred Walters of the Houston Buyers' Club, and Kay Dayus of the *Houston Voice*. Awards were presented to the winners on June 30 at a special event held at Rich's.