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HOUSTON'S GAY & LESBIAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE

**HOUSTON  
CELEBRATES  
LESBIAN & GAY  
PRIDE WEEK**

**LOVE IS A BASIC  
HUMAN RIGHT**

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Fallon**

**DAY OF  
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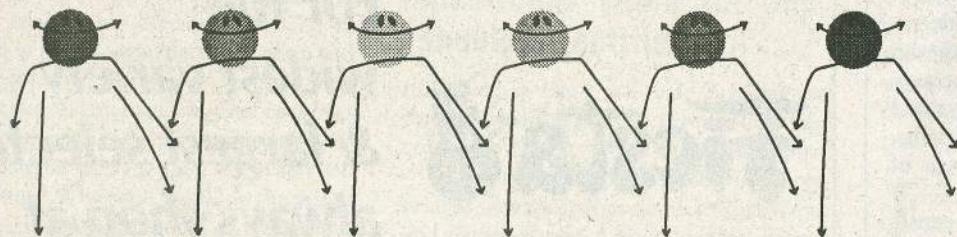
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# Houston Lesbian and Gay

## Pride Week, Calendar

Photographs (from previous parades) by Eric L. Roland, Nancy Ford, and Blase DiStefano



Pride  
knows  
no  
borders.

Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Week 1996

### FRIDAY, June 14

#### Houston Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1996

#### Kickoff Party

Pride Committee of Houston's annual party announcing the beginning of ten days of Pride, sponsored by Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. Donation requested, FYI 713-529-6979

#### PUMPED UP ON ART

##### Preview

The official kick-off for Houston's Lesbian & Gay Pride Week 1996. A preview of shoes donated by celebrities - one signed and the other given to a local artist to create a work of art to be auctioned off separately. See the completed artwork and original unchanged shoes of celebrities that include Loni Anderson, Sally Jesse Raphael, Gloria Estefan, Dionne Warwick, Martha Wash, and more, sponsored by Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Week 1996, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, JR's party bar, FYI 713-529-6979



#### The Actors' Workshop presents *The Dogs of Foo* by Scott Ross

World premier of this story of a famous gay film director and his Japanese lover who experience homophobia and racism in Hollywood in the 1940s, The Actors' Workshop of Houston, \$15, 8:00 pm, 1009 Chartres at Lamar (behind Brown Convention Center), FYI 713-236-1844

#### Latinas Against AIDS/SIDA

Benefit to assist Stephen's House, 9:00

pm, Mela's Tejano Country, 1016 W. 19th St.,  
FYI 713-880-1770

### SATURDAY, June 15

#### Rollin' With Pride Picnic in Park

Picnic and games for walkers, runners, bikers, skaters, etc. at Memorial Park. Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish. Beverages will be provided, 11:00 am, Memorial Park, 100 Picnic Lane (look for Lambda

Roller Skate Club banner), FYI 713-933-5818

### **Gay Men's Chorus of Houston TAKING CENTER STAGE**

Benefit concert featuring Gay Men's Chorus, Bayou City Chorale, and Turtle Creek Chorale's ensemble group 3Acafellas2. Selections include songs from Broadway and familiar pop music, sponsored by Gay Men's Chorus of Houston benefiting AFH Stone Soup Pantry, \$10 to \$20, 8:00 pm, Wortham Center, Cullen Theatre, FYI 713-521-7464

### **The Actors' Workshop presents The Dogs of Foo by Scott Ross**

(See June 14 Actors' Workshop listing for more info)

### **Angels Over Montrose Clinic**

Variety show to raise funds for those in need of counseling but unable to pay the full amount, sponsored by Montrose Clinic, 9:30 pm, Venture-N, 2923 Main, FYI 713-520-2000

**SUNDAY,  
June 16**

### **Mr Montrose Contest**

Contest to crown the new Mr. Montrose. Open to everyone, sponsored by Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Week 1996, 7:30 pm, Brazos River Bottom, FYI 713-528-9192

### **The Actors' Workshop presents The Dogs of Foo by Scott Ross**

(See June 14 listing for more info)

### **Miss Life Today Pageant - PWA Sweetheart 1996**

3rd Annual charitable pageant selecting female impersonator who will reign as "1996 PWA Sweetheart," sponsored by AIDS Housing Coalition Houston Emergency Housing Fund, 9:00 pm, 2517 Ralph @ Westheimer, FYI 713-902-2231

**MONDAY,  
June 17**

### **Financial Planning With a Life-Threatening Illness**

Financial advisor Julie LaRue, LUTCF, dis-



cusses financial planning for people with life-threatening illness. Topics include benefiting from insurance plans, sources of funds in case of disability, and how to keep your employer-provided benefits. RSVP Required, sponsored by The Acacia Group, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 3000, FYI 713-888-3500

women. Topics include getting the most from employer-provided benefits and developing a road map to secure a strong financial future. RSVP required, sponsored by The Acacia Group, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 3000, FYI 713-888-3500

**TUESDAY,  
June 18**

### **Bringing Your Money Out of the Closet**

Financial advisor Julie LaRue, LUTCF, dis-

### **Grand Marshal's Reception**

Event to honor the Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Week 1996 Grand Marshals, Organization Grand Marshal, and Honorary Grand Marshal, sponsored by Lady Victoria Lust PWA Holiday Fund Board, Soiree Aubergine, Colt 45s, and the Venture-N, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Venture-N, 2923 Main, FYI 713-521-0911

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**Pride Week Events**

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**TUESDAY,  
June 18**

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**Make a Joyful Noise VI**

For the 6th consecutive year, local churches unite to present an evening of Gospel entertainment, sponsored by Community Gospel Church, 7:30 pm, Community Gospel Church, 501 E. 18th St. at Columbia, FYI 713-880-9235

**WEDNESDAY,  
June 19****End of the Rainbow**

Houston Press and JR's present an evening of romance with free personal ads, door prizes, and complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, JR's, 808 Pacific, FYI 713-521-2519

**AIDS Mastery  
Workshop Open House**

Mastery graduates will be available to answer questions about the workshop. Snacks & non-alcoholic beverages served, sponsored by AIDS Mastery Workshop, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, 3202 Wesleyan, FYI 713-523-8711

**Mock Candidate Screening  
Open House**

Mock screening of various political candidates by the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus. Learn how the HGLPC screens and endorses candidates and meet various candidates, sponsored by Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus, 7:00 pm to

**Friday, June 21st  
"Unchained"  
(Dance Party Benefitting  
Montrose Clinic)**

**Saturday, June 22nd  
"Pumped"  
(Release Party for  
Cher's New Single)**

**Sunday, June 23rd  
The Nellie Ribbons Encore Party  
With Special Guest  
Adult Video Star- Sonny Markham**

**Friday- 18 & up Retro Disco  
\$1.50 Well \$2.00 Domestic Beers**

**Saturday- 21 & up Pumped. No Cover 9-10 pm  
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**Sunday- 18 & Up Doors Open 7pm No Cover 7-10  
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### A Night of Dance

Country & Western dance lessons and exhibition taught by professional award-winning dance instructor Mr. Red Draper, sponsored by Rainbow Ranglers Dance Club benefiting Stephen's House, \$5.00 donation per class or \$10.00 for three classes. Time: 7:00 pm beginner, 7:45-8:30 intermediate, 8:30-9 exhibition, 9:45 advanced, Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos Avenue, FYI 713-880-0670

### Theatre Night presents Ten Percent Revue

The quintessential gay musical revue, sponsored by The Group (Theatre Workshop), \$10.00, 8:00 pm, 2536 B Times Blvd. (in the Village), FYI 713-522-2204

### Roller Ball II - 1996

Second Annual Rollin' with Pride Skate Night. All ages welcome. You may bring your own skates, sponsored by Lambda Roller Skating Club, \$5.00 + \$1.00 skate rental,



8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Starlite Roller Rink, 8075 Cook Road (@ Beechnut), FYI 713-933-5818

### Video Rewind

Take a trip back in time to the best of the eighties with \$1.00 well drinks and \$1.75 Budweiser long-necks, 9:00 pm, Heaven, 810 Pacific, FYI 713-521-9123.

**THURSDAY,  
June 20**

### Lesbian & Gay Pride Ice Skating Celebration

5th Annual Lesbian & Gay Ice Skating night at the Galleria ice skating rink. Wear red  
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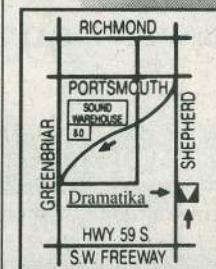
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## Pride Week Events

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# SATURDAY, June 22

### The Leather Symposium

Consists of three workshops: 1) Flagellation (flogging) 2) Submissives II, the Sequel 3), sponsored by National Leather Association: Houston, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Days Inn (conference room), 4640 S. Main (US 59 & downtown exit), FYI 713-527-9666

### Latino Pride Gala... the tradition continues

Semi-formal dance to celebrate lesbian & gay pride. Live bands and DJ to perform Latino music as well as country/western and dance/pop, sponsored by Aves, Inc., \$30.00 presale, \$40.00 at door, 8:00 pm, 2151 Holcombe near S Main @ Holcombe, FYI 713-626-2837

### School's Out: The Naming Project

(See June 21 DiverseWorks listing for more info)

### The Actors' Workshop presents *The Dogs of Foo* by Scott Ross

(See June 14 Actors' Workshop listing for more info)

# SUNDAY, June 23

### Pride Mass and Brunch

Sunday Mass for lesbian & gay Catholics and friends followed by a light brunch, sponsored by Kolbe Project (Kolbe House), free will offering, 1509 Fairview, FYI 713-522-8182

### Nellie Ribbons Party

Invitation-only party along the parade route, sponsored by Nellie Ribbons benefiting AFH Stone Soup Pantry, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, 811 Westheimer, FYI 713-526-4608

### Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Parade

The annual parade, one of the largest in the city, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, FYI 713-529-6979.

## Pride Fest 96

Follow the Parade to Pride Fest 96. Starts immediately after the parade. Food/drink, merchandise, & information booths of community businesses and organizations and a concert featuring Bronski Beat and Ce Ce Penniston as well as local performers, sponsored by Pride Committee of Houston, Inc. Donations requested, 7:00 pm (immediately following Parade), Lovett Street between Whitney and Taft, FYI 713-529-6979

### Houston's Biggest After-Parade Party

99¢ well/juice vodka drinks from noon until 11:00 pm, Broadway showtunes, group sing-a-long and karaoke. Immediately following the parade, JR's, 808 Pacific, FYI 713-521-2519

### After-the-Parade Double Bust

Cool off with a \$2.00 (optional) Buy-In and 25-cent refills of ice-cold Miller Lite draft or \$1.00 refills of our delicious frozen margaritas, with the sounds of John Sims and the seventies trash disco. Immediately following the parade, Montrose Mining Company, 805 Pacific, FYI 713-529-7488

## Juneteenth Pride Celebration

A pride celebration to honor outstanding achievements of African-American lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people featuring live entertainment and dancing, sponsored by African-American Lesbian & Gay Alliance benefiting Community Funds Account, \$5.00, 7:30 pm, Incognito, 2427 McKinney, FYI 713-864-2242

### School's Out: The Naming Project

(See June 21 DiverseWorks listing for more info)

# SUNDAY, June 30

### HGLPC Casino Day

Round-trip excursion to the Grand Casino Coushatta in Kinder, Louisiana. Departs Houston at 6:30 am and returns approximately 8:00 pm. Seating limited to 47 passengers, Sponsored by Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus, \$25.00 plus gambling expenses, 6:00 am, 2700 Albany, FYI 713-923-6676

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# What a World, What a World...

## — QUICKLIES —

### Unrelated Items That May or May Not Be Funny to Anyone Else

#### “Hey, This Ain’t WaterWorld!”

According to a recent report in the *Houston Chronicle*, “In 1991, 1992, and 1993, Cornerstone Baptist Church picked up children in the neighborhoods throughout Colorado Springs, Colorado to attend carnivals at the church. Children were solicited directly and through fliers and were promised food, drinks, fun, candy, balloons, prizes, carnival games, a water fight and squirt guns.”

Once at the church, a lawsuit filed on behalf of some of the carnival-attending children says, “They were...led...into a room where they were directed to remove their clothes, ... leaving them naked in that room in front of a host of strangers.

“After being given robes to change into, the children were taken to another room, the lawsuit says, where they were submerged in a dunk tank under the guise of baptism; in the alternative, they were in fact, baptized.”

And they say *we* recruit.

#### We Deserve a Break Today

McDonald’s is hiking its skirt to the adult market by announcing its new Arch Deluxe, the burger with the adult taste that children are eschewing instead of chewing. Considering myself an adult test market of sorts, I tried the A.D. as soon as it hit my neighborhood drive-thru. Stop me if I’m wrong, but I’m pretty sure that this mature breakthrough in junk food is little more than a Big Mac in a designer bun.

If Ray Kroc’s kids really wanted to kiss up to the grown-ups they’ve been missing demographically, give us a grown-up version of a Happy Meal, complete with a toy surprise. Being adults, we get to pick our own toy, of course. Picking my own toy almost always makes me happy and generally inspires repeat business for all concerned.



by Nancy Ford

#### A Kid’ll Eat the Middle

I’m flexible. I tried New Coke. I eat new blue M&M’s right along with the yellow, brown, red, and (especially) the green ones. But now they’re messing with my Oreos.

Nabisco, to celebrate the 85th birthday of my favorite cookie, wants to change the creamy white filling to some pastel color. I can handle red-icing Oreoos during the holidays, but supposedly this color change-for-the-sake-of-change is to be permanent. This time they’ve gone too far. They’ve even set up an Oreo hotline to call with your personal preference of cream. 1-888-EAT-OREO.

Of course, I called. “Brighten Oreo’s 85th birthday,” the recorded voice instructed me to press 1, 2, 3, or 4 for pink, blue, yellow, or lavender respectively, or 5 for some other color. Of course, I pressed 5. Then the Oreots on the line wanted to know what color I had in mind. “Leave it white at least until Labor Day,” I replied like the fashion-conscious homosexual that I am, “then we’ll talk about a change.” Then they wanted my address.

Free cookies. Cool.

#### Out Busts June

Happy Lesbian & Gay Pride Week, Houston! For the newly out, June is historically recognized as Gay Pride Month in honor of the battle of Stonewall, so named for the New York Christopher Street inn where patrons first resisted unprovoked harassment by the police. And so, most say, began the modern movement for gay and lesbian rights in the United States. It was already tense in the drag/hustler/queer bar, the air of the city still heavy with the scent of Judy Garland’s funeral. Talk about a good place for a Stik-Up.

Second, it was in June 1977, when I first kissed a girl. Nineteen years of service to the community—thank you, thank you very much. There are a number of ways such an occasion could be celebrated. Perhaps a re-enactment would be appropriate. That would involve my first lover’s and my return to northeastern Ohio for a torrid arm-wrestling match on the floor of her living room, and the rest, as they say, is history. Her current husband and 2-year-old daughter might have something to say about the preservation of such a moment. Perhaps a nice card will suffice.

And finally, in 1996, 27 years after the first nail was broken at Stonewall, the United States Supreme Court, with a rousing 6-3 decision, has overturned Colorado’s Amendment 2. It is now illegal in the state of Colorado, or any other state, to pass or enforce laws which would threaten civil rights based on sexual orientation. This is a big deal, guys. History has been made.

Let’s have a parade!

*Nancy Ford is a Houston-based comedian and writer. She opens for Janis Ian on Saturday, June 22, at Rockefeller’s Night Club. Call 713/869-8427 for reservations.*