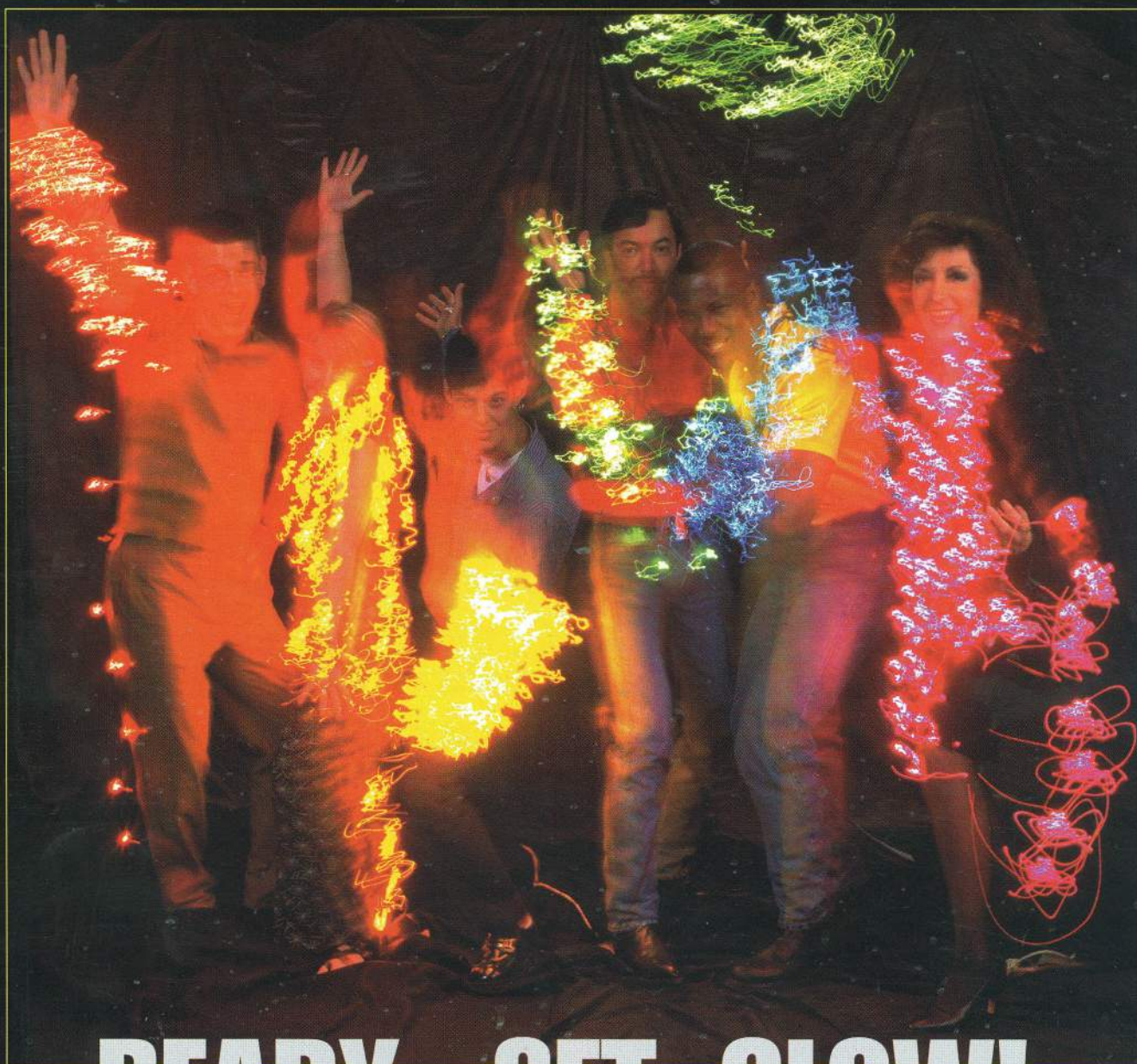


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HOUSTON'S GAY COMMUNITY SHINES
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PLUS: Dayna Steele Challenges Anti-Gay Talk Radio • J.D. Arnold • Pride Week Events

TRIALS TO END TRIBULATIONS

The Jabboury Foundation for Cancer Research is currently enrolling HIV-positive persons with Kaposi's sarcoma to evaluate an anti-tumor and anti-HIV experimental procedure. Participants must be over 18 years of age, seropositive for HIV, with a CD4 of at least 50, with cutaneous Kaposi's sarcoma. All participants will receive the study-related treatment and care at no cost. Jabboury is also looking for persons with AIDS-related ITP for another clinical trial. Participant requirements are the same, yet must also have a clinical diagnosis of ITP and a platelet count below 100,000/u/l. Transportation to and from treatments could be arranged. For more information, call the Jabboury Foundation at 281/558-1171.

OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE

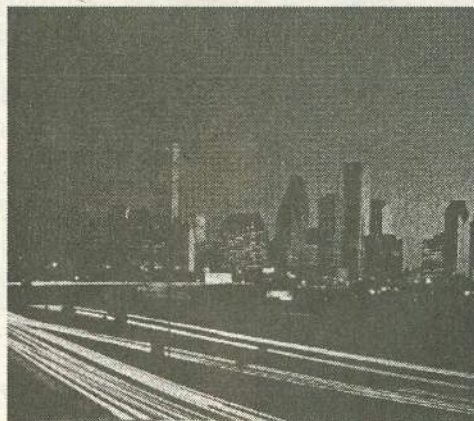
The group Outrage will host the official party of Houston's 1997 Pride Week. A nonprofit group who really know how to throw a party, Outrage began with a Halloween bash back in 1983. Since then, their annual Fall danceathon has been one of Houston's hottest event parties. This year, their party-hearty good fortune will benefit Steven's House, The Kolbe Project, and the new Body Positive/Houston Wellness Center. For more information and tickets, call 713/706-2508

ORAL EXAM

In mid-May, the Montrose Clinic began offering OraSure, the breakthrough new oral HIV-1 testing system, as an alternative to the traditional blood test method. The OraSure system does not test saliva, but rather an oral sample called oral mucosal transudate (OMT), which contains high concentrations of antibodies and is free of most of the contaminants found in saliva — key to its high level of accuracy. "HIV testing with OraSure is safe and painless for those being tested and those who administer the test," said Dr. Gordon Crofoot, medical director of Montrose Clinic and well-known HIV specialist. The Montrose Clinic is a nonprofit, community-based agency founded in 1981 to serve people in the Houston area by providing lower cost health, social, and educational services. To make an appointment to be tested with OraSure at the clinic, call 713/520-2000.

SPEAKING LATIN

This year's AVES Pride Gala will be spiced with Walter Suhr and Mango Punch. Tremendously popular local fave, Mango packs a powerful music punch with their lively Latin tunes,



Local Briefs

perfect for a night of Salsa, merengue, Cumbia, and (natch) the Cha Cha. Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services, the nonprofit group that helps stop the spread of HIV and other STDs through education and intervention services, will host the party on June 21 at the Edwin Hornberger Conference Center. And if it's been a while since you've cha cha'd the night away, Dr. Jackie Doval and Linda Valencia are holding weekly Latin dance classes from 7-8 p.m., Thursdays at Suzanne Anderson Properties. At \$5, classes are a steal — and a sure bet to increase your dance vocabulary. For more information, call 713/627-9355.



THE BELL OF THE PRIDE BALL

Gay mover and shaker Deborah Bell has been named the 1997 Grand Marshall for Houston's

Gay & Lesbian Pride Week. Former co-chair of the Pride Week Committee, former co-host of KPFT's *Lesbian and Gay Voices*, Bell rose to nationwide prominence as the national organizer for the 1993 March on Washington. Her involvement provided the infrastructure for future march organizing. DC's then-mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly called the march "one of the best organized she had ever seen in our nation's capitol."

HEAD OF THE CLASS

Professor Eugene M. Harrington has been chosen as Teacher of the Year by TSU's 1997 Class of Thurgood Marshall School of Law. This coveted honor means Prof. Harrington will deliver reflections during the school's Hooding Ceremony on May 16, corresponding with the University's golden anniversary this year. Professor Harrington has also been named 1997 Professor of the Year by the Barbara Jordan Chapter of the Black Law Students Association and the 1997 Distinguished Professor of the Year by Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity at Thurgood.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP KICKOFF

In an effort to incorporate community into their commerce creed, the Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce is kicking off their Community Partnership project on June 26.

"Up to now," says GHGLCC President Coy Tow, "there hasn't been an organization or entity that has assumed a responsibility for building the entire community, for communication and concentration on diversity. The Community Partnership hopes to involve the entire community and achieve that type of result."

Open to all organizations, both profit and nonprofit, general and minority, this effort will allow the opportunity to promote each organization's activities.

"We have so many incredible organizations and groups that do a lot for the community, but unfortunately none of them communicate well with one another," admits Tow. "So you have a lot of duplication of services or dates, which affects all their performance. This way, they'll be able to solicit help from other organizations and work in partnership rather than competition."

Each organization is asked to select a representative to act on behalf of the organization's best interests in the collective, and that representative should attend the Pride Week Kickoff. The kickoff will be held at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. RSVP by calling 713/523-7576.



Pride Week Event Calendar



Unless otherwise noted, all listed events are open to the general public and the attire is casual.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

June Bride 1997

Time: 2:00-6:00 PM
Location: Lovett Inn (501 Lovett) • Fees: \$10
Sponsored by: June Brides
Benefiting: People with AIDS Coalition Houston

Second annual spoof of nuptial celebrations, including garter auction, bouquet toss and cake cutting by bridal parties that would make real brides elope. Cocktail buffet. For more information, call 713.728.1455.

JUNE 6 - JULY 12

Falsettoland

Time: Every Friday and Saturday 8:00-9:30 PM
Location: Chelsea Market
(4617 Montrose)
Attire: Casual but Neat • Fees: \$15
Sponsored by: Main Street Theater

This is the final installment of the acclaimed musical trilogy. Marvin is reunited with his lover on the eve of his son's bar mitzvah, just as AIDS is beginning to spread. For more information, call 713.524.6706.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Art With Pride '97

Time: 7:00-10:00 PM
Location: 711 Hyde Park • Fees: Free
Sponsored by: The Hyde Park Gallery

More than a dozen local artists glowing with pride present a show featuring their outstanding works of this year! For more information, call 713.526.2744.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

Pride Parade Participant Mandatory Meeting

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM
Location: Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
(1475 West Gray) • Fees: Free
Sponsored by: Pride Committee of Houston

Mandatory meeting for the 1997 Pride Parade participants. If you want to march in the parade, you must attend this meeting. For more information, call 713.529.6979.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Kickoff

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM
Location: 1117 East Freeway • Fees: Donations Encouraged • Sponsored by: Pride Committee of Houston and DiverseWorks

Join us at DiverseWorks for an evening of festivities designed to kick off Houston's Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1997! Entertainment to be announced. For more information, call 713.529.6979.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Pumped Up on Art

Time: 7:00 PM
Location: The Majestic Metro (911 Preston)
Attire: Formal or Semi-Formal Encouraged
Fees: \$30 per person
Sponsored by: Texas Commerce Bank, Neiman Marcus Town and Country, and Pride Committee of Houston

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Get Pumped Up on Art during this annual gala and celebrity auction. This event is a high-profile event held during Pride Week which uses autographed high-heeled shoes (or "pumps") from celebrities to create fabulous works of art which are displayed and auctioned during this gala celebration. Autographed shoes and other items have been donated from a diverse array of celebrities including Julie Andrews, Cher, Phyllis Diller, Fran Drescher, Shirley Jones, k.d. lang, Greg Louganis, Alanis Morissette, Julie Newmar, Susan Sarandon, Gloria Steinem, Elizabeth Taylor, and many other celebrities. For more information, call 713.529.6979.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Houston Billiard Open

Time: 12:30 PM
Location: Bricks II (617 Fairview)
Fees: \$10 entry fee
Sponsored by: Independent Billiard League
Benefiting: Swehla House
(Community Endowment Fund)

This annual pool tournament is held to raise money for community organizations. This year's recipient will be Swehla House. For more information, call 713.524.9261.

The Absolut Rangler Pride Kickoff Cocktail Party

Time: 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Location: 2930 Ferndale • Fees: \$10
Sponsored by: Rainbow Ranglers Dance Club
and Absolut Vodka

Join us for a cocktail party with open bar, vodka drinks, beer, wine, and music. For more information, call 713.880.0670.

Simple Pleasures

Time: 7:00 PM
Location: First Unitarian Church (5200 Fannin)
Fees: \$10 • Sponsored by:
Gay Men's Chorus of Houston

Come and enjoy a men's choral music concert celebrating Pride Week. For more information, call 713.521.7464.

Pride Gala 1997

Time: 8:30 PM to 1:30 AM
Location: Shamrock (2151 W. Holcombe)
Attire: Semi-Formal
Fees: \$30 advance, \$40 door, \$3 parking
Sponsored by: AVES, Inc.

Be a part of our theme, "Caribbean Queen"! A celebration of diversity during Pride Week; dance to the music of a DJ and a live band. For more information, call 713.626.2837.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Charlie's New Dessert Bar

Time: 24 Hours (all week long)
Location: Charlie's (1100 Westheimer)
Fee: Various • Sponsored by: Charlie's

Cool off at our dessert bar throughout Pride Week. Enjoy ice cold lemonade, iced tea, malts, shakes, cones, and sundae. For more information, call 713.521.9533.

Make Us One:

A Musical Celebration

Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Location: Music Hall (810 Bagby)
Fee: Donations Requested
Sponsored by: Metropolitan Community
Church of the Resurrection

MCCR hosts a musical celebration of combined choirs to help kick off Pride Week. For more information, call 713.861.9149.

Simple Pleasures

Time: 2:30 PM
Location: First Unitarian Church (5200 Fannin)
Fees: \$10
Sponsored by: Gay Men's Chorus of Houston

Come and enjoy a men's choral music concert celebrating Pride Week. For more information, call 713.521.7464.



1997 Grand Marshal
Deborah Bell

Grand Marshal Reception

Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Gentry (2303 Richmond)
Fees: Donations Encouraged
Sponsored by: R.S.I.C.S.S.

Come and join us in congratulating the selected Grand Marshals of the 1997 Pride Parade! The event starts at 6 PM with a fabulous show starting at 9 PM.

MONDAY, JUNE 23

Shuffleboard Tournament

Time: 7:00 PM
Location: The New Barn
(1100-B Westheimer) • Fees: Free
Sponsored by: The New Barn

The New Barn opens at noon with drink specials all day! Prizes will be awarded! For more information, call 713.521.9533.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

Dart Tournament

Time: 7:00 PM
Location: The New Barn
(1100-B Westheimer) • Fees: Free
Sponsored by: The New Barn

Drink specials will run all day, and prizes will be awarded! Come early, we open at noon! For more information, call 713.521.9533.

Make A Joyful Noise III

Time: 7:30 PM
Location: 4305 Lillian Street • Fees: Offering
Sponsored by: Community Gospel Church

Come and enjoy a gospel concert featuring talent from local churches. Refreshments will be served after the concert in the fellowship hall. For more information, call 713.880.9235.

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Pride Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

How to find a good dental plan and save money

Time: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Location: Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
(1475 West Gray) • Fees: Free
Sponsored by: Sonrie

This seminar covers domestic partnerships, self-employment, business owners and employee groups, state to state benefits, and discounts. Sponsored by Sonrie, a dental health provider. For more information, call 713.862.9720.

Rollerball '97

Time: 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Location: Starlite Skating Rink
(8075 Cook Road at Beechnut)
Target Audience: GLBT / Gay Friendly
Fees: \$5 admission, \$1.50 skate rental
Sponsored by: Lambda Rollerskating Club

Join us for our annual gay pride event! All ages welcome. For more information, call 713.933.5818.

Chances Show Bar

Time: 9:00 PM
Location: The New Barn
(1100-B Westheimer) • Fees: Free
Sponsored by: The New Barn

Sheila Lennon sings your favorite dance tunes and shares the stage for karaoke! For more information, call 713.521.9533.



THURSDAY, JUNE 26



Community Partnership Kickoff

Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Bering Church Fellowship Hall
(1440 Harold)
Attire: Casual to Business
Target Audience:
Community Leaders and All Interested
Fees: \$5 donation requested
Sponsored by: Greater Houston
Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

This meeting will signify the beginning of a community partnership made up of representatives of all organizations within the gay and lesbian community of Houston. For more information, call 713.523.7576.

Sex and HIV /AIDS

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Location: 1407 Hawthorne
(corner of Yupon)
Fees: Free
Sponsored by: The Center for AIDS,
Montrose Clinic, and Continental Airlines

This is an informative community forum with nationally known experts on oral sex, KS & transmission, reinfection, eradication, and other topics. For more information, call 713.527.8219.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Friday Foreplay!

Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Pacific Street (710 Pacific Street)
Fees: No Cover before 9 PM
Sponsored by: Pacific Street

Doors open at 7 PM. No Cover till 9 PM. Get in early and party hard! For more information, call 713.523.0213.

Rangler Roundup III

Time: 9:00 PM

Location: The New Barn (1100-B Westheimer)

Attire: Casual (Country Western)

Fees: Request to Tip Performers

Sponsored by: Rainbow Ranglers Dance Club
Enjoy a country western dance extravaganza! This fundraising show will feature many dance and live performances. For more information, call 713.880.0670.

Pam Ross and Ten 'Til Six

Time: 9:30 PM to 1:30 AM

Location: Ms. B's (9200 Buffalo Speedway)

Fees: cover charge (\$2)

Sponsored by: Ms. B's

The original rock-n-roll group, Pam Ross and Ten 'Til Six, will be playing tonight at Ms. B's. For more information, call 713.666.3464.

Hot Night

"A Night in Black Leather"

Time: 10:00 PM

Location: Venture-N (2923 S. Main)

Attire: Levi / Leather • Target Audience: Levi / Leather /

Gay Pride Friendly • Fees: Free

Sponsored by: National Leather Assoc. of Houston

Be part of the welcome party for Leather Pride Weekend, and celebrate Pride Week with out-of-town guests and local friends. For more information, call 713.527.9305.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Chances' Beer Garden

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Chances (1100 Westheimer)

Fees: Free • Sponsored by: Chances

Ride the luge! Come and see our 300 lb. belly-dancin' blocks of ice! Grab a table and enjoy the sights and sounds of gay pride. Get here early and have a front row seat for our gay pride parade. Bands, shows, games, and dancing are just the beginning! For more information, call 713.521.9533.

Glowing with Pride, the official party Pre-parade Cocktail Party

Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Location: Garden in the Heights (3926 Feagan)

Fees: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door

Sponsored by: Outrage and The Pride Committee of Houston

Come and celebrate with us as we prepare for the grand event! For more information, call 713.706.2508.



The Pride Parade!!!

Time: 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Location: Westheimer between Ridgewood and

Stanford • Fees: Free

Sponsored by: The Pride Committee of Houston

This is it! Be a part of the nation's first nighttime pride parade! For more information, call 713.529.6979.

Glowing with Pride, the official party Pride Blowout!

Time: 11:00 PM to 3:00 AM

Location: Garden in the Heights (3926 Feagan)

Fees: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door

Sponsored by: Outrage and
The Pride Committee of Houston

The name says it all. For more information, call 713.706.2508.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Chances' Beer Garden

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Chances • (1100 Westheimer) • Fees:

Free • Sponsored by: Chances

Ride the luge! Come and see our 300 lb. belly-dancin' blocks of ice! Bands, shows, games, and dancing are just the beginning! For more information, call 713.521.9533.

Gay Pride Mass

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: 1307 Yale

Target Audience: GLBT, Catholics, and Friends

Fees: Donation Optional

Sponsored by: Dignity Houston

This special gay pride mass will be followed by an ice-cream social! For more information, call 713.880.2872.

PWA Holiday Charities Carnival (LVL)

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Mary's Patio "Outback" (1022 Westheimer)

• Fees: Free • Sponsored by: PWA Holiday Charities

Come and enjoy a day filled with food (barbecue), games, shows, displays, fantasy booths, and fabulous merchandise! For more information, call 713.521.0911.

The Boxer Bash!

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Pacific Street (710 Pacific Street)

Fees: See below • Sponsored by: Pacific Street

No cover all night with your glowing passes from our float! The famous Shadow Dancers return! Doors open at 7 PM! Clothes check is available. For more information, call 713.523.0213.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

The Garden Party "22"

Time: 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: Rich's (2401 San Jacinto)

Attire: Teddies and Tiaras • Fees: \$25

Sponsored by: Garden Party

Benefitting: Lady Victoria Lust Fund, Colt 45's, Stone Soup, and The Assistance Fund

Come be a part of this grand annual event and help raise money for the Lady Victoria Lust Fund, the Colt 45's, Stone Soup, and The Assistance Fund. For more information, call 713.932.9959.



Happy Gay Pride Week.

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Glowing With Pride



1 Linda Morales at the Texas Lesbian Conference.



2 Texas Lesbian Conference attendees at the Renaissance Houston Hotel.

3 Jim Nabors (left) of Stone Soup accepts this month's donation from **Daniel Boudreaux** (middle) and **Keith Huzela** (right) of Outrage, Inc.



4 From left to right: **Terri Richardson** (past president of Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus), Houston City Council candidate **Annie Parker**, **Ken Williams** (associate dean, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and treasurer, African American Lesbian & Gay Alliance), Houston City Council candidate **Carroll Robinson** and his wife **Mikita**.

5 Quilt panels from the staff of **Texas Commerce Bank** on display in downtown Houston.

6 **Patrick Ball**, board member, and **Ben Whittle**, president of the Houston Chapter of the Log Cabin Republicans, on VIP Cruise/Tour of the Port of Houston.

7 **Ken Claude**, manager of Basic Brothers in Houston, accepts the title of Mr. Gulf Coast Drummer '97.



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