

Montrose Activity Center

NEWSLETTER

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The Montrose Activity Center is a non profit 501c3 organization who's purpose is to increase understanding of social, racial and sexual minorities, and to encourage acceptance of and tolerance of alternative lifestyles so that, together, the citizens of the City of Houston and the State of Texas may work in the spirit of peaceful cooperation to build a better society. The organization acts as an umbrella to other organization such as Lesbian/Gay Pride Week and the Names Project Houston. PO Box 66684, Houston, TX 77266-6684.

GLPW '89 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The calendar on page 8 is a tentative schedule for the events that will take place during GLPW'89. All suggestions and ideals are greatly appreciated and there is plenty of room for volunteers in both the volunteer subcommittee and events subcommittee. Assisting in any area would be of benefit to both yourself and our community.

As Planning Coordinator Co-Chairs we present our goals to the GLPW as listed below:

- Obtain commitments for dates, times, and locations by various individuals and organizations no later than March 1, 1989.
- Publish the final calendar of events so that it is available for distribution throughout the community no later than March 15, 1989.
- Make ourselves available for input from all interested parties.
- Establish and maintain effective communication channels between ourselves, the Volunteer Subcommittee, The Events Subcommittee and GLPW.
- Maintain files and records as to our actions and procedures so that information will be available for use by GLPW'90.
- Ensure that the recruitment and assignment of volunteers necessary to carry out the duties of the GLPW and the various committees is completed in an efficient and unsatisfactory manner.

We are very excited about GLPW'89 and are looking forward to your ideas and suggestions. You may call us at our home numbers in addition to meeting with us at you convenience.

Love in '89 Thad (528-4346) & Ronnie (691-7900)

STONEWALL 20:

A GENERATION OF PRIDE



BOARD ELECTIONS & RECRUITMENT

Montrose Activity Center announces the 1988 general annual meeting of its Board of Directors. As required by our Corporate Charter once each year in November the Board meets to elect or reelect members are up for reelection and the Board has expressed a desire to expand the Board by at least two new members.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the MAC Board please contact Board Chair, Ray Hill at 523-6969, and prepare a resume outlining your interest in joining the MAC Board. We encourage people of color and women to apply. While the Board may go into executive session to consider certain matters, all MAC Board meetings are open to the public and you presents is welcome and encouraged. The next meeting is on Sunday, November 20, 1989 at 6:00 PM at the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin.

1-800-828-6417

AIDS Legal Assistance Line
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THE PINK TRIANGLE

Much of Gay and Lesbian history—so long suppressed by fear and bigotry—is only not coming to light.

A particularly grim part of our history is the pink triangle.

Though it is seldom, if ever, mentioned in accounts of the Nazi era, the fact is that untold thousands of actual and suspected homosexuals were confined and murdered in Hitler's Germany—less than 40 years ago.

A pink triangle on the clothing—on the left side of the jacket and on the right trouser—was the required emblem to denote homosexual status in the Nazi prison camps.

The present day American Gay and lesbian movement only began to become aware of the horrifying truth in the early 1970's, when some Gay Liberation scholars began unearthing and publishing it.

In recognition of such inhumanity and our of determination that it should not happen again, the pink triangle button is coming to be worn by American Lesbians and Gay men from coast to coast.

How many homosexuals died? The number whom the Nazis killed will never be known for sure. Figures on the number actually brought to trial on criminal anti-Gay charges do exist, but many were interned in camps without trial, and many others were shot by firing squads, especially in the military. Moreover, the records of several concentration camps were destroyed when German was on the verge of defeat.

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In the formal court system alone, over 46,000 Germans were convicted of homosexuality between 1933 and the first part of 1943. figures for the rest of 1943, 1944, and 1945 are unknown. Confinement without trial became more common in the later Nazi years.

In addition, homosexuals from Nazi-occupied countries besides Germany were also confined.

An estimate of 220,000 homosexuals killed by the Nazis is attributed to Austrian Protested sources—this would not included the normal percentages of unrecognized homosexuals among other persecuted groups.

How did it happen? Not only was homosexual intercourse a crime in Nazi Germany, so were kisses, embraces even homosexual fantasies. The researcher Jim Steakley writes: "One man, for instances, was successfully prosecuted on the grounds that he had observed a couple making love in a part and watched only the man."

After the war, homosexuality continued to be crime in West Germany. As a result, not only were Gay concentration camp survivors excluded from the reparations paid by the post war German government to other victims of the Nazis, but few survivors were willing to tell of their experiences.

Some accounts do exist, though. According to one, "The homosexuals were grouped into liquidation commandos and placed under triple camp discipline. That meant less food, more work, stricter supervision. If a prisoner with a pink triangle became sick, it spelled his doom. Admission to the clinic was forbidden."

The Nazi persecution of homosexuals was in part related to Nazi racial theories. Accordingly, a race of Aryan Ubermenschen could not tolerate degenerate breeding stock. Besides, the relatively advanced pre-Nazi German Gay movement was seen as a sign of the free society which Nazism wanted to stamp out in the name of conservative law and order.

Finally, one of Hitler's own rivals, Ernst Rohm, was homosexual, and when in 1934 Hitler had him murdered, he used Rohm's Gayness as an excuse.

from St. Louis Pride Guide, 1988

MONTROSE ACTIVITY CENTER

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Board Members:

Ray Hill (chair)

Brian Keever (secretary)

Annise Parker (treasurer)

Deborah Bell

Jim Owens

Jack Valinski

Joe Watts.

This newsletter is an official publication of the Montrose Activity Center. Jack Valinski, editor. This newsletter is distributed to the mailing list established over a number of years for Gay/Lesbian Pride Week. If you would like to be added, changed or deleted please fill out the form on and return it. This list is also given out upon request to organizations requesting it with direction from the MAC board.

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Organization (or not)

Address

City

State Zip

Work Phone

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Montrose Activity Center

The following is a comparison of Vice President George Bush and Governor Michael Dukakis on lesbian and gay civil rights and AIDS issues.....from the Human Rights Campaign Fund, 1012 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20009, 202-628-4160.

	George Bush	Michael Dukakis
GAY AND LESBIAN CIVIL RIGHTS	<p>Position: Opposes gay and lesbian civil rights as awarding "special privileges" to one group.</p> <p>Record: Reagan-Bush administration supported Supreme Court Hardwick decision denying Constitutional protection to gays. The administration has not opposed the immigration reform bill.</p>	<p>Position: Supports civil rights bill and immigration reform bill. Supports non-discrimination with regard to security clearances. Opposes executive order protecting government employees.</p> <p>Record: As Massachusetts legislator, introduced state gay rights bill in 1974. As governor, he has lobbied for the bill.</p>
HATE CRIMES	<p>Position: No known position.</p> <p>Record: The administration has indicated it may support collecting statistics on crimes against gays and lesbians.</p>	<p>Position: Supports legislation providing specific penalties for violence against gays and lesbians.</p> <p>Record: Supported Massachusetts law that helped to define an assault due to sexual orientation as a civil rights crime.</p>
AIDS TESTING	<p>Position: Advocates confidentiality of HIV test results; supports mandatory or routine testing for military, immigrations, marriage licenses, those seeking assistance for sexually transmitted diseases and drug dependence and prisoners.</p> <p>Record: The -Bush administration had left issues of confidentiality and availability to the states. It requires testing for military personnel, immigrants, Peace Corps and Job Corps workers, foreign service employees and federal prisoners.</p>	<p>Position: Supports increased voluntary, confidential counseling and testing; advocates mandatory testing for military personnel and immigrants.</p> <p>Record: Dukakis issued regulations banning testing for health and group life or disability insurance. Allows life insurer to require test for individual policies over \$100,000.</p>
AIDS PREVENTION	<p>Position: Believes people should be educated about AIDS, but prevention efforts should stress traditional moral values and strengthen the concept of "family." Content decision should be made at local level.</p> <p>Record: Under the Reagan-Bush administration, a nation-wide mailing, originally conceived in the mid-1980's, was not sent until June 1988 due to political in-fighting over contents. The administration refuses to provide information on sex and drug use.</p>	<p>Position: Believes that AIDS education, including explicit information on sex and drug use, should begin in primary school with information based on age and ability to absorb material.</p> <p>Record: Massachusetts was the first state to do a house-to-house AIDS prevention mailing.</p>
AIDS DISCRIMINATION	<p>Position: Supports federal legislation outlawing discrimination based on HIV infection status.</p> <p>Record: The Reagan-Bush administration opposes efforts to enact legislation to prohibit discrimination based on HIV status.</p>	<p>Position: Supports federal legislation outlawing discrimination based on HIV infection status.</p> <p>Record: Endorsed Massachusetts bill to protect people with AIDS, HIV or perceived to have ADIS against discrimination.</p>
PRESIDENTIAL HIV COMMISSION REPORT	<p>Endorses the recommendations of the Presidential AIDS Commission. However, his campaign rejected endorsing the report in the Republican Platform.</p>	<p>Endorses the recommendations of the Presidential Commission on HIV infection.</p>

NOVEMBER 1988

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2 Wednesday

Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus Meeting, 7:30 PM, Viscount Hotel, 2828 Southwest Fwy, 521-1000

4 Friday

"Living With AIDS in Houston" a reception for Saturday's event at University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun, Conrad Hilton College Building, 6:00 PM, 527-0037

Last day of absentee voting, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, 224-1919

Volunteer Training Program for Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston, will continue on Saturday and Sunday and the following weekend, must be at least 18 years old, a thirty hour training program for one of the best gay/lesbian organizations in the city, 529-3211.

5 Saturday

"Living With AIDS in Houston" a symposium for people with AIDS, ARC, lovers, families, care-givers and concerned individuals at University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun, Conrad Hilton College Building, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 527-0037

8 Tuesday

ELECTION: POLLS OPEN 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM, INFO: 224-1919

Live coverage of election on KPFT 90.1 FM

9 Wednesday

Women's Network, topic: Drafting Relationship Agreements, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Suite 203, 7:00 PM, 527-0037

11 Friday

March on Austin for Lesbian/Gay Rights, planning meeting, 12:30 PM Travis County Courthouse, 98th District Courtroom, 4th floor, 11th Street at Guadalupe, 512-443-2247. Call Bruce Reeves 961-2905.

12 Saturday

Yard Sale benefitting Gay and Lesbian Switchboard and University of Houston Gay and Lesbian Student Association, 908 Kipling, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 529-3211.

16 Wednesday

Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus Meeting, 7:30 PM, Viscount Hotel, 2828 Southwest Fwy, 521-1000

17 Thursday

Gay/Lesbian Pride 1989 meeting, Parkway Athletic Club, 2nd floor, 800 Rosine, 7:00 PM

18 Friday

The Life and times of Harvey Milk, a free screening sponsored by KPFT, The River Oaks Theater, 2009 West Gray, midnight, 534-2175.

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20 Sunday

Montrose Activity Center. Annual elections and board meeting, public welcome, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, 6:00 PM, 529-3211

LOAF, Lesbians over age 50 call 661-1428

23 Wednesday

Women's Network, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Suite 203, 7:00 PM, 527-0037

27 Sunday

Celebration of Life Rally, a pep rally will be a Celebration of Live for the Gay/Lesbian community. Highlight of the rally will be a candlelight tribute to the memory of Harvey Milk on the 10th anniversary of his assignation, live broadcast on KPFT, 90.1

December 17

Holiday Concert benefitting Stone Soup and Houston Area Women's Center Jones Auditorium, St. Thomas University the following groups will performed are looking for new members:

Lone Star Symphonic Band 528-4346,

MCCR Choir 861-9149,

Heartsong 520-8405,

Montrose Singers 526-8715,

There is also a poster contest: call Thaddeus 528-4346

**GAY AND LESBIAN
SWITCHBOARD OF HOUSTON
529-3211**

National Conferences

Legal Conference on AIDS. Nov. 11, War Memorial Building, San Francisco. Info: Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Rights, Box 1983, San Francisco, CA 94101, 415-431-1444.

Lavender Law: The National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Legal Issues. Nov 12-13, Golden Gate Law School, San Francisco. Info: Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Rights, Box 1983, San Francisco, CA 94101, 415-431-1444.

Forth Annual National Conference of Gay/Lesbian Public Officials. Nov. 17-19, Town & Country Hotel and Convention Center, San Diego, CA Info: Neil Good, Box 33332, San Diego, CA 92103, 619-235-8136.

Creating Change: A National Conference for Gay & Lesbian Organizations. Nov. 18-20, Hotel Washington, Washington, DC. Info: NGLTF Creating Change, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009, 202-332-6483.

March on Austin for Lesbian/Gay Equal Rights, an effort to bring home the excitement and energy of the 1987 National March on Washington. Info: Box 2505, Austin, TX 78768, 512-443-2247

National AIDS Forum, April 5-9, Cathedral Hill Hotel, San Francisco, 202-994-4285.

20 year anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York City June 26, 1989.

VOJE 88

Absentee voting continues through Friday, November 4 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Voting for Precinct 1 is at 49 San Jacinto at Commerce.

A change in the state law allows any registered voter to vote in person without a reason.

If you have any questions call 224-1919

LADYSLIPPER RECORDS

A non-profit organization who has one of the most extensive record catalogs for Women's and Feminist Music.

The 1989 90 page catalog is just out.

Box 3130, Durham, NC 27705

Inquiries: 919-683-1570

Orders: 800-634-6044

PAPERBACK-BOOKS

The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk, by Randy Shilts. (St. Martin's \$10.95.) Half a decade before the publication of "And the Band Played On," Randy Shilts's detailed account of the AIDS plague, he chronicled the history of San Francisco's gay Castro community and its most visible political leader, Harvey B. Milk, the city supervisor who was murdered in 1978. In 1982, one reviewer said the book not only succeeds as history and biography but also as "an investigative piece on the mechanics of big-city government in all of its expedient, back-biting splendor. Shilts pulls off this threefold stunt admirably."

RADIO

Morning Edition 5:00 AM to 8:00 AM Mon-Fri news from National Public Radio in Washington KUHF 88.7 FM

All Things Considered 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM Mon-Fri news from National Public Radio in Washington KUHF 88.7 FM

Weekend Edition-Saturday 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM Saturday news from National Public Radio in Washington, featuring Scott Simon, KUHF 88.7 FM

Weekend Edition-Sunday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Sunday news from National Public Radio in Washington featuring Susan Stamberg KUHF 88.7 FM

Breakthrough Women's and lesbian music along with interviews, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM Fridays, KPFT 90.1 FM

After Hours gay and lesbian radio, 2:00 AM Sundays, KPFT 90.1 FM

Open Journal special programs will feature special salutes to **Harvey Milk** and the Gay/Lesbian Movement, November 21-25, 12 Noon, KPFT 90.1 FM

Wilde n' Stein gay and lesbian radio, featuring news, interviews, features and opinion with a special emphasis on AIDS coverage featuring Jack Valinski and Ray Hill, 10:00 PM, Tuesdays, KPFT 90.1 FM

The Life and Times of Harvey Milk, a free screening sponsored by KPFT, The River Oaks Theater, 2009 West Gray, November 18 & 19, midnight, 534-2175.

TELEVISION

Brothers Comedy. Robert Walden, Brandon Maggart. Three very different brothers, one gay, try to deal with the many humorous relationships life throws their way. Showtime.

That's What Friends Are For: Concert for AIDS '88 Concert. Dionne Warwick, Elton John. A galaxy of stars gathered at Kennedy Center to raise funds and awareness to fight AIDS Showtime November 21, 12:30 PM

AIDS: Everything You and Your Family Need to Know Informational Programming. From the newest findings of experts including Dr. C. Everett Koop, this program delivers a straight forward, eye opening look at AIDS. Home Box Office. November 1, 6:00 PM, November 2, 3:45 AM

Norman...Is That You? (1976) Redd Foxx, Pearl Bailey. Man goes to see his son and finds out the boy is gay WTBS, November 13, 2:05 AM

The Dresser (1983) Drama. Albert Finney, Tom Coudenay. An aging Shakespearean actor leads a ragtag troupe through England during the World War II with the help of his faithful backstage companion and valet. The Movie Channel. November 2, 11:00 PM; 8, 5:00 PM; 14, 9:00 AM; 24, 9:30 AM

This calendar is provided as a community service

To add items to this listing send it to:

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Newsletter
Box 66684
Houston, TX 77266-6684.
or call: 529-1223

Listings are generally fundraisers, meetings and educational events. The deadline is one week before each month.

Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1989

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING

September 28, 1988

The meeting was called to order by Marion E. Coleman at 7:10 PM. Ms. Coleman presented the Proof of Notice of Meeting and presented the Agenda for additions.

Ms. Coleman announced the temporary appointment of John Nix as secretary for the meeting and appointed Clark Moore as Parliamentarian for the Committee.

Ms. Coleman requested the acting secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Following the reading of the minutes, it was noted that the minutes did not contain the adoption of the voting procedure by the members at the previous meeting. By consent, it was agreed that the minutes of this meeting would reflect the adoption of the voting procedure and the same would govern votes taken by this Committee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, John Nix was elected Secretary of the Committee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Roger Kinser was elected Treasurer of the Committee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following persons were elected chairs of committees set out beside their names:

Fundraising:	Loyd Powell & Robert Conn
Planning Coordinators:	Veronica Diaz & Thad Coverdale
Communications:	Jack Valinski & Billie Duncan
Marketing:	Brian Keever & Dan Billman
Parade:	Tony Vega & Marion E. Coleman

Ms. Coleman announced members to serve on committees and appointed several persons to chair specific events.

Mr. Ken Wilson, Co-chair, presented an overview of the Pride Week given for 1988.

Ms. Coleman presented proposals for the 1989 Pride Week Celebration.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the dates from June 16, 1989 through June 25, 1989 were adopted as the official Pride Week; the Parade will occur on June 25, 1989.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was proposed that the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus undertake the presentation of the festival following the Parade. Following discussion, the motion was tabled.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee adopted the Executive Committee presented in the Agenda.

Various members of the audience made announcements regarding upcoming events and items of information which were of interest to the Committee.

The date of the next Committee meeting was announced as October 27th, 7:00 PM, at the Parkway Athletic Club. Ms. Coleman thanked the PWA Coalition for their hospitality in providing the meeting place for the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted, John Nix Secretary.

NEXT PRIDE MEETING
Thursday
November 17
7:00 PM
800 Rosine, 2nd Floor
PARKWAY ATHLETIC CLUB

INTERNATIONAL PRIDE CONFERENCE

BY JACK VALINSKI

The International Association of Lesbian and Gay Pride Committees (IAL/GPC) held its seventh annual conference in St. Louis on the October 7-8. The (IAL/GPC) was formed in 1982 out of a need to bring local host committees together to help coordinate activities between cities, trade ideas, help problem solve and to improve communications between host committees.

This year Ken Wilson and myself represented Houston. The conference contained many workshops which helped to exchange ideas in the area of marketing, raising money, consensus process, insurance, rallies, and my favorite working with media. There was also a workshop on non-violent civil disobedience.

There was a vast representation from cities like San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York to Wichita, New Hampshire. Both Ken and myself have been able to both share our ideas and experiences and learn ideas and experiences from other cities. And we both agreed that Christopher Street West/Los Angeles is the organization where we could learn the most. They have a very well organized committee which raises money for many other needs in Southern California. In fact they spent \$5000 to broadcast their parade live via satellite to any cable company who chose to carry it.

I have been elected to the board and am going to put together a national press release for next years events around the country for the 1989 celebration. The non-binding theme that was chosen this year is STONEWALL 20: A GENERATION OF PRIDE. Next year's conference is in Vancouver, Canada.

MAC BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 13

In attendance: Ray Hill, Jack Valinski, Deborah Bell, Annise Parker, Brian Keever, Joe Watts. Absent: Jim Owens

Ray Hill moved to increase board from 7 to 9 and to keep the number odd: passed. Seats up: Jim Owens, Ray Hill, C. Brian Keever, Joe Watts.

Board Members by application and to be solicited by the Newsletter and Gay Press

Ray Hill moved to have meetings on odd months, Jack second: passed

Ray Hill moved, Annise Parker second to strike of first 3.4 of by laws: passed. Annise moved that 7.3 be stricken of by laws Ray seconded: passed. Ray moved 7.2 be stricken of by laws, Annise seconded: passed

Be it resolved that as a matter of policy Ex-officio members (representing MAC sponsored committees) should have at least one person to attend and report to MAC board: passed.

Should have a written ballot and maintain up to 11 in board, Jack motion, Brian seconded.

Roger K, treasurer of Pride not in attendance, did not have the

final accounting for GLPW, checkbook was to be turned over at this meeting. Ray Hill moved that 1989 Pride Week Committee be authorized to open a checking account at bank of their choice, Brian seconded: passed.

MAC take responsibility of Newsletter. All of our committees should be kept separate accounts with regular reports to MAC. An assessment to our affiliates for our help to them (to reimburse MAC expenses)

MAC Sponsorships

1. Bruce Reeves requested that March On Austin be umbrellaed under MAC until Austin sets up its own organization.

2. Nov 27th Harvey Milk Rally at city hall

3. Houston names Project wants to be under MAC to be represented by Larry Repoplogue. A Parker requested financial records for Names Project.

MONTROSE ACTIVITY CENTER BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 6:00 PM
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 5210 FANNIN

SURVEY FINDS ANTIPATHY TOWARD VICTIMS OF AIDS

by Michael R. Kagay from the New York Times

The public overwhelmingly expresses general sympathy for people who have AIDS, but for many Americans that sympathy does not extend to AIDS victims who are homosexuals or intravenous drug users, according to a New York Times/CBS News poll.

Seventy-five percent of the 1,606 respondents interviewed by telephone Sept. 8 to 11 said they had "a lot" or "some" sympathy for people who have AIDS and 19 percent said they had "not much" or "no" sympathy. The poll had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus three percentage points.

The general level of sympathy expressed for people with AIDS declined dramatically, however, when the two groups at highest risk of exposure to the disease were mentioned.

Only 36 percent of those interviewed said they had a lot or some sympathy for "people who get AIDS from homosexual activity," and 26 percent said they had a lot or some sympathy for "people who get AIDS from sharing needles while using illegal drugs." These two groups make up the overwhelming majority of individuals with AIDS. The seemingly contradictory findings of the poll—that most respondents expressed sympathy toward people with AIDS in general but little or no sympathy toward the two groups that make up the vast majority of AIDS victims—reflects The effect of focusing the attention of the respondents on unpopular groups. Past polls have also shown negative public attitudes toward homosexuals and drug users.

The Most recent poll made it clear the public attitudes toward these high-risk groups are linked to support or opposition to steps that might help to slow the spread of AIDS.

For example, 52 percent of those interviewed said they thought of drug addiction more as an illness while 34 percent said they looked on addiction more as a crime. These views about the nature of drug addiction appeared to influence how respondents reacted to a proposal to give free sterilized needles to intravenous drug users as a public health measure.

A substantial minority of American adults, 40 percent, said they would favor giving free sterilized needles to intravenous drug users if that would slow the spread of AIDS, while 53 percent said they would oppose such a step.

The respondents viewing addiction as an illness were more likely to favor free distribution of sterilized needles to drug users. Fifty-two percent of those respondents supported the step as a way of slowing the spread of AIDS. Only 26 percent of these who viewed addiction as a crime supported the proposal. The degree of general sympathy expressed for people with AIDS was also linked to support the free distribution of sterilized needles. Just under half, 46 percent of the respondents said they had "a lot" of sympathy for people have AIDS, and of those 49 percent supported distribution of needles to drug users. Nineteen percent of the respondents said they had "not much" or "no" sympathy for people with AIDS, and of those 66 percent opposed free distribution of sterilized needles.

Silence = Golden

ACT UP/New York's clip-and-save guide to police intimidation.

The following guidelines were formulated by legal advisors to ACT UP/NY, but they apply to all gay men and lesbians and activists. This is a response to a September 28 search of a ACT UP/New York's member apartment. This appeared in Gay Community News

1. You do not have to talk to police or FBI or any other investigators. You do not have to talk to them whether they come to your house, on the street, if you've been arrested, or even if you are in jail. Only a court or a grand jury has legal authority to compel testimony.

2. You don't have to let the police or FBI into your home or office unless they show you an arrest or search warrant which authorizes them to enter that specific place.

3. If they do present a warrant, you do not have to tell them anything other than your name and address. You have a right to observe what they do.

4. Make written notes, including the agent's names, agency and badge numbers. Try to have other people present as witnesses and have them make written notes, too.

5. Anything you do say to any law enforcement officer may and probably will be used against you and other people.

6. If you do give the FBI or police information, it may mean that you will have to testify to the same information at a trial or before a grand jury.

7. Lying to an FBI or other federal investigators is a crime.

8. The best advice, if the FBI or police try to question you or to enter your home or office without a warrant, is to JUST SAY NO! Law enforcement agents have a job to do and they are highly skilled at it. Attempting to "outwit" is very risky. You can never tell how a seemingly harmless bit of information can help them hurt you or another ACT UP member.

9. The investigators may threaten you with a grand jury subpoena if you don't give them information. But you may get one anyway, and anything you've already told them will be the basis for more detailed questioning under oath.

10. They may try to threaten or intimidate you by pretending to have information about you ("We know what you've been doing, but if you cooperate it will be all right.") If you are concerned about this tell them you will consider talking to them with your lawyer present.

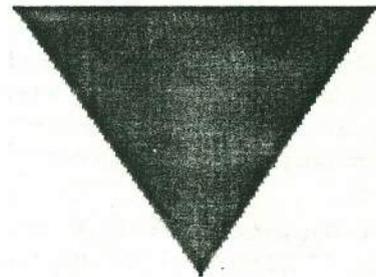
11. If you are nervous about simply refusing to talk, you may find it easier to tell them to contact your lawyer. Once a lawyer is involved, the agents usually pull back since they have lost their power custody, once you requested an attorney, they must cease questioning until your lawyer is present. But remember, you don't have to answer their questions, even if they keep asking.

H O U S T O N GAY/LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK 89

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Tentative Calendar

- June 16: Flag Day, Talent Night at Kindred Spirits
- June 17: Organization Day, TGRA, GLHU, AMIGA, Womynspace
- June 18: Dignity Cruise
- June 19: History Day with Phil Johnson, Film Fest
- June 20: Education Night, MCC, PWA, AIDS Foundation
- June 21: Cultural Night
- June 22: Interfaith Alliance
- June 23: Group Workshop, Film Fest
- June 24: Stonewall Day, Games/Activities, Evening Concert, Fireworks
- June 25: Parade & Fest



ACTION=LIFE

END NOTE

"I'm late (for work) because I was at a demonstration at the FDA (Food and Drug Administration). We were protesting the government's inaction on AIDS. It was important for me to be there because I happen to be a member of a group that's concerned with this issue...I'm a Lesbian."

Andrea Weatherhead, a lesbian recording engineer, to her straight co-worker on Oct. 11, the day of civil disobedience at FDA headquarters and National Coming Out Day. The co-worker reacted by saying "you're kidding," to which Weatherhead, clad in an Action = Life t-shirt responded, "No, really, I'm a lesbian."