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Newsletter of the
Dallas Gay
Political Caucus

January, 1981

DECEMBER BOARD ELECTIONS:

DGPC members experienced the progress and depth of Dallas' gay movement when elections were held to fill five positions on the Board of Directors during the December monthly meeting. Each of the eight candidates presented himself and his credentials to the general membership by short speeches, by nominations from supporters, and by questions from the membership. In brief, the process revealed an impressive field of eight high caliber individuals, leaving no doubt as to how far the DGPC has grown since its origins.

Four board members were running for re-election: Mike Williams, Bill Nelson, Campbell Read, and Dick Weaver. Each was successful in his bid. The new addition to the board is Mark Kuhn, presently working in Senator Oscar Mauzy's local office planning state redistricting.

FOUR VETERANS RETURN

Mark was the liason between United for Equal Rights (the political action committee) and Ron Kessler's campaign. The Kessler campaign was a top priority for the PAC in the November elections. Mark stated that he wishes to "become active in politics generally, and in gay politics specifically."

KUHN IS IN

Each of the other candidates gave personal reasons for wanting to run for the board positions. Mike Williams emphasized "the growth of the DGPC" both in size and in poli-

tical clout. Jack Borden said "hell-raisers" need representation, too. Bill Nelson ran "on his record" and enunciated that record in detail. Campbell Read also relied upon his work in the DGPC and stressed that he wished to see his work on the Social Justice Committee "bear fruit." Duane Willis wanted the Caucus to be most active "in community affairs." As an economic conservative, Dick Weaver said that the DGPC should be involved in the "gut issues of gay life." Peter Brooks said that he wanted to work for the civil rights of gays."

The Gavel Raps

by Don Baker

The local PBS station often runs spot announcements to encourage its viewers to become members and thereby guarantee the continued airing of their unique type of broadcasting. One announcement in particular has always impressed me. It is the one where a man is lying on a couch in session with his psychiatrist. The patient is concerned about a perpetual guilt feeling he has. After a few lines of analysis the psychiatrist suggests that the guilt the patient suffers from is because the patient watched his local PBS station without ever making a financial commitment to help support it. In other words, as the doctor says, the patient is a freeloader.

While this is a rather forceful way of addressing the situation, it is true. As a matter of fact, I have often felt the same way about gay women and men in Dallas. They love to receive an endorsement sheet from the political action committee to aid them in making their voting selections. They appreciate the fact that the Caucus offers the community social alternatives such as Theatre Three and Third Monday. They are grateful that we publish educational brochures to attack the ignorance that abounds in our city regarding homosexuality. They think it is grand when we sponsor such events as the Oak Lawn Christmas Gathering. However, in spite of these interesting and bene-

ficial programs, they still find it "inconvenient" to participate in our organization. In other words, they are freeloaders.

To carry this a step further, after working in the DGPC for several years it has become evident that some members could be defined as freeloaders, too. Yes, they have paid their membership fees, but that is all we ever hear or see from them. While I do not want to minimize the efforts of those members who honestly cannot contribute more time or money, it goes without saying that a lot of the projects and programs are planned, implemented, and financed by a small percentage of the total membership.

Like other activist organizations, ours is not sustained by ideas and good intentions alone. It is motivated and activated by dedicated and committed members. We always need more people who will recognize their responsibility to "pledge" a small amount of time and/or money each month. This is the only real way we will see things happen on a grand scale in Dallas.

I trust that as we begin to make our New Year's resolutions we will resolve to be more involved in civil rights work for gay men and lesbians. I believe that a few extra minutes of consideration on this point will culminate in a prosperous and successful New Year for us all.



BEDROOM FARCE

Bloody Marys & Comedy
Theatre Three, January 4

Houston to Host '81 Gay Conference

The Texas Gay Task Force has announced that Texas Gay Conference 8 will be held in Houston during the 1981 Labor Day weekend. Exciting speakers and workshops will combine with official and unofficial partying to guarantee pleasurable time for the attendants.

NEWS

OLTA to Offer Lessons this Winter

The Oak Lawn Tennis Association has completed its fall singles league. Kevin Rosene took top honors in the B division, while Carlos Banda placed second. Don Drason and Al Long finished first and second, respectively, in the A division.

OLTA will begin a winter doubles league in January, with partners changing weekly. This two-on-two play should be both fun and challenging. If you or anyone you know would like to play in this doubles league, please contact Bill Nelson at 750-8041 or 748-8000.

OLTA's A players will be giving tennis lessons beginning this winter to all interested men and women. Participants will only be responsible for their court fees. The lessons are being given free to encourage people to join OLTA. OLTA wants its membership to grow in numbers, not merely in skill. To arrange a regular lessons schedule, contact Bill Nelson at the numbers listed above.

OLTA also wishes to announce that in late January, its regular weekly play will be moved from the Samuel-Grand Tennis Center in East Dallas to the newly resurfaced Cole Park courts. The times will remain the same: Sunday from 12 noon until 4:00 p. m. and Wednesday from 7:30 p. m. until 10:30 p. m. On inclement days play will be held on the indoor tennis courts in the Automobile Building at Fair Park. The members of OLTA invite everyone to spend the winter actively with them.

Blood Bank Account Grows

The Dallas gay community's blood bank account grew by more than 20 pints during the blood drive at the December meeting of the DGPC. Originally reserved for the members of the DGPC, the account may now be used by non-Caucus community members who need blood during a health crisis. The need for blood is constant, but it is especially high during the holiday season. Donations to the gay community account may be made year-round at the Wadley Blood Bank, 9000 Harry Hines (351-8611).

Gay Retirement Homes

Open meetings are currently being held to discuss feasibility of retirement homes in the Dallas/North Texas area for lesbians and gays. Still in the exploratory stages, a small group of individuals has agreed to look into a home situation for themselves while a larger group will work on a total retirement home project for the total community. The larger project would seek government funding, while the small project expects no outside assistance.

The meetings have been held at the DGPC office, but definite meeting times and locations can be found in the DIALOG Calendar.

Reps. Need Letters From Gays

Gay Rights National Lobbyist Stephen Endean reports that Members of Congress say they almost never hear from pro-gay constituents. The Moral Majority and other anti-gay lobbies generate hundreds of letters from each congressional district. In spite of polls showing majority support for the civil rights of lesbians and gays, Endean says many of our representatives respond, "Not in my district." Endean encourages gays to write their congressional representatives, and to contact GRNL to learn more about civil rights work. (GRNL, 930 F St., N.W. #611, Washington, D.C. 20004)

DGPC Moves

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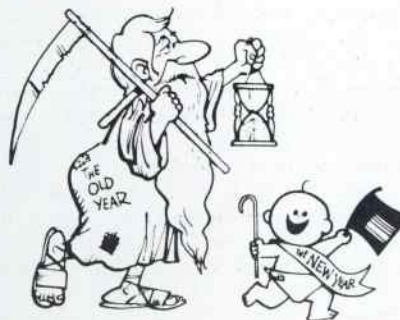
Asterisks (*) denote meetings of the general membership.

Dec. 1- The DGPC shall reimburse individuals for expenses incurred for the DGPC film festival (Gay Pride Week 1980). The Caucus will respectfully decline Channel 13's request for volunteers on short notice. Names for the DGPC December elections will appear in alphabetical order on the ballot. The Love Field Homeowners Association will be invited to speak at the January meeting. All official Caucus mailings shall include the official p. o. box return address (except for individual items of personal correspondence). The directors will recommend Al Calkin to serve on the Dallas Cable TV Board.

Dec. 8(*)- For every \$15 membership, \$2.50 shall go to the PAC unless otherwise directed by the new member. DIALOG shall not be automatically sent to elected officials unless they request the newsletter. The DGPC shall send a letter of support to the gay student organization in College Station who is attempting to get recognition from Texas A&M.

FTF Needs Volunteers

The Feminist Task Force needs volunteers for its efforts to encourage feminist philosophy within the DGPC. The committee, established early this year, is suffering from poor attendance. The committee is responsible for organizing speakers for general meetings and writers for DIALOG's Feminist Perspective.



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JANUARY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Sat 3 Pot Luck Supper at the United Community Church, 1st Saturday of every month. 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.
- Sun 4 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page). 926-7000.
Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. Services at 9 a.m. (1 hr), 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
United Community Church of Dallas. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
- Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month. 1 p.m. Hidden Door. 5025 Bowser. 526-9211.
- Theatre III-Bloody Mary Sunday Party! DGPC's party begins at 6 p.m. in Theatre III's Rehearsal Hall (just follow the happy crowd).
"Bedroom Farce", a hilarious comedy begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by calling Tom at 827-9766 or you may purchase tickets at the door before performance.
- Mon 5 The Oak Lawn Bowling Association meets every Monday night, Cotton Bowling Palace, Lemmon and Inwood. 8:45 p.m. 589-1936.
- Tue 6 SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday, DGPC office. 7 p.m. 528-4233.
- Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 233-3100 for information.
- TARRANT COUNTY GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. Agape' MCC in Ft. Worth. 2336 Hemphill. 8 p.m. 926-7000.
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. DGPC office. 9 p.m. 528-4233.
- Wed 7 Pot Luck Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church, 1st Wednesday of every month. 6:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Dinner at Agape' MCC in Ft. Worth. 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill. 926-7000. Enjoy good food with good friends.
- SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE meeting. DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- GLAD (Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton) meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall
1111 Cordell. Students, faculty, townspeople and county residents welcome. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.
- Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. 7:30 p.m. NOW office,
3107 Routh, upstairs in back. 742-6918.
- FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday, DGPC office. 8 p.m. 328-5559.
- Thr 8 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. Musicians, instruments and donations needed. Call 521-0432.
- OUTREACH COMMITTEE meets every Thursday, DGPC office. 7 p.m. 528-4233.
- Dallas Alternative meets every Thursday at 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m.
- Fri 9 Cliff Dwellers Social Club meets every Friday from 8 - 11 p.m. No drugs, grass or alcohol. 321 N. Zangs (at 8th). 748-6790.
- Sun 11 Turtle Creek Chorale auditions. Call 821-3086 for details.
- GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS (GAU/NT) meeting in Denton. 5:30 p.m. Call 691-0043 for details.
- Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force Education Forum meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. NOW office. 742-6918.
- Mon 12 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. See DOSCA's slide presentation of the 1st Oak Lawn Christmas Gathering.
7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.
- Tue 13 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE meeting. DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- Wed 14 "You and Civil Law", Pre-relationship contracting, wills, child custody and single parent adoptions. UCC Social Hall,
4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.
- "Death in Venice" starring Dirk Bogarde as a German composer who is fascinated by a beautiful youth. Granada Theatre,
3524 Greenville. 9:30 p.m. 823-9610.
- Thr 15 FEMINIST TASK FORCE meeting. DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

Make checks payable to DGPC, P.O. BOX 35011; Dallas, Texas 75235

NEWS

21.06 Update

The trial date for the "21.06 Case" has been set for June 15, 1981. Don Baker, DGPC president and plaintiff for the case, is hopeful that the case will result in the courts finding Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code unconstitutional. (21.06 prohibits private sexual contact between consenting adults of the same sex.)

Most recently, oral depositions were taken during which District Attorney Henry Wade and City Attorney Lee Holt were required to defend the state's position in maintaining Section 21.06.

TGTF LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Texas legislature will convene in January, and liberals are on the alert. According to the Texas Gay Task Force, Rep. Wright (R, Houston) has prefiled four bills concerning minors and obscene materials. In past sessions of the legislature gays have been the scapegoats during floor debates of child pornography and sexual abuse. Rep. Rains (D, San Marcos) and others have prefiled legislation relating to the advertising and possession of drug paraphernalia. Rep. Smith has prefiled a bill calling for a constitutional amendment for initiative

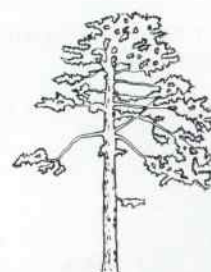
and referendum in Texas, which would be a loaded gun in the hands of conservatives to use against the civil rights of gay men/lesbians. There are the usual bills to be expected, such as anti-abortion measures and calls for the repeal of the Texas Equal Rights Amendment. TGTF can combat the ignorance of unenlightened representatives by providing a professional lesbian/gay lobbyist. Your donations can help revive the TGTF efforts in Austin. Contributions should be made to Human Rights Advocates, P. O. Box A-K, Denton, TX 76201.

Membership Tops 500

The REACH OUT '80 membership drive for the DGPC successfully raised the membership rolls from an average of 325 to an average of 530 members. Gift Certificates from Neiman-Marcus were given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Baker Speaks on STD

Don Baker, president of DGPC, was recently invited to speak about homosexuality at the University of Texas/Southwest Medical School Seminar on Sexually Transmitted Diseases. It is increasingly apparent that health care professionals are beginning to listen to the needs of gays.



DGPC Funds DCO

The current Dallas Civic Opera Magazine may be raising a few eyebrows in the cheap seats. Buried in the list of "Contributors \$50-99" is a listing for the Dallas Gay Political Caucus. Earlier this year the DGPC received an anonymous donation earmarked for the DCO.

DGPC Backs Retrial in Assault Case

A motion for retrial to seek to overturn an assault conviction was filed by criminal defense attorney Vincent Perini on December 16 in Criminal District Court No. 4 on behalf of Doug Greeson. Greeson was found guilty in November, 1979 by Judge John Mead for assaulting police officer William Miller outside the Fraternity House in June of the same year.

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus retained Perini in March, 1980 after several contradictions between the testimonies of Officer Miller and witnesses came to light. After a new witness stepped forward, it became evident that a gross injustice may have been perpetrated and that there were grounds for a new trial. Greeson has maintained all along that Officer Miller was guilty of assaulting him, of false arrest, of false allegations against him, and of perjury in court. The DGPC

has backed Greeson in letters to the mayor, the Dallas City Council, and Police Chief Glen King; DGPC Director Campbell Read appeared before the city council three times earlier in 1980 alleging that the Dallas Police Department's Internal Affairs Division was not serious about investigating Officer Miller's behavior. Read told the council that the I.A.D. refused to follow through on polygraph tests taken by all witnesses; these tests, he said, indicated truthfulness and agreement between the witnesses and contradicted important details in the story told by Miller in court.

"It is very significant that this motion for retrial is being backed by the Caucus", said Read; "We are putting the Police Department on notice that they can not push the gay community around any longer and expect to get away with it."

GATHERING IS SUCCESSFUL

The Oak Lawn Christmas Gathering (December 6) was successfully attended by gay and nongay members of the Oak Lawn area. Although bad weather threatened the event, the gathering remained unscathed save for the periodic blasts from Southwest Airlines overhead. The tree lighting was spectacular, and the lighted tree remained in front of the Oak Lawn Branch Library throughout the Christmas holidays. The tree lights and silver ornaments have been donated to the library for future use.

Health

Adapted from a paper by Rodger Pettyjohn

Many health care providers have had little formal education with regard to sexual orientation. While researchers have studied with enthusiasm many of the various homosexual lifestyles and their possible causes, little is actually known about what makes different people like different sexual experiences.

It is generally accepted among authorities that sexual and affectional orientation is developed sometime between the ages of three and five years. If this is true, then health care providers deal not only with homosexual adults, but with homosexual children and adolescents as well. While this might fan the fires of the unenlightened homophobics, the needs of gay minors should be taken into account in health matters.

Some health care people, upon discovering the sexuality of their patients, might suggest possible treatments to "cure" the homosexuality. In regards to "cure", one should first understand the position of the American Psychiatric Association:

For a mental condition to be considered a psychiatric disorder it should regularly cause distress or be regularly associated with generalized impairment of social functioning; homosexuality does not meet these criteria (APA, 1973).

There are those professionals who are unaware of the less than satisfactory "cure" rate for homosexuality. The only technique that has at all been effective is one based on avoidance conditioning. In his presidential speech to the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy, Gerald C. Davison, developer of the technique, called on his fellow behavior therapists to stop using the techniques aimed at changing choice of adult partners. Clearly, gay men and lesbians have less to worry about than in earlier years, but the progress has been slow. There still remains a great deal of misinformation.

Health care practitioners need to be aware of the characteristics of the gay subculture and terminology used by gay persons so as to effectively understand gay clients. The best way to gain such knowledge is through direct contact with members of gay subcultures. There are gay organizations in every major city that are more than happy to present programs or informal discussions for health care organizations or individuals.

The popular stereotype shows the gay person as lonely, miserable, and without loved ones. Research shows that gay people are most often living in pairs or in communal situations. In many cases, the gay client does not discuss with his or her physician the importance of the

client's loved ones, especially if the loved ones are not relatives. The "gay family" often breaks down during a health crisis and responsibility falls to the client's relatives. Lovers and close friends are often discriminated against by hospital regulations allowing only relatives to visit a patient. Blood relations may be far from who the patient would choose to see, and under no circumstances should the patient be kept from seeing whoever she or he wishes. It is important that gay men and lesbians discuss with their health care providers the depth of their relationships so that the professional may help in an institutional situation.

Finally, the gay client should check with her or his attorney about legal arrangements to be provided for times of crisis. The client may wish to insure a proper role for his or her loved ones in the event of his or her illness or death. An attorney can check the varying legalities regarding the different situations and may well provide some assurance that the wishes of the client will be carried out. Homosexual clients should provide copies of official legal arrangements for the files of their health care professionals. While the issues may seem a bit morbid, advance planning might mean a great deal in the uncertain future.

(This is the second in a series on Health Care and the Gay Individual.)

Feminist Perspective

Sure, I used to be a 'real' man--highly competitive, unable to relate to other men in a caring, human way, always on the macho trip...



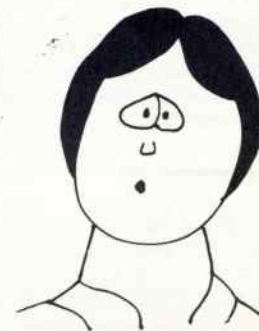
and then I joined a men's group. I got in touch with my feelings. I worked through years of social conditioning. I got off the macho trip. I dealt with my own competitiveness...



Now, I'm the least sexist man I know. I'm much more of a feminist than all the other men in my group. Much more of a feminist!



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GAY SHOPPING MALL OPENS

The Dallas gay community may be the first in the nation to have a truly gay shopping mall all its own.

Two months ago, when Larry Lingle and Bill White of Lobo Book Shop were served with notice that their landlord would not renew their contract for the popular storefront business, things looked grim. Comparable rent could not be found in the immediate area for the business. A busy sidewalk traffic was necessary for the store, and most Oak Lawn property rents to higher profit businesses with more cash available.

The idea occurred to Lingle that he might be able to rent a larger building than he needed and then would act as a landlord himself to other renters who could also use a smaller space than commonly available. Lingle then arranged with Charlie Hott, who owned the vacant building across from the Village Station on Cedar Springs, to rent the whole building. Lingle then offered space to area businesses while moving his own wares to the new location.

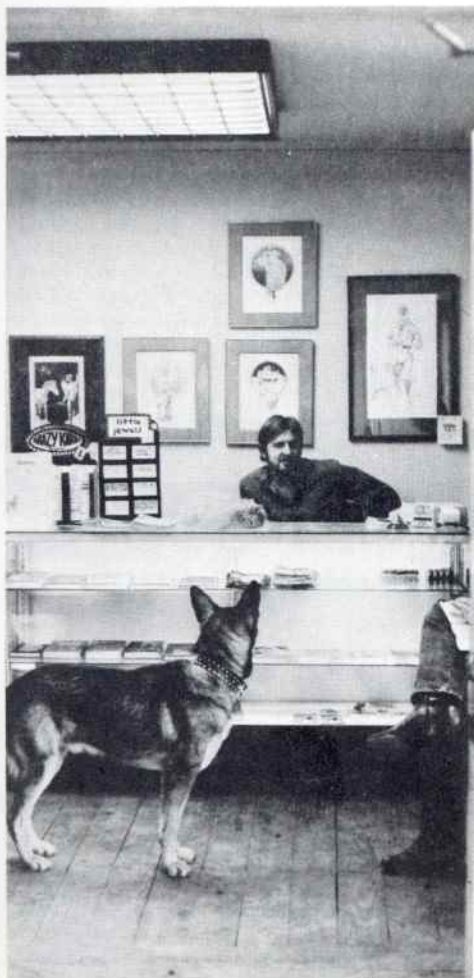
The mall is located at 4012 Cedar Springs, one block from the old Lobo Book Shop. Lingle opened the doors at the new LOBO TRADING POST on January 2, 1981. The store is much smaller than before, brightly lighted, and carries only gay male material and lesbian books and records. The atmosphere is still quite friendly.

Originally a rare book store, Lobo has evolved to deal exclusively with the materials which have made money. Popular magazines are no longer mixed with old, first editions or antiques (although Bill and Larry are still interested in those other areas).

The second tennant on the scene was EAGLE LEATHERS, the sixth in a chain of Texas-based leather shops. EAGLE LEATHERS offers a selection of western wear, boots, and flight jackets along with off-the-rack, and custom leather goods. Gay male-oriented greeting cards and jewelry are also available. The slick atmosphere hardly resembles the eclectic boutiques EAGLE LEATHERS operates in Dallas and Houston bars.

According to Lingle, there will soon be a flower shop and gift store, and a sportswear shop in the rear of the building. Ample parking is located alongside the building.

Both EAGLE LEATHERS and LOBO TRADING POST are happy in their new location and anticipate booming business once the public catches on to the idea of shopping at the mall.

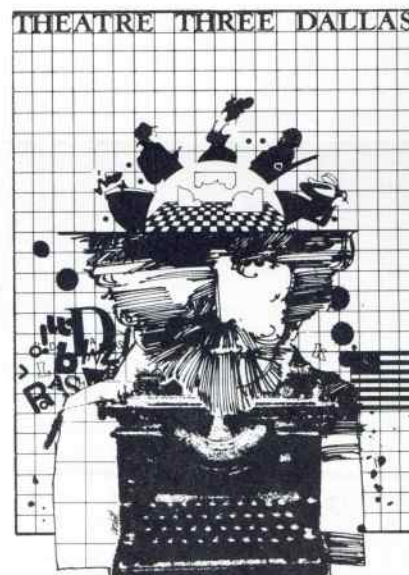


Larry Lingle, co-owner, offers friendly conversation to patrons at the new Lobo Trading Post. Lobo, the wonder dog, is the store's mascot.

RECORD DONATION RECEIVED BY TEXAS HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION

Mort Schwab, President of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, has announced that the foundation received what he believes is the largest single contribution ever given to a gay charitable organization in Texas. The gift is in excess of \$7,500 in negotiable securities and was made to further litigation efforts challenging discrimination based on sexual orientation.

THRF is coordinating and funding a challenge to the Texas homosexual conduct statute, Penal Code Section 21.06, in a Dallas federal court. Trial is scheduled for June 15, 1981. The plaintiff, Donald F. Baker, is President of DGPC. Contributions to support this undertaking are tax deductible as the foundation was awarded charitable, tax exempt status by the IRS in 1978.



The Miss Firecracker Contest
by Beth Handley
March 1, curtain at 7:00
Bloody Marys at 6:00
For tickets, call 528-4233 or 827-9776
A fund raiser for the DGPC.

NEWS

Letter Resignation

To the members of DGPC;

Although I have been a Director of DGPC for only two months, I find it necessary to resign. I have accepted a position with State Representative David Cain and, therefore, must move to Austin immediately. (The position did not become available until after the December Caucus elections.) I believe this is advantageous to all of us for several reasons.

This is the first time a Dallas legislator has employed an openly gay person.

Approximately 100 bills have been prefiled that deal directly with the legislation of morality, many of which have direct consequences to us. Although the majority of these bills will not come out of committee, it is probable that some will. It is also highly probable that "riders", or amendments, will be attached to otherwise non-affective bills that have a direct influence on our community.

I will be in a position to gain much inside knowledge of the workings of the Legislature and to gain statewide acquaintances that will be beneficial to our community in the long run. (For example, I will be dealing directly with redistricting as one of my primary duties. This, of course, will directly influence our political future for the next ten years.)

I regret not being able to complete my commitment to DGPC concerning my Directorship. I will, however, be returning to Dallas at the end of the session and will once again ask for your confidence in electing me to the board. A confidence I truly value and look forward to serving in the future.

Sincerely,


Mark Kuhn

(Due to this resignation the Board of Directors must appoint a new person to fill the vacancy. Anyone interested in serving in this capacity should contact a current member of the board by letter or in person within the next two weeks.)

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TGC VIII Registration

The Texas Gay Conference VIII Committee of the Texas Gay Task Force is requesting that those who plan on attending the Houston gathering (September 4-7, 1981) send their registration fee as soon as possible. Noting the poor financial condition of TGTF, the committee expects to have seed money for the upcoming event in order to insure that the planning will not be hampered by lack of funding. TGC VIII currently needs money for the initial costs of arranging activities. If you wish to mail a pre-registration check of \$15 per person, write: TGC VIII,

P. O. Box 3942
Houston, TX 77006

Gayline Training

The Community Resource Center, sponsor of Gayline (the telephone counseling, information, and referral service for the Dallas lesbian and gay male community) is announcing training sessions for prospective Gayline counselors. The eight-session series on Sunday evenings will begin February 22, at 7:30 p.m. Persons beginning training must attend a regular meeting of CRC prior to beginning training (see Calendar). For more information, call Gayline at 748-6790.

Assignments Editor Named

DIALOG is pleased to announce that Mr. Bill Nelson has been named Assignments Editor for the publication. Nelson will be responsible for most of the upcoming features, and will continue to work in other general capacities.

We regret that many regular DIALOG features (Health, Biography, etc.) will be postponed until next month due to the timeliness of this issue's stories.

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DGPC moved to place two ads in Womansight for one month only to advertise Gertrude Stein at Theatre 3. The Blood Plasma Center will be allowed 15 minutes at the Feb. meeting. DGPC will continue paying Vincent Perini \$100 per month for SJC case. UFER endorsed the SOS Dallas project to defeat Proposition 1 of the special tax election. DGPC supports the Channel 4 special series on gay life in Dallas and will work to assist the news crew. DGPC will send two people to Austin for the opening of the legislative session. DGPC will donate \$150 to the United Negro College Fund telethon.

DIALOG Dinner

The first DIALOG Dinner will be held February 4, 6:30 p.m. at Rumours on Cedar Springs. The informal gathering is being offered to promote unity and advanced planning among the various writers and contributors to the publication. While little actual work is expected to be accomplished during the dinner, the event will provide a discussion-space for ideas and comments about DIALOG.

DIALOG would like to take this opportunity to thank Nathan Wyll for the extensive use of Mr. Wyll's office equipment. Our job would be more difficult and costly without this generous loan.

Furniture Refinishing Needed

The DGPC is looking for someone with furniture refinishing experience to volunteer work on two chairs recently donated to the Caucus. If you would like to help, please leave your name and phone number with DGPC (528-4233).

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The Gavel Raps: Board Sets New Goals

by Don Baker

Twice each year the new Board of Directors of DGPC meets for at least one full day of intensive planning for the upcoming six months. Here are some highlights from the January retreat:

The directors agreed that until we address the critical need of acquiring tax-exempt status we would be hampered in our forward movement in Dallas. For this and other reasons, it was decided that our new name should be the Dallas Gay Alliance. The Dallas Gay Political Caucus would be retained as the name of our Political Action Committee. This move, of course, will be discussed and voted on at an upcoming general meeting of DGPC.

The board established a new department titled Department of Lesbian Issues. This historic move was seen as a necessary development to address the varied, special, and unique interests of women in the Caucus.

Responsibilities for various departments were arranged as follows:

Education- Ann Brown
Public Relations- Dick Weaver
Legal- Mike Williams
Operations- Mike Stewart
Lesbian Issues- Debbie Shaffer
Fund Raising- Bill Nelson
Social Justice- Campbell Read
Social Concerns- Cobb Keller
Political Action- Mark Kuhn

With the departments established, the rest of the session was spent discussing projects to be undertaken in the next few months. Once all projects were listed (53 in all), they were broken down into the categories of "All Caucus projects" and "individual department projects."

"All Caucus projects" includes:

- 1) Name change/organizational restructuring
- 2) Support & interaction with national gay organizations
- 3) Social Justice projects
- 4) "That's Entertainment" fund raiser
- 5) Support for 21.06 case
- 6) Establishment of an Executive Director
- 7) Gay Pride Week planning
- 8) DGPC 5th anniversary celebration

These projects will take precedence over the "individual department projects."

Like previous retreats, this one rekindled a sense of enthusiasm for our effort. It was obvious to me that the board is as committed as ever to maintain an intense program that will lead to our continued growth and success. I heartily applaud the sacrifice and dedication expressed by the directors of DGPC.



Caucus President Don Baker, Social Concerns Director Cobb Keller, and Education Director Ann Brown work on DGPC planning during the retreat.

3rd Monday Succeeds



Phil Johnson, a long-time Dallas gay community activist, danced, told jokes, and dramatically discussed gay life in the Dallas area during the 1940s. A slide and film presentation accompanied the talk.

An educational discussion series, Third Monday, is offered on the third Monday of each month by the DGPC under the direction of the Education Department. Since its beginning in June, during Gay Pride Week 1980, Third Monday has presented co-sexual panels on feminism in the gay community, relationships, drug addiction, holiday depression, and positive gay identities and featured guest speakers on the gay community in Texas and gay history in Dallas.

The series provides an opportunity to learn about developing positive attitudes concerning homosexual lifestyles. Since audience participation is encouraged by the intimate environment, questions, answers, and discussion are an important part of the program each month.

Future topics to be presented include a three-part series on gay freedom, gay adolescents, aging, gay parents, and religion. Suggestions for additional topics or offers of assistance for Third Monday planning may be mailed to DGPC, P.O. Box 35011, Dallas, TX 75235. Please mark "Attention: Education Committee."

The next Third Monday is February 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, Normandy at Preston Road. Donations of \$1 are requested and wine and cheese are available following the program. Attendance averages 50 to 60 women and men and provides an excellent opportunity for educational and social activity.

DPD Continues Harassment Outside Bars

The Social Justice Committee of the DGPC reports that police harassment continues to be a serious problem facing our community, although organized raids on bars and other gay establishments by the Dallas Police Department appear to have faded. In the face of growing opposition and resistance from their gay victims, and in an attempt to avoid public scrutiny, the DPD has shifted its attention from the bars to the parking lots, side streets, and intersections of Oak Lawn and other gay areas.

The SJC has received numerous reports from gays unjustly arrested on trumped-up charges ranging from jay-walking, DWI, public intoxication, and public lewdness, to walking in the streets. Many victims have been subjected to vicious physical and verbal abuse. According to the SJC, many of these reports are second-hand and are difficult to document because the victims are reluctant to report the abuses.

There are steps victims can take in response to such police harassment. First, a complaint can be

filed against the offending officer with the Internal Affairs Division (IAD) of the police department requesting that an investigation be conducted into the incident. Normally the complaint must be filed within 30 days of the incident, but in a number of cases the SJC has succeeded in convincing the DPD to waive the 30 day limit. If the complaint is determined to be justified, the DPD can take disciplinary action against the officer ranging from a verbal reprimand to suspension or dismissal from the force. The SJC will assist individuals in filing these complaints. A member of the committee will accompany the complainant to the IAD. The SJC will also monitor the department's investigation. Gays should be aware that the IAD will investigate incidents of police misconduct even where the complainant has been found guilty of the offense for which he or she was arrested. Even if no disciplinary action is taken against the officer it is imperative that the DGPC document the DPD's failure to effectively police its own officers. This documentation will

prove useful when a federal class action suit is filed against the City of Dallas and Dallas County District Attorney for the selective enforcement of laws against gays.

Secondly, if an individual is unable to file a complaint, the SJC can use the information regarding these incidents in order to build a case file of police abuse. This information could be used in future negotiations with municipal and county authorities. The SJC respects the confidentiality of its sources.

The committee cannot provide free legal assistance to victims of police harassment. However, the SJC has assisted victims in locating witnesses who have testified on behalf of the victims at the trials.

If You Are Harassed...

An individual interested in reporting a case of police harassment should call the Texas Human Rights Foundation Emergency Hotline: (214)522-5991. The SJC requests that one attempt to record the following information:

- 1) Time, place, date of incident
- 2) Identity of offending officer (i.e., badge number, name, squad car number, physical description)
- 3) Description of officer's actions
- 4) Offense allegedly committed
- 5) Name, address, and phone number of any other victims, codefendants, or witnesses.

The SJC is also investigating the growing number of violent crimes committed against gays. It is working to substantiate the rumors of muggings, robberies, and other forms of violent crimes. (The SJC has heard of DPD officers who have refused to arrest or have released individuals suspected of committing crimes of personal violence against gays.) Reportedly, some squad cars are unusually delayed in responding to requests for assistance originating in gay neighborhoods.

Persons interested in assisting the SJC in these and other activities can contact Campbell Read or Peter Brooks, Co-chairs of the SJC, at (214) 528-4233.

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Tuesday February 17, 8:00 p.m.
Champagne at 7:00 p.m. \$20

For tickets call 827-9766 or 528-4233.



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POLICE HARASSMENT: Caucus & DPD Representatives Meet

Improved relations between gays and the Dallas Police Department are apparent following lengthy meetings on February 9 of DGPC and DPD representatives. That night Deputy Chief Driscoll, Captain Caudell, and Tactical Squad and Watch officers attended the monthly DGPC meeting to explain the DPD's increased presence and tactics in the Oak Lawn area. The meetings were arranged through efforts of DGPC after receiving reports of harassment against gay individuals and businesses. Officers have given jay-walking tickets in the Cedar Springs/Throckmorton area, excessively checked I.D.'s of bar customers, and repeatedly checked bar licenses. Many of the officers are members of the Tactical Squad assigned to the Oak Lawn area due to increased crime rate figures. Many of those crimes were committed against gays.

Officials explained that it is DPD policy to deploy the Tactical Squad in targeted areas of increased crime for brief periods to correct the problems. Chief Driscoll and Captain Caudell said DPD tactics such as stopping pedestrians and cars, multiple visits to bars, pool halls and other businesses are intended to increase police visibility. DGPC members told the DPD officers that crimes are being committed outside bars. The DPD responses to heated comments and questions indicated

that many of the crimes were being initiated in the bars.

Concessions requested by DGPC and accepted by DPD officials include:

- 1) a five-day period during which Tactical Squad officers will limit bar visits to two per night
- 2) stopping the ticketing of pedestrians for jay-walking (Driscoll and Caudell

admitted that previously issued tickets were in error)

- 3) limiting the number of visits to check bar licenses
- 4) continuing discussions of a process to sensitize rank and file officers to gay concerns
- 5) informing the president of DGPC in advance of future Tactical Squad deployment in Oak Lawn.

The Gavel Raps

by Don Baker

A couple of observations are in order relative to the most recent events surrounding the police issues. First of all, we are glad that we were able to sit down and agree to the five points (see related article on this page) with police officials. Secondly, our present concern is that the results of this dialog are passed down to the rank and file of the Dallas Police Department. It is great that the "higher-ups" know our concerns, but it is more important that the lowest ranking officer is aware of them, too. We also maintain that a sensitivity course about gay people and their unique concerns should be included in the basic training of all police personnel.

In summary, we should view these events with cautious optimism. We are trying to do our part; let's see if the police department is willing to do theirs.

In a letter to community bars and businesses, DGPC indicated that much of the progress was due to documentation by managers and owners.

PAC SEEKS VOTERS FOR APRIL 4 ELECTION

The Political Action Steering Committee needs the help of the entire community in locating gay voters for the April 4 city council election. PAC will be registering voters until the March 5 registration deadline. PAC must also be able to contact voters to insure a large gay voter turnout for the election. PAC asks everyone in the gay community who is not already receiving DGPC mailings to send his or her name, address, and phone number to DGPC/PAC, Box 35011, Dallas, 75235. Voters may also contact DGPC by calling 528-4233.

The information will enable PAC to

identify gay voting strength in various precincts, distribute lists of endorsed candidates, and answer questions about voting procedures. All mailings are sent in plain white envelopes with a post office box return address. All telephone contacts are discreet, and PAC will carefully follow any special instructions voters give about how they wish to be contacted.

Being on the DGPC mailing list does not commit one to Caucus membership, nor does it force anyone to be more active or open than he or she chooses. It does, however, allow PAC to identify where gay voting strength is, and plan its utilization.

HOUSE OF FLOWERS



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NEWS

KDFW-TV Receives Negative Comments

KDFW-TV has reportedly received a number of negative responses to the broadcasts of a feature series called "Closet Full of Secrets."

The three-part series, which ran during the 10:00 p.m. newscast, was a positive portrayal of the Dallas gay community. The negative response has come from fundamentalist church groups.

You may share your feelings with the station by writing:

KDFW-TV
400 N. Griffin St.
Dallas, TX 75202

L.A. Health Fair Planned

The Southern California Physicians for Human Rights (SCPHR) are planning a gay health fair for the second half of 1981. Coordination and contributions are sought from members of allied health professions, both traditional and non-traditional. The health fair will include formal presentation, seminars, workshops, exhibits, and booths for the practical delivery of health care. The SCPHR fair will be open to medical practitioners and the public, both gay and non-gay. The planning committee can be contacted by writing the SCPHR at 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 109, Los Angeles, CA 90046.

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Turtle Creek Chorale to Perform March 17

The Turtle Creek Chorale will present a program of music for men's voices and organ at First Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Tuesday, March 17, at 8:15 p.m. The concert is jointly sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, Dallas chapter and the First Presbyterian Church. Admission is free.

Tormented Gay Cubans

Almost 600 gay Cuban men remain in the Fort Chaffee, Arkansas refugee camp. They are the subjects of much abuse, according to Joe Fraggia, a U.S. State Dept. human relations coordinator at the camp. In addition to being the last of thousands who need sponsors and jobs, Fraggia reports that these homosexuals have endured "the worst conditions here ... I found some men who were hiding 17-year-old homosexuals in a closet and forcing them to have sex with 10 or 11 people at a time, raping them." Fraggia says that the abuse of gay Cuban refugees has been so pervasive that he frequently requested FBI protection for them, to no avail.

Out of the Closet & into the Kitchen?

The DGPC Cookbook needs your recipes for tasty delights. Share with others the secrets which have made you famous.

DGPC Cookbook
P. O. Box 35011
Dallas, TX 75235

DGPC Secretary Needed

The Board of Directors announces that they are receiving applications from persons interested in filling the position of Caucus Secretary. Ted Brown, immediate past secretary, tendered his resignation due to personal career conflicts.

Conference of Gay & Lesbian Jews

The Sixth International Conference of Gay & Lesbian Jews will be held in Philadelphia, July 2-5, 1981. The organizers are expecting around 300 participants, some from as far as Los Angeles, London, and Tel Aviv.

The conference will be hosted by Philadelphia's Congregation Beth Ahavah and Gay and Lesbian Jews of Philadelphia. Seminars will include topics like Jew/Gentile Relationships, and Liturgical Sexism.

For information, write:

Conference
P. O. Box 7566
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
19101 USA

Common Sense to Include Gay Rights

The Coalition for Common Sense, organized by outgoing U.S. Sen. George McGovern, is denying reports that the "counter-force to the new right" will avoid the issue of gay rights. McGovern aide George Cunningham insists that the San Francisco Sentinel incorrectly stated that the liberal coalition will not address gay issues which allegedly spurred the growth of the right wing and resulted in the defeat of many liberal politicians in 1978 and 1980. Cunningham says that gay human rights and "other social issues have to be addressed. We expect they will be a part of Common Sense."

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February 16, 1981

Mr. Donald F. Baker
President
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P. O. Box 35011
Dallas, Texas, 75235

Dear Mr. Baker: *Don*

Thank you for your letter regarding our meetings on Monday, February 9, 1981. It is imperative that we keep the lines of communication and understanding open.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any items of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

John E. Driscoll
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Deputy Chief of Police
Special Operations Division

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This letter is in response to a note Don Baker sent to Chief Driscoll and Captain Caudell, thanking them for the meetings they were able to have.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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P.O. Box 64427; Dallas, Texas 75205
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POLICE HARASSMENT: A VICTIM'S ACCOUNT

by Don Mixon

The morning of June 21, 1980, Curtis M. was circling his apartment parking lot looking for an available space. He circled twice and pulled onto the street, stopping at a stop sign on the corner. Pulling away from the stop, Curtis noticed a squad car, lights flashing, behind him. Curtis turned right and stopped. What followed is recorded by the police as an incidence of evading arrest, driving while intoxicated (DWI), and assault on a police officer. According to Curtis, what happened was harassment and a subsequent coverup by an officer of the Dallas police.

In his report of the incident, Officer J.E. Long, the arresting officer, gives the following account. Long was on patrol and overheard a collision in an apartment parking lot. Investigating, he saw Curtis pulling onto the street. Long attempted unsuccessfully to stop Curtis, then pursued him for three blocks. Once stopped, Curtis initiated a scuffle with Long. Long called for backups. Curtis was overcome by three officers after having been restrained five times. Long claims he offered Curtis a breathalyzer test which was refused.

Curtis' account of the incident is different. After turning right at the stop sign and pulling over, he was approached by Long who asked for his driver's license. Long asked Curtis to step out of the car. Curtis complied. Noting the address on the license (Curtis' former address being two miles away), Long asked Curtis what he was doing in the neighborhood. Curtis explained that he had recently moved and had not yet changed his address. Long asked Curtis, "Are you a homosexual?" Curtis made no reply. Suddenly hostile, Long ordered Curtis to put his hands on the car. The officer frisked and handcuffed him. To Curtis' repeated question, "What have I done?" Long replied only, "You know what you did."

After handcuffing Curtis, Long grabbed his arm and threw him toward the squad car. Curtis fell to the ground, injuring his right knee and losing his glasses. At this point the backups arrived and Curtis was picked up and laid on the hood of the squad car. After conferring with the backups, Long dragged Curtis around and behind the car and pushed him, face forward, into the back seat. Handcuffed, his knee injured, Curtis was unable to right himself in the seat as he was ordered to do. At

this, Long pulled Curtis from the car, restrained him with a neck hold and said, "You're going to do as I tell you." Long released Curtis just before Curtis lost consciousness. Curtis eventually got into the car under his own power.

Curtis was taken to the northwest police substation. Unable to stand, he slumped in a corner. Long pushed him to the floor with his foot and ordered him to stay there. At this point Long supposedly offered the breathalyzer, an assertion Curtis emphatically denies. After 10-15 minutes in this position, Curtis was picked up and taken to a cell. By this time he had stopped asking what he had done and started asking for a telephone. An officer brought a phone to the cell but before Curtis could dial a complete number it was taken away. He asked for a doctor and was told there was not one available.

Long asked Curtis, "Are you a homosexual?"

Some 30 minutes later the phone was returned. Curtis made his call but was unable to tell his family where he was. The officer would neither tell him nor speak to Curtis' family.

Approximately one hour later Long removed Curtis from his cell and took him to Parkland Hospital for x-rays. Curtis was examined by a doctor who said Curtis' throat "would be sore for a few days." There was no mention of the leg injuries. It was 7:00 a.m.

Curtis was taken to the Central Jail, fingerprinted, and placed in a holding cell. Three hours later he was arraigned on charges of evading arrest, DWI, and assault on a police officer. His bail was set and he was allowed to call his family and attorney.

That afternoon, Curtis was examined by his personal physician. His ankle and knee were splinted, and he was on crutches for three months.

The trial was in City Court #1 for charges of pulling onto a public thoroughfare without stopping, and assault. Curtis pled guilty to the traffic violation, and the assault charge was dropped when Officer Long failed to appear. Curtis was tried in County Court #1 for the DWI charge. Officer Long testified he considered himself prejudiced against

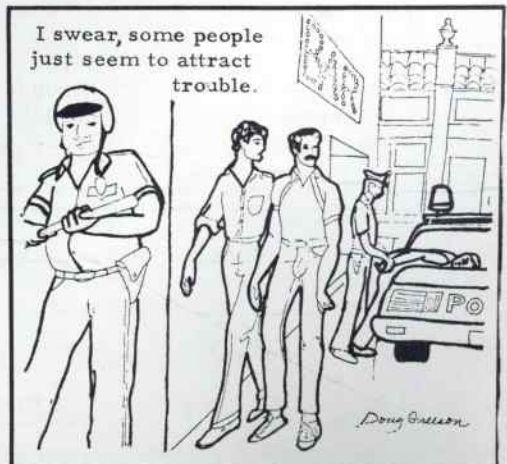
homosexuals. The jury found Curtis not guilty. He was, however, found guilty of evading arrest in County Court #1.

Curtis filed a complaint with the Internal Affairs Division of the Dallas Police Department alleging a) he was never told why he was being arrested, and b) excessive force was used. The complaint was rejected because more than 30 days had elapsed since the incident. At the urging of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, Chief of Police Glen King had the complaint investigated. Curtis received a letter stating that his complaint had been classified as "Unfounded-in-Part." Supposedly, Curtis had been arrested for refusing a breathalyzer and only proper force was used. Curtis responded by requesting a polygraph test. The DPD replied that during the time in question, Curtis had been intoxicated and the polygraph would not be accurate. Curtis insisted that he was not intoxicated on June 21. Curtis received a letter from Chief King reiterating the DPD position. King also stated that no polygraph would be accurate given the extended period of time elapsed since the incident.

Don Baker and Campbell Read of the DGPC met with Chief King, Deputy Chiefs Rivell and Prince, and others on February 16, 1981. They presented opinions of polygraph examiners stating that intoxication would have to be extreme to render a polygraph inaccurate. The polygraph examiners also felt that a polygraph would be accurate well beyond the length of time between the June 21 incident and the present. Baker and Read also presented facts previously unknown to the police, including Officer Long's question to Curtis regarding homosexuality.

Police Chief King agreed to consider reopening the case.

I swear, some people
just seem to attract
trouble.



Biography

HARRY STACK SULLIVAN

by Marcus Lerro

Most psychiatrists agree that Harry Stack Sullivan was the most influential and original American-born psychiatrist. He was the developer of the interpersonal approach to psychiatry which concentrates upon the complex relationships among people. Sullivan's impact on American psychiatry and other behavioral sciences has been extensive, but according to A. H. Chapman, M.D., in *Harry Stack Sullivan, The Man and His Work*, much of the credit due this great psychiatrist has been withheld because of Sullivan's homosexuality.

"I can't be a lover and a friend and whatnot ..."

Sullivan was born to an Irish Catholic couple in Norwich, New York, on February 21, 1892. He was an only child and spent his formative years in social isolation. He had no significant personal interaction, besides that with his parents, until he was eight years old. At that time he became close to a 13-year-old boy who lived on an adjacent farm. The young Sullivan maintained this relationship for about three years. Later in his life, Sullivan stated repeatedly that when a close relationship is formed between a lonely child and an early adolescent of the same sex, homosexual exploitation of the younger child usually takes place.

Sullivan concentrated much of his work on understanding and treating young male schizophrenics. In 1927 he adopted a 15-year-old boy who had been one of his patients. James Sullivan lived with his adoptive father for more than 15 years, acting as Dr. Sullivan's personal secretary and managing his papers. In addition,

James kept the doctor's finances in order, served as a valet, and finally acted as a personal nurse during the doctor's struggle with heart disease. James was the only "family" that Harry Stack Sullivan recognized after the deaths of Dr. Sullivan's parents. Dr. Sullivan established a home in Bethesda, Maryland, in 1939. On the rural acreage, Harry and James invested their spare time gardening and caring for numerous cocker spaniels.

Dr. Sullivan's homosexuality was known or strongly suspected by most of his contemporaries, many of whom turned their backs on him and adopted the popular belief that homosexuality was an illness. Chapman states that, "the 'physician, heal thyself' concept causes many psychiatrists and behavioral scientists to hesitate to admit their indebtedness to a psychiatrist whose homosexuality was commonly known."

Sullivan admitted that he never achieved a genital heterosexual relationship. He wrote in *Personal Psychopathology* that a prolonged period of homosexual activity during late childhood and early adolescence was essential if a person was to have sound mental health. He went further to state that homosexuality, per se, was no cause for alarm and required no treatment unless it was displayed in an otherwise heterosexually oriented individual.

After a session with a homosexual schizophrenic, Sullivan once commented that, "I can't be a lover and a friend and whatnot, unless I expect to devote the rest of my life to the patient." In another session with a wealthy female patient who stated that she was madly in love with him, he told her, "You may find it a little difficult in my case, baby." Sullivan's honesty permeated his professional encounters. Often, when male patients offered themselves to him sexually, Sullivan would respond,

"I know I would enjoy it, but it would gum up the work terribly and the work is more important."

Sullivan established close ties with blacks and frequently entertained



members of the NAACP at his home. After working with the Selective Service System, he turned his attention to encouraging world peace through his teachings of interpersonal psychology. He believed that world conflicts could be resolved through the adaptation of his findings from interpersonal to international scopes.

Sullivan was the first major theorist to offer the variety of innovations currently accepted by professionals. His stark honesty and poor social conditioning contributed to his reputation as a difficult man with which to work. His life ended suddenly January 14, 1949, when he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in his Amsterdam hotel room as he prepared to return from a conference of the World Health Organization.

Sullivan dedicated his life to understanding human psychology, and spent most of his years at the William Allen White Institute in Washington, D.C. As a founder of the institute, Sullivan has left a legacy for future scientists. The William Allen White Institute remains a leading training center for psychiatrists and psychologists.

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WFAA POLICY BENEFITTING GAYS

In recent newscasts of crimes allegedly committed by homosexually-oriented people, WFAA-TV has been particularly fair to the gay community. The stories have not included unrelated material such as the sexual orientation of the offenders.

Newswriters often identify crime suspects as "homosexual" when sexuality is irrelevant to the stories. This prejudicial policy continually casts gays in negative roles.

Gay rights advocates nationwide have complained to local and national broadcasters to drop terms like "homosexual rape" from stories, but few journalists have responded. DGA President Don Baker said, "The actions taken by WFAA to correct the biased reporting are admirable."

VACANCY ANNOUNCED

The Board of Directors declared a vacancy following the resignation of Debbie Shaffer. A liason will be temporarily appointed to act between the Board of Directors and the Department for Lesbian Issues until elections are held in June.

DGPC BECOMES DGA

In a landmark vote, Dallas Gay Political Caucus members voted to change the name of the corporation to Dallas Gay Alliance during the March meeting. The move came as part of a restructuring effort to better organize and represent the membership, and to gain approval for tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service.

The Political Action Committee, formerly United for Equal Rights, now becomes "Dallas Gay Political Caucus" according to the motion.

There were various calls of opposition to the new name which included pleas to include the word "Lesbian" in the title.

POLICE HARASSMENT

Rudy H. and Darrell N. were found not guilty on charges of public lewdness arising from their arrests at the Village Station in the fall of 1979 by Dallas Police Officer Danny Cain. The case was heard before the Hon. John Hendrik, County Criminal Court #8 on February 27, 1981. The Social Justice Committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance has filed complaints with the District Attorney's office and with Police Chief Glen King alleging unprofessional conduct on the part of Bob Phillips, the prosecuting

attorney, and two vice officers called by Phillips as witnesses in the trial.

Later in the March general membership meeting, the proposed candidate for the board vacancy was ratified.

Al Calkin, former chair of the Political Action Steering Committee and long-time organization activist, was selected by the Board of Directors and ratified by the membership to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors. Calkin is filling the position vacated by Mark Kuhn, who resigned his duties to assist Texas Representative David Cain during the 1981 Legislative session.

attorney, and two vice officers called by Phillips as witnesses in the trial.

As an update on our March article about police harassment in the case of Curtis M., Chief of Police Glen King has refused to reopen the investigation into the alleged brutality of Officer J.E. Long. King's decision came despite new evidence, presented by the Dallas Gay Alliance, of Long's prejudice against homosexuals, and of the reliability of a polygraph to decide the disputed facts in the case.

PRESENCE: Gay Literature to Emphasize Diversity

The Dallas Gay Alliance announces the publication of Presence, a literary magazine to show the gay community at its most creative. Presence is a periodical which will reveal the artistic talent of gay women and men who too often remain unpublished. Printed works will be diverse and unique to their creators. The overall purpose of the literary magazine will be to produce aesthetic enjoyment for its purchasers. Accordingly, Presence will have a stylish and elegant appearance, appropriate for "coffee table" display.

To publish a wide variety of authors and artists, the DGA encourages gay individuals and organizations across the country to submit intelligent, well-thought-out pieces of artistic creation. A five-person, cosexual editorial board will review all work and make the final decisions regarding publication. Only creative works of high quality will be printed.

Suggested artistic forms to be submitted for review include prose, poetry, songs, pen & inks, and photography. All submitted works should be on white paper with the author's or artist's name in small print on the back, and pictorial



art should be in black and white only. To have submitted work returned, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must be provided. Otherwise, all works offered for consideration, as well as all published works, become the property of the DGA.

In order to have Presence printed and ready for sale by June 1, 1981, the deadline for all submissions is April 13, 1981. For this artistic endeavor to make the strongest possible statement about gay talent, please send as many separate pieces as you wish to The DGA Literary Magazine, P. O. Box 35011, Dallas, Texas 75235, but do mail your submitted work before the April 13 deadline. Of course, works offered for consideration need not be gay in their focus. Presence should and will disclose the depth of artistry in all of us, and it will be a literary magazine of which we can all be proud because it will be the product of the gay community.

NEWS

BWMT CONFERENCE DGPC ENDORSES

Black and White Men Together, the interracial support group, has announced plans for its first international convention. The convention will be held in San Francisco, June 25-28, 1981.

BWMT, founded just over a year ago, already has chapters in 24 American cities and in London. Further information is available directly from:

BWMT
279 Collingwood
San Francisco, CA
94114.

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the political action committee of the DGA, endorsed the following persons for the Dallas City Council Election (April 4):

Ricardo Medrano, Place 2
Lee Simpson, Place 5
Elsie Faye Heggins and
Mabel White, Place 6
Mike Niebuhr, Place 9
Wes Wise, Place 10.

The DGA membership voted to endorse the City Council decision to grant the Dallas cable television franchise to Warner Amex.

DIALOG Editor Marcus Lerro has announced that he will resign from the position in July, 1981. At that time Lerro will have served the newsletter for one year.

MEMBERSHIPS SAVE

The Dallas Gay Alliance and the National Gay Task Force now have a piggyback membership system. One check for \$25 provides a one-year \$15 DGA membership and a \$10 NGTF membership. Current DGA members who joined for \$15 or more can still join NGTF for \$10. This offer is only good once. All checks should be made payable to DGA, Inc. Please note on the envelope "Attention: Membership."

NGTF TRANSLATORS

National Gay Task Force Director, Bill Beauchamp, is looking for one or more people, fluent in Spanish, who would be willing to donate some time and effort to NGTF by translating several English-language pamphlets into Spanish. NGTF wishes to produce all of their basic publications in Spanish as well as English.

Persons interested in translating should contact Beauchamp at 351-6692 or 692-2316.

COOKBOOK IDEAS

The Dallas Gay Alliance's upcoming cookbook needs your special recipes for tasty dishes. Spill those family secrets and share them with the people you love. It will be a kind of dish rag.

DGA Cookbook
P.O. Box 35011
Dallas, TX 75235

TOURNEY ANNOUNCED

The Oak Lawn Tennis Assn. (OLTA) will host a doubles tournament on Sunday, April 5. Play will begin at 12 noon on the Cole Park courts. A barbeque will follow the tournament, and everyone is invited to join in the fun.

OLTA is still accepting new members. Leagues, team tennis, lessons for all levels of play, and inter-city team challenge matches are continually being offered. Team play is regularly scheduled for 12 noon - 4 pm on Sundays and 7:30 - 9 pm on Wednesdays on the Cole Park tennis courts. Dues are only \$5.00 initially and then \$5.00 per month. In addition, OLTA hosts three tournaments annually and travels to others across the country. On June 26-28, OLTA will present the Second Annual Oak Lawn Invitational Tournament, which last year marked the first all-gay tennis tournament in U.S. history. It will, very appropriately, be held the last weekend of Gay Pride Week.

For more information regarding the April 5 tournament and/or regularly scheduled play, call Bill Nelson at 750-8041/522-7785 or write The Oak Lawn Tennis Assn., 3703 Travis #204, Dallas, Texas 75204.

COMMENT

DURING THE SIEGE

by Bill Beauchamp

The 80's, it seems, will be a period of reaction. Nowhere in this country are the civil rights of lesbian and gay persons secure. What we have achieved is under attack; what we still seek is ignored or trivialized. Our people, in self-defense, keep to their closets: the injustice, the ignorance, the pain fester on.

Gay men and lesbians are in a state of political siege: we need, as never before, to think and act. There are two kinds of political thought and action: both are crucial. In its first, stricter sense, politics means voting, lobbying, electoral strategy and is (in a foreseeable future) the path to gay and lesbian civil rights.

In its second, wider sense, politics analyzes and affects every single aspect of society: sex roles, economics, education, religion, medicine--all ways in which power is generated and exchanged. This is the path (in a more remote future to lesbian and gay liberation).

The first seeks equality in law; the second, unqualified access to power, dignity and self-respect. The first does not guarantee the second--as blacks well know. Both struggles must be waged; each nourishes and shapes the other.

In the first of these struggles, we need, right now, to inundate our organizations with more money, more bodies, more work: in the city, in the state, in the nation. Our savvy and clout must impress at every level of civil power.

We must excel at what we've only just begun: to organize in the precincts and the parties; to network throughout the state and country (if the brothers and sisters invent the wheel this year in Denver, let's not reinvent it next year in Dallas); to form coalitions: with blacks, workers, native Americans, Asians, older persons, the physically challenged--all who, like us, are excluded from unqualified civil adulthood. Above all, we need to unite more effectively with women. They are our closest, strongest, most logical allies. Our rights, as lesbians and gay men, will never be secure until the rights of all women are also secure.

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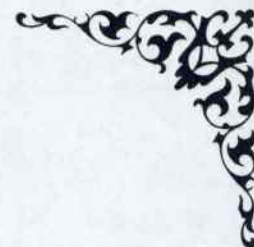


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



APRIL

- Sat 4 VOTE Dammit! Elections for Dallas City Council and for cable TV. See the Political Action Committee's endorsement sheet or call DGPC Election Hotline 528-4233. Polls open from 7 am till 7 pm.
- Pot Luck Supper at the United Community Church, 1st Saturday of every month. 4402 Roseland, 7:30 pm. 827-5088.
- The Reverend Elder Troy Perry, founder of UF-MCC and gay crusader, will speak at the 7:30 service, and again at all three services Sunday April 5. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
- Sun 5 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 am and 7 pm. 2336 Hemphill (at Page) 926-7000. Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. Services at 9 am (1 hr), 11 am and 7:15 pm. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221. United Community Church of Dallas. Services at 11 am and 7:30 pm. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
- Gay Pride Week Planning Committee meets every Sunday at 1 pm. All interested persons are invited to attend. DGA office, 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. 528-4233.
- Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month. 1 pm. Hidden Door. 5025 Bowser. 526-9211.
- DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE volleyball teams play every Sunday at 2 pm. Turtle Creek spillway. For information call 528-4913.
- Affirmation (Gay United Methodists). 3 pm. UCC Social Hall, 4402 Roseland. P.O. Box 64427; Dallas, Texas 75205.
- The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Sunday at the Cole Park Tennis Courts, noon till 4 pm. 750-8041.
- GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS (GAU/NT). "Goals and Activities of the Organization" 5:30 pm. 691-0043. Welcome.
- GAYLINE training sessions for those interested in becoming counselors. Women and spanish speaking people are especially needed. 7 till 9:30 pm. 748-6790.
- Mon 6 "Profile: Lillian Hellman". First of a five-part daily series on the brilliant and often controversial author of "Toys in the Attic" and "Little Foxes". 8 pm. Channel 13.
- The Oak Lawn Bowling Association meets every Monday at 8:45 pm. Cotton Bowling Palace, Lemmon and Inwood.
- Tue 7 Oak Lawn Symphonic Band rehearses every Tuesday at 7 pm. The Landing, 2617 N. Pearl. 521-0432 for information.
- SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday at 7 pm. DGA office. 528-4233.
- PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE meeting. 3827 Gilbert, 7:30 pm. 528-8945.
- GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at UMC, Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 pm. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 4176.
- TARRANT COUNTY GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. 8 pm. Agape' MCC. 926-7000.
- The Turtle Creek Chorale rehearses every Tuesday evening. 821-3086.
- Wed 8 DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. Rumours Restaurant. 3923 Cedar Springs. 6:30 pm. 528-4233.
- DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE volleyball teams play every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Turtle Creek spillway. Everyone welcome.
- The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Wednesday at Cole Park Tennis Courts, 7:30 till 9 pm. 750-8041.
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday at 8 pm. Call 528-4233 for information.
- PUBLICATION COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday at 8 pm. DGA office. 528-4233.
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday at 8 pm. DGA office. 528-4233.
- Thr 9 SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE presentation to the Police Advisory Panel. Supporters and friends please attend. Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla. 9 am.
- DEPARTMENT of LESBIAN ISSUES meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. Call 528-4233 for details.
- OUTREACH COMMITTEE meets every Thursday at 7 pm. DGA office. 528-4233.
- DALLAS ALTERNATIVE meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm. 2701 Reagan.
- Fri 10 Cliff Dwellers Social Club meets every Friday, 8 till 11 pm. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. 748-6790.
- Sat 11 Kay Gardner, feminist/flutist, in concert. Hilton Inn. 8 pm. Tickets \$6, may be purchased at the door. (A Little Feather Production)

- Sun 12 Palm Sunday musical "Alive" at 9 and 11 am and 7:15 pm. MCC's excellent choir and orchestra. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
DGA-Theatre III Champagne Party! The party begins at 6 pm. "House of Flowers", a bright musical with a score by Harold Arlen and script by Truman Capote starts at 7. Tickets are \$12.50 and can be reserved by calling Tom at 827-9766, or they may be purchased at the door.
- Mon 13 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. A surprise program with music and slides. 7:30 pm. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.
Child care provided. Everyone welcome.
- Wed 15 SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE meeting. 7:30 pm. 528-4233.
FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE meeting. DGA office. 8 pm. 827-9766.
- Thr 16 Maundy Thursday Service. 7:30 pm. United Community Church, 4402 Roseland. 827-9766.
Maundy Thursday Service. 7:30 pm. Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
- Fri 17 Good Friday Multi-media Service. "Stations of the Cross - Then and Now" 7:30 pm. United Community Church.
Good Friday Service. 7:30 pm. Metropolitan Community Church.
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The Lakewood Social Club meets the 3rd Friday of every month. 7:30 pm. 827-2957.
- Sat 18 VOTE AGAIN, Dammit! City Council run-off. Call DGA for information. 528-4233.
- Sun 19 Easter Sunrise Service at Lee Park. 6 am. Also Easter services at 9 and 11 am and 7:15 pm. MCC. 526-6221.
Easter Service. 11 am and 7:30 pm. United Community Church. 827-5088.
Easter Service. 11 am and 7 pm. Agape' MCC in Ft. Worth. 926-7000.
GAU/NT Reading Group meets the 3rd Sunday of every month. Foucault's "History of Sexuality", Volume 1. 691-0043.
GAYLINE (CRC) meeting. 2505 N. Wycliff. 7:30 pm. 748-6790. Everyone welcome.
- Mon 20 THIRD MONDAY. "Social Justice and the Courts". Discussion panel includes Steve Gutow of ACLU. 7:30 pm.
First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy (at Preston). \$1 donation requested. Refreshments served. 521-5395.
Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meet every 3rd Monday at the YWCA. 4621 Ross. 7:30 pm.
- Tue 21 PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE meeting. 3827 Gilbert. 7:30 pm. 528-8945.
GLAD meeting in Denton. UMC, Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 pm. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.
- Wed 22 The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas. 9 pm.
2616 Swiss. 821-1900.
- Thr 23 DEPARTMENT of LESBIAN ISSUES meeting. Call 528-4233 for details.
- Fri 24 "Midnight Cowboy" at 7:30 pm and "Word is Out" at 9:30 pm. Richland College, Room B-142.
- Sun 26 DIALOG production day. 11 am. DGA office. 528-4233.
- Mon 27 DGA open board of directors and committee heads meeting. Suggestions wanted. DGA office. 7:30 pm.
- Wed 28 FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE meeting. DGA office. 8 pm. 827-9766.



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Feminist Perspective

by Bill Nelson

Walter Lippman once wrote that "the law of American politics is the law of the pendulum." We do perceive social and political moods as coming in wide swings. Nonetheless, there is little excuse for the repressive hysteria which has erupted from within the gay movement. With Ronald Reagan's election, some of my good friends and many of my acquaintances have begun insisting that the closet is the safest place for them to be during the 1980s. All this provokes great outrage from myself because I (and I am not alone) feel that 1981 and the following years of very conservative national and local leadership is just the time when we should be most active and most outspoken as a diverse yet unified community.

However, the tremendous diversity of the gay community in Dallas is a hindrance to our unity. But it need not be. As a G/W/M, I have never felt particularly oppressed. Yet the groups which have historically endured the greatest injustices from the gay community and from society at-large are the same people who will suffer the most during these years of expected repression. And of these identifiable groups, my lesbian sisters will face the greatest discriminations. Why? Because they are not only gay, but

also women. This makes uncloseted lesbians doubly offensive to a popularly-elected government and a controlling society which are obviously ruled by a circle of white-collared males.

The answer to achieving a unified but identifiably diverse gay movement in Dallas is double-edged: both community and individual efforts are required. This solution is not novel, but it has been soured in the past because short-term efforts have not kept the long-term goals in mind. For example, the Dallas Gay Alliance wishes to forge these efforts, but it is so male-dominated that I am sure many lesbians doubt it could possibly have their best interests in mind. Most men have yet to learn that lesbians wish to have their contributions and themselves recognized not as individuals but as lesbians. The formation of the Department for Lesbian Issues is but one step in the correct direction. For it to succeed, and accordingly, for the efforts of the Alliance to succeed in this area, lesbians themselves must be willing to work with others. However, the inherent suspicion of cooperative male efforts should not be dismissed as totally without a use in this plan of action; lesbians will keep the goal of social and political justice for all homosexuals in everyone's mind.

FIGHTING BACK

I feel that this individual effort of both lesbians and gay men is the most important and the most useful for everyone concerned. If nothing else, it will enable all the actors in the movement to grow from within and from without. Gay men will become much more cognizant of the priorities of lesbians, and lesbians will find a way to work with society through their efforts to work with the gay community.

Finally, I must point out that I find lesbians must more suited to this entire effort than gay men. My male friends seem entirely too content as a group, while my female friends at least recognize the need for such an effort. Although my mother certainly has a closed mind on the issue, her rationale for opposing the Equal Rights Amendment has always been that "for me to admit that I am a man's equal would be quite a step down for me to make." Hers is a selfish position, but it expresses an attitude which I believe everyone in the gay movement should develop. Self-confidence and then self-reliance are required of every person who wishes to remain unoppressed economically, socially, and politically in the 1980s. This same attitude is the key with which lesbians can introduce to the gay movement a unified but diverse community.

SIEGE (continued from Page 2)

As long as sexuality keeps even heterosexual women out of the United States Constitution, what prospect can there be for us?

But none of this is enough. Change of the magnitude we week cannot be legislated or decreed by the courts. Liberation demands transformation--of our selves and of society. Transformation demands analysis, not only of electoral politics, but of the interconnectedness of all oppressions and our own complicity in them--our sexism, racism, classism, homophobia. Analysis demands action: cooperative healing of ourselves and each other; massive public education in coalition with our allies; construction of alternative institutions.

In the long run, there can be no gay and lesbian liberation without liberation for all. The immediate goal is civil rights; the long-term goal is a just society.

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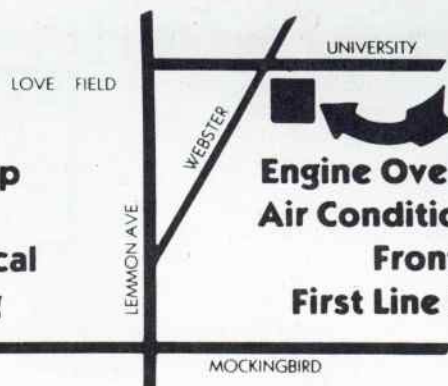
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 _____ music festival
 _____ athletics
 _____ bowling _____ marathons
 _____ softball _____ tennis
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 _____ Other sports: _____

Social Justice:

_____ bar patrol to monitor police harassment

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Public Relations:

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 _____ publicity
 _____ writing

Miscellaneous:

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CLOSETED GAYS MORE VULNERABLE

Closeted gays are more likely to be crime victims than gays who are open about their homosexuality, according to a study by Dr. Laud Humphreys, professor of criminal justice at Claremont Graduate School, and Brian Miller, a Los Angeles psychotherapist.

The researchers investigated 161 gay victims of murder for five years between 1973 and 1977. No victims were lesbians; all were gay men. The findings were published recently in Qualitative Sociology.

"Almost two-third of the victims were highly secretive about their homosexuality," says Humphreys, "in fact, 36 percent of the gay men were heterosexually married with wives and children at the time of their death."

Male prostitutes killed 64 percent of the gay victims, and the remainder were murdered by "gay-bashing" gangs. These killers of gays are usually heterosexuals--at least outwardly--who hate gays or who may themselves be fighting homosexual tendencies," says Miller.

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5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

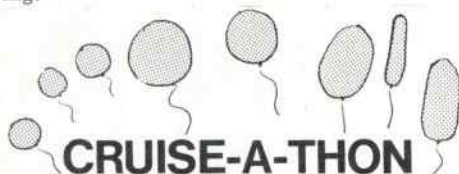
DGA/DGPC RETROSPECTIVE

An historic event will spotlight the May Alliance meeting as celebration replaces business.

The Alliance/DGPC will celebrate its fifth anniversary as Dallas' foremost gay rights organization. The May 11 meeting will be entirely devoted to a retrospective of the DGPC efforts, triumphs, and hardships.

Helping in Alliance celebration will be the Turtle Creek Chorale, the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, and leaders from political, social, business, and religious areas.

Attendance is expected to be large, and early arrival will insure good seating.



CRUISE-A-THON

The Alliance is sponsoring its first annual CRUISE-A-THON, Sunday, May 31 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The CRUISE-A-THON greatly resembles a walk-a-thon as volunteers solicit sponsors who pledge a certain amount of money (for example, \$1.00) for each kilometer walked.

The course is just over five kilometers (3.3 miles). The CRUISE-A-THON will begin at Rush Company at Fitzhugh and Cole, travel down Cole, through Bowen/Cedar Springs, up Douglas, and along Wycliff/Fitzhugh.

The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band is considering a send-off performance.

Cruise monitors and check-point volunteers are needed. Sponsor sign-up forms and further information will be available at the May 11 Alliance meeting or by calling 328-5559.

PICNIC IN LEE PARK

The Dallas Gay Alliance is hosting "Celebration '81", an old fashioned picnic, to honor its fifth anniversary. Entertainment, games, speakers, and beer have been planned for the event, Saturday, May 16 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Lee Park. The Turtle Creek Chorale, Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, More Joy, and Julie Gamin have been slated for the anniversary entertainment. Tickets for all the beer you can drink are \$1 and can be purchased at Under Arrest, Off the Street, and Butler's Pantry Too. Bring a picnic lunch and join in the spirit of "Celebration '81", the Alliance's fifth anniversary of gay rights and gay community involvement.

SOCIAL CONCERNS DEPT. HELPS OAK LAWN LIBRARY

Members of the Board and of the Social Concerns Department recently cleaned and mowed grass at the Oak Lawn Branch Library when city services failed to appear. The Alliance was requested to help maintain the grounds by a library official since city help could not be found. Sources said the library budget could not handle upkeep of the grounds this fiscal year.

Alliance members accepted the request for help. KDFW-TV cameras were present and aired the story of the library's plight during an evening newscast on Channel 4. Alliance officials also contacted City Council representatives Medrano and Haggard.

DALLAS POLICE DEPT. & DA'S ACTIONS PROTESTED

by Peter Brooks

Co-chair of the Social Justice Committee of the Alliance, Peter Brooks, appeared before the Police Advisory Committee on April 9 to protest:

1. the premature closure by the Dallas Police Department's Internal Affairs Division of a complaint filed by a member of the gay community;
2. inadequacies and inequities in the procedures followed by the IAD in investigating and resolving complaints of police misconduct; and
3. police harassment of gays and gay establishments.

The Alliance representative requested that the Police Advisory Committee take the appropriate action to reopen the IAD's investigation and recommend to the appropriate city officials that the IAD's investigative procedures be modified to insure due process to complainants.

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The Social Justice Committee, in response to a Dallas Morning News article entitled "Menacing Shadows Stalk Homosexuals," has requested that Chief of Police Glen King investigate the reported incidents of gay beatings. The SJC has also requested a meeting with the police chief to discuss the measures that can be taken to deal with the rise in violent crimes against gays.

In conjunction with the Legal Affairs Committee, the SJC is planning to file grievances against the District Attorney's office. The grievances involve the D.A.'s forum-shopping (i.e., the dismissing and subsequent refile of the Village Station cases in courts more sympathetic to the D.A.'s office). Also, the grievances include the abusive treatment of gay defendants and witnesses.

New logo of DGA.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE



ELECTION RESULTS

Despite low voter turnout in key precincts on April 4, Dallas gays can enjoy the taste of victory as four of six DGPC-endorsed candidates return to city council seats.

The results:

Place 2--Ricardo Medrano, unopposed
Place 5--Lee Simpson, 86% of the vote
Place 6--Elsie Faye Heggins, 68% of the vote

Place 9--Mike Niebuhr, lost
Place 10--Wes Wise, 56% of the vote
Cable TV Franchise--approved by 75% of the vote

The best news is in Place 10 where Wes Wise, an independent and former mayor of Dallas, clobbered Moral Majority opponent Margaret Baillargeon. The staunch conservative woman had been described as "John Leedom in drag."

Wise will be far more concerned for gay interests than the council member he replaces, Steve Bartlett. The Wes Wise campaign was targeted for worker concentration by DGPC and other Dallas progressives. Wes Wise took heavily gay precincts by 67.8%.

BOARD CANDIDATES SHOULD SUBMIT BIOS

Persons wishing to run for election to the Board of Directors in June are requested to submit a one-page, double-spaced autobiography to DIALOG before Saturday, May 16. The material will be published in the June issue, approximately two-weeks before the elections.

Space in DIALOG is limited; it is important to be concise, yet thorough.

NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT IN BARS

The Alliance membership committee is scouring the bars throughout Dallas to boost membership in DGA. This Education Department effort focuses on peak bar hours, Friday and Saturday nights, through June 13. The "hit list" of bars includes the Village Station, Crews Inn, Sassy's, and the Landing.

Those wishing to assist the membership committee in this difficult assignment may contact Joe Perez at 522-4000 or 688-3092.

ALLIANCE NEEDS SECRETARY

The position of Secretary of the Alliance is open to interested persons wishing to serve DGA in this non-decision-making capacity. The secretary's primary duties are to record the proceedings of DGA board and general meetings and to construct occasional formal correspondence. Those interested in applying should call the Alliance at 528-4233.

Onstage at Theatre Three--
May 31

"Enthralling and luminous... a haunting parable about natural man trading his frail beauty and innocence for the protection and prison of society."

Richard Eder
The New York Times

THIRD MONDAY

POLICE FABRICATIONS

Courtroom inequities were dramatized at May's Third Monday gathering as eyewitnesses spoke of police officers lying on the witness stand.

"I'll try to explain what it's like to be an innocent defendant seated in court and watching police officers on the stand swear to tell 'the whole truth'-- and then proceed to fabricate lengthy and complex lies about your behavior on the night of your arrest." Jim H., convicted of public lewdness and given a one-year probated sentence plus a \$1,000. fine, joined a panel of speakers to tell his story to the 30 men women present.

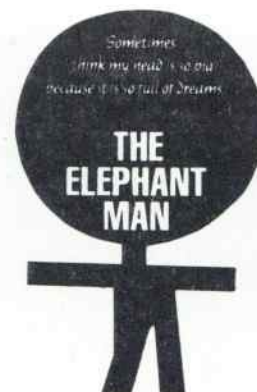
The panel consisted of Jim H., Mike Williams--Legal Affairs director of DGA, Dr. Campbell Read--Social Justice director of DGA, and Steve Gutow, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union.

BAKER V. WADE

About the upcoming Baker v. Wade, et al. case, Williams told Third Monday attendants that, if Baker was victorious in his challenge of 21.06, the judge would issue an injunction against the law's enforcement. 21.06 would remain in the Texas Penal Code until legislators performed a general house cleaning of unconstitutional and unenforceable laws.

Williams added that the case could reach the U.S. Supreme Court at a possible cost of \$30,000. An audience member announced that tax-deductible contributions could be sent to the Texas Human Rights Foundation (3128 Lemmon Ave. East, Suite 304, Dallas, Texas 75204), sponsors of the plaintiff's suit.

The educational forum adjourned for refreshments and discussion.



The Alliance and Theatre Three are proud to offer the play that has captivated contemporary theatre audiences.

Margaritas will be served at 6:00 p.m. and after the show. Curtain at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10, reserved by calling 827-9766 or 528-4233.

A fund raiser for the Alliance.

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RETROSPECTIVE- FIVE YEARS OF PROGRESS

1976

On May 30, 1976 the Dallas Gay Political Caucus was established. The first president was Chance West and the first vice-president was Helen Harvey. A mere 30 people attended the organizational meeting. One month later, DGPC's first social/political event was a park rally attended by 300 people and police cars heavily cruising the area.

By October, DGPC issued its first voter recommendation guide and urged everyone to vote in the November elections. (In those days, we could only 'recommend'; today we can 'endorse'.)

More than 450 people crowded into the Metropolitan Com-

munity Church in November because of television and newspaper coverage concerning police harassment and raids on gay bars. Leaders of Houston and Dallas GPC's met here to plan strategies for repealing Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code (prohibiting consenting adults of the same sex from private sexual contact).

In December a gay man was brutally murdered at Maple and Throckmorton. Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights (DAIR) and DGPC offered a \$1,500 reward for information. The reward was never claimed.

1977

DGPC issued its first newsletter in January. Chance West resigned the presidency and Pat Cherry replaced him. DGPC protested the Dallas Motion Picture Board's "P" for perversion rating of a movie in which homosexuality was depicted or suggested. Dallas' Mayor Pro-tem Adlene Harrison met with representatives of the gay community to discuss police harassment in the Oak Lawn area.

In February, there were problems! Because of ambiguity of the by-laws, controversy developed after the resignation of Chance West and the membership's failure to ratify Pat Cherry's nomination for the presidency. The by-laws were suspended to allow the election of Parliamentarian Steve Wilkins to the presidency. Cherry and Secretary Linda Lopez resigned and other members angrily left the meeting.

DGPC endorsed City Council candidates Jim Harrison, Michael Henderson, Dr. Emerson Emory, Juanita Craft, Lucy Patterson, and Adlene Harrison.

In June, The Dallas Morning News headed its editorial page with "Anita Victorious," and stated that "the homosexual, unlike the black, can change...in fact, there are organiza-

tions designed to help him do just that." President Steve Wilkins said, "DGPC will hold press conferences, public forums and meetings with public officials to teach the Dallas community what homosexuals really are." Members participated in a candlelight march in Houston to protest a speech by Anita Bryant. Later that month, Steve Wilkins and Louise Young attended the National Gay Leadership Conference in Denver.

DGPC members voted in August to join the Coors boycott because of that company's support of anti-ERA and homophobic organizations.

\$2,400 was raised during Dallas Gay Political Caucus Week (September 30-October 10). Massachusetts' (lesbian) State Representative Elaine Noble spoke at a DGPC rally.

Ricardo Medrano first received DGPC help in his City Council campaign.

In December DGPC held a two-week session on "Homosexuality" at the Northaven Methodist Church. Directors attended a fund raiser later that month for U.S. Representative Jim Mattox.

1978

DGPC members participated in a debate on Channel 13 regarding gay civil rights. There was a gay Valentine Dance at the Service Station (now the Fraternity House).

DGPC and Northaven Methodist Church presented Dr. Norman Pittinger in a conference on "Homosexuality: Questions for the Church and Society." More than 300 people attended, including the new MCC pastor, Don Eastman and DED School Board member Harryette Ehrhardt.

Texas Gay Conference V was held in Dallas in June. Supervisor Harvey Milk flew to Dallas from San Francisco to be the guest speaker.

Steve Wilkins resigned the presidency.

One month later, Dr. Louise Young was approved as the new Caucus president.

In September, seven candidates attended the DGPC meeting to seek endorsements. Caucus members staffed a hospitality suite at the Democratic State Convention in Fort Worth.

President Louise Young met with 20 area television and radio station managers in October. KDFW-TV ran a five-part series, "Gays in Politics."

San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk were assassinated by a right-wing ex-policeman.

1979

Caucus membership in January reached 338. Al Calkin and others urged the DGPC to take action to end bar discrimination against women and blacks in Dallas.

The DGPC newsletter took a new format and was named DIALOG in February. Evangelist James Robison equated homosexuals with child molesters and murderers on his weekly WFAA-TV program. Campbell Read, the chair of the Religion and Life Committee of DGPC, requested equal time on Channel 8. Read and other supporters were granted equal time and Robison's show was cancelled by the station.

Richard (Racehorse) Haynes agreed to represent Robison in a suit against the Federal Communications Commission's Fairness Doctrine.

A Theatre Three champagne benefit raised DGPC \$1,000.

DGPC responded in April to James Robison's slurs.

After months of discussion, members voted to not change the name of the organization, however, they did vote to boycott Lucas B & B. The restaurant, located on Oak Lawn Ave., was allegedly mistreating gay customers, and its owner made contributions to homophobic organizations.

The Oak Lawn Marching Band had its first meeting in May.

In June, the Gayline/DGPC Flea Market netted DGPC more than \$500. The first organized Gay Pride Week celebration in Dallas by Gary Decker and Jim Roberts. Gay Pride Week was an overwhelming success. More than 4,500 crowded into the Texas Hall of State for the first Razzle Dazzle Dallas!

By September, DGPC was selling "Fruit Smoothies" at a booth in Lee Park during the Democratic Fun Fest. When Dr. Louise Young offered to get Dallas County Commissioner Roy Orr out of the Fun Fest Jail, he said, "I'd rather stay in jail than be gotten out by queers." We were not amused.

Director of the Dallas Museum of Art, Harry Parker requested DGPC support at the October meeting of DGPC for the new art museum in the upcoming bond election.

A large group of DGPC members marched in the National March on Washington, October 14. About 100,000 people marched and demanded civil rights for gays.

Police raided the Village Station and arrested 13 gay men, charging them with public lewdness.

In November, the Texas Human Rights Foundation announced plans to file a suit challenging the constitutionality of Texas Penal Code 21.06.

DGPC presented a multi-media presentation on the March on Washington to a capacity crowd at the general meeting.

Later that month, Caucus spokespersons responded to the decision of the Texas State Board of Education to delete references to homosexuality in a new health textbook.

Participating in a counter rally against the Ku Klux Klan were 45 members of the Caucus.

DGPC volunteers staffed telephones in December for Channel 13. 2,000 Christmas cards were sent from the Caucus to state and local politicians, business, and community leaders.

1980

Al Calkin and the advertising director of the Dallas Morning News met in January to discuss the paper's refusal to run an ad for the DGPC benefit movie, "Nighthawks." The News representative apologized and promised to run future ads. Don Baker was approved as president of DGPC after Dr. Young's resignation.

Caucus representatives met with city officials to protest the harassment of gays. There was standing room only at the MCC meeting, and hostility was high.

National Gay Task Force Co-chair Charles Brydon spoke at the February Caucus meeting, and "Project '80."

Dallas County Criminal Court Judge Chuck Miller found a gay defendant not guilty of public lewdness charges which were filed following the October, 1979 Village Station raid.

In April, the FCC ruled that WFAA-TV was exercising editorial discretion, not censorship, when it cancelled evangelist James Robison's program.

The Social Justice Committee began documenting cases of police harassment, and the Caucus organized a Community Meeting to educate gays about becoming delegates to party conventions.

Gay Rights National Lobbyist Steve Endean met with DGPC leaders in May. James Robison announced his appeal of the

FCC ruling. More than 200 gay women and men were elected as delegates to Democratic State Senatorial District Conventions.

In June, the Caucus sponsored a gay film festival for Gay Pride Week.

Openly gay people were elected as delegates to the National Democratic Convention. In Texas, resolutions at the Democratic Convention in San Antonio to repeal 21.06 and support gay civil rights failed by a close, roll call vote.

DGPC sent observers to the Religious Roundtable's National Affairs Briefing at Reunion Arena. DIALOG carried extensive coverage of the event, attended by 20,000.

The September Texas Democratic Convention in Houston passed a resolution calling for the repeal of 21.06 and adopted the National Democratic Party platform plank for gay civil rights. In October, the Caucus endorsed President Carter for re-election.

Caucus President Don Baker was invited to present a paper at the 1981 Conference of the American Educational Research Association.

The first Oak Lawn Christmas Gathering was sponsored by the DGPC and held at the new Oak Lawn Branch Library. To help pay for the event, DGPC held an auction at the Landing.

1981

President Don Baker spoke at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School Seminar on Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

In February, DGPC representatives met with police officials concerning increased police presence at gay establishments.

KDFW-TV aired a three-part series on the gay community in Dallas.

At the March general meeting, DGPC members voted to change the organization's name to Dallas Gay Alliance. Also at that meeting were City Council representatives and hopefuls seeking DGPC endorsement, including a representative from frontrunner mayoral candidate Jack Evans.

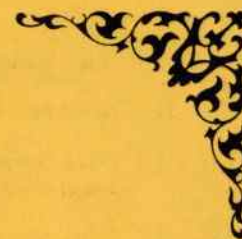
Original Caucus member Phil Johnson reported at the April meeting that membership had risen to 540. Plans were announced for the fifth anniversary celebration.



DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- Sat 2 Pot Luck Supper at the United Community Church, 1st Saturday of every month. 4402 Roseland, 7:30 p.m. 827-5088
- Sun 3 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page). 926-7000.
Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. Services at 9 a.m. (1 hr), 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
United Community Church of Dallas. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
- The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Sunday at the Cole Park Tennis Courts, noon till 4 p.m. 750-8041.
- Gay Pride Week Planning Committee meets every Sunday at 1 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.
DGA office, 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. 528-4233.
- Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month. 1 p.m. Hidden Door. 5025 Bowser. 526-9211
- The Oak Lawn Volleyball teams play every Sunday at 2 p.m. Turtle Creek spillway. Everyone is invited to play. 528-4913.
- Affirmation (Gay United Methodist) meet at 3 p.m. UCC Social Hall, 4402 Roseland. P.O. Box 64427: Dallas. Texas 75205.
- GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS (GAU/NT) and GLAD's combined memberships will meet at Edra's home in Denton to hear Susan Caudill (Voices of Channel 13) speak and enjoy a picnic. For directions and information. call 691-0043.
- Mon 4 The Oak Lawn Bowling Association meets every Monday at 8:45 p.m. Cotton Bowling Palace, Lemmon and Inwood.
- Tue 5 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Landing; 2617 N. Pearl. Flag and rifle corp now being formed. For information call 522-1241.
- SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE meeting. 3827 Gilbert. 7:30 p.m. 528-8945.
- GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at UMC, Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.
- TARRANT COUNTY GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. 8 p.m. Agape' MCC. 926-7000.
- The Turtle Creek Chorale rehearses every Tuesday evening. 821-3086.
- Wed 6 Pot Luck Supper at the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church. 1st Wednesday of every month. 2701 Reagan. 6:30 p.m. 526-6221.
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- DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 6:30 p.m. Call 528-4233 for information.
- The Oak Lawn Volleyball teams play every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Reverchon Recreation Center. Everyone welcome. 528-4913.
- The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Wednesday at Cole Park Tennis Courts. 7:30 till 9 p.m. 750-8041.
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. Call 528-4233 for information.
- PUBLICATION COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- Thr 7 OUTREACH COMMITTEE meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- DALLAS ALTERNATIVE meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan.
- Fri 8 Cliff Dwellers Social Club meets every Friday, 6 till 11 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. 748-6790.
- Sat 9 Swiss Avenue Parade of Historic East Dallas Holmes. Homes will be open from noon till 6 p.m. (Again on Sunday. May 10). 826-7402.
- Sun 10 Special Mother's Day services will be held at Agape' MCC, Dallas MCC, and UCC. (See May 3 for service times.)
- Mon 11 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The Dallas Gay Alliance will celebrate its 5th Anniversary at 2701 Reagan, 7:30 p.m. There will be music by the Turtle Creek Chorale and the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, plus a nostalgic look at the past five years. There will be no business transactions, but there will be plenty of punch and cake. Of course everyone is invited. Child care provided. 528-4233.
- Wed 13 SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE meeting. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE meeting. DGA office. 8 p.m. 827-9766.

"New Freedom Evangelistic Team" of contemporary gospel music. Agape' MCC. 7:30 p.m. 926-7000.

- Thr 14 DEPARTMENT of LESBIAN ISSUES meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month. Call 528-4233 for details.
- Fri 15 "New Freedom Evangelistic Team" of contemporary gospel music. Dallas MCC. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and at all services Sunday. 526-6221.
- Sat 16 "Celebration '81" DGA's Olde Fashion Picnic with games, speakers, entertainment and all the beer you can drink for \$1.00. Bring your own picnic lunch. Lee Park. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Agape' MCC Sidewalk Sale to benefit the Building Purchase Fund. All day Saturday and Sunday. 926-7000.
- DIALOG deadline. Send comments, letters, and articles to DIALOG, Box 35011; Dallas, Texas 75235.
- Sun 17 Scarborough Renaissance Fair in Waxahachi. \$15.00 ticket will include bus fare, entry and beer. Call DGA office 528-4233.
- GAU/NT Reading Group meets the 3rd Sunday of every month. Kate Millett's "Sexual Politics" will be discussed. 691-0043.
- GAYLINE (CRC) meets the 3rd Sunday of every month. 2505 N. Wycliff. People interested in becoming counselors are invited to the party at 6 p.m. 748-6790.
- Mon 18 THIRD MONDAY. "Getting Help for Mental/Physical Health" 7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Church. 4015 Normandy (at Preston). \$1 donation requested. Refreshments served. 521-5395.
- Tue 19 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month. DGA office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE meeting. 3827 Gilbert. 7:30 p.m. 528-8945.
- GLAD meeting in Denton. UMC, Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.
- Wed 20 The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas. 9 p.m. 821-1900.
- Sun 24 DIALOG production day. 11 a.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- Mon 25 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board Meeting. Suggestions wanted. Help plan your life and community. DGA office. 7:30 p.m.
- Wed 27 FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE meeting. DGA office. 8 p.m. 827-9766.
- Thr 28 DEPARTMENT of LESBIAN ISSUES meeting. Call 528-4233 for details.
- MAIL COMMITTEE meeting. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Bring an appetite. 821-1653.
- Sat 30 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band in concert at El Centro College at 7:30 p.m. For information call 522-1241.
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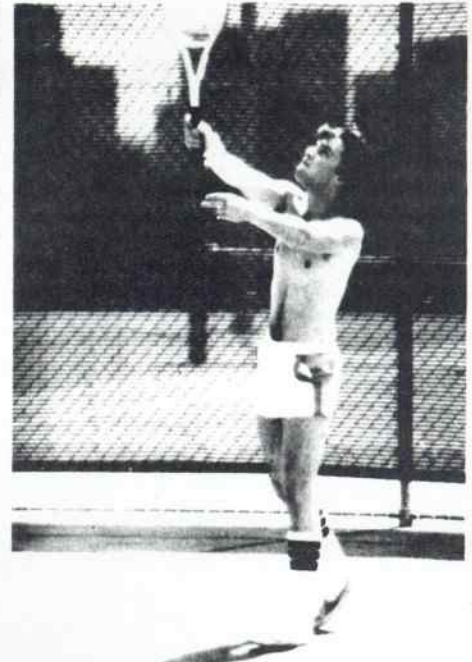
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Photos by Sam Yee

Feminist Perspective

DEPT. FOR LESBIAN ISSUES SETS GOALS

by D. A. Williams

Despite past events in which the Department for Lesbian Issues received instant recognition for some of the wrong reasons, I and other members of the Department, in looking forward to new ideas and situations and in an effort to educate ourselves and the membership, have proposed seven long-term goals which we hope to accomplish.

First, we intend to MONITOR LANGUAGE in Alliance publications with

the purpose of excluding any language found to be discriminatory, stereotypic or that which promotes division between the sexes be it exclusive of men or women. We plan to present our findings not only to the Board of Directors of the DGA but to the general membership as well when the need arises and we will keep the membership informed as to any offending documents. Our second goal is one with many far-reaching implications as we strive to EDUCATE EACH OTHER as to the political

and social significance of lesbianism. We want to depict the growth process through which women go as they evolve from being politically and socially more naive to the time when they become politically and socially active in spreading knowledge about their lesbianism. Incorporating the ideas and philosophies of nationally known woman-identified women we hope will allow us to depict this process in a fun but educative way through songs, pictures, articles, etc.

A third goal of the department is to PROVIDE CONTINUING CONTRIBUTIONS TO *DIALOG* for the "Feminist Perspective" column, informing people as to issues, concerns, ideas, and opinions from the perspective of people involved in defining those issues and ideas. To accomplish this, we propose to PROVIDE A NEEDS-ASSESSMENT of the lesbian community in Dallas to determine why more women are not involved in our movement and thus to help meet their needs.

One prominent need of the women's community in Dallas is access to information regarding health care for lesbians. To help meet this need, the COMPILATION AND PUBLICATION OF A HEALTH BROCHURE for women has begun. In this brochure we will discuss sexually-transmitted diseases, alcoholism, and other health care concerns of importance to lesbians. Dissemination of such information is important to the well-being of our entire community. Another area in which information is vitally needed is in regard to Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code and the potential role of

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THE BOARD MOVES...

D. Williams was nominated and approved by the membership to fill the Board vacancy created by Debbie Shaffer's resignation.

A lifetime membership category of \$1,000. was added to the bylaws.

The new logo design presented by J. A. Coker was accepted by the membership, but the current logo is maintained for use by the Political Action Committee. \$2,000. will be allocated to pay the expenses of the plaintiff in the Sec. 21.06 lawsuit, Baker v. Wade, by processing these funds through THRF. \$400. of this amount was immediately given to the plaintiff to cover some past expenses.

The monthly rent of \$325. for DGA offices was paid.

The DGA's monthly phone bill of \$411.51 was paid.

The DGA will reimburse all non-Board members immediately for their incurred expenses, which total \$78.07.

\$17. will be paid for temporary stationery, and \$14.55 will be paid to Kwik Kopy.

\$35. in rent for the Third Monday program will be paid. No letters announcing the name change of the DGPC will be sent apart from the brochure.

A letter will be sent to Channel 8 explaining the reasons for DGA's nonattendance at its "Meeting Hall" program which will discuss gay rights.

In the June dialog, no letters from candidates in the June elections will be printed, but short autobiographies submitted by these candidates will be printed.

DGA will continue its ad in Womansight.

The monthly pledge fundraising project will be funded at \$492., which covers a letter mail-out.

The auction to be held on May 24 to benefit the DGA and the walkathon to be held on May 31 were approved.

The charter bus package to Waxahachie for the Renaissance Fair was approved.

Dick Peoples will be asked to write a response to TWT concerning the Sec. 21.06 issue as it relates to women.

Funds are allocated to purchase a plaque for DGA to be placed at the Blue Atlas Cedar in the Oak Lawn Branch Library. The plaque which was not acceptable to the Board will be used as a paperweight in the DGA office.

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women as victims with respect to this law. For this reason, we plan to offer assistance to DGA's Public Relations Department in INFORMING WOMEN as to the potential dangers they face with regard to 21.06.

Finally and perhaps most importantly, the Department for Lesbian Issues hopes to PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE ENVIRONMENT both for gay women and men and for lesbians in which we may all grow in a social and political arena. We as members of the department feel good about these goals and although they may not entirely fill the role imagined by DGA members for us, they are goals we feel as if we can and will accomplish with the cooperation of the Board of Directors of the Alliance, the aid and input from other departments, and most of all, with encouragement, support, and cooperation from YOU the members of the lesbian and gay community of Dallas. We urge you to join us in making lesbianism acceptable and in growing together as we accomplish these goals.

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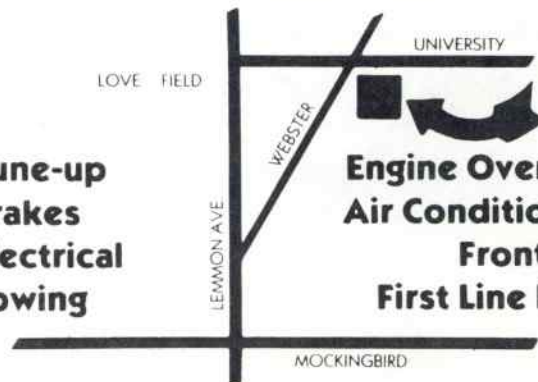
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June, 1981

Baker v. Wade will Challenge 21.06



Don Baker is best for the job of defending gay civil rights in Texas.

The single most important event in the Texas movement for gay civil rights will be taking place June 15 in a Dallas courtroom.

The case, Baker v. Wade, et al., challenges Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, the Homosexual Conduct Law. 21.06 makes private sexual conduct between two men or two women a crime within the state. This law encourages police harassment, discrimination by employers who become aware of a worker's sexual orientation, and allows colleges to deny freedom of assembly and association to gay student groups.

The plaintiff in the case is Alliance President Don Baker, formerly a Dallas elementary school teacher. He represents hundreds of thousands of Texas gays who are harmed by the statute.

The case is being sponsored by the Texas Human Rights Foundation. THRF has already spent more than \$12,000 and five years in preparing the lawsuit. President M. Robert Schwab says THRF is prepared to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary. (There will surely be appeals in the case. If Don Baker is successful, the defendant, District Attorney Henry Wade, has the lawyers and the financing of the state of Texas behind him in his appeal.)

Tax-deductible contributions to help finance the gay civil rights case may be sent to:

Texas Human Rights Foundation
3128 Lemmon Ave. East
Suite 304
Dallas, Texas 75204

GAY PRIDE WEEK CELEBRATIONS

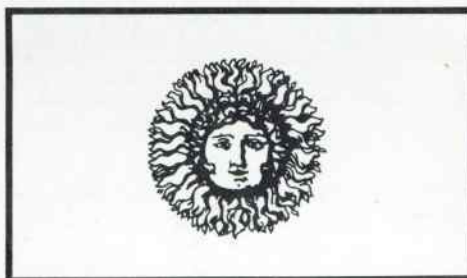
The 1981 Gay Pride Week celebration in Dallas will actually cover two weeks this year, due in part to the timely trial setting for the lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Section 21.06. The dates for this annual festivity are June 14 through June 28. The coordinating committee for Gay Pride Week announces that as of the date of *DIALOG's* publication, no events had been planned for Friday, June 26, although a cocktail party, beer bust, or cosexual coffeehouse may be held on that date. Also, many gay Houstonians will be in Dallas during the weekend of June 20-21 to help make the Dallas celebration even greater. Houston's Gay Pride Week festivities will even be extended longer than those in Dallas, so Dallasites can travel to Baghdad on the Bayou to join the Houston fun June 27-29.

The following are the scheduled activities during Gay Pride Week(s) in Dallas:

On Sunday, June 14, a Memorial Service will be held at MCC to commemorate the past gay civil rights leaders whose efforts have brought the gay human rights movement to where it is today. This service is a combined effort of all the religious organizations in the Dallas area.

On June 14, MCC will also be the site of an all-night prayer vigil for the success of the Section 21.06 lawsuit.

On Monday, June 15, Baker v. Wade, et al. is scheduled to begin. This trial challenges the constitutionality of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, which makes homosexual conduct illegal in Texas and which is the basis for all legal discrimination against homosexuals in this state.



Also on June 15, Third Monday for June will be held at the First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy (at Preston). The program, "Men, Women, and the Movement," begins at 7:30 pm.

On Wednesday, June 17, volunteers are needed to help take telephone pledges at the local public television station, Channel 13. Channel 13 has always been an ally of the gay community in Dallas, and we should respond to its need for assistance in this fund drive. The address is 3000 Harry Hines, and volunteers should be there at 6 pm.

On Friday, June 19, a community carnival begins at 7 pm in the MCC's parking lot, at the corner of Reagan and Brown.

Also on June 19, several local hairdressers will gather at an as-of-yet-undisclosed location for an all-night cut-a-thon to benefit the establishment of a Dallas gay community center. This is only one of the many Gay Pride Week(s) activities whose profits will create a fund for the establishment of the first gay community center in Dallas.

In addition, the Arts and Crafts Fair returns to the parking lot behind Butler's Pantry Too at the corner of Cedar Springs & Throckmorton on June 19 and continues on Saturday, June 20. The hours are 10am until 4 pm both days.

On June 20, Razzle Dazzle Dallas 1981 happens in the West End Historical District in downtown Dallas. The place is Ross Avenue at Market Street, and 10 pm is the starting time.

Also on June 20, the combined efforts of the Dallas and Houston Symphonic Bands and the Houston Gay Chorus will present a concert at a still unknown location. Look for details and plan to attend this historic cooperative event.

In addition, the Second Annual Oak Lawn Invitational Tennis Tournament will begin (continued on Page 4)

Dazzle Returns

RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS RETURNS!

The new West End Historic District in downtown Dallas will be the site of this year's Razzle Dazzle Dallas, the Southwest's largest gay pride celebration.

Ticket prices at this year's fete are \$5.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. While not sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance and not intended to be a fund raiser, any profits from past years have gone to the DGA. Tickets will be on sale at the June Alliance meeting.

Mark the date--June 20. The time--10 pm. The place--Ross Avenue at Market Street.

The 1981 hosts are Steve Arnn, Ron Davey, Bill Nelson, Ray Kuchling, Randy McMillin, Bill McKinney, Michael Ray, Dick Weaver, Michael Sobieski, Tom Brookshire, John Thomas, Terry Tebedo, David Eaves, Jay Stahlman, and Bill Wingfield. Any of these persons will have tickets.



Tasty Dishes

Think you have a saucy little number? Give it to us and we will spread it around in the upcoming Alliance cookbook. Recipes are being sought for snazzy dishes of every variety! Relish the thought!

DGA Cookbook
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New Office

The Alliance, after experiencing some growing pains, has moved its office from a two-room suite to a considerably larger three-room suite in the same office building. The new office has large windows overlooking Oak Lawn and is far more functional than the previous space.

Last year, Director Jim Roberts initiated the search for office space for the Dallas Gay Political Caucus. In March, 1980 the DGPC moved into the O'Daniel Building, located next to the Esquire Theatre near the corner of Oak Lawn and Lemmon.

June Elections

Four directors will be elected at the June Alliance meeting. The positions to open are currently held by Ann Brown, Cobb Keller, Mike Stewart, and D.A. Williams.

Members of the Board of Directors manage the affairs of the corporation, supervise and represent committees, and make policy decisions for DGA. The Board meets weekly, usually on Monday nights. Directors serve one year terms.

There are nine permanent members of the Board. Directors must have been members of the organization at least six months immediately prior to their election. Candidates for election run at-large and are elected by a majority of the voting DGA members present. Candidates wishing to have their names appear on the printed ballots must notify a current Board member or call 528-4233 before June 1.

New Brochure

The Alliance has a new general information brochure available outlining the various concerns and activities of the organization.

The brochure features the new DGA logo in blue ink on cream-colored paper and has a membership form on the back.

This impressive project was the work of Ann Brown, Bill Nelson, Phil Boelter, and Jeff Parkis. The typesetting was done by PM Press.

Board Moves

The Board voted to help fund Rudy H., a successful Village Station defendant, in his suit against the city.

\$200 was sent to Austin toward the Lobby Effort financial commitment for North Texas.

New stationery selection will be done by J. Coker. and the DGA will obtain a business reply envelope permit.

The DGA will come up with a list by June 16 for appointments to city boards by the new city council. Also, meetings will be arranged in a specified order with city council members to discuss relevant topics.

Two or three questions will be drafted for Ricardo Medrano to ask potential city manager candidates.

Funds will be ear-marked in the savings account for the Muscular Dystrophy Assn.

T. Tebedo will proceed with the Jane Oliver concert project.

Committee of Advisors and Consultants will discuss department restructuring if the DGA hires an executive director. COAC will be given the chance to suggest by-laws provisions and suggest fund raising projects.



Bad weather forced the cancellation of the Alliance's picnic in Lee Park, Celebration '81, May 16. Ticket-holders may receive refunds by calling the Alliance at 528-4233 and leaving their name and number.

King Supported

Responding to a letter from an Alliance member, an executive director for NBC Sports stated that the recent controversy surrounding Billie Jean King and her affair with her former secretary would not affect Ms. King's position as a commentator for the network.

Don Ohlmeyer, Jr. wrote, "Our plans are to continue her involvement with NBC Sports. Our only concern is her performance as a broadcaster which we feel is outstanding. Ms. King will be with us at Wimbledon this year..."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

Sat 30 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band will give a concert at El Centro College at 7:30 p.m. For information call 522-1241.

Sun 31 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page). 926-7000.
Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. Services at 9 a.m. (1 hr). 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
United Community Church of Dallas. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.

Gay Pride Week Planning Committee meets every Sunday at 1 p.m. Help needed! All who care are invited to attend. plan. and work to make this the best Gay Pride Week ever. DGA office, 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. 528-4233.

The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band will perform in the Rush Art Supply parking lot (Fitzhugh and Cole) at 2 p.m.

Cruise-A-Thon around the Oak Lawn area. Meet at the Rush Art Supply parking lot at 2 p.m. This 5 kilometer walk needs walkers and sponsors. 827-9766.

"The Elephant Man" - Theatre III's special performance for the Dallas Gay Alliance begins at 7 p.m. But the Margarita Madness party begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00. Call 827-9766

JUNE

Tue 2 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE meeting. DGA office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at UMC, Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.

TARRANT COUNTY GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. 8 p.m. Agape' MCC. 926-7000.

Wed 3 Pot Luck Supper at the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church. 1st Wednesday of every month. 2701 Reagan. 6:30 p.m. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church in Ft. Worth. 1st Wednesday of every month. 7:30 p.m. 926-7000.

DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 6:30 p.m. Call 522-5389 for information.

The Oak Lawn Volleyball teams play every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Reverchon Recreation Center. Everyone welcome. 528-4913.

The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Wednesday at Cole Park Tennis Courts. 7:30 till 9 p.m. 750-8041.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday at 9 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

Thr 4 OUTREACH COMMITTEE meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

Single Support Group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. United Community Church Social Hall. 827-5088.

DALLAS ALTERNATIVE meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan.

Fri 5 Cliff Dwellers Social Club meets every Friday, 6 till 11 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. 748-6790.

Sat 6 Sidewalk Sale at Butler's Pantry (Cedar Springs and Throckmorton). 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Oak Lawn Marching Band for Gay Pride Week. Items and donations needed. The sale continues Sunday.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Membership Drive. 10 p.m. Village Station. 528-4233.

Sun 7 The Oak Lawn Tennis Association Round Robin Doubles, noon till 4 p.m. 750-8041.

The Oak Lawn Volleyball Teams play every Sunday at 2 p.m. Turtle Creek spillway. Everyone is invited to play. 528-4913.

GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS (GAU/NT) meeting. 4 p.m. Call 351-6692 for location.

The Turtle Creek Chorale in concert. DeGolyer Estate, 8525 Garland Road. 6 p.m. Free. 821-3086.

Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Hidden Door. 5025 Bowser. 526-9211.

The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus. Convention Center. 8 p.m. Tickets available at Ticketron. 265-2646.

Mon 8 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting. 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m. Program, election of Board of Directors. Everyone welcome. Child care provided. 528-4233.

- Tue 9 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Landing 2617 N. Pearl. For information call 522-1241.
- SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- The Turtle Creek Chorale rehearses every Tuesday evening. 821-3086.
- Wed 10 SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE meeting. DGA office. 7:30 p.m.
- FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE meeting. DGA office. 8 p.m.
- Thr 11 DEPARTMENT FOR LESBIAN ISSUES meeting. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233 for location. They meet again June 25th.
- Sat 13 Church Bazaar and Olde Fashion Ice Cream Social. United Community Church of Dallas. 6:30 p.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
- DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Membership Drive. 10 p.m. The Landing, 2617 N. Pearl. 528-4233.
- Sun 14 Affirmation (Gay United Methodist) meet the 2nd Sunday at 3 p.m. UCC Social Hall, 4402 Roseland. P.O. Box 64427; Dallas 75205.
- Memorial Service for all victims of hatred, bigotry, and brutality. The All Night Prayer Vigil for Don Baker and the 21.06 case begins at 10 p.m.
- Mon 15 This is the day we've waited and worked for. Texas Human Rights Foundation lawyers and DGA President Don Baker will appear in court at 9:30 a.m. to set date and time for the "Donald F. Baker vs Henry Wade" case. An attempt to recind Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code which is used to deny gay women and men equal employment and housing. If we win, it will be a major turning point in the lives of gay women and men in Texas. If we lose, we must appeal and continue the fight.
- Tue 16 GLAD meeting in Denton. UMC, Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m. 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.
- Wed 17 The Dallas Gay Alliance will staff the phones for KERA, Channel 13 from 6 to 12 p.m. Volunteers needed. 528-8945.
- The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas. 9 p.m. 821-1900.
- Fri 19 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band will perform at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Ft. Worth to benefit the Agappe' MCC. 926-7000.
- GAY PRIDE WEEK begins. (Actually it's 10 days). Arts and Crafts Fair, Razzle Dazzle Dallas III, Band Concerts, Parade. Fashion Show, Auction/Raffle, Bing, Films, Movies, Carnival, Gay Olympics. (See special Gay Pride Week Calendar.)
- Sat 27 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, the Los Angeles Gay Marching Band and the Montrose Singers will give a combined performance in Houston as part of "We The People" Gay Pride Week.
- Sun 28 GAU/NT Reading Group. 4 p.m. Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie's Montaillou: The Promised Land of Error. 351-6692.
- DIALOG deadline. Send comments, letters and articles to DIALOG, Box 35011; Dallas, Texas 75235.
- Salute to Dallas Day in Houston! Houston's Gay Pride Parade begins at 5 p.m. and will feature the bands from Dallas. Houston and Los Angeles.

JULY

- Sun 5 DIALOG Production day. 11 a.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- Thr 9 MAIL COMMITTEE meeting. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Bring an appetite, bathing suit, towel. 821-1653.

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- FRIDAY, JUNE 19 - All night haircutting will begin at 7 p.m. to benefit the establishment of a gay community center.
- FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 20-21 - ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR - 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the parking lot behind Butler's Pantry Too.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 20 - RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS - Downtown in the historic warehouse district. 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. - \$5 advance, \$8 at the door - Free beer and soft drinks.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 20 - CONCERT - Dallas and Houston Symphonic Bands and the Houston Gay Chorus. See later publications for time and location.
- SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 20-21 - 2nd Annual Oak Lawn Tennis Association Invitational Tournament.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 21 - PARADE - line-up behind the Village Station at 3 p.m. RALLY after the parade at Lee Park.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 21 - ROBIN TYLER appearing at Sassy's at 8:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. - admission: \$5.00.
- MONDAY, JUNE 22 - FASHION SHOW & AUCTION at the Landing. 8 p.m.
- TUESDAY, JUNE 23 - Pot luck dinner and BINGO at MCC to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
- TUESDAY, JUNE 23 - GAY ACADEMIC UNION OF NORTH TEXAS - WE WERE EVERYWHERE: FAMOUS LESBIAN & GAY FIGURES IN LITERATURE, ARTS, AND HISTORY - 7:30 - 2505 Wycliff.
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 - Granada Theatre - A VERY NATURAL THING & BOYS IN THE BAND - 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 - MACHO MAN CONTEST - The Landing - 9:30 p.m. admission: \$3 - sponsored by the Dallas Motorcycle Club.
- THURSDAY, JUNE 25 - DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE FILM FESTIVAL - MCC - 8 p.m. - see later publications for film titles.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 27 - GAY OLYMPICS - Cole Park - beginning at 10 a.m. and lasting all afternoon. All types of events, serious and fun.
- SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 26-27 - ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR - Cedar Springs.

For more information or to add events, call:
THE DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE 528-4233

A Perversion Of Justice

by Don Mixon

On October 25, 1979, thirteen people were arrested in the Village Station in Dallas. Charges of public lewdness were subsequently filed against eleven of the thirteen by District Attorney Henry Wade. A number of those arrested chose to challenge Wade's allegation and the consequent events stirred a controversy in Dallas that continues today. Forum-shopping (the selective filing of cases before favorable judges) and other unethical conduct on the part of the prosecutors characterized these trials. The D.A. revealed to his constituency the political mechanism of an organized harassment of the gay community. In a sense, these trials point toward a victory for gays in Dallas--a victory over the prejudice of a powerful majority. But for some members of our community, this was no victory. Rather, it was an experience fraught with personal, emotional, and professional consequences unimaginable on October 25, 1979.

Jim Howell was one of those arrested at the Village Station that night. He was subsequently (after 10 months and much maneuvering by the D.A.) tried before Judge Brashear and found guilty. He was assessed a probation fine of \$1,000--a token sentence. He chose to appeal his case.

Recently, I spoke with Jim for several hours. I came away from that conversation with a new understanding of his experience. It is an understanding having to do with the difference between the word "arrest" and the feeling of handcuffs slipped over your wrists; between scanning a headline about "A Parade of Perverts" and losing your job because of that headline; between a consideration of gay harassment in the abstract and a day-to-day confrontation with the emotional scars brought about by that harassment. Here are bits and pieces of Jim's story.

Jim was arrested with two friends who also pled not guilty. Both were tried before him and acquitted. Prosecutors, dismayed at this outcome, moved Jim's case from court to court. With every move came an extension of time, and with every extension the cost of his defense rose. As Jim points out, this is an effective means of quelling the natural impulse to fight back. When legal fees pass a certain point, it is impossible to do other than plead guilty.

In February of this year, Jim was fired from his job at a well-known men's store. The justification for his termination was "poor job performance," despite previous excellent job performance reviews. As



Jim explains, the publicity from his trial made him a liability in the eyes of his employer. Legal action is contemplated in this regard.

Perhaps the least obvious and most damaging consequence of Jim's arrest and prosecution is the emotional stress it has caused. For Jim, ridicule, criticism, and rejection have been the central themes of his experiences during the last one and one-half years. In such circumstances, self-doubt is inevitable. Jim smiles as he tells me about the party following his conviction: "I said to myself again and again, 'I will not fall apart . . . I will not fall apart . . .'. My friends have helped me."

Now as the second anniversary of his arrest approaches, Jim is without a job, without transportation, deeply in debt for his legal defense, and faced with the prospect of an expensive appellate proceeding in order to clear his record. He bears up well under the strain--or seems to. But I can only speculate on his feelings, on the effect of this experience on his ambitions, on his personal relationships. And as I speculate, there is always the question of "Why?" And the obvious answer. Jim has never met Henry Wade, nor have I.

I believe the gravest error one could make in hearing Jim's story would be to assume that "it couldn't happen to me" or that "if he'd stayed out of trouble--kept a low profile--none of this would have happened." If you believe that, you are wrong--dead wrong. Jim's offenses were being gay and being in a gay bar. The same vice squad officers are still employed by the Dallas Police Department. The same prosecutors try public lewdness cases every month. It is a matter of time and chance that separates Jim Howell from you or me. Jim is not a martyr, self-styled or otherwise. He was accused falsely. He fought the accusation. The consequences he suffered in doing so could have been mine. They could have been yours.

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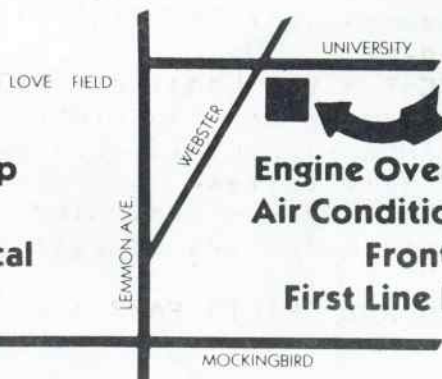
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City Board Openings

With the election of new city councilpersons, vacancies on various municipal boards in Dallas must be filled. Anyone wishing to be appointed to one of the following boards or commissions should contact a member of the DGA Board:

Board of Adjustment, Board of Equalization, City Plan (Zoning) Commission, Civil Service Board, Dallas County Community Action Center Board, Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Airport Board, Dallas Housing Authority, Dallas Transit Board, Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center Board, Metropolitan Hospital Authority, Motion Picture Classification Board, Library Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Board, Police Advisory Board, Sign Control Board of Adjustment, Tax Improvement Citizens Advisory Committee, and Urban Rehabilitation Standards Board.

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GAY PRIDE WEEK

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on Saturday, June 20 at 9 am at the Samuell-Grand Tennis Center in East Dallas. This was the first gay tennis tournament ever last year, and it promises to be an even bigger success this year. The semi-finals of all three draws (singles, doubles, and consolation) will be held back in Oak Lawn on the Cole Park tennis courts on Sunday, June 21, beginning at 9 am. This is a cosexual event, and the women players usually lead the pack.

On Sunday, June 21, lineup for the annual Parade begins behind the Village Station at 2:45 pm. The floats, cars, and marchers will proceed down Cedar Springs to Lee Park, where the Rally will take place at approximately 3:45 pm. Following the Rally, a picnic will be held and last until the beer runs out. Entertainment at the Picnic will include the Dallas and Houston Bands, the Houston Gay Chorus, possibly the Turtle Creek Chorale, More Joy, and others.

Also, the fantastic Robyn Tyler returns to Dallas for two performances at Sassy's on June 21 at 8:30 and 10:30 pm.

On Monday, June 22, there will be a Fashion Show and Auction/Raffle at the Landing at 8 pm.

On Tuesday, June 23, MCC will host a pot luck dinner and Bingo Night to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Also on June 23, the Gay Academic Union of North Texas will hold a program entitled "We Were Everywhere: Famous Lesbian and Gay Figures in Literature, Arts, and History." This educational event will begin at 7:30 pm at 2505 Wycliff.

On Wednesday, June 24, the Granada Theatre at 3425 Greenville Ave. hosts "A Very Natural Thing" at 7 pm and "The Boys in the Band" at 9:30 pm. These hilarious gay films should not be missed simply for the many people you will recognize.

Also on June 24, the Dallas Motorcycle Club will sponsor a Macho Man Contest at the Landing at 9:30 pm. Admission is \$3.00.

On Thursday, June 25, the Dallas Gay Alliance Film Festival will be held at the MCC beginning at 8 pm. The feature film for the evening is "To Forget Venice" which features both female and male couples and was named best Italian film in 1979. Short films include "Home Movie," "A Comedy in Six Unnatural Acts," "You Just Love Your Children," "I'm Not One of 'em," "Double Strength," and "Queerdom."

On Saturday, June 27, Gay Olympics will be held at Cole Park, beginning at 10 am and lasting all afternoon. All types of events will be held, both serious and fun. Tennis, volleyball, softball, Frisbee-throwing, and a marathon are sure to be included.

Also on Saturday, June 27, the Arts and Crafts Fair will continue on the parking lot behind Butler's Pantry Too from 10 am until 6 pm, with the same hours on Sunday, June 28.

For further information about these above listed events and about scheduling additional activities on the official Gay Pride Week(s) calendar, call Ann Brown at 528-4233 or Carl Mallies at 521-0432.

Feminist Perspective

compiled by Louise Young

The following excerpt from John Murphy's *Homosexual Liberation* (1971) offers some thoughts on sexism and its relationship to the homosexual community:

Sexism is a descriptive term for the attitudes about our sexuality that force us into unrealistic, often deadly, positions and roles. Sexism equates being a woman with being a mother and being a man with being a provider. Thus, an American woman who does not marry must be in some way unfulfilled. Sexism is the double standard, the still widespread compulsion of men to seduce and conquer women, proving their masculinity, and yet still expect to marry a virgin who will remain faithful. Sexism is the reason women are notoriously underpaid in jobs where they compete with men, doing the same work for less money. Sexism is the traditional belief that women are and should be weaker than men.

Men would seem to suffer less from sexism. But they must also play their roles; they also are trapped by expectations that are humanly impossible to fulfill. Men are expected to be stronger, more self-reliant, more sensible than women . . .

Homosexuals are part of the heterosexual world; they have usually been raised by heterosexuals, and they live in a culture that is heterosexually dominated. Thus, many homosexuals choose to adopt sexist attitudes created by heterosexuals; their situation as an invisible minority creates a whole set of particular problems, however. The way homosexuals relate to one another is popularly--and falsely--characterized as a sort of mirror image of traditional male-female relationships--that is, as a power play. There is thought to be a dominant (read masculine) and a submissive (read feminine) partner in each relationship, each displaying the concomitant behavior patterns . . .

...It is imperative that homosexuals begin, as women already have, to cast off oppressive sexual definitions, both those created by society and those created by homosexuals themselves. Homosexuals must actively choose the ways in which they relate to each other and to the straight world. This personal process of choosing is the first and most vital step in creating a new kind of freedom that can change our dying culture.

OAK LAWN TENNIS NEWS

The Oak Lawn Tennis Association (OLTA) has a busy month ahead. On May 30 and 31 twelve Dallas tennis players traveled to Houston to begin the first match in the 1981 Challenge Cup series between OLTA and the Montrose Sports Association tennis team.

In preparation for hosting the national tournament during Gay Pride Week, OLTA is offering a round robin doubles tournament on June 7 at the Cole Park tennis courts. To join in this fun-fest, show up at Cole Park by noon on Sunday, June 7.

Then, on June 20 and 21, OLTA hosts the second annual Oak Lawn Invitational Tennis Tournament which is the largest (and pro-

bably only) gay tennis tournament in the Southwest. Cosexual singles, doubles, and consolation draws will be offered. Fees are \$7.00 per person per event. They can be paid to Kerry Rhines, Al Leong, or Bill Nelson or a place on the draws reserved by calling 750-8041, 522-7785, or 526-2022. On Saturday, June 20, matches will be played in East Dallas at the Samuell-Grand Tennis Center, but on Sunday all matches will return to Oak Lawn on the Cole Park courts. Play begins at 9 am both days. Please come by the courts and support this major gay athletic event.

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CITY LEADERS TALK WITH DGA

Mayor Speaks

Dallas Mayor Jack Evans will answer questions from the audience during his appearance at the DGA meeting, July 13.

Mayor Evans will be the first Dallas mayor to speak to a gay organization.

DGA President Don Baker will designate a person to take written questions for the mayor at the beginning of the meeting. Notecards for questions will be provided.

Mayor Evans sent a representative to the DGA during the city council campaign, but the DGA chose to make no endorsement in the mayor's race.

Ideas Exchanged

DGA officials met privately with city council members and the mayor to discuss issues important to Dallas' gay people.

Director Al Calkin said the talks concentrated on the selection of the new city manager, police harassment, legal problems gays experience, and city ordinances protecting gay civil rights.

Calkin said, "We feel strongly that these meetings are an important step in improving our situation in Dallas."

Medrano

Threatened

On June 15 and 16, DGA President Don Baker took his lawsuit against Henry Wade and all other Texas criminal prosecutors to federal district court in Dallas. Judge Buchmeyer presided for the 1-1/2 days of testimony. Baker's attorney Jim Barber presented six expert witnesses to testify that no rational basis exists for Texas Penal Code Sec. 21.06, which criminalizes only same-sex conduct. The defense, represented primarily by a Dallas City attorney, put on only two witnesses, including "Dr. Death." After final arguments, Judge Buchmeyer requested additional briefs from both sides, and a decision can be expected in late August or September.

To prove standing to bring the suit, Barber established by depositions that the plaintiff and the thousands of gays he represents face a constant and credible threat of prosecution, despite a defense witness' trial statements which contradicted his pre-trial testimony. Also, Barber showed that Sec. 21.06 is overbroad because it prohibits private as well as public sexual conduct between persons of the same sex. Barber sought to prove that Baker's right of privacy is infringed by Sec. 21.06 and that this is a violation of Baker's constitutional rights.

When Judge Buchmeyer asked the defense if a compelling state purpose for the law exists, the reply was: "It's hard to get a good case." The strongest argument by the defense was that the court should defer to the will of the Texas legislature and not find Sec. 21.06 unconstitutional.

West Dallas citizens led by John Wiley Price are hoping to obtain 6,200 signatures of voters in City Councilman Ricardo Medrano's district to force a recall election. The group has until August 20 to collect the signatures.

Price said he was motivated by Medrano's recommendation that the new West Dallas Service Center be located adjacent to the Singleton Blvd. Library, rather than next to the West Dallas housing projects two blocks away.

DGA Director Al Calkin said, "Medrano has done more than any other city council member to truly represent gay community interests. No doubt our community would be solidly behind Medrano in the event the required signatures are obtained."

Joe Mosley, chairperson of the Political Action Committee of DGA said, "Plans will be made to mount a full campaign effort in Medrano's behalf if the recall election should become a reality."

During last winter's heavy police presence in Dallas gay bars, Medrano visited bars and worked to end the police concentration.

Pauline Medrano, the councilman's sister, testified in a case against a man who reportedly assaulted DGA Vice President Terry Tebedo.

Directors Plan

During Retreat

Four new committees were established during the summer board retreat.

DGA directors established the Financial Planning Committee, the Grievance Committee, the Research Committee, and the Publications Committee.

Financial Planning will prepare budgets and coordinate expenditures with the treasurer.

The Grievance Committee, headed by the vice president, will hear complaints about organization activity.

The Research Committee will prepare information about gay men and women.

The Publications Committee will develop and produce publications except Dialog.

Don Baker and John Thomas will be presented to the DGA membership for ratification as president and vice president, respectively.

Subject to membership approval of officers, the following department assignments were made at the summer board retreat:

Operations (and Dialog)-Mike Stewart
Social Justice-Campbell Read
Education-Ann Brown
Social Concerns-Terry Tebedo
Political Action-Al Calkin
Financial Resources-Don Baker
Legal Affairs and Accounting-Mike Williams
Public Relations-Bill Nelson
Lesbian Issues-D.A. Williams
Membership-Dick Weaver

The vice-president will serve as a liaison to other gay organizations.

Gays Appointed

City Councilman Ricardo Medrano appointed Don Baker, DGA president, to the Dallas Community Development Board. Medrano also appointed DGA director Al Calkin to the Dallas Cable Television Board, and Charles Hott, a gay bar owner, to the Citizens Tax Advisory Committee.

The Dallas Morning News quoted Medrano saying, "I believe that all segments of the community deserve representation on our city panels."

EDITORIAL

by Marcus Lerro

So many people go unthanked in our movement for gay civil rights. They are the relentless majority of movers and shakers who lead our community.

I refuse to allow to pass this opportunity to thank a few people who helped Dialog and the Dallas gay community.

Bill Nelson has been my salvation in times of worry. He joined me when I began working with Dialog, and he remained faithful and dependable while others came and went. As Dialog's next editor, Bill will no doubt show the good judgement he has shown during the last year.

Bill is good.

He remains cheerful when surrounded by difficulty. I was skeptical of him when we met, but I now know his intentions are of the finest quality.

Dave Lewis, a dedicated worker I met during an argument, became a personal philosophical companion.

Finally, Phil Johnson must be given thanks. For many years Phil worked almost alone for gays in Dallas. He showed dedication and dependability in his selfless efforts to help others.

The list of thanks I would like to give is greater. I regret that so many go unthanked while we benefit from their work.

Thank Mattox

Dallas Congressman Jim Mattox was one of three Texas representatives to vote against an anti-gay amendment to the Legal Services bill, which passed by a two-to-one margin.

The amendment, known as the McDonald amendment, prohibits Legal Services from using funds to defend gay women and men whenever homosexuality is an issue.

Representatives Mickey Leland of Houston and Henry Gonzales of San Antonio joined Mattox, voting against the amendment.

Al Calkin, director of the political action department, says Mattox should be sent notes of appreciation for his support.

Rep. Jim Mattox
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Gay Lobby Needs Funds

Dallas is the only city to fall far short of its projected financial support for the Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates. L/GRA is the Texas legislative lobby located in Austin.

At the beginning of the legislative session, gay leaders from across the state pledged to raise enough money for the Austin lobby to operate during the session.

The L/GRA reported June 22:

AREA	QUOTA	RECEIVED	%
Austin	\$800	\$789	99
Dallas	\$1500	\$990	66
El Paso	\$100	\$100	100
Houston	\$1500	\$1465	98
Others	\$100	\$173	173

A L/GRA member said it is important to meet the financial goals set for the regular session of the legislature, especially since a special session has been called.

Donations to the Austin lobby can be mailed to:

L/GRA
P. O. Box 822
Austin, TX
78767

Bring Cans For Kids

As part of the "Cans for Kids" project adopted by the Board, all DGA members are asked to bring canned goods to the July membership meeting. The cans may be regular or institutional size and should include corn, green beans, peas, baked beans, etc. These canned goods will be donated to a summer camp for boys and girls, ages 9-13, which is held at Buckhorn Ranch. Each week of the summer, 25 black, 25 Hispanic, and 25 white youths visit the camp.

Not incidentally, money is also desperately needed to keep the Buckhorn Ranch camp going.

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TGC In Houston

The Texas Gay Conference VIII will be in Houston, September 4-6. The conference is an annual event of the Texas Gay Task Force.

This year's conference will be at the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, adjacent to the Montrose. The conference theme is "Strength in Diversity."

Jack Nichols will be a guest speaker. He and his late lover, Lige Clark, authored I Have More Fun with You than Anybody and Room-mates Can't Always Be Lovers. Jack Nichols wrote Men's Liberation, which deals with feminism's impact on the changing male role.

Texas gays are encouraged to attend TGC VIII and visit the Montrose on Labor Day Weekend.

Advance registration is available by mailing \$15 per person to:

TGC VIII
P. O. Box 3942
Houston, TX 77001

Howell Appeals His Conviction

The Social Justice Department has been helping Jim Howell in the appeal of his public lewdness charge and conviction. The appeal before the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals concerns the Village Station arrest of Howell in October 1979. Campbell Read, director of Social Justice, sees three major claims of importance in Howell's appeal. First, the tactics employed by the prosecutors during the original trial of August 1980 effectively worked a fraud on the court. This point is induced by the prosecutors' efforts to have the case transferred to a judge who they felt was more likely to convict Howell.

Second, Judge Miller's overruling Howell's motion to set aside the defense's charge of failure to provide a speedy trial is an alleged reversible error. Finally, although Howell received only a six-month probated sentence, his principles have dictated this appeal. With luck, Howell's conviction should be overturned because that is the only remedy for all three of these alleged errors.

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JULY

- Sun 12 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page) 926-7000.
Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. Services at 9 a.m. (1 hr), 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
United Community Church of Dallas. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
- The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Sunday at the Cole Park Tennis Courts, noon till 4 p.m. 750-8041.
- The Oak Lawn Volleyball Teams play every Sunday at 2 p.m. Turtle Creek spillway. Everyone is invited to play. 528-4913.
- Affirmation (Gay United Methodist) meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3 p.m. UCC Social Hall, 4402 Roseland. P.O. Box 64427, Dallas 75205.
- Gay/Lesbian Liberal Religious Group meets the 2nd Sunday of every month in Channing Hall, First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy (at Preston). 7:30 p.m.
- Theatre III - Dallas Gay Alliance Champagne Party. "Rise and Shine!", an Irving Berlin, Red, White, and Blue Revue with songs, dances, and "carrying on" (I) will begin at 7 p.m. But the party in the cool Quadrangle Courtyard with lots of champagne and even more "carrying on" (I) will begin at 6. Tickets are \$10. This is the last of these delightful parties for the season. Don't miss it! Call 827-9766.
- Mon 13 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting. "The Mayor Is Coming! The Mayor Is Coming!" In addition to Jack Evans, the mighty Oak Lawn Symphonic Band will play. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. Everyone welcome. Refreshments. Child care provided. 528-4233.
- The Oak Lawn Bowling Association meets every Monday at 8:45 p.m. Cotton Bowling Palace, Lemmon and Inwood.
- Tue 14 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Landing, 2617 N. Pearl. Call 351-5509 after 5:30 p.m.
- Dignity/Dallas-Outreach celebrates Holy Eucharist every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. University of Dallas Chapel (off Northgate Dr. near Tom Braniff). For information call 233-3100.
- Wed 15 SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE meeting. DGA office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- The Oak Lawn Volleyball teams play every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Reverchon Recreation Center. Everyone welcome. 528-4913.
- The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Wednesday at Cole Park Tennis Courts. 7:30 till 9 p.m. 750-8041.
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. Call 528-4233 for information.
- The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas. 9 p.m. 821-1900.
- Thr 16 OUTREACH COMMITTEE meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- Single Support Group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. United Community Church Social Hall. 827-5088.
- DALLAS ALTERNATIVE meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan.
- Fri 17 Cliff Dwellers Social Club meets every Friday, 6 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. Phone available MTWF 943-0069.
- Sat 18 The Bicycle Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the White Rock Spillway. Everyone welcome. Call 826-2362 for information.
- Sun 19 GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS (GAU/NT) meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. Joanna Russ's "The Female Man" will be discussed. 4 p.m. 201 Peach Street, Denton, Texas. Call 351-6692 for more information.
- GAYLINE (CRC) meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 6 p.m. 2505 N. Wycliff. 748-6790.
- "Rapture", a concert of instrumental and vocal gospel music. United Community Church, 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.
- Mon 20 THIRD MONDAY at 7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy. \$1 donation requested. Refreshments served. 521-5395.
- Tue 21 GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at UMC, Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.

Wed 22 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE meeting at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE meeting at 7:30 p.m. 3827 Gilbert. 528-8945.

Thr 23 DALLAS ALTERNATIVE meets at 7:30 p.m. "A Potpourri of Songs, Dance, Slides, and Chatter with Phil Johnson." 2701 Reagan.

DEPARTMENT FOR LESBIAN ISSUES meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month. 7:30 p.m. Call 528-4233 for information.

Fri 24 DIALOG deadline. Send comments, letters and articles to DIALOG, Box 35011; Dallas, Texas 75235.

"Spiritual Renewal" with Reverend Larry Urigh, Pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Washington, D.C. (Also on Saturday and Sunday) regular church times. 2701 Reagan (at Brown). 526-6221.

Sun 26 "La Nuit Chaude" (Dallas' Original Costume Ball/Contest) Committee will host the 2nd annual Cocktail Party at Baha's. 2508 Maple. to raise funds for the "La Nuit Chaude 81". 2 p.m. Public is invited. Happy Hour prices. 528-4233.

Mon 27 "Squeeze". An ambitious young executive, engaged to be married, falls in love with a young man... At the Inwood Theater. 5458 Lovers Lane. 5:45, 7:30 and 9:15 p.m. Phone 352-6040. (Also on Tuesday and Wednesday.)

AUGUST

Sun 2 Reverend Bob Cunningham, Pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Diablo Valley in Concord, California will conduct a special service at Agape! Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. 11 a.m. 926-7000.

DIALOG Production Day. 11 a.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month. 7:30 p.m. Hidden Door. 5025 Bowser. 526-9211.

Tue 4 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. 8 p.m. Call 926-7000 for information.

Wed 5 DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 6:30 p.m. Call 522-5389 for information.

Pot Luck Supper at the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church. 1st Wednesday of every month. 2701 Reagan. 6:30 p.m. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape! Metropolitan Community Church in Ft. Worth. 1st Wednesday of every month. 7:30 p.m. 926-7000.

Thr 6 MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's Place. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Bring an appetite. 821-1653.

"The Ritz". High camp at the Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville. 9:15 p.m. 823-9610.

Mon 10 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

Tue 11 Rehearsals resume for the Turtle Creek Chorale. Those wishing to audition prior to rehearsals should call 821-3086.

NOTE: The Gay Pride Week Planning Committee wishes to thank everyone in the community for the hard work and support that made the Gay Pride Week Festivities of 1981 so successful. The Gay Pride Week Committee will resume meetings in September. Those wishing to help plan and work for Gay Pride Week 1982 are invited to attend the next meeting. 528-4233.

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COMMENTARY

The following letter is reprinted from The North Texas Daily with the author's permission.

As an ex-Christian, I would like to remind those of you who consider yourselves Christians of a few things that many of you have obviously forgotten or never knew.

First, Christianity is a faith, not a science, and because it is a faith, it cannot be proved. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for (not of things verifiable), the evidence of things unseen (not of established facts)."

Secondly, faith is not something that can be imposed upon by others; it must come from within. Thus, if your faith is real and strong, it will move you to live a good life, but you cannot expect your faith to move others to live according to your notions of what a good life should be.

This brings me to a third point: by trying to reform America's laws so they restrict the personal choices of non-Christians to only those choices to which a Christian limits himself, you flagrantly violate the religious rights of others whose faith may well be as strong as yours even if it is founded upon a different religious persuasion.

Perhaps you should remember that your own particular divinity, Jesus, taught others by example, not by imposition.

My fourth point is that in America there is a legal right to choose one's religion, and the choice need not be Christianity. It is perfectly legal to

choose Buddhism, Judaism, agnosticism, atheism, pantheism or any other "ism."

This civil right guarantees one the freedom not to believe in God and not to be bound by the guidelines of the Bible, contrary to what you may believe or wish to believe.

And this brings me to a final point. The difference between the liberal political activists of the 1960s and 1970s and the political activists of the Moral Majority is this: the liberals sought to make freedom of choice a reality for all Americans, but the Moral Majority apparently only wishes to restrict the personal freedom of non-Christians.

In the last two decades, no Christian was forced to have an abortion, to smoke marijuana, to drink, to play bingo, to believe in evolution or to engage in pre-marital sex because of liberalized civil and personal freedoms.

Yet many of you politico-Christians actively seek to deny non-Christians their right to make their own decisions about these and other issues, simply because you have chosen not to engage in them yourselves.

In closing, I would like to suggest that those of you who say you want to see America turn away from its deviant humanist principles and return to the faith of our founding fathers should review your American history.

Although many early colonialists were fundamentalist Christians, the founding fathers for the most part were deists, believers in humanist principles who tried to incorporate into America's



political foundation the freedom of choice that was very important in their thinking.

They recognized that a government in the secular world had no business basing its tenets upon the non-rationality that underlies any religious faith, and therefore they avoided incorporating fundamentalist Christian principles into the U.S. Constitution.

Kandy Morrow

SUPPORT

LA NUIT CHAUDE

The DGA Fundraising Department is again hosting the second annual Sponsor Cocktail Party for La Nuit Chaude at Baja's on Sunday, July 26, between 2pm and 4pm. Happy hour prices are featured.

The purpose of the cocktail party is to raise funds necessary to produce La Nuit Chaude, Dallas' original costume ball and contest. Interested sponsors will be invited to pledge \$25, \$50, and \$100 amounts. In return for their pledges, they will receive seating for two, four, or eight, respectively, to better enjoy the contest portion of the evening. Free admission for the sponsors and their guests is also included.

This year La Nuit Chaude will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7, 1981. The public is invited.

BOARD ELECTED

At the June membership meeting, Ann Brown, Mike Stewart, D.A. Williams, and Terry Tebedo were elected to four directorate positions on the DGA Board. Attorney Peter Brooks was the only candidate not elected.

Brown and Stewart were elected Directors in June 1980, and Tebedo has served as Vice-President of the Alliance for the past year. D.A. Williams was appointed to fill a Board vacancy this past spring.

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REVIEW: SF CHORUS A HIT!!!

by Fred Longmore

The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus' Tour of America '81 is a celebration of gay pride! They stirred in my heart fires of patriotism that I thought were reserved for James Cagney singing "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "She's a Grand Old Flag" on the Fourth of July. But this was June in Memorial Auditorium's theater, and the fireworks on stage filled the audience with pride and freedom for two and one-half hours!

Standing ovations over and over again.

We wept as they sang "We Kiss in a Shadow." The house embraced the stage as siblings separated at birth and now reunited. Like the March on Washington '79, it was not well attended or publicized, yet it stands in Dallas history as a landmark. We are coming of age! The Chorus members are a vanguard of heralds announcing to America that our time has come! We will no longer kiss in a shadow as second class citizens. We are the sons and daughters of Americans. We are Christians and Jews. We come in all colors. We are parents, businessmen, and civic leaders.

Also, we are a people, not a lifestyle! We must join hands across our land, sister and brother, shoulder to shoulder, bolder and bolder as we fight for the right to be free and to have our dreams come true!

As an important note, albums produced by the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus can be purchased from Phil Johnson for \$5.00 at the July membership meeting. All proceeds from these sales go to the DGA. As Robin Tyler says, "Support the gay movement and the community." This is an album containing beautiful music, and it makes an inexpensive but memorable present.

LONGMORE....A DALLAS HISTORY

Fred Longmore is a lifelong resident and supporter of Dallas civic history. He grew up in East Dallas, and is recognized as the founder of the movement to revitalize and restore the buildings and history of East Dallas. Not incidentally, he is also an impassioned founder, spokesperson, and leader of the gay movement in Dallas.

Fred is active on several city and county boards, and he strongly believes that gay people in Dallas should be involved in much more than that which affects Oak Lawn and the gay community only. Second only to

Phil Johnson, he knows more about gays in the history of our community than any other living person.

Being the articulate and recognizable person he is, Fred has become a vital part of the efforts by the Dallas Public Library to preserve the history of Dallas. In doing so, he has kept the story of the gay movement in Dallas at the forefront of his memories. Gerald Saxon is coordinating the recording of oral histories given by chosen members of the Dallas community for the Dallas Public Library. He is teaching Fred to do this also, and he has certainly recorded several sessions with Fred, Phil Johnson, and other Dallas gays.

Fred wishes to expand this oral history project to record the memories of people within the DGA. He especially needs to record the personal histories of women in our community. To have your personal history recorded (if you have a history which should be told to future generations) or to recommend someone to Fred, contact him at the July membership meeting. He is always there, usually with a prominent Dallas citizen as his guest. Fred is an important member of the gay community in Dallas, if for no other reason than his contacts with prominent persons outside our community. Let's put Fred to work!

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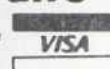
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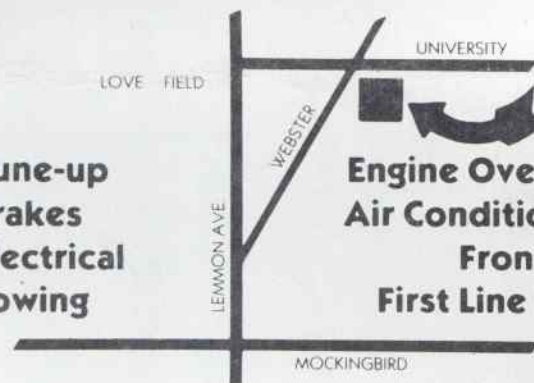
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DGA LEADERS PRESS CHARGES

NELSON VS. OFFICERS

Bill Nelson, DGA Director of Public Relations, has filed a complaint with the Internal Affairs Division of the Dallas Police Dept., alleging that six police officers hired to provide security at Razzle Dazzle Dallas on June 20 discriminated against the organizers of the party by walking out on the off-duty job.

Nelson admitted that the policemen were not informed that it was a party for 3,000 gay people, but said that the officers left Razzle Dazzle when people began arriving and they noticed that everyone was gay.

Internal Affairs Lt. W.R. Patterson said that police department policy forbids officers from working at any place where alcoholic beverages are a principal item sold. Capt. Gregory Holliday made the decision for the officers to leave the party and gave as a reason "on-going city investigations." Officer Tom Geer said that when he arranged for the officers to work at Razzle Dazzle, he was left with the impression that guests would just walk in to the building, but he said the organizers were charging people to enter the party. Geer added that "the only thing there was alcoholic beverages and dancing."

The affidavit accompanying the complaint said that the police put 3,000 people in a very dangerous position, that this party differed in no way from the two prior Razzle Dazzles at which the police created no problems, and that the officers were guilty of irresponsible conduct by discrimination due to the primarily gay audience at the party.

Although he feels that the officers will probably be found justified due to the policy mentioned by Lt. Patterson, he insists that he filed the complaint to combat discrimination against gays. "It's a very difficult thing for gay people to prove" because people dealt with overt discrimination for years and never did anything about it.

SJC VS. D.A.S

In a six-page memorandum filed July 10 with the Grievance Committee of the Texas Bar Association, the DGA alleged that Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade acted to thwart the course of justice by forum-shopping in the spring of 1980 when he ordered six cases dismissed from Judge Chuck Miller's court and refiled in Judge Ellis' court. The DGA also charged that Asst. D.A.s Winfield Scott and A.W. (Bill) Arnold participated in these acts of prosecutorial misconduct. The cases involved charges of public lewdness arising out of an organized raid conducted by seven Dallas Police Dept. vice officers on October 24, 1979, at the Village Station. Wade ordered the cases dismissed and refiled after Judge Miller had acquitted two of the defendants.

SJC Director Campbell Read charged that Wade and his assistants acted to perpetrate a fraud upon the court by not informing Judge Miller or the defense attorneys that they intended to refile the cases. Contradictions in sworn testimony indicate that either Wade or Scott misrepresented facts surrounding the refiling of the cases, Read stated.

A further grievance has been filed against Asst. D.A. Bob Phillips. The DGA has accused Phillips of vindictiveness in introducing testimony by two DPD vice officers which was known to be groundless in order to discredit the defendant in a related case tried before Judge John Hendrik in February 1981. More than 250 pages of documentation have been submitted in support of these complaints.

The DGA grievances against Wade and his assistants were simultaneously filed with the Prosecutor Council in Austin, Texas, which has statutory responsibility to investigate complaints against district attorneys.

FAMILY LAW THREAT

The dangers of the so-called Family Protection Act will be explained during the August DGA monthly meeting. This Act, which is being supported by the Moral Majority and other right-wing political and religious groups, includes many provisions that would support a very narrow view of families and would deal directly with a number of issues of concern to women and gays. In that Congress will soon begin consideration of the bill, it is important that each of us become familiar with its details. No doubt many individuals will then want to contact their senators and representatives to indicate their strong opposition to this bill.

PRESIDENT AND V-P ELECTED

The general membership voted May 13 to have Don Baker serve as Alliance President for another year. Campbell Read was elected Vice-President after the Board of Directors' nomination was rejected by the membership.

This vote, though not known by many, moved Baker into his 17th month of pregnancy--oops, presidency (longer than any of his predecessors). It also marked the first time that a President has been asked to serve a second full term in this office.

THE BOARD RESPONDS

The DGA Board of Directors sent the following letter to Mayor Jack Evans at City Hall on July 27, 1981.

Dear Mayor Evans,

We want to thank you again for speaking to our organization July 13. This was indeed a bold step on your part, and we appreciate your courage in doing so.

We are, however, concerned about numerous media reports that indicate you may have reconsidered your stance on several positions relative to the unique concerns of Dallas' large gay population. We realize that sometimes the press is not the most convenient place to discuss sensitive issues such as ours. We, therefore, would like to meet with you privately, at your convenience to discuss the issues surrounding

the controversy. While we are aware that you have met and talked with our President, Don Baker, on several occasions, it might be in everyone's best interest for you to meet with two or three of our Board members also.

It has always been the position of the Dallas Gay Alliance to actively seek social and political reform "through the system." We recognize and respect the social and political climate of our city and wish to work within this framework. We believe our request to meet with you is within the scope of these guidelines.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

DGA Board of Directors

The Board also sent the following letter to Ken Johnson, the Executive Director of the Dallas Times Herald, on July 27, 1981.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On behalf of the membership of the Dallas Gay Alliance we want to express our appreciation for the fair and unbiased reporting by the Times Herald on the appearance of Mayor Jack Evans before our organization's monthly meeting July 13. We also applaud the editorial stance your paper expressed in editorial comments and political cartoons in response to the subsequent events which occurred following the presentation.

It is our desire to continue to meet and work with all of our community's civic leaders in an effort to bring about a better understanding about the needs and concerns of Dallas's large gay population. We look forward to the opportunities we might have in working with you and your employees in the future.

Sincerely,

The Board of
Directors, DGA

DALLAS NEWSPAPERS CLASH

Homosexual Vote:

Evans' Image-making

Mayor Jack Evans set some questionable precedents this week when he addressed the Dallas Gay Alliance with expressions of sympathy and support.

It may have been savvy, calculated politics to curry favor with the homosexual community, which has become increasingly active in politics in recent years. But it is an unappealing compromise, to say the least.

What Evans ignored in his effort to enhance his image as "mayor of all the people" is that under Texas penal code, homosexual conduct, both private and public, is against the law. It's very explicitly defined in Vernon's Statutes 21.01-08 on homosexual conduct, public lewdness and indecent exposure.

By choosing trendy politics over support of the law and traditional morality, Evans has done a disservice to

the young people seeking from today's leaders the standards to guide them. As the highest elected official in the city, Evans is a pre-eminent role model. By endorsing homosexuals as policemen and firefighters, Evans has lent the imprimatur of his office to individuals engaging in a practice city employees are legally obligated to prosecute. It's easy to understand why today's young people may be confused or cynical about the validity of today's laws if public officials regard them so casually.

Mayor Evans is right to seek better communication with diverse areas of the city. But to use his office as a forum to pronounce that "There is no question . . . that gays will be accepted in Dallas," is a political trade-off that is unworthy of the few votes it may bring.

When Mayor Jack Evans appeared before the DGA at the July meeting, the two major newspapers in Dallas took conflicting positions. The Dallas Morning News ran the editorial on the left, while the Dallas Times Herald printed the one on the right.

The education of the mayor

When Mayor Jack Evans spoke to the Dallas Gay Alliance Monday night, we viewed it as just another in a series of progressive steps Mr. Evans has taken to try to make the mayor's office more accessible to all the citizens of Dallas, whatever their beliefs or particular crusades.

We did not view it as an endorsement of the gay lifestyle, and we did not believe that Mr. Evans intended anything of the kind. Although the new mayor got tripped up at the meeting over the question of hiring homosexuals for the city police and fire departments (which would be an implied violation of Texas law), we thought that Mr. Evans exhibited courage, both personal and political, in agreeing to address the group.

It turns out, however, that what we viewed as courage may have been mere political naivete, the kind that comes from having been in public office for less than three months. For ever since the irate telephone calls began pouring into his office Tuesday morning (more than

100 of them), Mr. Evans has been backtracking with the speed of a gazelle and the grace of a hippopotamus.

We like what we have seen so far of the new mayor. But we do not believe, as he now would have us believe, that he did not know what he was getting himself into Monday night. Both City Councilman Ricardo Medrano and Don Baker, president of the Gay Alliance, say that Mr. Evans was the one who suggested the meeting. We think that the mayor is trying to extricate himself from an awkward political situation, and he is doing it rather clumsily.

The mayor did not have to attend the meeting in the first place. But once he did (and we applaud him for that decision), he could have handled the heat it generated a lot more deftly. Why, for example, didn't he merely admit that he was wrong on the question of hiring gays but that the meeting itself had been valuable because Jack Evans was going to be mayor of all the people of Dallas, whatever their lifestyles, as he had promised in his campaign.

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Review

MAYOR MADE POSITIVE STATEMENTS

by Fred Longmore

The Mayor's appearance at the DGA meeting as set in motion an earthquake that is shaking Dallas to her Victorian foundations. You can better understand the man through his own remarks before the DGA which were overlooked by other media:

"Give me your support and your prayers. I believe in affirmative action. We are a can-do city."

"I want you involved in our boards and commissions."

JOHNSON VS. DMN

The following letter was written by Phil Johnson to protest the Dallas Morning News editorial which condemned Mayor Jack Evans' speaking before the Dallas Gay Alliance.

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a copy of the editorial in today's issue of the Dallas Morning News stating that Mayor Jack Evans should not have spoken to homosexuals at the July Dallas Gay Alliance meeting because homosexuals, as defined by Texas law, are criminals.

I'm not suggesting an organized boycott of the Dallas Morning News, but I sure as hell wonder why any gay woman or man would support that paper by their subscriptions or at newsstands. (I can't follow my own advice as I discontinued my subscription four years ago when that paper crowed "Anita Victorious" as their lead editorial. The Dallas Morning News hasn't received a penny of my money since--and never will!)

There is a better paper in town. It's called the Dallas Times Herald. It was supportive of the Mayor's visit, and has been supportive of us in the past.

Sincerely,
Phil Johnson

"There are fits, misfits, and counter-faits. I don't like phonies. I admire a man who stands up and says what he is."

"I don't believe in minorities. Let's do it together. We are one community. I want to take us through a period of transition."

"Let's not go too fast."

"Don't expect Jack Evans to perform miracles."

"I don't have any objection to that (hiring homosexuals as policemen and firemen); just don't force anyone to be like you are."

"Let's don't put ourselves into a situation of 'You're this way and I'm that way.'"

"I want an understanding police department. I do not condone harassment in any way. If it goes on deaf ears, I want to know about it. Get the facts."

"I believe policemen should have sensitivity training at the police academy. I had sensitivity training at the Harvard Business School."

In reply to a question as to whether he hires gays in his company (the Cullum Companies): "We had better."

Don Baker's closing comment was "Historic events are only as significant as what

Health

This column will be devoted to only you and your health. I will be giving you monthly reports on various aspects of your health so that you will, hopefully, be up-to-date on what's happening with your body.

Who am I? I am a male nurse, a graduate of a three-year diploma R.N. program, and I've been in nursing about eight years. My experiences have a wide range from hospitals, nursing homes, psychiatric clinics, private nursing pools, and doctors' offices.

I believe in educating and feel that by helping you know about your mind and body, you can in turn help someone else. Please don't quote me as an authority on anything or everything--I'm a nurse providing health care and would like to give you some insight on your health or that of a loved one. Therefore, with my knowledge as a nurse, I also educate. This is part of my job.

If you have questions on any particular article or about anything in general, you can write me c/o this publication, and I will be glad to get you an answer. There will be a question/answer section at the bottom of each monthly article, entitled "Thoughts for Justin." So that should be where you quiz me or give me your case history.

I hope these articles can be of help to you somewhere in your life.

Next time--"Sexually Transmitted Diseases." Till then . . . Justin

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Feminist Perspective

by D.A. Williams

As I listened to Eleanor Smeal, president of the National Organization for Women, speak to a standing room only crowd at the Unitarian Church Tuesday evening, I suddenly realized why I cannot agree with those who would differentiate between the women's movement and the gay rights movement saying that women's or lesbian's issues are not gay issues and conversely that gay issues are not women's issues.

Smeal spoke of the situation within the governmental social security system that has led to her active role in the movement to have the Equal Rights Amendment ratified. At first, she said, the men within Congress would not even admit that discrimination in the Social Security system existed. (Women receive approximately one-half the benefits of men.) Now they cannot deny the discrimination, but instead say that cost prohibits changing the current system to make it fair.

As she spoke, I thought of the same arguments as they applied to the gay rights movement. How many years has it been since cities, businesses, and organizations denied that any discrimination based on affectional preference existed? How many weeks has it been since city leaders have been forced to clarify their positions with regard to the hiring of open homosexuals? Perhaps the women's movement is not the enemy of the human rights movement as it has been portrayed; but instead, perhaps elimination of an obvious bias and discriminatory practices against a group who cannot "hide" as many gays and lesbians can, is the first step in cracking the myths and stereotypes that hold all of us to some degree stratified in our current positions.

Smeal also spoke of "tokenism" stating that a token individual never receives the degree of respect that is relegated to others in her/his position. As an example, she discussed information from A Lawyer's Look at the ERA where the author speaks of the placement of women in judicial positions often at the expense of more qualified men, but further states that this inequity might be good in that it compensates for some of the past inequities against women. In so stating, the author was not only able to denigrate any woman placed into a judicial role but was able also to call into question her very ability to achieve her position were she compared to a qualified man. Once again, the statements hit home not only as a woman but as a lesbian who has been told of women whose acceptance in the movement was only so as to appease the populace. On a larger scale, however, I was reminded of the politicians, businessmen and women who have been known to tout the "gays I have on my staff."

Perhaps more so than the arguments of obvious discrimination and its horrific cure--the hiring of token individuals to fill some "safe" quota, the statements made about the need for immediate ratification of the ERA, so that another generation of women would not have to fight for "the obvious," stirred me to anger and thus action. The "obvious" within the women's rights movement is not so different from that within the human rights movement. We are all equal and should be recognized as such under the law. Women are no more second class citizens than are the gay women who, in addition to the societal role placed upon them as women, must face the even more strenuous pressures placed upon them to be or appear straight (which in this case both mean feminine to the world as a whole). Women are no more second class citizens than are the gay men who choose to cultivate the more traditionally female sides of their personality, i.e. sensitivity, emotionalism, etc. Yet society, and to some extent, those of us who feel the oppression the most are the ones who would not allow the freedom of others to choose and be themselves. The same individuals who would not grant women equality under the law or have no desire to deal with women's issues, are the ones who would squelch those womanly characteristics in all of us lest we all become second class individuals. Would it not be better to raise us all to the level we deserve so that "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." or sexual preference?

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WHIPS HOUSTON

Round two of the Texas Challenge Cup series was played the weekend of July 25 at the Cole Park tennis courts and resulted in an 8-3 rout of the Montrose Sports Association tennis team by the netters from the Oak Lawn Tennis Association (OLTA). This match reversed the standings of the two teams after the first Challenge Cup match which was played in Houston in April. At that time, the MSA defeated OLTA 7-4. The third and deciding match will be played in Dallas this fall.

OLTA is also sponsoring a sidewalk sale in front of Butler's Pantry on Cedar Springs from 10 am until 4 pm on Saturday, August 8. If you have items to donate, contact Doug Hall at 522-7785. Or at least come by and peruse the merchandise.

The second round robin doubles tournament for the year will be held on Sunday, August 16 beginning at 12 noon on the Cole Park tennis courts. And OLTA is also sponsoring a trip to Lakeway World of Tennis the weekend of September 12. The \$150. fee includes an extensive tennis clinic and accommodations. To join the carousing in Austin and the tennis on Lake Travis, contact Al Leong at 840-2682.

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Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- Sun 9 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill. 926-7000.
United Community Church of Dallas. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. Services at 9 a.m. (1 hr), 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan.
Reverend Elder Jerri Ann Harvey will give the Consecration Service for Reverend Jo Crisco into the
Christian Ministry. 526-6221.
- The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Sunday at Cole Park Tennis Courts, noon till 4 p.m. 750-8041.
- The Oak Lawn Volleyball Teams play every Sunday at 2 p.m. Turtle Creek spillway. 528-4913.
- Affirmation (Gay United Methodist) meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3 p.m. UCC Social Hall, 4402 Roseland.
P.O. Box 64427; Dallas, Texas 75205.
- Gay/Lesbian Liberal Religious Group meets the 2nd Sunday of every month in Channing Hall, First Unitarian Church,
4015 Normandy (at Preston). 7:30 p.m.
- Mon 10 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting. Program: "The Family Protection Act --Implications to the
Gay Community". Also "Party on the Green!" The party begins at 7; the program at 7:30 p.m.
2701 Reagan. Everyone welcome. Child care provided. 528-4233.
- The Oak Lawn Bowling Association meets every Monday at 8:45 p.m. Cotton Bowling Palace. Lemmon & Inwood.
- Tue 11 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Landing, 2617 N. Pearl. 351-5509.
- The Turtle Creek Chorale rehearses every Tuesday evening. 821-3086.
- Dignity/Dallas-Outreach celebrates Holy Eucharist every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. University of Dallas Chapel
(off Northgate Dr. near Tom Braniff). For information call 233-3100.
- Wed 12 FINANCIAL RESOURCES Department meeting. 8 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- SOCIAL JUSTICE Department meeting. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- The Oak Lawn Volleyball teams play every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Reverchon Recreation Center. 528-4913.
- The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Wednesday at Cole Park Tennis Courts. 7:30 till 9 p.m. 750-8041.
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. Call 528-4233 for information.
- Thr 13 Single Support Group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. United Community Church Social Hall. 827-5088.
- DALLAS ALTERNATIVE meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan.
- DEPARTMENT FOR LESBIAN ISSUES meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- Fri 14 Cliff Dwellers Social Club meets every Friday, 6 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.
- Sat 15 DALLAS ALTERNATIVE's Car Wash. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. MCC parking lot, Reagan & Brown. 2.00 per car.
- The Bicycle Club will meet at 6:30 at Lee Park and tour scenic downtown Dallas. Everyone welcome. 826-2362.
- Sun 16 GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS (GAU/NT) meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. 351-6692.
- GAYLINE (CRC) meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 6 p.m. 2505 N. Wycliff. 748-6790.
- "Liberty and Love - Gay Relationships" by Reverend Don Eastman of the Metropolitan Community Church.
First in a series of three. 7:15 p.m., 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
- Mon 17 THIRD MONDAY Program: "Your Health: Common Communicable Diseases". This two hour presentation by
a professional will include Herpes, Hepatitis and Mono. There will be handouts and time for questions.
7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy. \$1 donation requested. Refreshments served. 521-5395.
- Tue 18 GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at UMC,
Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 382-1661.
- DGA OFFICE MANAGEMENT Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. at the DGA office.
- DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 7:30 p.m. Call 750-8041 for information.
- Wed 19 MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT Meeting. 7:30 p.m. 3827 Gilbert. 528-8945.
- The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas.
9 p.m. 821-1900.

- Fri 21 DIALOG deadline. Send comments, letters and articles to DIALOG, Box 35011; Dallas, Texas 75235.
- Sun 23 "Liberty and Love - Gay Relationships" Reverend Don Eastman continues his interesting series. (Again on the 30th)
- Mon 24 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board Meeting. Everyone invited. Input needed. DGA office. 7:30 p.m.
- Tue 25 Mae Fest! A fabulous Mae West film at The Landing. 2617 N. Pearl. Tickets are \$3. 528-4233.
- Wed 26 FINANCIAL RESOURCES Department Meeting. 8 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE meeting at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- Thr 27 DEPARTMENT FOR LESBIAN ISSUES meeting. 7:30 p.m. Call 528-4233 for information.
- Sat 29 DIALOG production day. 11 a.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

SEPTEMBER

- Tue 1 DGA OFFICE MANAGEMENT Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. at the DGA office.
GLAD Meeting in Denton. 7:30 p.m. "A Potpourri of Songs, Dance, Slides, Camp and Chatter with Phil Johnson." UMC, Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 382-1661.
- Wed 2 Pot Luck Supper at the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church. 2701 Reagan. 6:30 p.m. 526-6221.
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- Thr 3 MAIL COMMITTEE meeting. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Bring an appetite and a swim suit.
- Fri 5 TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE VIII in Houston. Programs, workshops, displays, exhibits and entertainment. Outstanding speakers include Patricia Nell Warren, author of "The Front Runner"; Jack Nichols, author of "Men's Liberation: A New Definition of Masculinity"; and Special Guest "Disco Grandma" Thelma Hansen. The TGC Conference started in Ft. Worth in 1974 and is one of the most important gay events of the year. The conference theme is "Strength in Diversity" and will be held at the First Unitarian Church in Houston, 2510 Fanning. The conference will run through Saturday and Sunday.
- Sun 6 The Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month. 7:30 p.m. Hidden Door. 5025 Bowser.
- Tue 8 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in Ft. Worth. 8 p.m. 926-7000.
- Mon 14 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

The Editor of DIALOG is profusely sorry that due to a number of important events in his personal life, the DGA Literary Magazine has not gone to press. Now that the magazine is fully assembled, the DGA budget dictates a need to sell individual copies of PRESENCE! Please mail the blank below to:
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INNER VIEW:

ROOSEVELT & HICKOK

by Dave Lewis

Dialog has run articles in the past which proposed that the great First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was a lesbian. Dave Lewis has read many of the letters written by her and offers yet another analysis of whether Eleanor Roosevelt did have a homosexual relationship with the reporter Lorena Hickok.

There have been many suggestions that Eleanor Roosevelt was a lesbian. Perhaps the most convincing dealt with her relationship with Lorena Hickok. Their letters are full of suggestive statements such as Eleanor's lament, "Oh! dear one, it is all the little things; tones in your voice, the feel of your hair, gestures, these are the things I think about & long for." Many biographers assert that these are the naive remarks of proper Victorian ladies. Others acknowledge the possibility of at least an emotional, if not a physical, relationship between the two women. There is, of course, no way to be certain; but their relationship, as revealed in their correspondence, is fascinating.

The correspondence was massive. There are over 2,000 letters housed in the FDR Library in Hyde Park and we know that hundreds were destroyed. (Although we do not know the reason for this destruction.) In addition to the written correspondence, we know that Lorena Hickok and Eleanor Roosevelt talked on the telephone almost nightly.

But it is not only because of the innuendo of a sexual relationship with the First Lady that Lorena Hickok (or "Hick" as ER called her) is important. Hick collaborated with Eleanor in producing a new sort of political personage. Eleanor was known to the country as a person. She had opinions and emotions and was not afraid of them. She was the first First Lady to not be content with being the President's wife. She had lived a life of her own before the Inauguration and was determined to continue it. In addition to supporting Eleanor in her drive to maintain her identity, Hick broke ground for women in her own career.

Hick was born toward the end of the last century into an economically deprived family in Bowdle, South Dakota. Her determination to make something of her life led her to a career in journalism. She became one of the Associated Press' most respected investigative reporters.

As FDR's presidential campaign began to evolve, Hick sensed that Eleanor would become a story. She suggested to the Associated Press that somebody should be assigned to cover Eleanor during the campaign. The AP liked her idea and offered her the assignment. She turned it down, replying that she would rather cover FDR himself. Due to her national prominence and reputation, she was allowed to cover the campaign; however, the AP also assigned two men to cover FDR's speeches. Katharine Beebe was assigned the task of covering Eleanor for the AP. Hick did not care for the uninspired reports which Ms. Beebe produced. Hick was relieved when Katharine Beebe resigned to marry. At this point, Eleanor joined the campaign trail with her husband, and the stage was set for Hick and Eleanor to meet.

On the campaign, Hick became friendly with Malvina "Tammy" Thompson, Eleanor's secretary. It was Tammy who introduced Hick to Eleanor. Eleanor overcame her usual distaste for the press and took to Hick immediately, because she was Tammy's friend. Eleanor did not like publicity and always avoided the press. She was, however, constantly available to Hick.

As the size of the press corps covering the campaign increased, the campaign trail became more crowded. On one train, returning to New York, a shortage of space resulted in Eleanor and Hick sharing a drawing room, as there were few women on board. According to Hick, they stayed awake most of the night, discussing Eleanor's early life. Throughout the remainder of the campaign, Hick was fascinated with Eleanor.

During the course of the campaign, their relationship began as reporter and newsfigure, but it grew into a warm friendship. By election day, the relationship had grown to a third level

which would remain hidden from the world until ten years after Lorena Hickok's death.

FDR defeated Herbert Hoover, carrying forty-two of forty-eight states, and Hick received an exclusive interview. Hick always knew Eleanor's plans in advance and met her away from FDR's office and the swarms of reporters. From the election in 1932 until New Year's Day, Eleanor and Hick grew closer, frequently spending an evening together at dinner and the theatre.

Eleanor envied Hick, as she did all women of achievement. She felt that she could never earn her own way and that people only took interest in her because of FDR. Hick encouraged Eleanor in her pursuit of a life outside of the shadow of FDR. When Hick heard about the attempt on FDR's life, she rushed to comfort Eleanor. They spent the night together and the next day Hick accompanied Eleanor on her scheduled visit to Cornell. That night Eleanor told Hick about FDR's affair with Lucy Mercer fifteen years earlier. She explained that she feared a loss of independence as First Lady and that she had, therefore, contemplated leaving FDR.

A few weeks later, on March 4, 1933 at the Inauguration, Eleanor was wearing a sapphire ring which an opera singer many years earlier had rewarded an enthusiastic Lorena Hickok. Three days later, on Hick's fortieth birthday, Eleanor wrote: "Hick darling, All day I've thought of you & another birthday I will be with you . . . Oh! I want to put my arms around you, I ache to

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hold you close. Your ring is a great comfort. I look at it & think she does love me or I wouldn't be wearing it!"

During the days immediately preceding and following the Inauguration, Hick and Eleanor spent as much time as possible together. The night before the Inauguration, Eleanor read to Hick FDR's speech. Hick did not take advantage of the scoop. This moment was the beginning of the end of Hick's career as a reporter. She would later realize that her relationship with Eleanor prevented her from pursuing her career.

On March 6, 1933, when Eleanor spoke to Hick on the telephone, Jimmy Roosevelt was within earshot. After they hung up, Eleanor sat down and wrote to Hick: "I couldn't say 'Je t'aime et je t'adore' as I longed to do but always remember I am saying it & that I go to sleep thinking of you & repeated our little saying."

Their relationship continued to develop and Hick perceived Eleanor beneath the surface of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. She knew that Eleanor yearned to be appreciated in her own right. Therefore, she encouraged Eleanor's writing and edited her manuscripts.

When Hick realized that her feelings for Eleanor were affecting her reporting, she resigned from the Associated Press. She accepted a post as an internal investigator with the New Deal's Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) under Harry Hopkins. However, before beginning her new job, Hick accompanied Eleanor on a vacation. They refused to tell anyone where they were going and would not even let the Secret Service accompany them. The mention of a possible kidnapping caused Eleanor to laugh, "Where would they hide us? They certainly couldn't cram us into the trunk of a car!" And so, the almost six-foot Eleanor and the nearly 200-lb. Hick set off on an unaccompanied tour of New England and Quebec.

When they returned and Hick began her new job, they had to learn to deal with separation. Hick's new position required that she spend a great deal of time on the road investigating. They still wrote and/or telephoned daily. Their relationship grew deeper over the years; being human, however, they had their disagreements.

In 1958, Hick began donating packets of letters to the FDR Library. She stipulated that these letters were to remain out of the reach of all researchers until ten years after her death. At this time, they were to be open to virtually public perusal. We will never know her reasons for doing this, but we can surmise that they are related to her lifelong desire to be "somebody." At one point, she had started to remove personal letters and replace them with more sanitized versions. She did not get very far, only removing 129 out of her collection of nearly twenty-five hundred. Somebody did, however, destroy the bulk of Eleanor's collection of letters from Hick.

Eleanor died in November 1962, and Hick survived her by five and one-half years. The first several months after Eleanor's death Hick spent in tears. Before her death, she attached a note

to her will stating, "The disposal of my ashes is immaterial, although, if it can be done, I should like to have them dug into the soil around growing trees, which may benefit from whatever chemicals the ashes contain."

Lorena Hickok's life is chronicled in *The Life of Lorena Hickok, E.R.'s Friend* by Doris Faber, William Morrow and Company, New York, 1980.



MAE FEST IN AUGUST?

The Queen of Camp, Mae West, returns to Dallas for a fundraiser for the DGA on Tuesday, August 25 at The Landing.

For a paltry three dollars, you can once again see the great lady herself on the screen in *She Done Him Wrong* (1933) and *Klondike Annie* (1936) while you enjoy free popcorn. Doors open at 7:30 pm and the first feature starts at 8:00 pm. Come late, if you must, for the second film at 9:30 pm.

She Done Him Wrong is an adaptation of Mae's famous stage hit, *Diamond Lil*. As Lady Lou, the reigning chanteuse of the Bowery in the Gay Nineties, Mae mixes nostalgia and bawdiness to honky tonk rhythm. Imagine her singing "Where Has My Easy Rider Gone?" or "I'm a Fast Moving Girl That Likes 'Em Slow." With Gilbert Roland and Noah Beery to choose from, Mae cops out by opting for Cary Grant.

Klondike Annie lets the notorious Frisco Doll (played by Mae) skedaddle to the Yukon where she lives incognito as a Salvation Army worker! Vocal highlight of this classic is Mae plucking a mandolin, wearing a candelabra hat and singing "I'm an Occidental Woman in an Oriental Mood for Love."

The Department of Financial Resources is pleased to offer this delightful evening of camp, called *Mae Fest*, a salute to the films of Mae West. Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, August 25.

LETTER

Dear Members and Friends of DGA:

For years the National Gay Task Force and other gay and lesbian groups and individuals, together with progressive friends and allies, have been working to remove U.S. government restrictions on foreign visitors who are homosexual. Progress has been made, but final success has thus far eluded us, as recent border incidents have dramatized.

A new bill in the House of Representatives addresses the problem head-on. H.R. 3524, introduced by Democrats Julian C. Dixon and Anthony C. Beilenson of Los Angeles, would explicitly remove "sexual deviation" as grounds for exclusion under the McCarthy era Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952. There are 22 co-sponsors.

I ask all lesbians and gay men in our area, as well as all our friends committed to civil rights, to please write to their congresspersons urging that they support H.R. 3524. (Address: House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515).

In solidarity,

Bill Beauchamp
Board of Directors,
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H.R. 1454

AIDS GAYS

On January 28th of this year, a bill was introduced into the House of Representatives under the title, "H.R. 1454, A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation, and for other purposes."

Basically, the bill is short but enormously important. As an amendment to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, it adds to the sections covering public facilities, federally assisted opportunities, equal employment opportunities, housing sale, rental, financing and brokerage services, and prevention of intimidation, all of us whose sexual and affectional preferences are gay.

The bill has been referred to the Judiciary, Education, and Labor Committees, but no action has been taken on it. Under the language of this bill, gay women and men would finally have recourse to bring complaints and lawsuits if they were discriminated against because they are gay.

This is literally THE BILL for which gay people have been lobbying for years. It has over 40 co-sponsors in the House, but Mickey Leland from Houston is the only Texas Congressman to co-sponsor this bill. **Reprinted from OK Gay Rights Coalition News Bulletin!

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GAY-BASHING IN OAK LAWN

The Case of Michael D. Walling

On July 27, the Dallas County Grand Jury indicted Michael David Walling, 23, for aggravated robbery with serious bodily injury against Chester K. Michael David Walling is white, 6 ft., 7 in. tall with dark hair, and likes to dress in western style. The victim is 4 feet, 4 inches tall.

According to information given to the Social Justice Committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance, Walling had on several previous occasions given Chester K. a ride home from work, but on May 11 had met the victim in a gay bar. Walling again offered to take Chester home, in the company of a friend of Walling's named Tony. While in the car Walling asked Chester, "Are you gay?" Since Tony appeared to be sick, Chester invited Walling and Tony into his apartment. Once inside, Walling attacked Chester, striking him with a crystal ball on the head and jaw. Walling and Tony forced Chester to the floor, tore his clothes off and took his wallet. Walling allegedly stated that, since he was known to Chester, they would have to kill him. Chester managed to escape into the street and found refuge in an apartment where he was able to call for help. Walling is alleged to have boasted in public that he beats up and robs gay men.

The Social Justice Committee learned later that Walling had used Chester's credit card in an attempt to make a purchase at a store. On being asked for further identification, Walling produced his own driver's license, and the store clerk reported the conflicting information to the police. A detective in the Crimes Against Persons Division of the Dallas Police Department told D.G.A. Social Justice Director, Campbell Read, that a delay in issuing an arrest warrant against Walling was due to the need for Chester to make a positive identification of Walling from a Department of Public Safety photograph, which took several weeks to be duplicated and made available to the D.P.D. The police detective "couldn't remember" whether he had asked Chester, "Do you read crystal balls?" and "Do you wear women's dresses?" during the investigation.

The case against Walling has been assigned to Criminal District

Court #5. A date has yet to be set for the trial. Walling is out on bail. The Social Justice Committee of D.G.A. is anxious to hear from anybody who knows of other assaults by a very tall individual answering to Walling's description. Such information can be left at the D.G.A. telephone number, 528-4233, or at 821-3277.

AN ACCOUNT

--Wednesday, August 12, Midnight.

Dale P. severely stabbed in the restroom of Throckmorton Mining Company by a Hispanic male in front of a witness. Dale was released from Parkland Hospital on August 15 with 120 stitches, according to Charlie Hott, owner of the bar. The criminal escaped, but police are looking for a man who was with him and who has been seen at the bar on several occasions.

--Wednesday, August 12, Midnight.

A group of men from Tyler, alleged to be college or high school students, entered J.R.'s and one of them threw a barstool into the street through a window. Patrons of J.R.'s caught the offender and his companions and held them until police arrived. Police have confirmed that there is no connection between this incident and the stabbing report.

--Friday, August 14.

Late Friday night or early Saturday morning, a man was stabbed and robbed by a black man and woman in the parking lot behind Throckmorton Mining Company. The victim is reported to have left the bar in the company of the woman.

3RD MONDAY

The Dallas Rape Crisis Center receives several dozen calls a year from male victims of rape. Third Monday will be the site of an important presentation by the DRCC on preventing and dealing with rape at the Unitarian Church, Preston and Normandy, Sept. 21 at 7:30pm.

SEPT. MEETING: PREVENTION

The program for the DGA September 14th monthly meeting will be CRIME PREVENTION. "In view of the increasing number of gay-bashing incidents in the Cedar Springs and Oaklawn areas, it is imperative that members of the community develop a greater awareness of the problem and how to deal with it," said Peter Brooks, Chairperson of DGA's Social Justice Committee. Brooks talked in August with Captain Hawkins of the Dallas Police Department's Community Services Division, which will send a representative to make an educational presentation at the September meeting. DGA's Membership Committee hopes to have whistles on sale at the meeting.

COMMENT

by Campbell Read

Our community feels victimized by those who uphold the laws of the land as well. The part played by some police officers has been well documented in *Dialog*. Improved understanding may slowly heal some of those wounds and hopefully reduce the incidence of police harassment. With the District Attorney no positive progress has been made; it remains to be seen whether the grievances filed by the D.G.A. against Henry Wade and three of his assistants will have any noticeable effect on the victimization of members of our community by prosecutors.

The unethical conduct of Wade and his assistants in seeking to refile charges in another court because Judge Miller had acquitted two co-defendants is a serious matter. When public officials (be they vice officers or prosecutors) lose respect for the ethics and honor of their profession, it is hardly surprising that crime increases in society.

The rise in crime against members of our community by robbers, muggers, rapists and by others driven by hatred, alone, is becoming a matter which needs the serious attention of all of us,

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BYLAW REVIEW

The Legal Advisory Committee of the Alliance will be undertaking a review of the organization's bylaws during the month of September. As is required for all non-profit corporations in Texas, this formal document is the statement of rules and procedures by which the organization's structure and operations are governed.

Members of the Alliance are encouraged to submit ideas on how the organization may be improved by various changes to the by-laws. Recommendations may be submitted, in writing, to the following address: BYLAW REVIEW

Dallas Gay Alliance
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Members are also encouraged to attend and present ideas to the Committee when it conducts its formal Bylaw Review Hearing at 7:30 p.m., September 17, 1981, in the Alliance office.

Proposed amendments will be submitted to the Board of Directors by the Committee in late September. Items receiving a favorable vote of the Board of Directors must be presented to the general membership for approval before becoming effective amendments to the Bylaws.

OAK LAWN FESTIVAL

The first annual Oak Lawn Festival will take place Oct. 24th from 10am until 6pm on the parking lot behind Butler's Pantry Too. This fall festival will provide artists and artisans with a relaxed atmosphere to exhibit and sell their works. There will also be an area for informational and fund-raising booths sponsored by local organizations. Refreshments will be available at a beer and barbeque bust which will raise funds to landscape the new Oak Lawn Branch of the Dallas Public Library. Entertainment will be provided throughout the festival by the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band.

The fall Festival, sponsored by the Dallas Gay Pride Week Association, has been planned to coincide with the Sale Street Fair which always draws thousands of people to the area. Those interested in booth space may obtain additional information and applications at Butler's Pantry Too, 3930 Cedar Springs, 521-0432. Applications must be submitted by Oct. 15th.

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GAY PRIDE '82 WEEK

Planning for Gay Pride Week 1982 will get off to an early start on Sept. 13 when the first Meeting of the Dallas Gay Pride Week Association takes place at 2pm in the DGA office at 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. Anyone interested in attending is welcome; broad community participation is strongly encouraged.

BRAZOS RIVER CANOE TRIP

The second annual Brazos River Canoe Trip will be held Sept. 19-20. Last year's trip attracted 15 people and this year's is expected to attract more.

Saturday morning campers will meet at the DGA office for instructions. Saturday night will be spent around a campfire, and Sunday will be devoted to the leisurely 5-hour canoe trip.

Campers are responsible for their own equipment, food, transportation and expenses. Canoe rental at the campsite is about \$10 per person, with two people per canoe. Canoes will be reserved Wednesday, Sept. 16.

For information, or to reserve a canoe, call 522-5389 or 826-2362.

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and not only of those who are attacked. The Social Justice Committee of the D.G.A. has been instrumental in accelerating or initiating police investigations into some of these incidents, demonstrating that we can be effective participants in combatting crime if we put our minds to it. We urge you to attend the D.G.A. September meeting which will feature a program on crime prevention. We need to become alert and responsive to crime, until word gets around the gay-bashing community that beating up and robbing gays isn't worth it. There is a long way to go before that happens, however.

The D.G.A.'s grievances, however, constitute one of the few serious attempts to make Mr. Wade accountable for his actions. The Alliance is perhaps the only citizens' organization which has had the courage and which has devoted the time to confront the most powerful man in Dallas County. The Alliance has attacked Mr. Wade with substantial documentation of these complaints and has undertaken this task when lawyers have been fearful, however understandably. Already Mr. Wade has been forced to respond in writing, an achievement in itself. It is to be hoped that the Bar Association's Grievance Committee will be resolute in making these officials accountable for their misconduct.

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Health

This series is devoted to sexually-transmitted diseases. The first which I would like to discuss is "Herpes Progenitalis" or the herpes simplex virus.

Herpes is caused by a virus and has two classifications:

- 1) Herpes simplex virus Type I, or HSV I
 - and 2) Herpes simplex virus Type II, or HSV II.
- Both can affect the mouth, lips, eyes, and genital area. Usual time of first symptoms after contact is one week, and the course of healing after reaching the stage of actual lesions can be from 10 to 15 days without scarring.

****Signs and Symptoms of Primary Herpes:** Swollen gums, increased salivation, pain, bad breath, and then the development of a round or oval vesicle or sore. This sore is yellowish and ruptures within a few hours after forming which causes painful erosions covered by a yellow membrane with an inflamed margin. This sore occurs on the tongue, lips, buccal mucosa, pharynx, tonsils, or in the genital area.

****Signs and Symptoms of Secondary Herpes:** A burning sensation, swelling, and soreness at the site of the lesions. These can be recurrent, and a cyclic pattern has been observed with this type. Apparently, it is precipitated by such factors as sunlight, fever, pregnancy, trauma, allergy, menstruation, mental or physical stress, gastrointestinal disturbances and upper respiratory tract infections.

There is yet to be a cure, and if you get secondary herpes, you will always have it. It may reoccur, but is may not. It can enter a dormant phase and lodge in nerve cells lying in the cheek (herpes of the mouth) or outside the spinal canal (herpes of the genital area). No one knows exactly what triggers a reactiva-

tion. The disease can be transmitted to someone else by touching a sore. Treatment usually is for pain, itching, and burning of actual sores, primarily to prevent infection.

Don't let it get you down. Herpes affects some fifty million Americans and is growing. Be sure to keep your general health good, avoid physical trauma, keep clean and dry, and keep emotional stress at a minimum. Don't spread the infection by avoiding direct contact until all sores have healed. Women must have regular pap smears to avoid cervical cancer since there have been some cases documented with this disease.

I know this sounds terrible, but we have to face reality someday. Before you make your own diagnosis, be sure and go see your doctor to rule out other possibilities, such as syphilis, impetigo, herpes zoster, burns, psoriasis, aczema, seborrhea, and drug or food allergies.

So go see the ole Doc and ask him some questions; that's what they're there for . . . but they don't have all the answers . . . 'til then . . . justin.

HERPES ATTACKS!

Feminist Perspective

by Joann Grove



I am a single working parent, a taxpayer, and a lesbian. For obvious reasons, I must often remain in the closet. I go in and out so many times a day that I am seriously considering installing a revolving door. Lesbian mothers face problems that are unique and sometimes insurmountable. We face pressure from every side of our lives.

The greatest pressure is in our own homes. My children do not consider me a sexual person. I'm simply "mother". Picturing your mother in the throws of physical passion is hard enough, but picturing your mother in the arms of another woman is teetering on the brink of insanity. Children raised in a homosexual environment can more readily accept that way of life. Because of my age when I came out, and the ages of my children, I decided not to tell them I am a lesbian. I agonized hours over this decision and still wonder if I made the right one.

We also face pressure and prejudice from other lesbians. Bitterness towards men has not driven us to women for love - we prefer women. Having children makes our relationships more difficult. Some lesbians think mothers should not be lesbians. They think we should deny our homosexuality and stay home with our children. The lesbians who can accept our motherhood fear the traumas the children face if the truth is discovered. We are reluctant to talk about our children; we become "closet mothers".

We do not plead for understanding or pity. We are strong women. Just admitting to ourselves we are lesbians takes great strength. All we ask is acceptance. We not only ask - we demand.

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SEPTEMBER

- Sat 5 "A Life". A profile of the great Russian dancer Vaslav Nijinsky, whose phenomenal technique earned him the title of the "eighth wonder of the world". Will this documentary discuss Nijinsky's affair with Diaghilev? Channel 13. 7 p.m.
- Sun 6 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill. 926-7000.
 United Community Church of Dallas. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
 Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. Services at 9 a.m. (1 hr), 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
 The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Sunday at Cole Park Tennis Courts. Noon till 4 p.m. 750-8041.
 The Oak Lawn Volleyball Teams play every Sunday at 2 p.m. Turtle Creek spillway. 528-4913.
 "Conquerors Through Christ", a series by Reverend Lisa Berry. Dallas MCC, 2701 Reagan. 7:15 p.m. 526-6221.
- Mon 7 GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at UMC, Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 382-1661.
- Tue 8 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Landing, 2617 N. Pearl. 351-5509.
 The Turtle Creek Chorale rehearses every Tuesday evening. 821-3086.
 Dignity/Dallas-Outreach celebrates Holy Eucharist every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. University of Dallas Chapel (off Northgate Dr. near Tom Braniff). For information call 233-3100.
 MEMBERSHIP Department meeting. 7:30 p.m. 3827 Gilbert. 528-8945.
- Wed 9 The Oak Lawn Volleyball teams play every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Reverchon Recreation Center. 528-4913.
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 The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Wednesday at Cole Park Tennis Courts. 7:30 till 9 p.m. 750-8041.
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 EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. Call 528-4233 for information.
- Thr 10 Sign Language Classes for beginners. Every Thursday at 6:45 p.m. Dallas MCC. 526-6221.
 Single Support Group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. United Community Church Social Hall. 827-5088.
 DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 7 p.m. 750-8041.
 "Attack on the Family" In a hard-hitting incisive 60 minute documentary, James Robison exposes the forces that are dramatically altering the lifestyles of the American family. Channel 39. 7 p.m.
 DALLAS ALTERNATIVE meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan.
- Fri 11 Cliff Dwellers Social Club meets every Friday, 6 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.
 "A Celebration of Hope" Dramatic musical presented by the excellent MCC Choir. 7:15 p.m. 526-6221.
- Sun 13 Pro-Choice Blood Drive. Routh Street Clinic. Call 748-8612 or 742-8188 for appointment.
- Affirmation (Gay United Methodist) meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3 p.m. UCC Social Hall, 4402 Roseland P.O. Box 64427; Dallas, TX 75205.
 Gay/Lesbian Liberal Religious Group meets the 2nd Sunday of every month in Channing Hall, First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy (at Preston). 7:30 p.m.
- Mon 14 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting. Program: "Prevention of Violence Against Gays". A representative of the Dallas Police Department's Community Services Division will make an educational presentation. Also a "Party on the Green" featuring the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band at 7 p.m. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.
- Tue 15 DGA OFFICE MANAGEMENT Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- Wed 16 The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas. 821-1900.
- Thr 17 DEPARTMENT for LESBIAN ISSUES meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
 "Human Life Amendment" Phyllis Schlafley vs Karen DeCrow (Past President of National NOW). SMU Student Center Ballroom. 8 p.m.
- Fri 18 DIALOG deadline. Send comments, letters and articles to DIALOG, P.O.Box 35011; Dallas, TX 75235
- Sat 19 Dallas Invitational Volleyball Tournament begins at 8 a.m. at Reverchon Recreation Center. Teams from all over Texas will play. Public invited. Small donation requested. 528-4913.
 DGA Canoe and Camping Trip on the Brazos River. Meet at the DGA office at noon. Everyone welcome. 826-2362.
- Sun 20 The MCC Choir and Orchestra will perform original works by Jane Marshall, composer and director. All three services.
 GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS (GAU/NT) meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. 351-6692.
 GAYLINE (CRC) meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 2505 N. Wycliff. 748-6790.

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 THIRD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST; AND THE ALL COMMUNITY MEETING, SEPTEMBER 22ND!

- Mon 21 **THIRD MONDAY.** The Dallas Rape Crisis Center, which reportedly receives several dozen calls annually from male victims present the 2nd part of the DGA's "Prevention of Violence Against Gays" program. 7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy. \$1 donation requested. Refreshments served. 521-5395.
GLAD meeting in Denton. 7:30 p.m. "A Potpourri of Songs, Dance, Slides, Camp and Chatter with Phil Johnson." UMC, Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 382-1661.
- Tue 22 **ALL COMMUNITY MEETING** to discuss solution for violence against Gays and Lesbians. Everyone invited. 7:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church. 2701 Reagan.
- Wed 23 **POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE** meeting at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
FINANCIAL RESOURCES Department meeting. 8 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233
- Fri 25 **Spiritual Renewal** with Reverend Elder Freda Smith at the Dallas MCC. 7:15 p.m. (Again at 7:15 Saturday and at all three services Sunday.) 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
- Fri 26 **DIALOG Production day.** 11 a.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
DGA Bicycle Club will tour scenic Tennyson Park and historic Swiss Avenue. Meet at the Lakewood Library at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome. 826-2362.
- Mon 28 **DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE** Open Board meeting. Everyone invited. Input needed. DGA office. 7:30 p.m.

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- Thur 1 **MAIL COMMITTEE** meeting. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Bring an appetite and a swim suit. 821-1653.
DEPARTMENT for LESBIAN ISSUES meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- Sun 4 The Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month. 7:30 p.m. Hidden Door. 5025 Bowser.
- Tue 6 **TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE** meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in Ft. Worth. 8 p.m. 926-7000.
- Wed 7 **Pot Luck Supper** at the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church. 2701 Reagan. 6:30 p.m. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church in Ft. Worth. 7:30 p.m. 926-7000.
- Sat 10 **Teresa Trull and Julie Homi** in concert. 8 p.m. Metropolitan Community Church. \$8.50 advance - \$10 at door. 948-7326.
- Mon 12 **DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE** meeting. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

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BIOGRAPHY:

Robert Patrick from Texas to Broadway

This column will present, hopefully monthly, portraits of both famous and not so very famous gay women and men, both living and dead. Some articles will deal with the gay aspects of a famous closeted person (such as last month's article re. Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok). Others will investigate the achievements and careers of openly gay people (as in the present article on Robert Patrick). If you have any ideas of people you would like to see profiled, please send them to me care of *Dialog*.

Dave Lewis



Outside the world of Off-Off-Broadway and experimental theatre, people know Robert Patrick, if they have heard of him at all, only as the author of a moderately successful Broadway play *Kennedy's Children*. He is, in fact, a very prolific playwright and journalist. When Christopher Street decided to publish a "Gay Theatre Issue" in June 1978, they asked Robert Patrick to write the lead article.

When asked to cite the major influences on his work, Patrick responds with a list that includes George Bernard Shaw, Jean Kerr, Herman Wouk, Johnny Mack Brown, June Allyson, Maggie Dominic, Joe Cino, the Justice Society of America, W.H. Auden, and Ayn Rand. But more than people, events and experiences have influenced Patrick's outlook and work.

Robert Patrick was born on Sept. 27, 1937 in Kilgore, Texas, a town of under 10,000 near Tyler. In his own words, he grew up in the backseat of a Chevrolet, as his family traveled through Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, and California while his father looked for work as a laborer. Even after the Depression, they continued to migrate throughout the forties and fifties following work in the oil fields. The main cultural influence on Patrick's childhood was the perva-

sive pop-media culture of radio, records, magazines, and films.

He would amuse himself and his sisters by creating theatrical presentations based on films and fantasy with a cast of neighborhood children. As he grew into adolescence, he found himself in conflict with the conventions of the small Baptist towns in which he lived.

He occupied himself with odd jobs which produced spending money. These included a candy hawker at rodeos, dishwasher, autopsy typist, and manager of a miniature golf course. He next went through a period of education (Eastern New Mexico University), military service (Air Force), and adjustment (Nevada State Mental Hospital at Las Vegas), managing to get himself kicked out of all three institutions.

At this point, it was time for Patrick to abandon the Southwest for the Big Apple. In his first half hour in New York City, he accidentally wandered into the Caffé Cino and stayed for seven years. In 1961, when Patrick arrived, Caffé Cino was three years old. The small coffee-house on Cornelia Street in Greenwich Village was the first Off-Off-Broadway theatre. Joe Cino had started it as a place for exhibiting art and photography, for poetry readings and singing. But, with the arrival of Lanford Wilson, it became a home for experimental theatre and a place where gay theatre could grow into something more than drag shows. No admission was charged, and it had no grants or affiliations. After each performance, the audience showed its appreciation for the show by contributions. These donations were divided among the cast and crew. The Caffé Cino was the only Off-Off-Broadway organization which was ever self-supporting.

When Patrick first arrived at the Caffé Cino, he performed odd jobs, such as serving as doorman or sweeping the stage for Tom O'Horgan. He painted a sign and hung it over the entrance; it read, "Io son l'umile ancella," a quote from Adrianna Lecouvreur which means "I am the humble handmaiden of the arts." When a show was not ready to go on, he entertained the audience with impromptu performances of classic comic books.

In 1964, the Caffé Cino presented an overwhelmingly successful production of Patrick's first play

The Haunted Host. *The Haunted Host* and, later, *Camera Obscura* went on to Off-Broadway productions and then to numerous productions all over the world.

Over the next nine years, he continued to write plays which were produced by many Off-Off-Broadway organizations. In 1970, he wrote a play called *A Bad Place to Get Your Head*, which he later expanded and re-worked into *Kennedy's Children*, which opened on May 30, 1973 at the Clark Center for the Performing Arts. In October 1974, it was produced at the King's Head Inn in London. The London production led to the Glasgow Citizen's World Playwriting Award and, on November 3, 1975, a production at the Golden Theatre on Broadway. *Playbill* in the Golden Theatre production called Robert Patrick the "most produced playwright in New York." At that point in his career, there had been over 125 productions of his plays in various Off-Off-Broadway and Off-Broadway theatres.

In 1973 Patrick left New York, disillusioned with the commercialization and stagnation of Off-Off-Broadway since Joe Cino's suicide in 1967 and the subsequent closing of the Caffé Cino a year later. He traveled around the country to see productions of his works, co-founded La Mama Hollywood, and served as playwright-in-residence at the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts at Washington State University and at the Association of Kansas Theatres' State Conference.

The best way to get to know Robert Patrick is to read his works. The following partial bibliography should get you started.

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Gingersnaps

by Steven Benchley

Every month this column will take note of some things, though not in all likelihood every-thing, in or over or through "the media" that might interest Dialo-

g readers. That means movies, theatre, print, TV -- name it -- and if you have news of something to be mentioned, leave a message for Steve Benchley at 528-4233 and I'll get back to you. The title? Well, I personally don't care for "gay" used as a synonym for "homosexual"; like Christopher Isherwood, I'd sooner be called "fag" -- but certainly can understand why everyone might not feel the same. The British in the 20's -- and probably before and after -- used "ginger" and I like that: it implies spice and sass, is unambiguous in context (unlike "gay" -- whose ambiguity, of course, was probably its original appeal), and its use would offend no one except possibly Miss Rogers, who has more im-

portant things to think about. I hope you won't bypass Hill Street Blues (NBC-TV) because it happens to contain the last-est celebration of heterosexual love and fooling around yet seen in a TV series. The show is like Nashville in its multiplicity of characters (and the effort -- more than worthwhile -- initially re-quired to sort them out), and another Robert Altman film, M*A*S*H, in its equation of outrageousness with survival under pressure. (And like both funny, Daniel J. Travanti is movies, H.S.B. is very rich, very funny.) Daniel J. Travanti is masculinity through all avoidance of macho; my favorite character is Nick Belter, superbly played by Bruce Weitz -- a witty Serpico-type who regularly hauls in thugs twice his size, working mostly through sheer ferocity ("Awright, Dogbreath -- wanna sidown, or would you prefer internal bleeding?"), but is capable of assuring his 79-year-old mother that, of course, she should take a bathing suit to Miami Beach, she's got a great shape on huh. (He treated one twinkie-type with notable tenderness: the kid thought he was Dracula, or at least a near relation. When he went bananas, Belter subdued him by making the sign of the cross.)

If you regard cops with neither idolatry (small chance, unless you live in Highland Park) nor hatred, catch this show. For hard-core masochists, James Robison airs -- and, by all accounts, nothing is in more need of a good airing -- his "pro-family" Attack on the Family on Channel 39, Sept. 10. There are any number of reasons for watching this one: for graphic depictions of mutilation and death ("violence in a good cause" -- J. Robison); for the spectacle of Karen (the third -- or second or fourth, whatever, -- Mrs. Gullien) Davis defending the sanctity of the Home; for an incentive to write every congressman within an eight state radius to oppose the Family Protection Act.

I hope you were lucky enough to see the first act of Theatre Three's Rise and Shine, with its blissy mélange of Irving Berlin songs; the second act, supposedly set during World War II, con-cluded in a welter of flag-waving both vocal and literal, over which shimmered the images not of Franklin and Eleanor but of Ron and Nancy and all that hair, all those teeth. No one could ask for a more winsome score, but we can all expect better curtains from Theatre Three this season. (Those of you who liked Ordinary People might take a look at Stage #1's season opener at the Greenville Avenue Theatre. Details without a Map is about the family of a 14-year-old who ... Well, take a look.)

The new Granada posters are out, promoting such little nifties, and big ones, as Rosie the Riveter (in its Dallas debut), Tommy, The Red Shoes, Kagemusha, Shampoo, Beyond the Ringle, The Stunt Man, Cage aux Folles II (with Some Like It Hot), Flesh, San Francisco, A Doll's House with Jane Fonda, Brando's film debut in The Men, and (not, unfortunately, on a double bill) The Women, in which Rosalind Russell bites Paulette Goddard on the leg. Great bite; great leg; great show.

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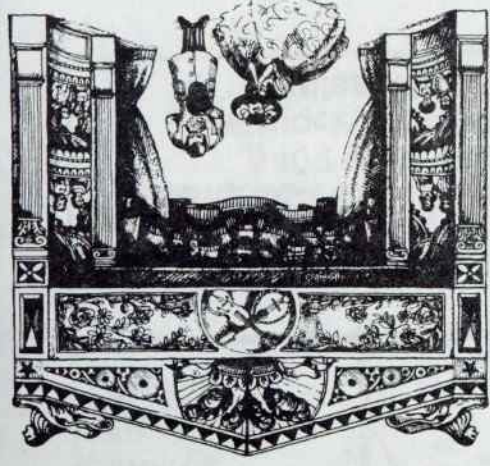
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BAKER V. WADE DECISION DUE

by THE EDITOR

I have anxiously looked forward to receiving my evening newspaper for the past week because I know that Judge Buchmeyer will have reached a decision in Baker v. Wade any day now. Although I am confident that the decision will be in our favor, the thought of a judicial decision does make my palms sweat. I realize that appeals will occur, no matter what decision is reached by the federal court in Dallas, but celebration should be anticipated by us all.

Post-trial briefs have been filed by both sides in the case; these are legal summaries which review evidence presented at trial and which respond to questions posed by the judge. Baker's brief noted the controversy which flared after Mayor Evans spoke before the July meeting of the Alliance. The DMN's classification of us as "criminals" only fed the fire breathed by Baker's filing of this action for a declaratory judgment that 21.06 is unconstitutional.

In its brief, the City of Dallas asked that Baker's request for relief be denied on the basis that the federal court lacked jurisdiction to hear the case because of what it contended were a lack of proof of enforcement of Penal Code Section 21.06 and the fact that 21.06 is rationally related to proper state activity.

Arguing that "there is no evidence that any person was ever prosecuted anywhere in Texas for consensual

adult homosexual conduct in a private residence" and that the only known enforcement of 21.06 was in a public area where a person had an arguable expectation of not being observed, the City of Dallas asserted that Baker suffered no "real, genuine or credible threat of enforcement" of 21.06 and thus lacks standing to challenge the law. In addition, the brief argued that 21.06 has a "positive effect upon the ability of children to form a 'positive gender identification' and to reinforce societal norms of acceptable sexual behavior. The brief did not attribute that statement to its source, Dr. James Grigson, who was recently censured by the American Psychiatric Association for his courtroom testimony. Dr. Grigson is also known as "Dr. Death" due to his frequent appearances for the State in capital cases wherein he invariably recommends that the defendant be executed.

The focus of Dallas County's post-trial brief was summarized by the statement that "the plaintiff seeks in federal court what his political group failed to achieve through the state political process: decriminalization of Section 21.06 . . . the plaintiff's testimony . . . demonstrates the overwhelming political nature of this litigation." According to the brief, the legislature is the proper forum for determining whether such a law is needed.

The County of Dallas urged to court to abstain from entering a judgment for Baker as "there can be no doubt that such state sodomy and homosexual laws are constitutional." Further, it argues that private consensual sexual activity does not fall within the constitutionally protected zone of privacy. "To recognize, as a matter of law, that the individual may conduct himself/herself in a manner which has been consistently condemned by every civilized country as a matter of constitutionally protected conduct is simply seeking too much . . ."

The County also cited Grigson as an authority for the proposition that voiding 21.06 "would result in a conflict with the normal biological drive and damage to normal growth."

Don Baker took issue with the claim that homosexuality is universally condemned. "That statement flies in the face of firm historical evidence, as well as the fact that many nations do not now and never have had laws against homosexuality."

M. Robert Schwab, president of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, responded to other points presented by the defendants. "The challenge to federal jurisdiction due to standing and the abstention doctrine have obviously been raised by the defendants in their prior motion for summary judgment. These objections were overruled by the Court and we are confident that they will be overruled again. If federal courts were required to await action by state legislatures guaranteeing civil rights, segregation would remain the law of the land. Both briefs totally ignore the testimony of Dr. Judd Marmor, past president of the American Psychiatric Association, who stated at the trial that 21.06 had no rational purpose at all, and served solely to harass people for their sexual orientation, a thing over which they have no control. I am confident that anyone attending the trial and hearing the testimony of Marmor and Grigson would give little credence to the latter who stated that he could not cite a single authority or article published in the last five years which supported his views on homosexuality."

Schwab also appealed to the community for financial support for this case. Costs have greatly exceeded that initially expected. Tax deductible contributions should be mailed to THRF, 3128 Lemmon Ave. East, Suite 304, Dallas, Texas 75204.

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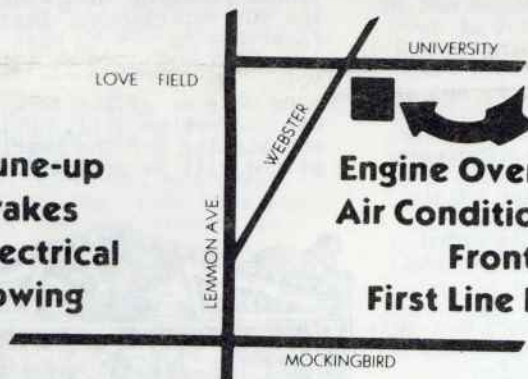
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GAY PRIDE WEEK PLANS BEGIN

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OCTOBER MEETING:

Dallas Gay Pride Week sponsors recently began planning next June's week of events. Now slated are a daytime parade down Cedar Springs to a Lee Park rally, an Arts and Crafts Fair, the annual Razzle-Dazzle party, a street carnival, entertainment by a big-name show business figure, as well as many events sponsored by other Dallas-Fort Worth area gay groups.

Planning for the annual event is already underway, with Ann Brown and Carl Mallies serving as co-chairs. Cobb Keller is treasurer, and Bruce Guess is secretary. Others chairing committees are Phil Johnson, history; Doug Hall, program; Bobby Doepfner, sales; Bill Nelson, media; Terry Tebedo, entertainment; and Bill Codd, patron drive.

Event sponsors have announced the creation of a separate, permanent organization to coordinate the yearly festivities. The Dallas Gay Pride Week Association has a current address at Box 190412, Dallas 75219. The information number is 521-0432.

This new organization will kick off its plans with an Oak Lawn Fall Festival, slated for October 25-26. The festival benefits the landscape fund of the Oak Lawn Library and features a street fair and a barbeque as fund-raising events.

"The fall festival falls on the same weekend as the Sale Street Fair," explained co-chair Ann Brown, "and we're hoping for a big turnout." Participants should contact Carl Mallies at Butler's Pantry Too by October 15 to apply for a booth.

Next year's GPW plans are now slated for the third week in June, 1982, commemorating the anniversary of the Stonewall riots over a decade ago. The riots, a protest against police harassment of New York gays, helped spark the gay pride movement.

Committee members encourage interested volunteers to attend their planning meetings, which are scheduled each Sunday at 2 pm at the Alliance offices.

Brown further explained that the committee's current efforts include encouraging businesses and individuals to contribute. "This year we had enough money for GPW, and that's a rarity among gay groups. We spent over \$3500 this year and need to raise at least that much for next year."

"We really need people who are willing to become patrons--who will contribute \$25, \$50, or \$100. We're all concerned to let people know that we're proud about what we've become and what we're doing here in Dallas. You don't have to be 'out' to be supportive."

Other plans for June include a printed program which will recount a gay history of Dallas as well as a listing of businesses supportive of the gay community. The program is designed to help both gay newcomers to Dallas and local residents interested in their gay roots.

The Gay Pride Week theme for 1982 will be chosen through a contest scheduled for late October and early November. Advertisements will be placed in local bars and businesses and in local gay publications. The winning theme will be announced January 1, 1982.

MASQUERADE?

La Nuit Chaude, Dallas' annual masquerade ball, will occur on Saturday, November 7 at 5400 Lemmon Ave. "The fund-raising benefit attracted a festively costumed crowd of nearly one thousand last year, and we are anticipating at least 1,500 this year," said Jay Stankewicz, chairperson of the ball's organizing committee.

Feature highlights of the extravaganza include a costume contest, free buffet and soft drinks until 2 am, and disco dancing. An entry fee of \$10 provides the contestant with a chance to win the Grand prize, a round-trip ticket to Mardi Gras and lodging at the Fairmont, or one of two cash prizes.

Advance tickets for \$5 are currently on sale in various locations throughout the community. Reserved seating is also available at \$100 for a table of eight and \$50 for seating for four, or \$25 for seating for two. The price of reserved seating includes admission to the ball for that number. Those interested in reserved seating should contact the committee at:

La Nuit Chaude
P.O. Box 140213
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The Alliance is forming a Speakers Bureau as an outreach to the non-gay community. A presentation on the Bureau will be made at the October 12 general meeting of the Alliance. If you have an interest in speaking on gay-related issues, be sure to not miss the October meeting. For further information, please call or write the DGA office.

TEA- RAISERS

Out of the closet gays have more fun than anyone! Beginning October 4 and continuing for nine consecutive Sundays, there will be a DGA Benefit Dance at the Alcatraz. A free buffet will be provided. Best of all, there will be no dress code regulations. Everyone is welcome.

\$3 at the door will admit you to the festivities which begins at 3 p.m. and lasts the afternoon.

Mark your calendars for every Sunday in October and November.

Auntie Mame reminds us that, "Life is a banquet, but most sons-of-bitches are starving to death." Not us!

WOMEN'S SURVEY

The Department for Lesbian Issues of the Dallas Gay Alliance has compiled a survey to assess the needs of women within the gay community of Dallas. We need and want your input. If you would like to complete a survey, contact us (the Department for Lesbian Issues) at (214)-528-4233 or at P.O. Box 35011, Dallas, Texas 75235-0011. We will mail you a survey to be completed and returned in the envelope enclosed. The individual information obtained is confidential and no name is required. Let us know how you feel and what your needs are!

PAGEANT REACTION:

It can happen here

by Phil Johnson

Protesters express hatred

Dialog's roving reporter, Fred Longmore, interviewed the protesters outside the Convention Center Saturday evening, September 26th and filed the following report:

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to the Moral Majority and the Ku Klux Klan with mini-robos and buttons on their masks for a superb pre-game show at the Miss Gay America Pageant. The protesters, the audience of national gays, the limos, and the photo-journalists made a great non-violent warmup for a so-so show.

The last joint rally between these right ring groups was on U.N. Day in October 1963 when Ambassador Adair Stevenson was in town, and he warned JFK to not come to Dallas that November 22!!!

I only hope that our City of Dallas and Chamber of Commerce realize what this statement will mean to our convention and tourist trade: "We want heterosexual business only!" The best performance at the protest rally had to be the little old lady in Earth Shoes carrying a copy of TWT and handing our Bible tracts. She layed one on Rev. Don Eastman.

To the Klan for Best Hate Sign, Amateur Style: "What is So Gay About Being Queer?," "Gays Want to Teach Our Children to be Queer!," "Homosexuality is a Cureable Disease, ONE BULLET IN THE HEAD WILL DO IT!"

I remarked that most of the people attending the pageant appeared to be the smart, curious Greenville Avenue type, straight, etc. The response should have been anticipated: "Yea, well if they're here, they're sympathizers. Death to them, too!"

Welcome to Dallas, Miss Gay America and Company!

In his review of "The Trials of Oscar Wilde", TWT writer Harold Hoya points out the naivete of Oscar Wilde thinking his art would protect him from homophobic persecution. "He learned too late that as far as society goes, a queer is a queer is a queer..." Mr. Hoya concludes by saying, "Don't ever think it 'can't happen here.' Anti-gay laws are being proposed in legislatures across the country. For all their education and economic status, many gays share Wilde's naivete."

Exactly! At its peak, there were 130,000 members of various gay organizations in Europe. Then on May 6, 1933 it all came to an end.

Using the pretense that the gay movement was a breeding ground for filth, (does that sound familiar?) Hitler's troupes raided the gay headquarters and library in Berlin and fed thousands of records, literary and scientific treasures to the flames. Shouting "moral purity", Nazi terror against homosexuals began. Thousands of our people were forced to wear the pink triangle and

sent to concentration camps where most of them perished. The Lutheran Church of Austria estimates more than 200,000 were put to death, but an exact count is impossible, because our people were routinely shot without trial and because concentration camp records were destroyed when Germany's defeat became apparent.

So complete was the destruction of the early gay movement and its records that our history has been almost obliterated. Yet Germany was the land of great music, dance, literature and education. It was also a land of devoutly religious people.

I mention this because of the good Christians who protested the recent Miss Gay America Pageant in Dallas. Besides singing, shouting simplistic slogans and quoting the Bible, they carried signs: "Texas, where men are men and homosexuals are queers"; "Decorate a tree for Christmas. Hang a queer"; and "Medicare for gays. Free castration"

To naive gays who insist it can't happen here I ask, "Why not?"

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Health

This month we will focus on one specific area of the body--"the genital area"--and talk about another incurable (at this point) sexually-transmitted disease. "Condylomata acuminata" or venereal warts--this, too, is caused by a virus that gets into the mucous membranes and forms a cauliflower-like appearance and will grow quite large if not treated. Usual time of contact until the first symptoms or growth can be up to two months.

The place of occurrence can be the penis, anus, or vaginal area. This virus is contagious and can spread enough to block the vaginal or anal opening.

Diagnosis--Usually by appearance with a biopsy on occasions where other skin growths need to be ruled out. Syphilis can cause warty growths, so it is important to have a blood test also. Symptoms can be itching, irritation, and pain. Some mistake the wart for a thrombosed hemorrhoid.

Treatment--If treated early a liquid called podophyllin is used which gradually "melts" them away. Freezing is also effective and seems to be a less agonizing and painful way to treat them with nitrous oxide. Some doctors, however, still burn them off, and this is the most painful treatment. Surgical removal is necessary if there are too many of them in large clusters or if the warts still are not under control after six weeks of treatment.

Treatment after diagnosis is usually required every one to two weeks, depending on the severity, and it can last as long as a year.

After the warts are all gone, follow-up checks every three to six months (depending on the amount of sexual activity) is important to make sure they

OH, NO! WARTS!

stay under control or gone. The virus can enter a dormant stage, and sexual contact with anyone should be avoided to prevent infection and spread of the virus.

Make sure your physician looks inside the anus or vagina to be certain there are no internal warts as well. Gosh! Imagine herpes and warts at the same time! Oops, sorry. Don't imagine . . . til next time . . . JUSTIN

BAKER V. WADE DECISION DUE WHEN?

by The Editor

The clerk assigned to *Baker v. Wade* by Judge Jerry Buchmeyer says that the decision was to be released in late September, but it will be mid-October before a decision will be announced. The opinion will then follow shortly. So this means more waiting for all of us, but think positive and don't lose hope.

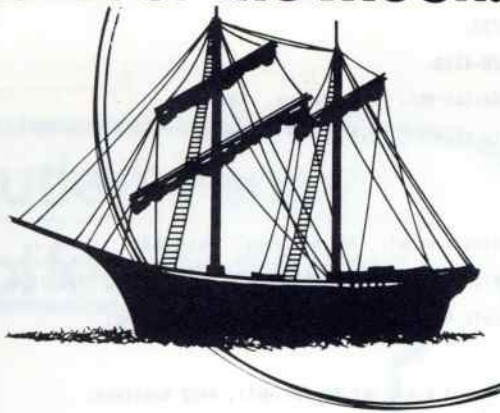
M. Robert Schwab, President of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, sponsor of Baker's challenge to Section 21.06, states that, "Our position is that P.C. Sec. 21.06 fails to promote any interest which serves the greater good of society. It invidiously discriminates against a class of individuals solely because they are unpopular in the minds of some, including the legislature of Texas. Simply put, unpopularity of a group is insufficient reason to criminalize its behavior. This law serves no useful purpose whatsoever."

The plaintiff's post-trial brief cites trial evidence that Don Baker genuinely fears for being arrested and for loss of the opportunity to teach school. Baker has suffered tremendous anxiety partially as a result of the criminalization of homosexual conduct which has led him at one point to contemplate suicide. The brief states that if the right to privacy has any meaning, it must be in the context of private consensual sexual conduct.

Baker's brief quotes Supreme Court Justice Stevens for the proposition that "since illegitimates are a 'traditionally disfavored class,' the Court 'should be especially vigilant in examining' illegitimacy classification." It is asserted that this applies with equal force to legislative attitudes toward homosexuals. "Sec. 21.06 is founded upon a dislike of a particular group of persons--homosexuals. Mere dislike of a segment of society has never been recognized as a sufficient basis for denying that group equal protection of the laws."

In support for its claim that the statute reflects the legislature's irrational bias, the brief cites the legislative history of 21.06. Rep. Craig Washington attempted to speak in favor of eliminating Sec. 21.06 from the proposed bill. Cat calls, sexist jokes, and general laughter interrupted his presentation. Said Washington, "You can persecute people . . . because you don't understand them, you can laugh about it but that doesn't make it right . . . This section only relates to private consensual conduct between adult persons and I say that you don't have the right to regulate that--I know you're going to . . . because it is politically wise to do so. But that doesn't make it right. You can stand up and demagogue there 'til hell freezes over . . . you can verbally abuse me . . . I know that you're going to vote it down but I think you're doing something that's morally wrong." P.C. Sec. 21.06 was then adopted by a vote of 112 to 16.

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The Oak Lawn Tennis Association is taking advantage of the beautiful weather Dallas offers this time of year. These talented members hope you will join them in actively staying healthy this summer while improving your tennis game.

Photos by Sam Yee

Feminist Perspective

DEPT. FOR LESBIAN ISSUES SETS GOALS

by D.A. Williams

Despite past events in which the Department for Lesbian Issues received instant recognition for some of the wrong reasons, I and other members of the Department, in looking forward to new ideas and situations and in an effort to educate ourselves and the membership, have proposed seven long-term goals which we hope to accomplish.

First, we intend to MONITOR LANGUAGE in Alliance publications with

the purpose of excluding any language found to be discriminatory, stereotypic or that which promotes division between the sexes be it exclusive of men or women. We plan to present our findings not only to the Board of Directors of the DGA but to the general membership as well when the need arises and we will keep the membership informed as to any offending documents. Our second goal is one with many far-reaching implications as we strive to EDUCATE EACH OTHER as to the political

and social significance of lesbianism. We want to depict the growth process through which women go as they evolve from being politically and socially more naive to the time when they become politically and socially active in spreading knowledge about their lesbianism. Incorporating the ideas and philosophies of nationally known woman-identified women we hope will allow us to depict this process in a fun but educative way through songs, pictures, articles, etc.

A third goal of the department is to PROVIDE CONTINUING CONTRIBUTIONS TO DIALOG for the "Feminist Perspective" column, informing people as to issues, concerns, ideas, and opinions from the perspective of people involved in defining those issues and ideas. To accomplish this, we propose to PROVIDE A NEEDS-ASSESSMENT of the lesbian community in Dallas to determine why more women are not involved in our movement and thus to help meet their needs.

One prominent need of the women's community in Dallas is access to information regarding health care for lesbians. To help meet this need, the COMPILATION AND PUBLICATION OF A HEALTH BROCHURE for women has begun. In this brochure we will discuss sexually-transmitted diseases, alcoholism, and other health care concerns of importance to lesbians. Dissemination of such information is important to the well-being of our entire community. Another area in which information is vitally needed is in regard to Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code and the potential role of

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THE BOARD MOVES...

D. Williams was nominated and approved by the membership to fill the Board vacancy created by Debbie Shaffer's resignation.

A lifetime membership category of \$1,000. was added to the bylaws.

The new logo design presented by J. A. Coker was accepted by the membership, but the current logo is maintained for use by the Political Action Committee.

\$2,000. will be allocated to pay the expenses of the plaintiff in the Sec. 21.06 lawsuit, Baker v. Wade, by processing these funds through THRF. \$400. of this amount was immediately given to the plaintiff to cover some past expenses.

The monthly rent of \$325. for DGA offices was paid.

The DGA's monthly phone bill of \$411.51 was paid.

The DGA will reimburse all non-Board members immediately for their incurred expenses, which total \$78.07.

\$17. will be paid for temporary stationery, and \$14.55 will be paid to Kwik Kopy.

\$35. in rent for the Third Monday program will be paid. No letters announcing the name change of the DGPC will be sent apart from the brochure.

A letter will be sent to Channel 8 explaining the reasons for DGA's nonattendance at its "Meeting Hall" program which will discuss gay rights.

In the June dialog, no letters from candidates in the June elections will be printed, but short autobiographies submitted by these candidates will be printed.

DGA will continue its ad in Womansight.

The monthly pledge fundraising project will be funded at \$492., which covers a letter mail-out.

The auction to be held on May 24 to benefit the DGA and the walkathon to be held on May 31 were approved.

The charter bus package to Waxahachie for the Renaissance Fair was approved.

Dick Peoples will be asked to write a response to TWT concerning the Sec. 21.06 issue as it relates to women.

Funds are allocated to purchase a plaque for DGA to be placed at the Blue Atlas Cedar in the Oak Lawn Branch Library. The plaque which was not acceptable to the Board will be used as a paperweight in the DGA office.

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women as victims with respect to this law. For this reason, we plan to offer assistance to DGA's Public Relations Department in INFORMING WOMEN as to the potential dangers they face with regard to 21.06.

Finally and perhaps most importantly, the Department for Lesbian Issues hopes to PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE ENVIRONMENT both for gay women and men and for lesbians in which we may all grow in a social and political arena. We as members of the department feel good about these goals and although they may not entirely fill the role imagined by DGA members for us, they are goals we feel as if we can and will accomplish with the cooperation of the Board of Directors of the Alliance, the aid and input from other departments, and most of all, with encouragement, support, and cooperation from YOU the members of the lesbian and gay community of Dallas. We urge you to join us in making lesbianism acceptable and in growing together as we accomplish these goals.

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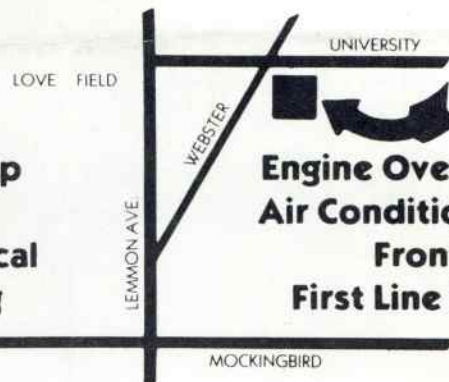
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5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

DGA/DGPC RETROSPECTIVE

An historic event will spotlight the May Alliance meeting as celebration replaces business.

The Alliance/DGPC will celebrate its fifth anniversary as Dallas' foremost gay rights organization. The May 11 meeting will be entirely devoted to a retrospective of the DGPC efforts, triumphs, and hardships.

Helping in Alliance celebration will be the Turtle Creek Chorale, the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, and leaders from political, social, business, and religious areas.

Attendance is expected to be large, and early arrival will insure good seating.

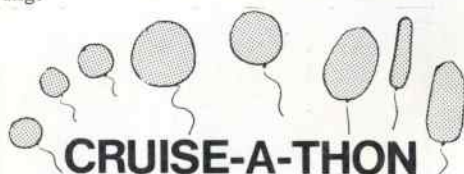
PICNIC IN LEE PARK

The Dallas Gay Alliance is hosting "Celebration '81", an old fashioned picnic, to honor its fifth anniversary. Entertainment, games, speakers, and beer have been planned for the event, Saturday, May 16 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Lee Park. The Turtle Creek Chorale, Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, More Joy, and Julie Gamin have been slated for the anniversary entertainment. Tickets for all the beer you can drink are \$1 and can be purchased at Under Arrest, Off the Street, and Butler's Pantry Too. Bring a picnic lunch and join in the spirit of "Celebration '81", the Alliance's fifth anniversary of gay rights and gay community involvement.

SOCIAL CONCERNS DEPT. HELPS OAK LAWN LIBRARY

Members of the Board and of the Social Concerns Department recently cleaned and mowed grass at the Oak Lawn Branch Library when city services failed to appear. The Alliance was requested to help maintain the grounds by a library official since city help could not be found. Sources said the library budget could not handle upkeep of the grounds this fiscal year.

Alliance members accepted the request for help. KDFW-TV cameras were present and aired the story of the library's plight during an evening newscast on Channel 4. Alliance officials also contacted City Council representatives Medrano and Haggar.



CRUISE-A-THON

The Alliance is sponsoring its first annual CRUISE-A-THON, Sunday, May 31 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The CRUISE-A-THON greatly resembles a walk-a-thon as volunteers solicit sponsors who pledge a certain amount of money (for example, \$1.00) for each kilometer walked.

The course is just over five kilometers (3.3 miles). The CRUISE-A-THON will begin at Rush Company at Fitzhugh and Cole, travel down Cole, through Bowen/Cedar Springs, up Douglas, and along Wycliff/Fitzhugh.

The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band is considering a send-off performance.

Cruise monitors and check-point volunteers are needed. Sponsor sign-up forms and further information will be available at the May 11 Alliance meeting or by calling 328-5559.

DALLAS POLICE DEPT. & DA'S ACTIONS PROTESTED

by Peter Brooks

Co-chair of the Social Justice Committee of the Alliance, Peter Brooks, appeared before the Police Advisory Committee on April 9 to protest:

1. the premature closure by the Dallas Police Department's Internal Affairs Division of a complaint filed by a member of the gay community;
2. inadequacies and inequities in the procedures followed by the IAD in investigating and resolving complaints of police misconduct; and
3. police harassment of gays and gay establishments.

The Alliance representative requested that the Police Advisory Committee take the appropriate action to reopen the IAD's investigation and recommend to the appropriate city officials that the IAD's investigative procedures be modified

to insure due process to complainants.

The Social Justice Committee, in response to a Dallas Morning News article entitled "Menacing Shadows Stalk Homosexuals," has requested that Chief of Police Glen King investigate the reported incidents of gay beatings. The SJC has also requested a meeting with the police chief to discuss the measures that can be taken to deal with the rise in violent crimes against gays.

In conjunction with the Legal Affairs Committee, the SJC is planning to file grievances against the District Attorney's office. The grievances involve the D.A.'s forum-shopping (i.e., the dismissing and subsequent refileing of the Village Station cases in courts more sympathetic to the D.A.'s office). Also, the grievances include the abusive treatment of gay defendants and witnesses.

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GAYLINE (CRC) meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 2505 Wycliff. 748-6790.
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- Sat 31 Halloween! Every gay bar in town is making elaborate plans to ensure you have a good time! Check with your favorite.
You'll find a complete bar guide in TWT and Metro Times. (DIALOG encourages you to enjoy the celebration, yet asks that you be careful. Don't leave yourself open to arrest or to violence. Drive carefully.)

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- Sun 1 DIALOG production day. 1 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
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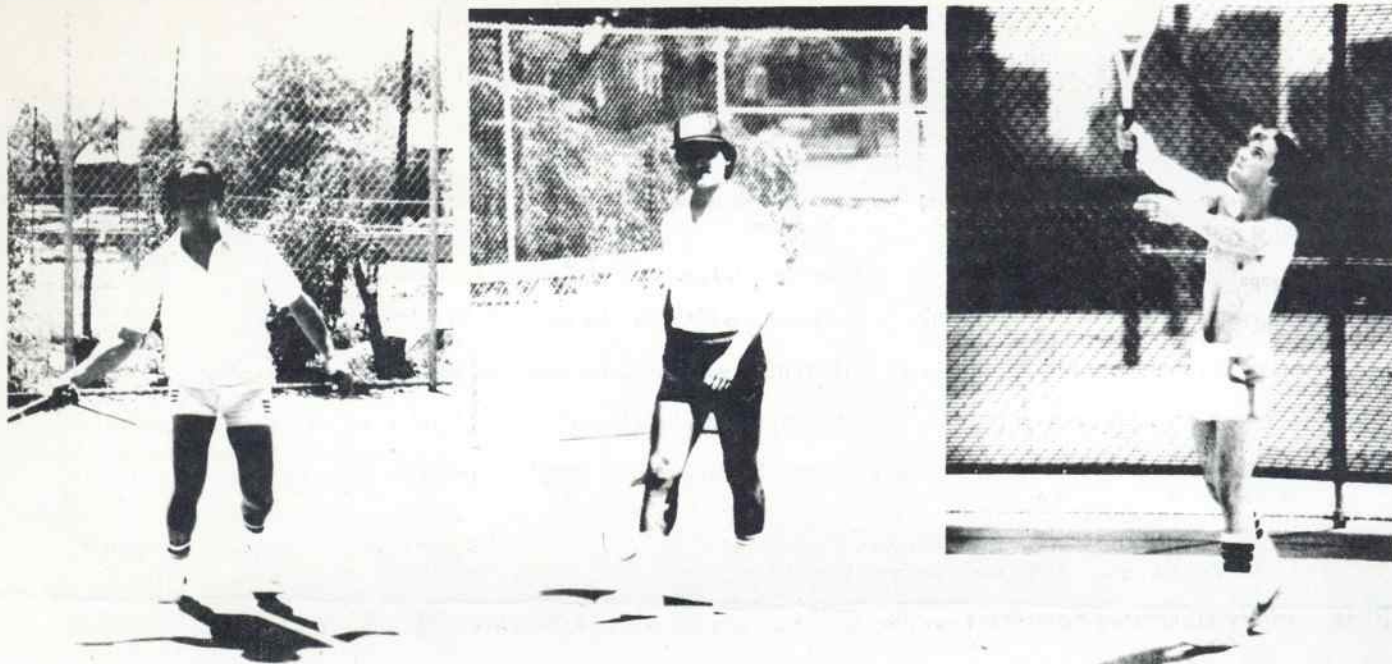
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Feminist Perspective

DEPT. FOR LESBIAN ISSUES SETS GOALS

by D.A. Williams

Despite past events in which the Department for Lesbian Issues received instant recognition for some of the wrong reasons, I and other members of the Department, in looking forward to new ideas and situations and in an effort to educate ourselves and the membership, have proposed seven long-term goals which we hope to accomplish.

First, we intend to MONITOR LANGUAGE in Alliance publications with

the purpose of excluding any language found to be discriminatory, stereotypic or that which promotes division between the sexes be it exclusive of men or women. We plan to present our findings not only to the Board of Directors of the DGA but to the general membership as well when the need arises and we will keep the membership informed as to any offending documents. Our second goal is one with many far-reaching implications as we strive to EDUCATE EACH OTHER as to the political

and social significance of lesbianism. We want to depict the growth process through which women go as they evolve from being politically and socially more naive to the time when they become politically and socially active in spreading knowledge about their lesbianism. Incorporating the ideas and philosophies of nationally known woman-identified women we hope will allow us to depict this process in a fun but educative way through songs, pictures, articles, etc.

A third goal of the department is to PROVIDE CONTINUING CONTRIBUTIONS TO *DIALOG* for the "Feminist Perspective" column, informing people as to issues, concerns, ideas, and opinions from the perspective of people involved in defining those issues and ideas. To accomplish this, we propose to PROVIDE A NEEDS-ASSESSMENT of the lesbian community in Dallas to determine why more women are not involved in our movement and thus to help meet their needs.

One prominent need of the women's community in Dallas is access to information regarding health care for lesbians. To help meet this need, the COMPILATION AND PUBLICATION OF A HEALTH BROCHURE for women has begun. In this brochure we will discuss sexually-transmitted diseases, alcoholism, and other health care concerns of importance to lesbians. Dissemination of such information is important to the well-being of our entire community. Another area in which information is vitally needed is in regard to Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code and the potential role of

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THE BOARD MOVES...

D. Williams was nominated and approved by the membership to fill the Board vacancy created by Debbie Shaffer's resignation.

A lifetime membership category of \$1,000. was added to the bylaws.

The new logo design presented by J. A. Coker was accepted by the membership, but the current logo is maintained for use by the Political Action Committee.

\$2,000. will be allocated to pay the expenses of the plaintiff in the Sec. 21.06 lawsuit, Baker v. Wade, by processing these funds through THRF. \$400. of this amount was immediately given to the plaintiff to cover some past expenses.

The monthly rent of \$325. for DGA offices was paid.

The DGA's monthly phone bill of \$411.51 was paid.

The DGA will reimburse all non-Board members immediately for their incurred expenses, which total \$78.07.

\$17. will be paid for temporary stationery, and \$14.55 will be paid to Kwik Kopy.

\$35. in rent for the Third Monday program will be paid.

No letters announcing the name change of the DGPC will be sent apart from the brochure.

A letter will be sent to Channel 8 explaining the reasons for DGA's nonattendance at its "Meeting Hall" program, which will discuss gay rights.

In the June dialog, no letters from candidates in the June elections will be printed, but short autobiographies submitted by these candidates will be printed.

DGA will continue its ad in Womansight.

The monthly pledge fundraising project will be funded at \$492., which covers a letter mail-out.

The auction to be held on May 24 to benefit the DGA and the walkathon to be held on May 31 were approved.

The charter bus package to Waxahachie for the Renaissance Fair was approved.

Dick Peoples will be asked to write a response to TWT concerning the Sec. 21.06 issue as it relates to women.

Funds are allocated to purchase a plaque for DGA to be placed at the Blue Atlas Cedar in the Oak Lawn Branch Library. The plaque which was not acceptable to the Board will be used as a paperweight in the DGA office.

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women as victims with respect to this law. For this reason, we plan to offer assistance to DGA's Public Relations Department in INFORMING WOMEN as to the potential dangers they face with regard to 21.06.

Finally and perhaps most importantly, the Department for Lesbian Issues hopes to PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE ENVIRONMENT both for gay women and men and for lesbians in which we may all grow in a social and political arena. We as members of the department feel good about these goals and although they may not entirely fill the role imagined by DGA members for us, they are goals we feel as if we can and will accomplish with the cooperation of the Board of Directors of the Alliance, the aid and input from other departments, and most of all, with encouragement, support, and cooperation from YOU the members of the lesbian and gay community of Dallas. We urge you to join us in making lesbianism acceptable and in growing together as we accomplish these goals.

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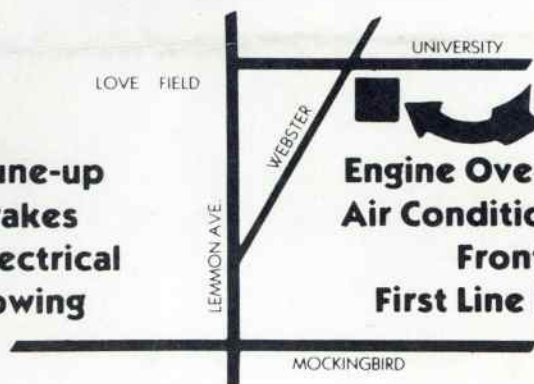
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NEW COLUMN:



by Steven Benchley

Channel 21 (UHF) is currently providing the public service of rerunning Saturday Night Live pre-prime time, when it may be witnessed by stunned Moral Majoritarians who, when this compendium of everything the New Right finds abhorrent originally aired, slept the sleep of the self-righteous in the innocent belief that Maude was the filthiest show on TV. Now, from 6 to 7pm weekdays, they have the opportunity of finding out just how thoroughly they were raped in their sleep. SNL's treatment of homosexuals, be warned, tends to be tasteless and gratuitously offensive, but since the show's treatment of heterosexuals tends likewise to be the same, I can't feel we're exactly discriminated against. The evening I write this, the show presented the mini-reunion of Simon with Garfunkel: as millions watched, these two men--who offstage may, for all I know, be the veritable macho pipelayers of all time--made love with intertwining voices and music: tenderly, sensuously, genuinely erotically. There was no need to ask if it was as good for them as it was for me.

The new new SNL--not the old new version--will return (after one winning show before it was curtailed by the writers' strike) October 3rd. Elsewhere on the tube, Love, Stanley, originally about a middle-aged gay man and his nutsy friends, is now about a middle-aged neuter and his nutsy friends--a development whose symbolic significance must send little frissons of glee down the rigid spines of those who would have us all, gay, straight, or bi, as sexless as mules when not actually actively engaged in making babies--or, to be more precise and prestigious, fetuses. Maybe NBC will have the guts to drop a bead now and then. The show's debut is 9:30 pm, Wednesday, October 28th; the movie that inspired it will be shown at 8 pm, Monday the 5th.

Stage #1 has, during its brief existence, given Dallas first sight of some exciting new plays while the more extravagantly endowed theatres around town play it safe and stolid with offstage

musicals and pre-established hits. (Deathtrap at Dallas Theatre Center was worth seeing, though, despite William Hookins' attempt to knock the audience dead with a tour-de-force, instead of just giving a good performance. Ira Levin's script is gratifyingly chilly Pirandellian fun; see it from the top.) Stage #1 has opened its third season with Barbara Schneider's Details Without a Map, an Ibsenite (with regrettable touches of Arthur Miller in the dialogue) drama about a 14-year-old whose casual murder of the old lady next door is but a symptom of the sickness of spirit that infects his family. A talented cast has been encouraged to play at a spirited clip with full theatrical projection (hardly necessary at the intimate Greenville Avenue Theatre), okay for the big screaming climaxes but ill-advised in less fervid moments; in the final scene everyone suddenly stops yammering and speaks and listens to one another considerably--a strategic change of style that, applied earlier, might have made the entire play as gratifying as its finish. Lillian Prather as the sympathetic grandmother quite unnecessarily assumes an "elderly" vocal quaver--a negligible flaw in a performance notable for its dignity and charm.

Other theatres in town will be opening this month, and there are good plays in store for the season--Of Mice and Men at DTC. Noel Coward and Simon Gray at Theatre Three, Moliere everywhere--when is someone going to use all those spaniel wigs in a Restoration comedy? Dallas audiences might lap up an uncloy production of The Country Wife.

And if you haven't seen such movie classics-of-their-kind as Nashville, Singin' in the Rain, Some Like It Hot, The Lady Vanishes, and Steamboat Bill, Jr., they're all at our unofficial and unsubsidized film rep theatre, the Granada, this month. Or you might just prefer going to see San Francisco and trying to keep your eyes on the screen when Jeanette MacDonald takes a gracious shot at getting down and dirty. It's a bigger disaster than the quake that follows.

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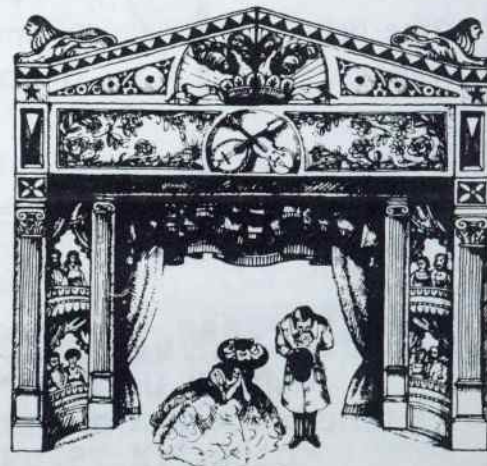
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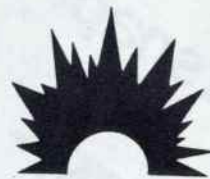
Earlier this month, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus completed a 9-stop tour of America which included Dallas. Where-and whenever they performed, they met with critical acclaim.

This national tour has been a major undertaking which has generated a level of energy and commitment unparalleled in the gay community. In order to underwrite expenses, members of the Chorus have mortgaged homes, loaned savings and put a great deal of general effort into fundraising activities. Ticket sales and contributions did not meet all of their expenses, however, which exceeded house revenues by \$150,000.

Golden Gate Performing Arts has produced and made available a stereo album of the tour (\$7.95), a souvenir program (\$1.), and an Official Poster (\$1.). For a truly memorable listening experience, do not pass up this offer. The album, program, and poster are available by check made payable to GGPA/SFGMC and mailed to GGPA, Box 14665, San Francisco, CA 94114. Please include \$1.05 for postage and handling.



INNER VIEW:



DALLAS HOT SPOTS

by Carl Allen

DANGER! VICE DIVISION OFFICERS ON DUTY. ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK!

You won't find that sign posted outside the doors of adult-entertainment businesses in Dallas, but it ought to be.

A word to the wise is usually sufficient. An unwise move can be costly.

It is a basic fact of life that as long as the public lewdness law (Article 21.06) is on the books in Texas, vice division officers will be on the job in and around public places where careless gays go to seek sexual partners.

Enough has already been written about the "Village Station Massacre." We won't presume to advise anybody to stay away from that nightclub or any other gay business, but we must warn everyone to exercise utmost caution because you never know if the man or woman sitting or standing next to you is an undercover vice officer, just waiting for you to make a wrong move before inviting you outside and putting the handcuffs on you.

Men (and women) who persist in engaging in sexual activity in public places should know that they are constantly under police surveillance. Some places definitely to avoid are bus station restrooms; department store and shopping center restrooms, including Sears on Ross Avenue and Penney's in NorthPark Mall;

public park restrooms such as Reverchon, Turtlecreek, Lee Park, and White Rock; adult theater restrooms such as the KitKat and the EllWest; adult bookstore arcade booths such as the Denmark, the Parises and Red Letters on Harry Hines Blvd.; and places on Industrial Blvd.

If you must frequent such establishments, there are certain precautions to take to avoid being victimized by "the law." Sex in department store and bus station "tearooms" is taboo. If you meet someone who appears interested, invite him (or her) to go out for a cup of coffee, a Gayline counselor advises. Take your time. Dawdle over your coffee. If he's a cop, he will probably decline your invitation. Wait for the other person to make the proposition. If he is really sincere, he will go for coffee and eventually make a move. Then go to your home or apartment. Do not do it in public!

The KitKat and other adult film houses are best left to the heterosexuals and the vice squad. Besides being risky spots for sex, they are dirty, smelly, and poorly ventilated, and the movies and sound are of poor quality.

If 25-cent sex movies are your thing, it's safe to patronize the "peeps" if you watch your step. One person to a booth. Lock the door. Be sure there's no peep hole in the wall. If someone invites you to join him in a booth, don't do it. Instead, invite him out for a cup of coffee. (See above) Better yet, buy your own projector and films and show them at home; it's a lot cheaper than going to jail.

There are two other potential danger areas: baths and other private clubs. Club Baths of Dallas is a safe place to swim, work out, steam and whirlpool, watch TV and meet your friends. A judge has ruled that it is not a "public" place; however, you can still be prosecuted for certain acts under Sec. 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. And if you don't know what that is, you have no business going there. The best advice is to confine your activities to behind the locked doors of your room. If you meet someone who wants to do it in an open area, invite him to have a Coke or a cup of coffee. Also, avoid any involvement with drugs or prostitution while at the baths. You probably won't find any policemen there, but it still pays to be careful.

The verdict isn't in yet on other private clubs, such as newsstands. The only such establishment in the Metroplex has only been open a short time and has not yet, to my knowledge, been visited by the police. Be aware that the vice division knows that it's there and has some suspicions about what is going on in the back rooms. It would come as no surprise if it gets raided one of these nights. If you must go there, it's best to confine your activities to behind closed, locked doors, not in open, lighted areas or hallways. Be sure to note locations of fire exits. Keep your eye on your clothes and your valuables. The club may have been raided by the time you read this, or it may be raided any night, or it may never be raided at all. Suffice to say that there are nicer, safer places to go.

If, in spite of these warnings, you feel you must patronize these establishments, be sure to have the numbers of a good all-night bondsman or a criminal attorney in your billfold. You never know when you will need to call them. Use common sense. Don't test the boundaries. Avoid the streets and parks as contact areas. That's public!

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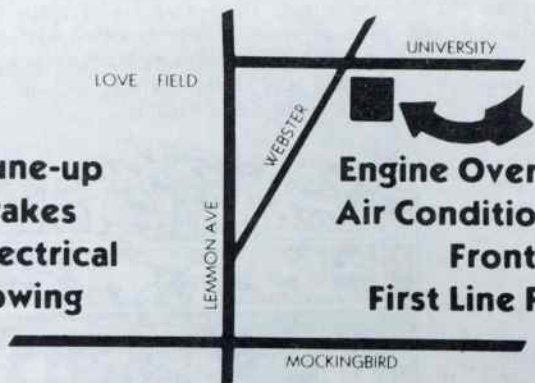
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GAY RIGHTS CITY ORDINANCE

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the political action committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance, is seeking documentation of discrimination against gay citizens. This documentation is in preparation for a push to have a gay civil rights ordinance passed by the Dallas city council.

Areas of particular concern in this search are:

Housing--refusal of landowners to rent one-bedroom apartments to same-sex couples; refusal to rent based on a gay lifestyle; eviction due to a gay lifestyle.

City Job Discrimination--refusal of the city to hire due to gay orientation or lifestyle.

City Services--unequal city services based on gay lifestyle; refusal of services by city employees.

Facilities--denial of use of city facilities because of the gay nature of a group or individual.

General Employment--denial of employment or harassment in any job because of gay lifestyle.

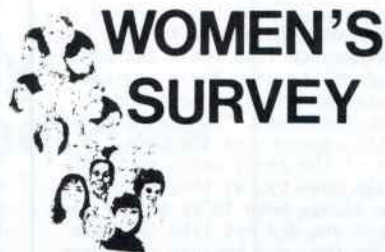
City Council members will undoubtedly want to be shown examples of discrimination existing in the city before voting for an ordinance. Any such examples, past or present, should be reported by calling 528-4233 and leaving a name and number.

HARVEY MILK

The Dallas Years

Dr. Gerald Saxon, Oral Historian for the Archives and Research Center of the Dallas Public Library, and Dialog's roving reporter Fred Longmore are seeking out friends of martyr Harvey Milk. Fred has learned that Harvey Milk lived quietly in Dallas for two years, 1967 and 1968, at 3614 Charming Lane. Then Milk moved to San Francisco, came out, became city alderman, and then an immortal legend!

Please write Dialog if you have any information regarding Harvey Milk's life in Dallas.



WOMEN'S SURVEY

The Department for Lesbian Issues of the Alliance has published a survey which will determine the character, needs, and concerns of the female homosexual community in Dallas.

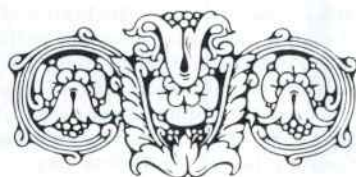
The survey is the product of several months of work by this department and consists of four sections: Demographics, Organizations, Lifestyles, and Health. Most of the questions are of a multiple choice nature, but there are frequent opportunities for a more subjective response. It is hoped that the information gathered by this survey will enable the Alliance to better respond to the needs and concerns of the women in the Dallas gay community.

The Alliance is requesting the help of the entire community to get these surveys to as many women as possible. They are available in most of the women's bars or may be obtained by writing to: SURVEY, Box 35011, Dallas, Texas 75235-0011. All responses on individual surveys are strictly confidential, and the survey itself is anonymous.

D.A. Williams, Director of the Dept. for Lesbian Issues, says, "Very infrequently do we as women have an opportunity to express to a concerned group our needs. I hope as many women as possible will take advantage of this unique opportunity."

Susan Meyers, chairperson of the Dept. for Lesbian Issues, adds, "Dallas is a large community, but so few women are actually visible in the gay world. So we put this survey together to communicate with women that we never see. It gives any woman in Dallas the opportunity to become a part of a larger effort. We can formulate an identity for the gay women and lesbians of Dallas. We will, to a certain extent, paint a picture of our community."

Meetings of the Department for Lesbian Issues are the first and third Thursdays of every month at the Alliance office, 3901 Oak Lawn, Suite 201 at 7:30 p.m. Interested persons are always welcome.



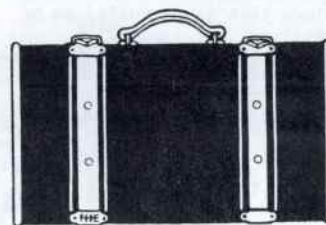
MARDI GRAS TRIP

The Alliance, in cooperation with Oak Lawn Travel, is sponsoring a trip to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras next February. A portion of the proceeds will go to the DGA's general fund, so please consider this option if you do plan to attend Mardi Gras.

The package will include four nights' accommodations at the Holiday Inn on Royal Street (other hotels available on request), round-trip airport-hotel transfers with baggage handling, and a voucher for a three-hour city tour. The cost per person, based on double occupancy, is just \$285.00. Triple rooms (at \$225.00 per person) and Quad rooms (at \$197.00 per person) are also available.

Oak Lawn Travel has blocked air space on a Delta Airlines flight departing from Dallas Saturday morning, February 20, 1982 and on a flight returning Wednesday morning, February 24, 1982. The current fare for the blocked seats is \$120.00 round trip. The fare is, of course, subject to change before ticketing. The early purchases of tickets will protect against any increases.

For information or booking, please contact Buckey or Rick at Oak Lawn Travel. The phone number is 528-9130. The agency is located next to the Esquire Theatre at 3409 Oak Lawn Ave., Suite 200.



MEMBERSHIP FEES

To help keep records accurate (I almost wrote "straight"), do NOT give your money to Board members or committee heads. A membership table is set up at all general meetings and at most social functions and fund raisers. That is where you plunk down your money to join to Alliance or continue your membership. Or you may mail it to the DGA at P.O. Box 35011, Dallas, Texas 75235-0011.

by Phil Johnson

Letters To The Editor

Miss Gay America Pageant Responses

by Phil Johnson

"GAYS WANT TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO BE QUEER!"

The fact that there is no truth whatever in that statement mattered little to the Ku Klux Klan member carrying those words in front of the Dallas Convention Center recently. Of what concern was this to gay women and men, content in their sexuality, prosperity and education? Not for them was this message intended. This lie was meant to reinforce fear in the minds of parents and educators.

You may be amused, or angry, or indifferent to the ignorance of 108 randomly selected students enrolled in secondary teacher education programs from five local universities:

1. 67% believed that homosexuals are seduced in adolescence by a much older person.
2. 55% believed that homosexuals are necessarily unhappy and lead unproductive lives.
3. 89% believed that a homosexual orientation is a "choice."
4. 80% believed that in most homosexual couples, one partner assumes the male role and one assumes the female role.
5. 42% believe that homosexuals can be easily identified.
6. 56% believed that removing legal prohibitions would increase the incidence of homosexuality.

Well, there you have it. If these supposedly educated people are so misinformed, is it any wonder young people just entering adolescence and trying so hard to find themselves go through hell alone and silently? How many have killed themselves? Or suffered nervous breakdowns? Or endured years of self-hatred?

Remember? We've been there.

There is a job to be done. We must work for enlightenment and acceptance. This we must do, not for ourselves, but for those who follow.

by J.F. of Tyler, Texas

There seem to be some who thought that the Ku Klux Klan and the Moral Majority made strange bedfellows in picketing the Miss Gay America Pageant. I don't think so at all. I find them to be very logical companions. It's just that the KKK is less clandestine about its special prejudices. Arch-conservatism and militarism have always gone hand-in-hand in various degrees. Both want to play God and take vengeance into their own hands--in direct conflict with their presumed biblical stance, in which book God is supposed to have said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." That's one of the texts which conservatives glibly pass by, as they do others. There have always been folks on the face of the globe who did not like to leave vengeance to the Lord because they were afraid God might not do it their way!

I think the first prize for illogicality as relating to signs carried at the pageant by pickets must certainly go to the one which read, "Medicare for gays. Free castration." Another small example that the non-status of women is a reality in this land. The "Decorate a tree for Christmas--Hang a Queer" must get second prize. The blending of one of the universal symbols of love with one of dire hostility is so incongruous as to be irrational. Anita may proclaim a message of hate-the-sin-but-love-the-sinner, as Robison and others have said they do, but that sign proves the point that many cannot make that sort of distinction.

by Phil Johnson

Dear Editor,

Despite all the screaming and bitching (and I understand there was plenty), Carl Allen's guide to places NOT to cruise

("Inner View: Dallas Hot Spots") in the October Dialog was generally excellent. Anyone who engages in sex, or propositions, or merely loiters around public rest rooms if just asking to be arrested. Gayline, MCC, and DGA get telephone calls all the time from men who insist they did nothing, but are in jail.

But these men are not arrested for violation of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. That section, which DGA President Don Baker in his suit against Texas District Attorneys is seeking to overturn, deals with sex acts between consenting adults in private. Should we get a favorable ruling, gays can (and will) be arrested for public lewdness under Section 21.07.

Allen continued by pointing out that adult book stores and "peeps" are also dangerous. Many gay men, while protesting their innocence, have heard a vice cop sneer: "So who's going to believe you? It's your word against mine."

In contrast, gay bars, private clubs, and businesses (if reasonable caution is exercised) are more than reasonably safe and should be patronized. After all, one can't live in a closet.

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BOOKENDS

New Kinsey Study Challenges Stereotypes

Neither parents nor young childhood experiences have much to do with adult homosexuality, indicates a new Kinsey Institute report just published. Instead, evidence from the recent study points to deeply ingrained patterns within the individual and possibly to a biological basis for sexual preferences.

Sexual Preference: Its Development Among Men and Women (Indiana University Press, \$15.00) is the latest, and may become the most controversial volume of the Kinsey Institute's decade-long study of homosexuality. The study was co-authored by psychotherapist Alan P. Bell and sociologist Martin S. Weinberg, previous authors of *Homosexualities*. Bell and Weinberg were joined in this study by fellow sociologist Susan Kiefer Hammersmith.

Sexual Preference will be published by Indiana University Press and should be available in Dallas-area bookstores later this month. The publication follows an earlier Dallas presentation of the study's results by co-author Martin Weinberg at a Metropolitan Community Church lecture.

The latest Kinsey Institute study challenges stereotypes often held about the causes and origins of homosexuality. Drawing on a sample of both homosexuals and heterosexuals, the authors report that neither parents' behavior nor parent-child relationships have much influence on whether children develop a homosexual orientation.

"No particular phenomenon of family life can be singled out, on the basis of our findings, as especially consequential for either homosexual or heterosexual development. You may supply your sons with footballs and your daughters with dolls, but no one can guarantee that they will enjoy them. . . . In short, to concerned parents we cannot recommend anything beyond the care, sympathy, and devotion that good parents presumably lavish on all their children anyway."

In particular, the authors address--and discount--the stereotype that dominant mothers and weak, absent, or remote fathers "cause" adult homosexuality, particularly among males. Homosexual and heterosexual males did not differ significantly in their identification with their mothers or in the type of their mother-son relationships.

Nor were mother-daughter feelings good predictors of adult lesbian orientations. Homosexual women were slightly more likely to report negative relationships with their mothers, to describe them unfavorably, and to have identified with their mothers less than did heterosexual women. Yet none of these three variables appears to exert more than a slight effect on the daughters' emerging sexual preferences.

Contrary to other stereotypes, lesbians did not identify with their fathers more strongly than non-lesbians. The study's authors report not evidence that overly-close father-daughter relationships may "masculinize" the daughter, or keep her involved with her father to the exclusion of males her own age.

Other frequently-cited "causes" of homosexuality fared no better. Adult gays and lesbians were not distinguished from adult heterosexuals on their early heterosexual dating experiences, their childhood relations to other children, homosexual seduction, or their pre-adult heterosexual experiences.

Only one childhood experience appears to set adult gays apart from non-gays. Both gay males and lesbians more often reported that they did not conform to sexual stereotypes as children or adolescents. Pre-adult lesbians reported less interest in typical girls' activities and games, and more interest in sports. Pre-adult gay males were less interested in sports and more interested in music, studying, and other individual activities.

Bell, Hammersmith, and Weinberg indicated that this gender nonconformity was very strongly related to adult homosexuality. At the same time, they caution, gender nonconformity did not develop in the same way often proposed by psychoanalytic theories. The study indicates that gender nonconformity probably reflects, not causes, a homosexual orientation.

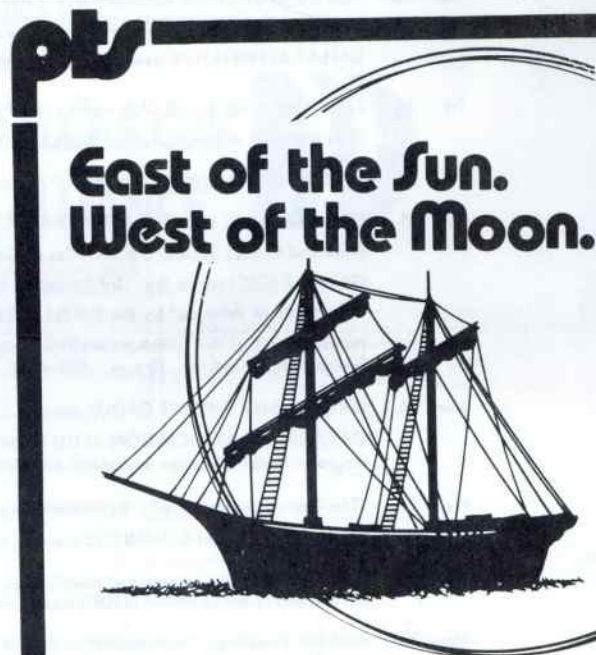
Since none of the usually-cited childhood factors seemed to explain adult homosexuality, the authors point to a biological basis for homosexuality. This biological basis probably operates more powerfully for exclusive homosexuals than for bisexuals. If there is a biological basis for homosexuality, it probably accounts both for gender nonconformity among young children and adolescents, as well as for their sexual feelings.

Suggest the authors: "What we seem to have identified is a pattern of feelings and reactions within the child that cannot be traced back to a single social or psychological root. . . . Indeed, homosexuality may arise from a biological precursor (as do left-handedness and allergies, for example) that parents cannot control."

Findings reported in *Sexual Preferences* are supported by the rigorous research methods used in collecting and analysing the data. Face-to-face interviews were obtained from approximately 1500 individuals--male and female, white and black, homosexual and heterosexual. Interviews established in detail the relationships which respondents reported with their parents and siblings while they were growing up, how their parents got along with each other, how fully respondents conformed to stereotypical notions of what it means to be male or female, relationships with peers and others outside the home, and the nature, origin, and frequency of childhood and adolescent sexual experiences.

In several ways, the Kinsey Institute studies are unique in the study of sexuality. In contrast to typical clinical studies based on small numbers of gays in therapy, *Sexual Preferences* directly compares gays and non-gays. Like earlier Kinsey studies, this latest report is unique not only for its large and diverse polling sample, but also because many of its informants had never undergone psychiatric counseling. Since the study draws on a large and representative sample as well as upon modern statistical data analyses, its results cannot be easily discounted.

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NOVEMBER Community Calendar



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Pot Luck Supper at the United Community Church. (1st Saturday) 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.
LA NUIT CHAUDE COSTUME PARTY - The party to end all parties! 5400 Lemmon. Free buffet and soft drinks. Cash bar.
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- Sun 8 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page). 926-7000.
United Community Church of Dallas. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. Services at 9 a.m. (1 hr), 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Sunday at Cole Park Tennis Courts. Noon till 4 p.m. 750-8041.
GAY PRIDE WEEK PLANNING COMMITTEE meets most Sundays at 2 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233 or 521-0432. Help needed.
Affirmation (Gay United Methodist) meet the 2nd Sunday of every month. 3 p.m. UCC Social Hall. 4402 Roseland
Gay/Lesbian Liberal Religious Group meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. First Unitarian Church, Channing Hall.
4015 Normandy (at Preston). 7:30 p.m.
- Mon 9 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting. Program: Gay Health. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. Everyone welcome. 528-4233.
The Bloodmobile will be there at 7 p.m. You or someone you love may need blood. Please give.
"Fox and His Friends", Inwood Theater, 5458 Lovers Lane. 352-6040. Discount tickets available at the DGA meeting.
- Tue 10 The OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Landing. 2617 N. Pearl. 351-5009.
SOCIAL JUSTICE Department meeting. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
SOCIAL CONCERNS Department meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
Dignity/Dallas-Outreach celebrates Holy Eucharis every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., followed by a rap or dinner.
The Catholic Community Center (Oaklawn and Irving, upstairs). For information call 233-3000.
The TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Tuesday evening. 821-3086.
- Wed 11 "The Cost of Discipleship". Reverend Royce Earley. Metropolitan Community Church. 7:15 p.m. 526-6221.
MEMBERSHIP Department meets most Wednesdays. 7:30 p.m. 3827 Gilbert. 528-8945.
PUBLIC RELATIONS Department meets every Wednesday. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
FINANCIAL RESOURCES Department meeting. 8 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
EDUCATION Department meets every Wednesday. 8 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Wednesday at Cole Park Tennis Courts. 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. 750-8041
"Love, Sidney" every Wednesday on Channel 5. 8:30 p.m.
- Thr 12 Sign Language Classes for beginners. Every Thursday at 6:45 p.m. Metropolitan Community Church. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
Single Support Group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. United Community Church, Social Hall. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
DALLAS ALTERNATIVE meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan.
- Fri 13 CLIFF DWELLERS Social Club meets every Friday at 6 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.
"The Music of America" by the TURTLE CREEK CHORALE. 8:15 p.m. Caruth Auditorium at SMU. Tickets \$5.
- Sat 14 The OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND in concert. 8 p.m. El Centro College. Tickets \$4 at Butlers Pantry and at the door. 351-5009.
- Sun 15 GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS Reading Club. Marotta's The Politics of Homosexuality. 4 p.m. 526-2365 or 691-0043.
Wine and Cheese Social, 5 p.m. Also Music Program featuring Rapture Singers and Band, 7 p.m. United Community Church, 827-5088.
GAYLINE (CRC) meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 2505 Wycliff. 748-6790.
"The Music of America" by the TURTLE CREEK CHORALE. 8:15 p.m. Caruth Auditorium at SMU. Tickets \$5.
FUND RAISER at the Roundup benefitting the Dallas Gay Alliance. Bid for an evening meal personally prepared by a Roundup staff member. 10 p.m. 528-4233.
- Mon 16 GAY PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP meeting. 7:30 p.m. Call 827-5088 for information.
GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at UMC, Maple and Avenue B.
Program: Noted historian will speak on a topic relating to the gay lifestyle. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 382-1661.
- Wed 18 "The Cost of Discipleship". Reverend Royce Early. Metropolitan Community Church. 7:15 p.m. 526-6221.
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE meeting at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- Thr 19 DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 7 p.m. 750-8041.
DEPARTMENT for LESBIAN ISSUES meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- Mon 23 DIALOG Deadline. Send comments, letters and articles to DIALOG, P.O. Box 35011; Dallas, TX 75235.
DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. Everyone invited. DGA office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- Thr 26 Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church. Everyone welcome. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
Thanksgiving Dinner at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church in Ft. Worth. Everyone welcome. 2336 Hemphill. 926-7000.
- Mon 30 "Nighthawks", Inwood Theater. British film of school teacher who confronts his homosexuality. 5:20, 7:40, 9:55 p.m. 352-6040.

DECEMBER



- Tue 1 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in Ft. Worth. 8 p.m. 926-7000.
- Wed 2 Pot Luck Supper at the Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday) 2701 Reagan. 6:30 p.m. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. (1st Wednesday) 2336 Hemphill. 7:30 p.m. 926-7000.

- Thr 3 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Christmas Party. Watch for your invitation in the mail.
- Sat 5 Pot Luck Supper and Christmas Tree party at the United Community Church. 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.
- Sun 6 "A Program of Special Music" featuring the MCCR Choir of Houston. 11 a.m. service. MCC, 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
DIALOG production day. 1 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS (GAU/NT) meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. 351-6692.
The Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month. 7:30 p.m. Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser. 526-9221.
- Mon 7 GLAD meeting in Denton. UMC, Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 382-1661. Everyone welcome.
- Thr 10 MAIL COMMITTEE meeting. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Bring an appetite. 821-1653.
- Fri 11 Reverend Troy Perry, gay crusader and founder of MCC will speak at the Agape' MCC in Ft. Worth. (Again on Saturday and Sunday.)
- Sat 12 The Second Annual Oak Lawn Gathering and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony! Gala event featuring the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band. Oak Lawn Public Library. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- Sun 13 "Christmas Cantata" by the excellent MCC Sanctuary Choir. 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
- Sun 20 "Christmas Music" with the TURTLE CREEK CHORALE. St. Paul's Hospital Chapel at 3 p.m. - Thanksgiving Square at 5:30 p.m. Free!



Helpful Hints for Hopeful Homosexuals

** If you have no family, or if your family is not truly loving and supportive as you are (the real you), why not enjoy the Community Dinner with friends at MCC Thanksgiving Day? Bring something if you can. In any event, RSVP please! 526-6221. After all, those planning the dinner need to know how many turkeys to bake!

** Blood is available. The Dallas Gay Alliance has a Blood Reserve Account. But this blood is NOT for the exclusive use of DGA members, nor was all the blood donated by DGA members. The blood is for anyone in need of it --gay or non-gay, so long as they understand it comes from gay donors.

There will be a Bloodmobile at the November DGA meeting for those wishing to give. We must never allow the Reserve to run dry. As the Reverend C. Shawn Farrell says, "We are a family and it's about time we acted like it!" Right? Right!

** Be sure to watch "Love, Sidney" every Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Channel 5. This is the TV program the Radical Right was able to bring pressure so that reference to Sidney's homosexuality was censored. Tony Randall's portrayal of Sidney Shorr, a sensitive, intelligent, productive citizen who happens to be gay, is brilliant. His delivery and mannerisms are effortlessly effective. Except for the intrusive laugh track, this is a poignant, beautifully made program --something this lack-luster TV season badly needs.

** "Life is a banquet, but most sons-of-bitches are starving to death" says Auntie Mame. Unlike the not-so-good ol' days when we had nothing (not even a gay bar), today gay women and men have all kinds of interesting ways of meeting people and making friends: athletic events, bands and choral groups, academic and social clubs, churches, concerts, political organizations, and many interesting committees and support groups all working to make this a better world for gays and non-gays. Study the DGA Calendar and note the "something for everyone" variety. (Also check This Week in Texas and the Metro Times.) Again quoting Auntie Mame, "Open a New Window". Today, anyone lonely and without friends just isn't trying.

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Health

Scabies

Microscopic, small, tiny, and little-- These adjectives define our next topic in Sexually Transmitted Diseases--"Scabies"--this little fellow burrows under the skin and multiplies by laying eggs.

Symptoms--severe itching on the body below the chin, and often in the groin area or between the fingers. If you itch a lot and scratch back, a lump may develop and scab over. This is caused by the "mite" burrowing, which becomes infected from scratching. Nighttime itching is characteristic.

Scabies is transmitted via close bodily contact and incidental to coitus, infected bedding, and clothing. Itching worsens as scabies spreads.

Diagnosis is generally made by looking under a microscope and identifying the parasite. Treatment is usually by prescription or with Kwell lotion. Itching usually persists even after the scabies are gone because of the debris under the skin. However, another evaluation will need to be done if new lumps appear or if the itching persists longer than a month after the initial treatment.

Be sure and wash all clothing and bedding to prevent reinfestation. And always tell those with whom you have sexual contacts so they can be treated promptly and avoid discomfort.

If scabies is not treated, you will itch to death and get numerous skin infections.

TIL THEN.....JUSTIN

BAKER V. WADE UPDATE

Still no decision from Judge Jerry Buchmeyer in Baker v. Wade. His clerks have merely apologized to the Editor, and will give no estimated date for announcement of the precedent-setting affirmation or denunciation of Sec. 21.06.

Nonetheless, the Social Concerns Dept. will be coordinating the celebration following the (hopeful) announcement that 21.06 has been declared unconstitutional. And Public Relations Director Bill Nelson has already begun "counting his chickens before they hatch" as he has printed three different posters to be dropped off at Dallas bars in that Judge Buchmeyer's decision is favorable. Nelson's posters enable bar owners to choose "Half Price Drinks," "Free Beer," or "Happy Hour Prices All Day" to celebrate the victory!

In addition, the DGA Phone Tree is in operation and will be ringing telephones like crazy after the decision. So when you hear the news, head for your favorite bar and enjoy! (Any dancing in the streets will have to be impromptu!)

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Kinsey Report, Sexual Preferences

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Results of the latest Kinsey study are sure to provoke controversy for several reasons. The first is the most obvious; its conclusions squarely contradict both common stereotypes and the conventional wisdom among many classical psychoanalysts. According to this study, homosexuality is not "catching." It cannot be "caught" from domineering mothers or weak fathers or siblings or peer groups or from adult homosexuals.

Controversy, however, is no stranger to the Kinsey Institute. Well over two decades ago, the original Kinsey report provoked a bitter dispute over its finding that homosexuality was not at all uncommon in American society. That same pioneering study also reported that many adults were neither exclusively heterosexual nor exclusively homosexual and that many presumably heterosexual adults had previously experienced a homosexual relationship. In earlier, more conservative years, those conclusions shocked the standard beliefs about sexuality and provoked attacks from newspapers, clergymen, psychiatrists, and state legislators.

More recently, the Institute's Bay-area study, Homosexualities (Simon & Schuster, 1978), further questioned stereotypes about gay life. Using the same technique of careful, lengthy interviews characteristic of Kinsey Institute research, the study confirmed that gays pursued several different lifestyles. It also cast doubt on the notion that most gays are dissatisfied, destructive, or depressive, or that gays were not well-integrated into networks of friends and family.

Sexual Preferences may prove equally controversial. In part, this study also challenges long-held beliefs. Yet its biological explanation may seem monocausal, just as were earlier "explanations" of homosexuality. Nor was the biological explanation which emerges from this work itself rigorously tested. Indeed, by the survey-interview techniques used, it could not have been. Rather, the biological explanation emerged as one remaining conclusion which was not apparently disconfirmed and which was still consistent with the data. To some, this latest Kinsey report may seem to come very close indeed to biological determinism.

The chief conclusion of this work is that genetic or biological explanations of homosexuality deserve more serious attention. Social or family explanations, by contrast, deserve less attention. Future research into sexuality may need to rely more heavily on laboratory and biological research techniques now scarcely known in existing studies of sexuality.

Whatever the direction taken by future research, Sexual Preferences is certain to become a major work in the study of sexuality, in general, and of homosexuality, in particular. Its conclusions are far-reaching in their importance. They should be essential reading for all those who work with or seek to understand gay men and lesbians--such as psychologists, teachers, clergy, parents--and even politicians and judges. For gay women and men, too, the study is certain to provide new insights into understanding their own sexuality.

by T.R.M.

Second March on D.C.

A call to mobilize for the National March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights II was issued by the National Organization of Lesbians & Gays (NOLAG) at its coordinating committee meeting, held in Minneapolis, MN. The March will take place on May 2, 1982.

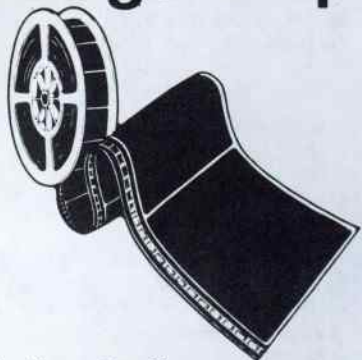
The March was called to mobilize gay women and men and their supporters to resist the escalating attacks from the Reagan Administration, the U.S. Congress, and the far right. The demands of the March are:

- 1.) Stop the Family Protection Act;
- 2.) Pass the National Gay Rights Bill;
- 3.) Stop the discriminatory immigration policy against lesbians and gays;
- 4.) Pass S. 157 to allow Zenaida Rebutan, a Filipino lesbian, to immigrate to the U.S.

Events leading up to the March will include both actions and lobbying on the local level. A major lobbying effort is also being planned for the nation's capital to coincide with the National March. The National March office will temporarily operate out of the Gay Community Center in Washington, D.C.

NEW COLUMN:

Gingersnaps



by Steven Benchley

A beautiful woman, attired in sequins and chiffon, flails grunting and sobbing with an axe at a young tree until it is destroyed. It's a disturbing, surreal image--a fitting emblem for the movie *Mommie, Dearest*. That tree wasn't destroyed after all, though; she grew up and wrote the book. And as played here by Diana Scarwid, we have no difficulty believing she would rush out to do just that. Ms. Scarwid, playing the adolescent Cristina Crawford, bears a considerable resemblance to Bette Davis in her early Hollywood days, and this teenaged Bette confronting the aging Joan Crawford is another image to blow your mind, one that embodies the lurid, campy aspects of the movie.

There is nothing campy about Faye Dunaway's performance. Operatically extravagant on the surface, the actress plays from so deep inside that her Joan--a compulsively driven Lady Macbeth eternally on the prowl for psychic spots to scour away--never seems gratuitously evil. We understand, and pity, this woman's inability to extend charity, even mercy, to any, least of all herself. So when her daughter says without irony, "I love you, Mommy," we believe her.

That other lady who tend to extravagance is dealt with by Charles Higham in *Bette* (Macmillan, \$13.95). Besides being the best-written and most critically astute book about Ms. Davis to date, this one makes an effort to explain how the funny, matter-of-fact woman we see on talk shows is capable of wreaking holy hell in her professional and private lives; and its conclusions are plausible.

Some enthusiasts identify with the inhabitants of Middle Earth. My own favorite alternate universe, surprisingly like the world we live in, is Garry Trudeau's *Doonesbury*. If you are new to the only comic strip ever to be granted a Pulitzer Prize (see locally in the *Times Herald*--which, to its credit and unlike many other newspapers, has never censored the strip) or want an extended visit with old friends, look at *The People's Doonesbury* (Holt, \$10.95), a worthy successor to *The D Chronicles* and *D's Greatest Hits*. In this one, among other excursions, Dick and Lacey Davenport pay a call on Senator and Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor (a visit that earned Trudeau the enviable honor of cen-

sure by the GOP Caucus of the Virginia General Assembly); B.D.'s worshipful Boopsie hits Graceland; and the frequently stoned Uncle Duke assumes his disastrous management of the Washington Redskins. Nearly 600 daily and colored Sunday strips--what more can I say? Next (in a smaller format) in the series: *In Search of Reagan's Brain*.

Studs Terkel's *Working* is a vast collection of funny, moving, horrifying interviews with people who talk about their jobs and if that doesn't sound fascinating, you haven't seen the book. If, as I do, you regard it as one of the epic works of the century, you might be as cordial to the idea of doing it as a musical as you would to the rephotographing of *The Family of Man* with members of the Osmond family playing all the parts. Theatre Three's opening number would not ease your doubts: while some of the singer-actors bear a surprising resemblance to actual working people, others look like toy versions of the same. But for a change, this theatre has some strong male performers to match its as-usual splendid women, and by the end of the evening, they all has won my affection. Sa'Mi Chester as a splendidly loose parking attendant and Leslie Evans as a waitress who loves her job get Acts I and II off to such respectively glorious starts (although Ms. Evans, like the young Carol Burnett, needs a director not afraid to cut her formidable energy down to about one-forty-seventh of its usual expenditure) that the rest of the cast have their own work cut out to make *Working* work after that.

The Man Who Came to Dinner, in which the uninhibited representatives of witty anarchy commit criminal assault upon *The American Family* (i.e., everything the New Right holds sacred), and which is one of the all-time popular plays of the American theatre, opens at Dallas Repertory Theatre November 19th. *Love, Sidney* makes its debut (on NBC TV) too late for review here, but if the homosexuality of the title character is to be made any more subliminal than it was in the pilot movie (*Sidney Shorr*), Tony Randall will have to perform the part bound, gagged, and blindfolded in a burlap bag in a chained and locked trunk behind triple-reinforced closet doors.

BAKER'S THESIS

DGA President Don Baker wishes to express his most grateful appreciation for the funds contributed by Alliance members which resulted in the publication of his master thesis, "A Survey of Attitudes and Knowledge About Homosexuality Among Secondary Teachers in Training."

Because of your generosity, Baker was able to travel to Los Angeles where he presented his paper to members of the American Educational Research Association, which in turn resulted in the publication of a summary entitled "Are High School Teachers Ready for Homosexual Students?" in the *Phi Delta Kappa*, the nation's leading educational journal.

Copies of Baker's thesis are available to scholars, teachers, and universities for \$10.00. Orders have already been received from several individuals, universities, and secondary schools, both public and private, including Western Michigan University, Alcorn State University, Ohio State University, the University of Georgia, the Coordinator of Curriculum for Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville, Kentucky, and three private Educational Research Centers in California and Florida. Those interested should write to:

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INNER VIEW:

The Towing Menace

by Carl Allen

Several months ago, three young men who were visiting Dallas from nearby small towns decided to have dinner on a Saturday night at Rumours, which was at that time a gay restaurant at 3911 Cedar Springs. The owner of their car parked in a parking lot across the street in the 4000 block, and the three young men walked to the restaurant where they leisurely dined.

About an hour later, they returned to the parking lot and found that their car had disappeared. A man standing on a porch nearby told them that it had been towed away by a wrecker. He pointed to a small sign about 10 feet above the ground which said: "Unauthorized Vehicles Will Be Towed Away At Owner's Expense, Tejas Wrecker Service, 4409 Main, 948-6407."

After spending several hours at clubs on Cedar Springs, the three young men walked about a mile to the apartment of a woman friend, told her what had happened, and talked her into letting them sleep there overnight.

The next morning, the woman's mother came by to see her, and the three men talked her into giving them a lift to Tejas Wrecker Service to get their car back. They had to pay \$39.00, \$35.00 for towing and \$4.00 for two days' storage.

Like thousands of other persons, they had become victims of one of Dallas' most lucrative rackets, the car-snatching scam.

Towing "unauthorized vehicles" from parking lots is a million-dollar-a-year business operated by about a dozen wrecker services, and indications are that gay men and women and other bar and nightclub patrons are the most frequent victims.

The three men were fortunate. They found a place to spend the night, they got a ride to the wrecker lot, and they had the money to bail out their car. Others aren't so lucky, and many wind up losing their cars to the wrecker service owners who turn around and sell them to cover the towing and storage charges or sell the cars for junk.

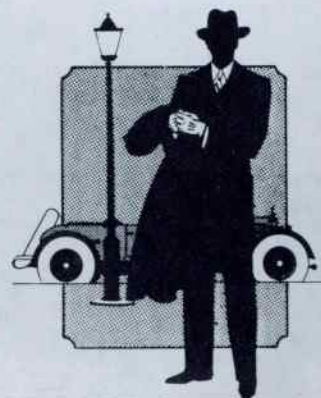
And what was the victims' crime? They had parked on someone else's property, and it happens all the time on Cedar Springs, Fitzhugh, Greenville Avenue, and other streets where there are lots of restaurants and bars and not enough parking spaces. Rumours, which is now closed, had no off-street parking except for the four spaces at the front curb.

Many clubs, such as Throckmorton Mining Co. and Village Station, provide their own off-street parking adjacent to their building, but that parking is restricted to customers. Theoretically, you could also be towed off their lots if you walked across the street to another bar.

Fitzhugh, on both sides of Central Expressway, is another dangerous spot to park. The Texaco service station at the corner of Travis is especially risky; cars are towed from there to Oak Cliff.

B&B Wrecker Service, 1009 E. Jefferson Blvd., has the contract to tow from Peaches and Rush Co., on the south side of Fitzhugh. The signs on the Rush Co. parking lot indicate that parking is reserved for customers 24 hours a day and unauthorized cars will be towed away at all hours. However, the policy is not always enforced. Parking on the Peaches lot is allowed after store hours.

Be careful when parking on Swiss Avenue near the Club Dallas. Park on the street or in the club's lighted parking lot. However, be warned that Club Dallas has unauthorized cars towed off its lot to ARB, 7054 S. Central Expressway, probably the most notorious car-snatcher in Dallas.



You won't find ARB (which stands for Auto Recovery Bureau) listed in the Yellow Pages. It's listed instead as "Abandoned Car Towing." This company, which contracts with many large shopping centers and office buildings such as Keystone Park and Campbell Center, is especially nefarious because it moved last year from 3913 Elm Street to the South Central location. The owner failed to change the address on his signs, so many of his victims waste a trip to Elm Street if they follow the address on the signs.

The Department of Consumer Affairs and the Dallas Police Department have dozens of complaints against ARB, but the owner claims to be operating within the law. The owner also maintains a used car lot, where he sells the cars which he has towed in and which remain unclaimed after 30 days.

Other wreckers which tow from parking lots are Elmore, Aquarius in Richardson, Able on Ross, and Apollo on East Grand.

If you think your car has been unlawfully towed by a wrecker service, you can complain to the police or the Department of Consumer Affairs, but it won't do you much good. First, pay the fee and get your car out of the lot. Then, if you want to pursue the matter, get a good lawyer and sue the B_____.

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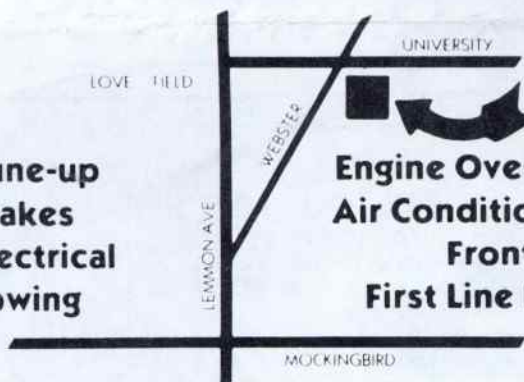
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CADET RESIGNS

Dialog has obtained a copy of an affidavit given by Douglas A., formerly a cadet at the Dallas Police Academy, which has been reproduced below. His statement indicates considerable prejudice by some staff at the Academy toward anyone suspected of being gay. The efforts by the Alliance's Social Justice Department to deal with this problem also follow.

September 6, 1981

To whom it may concern:

On August 20, 1981, I, Douglas A. was an apprentice police officer at the Dallas Police Academy. On this day at or around 1:30 pm, my roommate Bill, another apo also at the Academy, and I were called to the lieutenant's office for some unknown reason. Both of us were called out of class, disrupting it. The speaker at the time was the police psychologist Dr. Al Somedevilla. Earlier in the morning session of the class, the discussion of gays was brought up. The doctor asked the class, by a show of hands, to respond to whether or not we thought that homosexuality was a psychological problem. The majority of the class thought it was chosen. It was the doctor's intention, I observed, to see what the class' reaction would be if they discovered that their partner of longstanding was gay. It was the contention of the doctor to show that it would not matter. I don't think his speech was effective.

As Bill and I were asked to wait in the outer office, the class continued. I was asked to sit and wait while the sergeant, the class supervisor, and the lieutenant interviewed Bill. (Sgt. K, Officer Q, and Lt. M.) I could hear parts of the interview through the glass partition. One of the questions was "Is he a homosexual?" Bill later told me that Officer Q asked the question, and it was pertaining to me. At the time the question was asked, I recognized the voice as being that of Officer Q, the class supervisor. As Bill was being interrogated, the doctor had completed his lecture and was walking down the hall. I approached him and told him that in a few minutes I was going to be "marched into the lieutenant's office and accused of being a homosexual. What should I do?" He said, "I'd fight it."

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SJC REACTS

Following the resignation of Cadet Douglas A. at the Dallas Police Academy, Dr. Campbell Read and Peter Brooks of the Social Justice Department met with Assistant Police Chief Busby and Captain Cannaday at City Hall in early October to discuss the apparent prejudice by police officers and some of the Academy staff toward members of the gay community.

Captain Cannaday, who directs DPD's training program at the Academy, said that the DPD had invited Douglas A. to be reinstated. "We just wanted to explain to him that he would be ostracized by his fellow officers if they suspected he might be a homosexual," he said. Captain Cannaday went on to say that he would not tolerate prejudice in the Academy and that he would investigate the cadet's allegations. Late in November Captain Cannaday informed Dr. Read that he had followed through as necessary but would not give any details.

"We are disappointed," Read reported, "because we have no way of knowing if any substantive action was taken or not. They have invited us, however, to put together a proposal for some sensitivity training which would assist the police department and our community to work together better in the future. Captain Cannaday has asked for the proposal to address this issue rather than the social justification of homosexuality, and our committee members are working on it." Read said that some hard work was being done by the Social Justice Department putting the material together.

CONVICT APPEALS

Rudy H., who was acquitted on February 28, 1981 of charges of public lewdness arising out of an arrest by Dallas police officer Danny Cain in January 1980 in the Village Station, has written to the District Attorney to press perjury charges against two vice officers who testified against his character during the trial. According to the court record, the officers asserted that they knew the reputation of Rudy H. in the general community for truth and veracity and that he would not be a credible witness under oath. Cross-examination revealed that the officers knew neither Rudy nor any of Rudy's friends, neighbors or persons at his place of employment; their sole "knowledge" was derived from the opinions of two prosecutors. The prosecutor at Rudy's trial, Bob Phillips, is the subject of a grievance filed against him on July 10, 1981 with the Texas Bar Association by the Dallas Gay Alliance.

Dr. Campbell Read and Peter Brooks of the Social Justice Department are meeting with Dallas City Attorney Lee Holt in December to discuss the problem of accountability of police officers in court for their conduct, especially when such conduct might constitute an abuse of the "cooperative arrangement" between the Dallas Police Department and the District Attorney's office. Previous attempts to hold accountable the two vice officers cited by Rudy H. in his efforts to have perjury charges brought against them have failed thusfar, and Rudy's efforts have included direct appeals to Police Chief Glen King by the Social Justice Department.

Gayline Needs Volunteers

GAYLINE has announced upcoming sessions to train new volunteers for its telephone counseling program, according to Cher Harnish, a CRC Coordinator. These sessions will be held on eight consecutive Sundays next February and March.

GAYLINE is sponsored by the Community Resource Center (CRC), which is entering its ninth year of operation.

No special training or past experience is required to participate in the training sessions, explained Ms. Harnish. Volunteers for GAYLINE must commit to work one night per month in the telephone counseling program from 7:30

pm until midnight.

The training sessions will cover topics including listening skills, crisis intervention, gender development, gay-related legal problems, and health care and hygiene for gay women and men. Sessions will be conducted by professionals in their respective fields. Volunteers will also train by role-playing and by listening in to actual calls handled by GAYLINE counselors.

Interested volunteers should call GAYLINE at 748-6790 for more information. A special flier will be included in the January 1982 *Dialog* by CRC.

BEWARE THESE COPS!

Two Dallas police officers who have been especially active in the past in writing traffic tickets in the gay crossroads at Cedar Springs and Throckmorton have, according to informed sources, been instructed to not issue further tickets to pedestrians in the Oak Lawn area. Any continued harassment by either Officer Olsen or Officer Edwards should be reported to the DGA Social Justice Department.

OAK LAWN COUNSELING CENTER

A professional counseling service, the Oak Lawn Counseling Center, recently opened its local office across the hall from the DGA offices in the Oak Lawn Center. The Center offers a full range of professional services but is primarily oriented to aid the gay community.

"The need for community counseling services in the Oak Lawn area is more crucial now than ever," explained Howie Daire, administrative director for OLCC. "Many gay men and lesbians are faced with problems related to alcohol, drugs, loneliness, emotional crises, and sexual identification. Until now there have been no professional counseling services available."

The Center offers counseling for individuals, couples, groups, and families, as well as consultations with agencies, businesses, and institutions. The Center's program also includes seminars on alcohol and drug abuse, separation and divorce, personal relationships, and sexual adjustment.

Fees for the tax-exempt, non-profit corporation are adjusted in a sliding scale. While fees average \$20. to \$25. per session, they begin at \$10. per session, based on the client's income. The Center also relies on tax-deductible donations to support its operations.

Staff members include Terry Pulse and David Daniel, both residents in psychiatry at Parkland Hospital; Candice Marcum, who holds a master's degree in counseling and psychology; and Harold Daire, M. Ed.

The Oak Lawn Counseling Center is located at 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 202, Dallas, Texas. Office hours, by appointment, are noon until 8:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, and from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. For appointments or further information, call 528-2081.

CENSUS STATS HIDDEN

The United States Census Bureau refuses to release the statistics which it compiled during its 1980 census on "same-sex partners" who are living together. Last year's survey was the first in which Americans could note that their relationships with another person living with them were neither that of a "roommate" nor a "spouse." The Census Bureau did release its data on opposite-sex couples living together. Reportedly, the primary reason for the Census Bureau's hesitance in releasing the information which it gathered on same-sex partners is that gay groups will use the data to claim a share of federal dollars which go to community groups.

This time the government's fears are quite justified, but the statistics on gay lovers are there for the demanding under the Freedom of Information Act. --The Advocate, Sept. 13, 1981, p. 53.



THANK MATTOX

U.S. Congress recently overturned the District of Columbia Sexual Assault Reform Bill which would have legalized (among other things) homosexual conduct between consenting adults in private. Congressman Jim Mattox voted against overturning the act, and our appreciation has been communicated to him. Congressmen Martin Frost and Jim Collins voted to overturn the act, and two DGA representatives have expressed in person our disappointment to Congressman Frost regarding his lack of support. The Alliance endorsed Frost in his last election.

SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

The Round-Up Saloon recently sponsored a fund-raiser for DGA and offered a dinner with a bartender or other staff member to the highest bidder. This event was coordinated by Tom Sweeny, owner of the Round-Up, and Manager Richard Montgomery. DGA President Don Baker thanked all participants in this successful fund-raiser which netted \$900. "This type of community support is sure to hasten the time when gay rights is a reality in Dallas," announced Baker.

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BOOKENDS



Looking for Christmas gifts? BOOKENDS herein spotlights eight books for Dallas-area gay readers. Most were issued or reissued in 1980 or 1981, and most are available in paperback. Together they represent some of the best writing in their respective categories. Happy holidays and happy reading!

BEST FICTION: *Splendor* by Edward Swift (Penguin, 1978, reprinted in paperback, 1981, \$3.95) Simply put, Texas author Edward Swift's first novel is among the best fiction of the last decade. Set in a small East Texas town, *Splendor* follows long-absent Timothy John Coldridge who returns to his hometown as Miss Jessie Gatewood, the new librarian. Miss Jessie, alias Timothy, quickly charms her (his?) fellow townsfolk—including the local Baptist minister—by her quaint, ladylike behavior. A parody of Southern manners and small town gossip enliven this enormously clever novel.

BEST MURDER MYSTERY: *Fadeout*, by Joseph Hansen (Holt, Rinehart, Winston, 1970, reprinted in paperback, 1980, \$2.95) *Fadeout* is the earliest and still the best of the Dave Brandstetter series. Brandstetter, a gay, tough Los Angeles insurance investigator, explores the disappearance of a popular radio performer whose past life refuses to stay hidden. Written in the best Raymond Chandler style, *Fadeout* probes the murky world of respectable California society. Also in the recently reissued Brandstetter series are *Skinflick*, *Troublemaker*, *Death Claims*, and *The Man Everybody Was Afraid Of*. Three more works are promised by the author.

BEST GAY STUDIES: Four works deserve special mention. Three were first issued in 1981; the last was recently reprinted in revised form. The four include:

The Politics of Homosexuality by Toby Marotta (Houghton Mifflin, paperback, 1981, \$9.95) Marotta's comprehensive study chronicles the rise of gay politics since the Mattachine Society, through the Stonewall riot, to the present-day proliferation of gay and lesbian groups. The gay rights movement, Marotta argues, reflects a much wider challenge to traditional sexual, racial, and age stereotyping in America.

The Celluloid Closet: Homosexuality in the Movies by Vito Russo (Harper and Row, 1981, hardback \$15.00, paperback \$7.95) Russo's long-awaited study of how films have portrayed (or ignored) gays both documents and analyses the continued stereotyping in the film industry. While Russo focuses mostly on the Hollywood image machine, his wide-ranging work also considers foreign, avant-garde, and experimental cinema. Hollywood, he argues, contributed to a "gay sensibility . . . even when there is no sign of homosexuality, open or covert, before or behind the camera . . ." Well-argued and well-written, *The Celluloid Closet* is documented with over one hundred photographs.

Sexual Preferences: Its Development Among Men and Women by Alan Bell, Martin Weinberg, and Susan Kiefer Hammersmith (Indiana University Press, 1981, hardback \$15.00) The third and last of the Kinsey reports on homosexuality, *Sexual Preferences* was reviewed in last month's *Dialog*. The authors challenge the stereotype that homosexual preferences are "learned" in the family setting, from childhood seduction, or from parents' behavior. "No particular phenomenon of family life can be singled out . . . as especially consequential for either homosexual or heterosexual development." The authors conclude by pointing to possible biological or genetic explanations for sexual preferences.

Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality by John Boswell (University of Chicago, 1980, reprinted in paperback, 1981, \$9.95) Boswell's first-rate study of homosexuality traces the rise and fall of tolerance in Christian Europe through the fourteenth century. Christian attitudes toward homosexuality were ambivalent until a general intolerance arose toward Jews, Moslems, and other non-Christians, Boswell concludes. Lucidly argued and thoroughly documented, the Boswell study is already a landmark in gay studies.

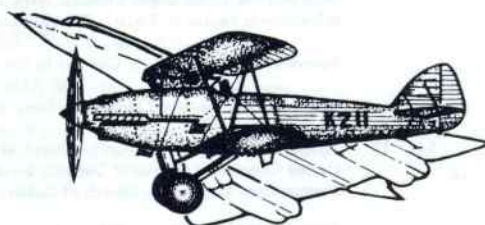
BEST HUMOR: Two collections top the list of best humor. They include:

Pulling Our Own Strings by Gloria Kaufman and Mary Kay Blakely, editors (Indiana University Press, 1980, paperback \$7.95) This oversized paperback collects feminist and sometimes lesbian cartoons, essays, and news stories from widely-scattered sources. The pieces selected represent many of the best women's writings and humor or recent years.

Metropolitan Life by Fran Lebowitz (Fawcett Crest, 1974, reprinted in paperback, 1980, \$2.25) Now available in paperback, Lebowitz's first work is still her finest. This collection of essays outrageously parodies urban single life. Her wry essays on the causes of heterosexuality and her tour de force, "Notes On Trick," must not be ignored!

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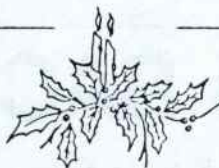
DECEMBER



- Sat 12 THE SECOND ANNUAL OAK LAWN GATHERING and CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY! Featuring the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band and the Turtle Creek Chorale, with Dallas dignitaries and Santa Claus. The Oak Lawn Branch Library open house reception with refreshments begins at 7 p.m. The ceremony starts at 7:30. 821-5233.
- Reverend Delores Berry, In Concert in the MCC Sanctuary, immediately following the Oak Lawn Gathering.
- Gay crusader, Reverend Elder Troy Perry will speak at the Agape' MCC in Ft. Worth. 7:30 p.m. 2336 Hemphill. (817) 926-7000.
- Sun 13 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page). (817) 926-7000. United Community Church of Dallas. Service at 11 a.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088. Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. Services at 9 a.m. (1 hr), 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
- Reverend Elder Troy Perry will speak at the Agape" MCC "Spiritual Renewal". 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (817) 926-7000. Agape" MCC Second Anniversary Reception and Celebration. Grand Crystal Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Hotel in Ft. Worth. Esteemed guests will be the Reverend Elder Troy Perry and Worship Coordinator Jim Norwood. 1:30 to 4 p.m. \$8 donation requested.
- GAY PRIDE WEEK PLANNING COMMITTEE meets most Sundays at 2 p.m. Help needed. DGA office. 528-4233 or 521-0432.
- Affirmation (Gay United Methodist) meet the 2nd Sunday of every month. 3 p.m. UCC Social Hall. 4402 Roseland.
- Gay/Lesbian Liberal Religious Group meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. First Unitarian Church, Channing Hall. 4015 Normandy (at Preston). 7:30 p.m.
- Department of LESBIAN ISSUES Compilation of Survey results. Call 528-4233 or 826-8876 for information.
- GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS Reading Club. Marotta's The Politics of Homosexuality. 4 p.m. 526-2365 or 691-0043.
- Christmas Cantata, "Sing Christmas" by the MCC Chancel Choir and featuring Delores Berry. 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan.
- Mon 14 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting. Interesting program and election of Board of Directors. 2701 Reagan. Everyone welcome.
- Tue 15 THE OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Landing. 2617 N. Pearl. 351-5009.
- SOCIAL JUSTICE Department meeting. 8:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- SOCIAL CONCERNS Department meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- Dignity/Dallas-Outreach celebrates Holy Eucharist every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., followed by a rap or dinner. The Catholic Community Center (Oak Lawn and Irving, upstairs.) For information, call 233-3000.
- THE TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Tuesday evening. 821-3086.
- Wed 16 MEMBERSHIP Department meets most Wednesdays. 7:30 p.m. 3827 Gilbert. 528-8945. PUBLIC RELATIONS Department meets every Wednesday. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233. EDUCATION Department meets every Wednesday. 8 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- Thr 17 Single Support Group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. United Community Church, Social Hall. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
- DALLAS ALTERNATIVE meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan.
- Department for LESBIAN ISSUES Informal Social Gathering. Everyone welcome. DGA office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- Fri 18 CLIFF DWELLERS Social Club meets every Friday at 8 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zang. 943-0069.
- DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 7 p.m. 750-8041.
- Sat 19 GAY PRIDE WEEK Plant and Bake Sale -gay crossroads, Throckmorton and Cedar Springs. Starts 10 a.m. Donations and shoppers needed.
- Sun 20 "Christmas Music" with the TURTLE CREEK CHORALE. St. Paul's Hospital Chapel at 3 p.m. and Thanksgiving Square at 5:30 p.m. Free!
- United Community Church Christmas Social and Evening Service. 5:30 p.m. 827-5088.
- "Christmas Music and Sing-Along" with the MCC Orchestra and Choir. 7:15 p.m. MCC Sanctuary. 526-6221.
- GAYLINE (CRC) meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 2505 Wycliff. 748-6790.
- Mon 21 Gay Parents Support Group meeting. 7:30 p.m. Call 827-5088 for information.
- GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at UMC, Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m. Students, faculty and towns people welcome. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 382-1661.
- Thr 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, UCC Sanctuary, 8:30 p.m. 827-5088. Christmas Eve Holy Communion, MCC Sanctuary, 10:30 p.m. 526-6221.
- Fri 25 Enjoy Christmas Pot Luck Dinner with your gay family. MCC Social Hall, 2701 Reagan. 1 p.m. 526-6221. The Dallas Gay Alliance wishes you and those you love a very Merry Christmas.
- Mon 28 DIALOG Deadline. Send comments, letters and articles to DIALOG, P.O. Box 35011: Dallas, TX 75235. DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. Everyone welcome. Input wanted. DGA office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- Thr 31 New Year's Eve. Every gay bar in Dallas, Ft. Worth and Denton (yes Denton) is planning special celebrations to welcome 1982. Check with your favorite in Metro Times and This Week in Texas.



JANUARY



- Sat 2 DIALOG Production day. (Again on Sunday.) Call 750-8041.
- Sun 3 GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS (GAU/NT) meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. 351-6692.
The Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month. 7:30 p.m. Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser. 526-9221.
- Mon 4 GLAD meeting in Denton. UMC, Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 382-1661. Everyone welcome.
- Tue 5 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in Ft. Worth. 8 p.m. (817) 926-7000.
- Wed 6 Pot Luck Supper at the Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday) 2701 Reagan. 6:30 p.m. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday) 2336 Hemphill. 7:30 p.m. (817) 926-7000.
- Thr 7 MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's place. Help is needed to stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Bring an appetite. 821-1653.
Department for LESBIAN ISSUES meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
- *** ** NEWS YOU CAN USE *** **

The Austin Citizens for Decency have a Christmas present for you. Their holiday message is: "I think we all agree all the kids and old folks should have a place to live, but the fairies and queers...forget it." "We don't hate homosexuals or lesbians any more than we hate rapist or bank robbers..." "They've got S & M parlors and they chain each other for their perverted sex kicks."

These Austin Citizens preach fear, bigotry and hatred, yet call it "decency". And they will go to the polls in mass January 16th to make damn sure it is legal to discriminate against "perverts" in housing.

Let's not allow Austin to become another Germany, circa 1936. Many stood by quietly then, depending on others to protect their rights. If the bigots win in open and fair-minded Austin, could it not happen in "buckle on the Bible belt" Dallas and Ft. Worth?

Let us all take a stand now to protect everyone's freedom by sending a few bucks to Citizens for a United Austin, P.O. Box 3301; Austin, TX 78764. Or shall we do nothing --and deserve what we get?

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In contrast, there is love and beauty in the person of Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church. One need not be a member of MCC or even embrace theism to love this man who has done more for all of us than anyone else in America. Decent people have burned his Los Angeles church twice. (Indeed, every gay --they don't call them gay, but they are-- church in America has been burned and vandalized.) Heaven help us all should the decent people assassinate this man--and they might.

Perry will preach (no, that is not the word), he will enlighten and entertain with his messages at the Agape' MCC, December 13th. This man's love and beauty will be felt at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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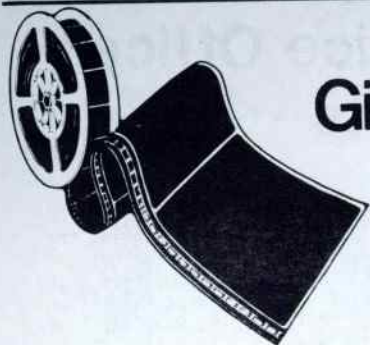
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ON SALE AT THE DECEMBER 14 DGA MEETING



Gingersnaps

by Steven Benchley

Not so long ago, theatregoing in Dallas was dominated by the Dallas Theatre Center--itself dominated by Paul Baker--where audiences of blue-haired old ladies (a breed not by any means defined by hair color, age, or sex) patronizingly adored everything they witnessed and wrote out handsome checks to assure the financing of more of the same. Lately, though, theatres have sprung up that welcome audiences that wear jeans, respond to the onstage action spontaneously, and are capable of discussing the play during the intermission and even for some hours thereafter.

Among the best of the new theatres is Christopher Nichols' New Arts, in the new Old West End Historical District downtown. The NAT production of Ted Talley's *Terra Nova* proceeded from an impressive first to a devastating last act and was the best theatre in town last season. This season's opener, *A Couple of White Chicks Talking* by John Ford Noonan, featured some classy acting, and if Nichols had brought to it the directing sensibility he brought to *Terra Nova*, we would have had far more. But Nichols chose to disregard the pain and therefore the humor in the confrontation and developing relationship between a loose Texas lady (nicely played by Cheryl Denson but written without much knowledge or care of how Texans sound) and an uptight Wasp matron. Anna Mary Austin played this lady (perhaps as directed) not with the frostily smiling condescension suggested by the lines (and by any observation of this sort of woman on view in Highland Park as readily as in Westchester County); subjected to a suffocating onslaught of Texas folksiness, she dissolved instantly into feeble sputtering. If, instead of a frazzled Carol Burnett, her model had been Lily Tomlin's Tasteful Lady, we'd have had equally matched combatants and a first act. But by the last act, writing, direction, and acting all came together for a not happy but satisfying conclusion, and who can argue with a theatre whose final curtains are better than its first acts? It's a welcome reversal of standard procedure. (*Diamond Studs*, about Jesse James, opens at the New Arts on December 11th.)

Back in the land of the blue-haired, *Twelfth Night* at SMU featured luscious sets, costumes, and lighting (by Keith Belli, Mark E. Jensen, and James Paccone, respectively) and a concept of setting Shakespeare's comedy in Victorian India which had its points. Orsino's perfumed speeches spring with surprising persuasiveness from Oriental lips. But the transfer made hash of the play's already confusing (to our age and society) social hierarchy. Cesario as an English gentleman servant in an Indian court is beyond belief, and the clown Feste played as a Lytten Stracheyish wit works on no level whatever. Gavin Cameron-Webb, a visiting British director, did not, thanks be to God, require the American cast to assume ersatz English accents (which, however, would have been appropriate in this instance, given the concept), but we must hold him responsible for unfunny horseplay that obscured some fine lines, most notably Sir Toby's superb retort to Malvolio--which might be flung with profit today at the likes of Jerry Falwell. The youthful actors looked splendid--particularly Lisa Loughridge, who created a character out of one line, plenty of presence, and a smile calculated to double Malvolio's daily quota of cold showers--though in the early performance which I saw, Darrell Stark's sturdy Fabian, Tim Woodard's swashbuckling Antonio

(whose impassioned speeches about the young Sebastian brought a touch of Oscar Wilde to the proceedings), the Irish Maria of Barbara Hooymann (who looks like a fledgling Bette Davis, and why the hell did Cameron-Webb banish her from the letter-reading scene?), and Carter Reardon's overrated-but-okay Malvolio--these were the performers who conveyed the authority that stopped the audience's cooing over the sets and made them listen to what was being said.

On the other hand, the performers in Dallas Repertory's *The Man Who Came to Dinner* make their points with a crisp and zestful efficiency that allows lovers of Kaufman and Hart to relax with the knowledge they're in good hands. Bob Wasinger chooses to play Beverly Carlton as a nelly queen, but his timing is so expert, his self-assurance so adamant, the height of his camp so stratospheric, even Noel Coward would have to grant his beaming approval. Susan Moore's Lorraine Sheldon is a devastating display of technique; we may not entirely believe this toothy Englishwoman could steal a man from Stephanie Dunnam's splendidly feline Maggie; neither can we watch anyone else when she is onstage. I cannot determine whether J. Michael Brounoff's Doctor Bradley is a beautiful performance or brilliant typecasting, but I can assure you that he is just what the patient would never order, by which I mean wonderful. The set by Rodney Dobbs is beautiful work, if a trace bourgeois for the well-heeled Stanleys. The evening's big letdown is the non-Sheridan Whiteside of Bob Magruder. Magruder looks fine--like a bearded George C. Scott on the point of explosion--but he mutters and sighs in a role that demands roaring, with an occasional throaty purr for variety. Magruder has turned in amiable performances for DRT under Ed DeLatte's expert direction and would have been okay here as Mr. Stanley. But DRT cannot be taken with seriousness as long as it puts the demands of good-old-boy politics above those of good theatre. Still, TMWCID, even with the M missing, is an eternally fresh classic of American comedy, and its mood of cheerful, sexy anarchy could not be more welcome than in this drab Age of Ron and Nancy--who, come to think of it, would make a great Mr. and Mrs. Stanley. I wonder if Gore Vidal would be available to play Whiteside?

This month at the Granada you have a chance to see the Pythons; *Kentucky Fried Movie* with *Airplane!*; Orson Welles looking like a malevolent muppet (his makeup is that thick) in *Touch of Evil*; Carol Lombard's last appearance (in *To Be or Not to Be*); *Gone With the Wind*; and a visit to Ingmar Bergman's celestially lovely *Magic Flute* is the best Christmas excursion you could give yourself and any bright kids on your list--my young cousins, both under ten, talked about it for weeks. You'll hum it at least that long.

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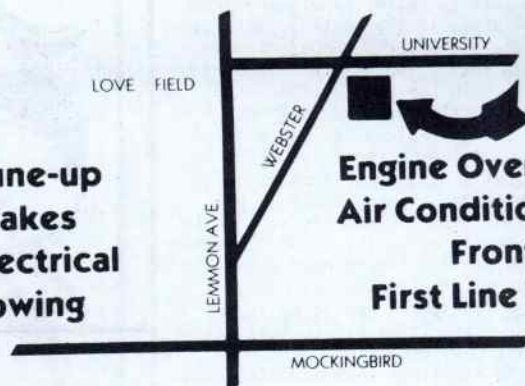
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A few minutes later, I was interrogated about my other roommate, the apartment manager. Was he a homosexual? I said that I did not know or care to know. He slept in his room; I slept in mine, and Bill slept in the guest room. Did I know whether or not there were any homosexuals in my apartment complex? Yes, I knew there were. At this time, Officer Q, who had said nothing to this point, in my presence, gritted his teeth and said, "How can you stand to live around all those fucking queers?" I said that they did not bother me and dismissed him by turning away from his direction. Various other questions were asked about misc. things. I was asked to wait again and Bill was called back in. More questions. I was called back in. Why did I live where I was living? Did my roommates or myself have anything to do with drugs? I did not know of any involvement. It was then suggested that I move to another apartment complex. I was told that if I continued to live where I was or if anyone suspected that I was gay, then I would be castigated by my fellow officers and when I needed assistance in the field not to expect anyone to respond to my officer assist signal. I considered this a threat. At the end of my interrogation, I was asked not to reveal the substance of our "discussion," and the sergeant made up a story for me to tell my fellow officers.

About ten days later, I was ordered by the sergeant to go and see the police psychologist Dr. Somedevilla. I went to see him on Sept. 1 (?) Tuesday.

The doctor and I discussed why I had been sent to see him. He asked me if I knew why. I said no.

The doctor stated that when he heard I was going to see him, he called the Academy to ask why I was being sent. He asked if I was having any academic difficulty. I wasn't. Did I have a psychological problem? No, not that they knew of. Was I having some emotional problem? Not that they knew of. The doctor gave me the understanding that he was to find out whether or not I was a homosexual.

The doctor asked why I wanted to be a policeman. I responded that, before the recent hassle had begun, I thought I might be able to better handle any problems that arose in the central district where there are a large number of gays. I told him that I thought the reason I could deal with the gays better was because I had dealt with them before. Previously, I was a male model and handled the male division of the Susan LaRue Agency. Statistically, a large number of male models are gay, and I had no problem handling them. Also, living in Palm Beach, which is generally a more liberal area, gays are not looked down upon, and being sent to an all male boarding school for five years and being in a supervisory capacity I had to deal with the subject many times.

We talked a while longer and discussed whether or not I should resign. The doctor was very surprised that they had not fired me already if they even suspected any type of homosexual conduct. When I decided to resign, the doctor said he thought it was the correct choice; he was of the opinion that they would find some excuse to fire me otherwise.

When my choice was final, I asked the doctor to phone the Academy and inform the sergeant of my decision. I asked to sit in on the discussion. He said

that would be alright. He told the sergeant that I had decided to resign, and the doctor said that the sergeant had laughed. When the doctor asked about his reaction, the sergeant responded that they, evidently referring to the Academy, did not particularly care for my lifestyle. At this point, the doctor suggested that I might be considering some sort of legal recourse. The sergeant, according to the doctor, had a distinct change of attitude and immediately said that they never accused me of anything.

At this point, I returned to the Academy, but on the way I stopped by my apartment, picked up my uniforms and my girlfriend, and drove on to the Academy. I placed my pistol, equipment, and uniforms in the sergeant's office. He seemed to look shocked when I told him I was going to resign. He admitted that he had talked to the doctor, but the doctor had not let on that I might resign. Then he and Officer Q said that it was never their intention that I should resign. Why did I want to? I told them that under the circumstances, I thought it was the best decision for this time. I then signed a generalized resignation letter and left.

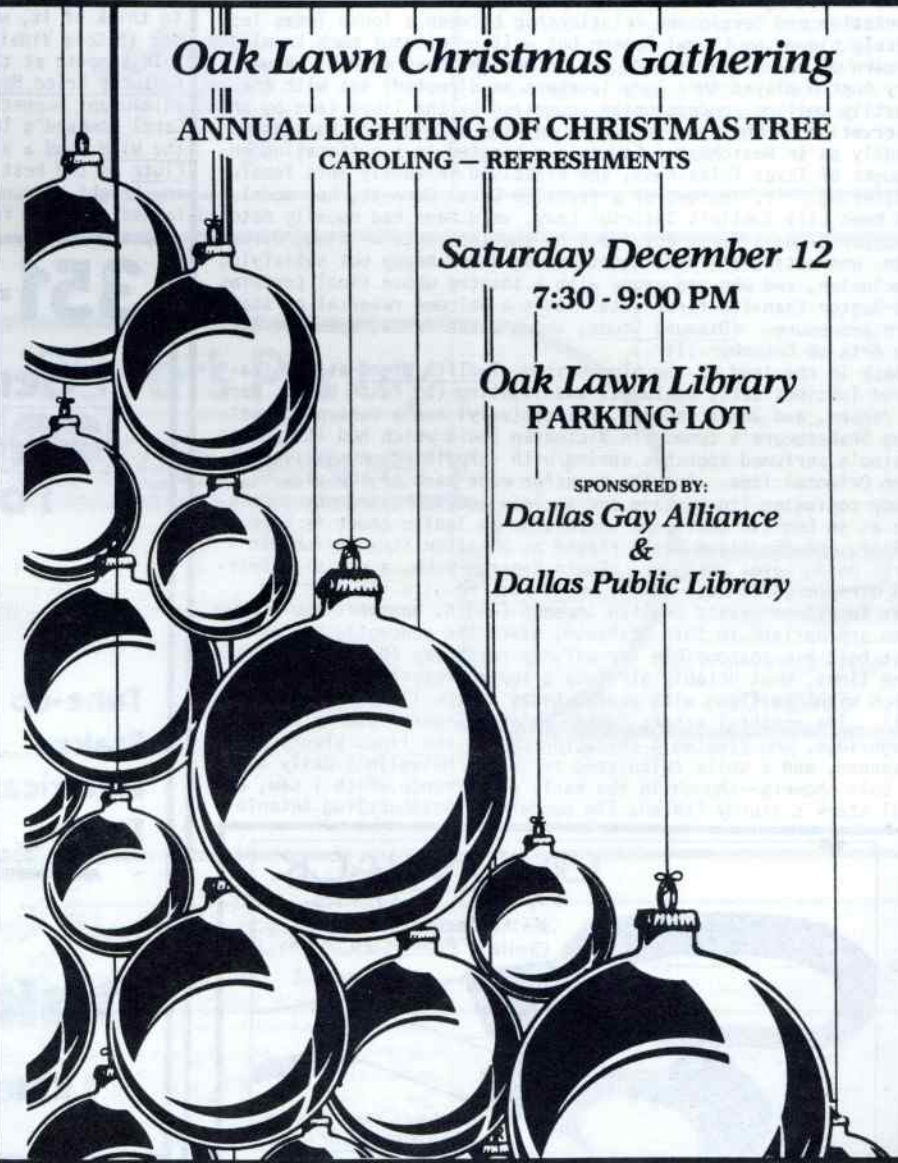
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Police Officer Quits

A Houston police officer recently resigned from the HPD after learning that he was under investigation for being gay. After working as a security guard at the Texas Gay Task Force convention in Houston, Officer Bill Gray was investigated for being gay himself. The probe was initiated by a Houston vice officer.

When he learned of the investigation, Gray quit "to save the city and myself a lot of hassle." Later, Gray tried to reverse his decision, but he was told that it was too late. Both Dallas and Houston police departments refuse to hire openly gay police officers, citing Texas Penal Code Section 21.06 which is still being challenged in U.S. District Court in Dallas.

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