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Be Active in the Alliance!

The New Year promises to be an important one for the Alliance. The first three meetings for 1982 have been announced. The March 8 meeting will be Candidates' Night for the spring primary elections. The February 8 meeting will include a presentation by the Department for Lesbian Issues of the results from their recent survey into the character, needs, and concerns of the Dallas lesbian community.

The meeting on January 11 will offer you the opportunity to accomplish your New Year's resolution to do something positive for yourself by doing something positive for the Alliance. The January meeting will feature a "Committee Fair" with representatives of the DGA Committees and Departments present to discuss their activities and the opportunities available for your participation. Working with a committee is a fantastic means of meeting new people while making a contribution to the community.

For those of you who are unable to attend the January meeting, a catalog of the Alliance committees follows with a coupon for you to clip and mail back to the DGA office. Each Department has a Board member as its coordinator. The people named are out-going Board members involved with each Department. In early January, the new Board will meet to redivide committee and department assignments among themselves.

The OPERATIONS Department is coordinated by Mike Stewart. This department is responsible for staffing the DGA office. If you can give some time to do office work, volunteer for the Operations Department. Mike Stewart also serves as the liaison between the Board and the Dialog staff which publishes this newsletter. Those of you who have always envied Lois Lane or who are interested in layout should join the Dialog staff.

Investigating and documenting violations of our rights is the job of the SOCIAL JUSTICE Department, coordinated by Dr. Campbell Read. This department also works to prevent the occurrence of such acts in the future. Volunteers are desperately needed to continue this most important work.

Ann Brown works with the EDUCATION Department in providing programs for meetings, coordinating our speakers bureau, and producing publications such as this year's Dallas Gay Community Calendar and PRESENCE, our literary magazine. This Department not only informs our membership through its programs and projects, but it also is responsible for educating the non-gay community about our lifestyle.

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New Board Elections

On December 14, the DGA met for the election of five board members to take office on January 1, 1982. The bylaws provide that board members be elected for one-year terms. Elections are held twice a year with four places elected in June and five elected in December each year.

At the December meeting, the names of the persons who nominated themselves were presented on the ballot, and one person was nominated from the floor but declined the nomination.

As there were five positions up for election to the board, a motion was made and passed which accepted the four nominees by acclamation rather than by formal election. As a result, Al Calkin and Bill Nelson have been re-elected to the board, and Peter Brooks and John Thomas will begin their first term.

The four continuing board members are D.A. Williams, Terry Tebedo, Mike Stewart and Ann Brown. The bylaws provide that the remaining vacancy be filled by board appointment, subject to approval by the general membership.

The membership expressed its appreciation to outgoing board members Mike Williams and Dick Weaver. The fifth vacancy on the board was created by the election of Campbell Read as Vice-President.

Headline was Error

The Editor of Dialog apologizes for a gross error in a headline of the December 1981 issue. On page one (of all places!!!), the headline read: CONVICT APPEALS. However, as was clear in the content of the article itself, Rudy H. was acquitted, not convicted. Furthermore, he was pressing perjury charges and not appealing his case. The Dialog staff regrets that this error occurred and hopes it caused no problems to anyone besides the Editor.

Social Justice Reacts

As reported in the December 1981 Dialog, Rudy H. wrote to the Dallas County District Attorney requesting that perjury charges be pressed against two Dallas vice officers who testified as to his bad character during his trial for public lewdness after he was arrested at the Village Station in January 1980.

In response, Rudy received a letter from Henry Wade stating that the matter is the subject of a grievance against Assistant D.A. Bob P., which is currently pending before the Dallas Bar Association's Grievance Committee. Wade also stated that he had referred the matter to the Dallas Police Department's Internal Affairs Office.

Two weeks later, Dallas Police Chief Glen King wrote, "I have been informed that there is no legal reason why an Assistant District Attorney cannot be a source as to an individual's reputation for truth and veracity in the community. The rules of evidence permit cross examination to determine the source of such information in order that the proper weight may be given by the court to this hearsay evidence. The rules of evidence do not restrict the source of such information to certain individuals.

No charges will be brought by this Department against Officers K. and S."

The DGA Social Justice Department has written City Attorney Lee Holt to inform him of the above events. Campbell Read acknowledged that the officers' testimony probably did not constitute perjury under the Texas Penal Code. However, he requested that the officers' department and their actions at Rudy H's trial be reviewed as to compliance with the rules and regulations of the Dallas Police Department. The Social Justice Department also expressed its primary concern that these complaints be thoroughly and fairly investigated regardless of the sexual orientation of the complainant.

Austin Anti-Gay Referendum

Later this month Austin voters will go to the polls to judge an anti-gay referendum sponsored by a right-wing fundamentalist and anti-abortion group. The election, slated for January 16, would enact a measure permitting discrimination against gays in renting or selling housing. The proposed measure reads: "It shall not be unlawful to deny housing on the basis of sexual orientation."

If it passes, the initiative would be the first measure permitting discrimination to be passed by referendum.

Opposing the referendum is a broad-based community coalition, the Citizens for a United Austin (CUA). Leaders in the coalition charge that the proposed measure opens the door to discrimination against many groups.

"As it's written, the amendment would allow discrimination against anybody," said Austin businessman Robb Southerland, an executive committee member of CUA.

"Sexual orientation means any individual's sexual preference, whether that's

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Community Calendar

JANUARY

Sun 10 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.

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.

Mon 11 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting. Come ye to the DGA Fair - lots of merryment ye'll find there. 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m

Tue 12 THE OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Landing. 2617 N. Pearl. 351-5009.

GOOD EVENING, LORD BYRON, a DGA Theatre Evening-Greenville Ave. Theatre, 7:30-Tickets $5--821-5200 or 826-7467.

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.

Wed 13 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.

"You Are Not Alone" Danish film of two adolescent male students whose friendship deepens into a romantic involvement. Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville. 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. 823-9610. (Also Thursday).

Thr 14 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.

DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 7 p.m. 750-8041.

THE TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 821-3086.

Fri 15 CLIFF DWELLERS Social Club meets every Friday at 8 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

Sun 17 GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS meeting. 4 p.m. 526-2365 or 691-0043

United Community Church Social at 6 p.m. (Wear your western clothes.) Service: "Western Theology - Texas Style" 7:30 p.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.

GAYLINE (CRC) meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 2505 Wycliff. 748-6790.

Mon 18 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. Students, faculty, town people, gay and non-gay welcome. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 382-1661. Program: "The Celluloid Closet - Homosexuality in the Movies." 7:30 p.m.

"Gerty, Gerty, Gerty Stein is Back, Back, Back". Our own Pat Bond stars as Gertrude Stein in a humorous recreation of the life and times of this fascinating author and saloon hostess. Channel 13, 10 p.m.

Thr 21 Department for LESBIAN CONCERNS meeting. Everyone welcome. DGA office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

Mon 25 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.

Sat 30 DIALOG production day. (Again on Sunday). Call 750-8041.

FEBRUARY

Mon 1 "Being Gay in Contemporary America" - GAUNT/GLAD course. Distinguished authorities will discuss psychology, religion, history, literature, sociology, law, and the gay lifestyle. Six consecutive Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Attendance and/or participation in these sessions does not presuppose sexual preference. $9 for GAUNT and GLAD members, $15 for the general public, $2 or $3 for single session. P.O. Box 951; Denton, TX 76201. (817) 382-1661 or (817) 387-8216. University Ministry Center, Maple and Avenue B, on the NTSU Campus.

Tue 2 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in Ft. Worth. 8 p.m. (817) 926-7000.

Wed 3 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 4 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 CONCERNS meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

Sat 6 Pot Luck Supper and Bingo at the United Community Church. (1st Saturday) 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.

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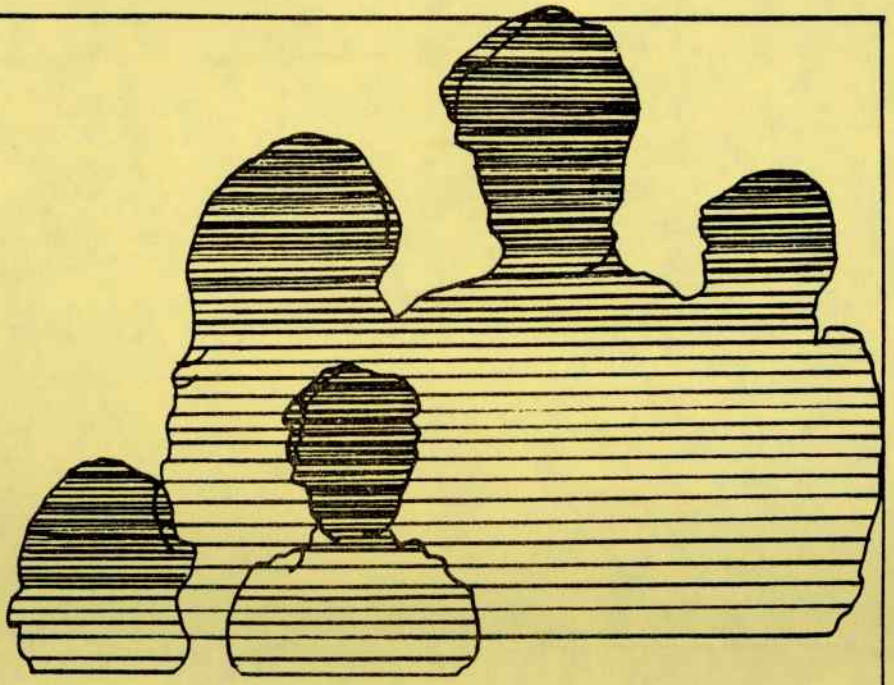

GAYLINE is sponsored by the Community Resource Center, Inc., a non-profit, volunteer organization. GAYLINE provides peer counseling, information and referral services to the Dallas-Fort Worth Gay/Lesbian Community. The line is open each evening from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at 748-6790. Calls range from inquiries about local resources, bars, organizations and events to persons seeking support with coming out, relationship or family problems.

Gay and lesbian volunteer counselors are needed. Our next annual training program, which is scheduled over eight Sunday afternoons through February and March, begins soon.

Specific requirements for GAYLINE training will be discusses with interested persons at the next regular meeting of CRC. Please come join us...we need you.

January 17, 7:30 p.m., 2505 Wycliff Ave. (corner of Maple)

If you are interested in CRC/GAYLINE and desire to become a volunteer telephone counselor, please complete the bottom of this page and return to CRC.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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PHONE _____

Return to: Community Resource Center
P.O. Box 64417
Dallas, TX 75206

Health

The Vice of Lice

This month we take a look at a tiny six-legged insect which attaches itself to the skin at the base of a single hair. Those "lice" that infect the pubic area of the body are known as crab lice.

Basic signs and symptoms are itching and irritation of the hairy areas of the body four to five weeks after exposure.

Incubation and spread: Itching could begin immediately after infestation or it could take several days or weeks to notice the itching as the lice multiply. These little fellas are spread by body contact or contact with infested bedding or clothing. Multiplication is by attaching tiny eggs to the hairs; they often look like tiny white spots when using a magnifying glass. Some live only in public hair while others live in hear hair or body hair.

Treatment: Some over-the-counter agents such as A200, RID, or XXX work quite well, but remember to wash all contaminated bedding and clothing in these products, too. But if these agents don't work, then you will need to go to the ol' Doc and get a script for Kwell lotion. It is good to have several itch-free days before you have any sexual activity. If you go untreated, you will itch into OBLIVION.

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sports are for both women and men with the exception of wrestling for men only and rugby for women only.

There are no restrictions for competing in the Gay Olympic Games other than the requirements put forth by each Olympic Sport Committee for their individual sport.

Representation is on a city basis; teams and individuals may compete for their city of origin regardless of where they are now living. A mailing address in the city to be represented is the only requirement.

The Gay Olympic Games Committee suggests that teams begin organizing now and developing a fund-raising campaign.

The Gay Olympic Games Committee desperately needs donations at this critical organizational and planning stage. The mailing address for the GOG is P. O. Box 14874, San Francisco, California 94114. Further questions should be directed to Thomas F. Waddell, M.D. at 415/863-6079 or to Mark Brown at 415/826-6858.

Gay Theatre

The Alliance will sponsor another special theatre evening, "Good Evening, Lord Byron," a one-man show, next Tuesday, January 12th. Featuring John Stuart Anderson, the performance opens at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenville Avenue Theatre on Greenville at Goodwin, between Monticello and Belmont.

"Good Evening, Lord Byron" features a visit with Count Manfred von der Jungfrau on his one hundred ninty-second birthday. Having lived almost two centuries, Count Manfred offers his insights into the foibles of humanity, most especially his personal knowledge of an old acquaintance, the English poet Lord Byron.

The play, which features risque English comedy, resumes the DGA's tradition of sponsoring theatre events. Tickets may be purchased at the Greenville Avenue Theatre or by reservation at 821-5200 or 826-7467. Ticket price is $5.00, which includes refreshments.

Count Manfred von der Jungfrau cordially extends to you this invitation to attend his 192nd birthday celebration

The Dallas Gay Alliance

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The SOCIAL CONCERNS Department, under the leadership of Terry Tebedo, plans and presents social activities for the DGA membership and the community at-large. If you enjoy coordinating social events and providing a good time for all, then this Department has a place for you.

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the community's political voice, works to ensure our rights through the political system. Most members of the DGA are also members of DGPC, but it is Al Calkin and the members of the CIVIC AFFAIRS Department who communicate with elected officials on our behalf, survey the candidates concerning their positions on issues of importance to the gay community, work to register gay voters, and distribute the DGPC endorsement sheet for each election. This department can always use more assistance, particularly as election time approaches.

Without the work of the FINANCIAL RESOURCES Committee, the Alliance would be unable to accomplish anything. President Don Baker and this small but dedicated group try to ensure that the DGA remains solvent. Some of their recent efforts include the plant sale at the Oak Lawn Festival, the "Gold C" Coupon Book sale. If you would like to participate in this essential effort, and particularly if you have some creative fund-raising ideas, this committee needs you.

Mike Williams coordinates the LEGAL AFFAIRS Department which provides legal advice to the Alliance. This Department is currently working to establish tax deductible status for contributions to the DGA. The legacy project, undertaken by this department, should prove to be an important source of funds for the Alliance in the future.

Bill Nelson (the elder) works with the PUBLIC RELATIONS Department to inform everyone of events sponsored by the Alliance and its committees. The Public Relations Department produces those marvelous posters which you steal from the bars to decorate your apartment. It is not necessary that you be capable of designing posters to join this department. People are needed to distribute leaflets and posters. The Public Relations Department also issues press releases about Alliance activities to the media.

THE DEPARTMENT FOR LESBIAN ISSUES, coordinated by D.A. Williams, is concerned with providing for the needs of the gay women of Dallas. An important recent project of this department is its survey of the lesbian community. The results of this survey, which will be made public in February, should assist the department and the DGA in better addressing the needs of the women in our community.

Dick Weaver's MEMBERSHIP Department welcomes new members to the Alliance. It also sponsors activities encouraging those in the gay community to join the DGA. This department directs the Alliance's outreach program to ensure that the DGA adequately represents all segments of our gay population. Participation in this department is a great way to meet new poeple.

Now that you know the purpose of each department or committee, there must be at least one which interests you. Make a New Year's resolution to give an hour or two each month to the Alliance. Come to the January meeting to discuss what you can do to further our cause. The Alliance needs you.

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On April 11, 1953, the Mattachine held the first American convention of gay organizations. It was attended by over five hundred delegates. After the convention, the Mattachine shifted its focus. It now saw its purpose to foster legal change to encourage societal acceptance of gay women and men. Hay still felt that self-image and public visibility was the only way to change society's view of gay people; therefore, he dropped out of the organization.

Hay himself was not thereafter active in the Mattachine Society. Nonetheless, his persistence contributed directly to the founding of the first major gay organizations in the United States.

* Katz, Jonathan, Gay American History (New York: Avon Books, 1976, pp. 612-614).

Contribute!!!

by Phil Johnson

Did you know that it costs the Alliance $4.44 a year for postage, envelopes, and printing to send you a single copy of Dialog. Those whose DGA memberships represent an investment of $5.00 per year have given a grand annual total of 56¢ to help the movement. Nonmembers reading this paper (laboriously put out by dedicated people) might wish to contribute something.

Obscenity Law

The Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals recently upheld the constitutionality of Texas' new obscenity law. The 1979 Texas law increased penalties for selling obscene books and made it illegal to sell so-called "obscene devices." Persons found with six or more such items are assumed to possess them for sale. The Texas statute also made wholesale pornography's distribution a felony offense. The federal appeals court in New Orleans rejected claims that the law was too vague.---The Advocate, September 17, 1981, page 9. (Editor's Note: This decision does not affect the Baker v. Wade case now pending in a federal district court in Dallas. The Baker case challenges only Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code which makes all homosexual conduct illegal, even private homosexual behavior between consenting adults.)

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DALLAS, TX 75235

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Austin Voters Reject Anti-Gay Discrimination

Austin voters rejected an anti-gay housing proposal by a nearly two-to-one margin last month. The overwhelming vote may now pave the way for protecting gays against housing discrimination.

The proposed measure read that "it shall not be unlawful to deny housing on the basis of sexual orientation." If it had passed, it would have marked the first law specifically permitting discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.

Turnout was unexpectedly heavy, despite chilly 20 degree temperatures locally. Nearly 27 percent of eligible voters turned out, a level which surprised many political observers. Of those voting in the January 16th balloting, 36,239, or 63 percent, rejected the proposed amendment to the city's Fair Housing Ordinance.

The anti-gay measure, which was sponsored by a right-wing, anti-abortion group, lost in almost all areas of Austin. It carried only 13 of 85 Austin precincts, and most of those only by narrow margins. In student precincts, black precincts, and Mexican-American precincts, the measure lost overwhelmingly. Some minority precincts rejected the proposal by a ten-to-one margin.

Opponents of the ordinance had feared that low turnout, the cold weather, and the absence of vacationing University of Texas students might help the amendment to pass. Their fears were unfounded. Students voted heavily, according to local precinct workers, and overwhemingly against the measure. At the LBJ School for Public Affairs, the vote was 447 to 89, a four-to-one margin against the proposal.

Leading the campaign against the initiative was the Citizens for a United Austin. The group mounted a professional campaign, targeting likely voters, and sponsoring a heavy media assualt on the amendment.

Many other groups also opposed the measure, agreeing that discrimination of any kind was wrong. Also opposing the ordinance were the Austin League of Women Voters, the Mexican-American Democrats of Austin, the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Community Council of Austin, and the AFL-CIO Central Labor Council. Other opponents included the Gray Panthers of Austin, the NAACP, the Austin Federation of Teachers, the local chapter of the National Organization of Women, the University Employees Union, and the Congregational Church of Austin. Several Democratic Party organizations also opposed the measure.

Citizens for a United Austin convinced a broad spectrum of religious, business, and political figures to come out against the measure. One prominent CUA spokesperson was Austin businessman Robb Sutherland. Shortly before the vote, a group of 53 Austin clergy announced a separate effort to defeat the initiative. The group included both protestant and Catholic groups.

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Taxi to the Toilet?

On February 10th the West German film Taxi Zum Klo (Taxi to the Toilet) will open at the Inwood Theatre. The 9 o'clock performance on February 10th will be a benefit for the Community Resource Center/Gayline. The tickets are $5.00 in advance from Gayline members or at the door.

Taxi Zum Klo is an autobiographical film by former schoolteacher Frank Ripploh. It is honest, daring, and humorous in its examination of daily life in the urban gay male ghetto. It is a surprising film because of the reactions it draws from audiences. It has been extremely successful at the box office in its European release. Straight audiences seem to find it as easy to identify with the main character as do gay audiences, despite the perhaps most explicit gay sex scenes ever in a mainstream release.

In its American release, Taxi Zum Klo has been collecting high praise from critics in both the straight and gay press. Janet Maslin said in the New York Times, "A believable and touching portrait. The sex and nudity will account for the film's popularity with some audiences, but they will also put off others. And Taxi Zum Klo is of sufficient quality and interest for that to be a shame." In the Village Voice, Stuart Byron called Taxi Zum Klo "the first masterpiece about the mainstream of male gay life."

DGA is Heir

The Alliance recently received a donation of almost $3,000.00 from the estate of Robert Milhollin. Mr. Milhollin was never a member of the DGA, but he wanted part of his estate to go towards the gay rights movement in Dallas.

The Board voted to spend a portion of this legacy to buy a printer which will link up to a computer system made available to the Alliance. By spending the money in this manner, Mr. Milhollin's generous donation will become a permanent part of the increasingly efficient and organized gay rights movement. Thanks to this individual, thousands of gay people in the Dallas area will be in closer communication with the DGA and better informed as to the news which effects their lifestyle.

GAUNT/GLAD Course Effort

A six-week community course, entitled "Being Gay in Contemporary America," is slated to be offered in Denton this February and March. This course is sponsored jointly by the North Texas Gay Academic Union and the Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton.

"The course is aimed at counselors, educators, and ministers, and both straight and gay people," explained Edra Bogle, a program coordinator. "We want to inform the community about the real facts about being gay."

All sessions will meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday evenings, beginning on February 1st and continuing through March 8th. The sessions will be held at the University Ministry Center, Maple at Avenue B, in Denton.

Each weekly session will feature a separate topic. Over twenty academics, clergy, lawyers, psychologists, and others will lead the discussions. The speakers include both gay and non-gay professionals in their fields.

"Everyone is welcome," said Ms. Bogle. "We hope to have people going into counseling and teaching, as well as the gay community."

The spring sessions mark the first time that such a course has presented in Denton. GAUNT presented a related course in

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Wanted: New Treasurer

Jim Williams, the Treasurer of the Alliance, has notified the Board that his increased work responsibilities have made it desirable for him to relinquish his office in the near future.

Any person having an interest in assuming this position should contact a Board member as soon as possible. Jim will be available to train his successor.

Marching for Freedom

This year will be the best ever for the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band! After a short holiday break, the Band has elected Spring officers and begun rehearsals for what looks to be a very exciting year. Officers hope that playing ranks will attain seventy people and that the auxillary corps will number over thirty.

The Band will march in the third Gay Pride Week Parade in its two-year existence in June. In addition, several fundraisers and concerts are planned to generate enthusiasm and prepare the Band for a busy Gay Pride Week.

Anticipating the costs of uniforms, instruments, outreach, and music, the Band has planned a Valentine's Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, February 13th from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. outside Butler's Pantry Too.

The Wrangler Motorcycle Club has also sponsored a concert to benefit the Band on February 18th. Entitled "Music For Music," this program will feature "Reverchon III," a chamber orchestra promising a unique performance. This concert will be held in Whittle's Recital Hall at Oak Lawn at Congress at 8 p.m. with a reception following at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are being sold by club and band members for $5.00 general admission or $10.00 reserved sponsor seating.

In April the Band will perform a formal Spring concert at Metropolitan Community Church. In an effort to become more accessible to the community, two evening performances will have no admission charge.

In late May the Band hopes to present an outdoor pops concert where the recently formed flag corps and twirlers can be previewed before Gay Pride Week.

The Band is very proud to represent the Dallas gay and lesbian community and welcomes support in any form. Membership is open and all are invited to rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at The Landing.

Although most members own or rent their instruments, the Band owns a trumpet, two trombones, and snaredrums that currently go unused.

The cost of running the Band are modest, but to maintain and grow, monetary donations are necessary. A single piece of music may cost as much $100.00. This year the Band hopes to find new uniforms that can be paid partially by members and from the general band fund.

If you would like to know more about the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, have instruments to donate, or would like to sponsor the Band, please call 351-5509. Says President Denis Wilcoxen, "If we work with unity, we can make a beautiful sound that Dallas can be proud of."

PAC and the Primaries

The political action committee of the Alliance, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, is beginning work for the 1982 primaries. DGPC workers have prepared and mailed questionnaires to office-holders and candidates. These questionnaires probe attitudes about homosexuality and are the basis for DGPC recommendations to endorse certain candidates and offer campaign assistance.

The members of DGPC will evaluate these questionnaires, register voters, and prepare recommendations for Candidates' Night on March 8th. Steering Committee Co-chair Joe Mosley says a variety of jobs exist for people interested in working with DGPC. To volunteer, call 528-4233.

A New Tag on Presence

A generous grant of $500.00 from Miller Beer of Dallas has made it possible to set the price of Presence, the DGA-sponsored literary magazine, at $2.50. All those who ordered Presence prior to publication may receive a refund or a second copy by calling the Alliance office at 528-4233 or by contacting Ann Brown.

Copies of Presence may be purchased at:
Butler's Pantry Too,
Den Dallas,
Lobo Bookstore,
Off the Street, and
Union Jack.

Leadership Conference Set

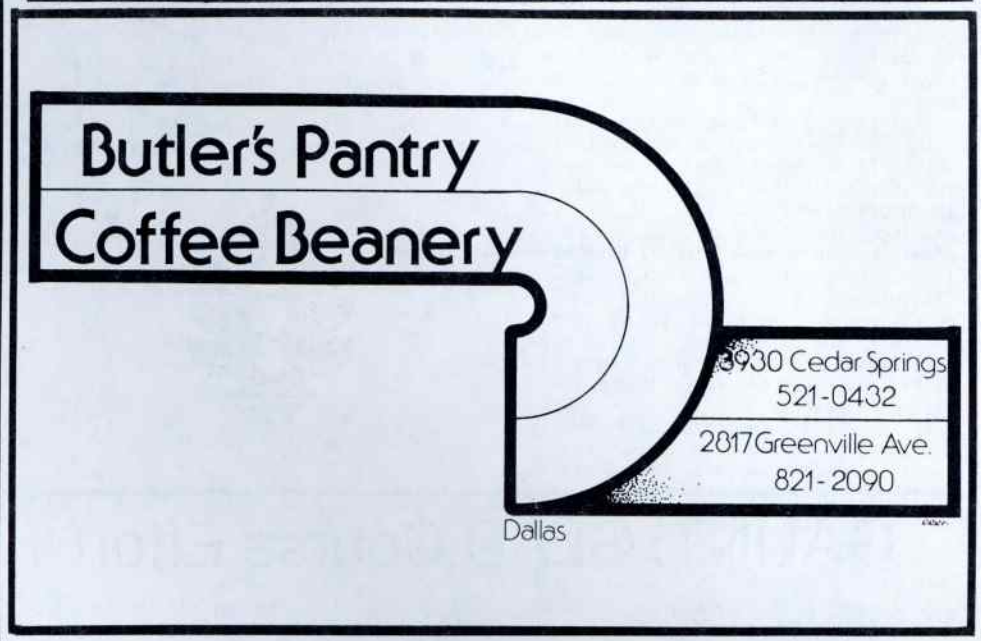
The Alliance will host a national leadership conference August 13-15, 1982 at the Grenelefe Hotel here in Dallas. The conference's purpose is to educate and share with women and men from other organizations the experiences, goals, and expectations of the human rights movement for homosexuals. The DGA feels that it will prove valuable for the leaders of gay organizations from across the country to meet and socialize.

Planning for this important conference has been in progress since September 1981. The agenda and workshop programs are currently being developed by Board members. For further information, contact Bill Nelson (the major) at 821-5200.

GPW Plans Continue

The theme for the 1982 Dallas Gay Pride Week is "Progress in Unity." The Dallas Gay Pride Week Association announced that R.E. Pruitt is the winner of this year's theme contest.

Volunteers are needed to make this year's Gay Pride Week celebration the biggest and best Dallas has seen. The committee meets on the first and third Sundays of every month at 2 p.m. in the Alliance office. In February the meetings are set for the 7th and the 21st.



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NWPC/NGTF Produce Political Pamphlet

A primer to acquaint candidates for public office with facts on lesbian and gay rights has been composed by the National Gay Task Force and the National Women's Political Caucus, which initiated the project and requested NGTF's participation. Funding for the project has been provided by noted author Rita Mae Brown.

Lucia Valeska, Executive Director of NGTF, commented: "As part of our effort to combat the Radical Right, we are delighted to join the National Women's Political Caucus in this important educational project. NWPC will distribute the gay rights primer nationally, and we hope that all candidates for public office will put it to good use."

The booklet, which will be available in late February, addresses major issues such as basic information about the gay rights movement, how and why gay rights might be involved in particular campaigns, ways gays are treated unfairly plus examples of discrimination, and several recent examples of how a pro-gay stance can work to a politician's advantage.

The primer also confronts myths, outmoded theories, misinformation and religious biases that are used as ammunition against gays, and, in a question-and-answer section, instructs candidates in fielding both substantial and "loaded" questions on gay rights issues.

The booklet notes, "It is also important for you to understand what gay men and lesbians are really seeking, so that you can allay some of the ill-founded fears that can turn gay civil rights into a sensitive campaign issue. Often, a well-prepared candidate can turn the defense of gay civil rights to political advantage."

When printed, the primer will be available from the National Women's Political Caucus at 1411 K St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005 or from the National Gay Task Force at #1601, 80 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.

Court for Us?

The U.S. Supreme Court let stand last month a lower court ruling that ordered a former Harris County Treasurer be reinstated with more than $50,000.00 in back pay. The Harris County Treasurer was fired after speaking out in favor of gay rights at a county commissioners hearing. (Perhaps the Burger Court still respects the freedom of speech.)

GAUNT/GLAD COURSE

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Dallas during the spring of 1979.

The February 1st program examined homosexuality in light of modern sex research and psychology. Four therapists and psychologists explained current views on gay males and lesbians.

On February 8th, the program will include views of gays and religion, including how different churches view homosexuality. The February 15th meeting examines historical and cross-cultural perspectives on homosexuality.

On February 22nd, gays in literature is the topic. The March 1st program considers politics, the law, and homosexuality. Finally, the March 8th program focuses on lesbian and gay men in relationships.

Program coordinators include Ms. Bogle and James Tanner, two North Texas State University professors. The cost per session is $3.00 for the general public or $2.00 for GLAD or GAUNT members. Cost for all six sessions if $15.00 for the general public or $9.00 for GAUNT or GLAD members.

Registration for the course or for any individual session may be made at the door or mailed to this address:

GLAD/GAUNT Course: Attn. Registration
P.O. Box 951
Denton, Texas 76201

For problems about bad weather, call 817/382-1661 after 3 p.m. on the afternoons of scheduled sessions.

Gay Books, Books!

The Oak Lawn branch library will soon upgrade its collection of gay-related books, thanks to an anonymous donor and the Gay Academic Union of North Texas (GAUNT).

A gift of $500.00 to GAUNT will be used to add twenty-three books on homosexuality, with more additions to follow in future years. The books selected include several biographies, as well as works in psychology, history, and the social sciences.

The new books should upgrade the gay-related collection now available, explained one GAUNT member. About one-half of the grant will be spent on currently-published books and the remainder on upcoming releases.

Health

Unseen Sights

This month we go inward and explore the world of intestinal parasites, such as Amebae and Giardia lamblia which live in the intestines and sometimes in other organs.

Symptoms: Diarrhea, cramps, hunger, nausea, vomiting, foul flatulence, and sometimes bloody or mucous covered stools. Attacks come and go without treatment and may continue for years.

Incubation and Spread: These little fellas multiply within the intestines and may produce symptoms within a few days. They are spread by fecal-oral contamination: rimming and anal sex.

Diagnosis, Treatment, and Follow-Up: Some doctors think these parasites are a "disease of the Tropics" and therefore do not always test for them. Diagnosis is only possible by testing a fresh stool sample or by washings from a tube put up into the bowel itself. Intestinal parasites are often misdiagnosed as the "irritable bowel or colon syndrome." Several different medicines are available for treatment, but it is imperative that follow-up examination of a fresh stool sample is done to make certain that the parasites are gone and not just their symptoms.

You should tell all contacts to be suspicious of continuing diarrhea or GI symptoms of more than a virus. Have no anal sex until post-treatment stool specimens prove negative. If these 'sites go untreated, you can have recurring bouts of cramps and diarrhea and severe ulcerating disease of the bowel with general body illness.

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--JUSTIN

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Community Calendar

FEBRUARY

Sun 7 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. (1hr), 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

"A Time for Spiritual Renewal", guest Reverend Alice Jones, Pastor of MCC of Greater Tulsa. Agape' Metropolitan Community Church. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill. (817) 926-7000.

"The Most Beautiful Word in the Gospel", the first of four in a series entitle Just as I Am: The Church and the Homosexual. Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

The Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month. 7:30 p.m. Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser. 526-9221.

GAY PRIDE WEEK Planning Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of February and March. Your help is needed to make this the best and biggest Gay Pride Week ever. "Progress In Unity." DGA office. 2 p.m. 528-4233 or 521-0432.

Mon 8 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting. Program: "300 Dallas Women Speak". The Department for Lesbian Issues of the DGA will present preliminary results of their recent survey. "Come find out who we are, where we are, and what we are doing." 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 528-4233.

"Gays, God and the Churches", the second in a series of Being Gay in Contemporary America. GAUNT/GLAD course featuring distinguished authorities. Panelist: Al Blackwell, Episcopal Integrity; Reverend Shaun Farrell, United Community Church: Reverend Ted Karpf, Campus Minister, NTSU; Deaconess Anne Nuechterlein, Lutheran Campus Minister, NTSU; Reverend John B. Soper, Pastor, Holy Covenant United Methodist Church. University Ministry Center, Maple and Avenue B, on the NTSU campus in Denton. 7:30 p.m. Small admission charge. (817) 382-1661 or (817) 387-8216.

Tue 9 THE OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Landing. Musicians needed. 2617 N. Pearl. 351-5009.

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 Ritz"and "The Boys In The Band". Two campy gay classics. Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville Ave. 823-9610.
Times: Ritz at 7:30, Boys at 9:15 p.m.

Wed 10 The Oak Lawn Volley Ball Team practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7:30 p.m. Players needed. 528-4913.

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.

"Taxi Zum Klo" (a trip to the john), an erotic comedy full of self-irony and quick wit. Special showing at the Inwood Theatre (5458 Lovers Lane) benefiting Gayline. 9 p.m. 352-6040.

Thr 11 FINANCIAL RESOURCES Department meeting. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

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.

THE TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 821-3086.

Fri 12 "Making Love". A romantic triangle with three happy endings. Everyone, gay and non-gay, will be better off from having seen this excellent film. North Park III, 8080 Park Lane. 369-8841. (Send your comments to 20th Century: 11551 Forest Central, Dallas 75231)

CLIFF DWELLERS Social Club meets every Friday at 8 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

TROT Bowling Tournament. Bronco Bowl. 2600 Ft. Worth Avenue. (Tournament ends Sunday, Feb. 14th) 651-8295

Sat 13 THE OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND Bake Sale. Coffee and fruit juices served. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Butler's Pantry Too.
The gay crossroads, Throckmorton and Cedar Springs. Buy (or donate) something delicious and help our band.

"Leather and Lace Benefit" at the Oak Lawn Transfer, 3118 Oak Lawn. 10 p.m. (DJ Doug Williams lost his entire record collection in the recent Alcatraz fire. The gay community needs to come together and help this man.)

Sun 14 Valentine's Day. The Dallas Gay Alliance wishes you and your sweetheart a happy holiday. Special events are planned at your favorite bars. For complete listings in the Dallas, Denton, Ft. Worth area check Metro Times and This Week in Texas (TWT).

Affirmative (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.

"Out of the Closet - Into the Church", Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

Mon 15 "Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspectives". GAUNT/GLAD course. Panelist: Phil Johnson, Dallas Gay Historic Archives: Frank Rossiter, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History and American Studies, The University of Texas at Dallas. University Ministry Center on the NTSU campus in Denton. 7:30 p.m.

Gay Parents Support Group. 7:30 p.m. Call 827-5088 for information.

DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 7 p.m. 750-8041.

Wed 17 MEMBERSHIP Department meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

Thr 18 Department for LESBIAN ISSUES meeting. Everyone welcome. DGA office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

"Music for Music" featuring "Reverchon III" chamber orchestra and benefitting the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band. Whittles Recital Hall. 8 p.m. Reception at 9:30 p.m. Tickets $5 and $10. 351-5009.

Sun 21 GAY PRIDE WEEK Planning Committee meeting. DGA Office. 2 p.m. 528-4233 or 521-0432.

GAYLINE (CRC) meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 2505 Wycliff. 748-6790.

"Exploding the Ex-gay Myth", Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

Mon 22 "Gays In Literature", GAUNT/GLAD course. Panelist: Edra C. Bogle, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English, NTSU; John Lewis, Associate Professor of English, SMU; James T. F. Tanner, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English, NTSU. University Ministry Center on the NTSU campus in Denton. 7:30 p.m.

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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. Everyone welcome. You comments wanted. DGA office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

Wed 24 Jerry Falwell, founder and president of the Moral Majority will address the national convention of the Baptist Bible Fellowship. 7 p.m. Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium in Ft. Worth. The address is open to the public.

Thr 25 Integrity (Episcopal) meets the last Thursday of every month at St. Thomas the Apostle, Mockingbird Lane and Inwood. 7:30 p.m.

Sat 27 DIALOG production day. (Again or Sunday). Call 750-8041.

Sun 28 "Gay and Proud - Christian and Free", Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

MARCH

Mon 1 "Politics, The Law, and Homosexuality", GAUNT/GLAD course. Panelist: Don Baker, President, Dallas Gay Alliance: Louise Young, Ph.D., Past President of the Dallas, Gay Alliance; attorneys Peter Brooks and Carla Cristford. University Ministry Center on the NTSU campus in Denton. 7:30 p.m.

Tue 2 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in Ft. Worth. 2336 Hemphill. 8 p.m. (817) 926-7000.

Wed 3 Pot Luck Supper at the Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2701 Reagan. 6 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 4 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.

Sat 6 Pot Luck Supper and Bingo at the United Community Church. (1st Saturday). 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.

Mon 8 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting. Program: "Candidates Night". Political candidates seeking the gay vote will be there. Come hear what they have to say, then tell them what you want them to hear. Recent victories in Austin and Houston have shown that there is indeed "Progress In Unity." Let us use it or lose it. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

"Lesbians and Gay Men in Relationships". GAUNT/GLAD course. Panelist: Bill Beauchamp, Ph.D., National Gay Task Force: Cher Harnish, Gayline; Shirley Switzer, M.S., Parents and Friends of Gays: R.B. (Buzz) Tucker, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist. University Ministry Center on the NTSU campus in Denton. 7:30 p.m.

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Gingersnaps

by Steven Benchley

In Stage #1's Getting Out, Gail Cronauer plays a young woman released from prison who is trying to make it in the world outside. Early in the play's second act, huddled in the designer Roger Farkash's bleak furnished room--a cell-away-from-jail--she counts out the dollar bills that must buy her necessities until she can find a job: this one for coffee, this one for soap, this one for bread . . . Her growing realization that it's not going to come out right makes for a quietly heart-breaking scene.

In the first act, Marsha Norman, a beginning playwright with an ear for apt dialogue but plenty to learn about dramatic structure, puts her heroine through enough trauma to get Pearl White through a dozen episodes. And Jenna Worthen's overwrought direction is no help (by now, we know all prison guards are sadists, but must they all be such flamboyant sadists?). From the beginning, Ms. Cronauer's Arlene appears exhausted, young in years but halfway to rattled old age (she might have posed for Walker Evans' photographs in Let Us Now Praise Famous Men). When, in Act Two, she is given the opportunity to explain what lies behind her numb suffering mask, the play begins to swell with magnificence. There were tears from the lacquered opening-night crowd.

There is good acting in Getting Out (Ben Jones as a paternally lustful guard, Miriland Cash as a sweetly nervy neighbor; Anna Heins as Arlene's slattern of a mother) and a couple of bizarre, ambitious ones: that fine actor John Rainone seems to be playing a white coke freak playing a black pimp. And Sandi Fish, faced with the difficult task of playing long scenes in a vacuum as Arlene's younger self, brings to some of these a fine hysterical edge; in others, she appears to be playing Huck Finn possessed by the devil. (It's a credit to both actresses, and to Ms. Worthen, that the two Arlenes are mysteriously reconcilable as one person.) But this performance by Ms. Cronauer possesses a stern beauty which the actress sustains from rocky start to radiant finish. It's what theatre is all about.

Getting Out will be at the Greenville Avenue Theater (6 blocks south of Mockingbird; 823-3670) through March 7th.

Pennies From Heaven is an attempt to recreate the shame and pinched sadness of America's Great Depression by an English TV script writer, a director and choreographer of musical- and Neil Simon comedies, and a surreally funny stand-up comic. They all succeed beyond their own capacities. This will be one of the most talked- and written-about American movies now and decades from now. Few of its admirers will love it, and I suspect plenty of people will hate it. It's a wonderful movie.

The story Pennies tells is unoriginal and sordid enough; tiring of his frigid wife, a loutish but irrepressibly romantic sheet-music salesman seduces a virginal schoolteacher. Through the incidental involvement of a street musician and a blind waif, disaster comes to (or remains with) them all. What transforms this material is that when events render these glum figures inarticulate, their naive optimism transmutes them in their own minds into stock, but sublime, figures of the movie musicals of the time. This is achieved through lip-synchronization by the actors to original '30s recordings and inspired staging of Danny Daniels' choreography by the director Herbert Ross which does not parody the original numbers but lovingly recreates (and improves upon) them.

The effect of the numbers is first laugh-provoking, then--once we're reminded of the disparity between the characters' dreams and reality--painful. Ultimately, because of the brilliance of the concept and the multi-dimensioned performances it demands of the players, it is exhilarating. I've always been annoyed by Jessica Harper's look-at-me-I'm-adorable coyness. Here, as the mousy but secretly seething wife, she gives the least narcissistic performance imaginable and stands revealed as an actress to be respected. Conversely, we know Christopher Walken as an actor who takes himself seriously in solemn movies like The Deerhunter; therefore, his grittily unerotic striptease in a crummy dive becomes all the more resplendent. Vernel Bagneris, as the musician, does another snaky dance while pantomiming Arthur Tracy's singing--sorrowful but devoid of self-pity--of the title song, and the effect this time is both moving and eerie. Finally, Steve Martin and Bernadette Peters surpass their own previous best work and triumph in areas they've never attempted before.

So many other elements of the film deserve mention--the scriptwriter Dennis Potter's surrealistically spare dialogue; Bob Mackie's costumes, grungy or glowing as the moment demands; the cinematographer Gordon Willis' recreation of Depression-era photographs and paintings--most notably a couple by Edward Hopper: the leaden pace and misdirected comedy of a couple of scenes involving Harper. But let me say only that if you walked out of Pennies From Heaven because you expected but didn't get a Steve Martin farce, a Bernadette Peters musical, or a reworking of Dames at Sea, give the movie another chance and go with the idea of seeing something unique. You won't be disappointed.

Less ambitious, controversial, and stimulating of thought, but a hell of a lot easier to love, is The Gondoliers at Theatre Three. I knew neither plot nor songs of this show, and it's a credit to the crackling articulation of not only principals but chorus (as well as the just-right volume of the modified orchestration, rollickingly directed by Terry Dobson) that I missed not a word of either. Nor have I ever seen a Gilbert and Sullivan production in which every participant possessed such awareness of the ditsy absurdity of what they all were so gravely and meticulously enacting. We can thank the guest director Jack Eddlemen for this lush flowering from G & S' parodistic roots and for his brilliant choreography which employs a tiny stage and adjacent playing areas for spectacle that, without seeming jammed, nevertheless gives the impression it could overflow the stage at the Music Hall if the mood came upon it. Eddleman's sure guidance of an overall concept remained true to Savoyard spirit while admitting such welcome diversifications as Jac Alder's syncopated timing of his lines as the Duke of Plaza-Toro, or Wendy Jackson's Bea Lilliesque Casilda who moves with the self-conscious gorgeousness of a Zeigfeld girl who hopes nobody will notice her headdress is caught in the chandelier.

Later this month, Theatre Three will present its 1982 Second Stage Festival. Other area theatres will offer Of Mice and Men (Theatre Center, opening the 9th); Ashes, about young married life (SMU, the 2nd); Marat/Sade (SMU, the 25th), and Agatha Christie's sturdy Ten Little Indians (New Arts, the 5th).

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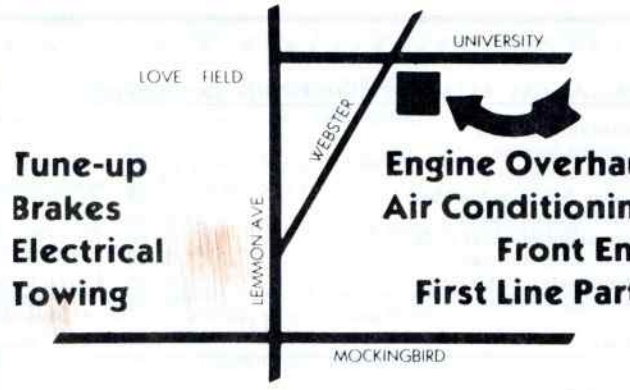

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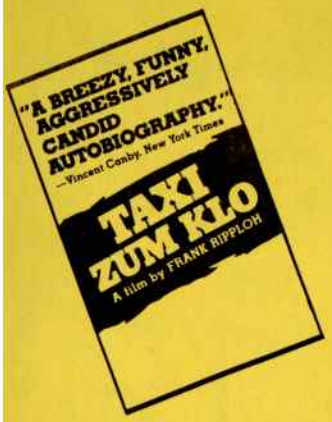

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BOOKENDS

by Kay Hesse

Reflections of a Rock Lobster: A Story About Growing Up Gay by Aaron Fricke. Alyson, $4.95. 116 pages.

Because of its brevity, its absence of a high-flown theorizing and pontificating, and its simple style, this autobiography by Aaron Fricke is likely to be underrated. But it could, in fact, conceivably become one of the most influential gay books every written.

Aaron Fricke made national news in 1980 when he sued his high school principal in Cumberland, Rhode Island for denying him permission to attend his senior prom with a male date. Surprisingly, Fricke won his case and became, for a time, a celebrity. He and his date got their pictures published in Time, and Fricke appeared on several television talk shows.

Fricke tells the story of the trial, what led up to it, and its aftermath. But he also tells, in a spare, simple, but sincere style, about what it was like for him to grow up gay. There are elements that almost every gay male and lesbian can identify with: The slow realization that one is somehow "different;" early sexual curiosity and experimentation; and the first confrontation with homophobia. For Fricke, the confrontation came when his older sister reacted with shock to his expressed admiration of Adam West's physique on Batman. It was an experience Fricke never forgot.

He writes of the social withdrawal he went through in school, the insults of "Queer!" and "Fag!", the ostracism and loneliness, and the consequent eating binges that ballooned his weight to more than two hundred pounds in his sophomore year. Then, in a chapter entitled "Renaissance," he tells of his fateful meeting with Paul, who introduced him to other gays, including some members of the National Gay Task Force. "My self-perceptions began to change," Fricke writes in his understated way. As his knowledge about homosexuality grew, his self-confidence increased, and his weight began to drop. He slowly became the courageous young man that successfully bucked the high school establishment.

Fricke did his own writing in Lobster, and although there are rough spots and outright errors which any competent editor ought to have caught, I'm almost glad the errors are there; they testify to the absence of a ghost. And with his straightforward prose, Fricke conveys a great deal in a few words:

> "I didn't choose homosexuality: homosexuality chose me. People do not wake up in the morning and say, 'Gee, I think I'll be a homosexual.' The only choice I had was whether to nurture or stifle my homosexual feelings. I merely chose not to be forced into 'acceptable' social conduct." (p. 8)

This sort of thing is familiar, of course, to us, but it's news to a great many straights.

Whether the book ultimately has the valuable influence on straights I believe it can have depends on several things. To have even a chance of reaching the mass straight audience it needs, the book must be filmed. Several scenes demand to be filmed: Fricke's first sight of a gay pride parade (in Provincetown, no less); a confrontation with a reporter; a punch in the eye at school during the prom controversy; and a meeting at the prom with a childhood sex partner who dumped Fricke for a pretense at straight life with a noisy, too-much-in-evidence girlfriend. There's even a suspenseful chase scene.

Moviegoers have a special fondness for the shy, persecuted, yet attractive young man; one thinks of Anthony Perkins in Psycho, of Montgomery Clift in Red River and A Place in the Sun, of James Dean in Rebel Without a Cause, Giant, and East of Eden. America--or at least some of its better-educated citizens--may be ready to be won over by an openly gay male such as Aaron Fricke.

But, of course, the book must somehow get filmed first. Whether any major producer will touch it depends partially on the reception given Making Love, set to premiere in February. If Making Love is at least a modest success and if no one associated with it is shot, producers might see gay films as a gravy train to jump onto.

If a well-known, reputable producer buys the rights to Lobster and promotes it in the right way, it could very well change--or at least initiate the process of changing--more than a few straight minds. And a successful film could stimulate sales of the book in other than gay outlets to straights who heretofore knew almost nothing about homosexuality, and who might then buy other books, which might . . .

Admittedly, there are a lot of ifs, coulds, and mights in the preceding paragraphs. But let's be hopeful.

Should a Lobster breakthrough materialize, at the center of it all will be Aaron Fricke, reaping fame and perhaps fortune from his important decision to, as it were, sue the bastard. I can't think of anyone who deserves such good fortune (and a chance to play himself in the film) more. What he did took guts--pure, unalloyed guts. As is detailed in his book, he made his stand despite considerable personal danger. His act and his book may ultimately result in a significantly better life for all of us.

He is, in a word, a hero.

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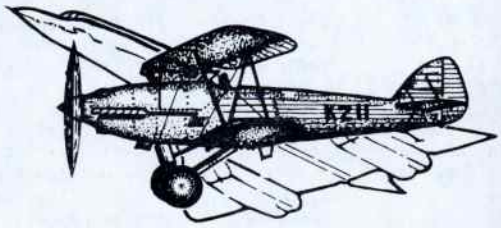

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GINGERSNAPS

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In the wonderful wacky world of TV, PBS Channel 13 has survived the best efforts of the Reagan administration and come up with three excellent new series: American Playhouse (for the opening John Cheever wrote an original television play; 8 p.m. Tuesdays), Life on Earth (from the BBC and as poetic as it is educational; 7 p.m. Tuesdays), and Bill Moyers' Creativity (Fridays at 9 p.m.). On commercial television, Fridays and the wretched new Saturday Night Live plummeted to their nadirs-to-date last month with respective sketches about fun with corpses and G. Gordon Liddy telling Nixon about FDR's dirty tricks (you'd think both parties could furnish material for more current satire). Fortunately, we still have SCTV, and if you think "The Great White North" is all this superb show has to offer, tune in midnight Friday and see how wrong you can be.

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Also lined up against the measure were a wide spectrum of Austin's political leadership, including five of seven city council members, three county commissioners, and the district attorney.

The anti-gay measure was also opposed by the Austin American-Statesman, which editorialized for "A vote against intolerance." The newspaper described the measure as a "noxious amendment", and wrote of its anti-gay backers that "their campaign advertisements are scandalously misleading, even libelous." The newspaper's editorial against the proposal also noted that the anti-gay group had resorted to "a sanctimonious dose of selective Bible-quoting or hysterical horror stories about homosexual recruitment."

Religious differences frquently surfaced in the campaign. Several local ministers backed the controversial measure, often from their pulpits. One supporter of the anti-gay measure was Dr. Billy Burke of the Northwest Baptist Church. According to the Austin American-Statesman, Burke reportedly showed the CBS documentary, "Gay Power, Gay Politics" to a Sunday school group before preaching in favor of the amendment at his church service.

Describing the homosexual lifestyle as "nauseating, sickening, perverted," Burke reportedly claimed "America would not be here today if the homosexual lifestyle was practiced."

"What are we trying to do? See how fast we can go to hell? Give us World War II again with Americans united against the forces of evil and darkness," Burke reportedly told his congregation.

Another Baptist minister reportedly told his congregation to vote for the ordinance, claiming that "disobeying God was a vote for Satan to dethrone God."

Other Austin ministers, however, criticized the measure from the pulpit, and urged their members to vote against the amendment. One Methodist minister asked, "If we allow homosexuals to be discriminated against, where do we stop?"

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The proposed measure was also attacked on legal grounds. A University of Texas law professor claimed that it was probably unconstitutional anyway.

Ed Sherman, professor of civil procedure and constitutional law at UT, argued that the measure authorized private discrimination in violation of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Opponents of the anti-gay amendment had promised a court battle if voters approved it. The overwhelming defeat, however, made a court challenge unnecessary.

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In the aftermath of the vote, the City Council is expected to amend the city's Fair Housing Ordinance to protect homosexuals against discrimination, says one Austin city council member.

Councilman Roger Duncan, a prominent opponent of the recently defeated amendment, said recently that the vote "was an unmistakable vote that reflected how Austin people felt on housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or any other basis. I want to make sure our Fair Housing Ordinance is equally clear."

Duncan's remarks were made after the vote results were tallied, in a front page interview in the Austin American-Statesman. Five city council members reportedly support amending the Fair Housing Ordinance to include protection for homosexuals.

Feminist Perspective

Interview

by Marcus Lerro

Susan Meyers is a refreshing kind of leader, blending warmth and courage in her work for human rights.

The 31-year-old Australian came to Dallas two years ago after teaching art in Michigan. A DGA member of less than one year, Susan chairs the Department for Lesbian Issues, a group of approximately 15 women and men interested in serving the needs of women and promoting understanding between the sexes.

Susan's manner is gentle, but beneath the serene expression on her face lies a powerhouse of feminist devotion.

"In Dallas, there aren't that many places for (gay) women to go," she said. "It's important for the department to raise the female membership of the DGA. Our goals include greater visibility in the women's community for our department and the DGA."

To accomplish that, Susan's department undertook the distribution of 1,100 surveys for Dallas lesbians. More than three hundred were returned, and Susan believes they reflect some of the needs of lesbians.

"We hope to blend some of our programs to the needs of the women's community. We got a pretty diverse response." The results of the survey will be presented at the February 8th DGA meeting.

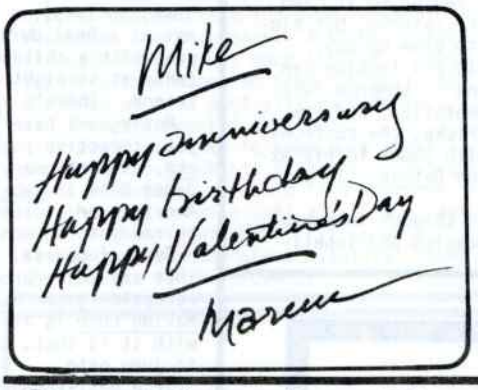
Susan said, "The DGA offers the kinship that we're all gay and lesbian. You can walk in the door and say, 'My God! It's a men's organization!' But it's a place where women can meet gay people--not just women, but men, too!

"Some women are never going to join the Alliance. Sometimes it's because of finances, work or separatism. I think you've got to be involved in developing things. The DGA has been very supportive of our department."

Discrimination against women in men's bars (and against men in women's bars) does not irritate Susan as much as the way it is carried out. "Why don't they just say, 'We would rather not have women here.'" She said she understands that some people do not want to mix socially with the opposite sex.

"We've got to put gay and lesbian rights first. If you're geared to that kind of work on a broad spectrum, then the DGA is the place to be."

Susan was nominated for a directorate at the January DGA meeting but declined. "I don't think it's ever appropriate to make a hasty decision. I had been approached before about it, but I didn't know I would be nominated." As for the future, "it's not something that I'm ruling out."

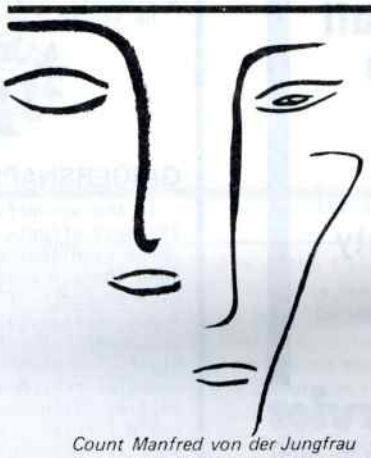


Gay Theatre Redux

An Alliance special theatre evening of "Good Evening, Lord Byron" has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 7th at 7:30 p.m. Icy weather in January forced this change. The one-man show features John Stuart Anderson at the Greenville Avenue Theater on Greenville at Goodwin, between Monticello and Belmont.

"Good Evening, Lord Byron" features a visit with Count Manfred von der Jungfrau on his one hundred ninety-second birthday. Now almost two centuries old, Count Manfred offers his insights into the foibles of humanity, especially those of his old friend, the English poet Lord Byron.

The play features risque English comedy and resumes the DGA's tradition of sponsoring theatre events. Tickets may be purchased at the Greenville Avenue Theater or reserved by calling 821-5200 or 826-7467. The ticket price is $5.00, which includes refreshments.



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Speak Out on Oak Lawn

The March 8th general meeting of the Alliance will be especially important to everyone interested in the future of Oak Lawn, for the City of Dallas' Department of Urban Planning will present a special program on the "Oak Lawn Development Strategy."

Urban Planning's development strategy has six objectives:

1.) Maintenance of the existing character and ambience of the community;
2.) Encouragement of economic growth with controls made to ensure compatibility with current property improvements and with the capacity of transportation and utility systems;
3.) Maintenance of the existing mix of land uses;
4.) Addressing the importance of access and parking standards to minimize the negative impact of increased automobile traffic;
5.) Encouragement of the development of additional public spaces and amenities both by the private sector and by the city; and
6.) Preparation and adoption of a Master Development Plan for the Oak Lawn area.

If you have not already been involved with this study, now is the time. Your input is important. Tenants and non-owners should be particularly interested to learn how they can be heard. The preservation of Oak Lawn as an identifiable section of Dallas is not a solely GAY issue. Rather, it is a total COMMUNITY issue which will affect ea

which will affect each of us and our neighbors. The Oak Lawn Development Strategy is also one issue on which many gay people wish to maintain the status quo rather than reverse it.

GRNL Faces Huge Deficit

The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) will not be able to continue its legislative efforts unless $37,000 can be raised soon. Though the fight against the Moral Majority and New Right conservatism has left GRNL in debt, Executive Director Steve Endean is anxious to continue the fight.

Last summer and fall; as a result of an aggressive, ambitious and effective program; GRNL faced another financial crisis. Through the aid of GRNL members and friends, those problems were reduced. However, just as GRNL's financial tensions were easing, the Moral Majority launched a major assault on Congress.

With an extremely professional counter-campaign, GRNL made major gains in the struggle for justice and privacy. New, important coalitions were built. Constituant operations were dramatically strengthened and GRNL's reputation and credibility on Capitol Hill were greatly enhanced.

But the cost of this campaign was incredible. Today, GRNL's financial plight grows worse as the staff prepares for the very first Congressional Hearings on H.R. 1454 (fair employment and housing bill for gays) in Washington, D.C.

Among those expected to testify at these hearings are nationally recognized leaders of the religious, political, mental health, labor and entertainment communities. It will be an historic event, laying the groundwork for the gay movement's efforts during this pivotal election year. However, the costs (travel, etc.) will be huge.

In a recent letter to GRNL members and friends, Board Chairpersons Kate McQueen and Jerry Weller expressed their reluctance to ask the same people once again for a financial bail-out. However, they write:

"There is one question we must ask ourselves:

"Is it worth it to continue the fight for basic civil rights, justice and privacy? With the Moral Majority on the march and dangerous bills like the Family Protection Act waiting in the wings, can wwe afford to give up now?"

If you would like to make a special emergency contribution to help GRNL retore its debt and bring these nationally prominent community leaders to testify before Congress for basic civil rights, mail your check to:

GRNL
P.O. Box 1892
Washington, D.C. 20013

Pressure Gets to Hart

An anti-gay nominee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission recently withdrew his nomination in the face of mounting opposition from gay, women, black, and other civil rights groups.

The nominee, B. Sam Hart, a black Pennsylvania radio evangelist, was nominated by the Reagan administration. His views on civil rights immediately prompted a wide coalition of groups to oppose his nomination. Opposing groups ranged from the National Organization for Women, to the National Urban League, to the National Gay Task Force, among others.

Among those protesting the nomination was Alliance vice-president Campbell Read, who wrote to the White House to urge that the Hart nomination be withdrawn.

"Mr. Hart is grossly misinformed about and has expressed considerable prejudice against gay people," wrote Read. "He wishes to deny us any civil rights on grounds that have no scientific basis in fact."

In a recent Philadelphia television interview, Hart had described homosexuality as a moral issue, not as a civil rights issue.

"The majority of Americans and especially the godly among us, see homosexuals as both immoral and sinful. I am opposed to homosexuality as a sin," Hart said.

Alliance vice-president Read, however, took issue with that position in his letter to the White House. "His conclusion has no rational basis," argued Read, after summarizing recent scientific evidence on sex-role identity. "Our inference is that Hart is motivated by prejudice, an inference supported by his comparison of gay people with thieves and those who are 'locked up.' "

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3 Directors Resign

Three Alliance board members recently resigned from the Board of Directors, citing di-ferences over several DGA priorities and board procedures. Al Calkin, Peter Brooks, and Doris Williams submitted their board resignations at a February 5th board meeting.

In resigning from the board, each of the three cited several differences over Alliance operations. Each reported that their resignations would allow them more time to spend on specific projects within the DGA.

Contacted recently by Dialog, Peter Brooks explained that "this will give me more time to spend on productive activities. We each want to continue working within the organization."

"One reason we resigned is that we believe in the organization," explained Al Calkin. "There wasn't any useful purpose in remaining on the board, though. I felt very frustrated on the board. The board takes an incredible amount of time. I felt that my time could be better spent on political projects in the gay community."

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While each of the three former board members expressed their concern for Alliance projects, each also cited several differences which had emerged.

Among the reasons cited were the accountability of board members, procedures used in the organization,

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Letter to the Editor

In an open letter to the January Dialog, (page 3), this writer recalled strong, vibrant gay organizations no longer in existence, and gave as reasons for their demise: complacency and "in-fighting. Always, always in-fighting. There has never been a gay organization destroyed by non-gays. Our adversaries merely waited while we cut ourselves up and bled to death."

Is this now happening to DGA?

Surely I speak for most members when I say we are hurt that wonderful, capable leaders attack wonderful, capable leaders, each claiming to be "right" and giving valid reasons to substantiate their claims. We echo the remarks of Bill Todd who, at the February General Meeting said: "Why must there be sides? I don't think of myself as being on a side. I'm a gay man in a gay movement."

As secretary to these people for seven months (and not allowed to vote, thank God), I can tell you all of them (whether you agree with their views or not) are deeply concerned that your best interests be represented. There are no "good guys" or "bad guys". Therefore, I ask that you not take sides. Instead take a position, argue your position, and vote your position. But regardless of the outcome, remain a member of DGA and the gay movement.

For as Jose, the Nightingale of Castro Street, reminded us so often in the 1950's: "United we stand. Divided, they will pick us off -- one by one."

--Phil Johnson

PAC Acts

A budget over $3,000. was submitted to the Board of Directors on February 1st by the Civic Affairs Department on behalf of the DGA Political Action Committee. This budget reflects anticipated expenditures through the November elections this year. PACmembers are actively registering voters at local bars and organizations and updating the DGA Voter ID files in preparation for transferring this data to the new Alliance computer.

PAC has also mailed questionnaires to all candidates in the May 1st primaries. As these questionnaires are returned to PAC, members will evaluate then and prepare endorsement recommendations which will be presented to the general membership at Candidates Night, April 12, 1982.

COMMENT

by Dave Lewis

I found the events of the February general meeting very disturbing. I don't mean the fact that three Board Members resigned. That is, of course, their right. The resignation which was read to the membership contained several accusations and insinuations. The wording is general, however, avoiding specific incidents and names. The statement's net effect is the creation of doubts about the performance of the Board. The vague nature of this document will make it very difficult, if not impossible, for the Board to dispel these doubts.

The resigning board members have questioned the Board's financial priorities, claiming that they are not in the membership's best interests. If there have been questionable financial decisions, I feel that the membership must know the details. I suspect, however, that the true problem lies in a disagreement as to the priorities of the organization and the best means of achieving them.

If this is the case, resignation is not the solution. The purpose of a representative board is to have various viewpoints expressed in every discussion. If the board is to always be unanimous, why bother electing a board?

I do not know how votes have gone in the Board recently. If there have existed two distinct camps on every issue, then the appropriate time to present the two sides to the membership is during Board elections. Rather than resigning, the minority should have presented their view to the membership and worked to elect additional Board members holding their philosophy.

There have also been rumors of a split to form another organization. I hope that they are nothing more than rumors. In a year when the theme for Gay Pride Week is "Progress Through Unity", we should not be dividing our energy and numbers. Nor should we be wasting time bickering amongst ourselves. If the DGA organizational structure is not working, then we can change it. But we must change it using the means provided in our by-laws. Since we have agreed to function under these rules, abandoning them would only lead to chaos.

The Ritz Scheduled

The Cedar Springs Company, a non-profit organization, is forming to provide quality theatre to the Oak Lawn community. CSC's first production, scheduled for early June 1982, will be The Ritz by Terrence McNally. Rounding out the company's first season will be two additional productions this fall, which will be announced at a later date.

Actors are needed as well as help for the technical and business staffs. Anyone interested in joining the Cedar Springs Company should contact Dave Lewis at 669-8034.

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Episcopal Church Backs Us

Delegates to the annual convention of the Washington Diocese of the Episcopal Church adopted a resolution January 30, 1982 which reaffirmed the Church's support of the civil rights of homosexuals. The resolution notes continuing discrimination against gays and calls upon "all persons to refrain from supporting any groups fostering ill-will or abridgement of the civil rights of . . . homosexual persons." The Washington Diocese includes all the Episcopal parishes in Washington, D.C. and several adjacent Maryland counties.

The 1976 convention of the Episcopal Church adopted a resolution supporting the civil rights of homosexuals. However, the resolution's supporters wanted a clear statement that the Church stood behind its 1976 statement in light of the recent anti-gay agitation by the Christian right.

INTEGRITY

"It wasn't at all clear to me that a majority was willing to reaffirm the 1976 statement," said John Fortunato, president of Integrity/International, an organization of gay Episcopalians. The attitude of the convention, however, seems to have been reflected by Rev. Bill Smalley, a delegate from Gaithersburg. Speaking in support of the resolution, he equated it to "motherhood and apple pie" and stressed that in supporting it, the delegates would be "merely voting to uphold the Constitution." No one rose to disagree, and the resolution was soon passed on a chorus of affirmative votes.

In urging that support of groups opposing civil rights for gays be "withheld," the latest resolution goes beyond the 1976 statement.

Much of the work preparing for the convention vote was done by Gerry Hendrickson, who wedged the project in between a full-time job and helping to raise a family. "I wanted to do something that would offer confort to gays and their families in a time of crisis," she said. "I became aware of the struggle when my family learned my brother was gay."

According to Fortunato, several other dioceses have already passed similar resolutions. Supporters plan to press for adoption of a similar resolution at the Church's next national convention, which is set for this September. In addition, said Fortunato, Integrity would be approaching several Church commissions and committees for funding of programs in support of Integrity's ministry.

TAXI Aids Gayline (CRC)

Last month's preview of the acclaimed film Taxi Zum Klo was a tremendous success for the Community Resource Center/ GAYLINE which sponsored the event. Over $1100 was raised! CRC/GAYLINE extends a special thanks to the Inwood Theater and the gay community for their help and support in making this event a success. Profits from the film, along with previous contributions, have enabled CRC to pursue finalization of a long range dream. GAYLINE expects to be able to provide Metro service to the entire Dallas-Ft. Worth community by the end of April. Your support has made it possible.

HART

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Hart had earlier compared homosexuals to thieves, who should accept the consequences of their actions. Hart then argued that "homosexuals are not born," but are the product of an environment.

"They have chosen a way of life. They have to accept the consequences," Hart had been quoted as saying.

Hart's opposition to gay rights was apparently long-standing. In 1974 he had testified before the Philadelphia Commission on Human Rights to oppose extending homosexuals equal access to jobs, housing, and public accomodations, according to a release from the National Gay Task Force.

At that time Hart had been quoted as saying that "homosexuals can repent like any other sinner and God by His grace can make them anew and they can become decent, respectable citizens in our society. I fail to see why they, a small minority, should be calling upon the vast majority of us to accept that as a standard of life."

Hart also angered civil rights groups by opposing the Equal Rights Amendment, by opposing busing to integrate public schools, and by viewing the Civil Rights Commission as an opportunity to "bring America back to a more moral position."

The Reagan nomination of Hart led to media investigations which further damaged his chances. Officials in the Philadelphia suburb where his radio station is located reported that Hart owed over $4400 in back taxes and rent on his radio station. The Small Business Administration reported that Hart's radio station had also defaulted on a $100,000 loan.

Eventually the Hart nomination was opposed by both of Pennsylvania's Republican Senators, who complained that his nomination had not received clearance from their offices, as is customary. One of the Senators, Arlen Spectre, had protested the Hart selection, saying that Hart had no background in civil rights and that he had never heard of Hart during his (Spectre's) lifetime of politics in Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Inquirer editorialized against Hart's nomination, calling it a "Gross Civil Rights Affront." The Washington Post also criticized the Reagan nomination.

Wanted! Secretary, Too

After last month's announcement that the DGA Treasurer Jim Williams was relinquishing his office, the Alliance Secretary Phil Johnson recently notified the Board of Directors that he wished to resign from his office due to the time pressure from his other responsibilities. However, Phil did state that he would remain on the job until his office could be filled.

If you or one of your friends are interested and qualified to be either Treasurer or Secretary of the Alliance, please notify any officer or any member of the Board of Directors as soon as possible.

NGTF Meets March 28

The first north Texas regional meeting of members and friends of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) will take place on Sunday, March 28, at 2:00 pm in the Clubhouse of the River Oaks Condominiums, 4837 Cedar Springs near Kings Road.

A panel of speakers will report on the struggle against the extreme Right and its attempt to erode the civil rights of gay people and women. The panel will include Dr. Bill Beauchamp, co-chair of the NGTF Board of Directors; Dr. Louise Young, a member of the GRNL Board of Directors; Attorney Peter Brooks, who has extensive experience in civil rights; and a special "mystery guest" from the local media.

The meeting, which will be co-hosted by Ila Davies, Bill Beauchamp and Chele Doone, will provide a chance for local NGTF members to meet each other. Information about current NGTF activities in New York, Washington and nationwide will also be available.

All those interested, including non-members, are invited to attend. For further information contact Bill Beauchamp at 351-6692 (home) or at 692-2316 (work).

Community Calendar

MARCH

Note: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT meets on a varied schedule. For further information, please call Ann Brown, 528-4233.

Sun 7 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill, (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.

GAY PRIDE WEEK Planning Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of March. Your help is needed to make this the biggest and best Gay Pride Week ever. "Progress Through Unity". DGA office. 2 p.m. 528-4233 or 521-0432.

The Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month. 7:30 p.m. Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser. 526-9221.

Mon 8 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting. Program: "Oak Lawn Re-development. How Does It Affect The Gay Community?" 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 528-4233.

"Lesbian and Gay Men in Relationships". GANUT/GLAD course. Panelist: Bill Beauchamp, Ph.D., National Gay Task Force; Cher Harnish, Gayline; Shirley Switzer, M.S., Parents and Friends of Gays; R.B. (Buzz) Tucker, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist. University Ministry Center on the NTSU campus in Denton. 7:30 p.m.

Tue 9 THE OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Landing. Musicians needed. 2617 N. Pearl.

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.

Wed 10 The Oak Lawn Volley Ball Team practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7:30 p.m. Players needed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Department meets every Wednesday. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

Thr 11 FINANCIAL RESOURCES Department meeting. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

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.

THE TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 821-3086.

Fri 12 CLIFF DWELLERS Social Club meets every Friday at 8 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

Sun 14 Affirmative (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 15 Gay Parents Support Group. 7:30 p.m. Call 827-5088 for information.

DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 7 p.m. 750-8041.

Wed 17 Department of LESBIAN ISSUES meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 7 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
MEMBERSHIP Department meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

Sun 21 GAY PRIDE WEEK Planning Committee meeting. DGA office. 2 p.m. 528-4233 or 521-0432.

GAYLINE (CRC) meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 2505 Wycliff. 748-6790.

Mon 22 DIALOG Deadline. Send comments, letters and articles to DIALOG, P.O. Box 35011; Dallas, TX 75235.
DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. Everyone welcome. Your comments wanted. DGA office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

Thr 25 FINANCIAL RESOURCES Department meeting. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

Integrity (Episcopal) meets the last Thursday of every month at St. Thomas the Apostle, Mockingbird Lane and Inwood.

Skating Party at the Star Lite Rollercade, 11527 Harry Hines. Tickets are $3. Proceeds will refurbish the MCC Social Hall. 526-6221.

Sat 27 DIALOG production day. (Again on Sunday). Call 750-8041.

Sun 28 Norman Pittenger, considered by many to be the world's foremost authority on the Bible will speak at 7:15 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

APRIL

Thr 1 MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's place. Help is needed to stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Bring an appetite.

Sat 3 Pot Luck Supper and Bingo at the United Community Church. (st Saturday). 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.

Tue 6 Erotikus! An all-male history of gay cinema from the innocent days when young men flexed in posing straps to the no-holds-barred present. 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Granada Theatre. 3524 Greenville Avenue. 823-9610.

TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in Ft. Worth. 2336 Hemphill. 8 p.m. (817) 926-7000.

Wed 7 Pot Luck Supper at the Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2701 Reagan. 6 p.m. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church. (st Wednesday). 2336 Hemphill. 7:30 p.m. (817) 926-7000.

Department for LESBIAN ISSUES meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

Fri 9 Polyester, an outrageous comedy starring Devine and Tab Hunter. Filmed in odorama. An audience participation movie. Inwood Theatre, 5458 Lovers Lane. 352-6040.

Mon 12 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting. Program: "Candidates Night". Political candidates seeking the gay vote will be there. Let's hear what they have to say, then tell them what we want them to hear. Recent victories in Austin and Houston have shown that there is indeed "Progress Through Unity". Let us use it or lose it. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

RESIGNATIONS

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and the DGA's priorities. Interviews with several other board members also pointed to differences in these three areas.

One question raised by the former board members is the DGA's long-term priorities. One resigning member explained that the board members differ about the relative importance of political projects, social justice projects, and educational projects, on the one hand, versus social and entertainment functions, on the other.

"I've been afraid that we may be moving away from our basis of strength, our bread and butter issues," reported Peter Brooks. "I hope that we won't forget to nurture our base, which is to achieve equal rights. We may be moving too much into the show business approach and into self-support. We may be heading toward more of a Mattachine Society approach, for socializing and self-support."

Another board member, Mike Stewart, agreed that priorities often differ among board members. "Priorities are different for different people," he commented, "and we have to decide which projects are of the greatest interest to members of the gay community. Going on the available information, we try to judge what is of interest to the community. And sometimes we can make the wrong decision."

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The recent resignations also focused on the Alliance's budget priorities. One former board member cited the problems of preparing a budget and sticking to it.

"We've had budget planning for the long-term only within the last year," said a former board member, adding that budgeting has been a continuing problem.

A remaining board member agreed that budgeting presents special problems for the group. "We're a volunteer organization, and we have a hard time sometimes projecting our income. Just a year ago we began to prioritize our budget every six months at the board's retreat.

"We're beginning to have some success on this, after the first time around. We've never been in debt, and at present we have a balance of five to six thousand dollars.

"Still it's hard to project your income. You can't really tell which bars will give a fund-raiser, or how many members will renew their membership, or how many will keep up their pledges."

Several board members also explained that problems arise when expenses suddenly rise or when events cost more than expected.

"The fundraisers at Theater Three were one example. The first year we raised a lot of money," said one board member. "The second year we did an expanded season and only broke about even, overall. Apparently the members lost interest and chose not to attend the performances as they had the last year. There's no way to anticipate that. On some of the theater events we lost as much as two or three hundred dollars."

The literary magazine, the upcoming Dallas summer conference, and several other projects, have all caused various problems in estimating costs.

"And," conceded a remaining board member, "sometimes we should have done better. Sometimes we just screwed up."

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Budgeting and policy priorities are often closely related, explained one Alliance officer. "On the one hand there is the pursuit of civil rights and civil liberties. On the other, a philosophy has been emerging for a social forum and more activities such as Razzle Dazzle and the Christmas program gathering.

"The usual criterion for this difference would be the budget. Those who favor the political activities favor social activities so long as they don't cost too much money. They would probably be opposed to activities which aren't concerned with social justice and political activities, such as the literary magazine.

"On the other hand, several members of the board feel that a majority of the members are not personally interested in politics, and that social events are more important."

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Board members contacted by Dialog also outlined several differences about the role of the membership and the board. By-laws revisions and direct election of the Alliance's

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Gingersnaps

by Steven Benchley

There's more than one way to swing a revolution, as three new movies involved with homosexuality demonstrate.

Soft. Making Love reminds one of Bill Murray's description (as Saturday Night Live's trendy film reviewer) of Coming Home being about "the effects of the Vietnam War on three very attractive people. Here homosexuality stand in for 'Nam, and the three VAPs are an MD, his executive wife and a male novelist for whom he develops a quickly scratched itch. There's a lot to admire in this handsomely produced film, but everything's so glossy, refined, "mature" and perfect, that your thoughts might take a wicked turn and you may have trouble surpressing a sadistic chortle over a protracted kissing scene between two actors advertised as impeccably heterosexual. The careful approach may well topple some fence-sitters into more liberal territory; but you can't help wondering what might have happened if this exquisitely tortured doctor --a tricky role negotiated by Michael Onkean--had run afoul of the hero of Taxi Zum Klo.

Hard. This film (whose title elgantly translated as "Taxi to the Toilet") is the definitive antidote to, and sweet revenge for, all those lachrymose novels about "forbidden fruit (sic)" that invariably ended with at least one suicide. Love plays a part in these zits-and-all autobiographical episodes featuring the film's director, Frank Ripploh, but chiefly as a minor obstacle to the hero's exuberantly ravenous pursuit of as much sex as can be crammed into a 92-minute film. Ripploh's stamina is amazing; so too must be that of the audience: this is not a movie for your straighter gay friends. Time may prove Taxi to be shallow or silly, but coming at this (as they say) point in time, it will give you more zappy rushes than a quart of Locker Room.

Above-it-all. Pixote, director Hector Babenco's grittily poetic look at Brazilian street kids at large in the reformatory, shows bisexuality simply as one of the more comforting facts of the boys' lives, and the 17-year-old transvestite Lilica as the object of yearning romance. Both Pixote and Taxi opened at the Inwood, which will hold an Australian festival March 5-11. Polyester, starring Divine and Tab Hunter (yes) and filmed in "Odorama", opens there in early April. At the Granada you'll find a Sci-Fantasy festival Sundays and Mondays and, on April 6, Erotikus, billed as a "history of the all-male erotic film ... some of the sexiest male 'footage' (their quotes) on record."

Here's what's happening at local theatres:

New Arts: Ten Little Indians. Great Fun. Christopher Nichols' staging suggests a very, very good Little Theatre production, circa 1951, which is probably the most artful way to mount Agatha Christie's venerable and-then-there-were-none melodrama. In appearance and performance, Mario Cabrera as the manservant Rogers, might have stepped out of The Lady Vanishes. And as a shifty-eyed, purse-lipped religious fanatic (as we used to call them) Jillian Raye has a ferociously marathonic display of kitting while expositionary dialogue crackles and crashes about her. She'd be a terrific Madame Defarge. (Through March 20)

SMU: Marat/Sade. I won't reproduce in this limited space the full title of Peter Weiss's play (chronicle/musical/tragedy/porn show/epic/laff riot), nor attempt to outline what it's about. I will note the negligible fact that this is the play which introduced full dorsal (male) nudity to Broadway, and the highly unnegligible one that this production, directed by Mesrop Kesdakian, can stand right alongside Peter Brook's famous staging. That created a sensation in New York in the 60's, and this version may do the same among the dozen or so people in Dallas who care about theatre, as well as anyone else who happens to see the show. (Through March 7)

SMU did rather less well with Ashes. A good, even a noble, play might be written about a couple's efforts to conceive a child, but this isn't it. David Rudkin's script probably (definitely!) needs an audience and performers as facetiously literary, coy, smug and implacably British as it is itself. Here it got neither, to the credit of both the cast and the crowd. The last third, after the pair stopped trying to clone themselves, and shut up and attempted to adopt, had its moments, but in no way enough of them to compensate for the first hour's pile of archness concerning "specimens," missed periods and the husband's bisexuality.

Of Mice and Men. The Theater Center gives John Steinbeck's variations on the theme of loneliness a handsome production, with hc ably unsentimental performances in the central roles by Warren H mack and Cliff Osmond. The play has its schizoid moments: wher Ken Hudson rhapsodizes wistfully about the delights available at the local whorehouse, and in the episode (a short play in itself featuring Lea Wheatley as the black hunchback Crooks, the produc excedes its own careful limits and the play begins to sing. But script is most contrived and melodramatic in the early scenes wi Curley's wife, and Anton Rodgers's direction, rather than softer these spots, brings on sirens, spotlights, and brass bands. As written, the part provides fuel for a dozen indignant feminist tracts, but Steinbeck does make an effort to explain the girl's crazy carrying-on. Efforts ignored by Deborah A. Kinghorn, who gives us (except for moments in her last scene) a tramp more dol ishly whorey than anything the men might encounter at ole Susie' in town. Speaking of dolts, the DTC's audience maintains its standard as the most insensitive in town. (Through March 13)

Theatre Three: Eden Court. Charles Howard's set wittily reprc duces the interior of a mobile home consecrated to Elvis in gris detail, but the director Laurence O'Dwyer's observation of peopl who live in a place like this, or any who live anywhere, seems minimal. The pivitol role is played by Thurman Moss in the manr of a stage manager dispensing cues. Too bad, because Murphy Guy likeable comedy approaches its characters without condescension has the kind of (lower) classy dialogue with which the right act can make magic -- as, indeed, happens here occasionally with Sha Bunn and (more frequently) Ron Jackson as a telephone company trainee anticipating horny housewives.

James (A Chorus Line) Kirkwood's comedy, P.S. Your Cat Is Deac about the New Year's Eve a frustrated actor captures a gay burg who breaks into his apartment, runs March 17-20 at the Greenvil Avenue Theatre. DTC's Down Center Stage opens The Wisteria Bush March 2 with Tartuffe taking the main stage March 30. SMU will a showcase production (admission $1) of three delightful one-act by Noel Coward, Tonight at 8:30, April 1-3. The university's an USA Film Festival opens March 26 with Blake Edwards's transvest musical Victor/Victoria, starring Julie Andrews in both roles. if you don't feel like going out, David Letterman's new Late Nic featuring stand-in celebrity interviews, Stupid Pet Tricks, and exposés of The Shame of the City (misspelled placards, unrestra littering), comes on strong at midnight weeknights.

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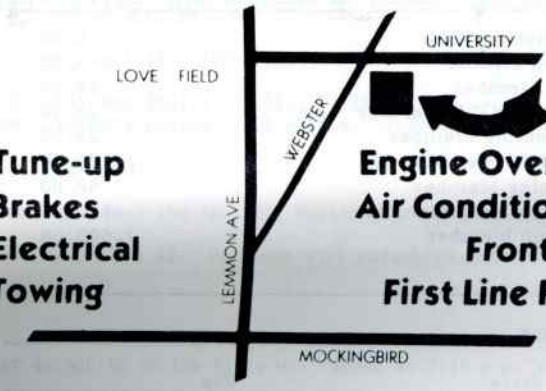

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RESIGNATIONS

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officers by the membership both remain unresolved issues.

At a February 5th board meeting, a proposal to allow the membership to vote on by-laws revisions dealing with the direct election of officers and with by-law revisions was defeated. At the February general meeting, on February 8th, a proposal to urge the board to reconsider the two deleted by-laws revisions was passed.

(Editor's Note: At present, Alliance officers are selected by the board. Officer positions include parliamentarian, treasurer, secretary, vice-president, and president. The president and vice-president are then ratified by the membership.)

Indirect election of officers began many years ago, explained one long-time Alliance member, adding that "at that time we were a small, new organization, and were afraid that we might be taken over by the Socialist Workers' Party."

Board members differed on whether changing circumstances had made the need for indirect election of officers unnecessary. One resigning board member termed the indirect election of officers and board control of by-law revisions "something that has been outmoded for years," and suggested that "it was time to let the membership decide directly whether they want to vote on this."

Resigning board members added that they felt the group's members should take a more direct role in the Alliance, instead of allowing the board majority to retain so much oversight.

Other board members disagreed about the indirect election of officers, arguing that board members are all elected each year, and that they represent the members' views.

"Within the last ten months or so, all the board members have been approved by the membership. I don't think you can say that the board doesn't represent the membership," said one current board member.

Several board members noted that the by-laws revision questions had involved ten to fifteen proposals and had continued for nearly a year. The remaining by-laws revisions were discussed and approved at the February DGA meeting.

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Most of the officers and board members interviewed by Dialog agreed that issues had frequently been complicated by specific personalities.

"Just to be blunt, there has been great friction on the board," observed one resigning board member. "People should be able to disagree on issues without personalizing them."

Another resigning board member agreed, noting that "almost no one has the ability to step back and be objective. We can't all step back and see what the real issues are. We all have too much ego involved."

Alliance president Don Baker also noted the problem of personalizing issue differences. "I'm concerned about the resignations. Everybody has fallen short at one time or another. But I think it's important to remember that not one board member has ever done anything negative to the Alliance."

No one questioned any member's good intentions, added Baker. He noted, however, that there was little doubt that personalities had added to differences over policy and budgeting priorities.

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Resigning board members stressed that they continued to be concerned for the Alliance and its programs.

"I feel very strongly about the Dallas Gay Alliance," explained Doris Williams, "and that there is a need for an organization like the Alliance."

Both resigning and continuing board members expressed concern that the Alliance continue its programs in social justice, education and legal affairs. The lesbian community, for example, said one member, has continuing special problems with child care, custody, and health concerns.

Peter Brooks agreed, adding that "our leaving the board doesn't mean that the issues are going to go away. The meetings may get shorter, but we still have these same problems of social justice and discrimination.

"The resignations may do some good if they jolt the organization and force us to consider these issues in a public forum. That wasn't happening enough," concluded Mr. Brooks.

"I definitely think the membership should look at the board and determine what is the goal of each director and why they're on the board, and what each one has accomplished for gay rights and for the organization, and its credibility," urged Ms. Williams. "It should be taken beyond the personal level. We need to look at representation in the organization."

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Board vacancies to be filled include the Social Justice Committee, Civic Affairs, and Lesbian Issues. Alliance president Don Baker explained that the board will make recommendations for filling the vacancies at the March 1st board meeting, and that these recommendations will be submitted to the general membership for rejection or approval at the March 8th general meeting. Board recommendations were not yet available by the Dialog press deadline.

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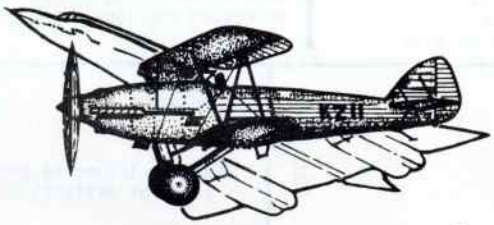

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On May 1 and 2, members and friends of the gay community will have the opportunity to more fully enrich their lives through a two-day workshop called "The Experience Weekend."

The workshop, formerly "The Advocate Experience," will be presented for the first time in Dallas and will be facilitated by its co-creators David Goodstein, owner of The Advocate newspaper, and Rob Eichberg, a leading Los Angeles psychologist.

Designed as a transformation workshop, the Weekend's stated purpose is to "transform the participant's individual experience into richer contexts of health, love, happiness, and full self-expression, thereby contributing to all being." The Weekend is about the important personal issues we all face as gay women and men and, even more important, as human beings. It is a workshop about our sexualities, relationships, responsibilities, feelings, and emotions. It is a workshop that provides the individual with the opportunity to enrich all aspects of his or her personal life experience.

Arrangements for the Weekend are being coordinated by a group of Dallas graduates of the Advocate Experience, which was attended by over 6,000 persons throughout the country. The group plans on providing accommodations for out-of-town participants if necessary.

For more information, contact a Weekend graduate by calling 214/948-1479 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, or write The Experience Weekend, 8719 Glencrest, Dallas, Texas 75209 for an Experience Weekend brochure.

Feminist Perspective

300 Dallas Women Speak

Article & Graphs by Dave Lewis

At the February meeting of the membership, the Department for Lesbian Issues presented the results of its survey of Dallas women. Over three hundred questionnaires were returned, and 94% of the respondents were White/Caucasian. The women surveyed tended to be well-educated with 23% having completed four years of college, 13% with a Masters Degree, 2% with a doctorate, 38% with fewer than four years of college, and 10% completed a vocational or trade school program. Reflecting this high educational level is the fact that 50% of the women surveyed are employed in a managerial or professional position. 17% are full-time students; 9% are employed in a trade; 10% hold clerical positions; and 6% are homemakers.

The second block of questions dealt with participation in organizations, particularly DGA. Although 91% of the women responding had heard of the Alliance, only 16% are members. The reasons which the remaining 84% had for not joining included: too busy (29%), lack of interest (25%), fear of disclosure (24%), felt that DGA was male only (22%), few female members (20%), location (12%), inconvenient day/time (8%), and membership expired (1%). (NOTE: Each respondent could check more than one reason.) The survey then asked what would motivate these non-members to join. Their responses were social (52%), educational (49%), political (49%), and service reasons (33%). Yet 22% of the respondents said they would never join the Alliance. When asked what kinds of organizations they currently belong to, the women replied: business/professional (18%), athletic (16%), religious (14%), feminist (12%), political (11%), lesbian (9%), lesbian/gay (9%), other (3%).

The third section of the survey dealt with the lifestyle of the respondent. When asked to identify themselves, the women responded: gay (36%), gay woman (25%), lesbian (23%), lesbian-feminist (16%), feminist (16%), bisexual (8%), homosexual (7%), dyke (4%), other (7%). 38% of the women had thought of themselves with this label for over ten years, 24% for five to ten years, 27% for two to five years, 7% for one to two years, and 3% for less than a year. 72% of the women surveyed said that they are not currently using illegal drugs, and 94% stated that they are not using prescription drugs for other than their prescribed purposes. When asked if they had power of attorney to authorize medical treatment for their lover, 54% said that they did not. Yet 40% said that the question was not applicable.

At the bottom of this page, you should note three graphs which illustrate the respondents' answers to three additional questions:

1.) Using the scale below, indicate the number that best applies to you:
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   Socialize with gay men
   Go to the bars
2.) Age?
3.) Annual income?

This survey by the Department for Lesbian Issues is timely and important for our entire community. It is especially important for the Alliance. Let us use it wisely.

TROT III

The Oak Lawn Bowling Association hosted the third annual Texas Rolloff Tournament (TROT III) on February 12-14. TROT III was held at the Bronco Bowl in Oak Cliff. The event was kicked off with a registration beer bust on Friday night at The Round-Up.

Team and doubles competitions were held on Saturday, followed by a beer bust at the Hidden Door. Bowlers were also invited to "Leather & Lace" at the new Oak Lawn Transfer. Doubles competition was held early Sunday morning, and the tournament concluded with a cocktail hour and awards banquet at The Landing catered by Peppino's Too.

Dallas dominated the tournament with Houston coming in second. The top five teams were The Round-Up of Dallas, Q-1 Leather of Houston, Le Zebras of Dallas, Classics 5 of Houston, and the Lone Star Boys of Dallas.

In the singles competition, Charles Rushing of Dallas walked off with top honors. In doubles, the top prize went to Bobby Wilcox and Mark Branson of Corpus Christi.

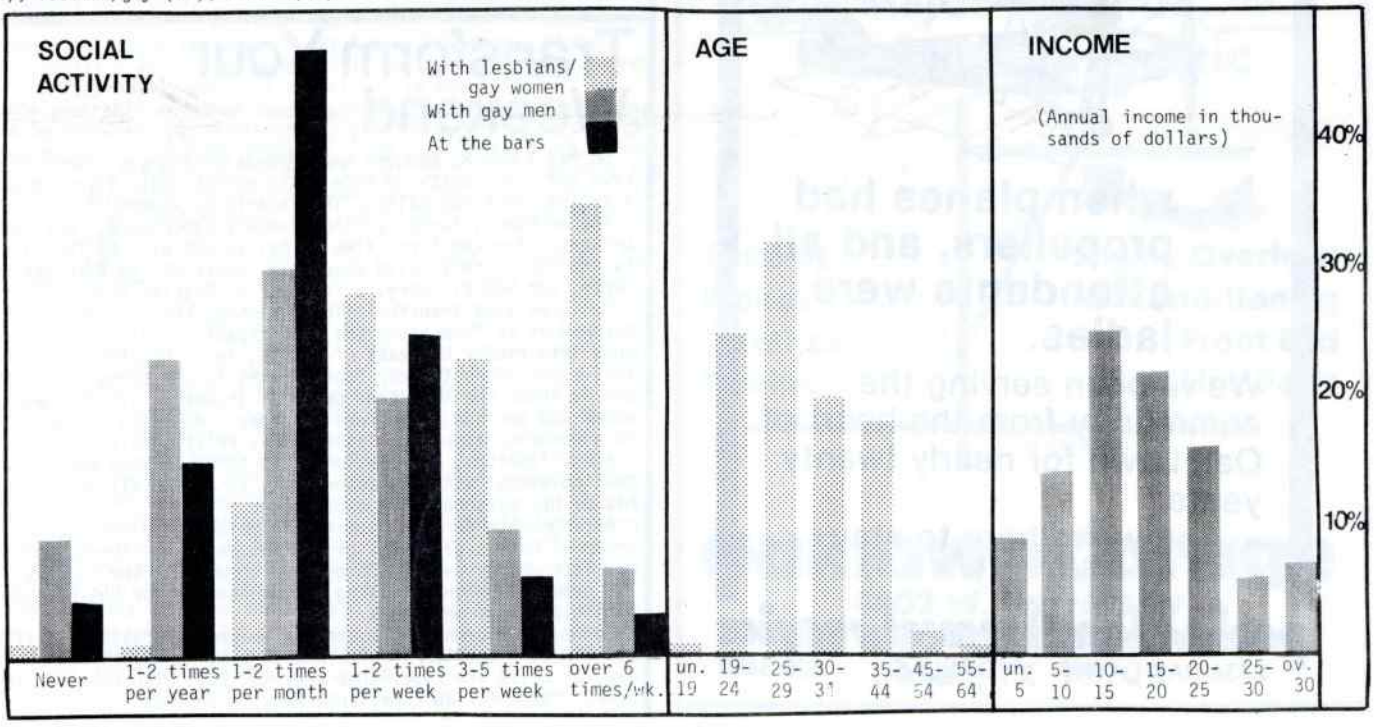
Other cities represented in the tournament included Austin, El Paso, Fort Worth and San Antonio. There was one women's team (from Dallas) participating.

Computer Printer Purchased

As last month's Dialog reported, the Alliance was recently named heir to the estate of Robert Milhollin.

The board voted to spend part of this legacy to purchase a printer for a computer which was been made available to the Alliance. The printer is now in place and work has begun to enter the DGA membership and mailing lists into the computer. When this task is completed, the Alliance will be able to list members and supporters by voting district.

Members will also be listed by membership expiration date, committee participation, or any of several other parameters. The resulting lists may be printed either on paper or on self-adhesive mailing labels. Readers will soon by receiving Dialog in a computer-addressed envelope.



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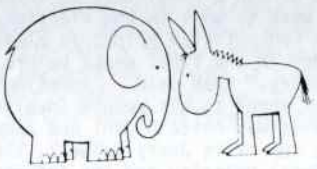
MEET THE CANDIDATES APRIL 12

"Candidates' Night" is the program for the April general meeting of the Alliance membership. On April 12th at 7:30 p.m., the Dallas Gay Alliance will adjourn into a committee of the whole to hear the many and various candidates in the May primary elections court the endorsement of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (the Political Action Committee of the DGA).

Although some representatives from the candidates' campaign offices will be in attendance, expect many of the candidates themselves to come and voice their positions to the Alliance membership in person. Why? Because the gay vote is recognized today to be an important and growing percentage in every election (see Phil Johnson's editorial). And the endorsement by the Alliance's PAC insures strong and reliable campaign staff workers up through the general elections in November.

Attend Candidates' Night, listen to the positions and opinions voiced, and endorse the best person in each race!



DESIGN A FUNDRAISER

On Thursday, April 22nd at 7:30 p.m., the Fundraising Department of the Alliance will host, in conjunction with Theatre Three, the light-hearted comedy A Design for Living. Attending this evening of laughter in a 1920's setting may give you an unexpected pleasure; at the conclusion of the performance, a door prize with a value of over $400. will be awarded to the lucky ticketholder.

Tickets for A Design for Living are $15. and may be purchased at Butler's Pantry and at the April 12th general meeting.

MISTAKEN PRESENCE

The Editor of Dialog, who also chaired the Editorial Board for the Alliance's literary magazine Presence, deeply apologizes for three errors in the attributed authorship of printed pieces.

Specifically, Robert Williams wrote "I Used to Hate That Job" and "The Lion and the Unicorn," while Presence mistakenly designates the former as an anonymous work and the author of the latter work as David Dykes. In addition, "It Would Be a Lie to Say That" is designated as anonymously written when, in fact, Al Blackwell is the unattributed author.

These errors in Presence are the mistakes of Bill Nelson, the Editor of Dialog, and no one else. He apologizes to the correct authors, the readers of Presence, and the Alliance membership.

BOARD VACANCY

Due to the passage of an amendment to the DGA Bylaws at the March membership meeting, the Board of Directors now has 10 members. At the March meeting, 3 new directors were ratified by the membership, but this bylaws amendment creates an additional vacancy on the Board of Directors. This article is effective notice to the membership of this vacancy, and any interested person should attend the next meeting of the Board of Directors and announce your desire to be nominated to fill this vacancy.

Alliance President Don Baker also requested at the March meeting that Dialog announce that copies of the minutes for the preceding month's Board of Directors meetings will be available for all interested members to review at the April membership meeting and at all subsequent general membership meetings.

LONGSTAFF REMAINS AN ALIEN

The lengthy legal fight of Dallas resident Richard Longstaff to become a U.S. citizen was recently set back when a federal district court judge denied Longstaff's petition.

"I am disappointed with this decision, but it was not unexpected," said Longstaff. "I am confident that we will eventually prevail. This case represents more than my cause alone. It embodies the unequal treatment of gays under U.S. law and governmental policy."

Longstaff, a British citizen, owns the Union Jack clothing stores in Houston and Dallas. He began his legal struggle for U.S. citizenship in 1977.

The March 18th ruling of Judge Joe Estes in Dallas followed a remand for rehearing after an appeal to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans to determine if Longstaff had violated Texas Penal Code Section 21.06. Judge Estes was also to determine whether violating Section 21.06 barred proof of a good moral character, which is required under U.S. naturalization statutes.

The lengthy legal hearings were complicated when the regional chief of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for the Northern District of Texas reversed a previous policy. In a pretrial document, the INS now claims that gay aliens cannot legally enter the U.S. since they are afflicted with a "psychopathic personality."

In making its recommendation, the INS ignored its own staff findings. An INS field investigator found nothing to indicate that Longstaff was not of good moral character. Apparently, however, the Reagan-era INS has now reverted to a previous position that homosexuality, per se, is "psychopathic." That position was earlier abandoned by the INS after it was discredited by modern psychiatry and medicine.

Testifying in federal court on behalf of Longstaff were Dallas City Councilman Ricardo Medrano and former Dallas School Board member Harryette Ehrhardt.

M. Robert Schwab, president of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, predicted an eventual victory in the case. "These findings are in conflict with contemporary standards and medical opinion. We will unquestionably mount a strong appeal. A grave injustice has occurred."

The Texas Human Rights Foundation is sponsoring the Longstaff case. Tax deductible contributions in support of the appeal may be mailed to THRF, 3128 Lemmon Avenue, Suite 304, Dallas, Texas 75204.

SPEAK OUT FOR DGA

The Alliance receives each years hundreds of requests for speakers. The Education Department is coordinating the formation of a speakers bureau pool to meet the ongoing need for individuals trained to speak on behalf of the DGA.

To share information with gay and non-gay organizations, individuals, and groups, pride in being gay and pride in the Alliance are extremely important prerequisites. If you are interested in speaking "on behalf of the Dallas Gay Alliance" and joining the speakers bureau pool, Ann Brown has questionnaires available to be filled out and returned to the Speakers Bureau Steering Committee for review.

The steering committee consists of the directors for the Public Relations, Social Concerns, and Education Departments. This committee is charged with the responsibility of authorizing, scheduling, and coordinating all speaking engagements and distribution of printed material on behalf of the Alliance. All applicants to the speakers bureau pool will be interviewed by the steering committee.

COMMENT:

Primary Elections May 1

by Phil Johnson

With national, statewide and local primaries set for May 1st, it is time for all our concerned citizens to get involved and advance the cause of civil rights and civil liberties. Two years ago the Dallas Gay Political Caucus spearheaded Project '80, which resulted in around 200 delegates and alternates being elected to state senatorial district conventions of the Democratic Party in the Dallas area, and, later, more than 60 delegates from the North Texas area in our community to the two Democratic Party State Conventions in the summer of 1980.

Dialog urges you to get involved again. You can help by giving some time during the month of April. The following are some of the ways to get involved. All are important, but the first in a MUST!

1.) VOTE on Saturday, May 1st. Your polling station will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. The Dallas Gay Political Caucus will mail to all members its list of endorsed candidates shortly before Election Day.

2.) Attend your precinct meeting on May 1st. This will begin at 7 p.m. or shortly thereafter, after the polls close. Delegates to the state senatorial district conventions on May 15th will be elected at Democratic precinct meetings. Since these meetings are not well-attended for the most part, gay men and lesbians attending them stand an excellent chance of getting elected as delegates, can vote for allied causes, and get acquainted with key workers in local politics. Our organizations statewide have been called on to send a strong delegation to the Democratic State Convention in Fort Worth this summer. We need your help to make this happen.

3.) Sign up as a DGPC Political Action Committee (PAC) volunteer. Workers are needed to staff telephones during the last two weeks of April, when PAC volunteers call hundreds of voters in our community to "Get out the vote," and when DGPC's endorsements are put into envelopes, stamped and mailed out. On Election Day, PAC volunteers visit area businesses and get out the vote.

4.) Attend DGPC's Candidates' Night, Monday, April 12th at 7:30 p.m. at MCC, 2701 Reagan.

5.) Work as a volunteer in election campaigns for DGPC's endorsed candidates. Visibility of gay people at campaign headquarters in key races is important since only then will elected officials feel more obliged to support our issues. The work involves telephoning voters, stuffing envelopes for mail-outs, and knocking on doors as a candidate supporter delivering leaflets and brochures.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

Campbell Read, Vice-President of the Alliance and Director of DGA's Department of Civic Affairs, has called on each of DGA's committees to volunteer one week to work in the election.

"A Concentrated effort is always needed in the final weeks before Election Day," Read said. "Sometimes it takes anger to get people involved. Once it was Anita Bryant and James Robison; now it is Jerry Falwell, the not-so-Moral Majority and the infamous Family Protection Act, which threatens us by singling out gay men and lesbians for the denial of federal funding if we speak out for our just rights. We must elect Congresspersons and Senators who will vote against this un-American piece of legislation. We can send legislators to Austin who are aware of and who support measures to free us from discrimination. Locally in Dallas County we will have a chance in the voting booths to respond to injustices perpetrated against gay people in the District Attorney's office."

Volunteers should call 528-4233 or 821-3277 (after 6 p.m.) or should attend the PAC meeting on Tuesday, April 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the DGA office.

DEAR ABBY SUPPORTS US!

Almost one year ago, the following was "Dear Abby"'s lead letter:

DEAR ABBY: Two men who claim to be father and adopted son just bought an old mansion across the street and fixed it up. We notice a very suspicious mixture of company coming and going at all hours--blacks, whites, Orientals, women who look like men and men who look like women. We even saw a nun and a priest go inside.

People come in everything from motorcycles to Cadillacs.

This has always been considered one of the finest sections of San Francisco, and these weirdos are giving it a bad name. How can we improve the neighborhood? --NOB HILL RESIDENTS

DEAR RESIDENTS: You could move.

And did you hear about the two gay lawyers who tried each other?

Speaking of law, the Regents at Texas A&M are reportedly concerned that Route 6, which goes both ways from College Station may be violating Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code.

Still speaking of the law, Dialog has heard that the Attorney General's office may be planning to use Section 21.06 in an antitrust case--against a merger by Xerox and Wurlitzer, to make reproductive organs.

AUSTIN BANS DISCRIMINATION

The Austin City Council, in a 5-2 vote, recently voted to prohibit discrimination in housing based on sexual orientation, age, parenthood, creed, or marital status. The February 18 council vote made Austin the first Texas city to ban housing discrimination on the basis of sexual preference or orientation.

The city council vote followed a bitterly fought initiative campaign sponsored by an anti-gay and right-to-life group. That initiative would have amended the city charter to permit housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The initiative, however, was defeated by a two-to-one margin on January 16th.

The new city ordinance was recommended last summer by Austin's Human Relations Commission. Austin already prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment and retail services.

By passing the amendments on an emergency basis, the city council thereby ruled out a referendum vote by opponents of the new measure. Opponents, however, may still sponsor another initiative.

The city council vote may have discouraged opponents from beginning another election campaign to repeal the amendment. Five of Austin's city council members voted for the proposal, and a sixth council member urged opponents to accept the council's decision.

Anti-gay forces have not yet announced whether they will attempt to force a new vote on the recently-passed amendments.

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PERSONAL BEST

Reviewed by Louise Young

Personal Best is a movie about loving, competing, winning, and losing. It's about a young woman's growth to maturity and about another woman who inspired her to give her all, her "personal best." This stunningly beautiful film centers on the lives of women athletes training for the 1980 Olympic Games (games which were ultimately boycotted by the United States). As Making Love did with a gay male relationship, Personal Best portrays a lesbian relationship in a positive, non-sensationalistic manner. The athletes, Chris Cahill (played by Mariel Hemingway) and Tory Skinner (played by Patrice Donnelly) are friends, lovers, and teammates. However, the main focus of Personal Best is not their lesbian relationship. Writer-Producer-Director Robert Towne has even minimized the lesbianism in promotional interviews as "just another version of a couple of kids playing doctor." Yet Chris and Tory have a loving, sexual relationship (complete with a sensuous bedroom scene), and, more importantly, a deep commitment based on obviously real affection.

In the end Chris becomes involved with a male athlete, but her change from a homosexual to a heterosexual relationship is not presented in a paternalistic or moralistic manner to suggest one lifestyle is "better" than the other. It just seems that the women's bittersweet love affair is destined not to be. Close scrutiny of the film seems to indicate that Chris, younger and less mature than Tory, doesn't quite realize the lesbian nature of the relationship, even though they've been sleeping together for three years. Tory, on the other hand, understands exactly what is going on and wants the relationship very much. Thus, there appears to be only one lesbian in this lesbian relationship.

Men's roles in the film are secondary, yet influential. Track coach Terry Tingloff (Scott Glenn) is the tough guy, sometimes nice guy who drives them to victory, but en route also succeeds in planting crucial seeds of doubt in Chris' mind about Tory (which aid in ending the relationship). Chris' athlete boyfriend Denny (Kenny Moore) is a likeable sort who accepts her former relationship and doesn't appear to be threatened by it.

Personal Best is a landmark movie for its positive portrayal of a lesbian relationship, and that's reason enough to see it. But the outstanding performances from all the principals make it a truly great film, as evidenced by raves from movie critics nationwide. Talented Mariel Hemingway is solidly believable as Chris Cahill, but former Olympic athlete Patrice Donnelly, who never acted before, just pulls away from everyone to deliver an intense, absolutely mesmerizing portrayal of Tory Skinner. Donnelly never wavers in her role--she's beauty, dignity, and courage personified. Maybe it's due to an athlete's natural charisma, but she adds a certain magic to Personal Best. Don't miss it!

Sports

DOUBLES ANYONE?

The Oak Lawn Tennis Association announces its Spring Round-Robin Doubles Tournament on Sunday, April 4th from 12 noon until 5 p.m. at the Cole Park Tennis Courts.

Everyone is invited to join the barbeque eaters and tennis players of both sexes for an afternoon of fun and good food--FREE, of course.

For further information, please call Carlos at 526-5717 or Bill at 750-8041. If there is a rain-out, the tournament will be rescheduled and played on Sunday, April 11th.

Award-Winning TCC Sets Concert

On March 20th, the men of the Turtle Creek Chorale were judged winners in the State competition of the "Johnny Mann Great American Choral Festival" held at the Dallas Convention Center. From a field of eight, the Chorale was awarded $1,000. and the opportunity to compete in the regionals in Dallas on April 24th.

Turtle Creek Chorale

Hosted by Hilton Hotels International and held in many cities across the country, the Festival was conceived by Johnny Mann for the purpose of "bringing Americans together through music." The competition will end ultimately with the selection of the single best amateur vocal group in the U.S.A. at the national contest in Philadelphia on May 27th.

The Chorale continues its 1982 Concert Series under the direction of Dr. Richard Fleming on April 18th with a performance of Cherubini's Requiem in D Minor at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, at the corner of Oaklawn and Blackburn Streets, at 8:15 p.m., with full orchestral accompaniment. Tickets are $5. and available from any Chorale member, and only a limited number of tickets will be sold at the door. Further ticket information can be obtained by calling 821-3086.

Margaret Whiting Aids Chorus

She spent lots of time touring in the musical review "4 Girls 4" and performed in Dallas several times in the last few years, but these days cabaret singer Margaret Whiting is into another kind of music. After catching a performance of the New York City Gay Men's Chorus last year, Margaret agreed to tape a couple of radio ads for that Chorus' upcoming concerts with other gay vocal groups.

Maybe Ella Fitzgerald will do the same for the Turtle Creek Chorale!?! Asking cannot hurt.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

Note: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT meets on a vaired schedule. For further information, please call Ann Brown, 528-4233.

Sun 4 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill. (817) 926-7000.
United Community Church of Dallas. Service at 11 a.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088. Easter Holy Week, April 4 - 11.
Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. Services at 9 a.m. (1 hr), 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

DGPC Steering Committee meeting to screen Candidate Questionnaires. 1:30 p.m. DGA office. 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201.

GAY PRIDE WEEK Planning Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of April. Your help is needed to make this the best and biggest Gay Pride Week ever. "Progress Through Unity!" DGA office. 2 p.m. 528-4233 or 521-0432.

GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS (GAU/NT) meets at 2800 Binkley #103. Program: "Homosexuality and Greek Poetry." Refreshments. 4 p.m. 691-0043 or 826-2365.

The Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month. 7:30 p.m. Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser. 526-9221.

"The Messiah" by George F. Handle. MCC Choir and Orchestra. 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. Palm Sunday concert.

Tue 6 The OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Landing, 2617 N. Pearl. Musicians Needed.

"Erotikus!" An all-male history of gay cinema from the innocent days when young men flexed their muscles in posing straps to the no-holds-barred present. 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Granada Theatre. 3524 Greenville Avenue. 823-9610.

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 941-8641.

SOCIAL CONCERNS Department meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in Ft. Worth. 2336 Hemphill. 8 p.m. (817) 926-7000.

Wed 7 Pot Luck Supper at the Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2702 Reagan. 6 p.m. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2336 Hemphill. 7:30 p.m. (817) 926-7000.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Department meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
SOCIAL JUSTICE Department meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
Department of LESBIAN ISSUES meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
MEMBERSHIP Department meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

The Oak Lawn Volleyball Team practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7:30 p.m. Players needed.

Thr 8 Maundy Thursday Service at MCC at 7:15 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service at UCC at 8 p.m.

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.

The TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 821-3086.

Fri 9 Good Friday Service at MCC at 7:15 p.m.
Good Friday Service at Agape' MCC at 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday Service at UCC at 8 p.m.

"Polyester" - an outrageous comedy starring Devine and Tab Hunter. Filmed in odorama. An audience participation movie. Inwood Theater, 5458 Lovers Lane. 352-6040.

CLIFF DWELLERS Social Club meets every Friday at 8 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

Sat 10 Easter Vigil from 10 a.m. to midnight at the United Community Church. 4402 Roseland.

Sun 11 Easter Sunrise Service at Lee Park. 6 a.m. Metropolitan Community Church. 526-6221
Easter Service at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. MCC.
Easter Service at 11 a.m. UCC.
Easter Service at 11 a.m. Agape' MCC in Ft. Worth.

Affirmative (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 12 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting. Program: "Candidates Night." Gay voters are being registered and 85% of us vote! Candidates know this and court the gay vote. Recent political victories in Austin and Houston prove there is indeed "Progress Through Unity!" Let us use it or lose it. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

Tue 13 DGPC - PAC Steering Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

Thr 15 FINANCIAL RESOURCES Department meeting at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 521-0432. Workers needed.

"Gay History of North Texas" A program of song, dance, slides, jokes and chatter with Phil Johnson. 7:30 p.m. Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb (behind Agape' MCC) in Ft. Worth. 821-5200.

Fri 16 The OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND presents a free concert of "Broadway and Serious Music" at 8 p.m. MCC, 2701 Reagan. (Again or Saturday, April 17).

Spiritaul Renewal at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church. Reverend Elder Charlie Arehart, Pastor of MCC in Denver. 7 p.m. (Again on Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18.)

Sun 18 GAY PRIDE WEEK Planning Committee meets to plan Gay Pride Week 1982. "Progress Through Unity!" Your help needed. 2 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233 or 521-0432.

"Gay Encounter: A Workshop for Gay Men." Park North YWCA - upstairs. 4434 W. Northwest Highway. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fee required. Call 357-1274 or 960-0831 for information.

The TURTLE CREEK CHORALE presents a program of "Music for Men's Voices and Orchestra". $5.00 8:15 p.m. Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Oak Lawn and Gilbert.

GAYLINE (CRC) meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 2505 Wycliff. 748-6790.

Mon 19 DIALOG Deadline. Send comments, letters and articles to DIALOG, P.O. Box 35011; Dallas, TX 75235.

Gay Parents Support Group. 7:30 p.m. Call 827-5088 for information.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. Everyone welcome. DGA office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

Wed 21 Department for LESBIAN ISSUES meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 7 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
MEMBERSHIP Department meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
SOCIAL JUSTICE Department meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

Thr 22 "Design For Living" - a comedy of manners. A DGA-Theatre III party! Door prize. Tickets on sale at Butler's Pantry and at the April DGA meeting. 528-4233 or 521-0432.

Sat 24 DIALOG production day. (Again on Sunday). Call 750-8041.

The TURTLE CREEK CHORALE participates in the Johnnie Mann Choral Festival at the Dallas Convention Center. Tickets $5.00. Choral groups from all over the South and Southwest will be competing.

Thr 29 FINANCIAL RESOURCES Department meeting at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 521-0432. (Emergency meetings called when needed.)
MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's place. Help is needed to stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Holiday Fiesta!

MAY

Sat 1 Vote! Vote! Vote! in the Primary Elections! Polls open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Then attend your precinct meeting.

Pot Luck Supper and bingo at the United Community Church. (1st Saturday). 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.

Sun 2 GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS "Annual Picnic in Denton." 4 p.m. 201 Peach Street. 691-0043.

Mon 10 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE GENERAL MEETING. Interesting program. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

Sat 15 Spring Tent Sale at the Gay Crossroads, Throckmorton and Cedar Springs. The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band will present a program of popular tunes and marches.

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Gingersnaps

By Steven Benchley

Some current and interesting movies:

Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid. Steve Martin toughs his way through Carl Reiner's pastiche of '40s films noires, aided by steamy dialogue and a typical plot whose impenetrability allows for appearances by Burt, Babs, Bogey, and many others including, of course, Bette.

Deathtrap. Everything good you've heard about Ira Levin's heartless thriller (I call it "chilly Pirandellian fun.") goes triple for the movie. I will say no more (unfair to plot and prospective audience) except that even if you've seen the play, you're still in for surprises--notably the wired-and-inspired daffiness Dyan Cannon sustains in a potentially bland role. And the final 60 seconds, which leave you gasping even as you laugh in outrage.

Evil Under the Sun. Diana Rigg as a prize bitch hounded by a yapping pack of contenders: Maggie Smith, Roddy McDowall, et al., with cheeky Nicholas Clay kicking up the Majorcan sand in black bathing trunks. As Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot, Peter Ustinov muzzles the lot. Anthony Shaffer's crackling dialogue is zestfully negotiated by a cast and director (Guy Hamilton) who know exactly what they're doing. Music by Cole Porter.

Missing. You may choose not to believe what the film says about the U.S. role in the Chilean coup of 1973 (though in view of our past and present role as bull in the Latin American china shop, why not?), but you will believe the terror and anguish of Jack Lemmon and Sissy Spacek as they search the mazes of this Kafkaesque world for their vanished son and husband. More personal than Costa-Gavras' previous political thrillers and filled with images of nightmare beauty: a white horse galloping riderless through the night streets; the skylight of an improvised morgue, viewed from below, silhouetting sprawled corpses; an armless dwarf scampering across the tiled floor of a madhouse . . .

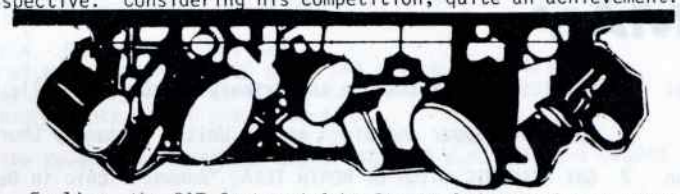
Personal Best is not about lesbianism but about athletes, two of whom happen to . . . Mariel Hemingway looks butcher than her macho-obsessed grandpop ever aspired to be, but uses her little-girl persona uncloyingly. Her lover Patrice Donnelly's face reflects humor, rue, passion, tenderness whenever she looks upon her younger girlfriend. An impressive directorial debut for scriptwriter Robert Towne.

Richard Pryor Live at the Sunset Strip is mellower than in his earlier concert film but still tougher and funnier and more endearingly obscene than practically anyone else. If you think you know Rich only through his non-concert films, catch this and get your head turned around.

I doubt Emma Goldman can have been as likable as Norma Young makes her in Theatre 3's Splendid Rebels, but Ms. Young's readings of the American anarchist and feminist's speeches are sternly beautiful. She gets little help from a lame supporting cast, excepting the admirable Mary Lee York and Sard Fleeker as a laid-back Clarence Darrow. Playwright Ernest Joselovitz's dialogue has a sinewy strength, but there's still plenty of fat to be sheared off his chronicle play before it lives up to the exciting possibilities of its subject.

Some tributaries off mainstream Dallas theatre:

PS--Your Cat Is Dead! Too bad the Greenville Avenue Theater's production of James Kirkwood's comedy limited its run to four performances--not nearly enough for a talented cast to get its stride. Thus, Ned Butikofer conveyed only the broadest shades of the despair, craziness, and inspired malice that comprise the wonderful part of Jimmy Zoole. In the less complex role of Vito, David Stump walked off with the play simply by possessing the main requirement for the part: a scrappy alley-cat charm. The plot required Stump to play long scenes belly-down and bareass; and even so, the actor, with no loss of poise, kept the audience's focus in correct dramatic perspective. Considering his competition, quite an achievement.



Earlier, the GAT featured John Stuart Anderson in an awesome display of technical expertise in his own one-man show, Good Evening, Lord Byron! Anderson's Manfred was not only Byron's fictional creation, but, here, also the wicked Lord's confidant and presumed lover. Response from the audience tended to be tentative, despite its own warm inclinations and Anderson's formidable suavity and charm--probably because not many Americans are quite up on, or into, the doings of Lady Caroline, Percy Bysshe, and that crowd.

In a one-woman show, Waves, the gifted JoAnn Williams went beyond feminism in a subtly erotic exploration of women in love. An auspicious opening for Cafe' Theatre at the Junior Black Academy (723 Peak; 827-6241), a new after-the-show theatre for less formal, more experimental work/play/cabaret.

Not technically a one-woman show, but close, was Ladies and Gentlemen, Edith Piaf! (It was a big month for exclamation points.) Kate McSwain wrote this cinematic stage biography of Paris' Little Sparrow and got it produced with herself in the title role, but also (at the Greenville Avenue Sandwich Shop and Emporium) with blackouts longer than the scenes they divided, musical numbers each in a different style, and her own performance too middle-class American and lacking in daring, but rich in promise--nothing that couldn't be remedied by a strong directorial concept (which, let us hope, she and Mlle. Piaf get next time 'round).

Piaf was followed by Five on the Floor, an attractive comedy group with thoroughly professional capabilities, desultorily acknowledged by their audience, and material out of Cap'n Billy's Whiz Bang, c. 1923, which that same audience lapped up even as they begged for more.

Hay Fever may be the funniest, most actable, and easily produced of Noel Coward's comedies. Consequently, it is seldom presented. Mountain View College's student performers made the mistake (by no means confined to actors young or non-professional) of playing the Bliss family--bohemian eccentrics who regard the straight world with kindly incomprehension--as genuine crazies and their conventional friends as even further off the wall. Once again, it was the director's job to have known better.

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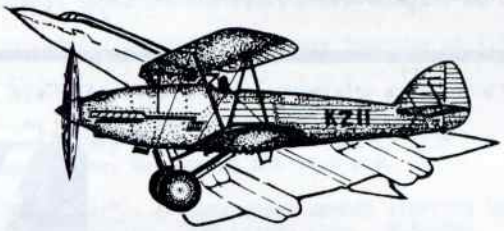

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Health

GENETICS OR ENVIRONMENT: Why Are Some Men Straight?

by Tom Marshall

The causes of homosexuality have been much debated in recent years. Curiously, it seems that straight people do most of this debating. Gays, understandably, seldom enter this unpromising debate. To remedy this one-sided talkathon, Dialog offers its own theory of sexuality: an immodest essay on the causes of adult male heterosexuality.

Now, one might well wonder, what do Dialog's writers possibly know about this topic? A good question. On the other hand, what do most straight people know about being gay? Answer: about the same amount.

Many of our readers may already be asking themselves: Isn't this an exercise in futility? There's no accounting for straight men anyway. But you may also ask who cares? Not so! There are several reasons to be concerned with the causes of adult male heterosexuality. We list two for your consideration:

· In many ways, straight men are sadly deficient creatures. Who can remember a straight man who could make an adequate Fettucini Alfredo? Or who could write a simple three-sentence, bread-and-butter thank-you note? Or who could arrange even the simplest of Sunday brunches?

· Further, can you imagine a male world populated only by straight men? A literature dominated by Ernest Hemingway and Norman Mailer? An architecture dominated by Tex-Mex good old boys from Mesquite? Or a film industry starring only John Wayne and Ronald (the gipper) Reagan? (yawn)

In fact, the much-debated growth in the number of straight men may threaten our society's most valued social institutions: the Sunday brunch, the mid-evening cocktail party, and the paid subscription list to Dialog, among others! Indeed, Dialog nervously notes that every civilization which has ever crumbled and fallen into decline has been accompanied by a noticeable number of straight men.

We hope that we have sufficiently demonstrated the seriousness of this much-neglected problem. Dialog's special team of disinterested (uninterested?) researchers now offers its own account of the causes of adult male heterosexuality. After a careful reading of the literature and a not inconsiderable amount of discussion (mostly over cocktails), we offer three causes. In order,

Cause Number One: Polyester. Dialog's special team of researchers has noticed that straight men have a noticeable attraction to polyester. In fact, they are often seen wearing it--in public!--months and months away from either Halloween or April Fool's Day. Straight men would do well to remember that if God had meant them to wear synthetics, silkworms would spin in dacron.

Cause Number Two: Suburbia. Rumors have reached the Dialog office that suburbia is veritably overrun with adult straight males. Latest reports from such far-flung sites as Arlington, Farmer's Branch, and Las Colinas indicate an alarming increase in the number of such sightings.

Cause Number Three: Religion, preferably Catholic or fundamentalist Protestant. Religion, for reasons not yet clear, seems to have a depressing effect on the development of a gay sensibility. One would do well to remember that among adolescent Catholics, an ejaculation is often confused with a religious observance. Among holy-roller Protestant sects, the laying on of hands is confused with religious ferver. The Freudian implications are obvious.

What do these three causes, taken together, suggest? You may have noticed that all three of these causes are environmental, not genetic. If you did, then give yourself an A+! We at Dialog modestly suggest that we have settled the long-standing dispute about genetics versus environment. Adult male heterosexuality, we confidently declare, is a learned, not a natural, inclination.

Although our research is, as yet, admittedly inconclusive, we also suggest that male heterosexuality may even be cureable, ipso facto, ergo, ad hominum, and uppsy-daisy! Dialog does not, however, now advocate a forced cure. Instead, we recommend tolerance. Our earlier points aside, we do not see a clear and present danger from adult straight men, so long as they do not try to convert others to their lifestyle.

And what, you may finally ask, about adult straight males who do not fit into this pattern? What about your beloved father, favorite brother, kindly grandfather, or supportive boss? To such persistent skeptics, Dialog simply replies that to some minds there may be exceptions to every rule. Or, in scientific lingo, disconfirming critical case studies. To Dialog, though, these are simply exceptions that prove the rule! So there!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Replies to the views expressed herein will, no doubt, shortly appear in the Dallas Morning News, as usual.

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Q: What do you call two gay lovers, both of whom are named Bob?
A: Oral Roberts.

GINGERSNAPS Continued from Page 6

The Wisteria Bush, at DTC's Down Center Stage, was the talented playwright Jo Vander Voort's homage to William Inge, and I hope she got him out of her system: sex-starved Alabama females, contrived plot machinations, and an offstage, highly symbolical title bush legendarily doomed to languish until whacked by a shovel to life. Good work by an all-female cast who could nevertheless have watched with profit Carol Burnett and Betty White in the TV special Eunice and seen with what abandon women like this can laugh together.

Current and coming: Tartuffe (as Jerry Falwell) at DTC; Loose Ends (about dropping out and in in the '70s) at the Greenville Avenue Theatre, the 7th; Coward's Design for Living (i.e., a menage a trois) at Theatre 3, the 13th; The Amorous Flea (musical Moliere) at SMU, the 20th; Beowulf at DTC's Down Center Stage, the 20th; A Streetcar Named Desire, Dallas Rep, the 22nd. And, on PBS-TV the 16th, "Who Will Protect the Family?": diverse views on the Equal Rights Amendment.

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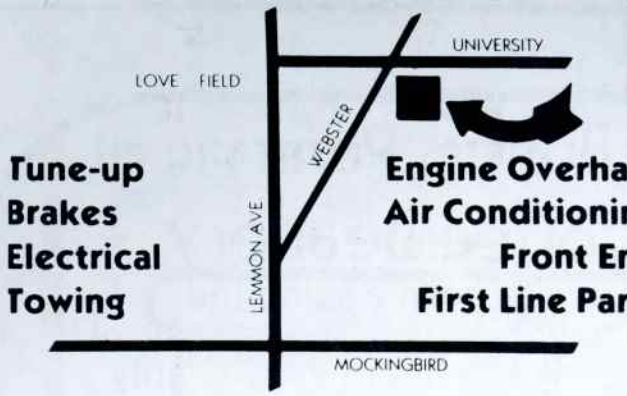

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MALE HOOKERS ON THE INCREASE IN US CITIES

A new federal report says that the "gay liberation" movement is responsible for the increasing numbers of male prostitutes on the streets of American cities. And contrary to the stereotype of a gigolo or a child lured into pornography, the typical male hustler is an over-16 homosexual who may enjoy his work.

The report was compiled for the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) by a San Francisco consulting firm, and the $250,000. study was the first nationwide look at adolescent male prostitution.

The researchers interviewed officials and social workers in 7 cities, developed a "hustler profile" based on interviews with 79 adolescent male prostitutes, and spent months living in high-prostitution areas of San Francisco and New York City.

Most adolescent male prostitutes are "gay-identified," the report said, and "the great majority" are between 16 and 22 years old. "It is extremely rare for a youth under 16 to be involved in prostitution," despite recent news reports of child pornography rings.

Unlike female prostitutes, male adolescents usually do not have pimps. "Rather, they are independent street hustlers or free-lance call boys," said the study, entitled "Adolescent Male Prostitution: A Study of Sexual Exploitation, Etiological Factors and Runaway Behavior."

Also unlike their female counterparts who usually dislike their work, "a significant percentage of males indicate thay enjoy hustling, including its sexual aspects," said their report by Urban and Rural Systems Associates. "Many adolescent males involved in hustling exhibit positive self-images, imagining themselves to be entrepreneurs, entertainers and sexually desirable partners. "Many also see hustling as an appropriate way of exploring their homosexuality."

The study says there are two main types of male prostitutes: hard-core hustlers, many of them homosexuals who work the downtown "sex trade" areas, and the less-professional prostitutes who frequent the trendy "gay ghetto" areas.

Many are runaways or were thrown out of their families after revealing their homosexuality, the report states. Many grew up in one-member families, were abused by a family member, dropped out of school or were ridiculed by peers for their sexual orientation.

The study, undertaken partly to write a manual for programs serving prostitutes, noted that hustlers often drift in and out of the street life.

BOY SCOUTS EXCLUDE GAYS

Timothy Curran is 19 years old and an Eagle Scout, but because he admitted his homosexuality, he was ousted from the Boy Scouts of America. Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Robert I. Weil has denied Curran's court bid for reinstatement as an adult leader in the Boy Scouts.

Judge Weil ruled that the Boy Scouts' Constitutional right to associate with whom they wish outweighed any rights which Curran might have to continue in Scouting. Judge Weil emphasized that the appellate courts have clearly established that private organizations may restrict their membership.

The membership policy of the Boy Scouts, a national organization founded in 1916, specifically excludes homosexuals and atheists.

EDITOR'S NOTE: My many gay friends who are employed by the Boy Scouts of America here in the Metroplex will unfortunately have to remain closeted if this Court's rationale remains the law.

Positions Open

Lucia Valeska, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, has announced the creation of two postions in NGTF. The first postion is that of Communications Director. She/he will be responsible for developing relations with both the gay and non-gay media, overseeing production of the NGTF newsletter and other publications, and preparing press releases and press conferences. Qualified applicants should send a resume, cover letter and clippings.

NGTF

NGTF is also accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. He/she will serve as secretary and public liaison for the Executive Director. Applicants should have excellent communications and clerical skills and the ability to deal personably with the public. Only a resume is requested.

Applicants for either position should apply to NGTF at 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.

DGA MEETINGS RATED

Members of the Social Concerns Department recently evaluated Alliance meeting format at the February general membership meeting. Fifty persons who attended the February meeting completed the questionnaire. 82% were DGA members, and most approved of the monthly meeting's format, according to John Thomas, Board member.

Asked to comment on the February meeting, about two-thirds of the respondents described the meeting as "educational" or "well-prepared." Most of the respondents also characterized the business meetings and announcements as "constructive" or "necessary."

When asked to give their reasons for attending, about equal numbers answered that they wanted to hear the program (26%), to show their interest in the movement (24%), or that they regularly attended Alliance meetings (18%). A majority (72%) stated that their gay consciousness was raised.

The following are the hand-written comments by each individual respondent who chose to give additional comment: Program was not appropriate, Support given to lesbians and their program, Openness and unity needed, Too much division and separation, Meeting should be run by rules, Too rule-oriented, Feeling of irresponsibility by the Board, Board should listen to members, See women as disruptive, Compromise needed, More lesbian programs, Good and necessary issues confronted, Good to see large turnout of women, Have food.

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DGPC ENDORSEMENTS FOR PRIMARY ON MAY 1

At the April meeting of the general membership, the Political Action Committee of the Alliance, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, endorsed the lists of candidates on this page and on Page 2. Cut out this endorsement sheet and carry it to the polls with you when you VOTE on May 1st.

DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS

'UNITED FOR EQUAL RIGHTS'

Remember, you can vote in one primary, either Democratic or Republican.

NOTE: The candidates listed here share the view that lesbians and gay men should be treated fairly and equally in the courts and legislative bodies; however, endorsement by the Dallas Gay Political Caucus does not necessarily mean that an individual candidate condones a homosexual lifestyle.

vote!

DEMOCRATS

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: (You will vote in only one district listed below)
- 3rd: No endorsement. (WARNING: Nita Smith has publicly stated that she is opposed to gay rights legislation)
- 5th: John Bryant.
- 6th: Wayne Sadberry.

GOVERNOR: Bob Armstrong.
ATTORNEY GENERAL: John Hannah.
COMPTROLLER: Bob Bullock.
STATE TREASURER: Ann Richards.
LAND COMMISSIONER: Gary Mauro.
AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER: Jim Hightower.
SUPREME COURT, PLACE 2: William Kilgarlin.
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 1: William B. Phillips.
STATE SENATE: (You will vote in only one district.)
- 23rd: Jesse Jones.

CRIMES AGAINST GAYS

One Year Later: Police Do Nothing

Just over one year ago, the Dallas Morning News (DMN) ran a frightening article about a teenage Dallas queer-basher entitled "Menacing Shadows Stalk Homosexuals." One year later, Dialog contacted the Dallas Police Department to see what progress had been made on the case.

Despite the news story's specific details, the Dallas Police reported that they have not located this queer-basher. A lieutenant in the Media Relations Office of the DPD argued that the police were under no obligation to investigate newspaper interviews. The same officer, who refused to give his name, said that the police had not followed up on the DMN story and did not plan to do so.

The DPD's refusal to investigate is disturbing for two reasons. First, the DMN article gave specific information regarding the assailant and printed his picture. The article also gave the assailant's age, his grade in school, his weight and height, and listed his after-school job.

Second, the DMN article described one specific crime--a beating at the corner of McKinney and Fitzhugh--committed by this queer-basher. The same article described several other beatings which the assailant and his friends bragged about committing.

Despite the detailed information, Dallas police evidence no interest in locating this teenage queer-basher.

When contacted by Dialog, Esther Bauer, the DMN staff writer who interviewed this teenager, confirmed that the police had made no effort to contact her to follow up on the described crimes. Ms. Bauer added that she was directed to this assailant for a news article after he had bragged repeatedly to DMN reporters and Dallas police officers of his queer-bashing exploits. She said that she had had no contact with this teenager since March 1981 and was unlikely to in the future because "he was not the type of person I would want to keep in touch with."

Assailant Convicted

An anti-gay crime was resolved recently when Michael D. Walling pled guilty to aggravated robbery and assault and received a ten-year probated sentence. This felony conviction cannot be erased from Walling's criminal record.

According to DGA sources, Walling pled guilty after an additional charge of "intent to kill" was dropped. Local attorneys have verified that the sentence which Walling received in Judge McDowell's court is typical for such offenses.

Walling had been indicted last July after the Social Justice Committee pressed local police for speedier action. Dallas police had delayed in issuing an arrest warrant against Walling and refused to comment on whether they had asked Walling's victim about his homosexual experiences.

Read Vs. Wade

Alliance Vice-President Campbell Read recently had the opportunity to challenge the record of Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade at a coffee hour sponsored by a local Dallas precinct club. Wade was represented at the forum by his campaign representatives Ryder Scott and A.C. Sullivan.

Read took issue with two past Wade campaign promises. Wade had promised "fair but impartial prosecution" from his office. However, Read produced a plea bargaining schedule recommended by Assistant District Attorney Winfield Scott which listed one day in jail and a $300. fine for Class A misdemeanor assault cases. By contrast, a public lewdness conviction was to receive one day in jail and a $750. fine.

"The recommended fee schedule reflects

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PAC CONTRIBUTES

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC), the Political Action Committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance, has made the following contributions to endorsed candidates in the May 1st primaries: John Bryant--$350, Peter Lesser--$500, John Hannah--$50, Jesse Oliver--$100, Bob Armstrong--$100, Will Hartnett--$100, Jesse Jones--$200, Brenda Christian--$100, Mark Clements--$50, Richard Perkins--$200, Jim Hightower--$50, Chris Reed--$50, Davey Lamb--$100, Robert Bayne--$100, Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas--$125, Carroll Miller--$25, Marcus Lerro--$25, and Jim Wilson--$25.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE: (You will vote in only one district.)
100th: Brenda Christian.
109th: Davey Lamb.
110th: Chris Reed.
111th: Jesse Oliver.
JUDICIAL RACES: (All judicial races are on all voting machines in Dallas County)
CIVIL DISTRICT COURT:
#193: Aglaia Mauzy.
FAMILY DISTRICT COURT:
#254: Bill Cole.
#302: Josh Taylor.
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT:
#4: Jim Martin.
#7: Stan Channell.
COUNTY PROBATE COURT: Matt McKool.
COUNTY PROBATE COURT #3: Richard Danna.
COUNTY COURT AT LAW #1: Bill Coker.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Peter Lesser (WARNING: DGA has filed a grievance against Henry Wade for his treatment of gay defendants.)
COUNTY JUDGE: (Co-endorsement) Robert H. Power & Joan T. Winn.
DISTRICT CLERK: T.E. Moore.
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT #7, PLACE 2: (Co-endorsement) Kayo Mullins & Gladys Shook.
DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CHAIRPERSON: Richard Perkins.
DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT CHAIRS:
#1120: Carroll Miller.
#1189: James Wilson.
#1190: Allan Calkin.
#1191: Don Baker.
#1213: Marcus Lerro.
#2271: Herb Croner.
#3302: John Calhoun.
#3303: Pauline Medrano.
#3304: David Amidon.
#3306: Roger Klorese.

REPUBLICANS

U.S. SENATE: No endorsement. (WARNING: Walter Mengden has publicly stated that he is opposed to gay rights legislation.)
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
5th: Robert Bayne (WARNING: Joe Devaney has publicly stated that he is opposed to gay rights legislation.)
COMPTROLLER: Raymond Frank.
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER: John T. Henderson.
STATE SENATE: (You will vote in only one district.)
2nd: Tom Algur.
STATE REPRESENTATIVE: (You will vote in only one district.)
102nd: Will Hartnett.
103rd: Francisca Cruz
109th: Mark Clements.
COUNTY COURT AT LAW #3: No endorsement. (WARNING: August Boto has publicly stated that he is opposed to gay rights legislation.)
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT #1, PLACE 2: Fletcher Freeman.
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT #2, PLACE 2: Mildred Drake.

VOTER INFORMATION

This voter information is for the Primary Election, Saturday, May 1, 1982. Read this information carefully and, if you have any questions, call the DGPC election hotline: 528-4233
Hours: Fri., April 30: 7-10 PM
Sat., May 1: 9 AM-7 PM
WHEN TO VOTE: Saturday, May 1, 1982
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM.
WHERE TO VOTE: A list of polling places will be published in the newspapers on election day, or call:
Democratic Headquarters: 521-4030
Republican Headquarters: 369-9555
DGPC Election Hotline: 528-4233
HOW TO VOTE: Take your voter registration card with you. If you have lost it, or have not yet received it in the mail, or have an old (white) card, go to the polls anyway. Your name will be on the list of eligible voters. If you have moved and not yet re-registered, go back to the polling place that serves your former precinct. If your name is not on the books, and you do not have your voter registration card, you may still vote, if you take an oath that you are a resident of that precinct and sign a statement to that effect. Insist on being allowed to do this!!!!!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are already receiving DGPC mailings, you can still help us locate gay voters.

Many of you know other gay men and lesbians in your neighborhoods or have friends who do not receive DGPC mailings. It is important that we know where these voters are in order to be able to organize the gay vote effectively. Please persuade these people to put their names into our voter identification file. You can assure them that:

--our voter i.d. file is restricted to DGPC/DGA use only and is not released to other groups or individuals;
--our mailings are always sent in plain, sealed envelopes with only our post office box number as a return address;
--our phone contacts are discreet, and we honor any special instructions voters may have for our calling them.

Even if you consider yourself non-political, you must exercise your right to vote in order to support candidates pledged to support your rights. Remember: the other side (Robison, Falwell, & Co.) is well-organized, well-financed, and well able to get its voters to the polls. Don't let their voice be the only one heard! Fill in the information requested below and mail this form to the DGPC at P.O. Box 35011, Dallas 75235. (For more forms call 528-4233.) NOTE: ALL DGPC INFORMATION IS MAILED IN PLAIN ENVELOPES.

name _____ mail address (if different from street address) _____

street address (#see below) _____ apt. no. _____ home phone (and any special instructions about calling you.) _____

city _____ state _____ zip _____

I usually consider myself: __Republican/__Democratic/__Independent/__other (specify_____)

I am willing to: _____work in a DGPC-endorsed campaign_____work on the DGPC phone bank
_____register voters in the gay community

I would like to receive: _____DGPC's political information mailings ONLY.
_____political mailings and mailings from the Dallas Gay Alliance.

(#We must have your street address in order to determine your precinct number.)

Gays Stamped

Famous gays will appear on U.S. stamps someday if the Gertrude Stein Philatelic Society has its way. The San Francisco group was formed in April 1981 to promote gay interest in stamps and to work toward the recognition of well-known gay women and men on American stamps.

The society will soon launch a nationwide drive to have Gertrude Stein honored on a future U.S. commemorative stamp. The society also plans to issue both Special Event and Commemorative covers to spark interest in gay figures, gay history, and events of special interest within the gay community.

The society's first special event cover commemorates the 1981 San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration on June 28, 1981. A total of 449 covers were issued, each cacheted with a design created by San Francisco artist Charles Musgrave. The design features a cable car filled with men and women against the city skyline, carrying the title of the 1981 parade as a banner across the top. Stamps available include Eleanor Roosevelt, Dag Hammarskjold, Willa Cather, Robert Indiana's "Love" stamp, and two others which are cancelled with a Sunday, June 28, 1981 San Francisco mark from the U.S. Postal Service.

For more information, write to the Gertrude Stein Philatelic Society at Box 14551 in San Francisco, CA 94114.

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Gingersnaps

By Steven Benchley

By coincidence, two current productions exemplify healthy trends that have been increasing in Dallas theatre for a couple of years now; two others are examples of what has been admired -- not so much by theatrelovers as by those who have an interest in boosting Dallas and its official emblems of Culture.

Loose Ends (at the Greenville Avenue) and Key Exchange (New Arts) are serious comedies that explore the difficulties of maintaining relationships in these interesting times. Both are unself-consciously sexy in their language and, uh, carrying-on. Both, incidentally, are performed upon elegantly non-representational sets, and their chief women characters happen to be photographers. Not at all incidentally, both plays are acted by young, mostly little-known actors in a spirit of ensemble and thorough professionalism; and (attention please, class) both are directed -- by Jack Clay and Barnet Kellman, respectively -- with a view to illuminating the script and using the actors' talents to that purpose.

How else, you ask, might a play be directed? Well, go (after seeing the other two plays) to Design for Living at Theater Three and Tartuffe at Dallas Theater Center, and you'll see. Both productions are conceived and executed (the phrase is apt) as monuments --- heavy monuments --- to the egos of their respective directors, Laurence O'Dwyer and Paul Baker. The fecundity of these two gentlemen in producing ideas unworthy of their playwrights (fortunately dead) and their actors (unfortunately living) must be seen to be disbelieved. I don't wish to be negative, so I won't begin to mention the perversities in each show ... Well, okay. Maybe a couple.

Anyone who has enjoyed Niki Flack's previous performances knows that this charming actress is more than capable of projecting the go-to-hell sexiness that jolts the events of Design for Living into comic motion. Why then has she been encouraged to play Noel Coward's delectable Gilda as a flouncing fag-hag? The audience was understandably puzzled why the two leading men chased this tiresome broad across Europe and the Atlantic.

And in Tartuffe, Baker took a not-at-all-bad concept (lampooning the smugness of the New Right through Moliere's satire of religious hypocrisy), then proceeded riskly to sabotage it not only with miscellaneous irrelevancies but with a specially commissioned translation whose flatfooted prosiness was exceeded only by its total inappropriateness to (yes) the concept.

It was a good month for coincidences. While her husband Randy Moore enlivened Tartuffe -- in the title role he resembles Roy Scheider impersonating Daffy Duck -- Norma Moore was a shrewdly twinkly partner to baleful, baby-faced John Rainone in Loose Ends, establishing bonds of inter-theatre accord I hope will be maintained. And as her father Paul Baker mucked up Moliere, Robyn Flatt (with strong help from adaptor Jim Marvin) brought that notably dull "epic" "poem" Beowulf to vivid theatrical life at DTC's Down Center Stage. This ritualistic theatre piece isn't intended for children, but my eight-year-old date liked it. If you don't catch your breath at the sight of bone-crunching Grendel, don't ever hope to be eight again.

More coincidence: both Noel Coward and Moliere were allowed to let their words and effects reach audiences unencumbered in two SMU studio productions. Tonight at 8 -- three one-acts -- showed Judy C. Nunn and Mark Walters rattlingly effective as the Red Peppers in Coward's salute to gallant, ever-bitching troupers. And the cast of the musical Amorous Flea was so consistently zestful I wished they had devoted their talents instead to the show's basis, The School for Wives. The standouts here were Geanette Roberts as a virgin ferocious in her innocence and Scott Everhart, who unnervingly resembles a singing Vincent Price. The directors: Linda Lippincott and Christopher Owens.

Finally: Dallas Rep's Streetcar Named Desire is not a great production, but the director Ed DeLatte's recreation of Tennessee William's finest play is strong and loving, and so easy to accept as ... GREAT! Can any American actor forget Marlon Brando created Stanley Kowalski? Probably not, but I wish Michael Crabtree had tried: he has the insolence and snaky bod to be his own Stan. Jo Haden's Blanche, conversely, is not physically fragile: the actress creates her frailty. This we call talent. In its transcendence -- as in Ms. Haden's long moments of silent yearning -- we can call this quality something else. "Look -- we've made magic!" Blanche says at one point. And indeed she has.

Some movies:

Val Lewton's 1942 Cat People made its appeal almost entirely to the mind. Paul Schrader's current version, with its lurid colors, supple camerawork, and lush music and effects on Dolby, plays to the senses. Watch for the witty recreation of the earlier film's two most famous moments, and of a screamingly unexpected one from Carrie. The exoticism of Nastassia Kinski (who has the most beautiful female rear in the world) and Malcolm McDowell is counterbalanced by the wholesomer kinkiness of Annette O'Toole (she's got the most beautiful breasts) and John Heard, who in this movie gets a couple of ultimate fantasies realized to his satisfaction and ours.

Some Kind of Hero contains weird inconsistencies of character and staging and -- presumably some moneymaker's misbegotten strategy to benefit the box office -- isolated shots of Richard Pryor capering like J. J. Walker in the grip of epilepsy. These oddities apart, this adaptation of James Kirkwood's novel comes close to fusing Kirkwood's and Pryor's distinctive forms of black humor and to tapping the star's awesome potential for comic savagery and rage.

Victor/Victoria is one hell of a heavy romp, it will probably be popular with the gay crowd for all the wrong reasons, and Julie Andrews doesn't live up to her own possibilities in the title role(s). But Robert Preston, James Garner, and Alex Karras play roles ripe for potential embarrassment with sweet-tempered poise and just the right kind of dignity. Leslie Ann Warren tries hard to be trashy, without success: the lady is no dog. Music by Henry Mancini but lyrics by Leslie Bricusse.

This year's USA Film Festival got off to a swift start with V/V and maintained its pace with two evenings of short films, some routine, many magnificent. Under its new director Sam Grogg, the Festival promises to be lively, possibly controversial. Activities -- including showings of new films and tributes to Peter Bogdanovich and Frank Perry -- resume about the time Dialog appears. For further details call 760-8575.

One last note: one of the happiest evenings I spent this month was at SMU's Dance 82 watching a performing art I feel neither qualified nor inclined to criticize. To watch dance is to live.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

Note: EDUCATION Department meets on a varied schedule. For further information, please call Ann Brown, 528-4233.

Sat 1 VOTE! Primary elections ARE important. (Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) Then attend your precinct meeting, 7:15.

Bake Sale benefitting the OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND at the Gay Crossroads, Throckmorton and Cedar Springs. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Buy or bake something delicious to support our band.

Pot Luck Supper and bingo at the United Community Church (1st Saturday). 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.

Sun 2 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill. (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.

GLAD - GAUNT Annual Picnic in Denton. 4 p.m. 201 Peach Street. 691-0043.

GAY PRIDE WEEK Planning Committee meets every Sunday. How big, how successful will this year's celebration be? It depends on you. Help is needed. DGA office. 2 p.m. 528-4233 or 521-0432.

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

Mon 3 GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meets at the University Ministry Center of North Texas University. Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m.

Tue 4 The OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Landing, 2617 N. Pearl. No auditions - just come and play. The Flag Corps is now being formed. Members needed.

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 941-8641.

SOCIAL CONCERNS Department meets every Tuesday (except the 11th) at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. Help is needed to plan and construct the DGA float for the Gay Pride Parade. 528-4233.

TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in Ft. Worth. 2336 Hemphill. 8 p.m. (817) 926-7000.

Wed 5 Pot Luck Supper at the Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2702 Reagan. 6 p.m. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday) 2336 Hemphill. 7:30 p.m. (817) 926-7000.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Department meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
SOCIAL JUSTICE Department meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
Department of LESBIAN ISSUES meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
MEMBERSHIP Department meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

The Oak Lawn Volleyball Team practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7:30 p.m. Players needed.

Thr 6 FINANCIAL RESOURCES Department meets every Thursday (except the 20th) at 6 p.m. DGA office. 521-0432. Workers needed.

Single Support Group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall at UCC (not church affiliated). Meetings are for people breaking up with lovers and those looking for alternatives to bars. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.

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

The TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 821-3086.

Fri 7 CLIFF DWELLERS Social Club meets every Friday at 8 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

Sun 9 Planning party for those interested in helping with a TEXAS GAY TASK FORCE reception. 3 p.m. Call Jere at 827-2957.

Affirmation (Gay United Methodist) meets 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 10 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. Phil Johnson presents "Gay Roots--Music, Dance, Slides, and Humor of the Decade. The gay vote's effectiveness and plans for Gay Pride Week will be discussed. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

Sat 15 Spring Tent Sale at the Gay Crossroads, Throckmorton and Cedar Springs. The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band will present a program of popular tunes and marches.

Sun 16 The OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND will present a Spring Pops concert at Lee Park. 2 p.m.

GAYLINE (CRC) meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 2505 Wycliff. 748-6790.

Mon 17 DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 7 p.m. 750-8041.

Gay Parents Support Group. 7:30 p.m. Call 827-5088 for information.

Wed 19 Reception party for new DGA members. 9 p.m. 528-4233

Mon 24 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. Everyone welcome. Your imput welcome. DGA office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
DIALOG Deadline. Send comments, letters and articles to DIALOG, P.O. Box 35011. Dallas, TX 75235.

Sat 29 DIALOG Production day. (Again on Sunday). Call 750-8041.

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a failure to prosecute crimes reasonably," Read charged. He asked why an assault crime should receive less punishment than a victimless public lewdness conviction.

Read also charged that Wade had engaged in "forum shopping" last summer in the Village Station cases. At that time Wade's office had dismissed, then refiled, charges after the accused had been cleared in a trial. A complaint against Wade and his office was filed with the Bar Association Grievance Committee, Read explained. The complaint is still pending.

Wade's representatives refused to answer the complaints. Wade has also not responded to repeated Alliance complaints.

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102. Proper form of address for a Master.
106. A female deer.
108. One of the three stooges.
110. What you are when you're not off.
111. Where we must frequently fight for our rights.
114. Stand for a coffin.
116. Canadian province (abbreviation).
117. Man with his keys on the left.
119. Lover's quarrel.
120. Bedmate for a night.
122. A place to find peas.
123. New York City mayor.
126. Short time period (abbreviation).
127. Kitty Carlisle's husband.
128. Nationwide (abbreviation).
130. Feminist organization (abbr.).
132. Fabric woven from camel's hair.
133. To strive in rivalry.
134. Black & white short-necked diving bird.
135. Greek letter.
136. To irritate or provoke.
139. Where Dorothy went.

Sports

OLTA NEWS

The Oak Lawn Tennis Association (OLTA) has announced its officers for 1982: president, Sam Yee; secretary, Doug Hall; creasurer, Al Leong.

On April 4th OLTA concluded its spring membership drive with a round robin doubles tournament at the Cole Park tennis courts. Results are: first place, Steve Baumgarten; second place, Jim Goodwin; third place, Bryan Starnes.

Approximately 35 members are currently competing in OLTA's singles and doubles league play. Upcoming events include the battle with Houston for the Texas Challenge Cup and the 3rd Annual Oak Lawn Tennis Tournament, June 19-20th, the first weekend of Gay Pride Week in Dallas.

For more information concerning league play or future events, contact Carlos Banda at 526-5717 or Bill Nelson at 750-8041.

QUOTABLES . . .

Virginia Apuzzo of the NGTF recently twitted backers of the so-called Family Protection Act (FPA) during a debate on WNAC-TV, a Boston affiliate of CBS. During the debate, Gina Bessey, an aide to right-wing Iowa Senator Roger Jepsen (R), spoke in favor of the FPA and traditional roles for women in textbooks. Said Bessey, "We feel that young girls ought to see both the businesswoman/career woman and the housewife. We believe they ought to be able to make a choice."

Apuzzo chuckled at that point and commented that "I'm delighted that my friends to the Right are at least partially pro-choice . . ."

From Dear Abby, comes advice on how to invite gay couples and how to introduce them: "When addressing two people who live together . . ., use both names on the envelope: 'Mr. John Doe and Mr. Paul Friendly.' When introducing a gay couple to a stranger, it is not necessary to explain the relationship. Never presume or lable anyone as 'lover, partner' or anything else. Use the person's name."

Well said, Abby!

JUNE

Thr 3 MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's place to stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Bring an appetite.

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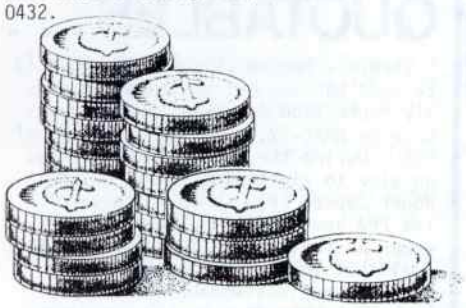
A Spring Tent Sale is slated for Saturday, May 15th, at the Butler's Pantry Too parking lot. Take your donations of old Christmas presents, your used Bette Davis cigarette holders, furniture, Rolls Royce hood ornaments, and other items to Carl Mallies at Butler's Pantry Too, or call 521-0432.



The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band is slated to present a special concert from 3 to 4:00 in the afternoon. The Gay Pride Week Committee will sponsor a refreshment stand as a fundraiser.

Groups interested in sponsoring a booth should call Carl Mallies at 521-0432 for more information.

NEW DIRECTOR

For the first time since December 1981, Dialog is pleased to have no vacancies on the DGA Board of Directors to announce. At the April meeting, local attorney Jack Pettit was approved by the general membership as the tenth boardmember.

Pettit will serve as chair of the Civic Affairs Department; in that position, he also chairs the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the Alliance's Political Action Committee.

Of course, Board elections come again in June . . .

Attn. Delegates

The program for the May 10th general membership meeting was still unannounced when Dialog went to press. However, those dedicated citizens who become delegates and alternates to the senatorial conventions (often simply by attending precinct meetings after the polls close on May 1st) should attend a special meeting on May 10th after the general membership meeting is adjourned. In the meantime, WORK to become a delegate or an alternate to increase the political impact of our entire community!!!

MAKING THE NEWS

Newsweek: an article on gay college students, April 5, 1982: 75-77. Newsweek describes the growing organization of gay students at both large and small campuses. The news magazine also describes "the unsurprising result: gays and lesbians seem to have fewer psychological problems."

HEARINGS HELD BY CONGRESS

Gay rights hearings in Congress opened earlier this year when the House Employment Opportunities Subcommittee held hearings on a gay civil rights bill. The session, on January 27, marked the first gay rights hearing held by Congress.

Senator Paul Tsongas, (D., Mass.), the Senate sponsor of the legislation, called gay civil rights the "next item on the civil rights agenda." H.R.1454 is sponsored by Representative Ted Weiss (D., N.Y.) and 51 other members of Congress.

Witnesses at the hearings included Martin Weinberg of the Kinsey Institute who is also author of Sexual Preference, ; Dr. Avery Post, President of the United Church of Christ; Craig Christiansen, Dean of the Syracuse Law School, and several other witnesses.

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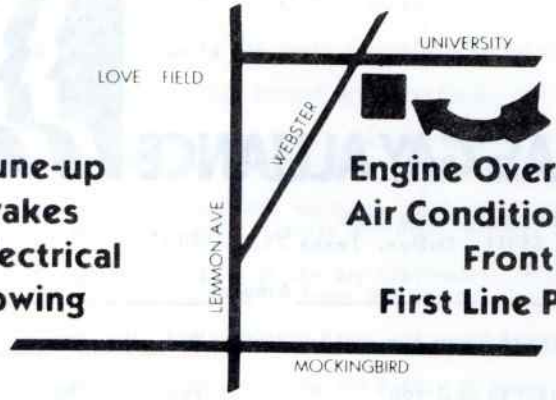

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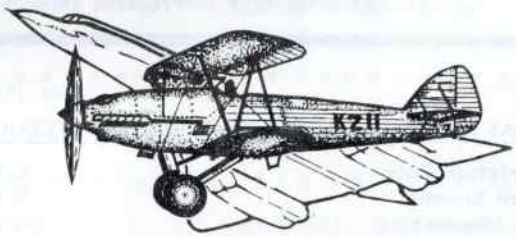

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BOOKENDS

WHODUNIT?

In the classic days of murder mysteries, gay people were all but invisible. If they appeared at all, they usually did so as a curious, eccentric theatrical figure, as a red herring, or as the victim. Somehow the grand old dames of English mysteries --- such as Agatha Christy, Ngiao Marsh, or Dorothy Sayers --- could never quite bring themselves to write openly about gays.

No more! In recent years gays have come out of the closet, murderously speaking. Gays have murdered and been murdered with increasing frequency between the covers (of murder mysteries). Gays now also solve or, at other times, cover up murders. Today, a gay murder mystery fan can easily keep busy reading gay-related crimes (fortunately, fictional).

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Americans being less genteel and less full of, well, euphemisms than their English cousins, American writers deal more openly with gay-related crimes. While gay-oriented murder mysteries focus mostly on New York or Los Angeles, other sites have also produced opportunities for mayhem.

First, then, the New York school. One of the earliest potboilers with out-of-the-closet gay characters was Death In the Fifth Position, by Edgar Box, alias Gore Vidal (Vintage, 1952, rptd. 1979, $1.95). A ballet company murder prompts Peter Cutler Sargeant III, a clever and handsome public relations agent, into the amateur detective business. Peter trails gay characters through gay bars and even a turkish bath to the eventual solution. All the while, however, he remains coy and straight, if not quite virginal.

Another of the earliest, explicitly gay murder mysteries was George Baxt's A Queer Kind of Death (Simon and Schuster, 1967). Baxt created an eccentric New York City detective who was not only gay, but black, and also improbably named Pharoah Love.

Pharoah "Cat" investigates the (very deserved) murder of a gay hustler and blackmailer par excellence who is electrocuted by a radio in his bathtub. The suspects include a very curious brother and sister team, a handsome writer and his jealous wife (both former lovers of the deceased) and several justifiably estranged friends and family members.

In the midst of his detecting, Love falls in love himself. His solution to the crime is as bizarre as the cast of characters themselves.

Pharoah and company reappear in Swing Low, Sweet Harriet (Simon and Schuster, 1968). There, an unlikely bevy of former chorus girls and a pair of mysterious twins lead to still more murder --- one crime the death of a Hollywood celebrity over thirty years ago. Gossip and mayhem abound.

Pharoah "Cat" exits in Topsy and Evil (Simon and Schuster, 1968), another gossipy tale featuring our Hollywood favorites, gurus, night club

celebrities, an international financier, and a Transylvanian butler, Igor. The ending is explosive. To paraphrase: Pharoah always knew how to make an exit.

Also set in New York is Richard Hall's The Butterscotch Prince (Pyramid Books, 1975). When New York cops decide to forget the murder of Cord McGreevy's friend and former lover, Cord himself searches through bars and gay night life, hoping to do better.

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Across the continent, the Los Angeles school has not been far behind. A decade ago Joseph Hansen's Fadeout (Holt, Rinehart, 1970) offered a genuine gay hero, David Brandstetter. Playfully, the last name is Norwegian for "Brand's daughter."

Brandstetter, an appealing, middle-aged sleuth, is an insurance investigator specializing in death claims. In Fadeout he pursues a missing person claim. Predictably, all is not what it seems, and all that seems at first respectable is tawdry --- or worse. Brandstetter is soon drawn into a web of duplicity, confusion, and danger.

Hansen produced four other Brandstetter mysteries in his series. All are written in a terse, dry style typical of Raymond Chandler. The other works include Death Claims (1973), Troublemaker (1975), The Man Everybody Was Afraid Of (1978), and Skinflick (1979), all by the original publisher.

Hansen's newest, Gravedigger, is slated for release this April. The author promises two more mysteries to follow.

JUST OUT: Gravedigger

Just released in April is Joseph Hansen's sixth murder mystery, Gravedigger (Holt, Rinehart, $12.50). Dave Brandstetter, a gay insurance investigator, searches for a missing, disbarred lawyer who files a death claim on his likewise missing daughter, then vanishes.

Brandstetter traces the disappearance of both father and daughter through his now familiar Los Angeles. Hansen fans will especially enjoy a returned cast from five earlier Brandstetter mysteries.

If anything, author Hansen has tightened his prose since his last mystery, Skinflick. His writing is more spare, the scenes more carefully drawn, and the plot more unsparing.

FIVE BEST GAY MURDER MYSTERIES

* Fadeout, by Joseph Hansen
* Troublemaker, also by Joseph Hansen
* Vermilion, by Nathan Aldyne
* Death In the Fifth Position, by Edgar Box (alias Gore Vidal)
* A Queer Kind of Death, by George Baxt

This spring has produced two new additions to the collection, one excellent, the other less successful.

The more interesting work is Vermilion (Avon, 1982, $2.25, ppb.). In Boston, a young, not very nice hustler is murdered, and the body dumped on the lawn of a notoriously anti-gay politician. Daniel Valentine, a bartender at a well-known gay club, and his girlfriend Clarisse pursue the case after Boston's finest fail. Well-written and fast-moving, Vermilion is a suspenseful addition to the growing collection of gay potboilers.

Less interesting is A Brother's Touch, by Owen Levy (Pinnacle Books, 1982, $2.75, ppb.). Set in New York, the book focuses on the death of a runaway hustler, whose death is probed by the victim's brother, a naive, burned out Vietnam veteran. Unfortunately, the book was poorly edited and never manages much suspense despite the thinly disguised appearances of Andy Warhol, the Rev. Troy Perry, and other celebrities. Miss it.

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Meanwhile, back across the Atlantic, two recent English murder mysteries also feature gay characters. The first is The Gospel Lamb, by Jack Scott (Harper and Row, 1980, $9.95). Set at a rock music festival, a gay drug pusher and his dull-witted boyfriend pursue their own problems while a religious fanatic (the gospel lamb) stalks sexually promiscuous women, and while a loutish detective hopelessly muddles up the case.

Also involving London gays is Deadline, another Simon Bognor mystery (Ballantine, 1975, $2.25). A fey gossip columnist is, as they used to say, done in, and Simon pursues the murderer.

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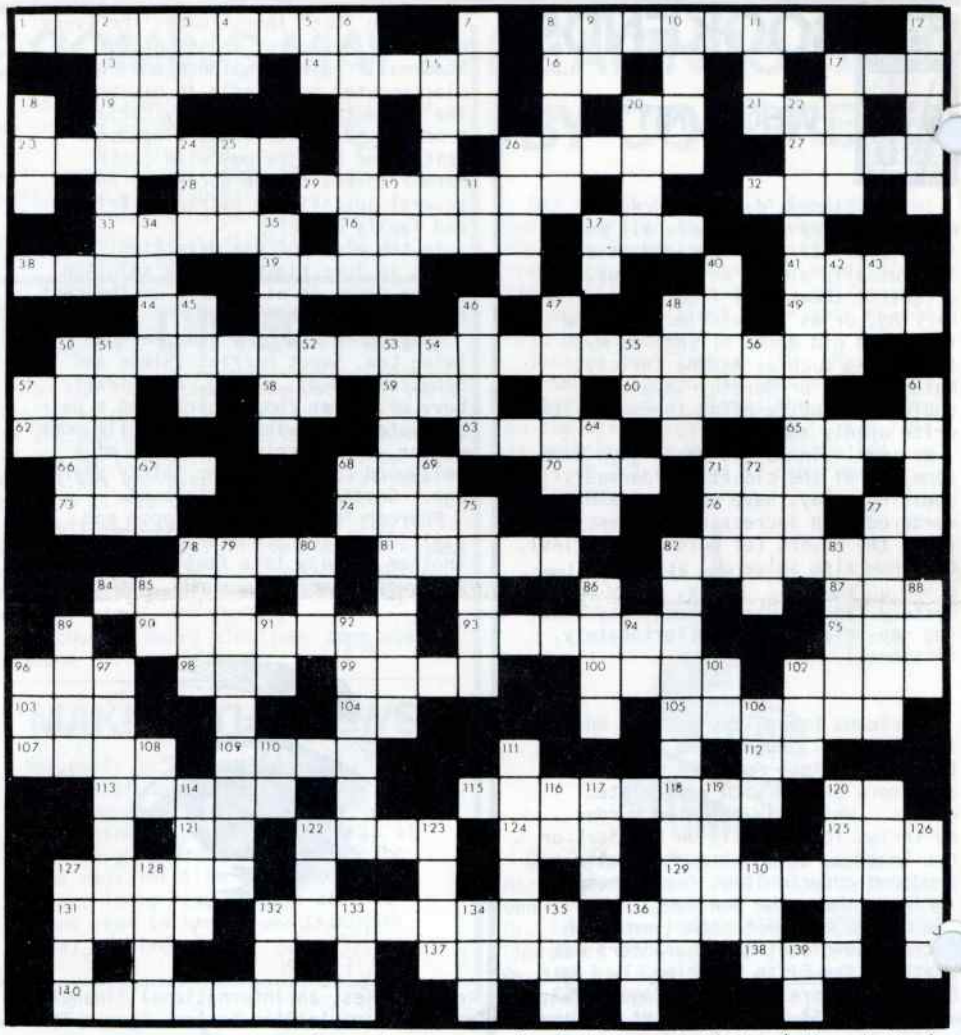
Reviewing gay murder mysteries shows several similarities. First, the police are usually incapable of, or just plain disinterested in, resolving the crime. Usually a nonuniformed character unvails the murderer. Aside from the very curious case of Pharoah Love, the police never manage to produce the culprit. More often than not, they dismiss the case entirely or else arrest the wrong suspect. Perhaps literature reflects life after all.....?

The second conclusion is that lesbian characters are almost entirely absent. Aside from a close friend of Dave Brandstetter, lesbians are seldom seen or heard from. They are not murdered. Nor do they sleuth. For Mis Jane Marple to come out of the closet (hmmnn?), we are still waiting.

---T.R.M.

PUZZLER

By Dave Lewis



ACROSS

1. NYC bar which was the site of '69 raid and riot.
8. Hardware, for example.
13. One place for 78 across.
14. Shelf.
16. Prepostion.
17. Something to do in Colorado.
19. Alternative to 82 across.
20. Comes after la.
21. Frequently quoted chairman.
23. Sodomy in many states.
26. Lesbian author.
27. Gaze.
28. Article.
29. Catholic organization.
32. Heard when three discos are next door.
33. Playwright convicted of "crime" of which many Dialog readers are guilty.
36. Greek volcano.
37. Organization of gay theatre people (abbreviation).
38. Found on either a bird or a building.
39. Possible attire for the Mineshaft.
41. A variety of tree.
44. Into ropes, chains and punishment (abbreviation).
48. Proper title for a member of the Order of Perpetual Indulgence (abbreviation).
49. Dress for sunbathing at the CBC.
50. Dallas theme for Gay Pride Week '82 (3 words).
57. To some, that by virtue of which all things exist.
58. First person singular of "to be".
59. Auto club (abbreviation).
60. Rubber husband.
62. Norse god of war.
63. When it comes to sex, some people never have too _____.
65. What the KKK would like to do to us.
66. National gay rights organization (abbreviation).
68. What a master does for a slave at an auction.
70. 1950's equivalent of 75 down.
71. JR.'s attire.
73. Article.
74. La Coste.
76. Doctor's organization (abbreviation).
77. After mi.
78. Important to a man with a red hanky.
81. Means to progress for '82.
82. Not just for frying chickens.
84. What you shouldn't do on my parade.
87. Height (abbreviation).
90. Gay playwright from Texas.
93. When fashioned after a turtle, it can hide hickies.
95. Authority on measurement (abbr.).
96. Something which might be pierced.
98. Adequate for a mustard hanky.
99. Likewise.
100. Taken for a trip.
102. White powder occaisionally found on Dallas streets.
103. Affliction.
104. In the manner indicated.
105. The art of pleasure through pain.
107. Streetcar.
109. Part of a blonde hair which is frequently dark.
112. Conjunction.
113. Lesbian comic.
115. 77006.
120. Preposition.
121. Neuter pronoun.
122. San Francisco street.
124. Group that entertains the troops (abbreviation).
125. Rosebud, for example.
127. Sought by 137 across.
129. Colorful signals found in men's pockets.
131. Actor Sharif.
132. National newspaper.
136. What Reagan would probably do to a gay rights law.
137. Man with a green hanky in his right pocket.
138. Found in many Oak Lawn kitchens.
140. What many men do when they find 64 down.

DOWN

2. 75219.
3. Chemical symbol for europium.
4. Into recycled beer (abbreviation).
5. Into men in blue jeans and motorcycle jackets (abbreviation).
6. Gay woman.
7. Thing (latin).
8. Something to do on Saturday night.
9. Where Sodom is found (abbreviation).
10. Frequently mixed with pleasure.
11. Aries.
12. Exotic.
15. North Texas organization (abbr.).
17. Before long.
18. 12 inches.
20. Something to do to hair.
22. Lover of 26 across (3 words).
24. Opposite of guy.
25. Conjunction.
26. Remain.
30. Golly _____.
31. Where to stick it.
34. May bowling tournament (abbreviation).
35. Executive director of 40 down.
37. _____for it!
40. Lobbying organization (abbreviation).
42. To have sex.
43. Opposite of Ms. (abbreviation).
45. Publisher of Dialog (abbreviation).
46. What a student does before an exam.
47. Macho.
48. Improper attire for Sundance.
50. Something to do to one's face on Halloween.
51. Type of trade found in many parks after dark.
52. Into 10 down (abbreviation).
53. German film title (3 words).
54. Response to, "I'll call you."
55. Something which many of us have given (abbreviation).
56. The source of the libido.
57. Nipple abuse (abbreviation).
61. Dallas sports organization.
64. The kind of man for whom we cruise.
67. Chemical symbol for tellurium.
68. Into either men or women.
69. _____ we now our gay apparel.
71. In golf, what you should be below.
72. Leave out.
75. Alcatraz, for example.
77. San Francisco street south of Market
78. Let it be (latin).
79. Episcopal organization.
80. From Siam.
82. Street in New York.
83. Belonging to Abel's brother.
85. Wire Service (abbreviation).
86. Impetuous ardor.
88. What might happen to your car while you're cruising the bar.
89. Apparel designer.
91. Nurse (abbreviation).
92. Location of the Elephant Walk.
94. Opposite of DC.
96. Texas publication.
97. Cruisy men's room.
101. Father.

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POLICE HARASSMENT:
CITY HALL RESPONDS TO DGA COMMENT

by The Editor

In the aftermath of the May 1982 raids on bars at the gay crossroads by the Dallas Police Department, Alliance officers, directors, and members have met with the new DPD Chief, the City Manager, spoken before the City Council, and appeared in newsprint and on television as never before. "Gay Clout In Dallas" was documented by the Dallas Times Herald on May 17th, and initial dismay has been replaced by hesitant smiles on our leaders' faces. Why? The new and unexpected raids in early May have ceased, hopefully forever. City leaders and police officials have stated this, but only because of the strength which our community demonstrated at the May 9th rally and the May 12th City Council meeting.

The Dallas Gay Alliance has every reason to be proud of its renewed importance in this city, for its leadership in this time of crisis was primarily responsible for the positive response received from city officials. But an organized, watchful, and active gay rights group can have no good effect without the support of its community. Obviously, we shall make progress in Dallas only through unity!!!

The letter which follows was sent to Don Baker from the Office of the City Manager. Please read it, and pay particular attention to item 3:

May 12, 1982

Mr. Don Baker
Dallas Gay Alliance
P.O. Box 35011
Dallas, Texas 75235

Dear Mr. Baker:

I certainly appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and other representatives from the Dallas Gay Alliance Friday, May 7, 1982, regarding the recent enforcement activity of the Dallas Police Department in the Oak Lawn area.

I regret your concern over and questions about equitable law enforcement by the Dallas Police Department in the gay community necessitated such a meeting. The meeting, however, did provide an opportunity for the City of Dallas to assure you and your organization that it is committed to enforcing the laws of the City of Dallas and the State of Texas equitably throughout our community.

CITY OF DALLAS

The City of Dallas and its police department does recognize the diversity and value of individual neighborhoods and communities in the City of Dallas--this includes the gay community. City of Dallas employees (this includes the Dallas Police Department) have an obligation to continually strive to understand the individual characteristics and needs of the gay community, as well as other Dallas neighborhoods.

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IS NOW RIGHT?

The National Organization for Women's resolution on lesbian and gay rights recently came into dispute, says Ms. Magazine. The 1980 statement adopted by NOW says that "NOW does not support the inclusion of pederasty, pornography, sadomasochism, and public sex as Lesbian Rights issues."

Since 1980, however, over 150 women and men have written to NOW protesting the statement. One accused NOW of taking "an ideological lockstep" because "the resolution also assumes that all feminists share an ideological view of what constitutes 'correct' sexual behavior." Other critics accused NOW of pandering "to the New Right and to the

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PROGRESS THROUGH UNITY
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Board Election

Six positions on the Alliance Board of Directors are up for grabs at the June 14th meeting of the general membership. If you wish to have your name on the ballot, notify any director or officer by June 7th. As always, nominations from the floor will be accepted.

CRIMES AGAINST GAYS:
NGTF ANNOUNCES ANTI-VIOLENCE DRIVE

The cover page of last month's Dialog announced "Crimes Against Gays." Very appropriately, National Gay Task Force Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo recently reported that NGTF will fund a special project to monitor and combat anti-gay violence. The $48,900 grant will help focus public attention on a growing problem in the gay community, both in Dallas and nationally.

"These NGTF projects will contribute to the safety of every lesbian and gay man in this country, and will help to educate the citizens of this country about the realities of gay life," said Apuzzo in the Task Force Report. "Violence directed against gay people has reached alarming proportions in recent years. Never before has the NGTF taken on a project with more immediate and critical need."

The NGTF Violence Project will be a cooperative effort with local groups who are concerned with mounting anti-gay violence. The NGTF will contact existing groups to compile the frequency of violence against gays and also help local groups plan ways to curb anti-gay violence.

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"Most important," Apuzzo added, "are NGTF plans to collate and report on a monthly basis the nature and extent of anti-gay violence. From this report, specific trouble spots and emerging patterns of violence can be discerned and correlated with the larger political context of right-wing demagoguery and political activity."

Anti-gay violence appears to be rising in American cities, including Dallas, says the NGTF. The NGTF traces the increased violence, in part, to the increased visibility of the radical right. "We expect to be able to show, for instance, that wherever Jerry Falwell shoots off his mouth, gay people land in the hospital--or worse. Homosexuals 'have always been in the gutter,' he tells audiences, and his lieutinants call for the death penalty against us," reported the Task Force Report recently.

In New York, David Rothenberg, founder and executive director of the Fortune Society, a self-help organization for ex-offenders, also spoke out on the gay violence issue. Rothenberg, a member of the New York City Human Rights Commission, has agreed to join the NGTF

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Health

FOR THE WOMEN

This portion of the series on Sexually Transmitted Diseases is devoted to all you females out there.

First, we will talk about "Trichomonas" or "Trichomonas Vaginalis." This parasite can be found in both women and men but is more predominant in women. However, it is rarely seen in young girls or post-menopausal women.

The signs or symptoms of trichomonas are inflamed, red vaginal mucosa with swelling and a greenish gray vaginal discharge. Granular vaginitis may include punctuated hemorrhages and may spread to the cervix.

The usual treatment for this disease is an oral course of an antiprotozoal agent for both sex partners with a follow-up check by a doctor to make sure the treatment was satisfactory.

Next, let's discuss "Candidiasis" or "Monilia," better known as "yeast." Many factors can cause yeast, including abrasions, prolonged exposure to moisture, skin-to-skin contact, sweating, poor circulation, alcoholism, pregnancy, obesity, malnutrition, diabetes, penicillin therapy, and immune suppression.

Yeast's signs and symptoms are normally inflamed and swollen vulva and a thick, white vaginal discharge, but the discharge can sometimes be thin and watery. A few women can be asymptomatic. Yeast can be treated with an antilungal medication. Oftentimes the symptoms are uncertain, and then tests need to be done to rule out other diseases such as gonorrhea, syphilis, or vaginitis.

Many other diseases besides the two that I have touched on today affect women, but trichomonas and yeast are the most prevalent. So don't overdouche, stay clean and dry, and definitely have a pap smear once a year.

Till then, Justin . . .

MAKING THE NEWS

By T.R.M.

The New York Times Magazine, Sunday, May 2, 1982: pp. 34-36+

At last! Even the New York Times has discovered gays--and gay dollars. Karen Stabiner's article "Tapping the Homosexual Market" outlines the current advertising dilemma over gay consumers: How to appeal to gays without scaring away the straights.

Never a notably charitable crowd, advertisers are attracted to gays (read: gay males) for their high disposable incomes. As marketing research indicates, the gay impact is especially high in areas such as stereos, home computers, clothes, vacations, and sports cars.

A few advertisers are more daring than most. Seagrams opened its Boodles Gin campaign with a "famous men in history" pitch, including such gays as Oscar Wilde and Walt Whitman. Twentieth Century Fox designed two separate ads for "Making Love"--one for the straight media and another for gays.

Despite the dollars at stake, some advertisers still resist. Warner Brothers ignored the gay media in advertising "Personal Best" and "Deathtrap," two overtly gay films. Airlines also resist, despite the economic impact of gays in vacation travel.

Explains Stabiner, resistance usually comes from insecure or homophobic advertisers or from parent companies afraid of losing their straight market or of the Moral Majority.

Some companies choose to "segment" the market, as they may already do for ethnic groups. Still other firms design ads to deliver different messages to gays and straights. An example is the Calvin Klein ads. As one ad manager explained: "You have to be comatose not to realize that it appeals to gay men."

Stabiner also cites the dangers of the new advertising interest in gays--that gays will become scapegoats in bad economic times, that lesbians are usually ignored, and that gay politics will be submerged to Madison Avenue stereotypes.

Lesbian Issues– Future In Doubt

The Board of Directors has asked Dialog to announce that the Department for Lesbian Issues has been placed on inactive status because no one has attended the last few months' meetings and no projects are currently being worked on. The department's future will be determined at the Board retreat later this month.

CITY HALL RESPONDS

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Although there are those within your organization who may doubt the City's commitment to delivering its services equitably, the Dallas Police Department has taken a number of steps to assure the gay community of their rights. On May 6, 1982, our department initiated a meeting with members of the gay community to identify specific problems. This meeting was held in addition to the meeting held by the police chief and the City Manager's Office. I also toured a number of the locations mentioned by your delegation on Friday evening, May 6, 1982, to familiarize myself firsthand with the issues raised by the Alliance in our Friday meeting.

Additionally, as agreed upon during our recent meeting, the Police Department will:

1. Limit the use of the paddy wagon for transporting public inebriates identified as a result of police actions in gay establishments.

2. Establish an on-going dialogue with representatives from the Dallas Gay Alliance through feedback sessions with supervisors assigned to Central Patrol who are responsible for law enforcement in the Oak Lawn area. The purpose of the meetings will be to identify and address some of the problems associated with law enforcement within the gay community and to familiarize police department personnel with issues within the gay community. This will continue as long as either group feels that it is necessary.

3. That the entire department will be informed of the City's commitment to equal law enforcement throughout the community and recognition of the gay community as a segment of the greater Dallas community, which is entitled to equal treatment under the law, through a memorandum from the City Manager's Office.

This office is confident that through the dialogue sessions, many of the concerns mentioned at our recent meeting can be addressed and eventually resolved.

The first meeting has been scheduled for 10 a.m., Thursday, May 27, 1982, in the Detail Room of the Central Division Headquarters on Canton Street. Although the first meeting will be for the purpose of identifying the procedures and scope for further meetings, I personally plan to attend and look forward to an improved relationship with the gay community.

Sincerely,

Levi H. Davis
Assistant City Manager

cc: Charles Anderson
Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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Gingersnaps

By Steven Benchley

Make your reservations for the following two shows; then read the rest of the column.

I walked out on Hair on Broadway; at the current production at the Esquire, they had to pry me out of the theatre. This uptight town is still not ready for so exuberant and irreverent a show, but nothing could be more welcome in this dark Age of Reagan. If the splendid ensemble of singing actors has one star, it is Timothy DeNeeve, who exactly embodies the nutsy-beatific polysexual sweetness of the better hippies (remember them?) of the time. (Playing through June 13.)

At the Greenville Avenue, the mood is more Brechtian than Aquarian. Promenade (book and lyrics by Maria Irene Fornes, music by Al Carmines) seems to have benefitted from collaboration not only with Kurt Weill, but with Pirandello, Ionesco, D. W. Griffith, Cole Porter, Puccini, Mack Sennett, all the Strausses, Edward Gorey, Gilbert and Sullivan, Olsen and Johnson, and Mrs. Humphry (East Lynne) Ward. Several well-known performers do better than their previous best in this absurdist operetta sort of about escaped jailbirds, the tony rich with whom they mingle, and a voluptuous wedding cake. Director Dale A. J. Rose brings it all together with a fine-enamelled sheen. Who would have imagined a high-camp exercise in high style could be so exciting, moving, and funny? (Through July 3.)

May was the month of the USA Film Festival: four days of retrospectives (most of the films of Peter Bogdanovich, then Frank Perry), five of new films. The guest participants dispensed a minimum of b.s. about their work, and most were entertainingly indiscreet about their colleagues (less so about themselves). Peter Bogdanovich was a star in this area and a formidable mimic to boot (Marlene Dietrich on The Last Picture Show: "If one more person took off their clothes, I thought I would scweam.").

It was a heady nine days. Dialog was handsomely represented at press conferences. Space does not allow recounting the charm and erudition of my questions. But Frank Perry remarked on my sensitivity, Carl Reiner on my "real eye," Barry Levinson (writer-director of Diner) tried to be snotty when I pointed out a device he had lifted from Coppola's Godfather II, but your reporter maintained his poise. I've already reviewed Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid here (favorably, two months ago, and apparently scooped the world press in doing so). The following, in vague order, first, of interest to Dialog readers, then, of quality (the two sometimes coincide) are new films to watch--or watch out--for:

The Road Warrior. All the high adventure, rich partisanship, wild humor, mythic resonance, and gore that Star Wars and Raiders . . . promised but never (for me) delivered. At the same time, a dream come true for the Hidden Door-Sundance set. At the same time, a natural rush. See it straight and walk out stoned. (This is a recommendation.)

Eating Raoul. Ron and Nancy as Sweeney Todd and Mrs. Lovett. Cartoon style acting (the victims are dispatched--BONK--with one blow of a frying pan) and some neat scenes featuring Susan Saiger as a domesticated "dominatrix." In its sensibility, it is far more "gay" (in every way) than the sanitized Making Love.

Diner. Baltimore in the '50s; half a dozen guys between college and adulthood congregate after their dates to talk about those dates. Exhilarating, very funny, ruefully aware of its sexism. Two classic scenes: one boy, a fanatical Colts fan, giving his prospective fiancee a stiff quiz on the team; another giving his movie date something else stiff through the well-known popcorn bag ploy--then managing to con the girl out of her fury.

The Atomic Cafe. The opposite of a sugar-coated pill, this horrifyingly entertaining documentary begins by showing the hideous results of nuclear war, then launches into period propaganda films featuring Burt the Turtle cheerily advising schoolkids to "Duck and cover!" when in the vicinity of Ground Zero, chic bomb-shelterwear, and chaplains assuring the troops that God is on our side because he gave us The Bomb.

They All Laughed. Bogdanovich's Nashvilleish romantic comedy, with loving couples swarming all over Manhattan and one another. Women Dialog readers may find interesting Patti Hansen as a cab driver called Sam, while males may gaze upon the innocent-black-angel beauty of Sean Ferrer and the kinky charms of Blaine Novak--another Gorey drawing with Botticelli hair styled by Dali. Colleen Camp's C&W singer, who goes after what and whom she wants, should turn everyone on.

Street Music. Elizabeth Daily as Sadie, the San Francisco street singer, is a pint-sized Streisand. The ancient hotel where she and her lover live is to be demolished; she and the residents of half a century try to stop the wreckers. A delicately goofy performance by Marjorie Eaton as an ex-nun turned cat lady.

The Escape Artist. A boy magician plays hob with small-city grafters and comes to terms with the shade of his dead father in this Bradburyesque comedy. Like any good magic act, full of surprises in plot, dialogue, acting. Wonderful for kids; a delight on any level of sophistication.

Don't Cry, It's Only Thunder. Vietnamese nuns and orphans helped out by American medics. Saved from glucose poisoning by salty Susan Saint James and by Dennis Christopher, who would have to shoot pups and stomp kittens to come across as less than lovable.

Wrong Is Right. Richard Brooks' hyperthyroid rehash of themes better explored in Network and Dr. Strangelove. Wet-fuse caricatures of public figures; tiresome Robert Conrad is perfectly cast as wearisome Alexander Haig, here called General Wombat.

Out of the Blue. Cruelly misunderstood sociopaths wreak vengeance on an unsympathetic world. Swinish self-indulgence from Star Dennis Hopper, obligingly permitted by Director Dennis Hopper.

Partners (unendorsed by this or any festival) alternately lumbers and minces off in so many unexplored directions that you wonder who is more inept, the pseudo-cops or the producers in hiring John Hurt, an actor of integrity who seems at moments to be trying to create a character instead of taking-and-running-with the money like Ryan O'Neal. Apparently some gay men find this swill amusing. Well, blacks may have got yoks from Stepin Fechit, but I thought we had at least reached the Sidney Poitier stage.

As well as the Gay Pride Week activities, check out the Graeco-Roman Festival (information: 222-2207), the West End Festival (747-9933 or 748-6021), and Fantasy Fair (369-4437) whose Bad-film Fest features such gems as Glen or Glenda (a transvestite idyll), Plan Nine From Outer Space (Winner, Golden Turkey Award--Worst Film of All Time), and Maniac (1934; a key scene features "two butch nurses battling it out with hypodermic needles.").

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

Sat 5 VOTE AGAIN! The June Run-off election is very important. Voter turnout is expected to be light. This is an excellent opportunity for us to make our votes count. Vote! Urge your friends to vote! If you've not received a DGPC Endorsement Sheet, you may pick one up in area bars or businesses, or call 528-4233.

Pot Luck Supper and bingo at the United Community Church (1st Saturday). 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.

Sun 6 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill. (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.

GAY PRIDE WEEK Planning Committee meets every Sunday at 2 p.m. How big, how successful will this year's celebration be? It depends on you. Help is needed. DGA office. 528-4233 or 521-0432 or 821-1653.

Covered Dish Picnic in Lee Park, short "Service Under The Stars" and Old Fashioned Singing. Beginning at 5 p.m. Metropolitan Community Church. 526-6221. Everyone welcome.

Show Stoppers presents an "All Gershwin Program" starting at 6 p.m. DeGolyer Estate. 8525 Garland Road. Free.

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

Mon 7 GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meets at the University Ministry Center of North Texas University campus. Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m.

NATIONAL GAY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (for August 13, 14, 15) meets every Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. Help plan the conference.

Emotions Anonymous, for people who want to learn to live at peace with themselves and to improve emotional health, meet in the MCC office every Monday at 7:30 p.m. 522-1414.

"Mr. and Ms. Gay Pride of Ft. Worth Contest." The Other Place, 3407 Henderson in Ft. Worth. 10:30 p.m. Valuable door prises awarded. Winners will ride on Dallas Gay Pride Week float in the parade. $3 admission will benefit the Tarrant County Gay Alliance.

Tue 8 The OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Landing, 2617 N. Pearl. No Auditions, just come and play. Musicians and Flag Corp members needed for Gay Pride Week.

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 941-8641.

SOCIAL CONCERNS Department meetings in June to be announced. Help is needed to construct the DGA float for the Gay Pride Parade. 528-4233.

Wed 9 Pot Luck Supper at the Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2702 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

PUBLIC RELATIONS Department meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

The Oak Lawn Volleyball Team practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7:30 p.m.

Thr 10 FINANCIAL RESOURCES Department meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. DGA office. 521-0432. Workers needed.

Single Support Group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall at UCC (not church affiliated). Meetings are for people breaking up with lovers and those looking for alternatives to bars. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.

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

The TURTLE CREEK CHORAL rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 821-3086.

Fri 11 CLIFF DWELLERS Social Club meets every Friday at 8 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

Sun 13 Affirmation (Gay United Methodist) meets 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 14 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. Movie: "Greetings from Washington" will be shown. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233. Refreshments served.

Wed 16 SOCIAL JUSTICE Department meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
Department of LESBIAN ISSUES meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.
MEMBERSHIP Department meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. 7:30 p.m. Call 528-4233 for location.

Thr 17 Skating Party at Starlite Rollercade, 11527 Harry Hines Blvd. 8 p.m. $3 admission. Public invited. MCC, 526-6221.

GAY PRIDE WEEK

"PROGRESS THROUGH UNITY"

SATURDAY, JUNE 19th

The Oak Lawn Tennis Association Tournament. 9 a.m. - all day. Cole Park. Teams from all over the nation will compete. Free.

Arts and Crafts Fair. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Gay Crossroads. Fourth year! Free.

Ft. Worth Gay Pride Picnic. 1 a.m. Forest Park. Bring your own lunch. Free beer. Gay Community effort.

"Pre-Razzle Dazzle Dallas Show" 8 p.m. Adam's Inn. 4036 Cedar Springs. Free.

"Razzle Dazzle Dallas '82!" 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Centennial Building in Fair Park. Dallas' Oak Lawn Symphonic Band and Houston's Marching Band will give a concert by the Reflecting Pool before the event. The Flag and Baton Corps of both groups will perform $8. advance - $10. door.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20th

Tennis Tournament continues.

Arts and Crafts Fair continues.

Gay Pride Parade and Rally. 3 p.m. From the Gay Crossroads to Lee Park. Featuring Gay Pride Week Marshals Ricardo Medrano and Lucia Valeska; Dallas' and Houston's Bands and Corps; Mr. and Ms. Gay Pride of Dallas and Ft. Worth; plus floats, cars, and marching unites. Free.

Ole Fashion Street Dance. After the Rally. The street in front of The Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser. Texas barbecue and beer. Country dancing. Free.

GAYLINE (CRC) meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. 2505 Wycliff. 748-6790.

Gay Parents Support Group. 7:30 p.m. Call 827-5088 for information.

MONDAY, JUNE 21st

"Norman, Is That You?" at 9:30 p.m. and "The Boys In The Band" at 11:30 p.m. Two great film classics booked especially for Gay Pride Week. The Oak Lawn Transfer, 3118 Oak Lawn. (These films also play Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.) Free.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22nd

No events scheduled at press time.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23rd

Reception for new Dallas Gay Alliance members and those wishing information. 7:30 p.m. 3827 Gilbert #101.

Gay Pride Party. 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. The Nutkraker, 3136 Routh. Free draw beer bust. No cover.

Barn Dance! 9 p.m. The Roundup Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs. Beans and franks. Beer bust. Fiddle music. Free.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24th

Dallas Alternatives presents Phil Johnson in "Gay Roots" -a history of the gay movement of North Texas with song, dance, story, slides, and humor. Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m. Refreshments served. Free.

Gayline presents, "Happy Birthday, Gemini". 10 p.m. Inwood Theatre, 5458 Lovers Lane. $5.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25th

Texas barbecue and beer bust. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Compliments of the Wild Crowd. 2515 N. Fitzhugh.

Lesbian Task Force of NOW and Little Feather Productions present Holly Near in concert. 8 p.m. First Unitarian Church. $8. advance - $10. door.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26th

Arts and Crafts Fair. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Gay Crossroads. Free

The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band and the Houston Montrose Marching Band play The Tower in Houston. Also featured in the program will be two Houston chorals.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27th

Arts and Crafts Fair continues.

Houston Gay Pride Parade and Rally. 5:30 p.m. This will be the largest parade in the history of the Southwest--larger than Dallas' Cotton Bowl Parade. After the rally, there will be a gigantic display of fireworks. Free.

Other Gay Pride celebrations are in the planning stage. A supplementary Gay Pride calendar will be available at the Arts and Crafts Fair. If you have an event you wish listed, call 692-2554 or 821-1653 (evenings). Gay Pride Week bylaws do not allow an event to be listed that excludes anyone because of sex, sexual orientation, color etc...

Mon 28 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. Everyone welcome. Your imput welcome. DGA office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
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JULY

Fri 2 The TURTLE CREEK CHORAL presents "Music In America" at 8:15 p.m. Caruth Auditorium on the SMU campus. Tickets $5.

Sat 3 DIALOG Production day, starting at noon. 6050 Birchbrook #242. Call 750-8041 or 651-0651. (Again on Sunday.)

Sun 4 Giant celebration at Queen's Point on Lake Dallas. (You'll need to go with someone who knows how to get there, if you don't.)

Reverend Elder Jean White from London, England will conduct the 11 a.m. service at MCC. After the service, there will be a picnic on the church lawn.

"Not A Sin! Not A Sickness!" The first of a four-part series by Reverend Don Eastman. 2701 Reagan. 7:15 p.m.

Tue 6 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in Ft. Worth. 2336 Hemphill. 8 p.m. (817) 926-7000.

Repeat performance of "Music In America" by the Turtle Creek Choral. 8:15 p.m., Caruth Auditorium at SMU. $5.

Thr 8 Traditional MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's place to stuff and mail the DIALOG. (Beginning our sixth year!) Bring an appetite and be ready to discuss Plato, high finance --and the latest dirt! 821-1653.

BIOGRAPHY:

A Survivor

by Dave Lewis

The subject of this month's biography is different from the people covered in the past. His story moved me to tears when I first read it. It is recounted in The Men With the Pink Triangle by Heinz Heger. The subject of the book has remained anonymous. If the abbreviated version which follows arouses your curiosity to know more, I suggest you read the book which is available in a translation by David Fernbach from the gay publishing company, Alyson Publications, Inc., of Boston.

Everyone is well aware of the over six million Jews who died at the hands of the Nazis. This number represented about 95% of the Jewish population of the occupied territory. Few people, however, are aware that many other groups suffered a similar fate. The Gypsies were executed in roughly the same proportion. In addition, tens of thousands of homosexuals died.

The only thing that helped to preserve many homosexuals was that they were more experienced at hiding their identity than were other groups that the Nazis persecuted. Even after the war, a prison term of up to five years was the penalty a man suffered for being gay. This law meant that no compensation was paid to families of homosexuals who died in the camps since they were "legally condemned criminals." This policy has remained unchanged even since homosexuality was decriminalized in Germany in 1969.

From 1931 to 1933, 2,319 men were convicted by the Nazis of being homosexual. In 1935 a new law was enacted defining homosexuality as any form of "lewdness" between two men. (Lesbianism was never illegal in Germany.) This law resulted in an embrace being interpreted as evidence of homosexuality. Another 1935 law authorized compulsory sterilization of homosexuals, epileptics, schizophrenics and other degenerates. Sterilization was usually accomplished by castration.

Prior to Himmler's anti-homosexual speech in October 1936, conviction usually meant a six-month sentence followed by transfer to a concentration camp. From 1937 to 1939, 24,450 men were so

sentenced. In all, during the twelve years of Nazi rule, records show that nearly 50,000 men were tried and convicted. But how many found their way into the camps without trial? We also know that soldiers were shot immediately upon displaying homosexual tendencies.

The story that follows begins in March 1939 when the subject was a Catholic student at a Viennese university. He first recognized his gayness when he was sixteen. After keeping it to himself for three years, he finally had to come out to someone. He chose to tell his mother who was very supportive. This 22-year-old non-political student had been in love for a year with Fred, the son of a high Nazi official and a medical student.

He was summoned for questioning at Gestapo headquarters. Accused of being a homosexual, he vigorously denied it until he was shown a picture of himself and Fred which had been his Christmas present to Fred. The picture was inscribed "To my friend Fred in eternal love and deepest affection!" Two weeks later he was tried, convicted, and sentenced to six months penal servitude with the added provision of one day of fasting per month. Charges against Fred were dropped on the grounds of "mental confusion."

After six months in prison, he endured a thirteen-day train ride to Sachsenhausen camp. Prisoners in the camps wore colored triangles indicating the reason for their detainment. The code was yellow = Jew, green = criminal, black = anti-social, blue = emigrant, red = political prisoner, pink = homosexual, purple = Jehovah's Witness, and brown = Gypsy.

Upon entering the camp, they were sorted by their offenses. The gays were led to the yard outside the "queer block." Here they were forced to strip in the below-zero January cold and wait naked and barefoot. Next they received a cold shower, followed by a haircut which included pubic hair.

The camp's five hundred gay prisoners were all housed in one block. The light in the block was kept on all night to prevent sexual encounters. The prisoners were also required to keep their hands visible above the blankets.

The day in the camp began at 6 a.m.(5 a.m. in the summer), and the prisoners had a half hour to wash, dress, make their beds and eat a breakfast of flour soup and bread. Next came roll call at which everyone was required to be present, including those who had recently died. Work lasted from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the summer)

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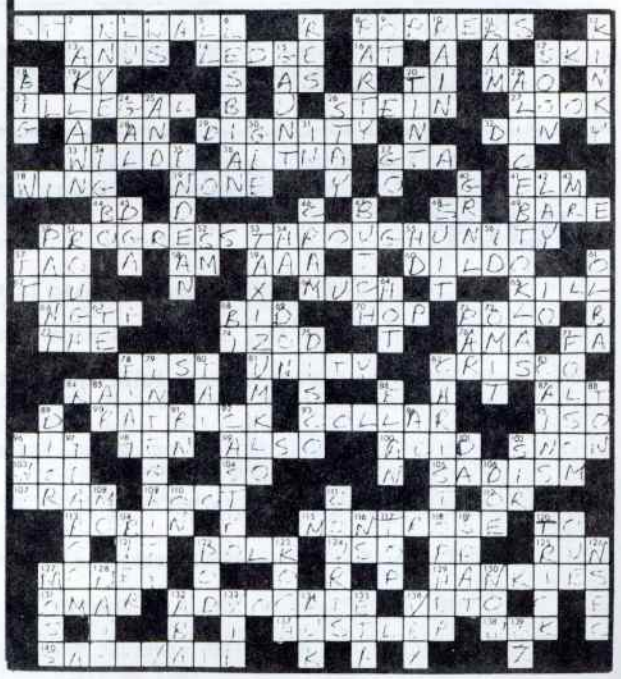

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with a half hour break. Work was followed by evening roll call.

New gay prisoners were assigned to a special work detail. They spent their mornings carrying snow from the left side of the road to the right. Their afternoons were occupied transporting snow from the right side of the road to the left side. The only tools they had were their hands. They continued at this job until a new trainload of prisoners arrived, passing below the sign over the camp entrance which read "FREEDOM THROUGH WORK!"

Once relieved of his snow-moving duties, he was transferred to the clay pit of the Kinker brick-works, which was staffed entirely by gays. They had to load the carts with clay and push them on rails up the steep sides of the pit to the brick-works. They were constantly whipped to keep up production. Conditions were so bad that many intentionally let their carts run over fingers or toes--even hands or feet--to get out of the pit. However, after being transferred to sick bay, they were never seen again. Presumably, they became subjects for "medical research."

After working in the pit for a while, he was transferred to a new all-gay work assignment building an earthen mound on the firing range. The drawback to this job was that the firing range was in use while they were working. The SS guards who were using the range found the moving targets much more attractive than the stationary ones.

He managed to stay alive for two days and then the Capo in charge offered him a new job assignment in exchange for sex. He accepted without hesitation. (A Capo was a prisoner placed in charge of other inmates. They usually were from the green triangles.)

Shortly thereafter, he was transferred to another camp at Flossenburg. Once again he found himself housed in a "queers block." Having learned from his last experiences, he immediately attached himself as a lover to another Capo.

At Flossenburg, Jews and homosexuals were employed in a stone quarry, providing the materials for Hitler's monumental building programs. It was hard work and there were many fatal accidents, frequently intentionally caused by the SS or the Capos.

He would not have been able to survive for very long if his lover had not provided extra rations for him. Eventually his lover obtained a new job for him as a material stores clerk.

As the war progressed, there developed a shortage of workers for the defense industries because all able-bodied men were either on the battlefields or in the camps. Thus, the Reich decided to use German camp prisoners to staff aircraft plants. Due to his outstanding performance as a material stores clerk, he became the first and only Capo wearing a pink triangle and a foreman in the aircraft factory.

In the summer of 1943, Himmler decided that he had found a "cure" for homosexuality. Brothels staffed with Jews and Gypsies were established in the men's camps. Homosexuals were required to patronize them and to pay two marks for the privilege. As the act was consummated, the SS watched through holes drilled in the walls.

By the end of 1943, Himmler had come up with another idea. He announced that any homosexual who had a record of good conduct and who agreed to be castrated would be shortly released. Many gays believed him and submitted to castration. They were released shortly--to the Russian front to die a "hero's death."

In January 1945 the manpower shortage became acute and the Germans began to train all German prisoners for battle. This, however, did not include German Jews for they were not considered German.

In March of 1945, American tanks rolled into Flossenburg.

Membership Dept. NEWS

Enclosed in this Dialog are DGA membership cards for those members whose memberships expire in June 1982 or thereafter. Please keep the card and do not throw it away. It identifies you as an active proponent of the human rights movement.

The May 1982 meeting of the general membership brought responses from 58 persons attending. 38% of the responses were not from Alliance members. "Interest in the primary results," "curiosity about Alliance efforts," enthusiasm sparked by the Sunday May 9th rally at the Village Station, and a desire to hear Phil Johnson's program were among the primary reasons given for attending the May meeting. 74% of the respondents reported the atmosphere to be comfortable and supportive.

A majority of those responding felt the overall flow of the meeting was streamlined and smooth, with the business portion of the meeting being professional and constructive. Comments such as "Excellent program," "Phil Johnson should be knighted," and "Thank you for a stimulating presentation" reinforce the choices of "motivating," "well-prepared," and "educational" to best describe Phil Johnson's program/show. With such response, it is no surprise that 81% agreed that their gay consciousness was raised at the May meeting.

Ideas for future programs included health issues, gay Hispanics, gay historical figures, current homosexual research studies, and the National Gay Leadership Conference. When asked to comment about the meeting, the following statements were given: "Reach outside Oak Lawn area," "Address the lack of women," "Stand up roll call vote should require voting cards in hand," "Grateful for an active gay community," "Parliamentary procedures well used," and "Keep up the good work."

DON'T BLAME MOM

According to Dr. Marion Sigurdson, homosexuality is hereditary, not environmental, and usually caused by hormonal levels in the fetus during key stages of the mother's pregnancy. Dr. Sigurdson shared the results of her research at the February general meeting of the Oklahomans for Human Rights and explained that the latest studies of gay people reveal both good news and bad.

The good news is that the Freudian stereotypical concept of a "homosexuality produced by dominant mothers and weak or absent fathers" is being dealt a death blow. A recent study which used a technique known as "path analysis" shows that old theories of environmentally produced homosexuality are based on supposition, not fact. As Dr. Sigurdson stated, the Moral Majority's screams that homosexuality is a result of a warped childhood are contrary to the facts.

The bad news is that laboratory manipulations of human lives could easily result--right out of 1984 and Brave New World. Homophobic legislators could make it mandatory for pregnant women to have periodic checks on their hormonal levels to prevent the birth of gay children. Better yet, the right-to-lifers might have a change of heart if a hormonal check revealed the strong possibility of producing a gay baby. Dr. Sigurdson explained that this scenario is only a possibility if her research and that of others becomes accepted.

On other topics, Dr. Sigurdson discussed the need of every person, gay or straight, to have a "support system" outside the immediate family, lover, or spouse. "If you don't have four confidants--that is, people you can call up anytime you have a problem, your're in trouble," she said. Dr. Sigurdson added that gay organizations should help provide part of these support systems, especially for those who are just beginning to come out.

Finally, Dr. Sigurdson stressed that every gay person must be able to locate the proper therapist if she or he is having emotional problems. A therapist who says that he or she has no problems dealing with gay people may be lying, consciously or not. "Sometimes a therapist gives nonverbal clues that tell the patient whether homosexuality is acceptable or not," she stated. "And it's very important for a gay person to have a therapist who genuinely accepts his or her gayness."

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Cornell Rejects Gay Funds

The April 30th Ithaca Journal reported that a group of gay Cornell University alumni has been rebuffed in its efforts to establish an endowment fund for gay literature in the Cornell library collection.

The Cornell Gay Alumni Association was formed approximately two years ago and mails its newsletter to about two hundred people nationwide, according to Arthur Leonard, secretary of the association's board. The association has been negotiating with the Cornell libraries in hopes of establishing an endowment fund for gay literature. Leonard said that the recent compiling of the libraries' gay-book holdings indicates "there were significant gaps in the collection for someone who wanted to do research in this area."

In a separate matter, Cornell has turned down a 1954 alumnus' offer to set up a scholarship for gay students, Vice Provost Larry Palmer said. He cited the potential problems of using sexual preference/orientation as a factor in making decisions on financial aid.

The alumnus is David B. Goodstein, owner of The Advocate. He graduated from the Cornell College of Arts and Sciences in 1954. Goodstein had earlier contributed $10,000. to the university's general scholarship funds and decided recently to transform that gift into a scholarship for gay students.

Palmer concluded that the two incidents raised some important issues for Cornell. "They are alumni, and they have an interest in supporting the university in a certain way. We're an institution that exists on that sort of public support. Besides, we need the money for scholarships."

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GAY JEWS TO MEET

The Seventh International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will be held July 2nd through 5th, 1982 at the Sheraton Hotel in North Hollywood, California. The conference is called by the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jews, the parent organization for the thirty affiliates representing cities around the world. Religious services will be held, along with political and social programs and workshops.

Interested persons, whether affiliated with an organization or not, are encouraged to write to the Conference Committee at P.O. Box 35771 in Los Angeles, CA 90035 for information and registration materials.

NGTF DRIVE

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National Speakers Bureau on the violent crime issue. In the Task Force Report, Rothenberg argued that there are parallels between the media treatment of gay persons today and of Jews before World War II in Europe. "Gays are seen as 'having the good jobs, as making the good wages,' just as German Jews were seen as 'the money holders,'" observed Rothenberg. In periods of high unemployment and economic stress, financially desperate people begin to identify others to scapegoat," he noted.

"Gay people are prime targets for such scapegoating," Rothenberg continued. "We are perceived as not only financially privileged, but also as immoral, as child molesters and destroyers of the family."

Rothenberg pointed out that violence against American Jews doubled last year, according to the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League. As yet, however, there are no such figures on anti-gay violence. The NGTF crime survey should help rectify that situation, Rothenberg noted.

NOW

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most conservative, puritanical elements of the Women's Movement."

The statement, said one critic, "is implicitly homophobic. By the very fact of its using a gay rights resolution as a platform for condemning 'undesirable' sexual activity, NOW plays into the erroneous but common belief that homosexuals have special affinity for such behavior.

"It is imperative that we defend in the most uncompromising terms the right to sexual self-determination. Instead, NOW has see fit to 'delineate'--i.e., qualify--its position on lesbian rights by going out of its way to declare specific forms of sexual behavior beyond the pale. Both the tone and the substance of the resolution are offensively moralistic. It tells people how to think and feels and negates fundamental autonomy. This pressure toward homogenization within movements for social change should be forcefully and vigorously resisted. In effect, the resolution puts gay people on notice that if they want to be acceptable, they had better not go too far . . ."

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GPW '82 — A HUGE SUCCESS

June 1982 Gay Pride Week celebrations were described as "a huge success" by Carl Mallies, Dallas Gay Pride Week Association Co-Chair and DGA Board member. "We had the largest gay pride celebrations and longest parade ever--from Razzle Dazzle Dallas on down!"

Highlighting the events was the Gay Pride Week Parade in Oak Lawn, attended by an estimated three thousand gays, friends, and supporters. The hour-long parade down Cedar Springs ended at Lee Park with speeches and music provided by Dallas and Houston bands. Serving as grand marshals of the parade were Lucia Valeska, executive director of the National Gay Task Force, and Dallas City Councilman Ricardo Medrano, whose district covers much of the Oak Lawn area.

"We've moved from a protest movement to a full-blown economic force in this country," state Ms. Valeska, citing the advances of the gay rights movement over the past decade.

Ms. Valeska also urged the crowd to work against the rising forces of conservatism and fundamentalist religious groups. Right-wing religious groups have sent out more than eight million pieces of hate mail, she claimed, blaming gays for the degeneration of the nation's moral character.

Despite the attacks on the growing gay rights movement, Ms. Valeska also claimed major advances over the last decade. "We've come too far to turn back now," she concluded.

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Gay Pride Week organizers expressed satisfaction with the week-long activities. "We had more community support and involvement this year than ever before," reported Mallies.

Mallies also noted that this year there was complete cooperation from the Dallas Police Department for the parade. There was no hurrying-up of the parade, and more police were called in to help with traffic control.

Dallas groups were joined in the parade by organizations from Fort Worth, Denton, Houston, and Oklahoma cities. The parade featured floats with slogans such as "Progress Through Unity," "We are coming out," and "Unity or Bust." Music at the parade was courtesy of the Houston Montrose Marching Band and the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band. Winning the float contest for best interpretation of the parade's theme was the Alliance's float designed by Allen Ross under Director Robert Bushko's supervision. About twenty floats were entered in the competition.

Gay Pride Week events included a tennis tournament in Dallas and a dual match in Houston. A story follows in the sports column. The arts and crafts fair was again quite popular, as were several picnics, barbeques, dances, film showings, and commemorative meetings with rousing speeches and programs.

Only a few incidents marred the week's activities. One demonstrator disrupted the parade with an anti-gay sign, and the Gay Pride Week banner was burned just before the opening events on Friday, June 18th. A replacement banner, however, was up along Cedar Springs in time for the Sunday parade.

Gay Pride Week events in Texas concluded in Houston on Sunday, June 27th with the largest Texas parade in gay history, a tremendous rally in a party atmosphere, and a collosal fireworks display at dusk.

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Gay Pride Week celebrations are held each year in remembrance of the June 27, 1968 Stonewall Riots in New York City. On that date, patrons fought back after police raided a gay bar on New York City's Christopher Street. The resulting furor is credited with sparking the first large-scale and continuing gay rights groups.

Highlights of 1982 Gay Pride Week events in Dallas will be featured at the July 12th DGA meeting. The Gay Pride Week Association reports that plans are already beginning for next year's celebrations. An initial planning meeting is set on Sunday, July 11th at the Alliance offices at 2 p.m. to layout organizational priorities for GPW 1983.

BOARD NEWS

At the June meeting of the Alliance membership, Terry Tebedo, Mike Stewart, and Ann Brown were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Also elected were D. A. Williams and Allen Ross.

Alas, there is a vacancy on the DGA Board already. Robert Bushko expected his term to expire in June when he was nominated to fill a vacancy and approved by the membership earlier this year. The Board of Directors determined that Mr. Bushko's term did not expire until December 1982, and Mr. Bushko has submitted his resignation to the Board.

The Board has nominated Mike Stewart to serve as the new Vice-President of the Alliance and has nominated Don Baker to serve a third term as President of the DGA. If Mr. Stewart is approved by the membership at the July meeting, a second vacancy on the Board of Directors will need to be filled. Accordingly, if you wish to be considered for Board nomination to either of these vacant positions, please contact any Board member or officer as soon as possible.

FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED

"Happy Birthday, Gemini" will be featured as a fundraiser for the Alliance on July 29th with 8 and 10 p.m. showings at the Inwood Theatre on Lovers Lane at Inwood in Dallas. This 1980 film was adapted from the Broadway play "Gemini." Starring Madeline Kahn and Rita Moreno, "Happy Birthday, Gemini" centers on a young man's coming-out experiences.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Dallas will host a national conference this August 13th through 15th when gay rights leaders converge here for a national leadership conference, entitled "Celebrating the Movement/Planning for the Future." Sponsor of the event is the Dallas Gay Alliance.

The conference will feature top-ranking gay leaders and spokespersons, including Lucia Valeska, Jean O'Leary, and Mel Boozer of the National Gay Task Force and Rev. Troy Perry of the Metropolitan Community Church.

"It's incredible that this hasn't happened before," explained Alliance Director Bill Nelson. "This is the first time that we've brought the national leadership of the gay rights movement together, face-to-face. We hope that this will lead to similar meetings later on.

"This conference will be the most complete gathering of leaders of the gay rights movement in this country to date," Nelson noted. "Coming in contact with each other will be almost all of the personalities that are featured in the national gay media.

"And perhaps more important, the leadership of the local groups throughout the country will be in attendance as well. The finest minds of the gay culture will be brought together."

The conference is organized around a series of workshops and speakers. Leading the workshop discussions are gay

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COMMENT:

Who Goofed at the DTH?

by T.R.M.

Dallas gays have come to expect fair reporting from The Dallas Times Herald. Biased coverage is usually the specialty of the other local newspaper. So many local gays were puzzled at a June 18th column in the DTH written by Susan Stewart and entitled "Gays Bowled over Censored Photo."

The story itself was mildly amusing. The Metro Times, a Dallas gay bimonthly newspaper, was reportedly suing its printer for covering up a photo of two men kissing. The photo was far from sexually arousing--the two men were the encee and the winner at a locally-held national gay bowling tournament. The printer, though, was offended and taped a piece of black tape across the picture. The editor was miffed. The printer was miffed. Ms. Stewart had herself a human interest story. After all, Ms. Stewart isn't the first columnist to write a story just for a cute title; Time magazine does it all the time.

But Ms. Stewart went on. First, she wrote that "the gay rights issue may or may not be as important as the civil rights issue, but we can't take it seriously." Isn't the gay rights movement a part of the civil rights movement, Ms. Stewart? If not, what exactly is the difference?

Second, Ms. Stewart noted that "gay activists have an image problem. The outward signs of the 'gayness,' the crewcuts and the earrings and the precious way of speaking, don't work as political symbols because they look like misplaced femininity."

We at Dialog wonder if Ms. Stewart forms her images of gays by watching TV reruns of "The Boys in the Band." Or, like Rip Van Winkle, has she just been asleep for the last decade?

Dallas Times Herald

Finally, she wrote that "some of their methods seem hysterical." Sending speakers to classrooms? Raising funds for endorsed candidates? Lobbying at City Hall to stop police harassment? Appearing on a local talk show at the risk of losing your job? "Hysterical," Ms. Stewart? Perhaps Ms. Stewart ought to visit a typical DGA meeting. Few people have described them as "hysterical."

Someone owes someone an apology. You goofed, Ms. Stewart.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Dialog Staff has mailed a copy of this issue of Dialog to Ms. Stewart c/o The Dallas Times Herald along with a short note asking her to please respond to this editorial. The Dialog Staff will keep you posted.

1940'S RADIO HOUR at Esquire

City Center Ltd., in association with Bill Fegan Attractions, has announced a new production of "The 1940's Radio Hour" by Walton Jones which will preview at the Esquire Theatre on July 23rd and open on July 26th prior to an eight-month national tour.

Producers Michael Greenblatt, P. L. Moore, and Bill Fegan have put together a ten-member cast of Metroplex residents. The show will feature a 12-piece on-stage orchestra conducted by Peter Miller.

"The 1940's Radio Hour" is a nostalgic look at a live radio broadcast originating from New York City's Astor Hotel in December 1942. Included are fifteen hit standards from the period, including "Blues in the Night," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "That Old Black Magic," and "I'll Be Seeing You."

The show began as a student production at the Yale Cabaret in New Haven, Connecticut and received its first professional production at the Yale Repertory Theatre, also in New Haven. On October 7, 1979 it opened at the St. James Theatre on Broadway to rave reviews.

The Dallas production will be the Southwest premiere. Tickets will be available, starting July 9th, at all Rainbow Ticketmaster outlets and at the Esquire Box Office on Oak Lawn.

MORE TO COME

Last month The Dallas Times Herald ran a photo of the old Orange Squeezer herself with this caption (reprinted in its "wholeness"): "DISCO FEVER--Anita Bryant dances at a local Atlanta disco with Russ McCraw, an evangelist to the gay movement. Bryant currently lives in Selma, Alabama."

What's this, Anita? The Dialog Staff promises its readers to investigate and report back next month.

MEETING RATED

Graph prepared by Dave Lewis

A total of 38 evaluations were received by the Membership Committee after the June meeting. Of those responding, 71% were members of the Alliance.

A breakdown of those evaluations revealed that there were three major reasons for attending the June meeting: Information (30%), Regular attendance (21%), and Board elections (19%).

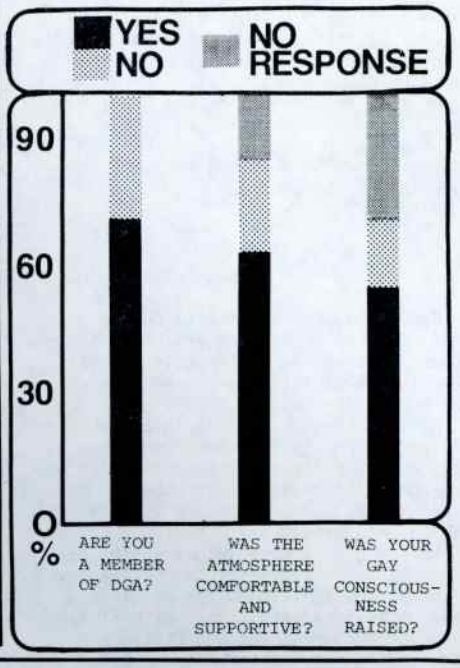
In other areas, 63% felt that the atmosphere was supportive and comfortable. The overwhelming majority had positive responses about the program's content. The negative responses tended to deal with the maneuverings and resulting confusion that occurred during the election of Board members.

Only 6% of the respondents felt that their gay consciousness was not raised; however, 29% did not respond to the question.

There were only two responses to the question dealing with future program suggestions: the Turtle Creek Chorale and "more information on Gay lifestyles."

The majority of the comments and suggestions dealt with the election process. One respondent wondered why the nominations could not be opened during the monthly meeting prior to the elections. Another suggested that the by-laws should be tightened to prevent last-minute parliamentary maneuvering. There were, however, numerous plaudits for the Chair's handling of the situation in a proper manner.

Please note the accompanying graph.



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GAY RADIO NETWORK ON THE AIR

KRJB, an FM radio station serving several Russian River, California communities, has become the first radio affiliate of the National Gay Network (NGN). The announcement of the unprecedented association of a commercial station and a gay news organization was made during the premiere broadcast of "River Talk" which is hosted by gay activist Leonard Matlovich.

In the first two weeks of airing the gay newscasts, KRJB has received only favorable listener response.

NGN anchorperson Tom Post predicted a bright future for the network, saying, "I think stations all over the country could pick it (NGN) up to satisfy the needs of their gay listeners, without offending anyone," in an interview with KRON-TV, San Francisco's NBC affiliate.

The NGN news service may be dialed direct at 415/552-1312. The broadcasts are updated every other day (unless a major news story breaks) and have proven to be so popular that three additional telephone lines were added to accomodate incoming calls from all over the country.

Each broadcast contains a thirty-second commercial spot. In addition to the hard news stories covered, NGN also provides features such as theatre or film reviews, record reviews, or financial planning tips for gay men and lesbians.

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ALL THE LATEST GAY NEWS

NGN also recently announced the addition of Arthur Morris, aide to San Francisco Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver, to the staff as political reporter and editor. In making the announcement, Bernard Lawson, executive producer of NGN's "San Francisco Beat" program, stated, "Arthur Morris's contributions through his work with the Supervisor, board positions with Theatre Rhinoceros and the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club has kept him aware of political developments that effect the gay community. Arthur's knowledge will keep NGN the leader in uniting the gay community."

Sports

OLTA Hosts 3rd GPW Tournament

The Third Annual Oak Lawn Tennis Tournament was held June 19 and 20, 1982 at Sammuel-Grand Tennis Center, even though rain cancelled all Saturday matches.

In Division A singles, Mark Evan of Alabama defeated Don Draper of Dallas in three sets. Dallasites Mike West and Jon Papp won the doubles title, wiping out Draper and Al Leong 6-3, 6-2.

In Division B, Bill Nelson narrowly beat Jerry Johnston of Oklahoma City 7-5, 7-5 for the singles title. Consolation singles was won by Dain Johnson over Larry Lavender by default. Clint Thetford captured Division C single, defeating Jessie Vallejo 6-2, 6-3.

On June 26th at Houston's Memorial Tennis Center, the Oak Lawn Tennis Association (OLTA) continued the fight for the challenge cup against the Montrose Sports Association tennis team.

In a nip-and-tuck dual match, the Houston team defeated OLTA's best by one point, winning six out of eleven matches.

Results are as follows:

Singles: #1, Rich Ryan (H) def. Al Leong 6-1, 6-4.
#2, Fred Lopez (H) def. Ron Duron 6-2, 6-4.
#3, Don Draper (D) def. Ron Landrum 6-1, 6-3.
#4, Jon Papp (D) def. John Ryan 6-4, 7-5.
#5, Mike West (D) def. Lester Vela 6-1, 6-1.
#6, David Robicheaux (H) def. Bryan Starnes 6-4, 7-5.
#7, Jon Colbert (H) def. Luther Menke 5-7, 7-6, 6-4.

Doubles: #1, Ryan/Ryan (H) def. West/ Papp 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.
#2, Draper/Leong (D) def. Robicheaux/Larry Elliot 6-1, 6-0.
#3, Duron/ Starnes (D) def. Michael Houston/ Michael Green 6-0, 4-6, 6-2.
#4, Colbert/Landrum (H) def. Bill Nelson/Menke 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Round Robin matches were held in Divisions B and C. Sam Yee (D) def. Don Smith 8-4 in the B division, and Clint Thetford (D) def. Kirk Reeves (D) 6-0 in Division C.

Health

BODY FLUID DISTURBANCES

We now start into body functions and causes of adaptation to disease.

First, we will discuss body fluid disturbances and electrolytes. Your body is composed chiefly of water and certain dissolved substances called electrolytes, which become electrically charged when in contact with water.

These electrolytes are referred to as salts and minerals. Those which are positively charged are sodium (Na), potassium (Kt), calcium (Ca), and magnesium (Mg). Negatively charged electrolytes are chloride (Cl), bicarbonate (HCO_3), sulfate (SO_4), phosphate (PO_4), carbonic acid (H_2CO_3), and other organic acids.

The body fluids are divided into two major compartments, cellular and extracellular. Cellular fluid represents the fluid contained within the body cells and accounts for approximately three-quarters of the total body fluid. Extracellular fluid surrounds the cells and makes up one-quarter of the body fluid.

Body fluids are gained and lost in various ways. They are primarily gained by drinking and eating and lost by breathing through the lungs, tearing through the eyes, perspiring through the skin, and expelling waste fluids through the kidneys as urine. Additional loss of body fluid is seen through burn wounds, hemorrhages, vomiting, and diarrhea. Of course, loss of body fluid occurs during surgery and when one is very ill in many different ways, but you should know the makeup of your body fluid and how it is lost.

Next time I'll go into other basic imbalances and fluid deficiencies.

--Till then, Justin

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

Sun 11 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill. (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.

GAY PRIDE WEEK Planning Committee will meet at 1 p.m. to evaluate this year's celebration and plan for Gay Pride Week 83. Your imput is needed. DGA office. 528-4233 or 521-0432 or 821-1653.

Genesis XIX - Sodom Revisited. "Not A Sin - Not A Sickness". MCC. 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

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 12 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. Interesting program. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233. Refreshments served.

Tue 13 NATIONAL GAY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE committee meets every Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 p.m. DGA office. 526-4233.

Wed 14 PUBLIC RELATIONS Department meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office, 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. 526-4233.

The Oak Lawn Volleyball Team practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7:30 p.m.

Thr 15 FINANCIAL RESOURCES Department meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. DGA office. 521-0432. Workers needed.

Single Support Group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall at UCC (not church affiliated). Meetings are for people breaking up with lovers and those looking for alternatives to bars. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.

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

The TURTLE CREEK CHORAL rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 821-3086.

Fri 16 Reverend Elder Jeri Ann Harvey will lead a "Spiritual Renewal" at the Agape MCC in Ft. Worth. 7:30 p.m. 926-7000.

CLIFF DWELLERS Social Club meets every Friday at 8 p.m. No drugs, grass, alcohol. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

Sat 17 The Dallas Pegasus Volleyball team sponsors the 4th annual volleyball tournament at Reverchon Recreation Center beginning at 8 a.m. Teams from New Orleans, Ft. Worth, Houston, Austin and San Antonio will compete. Free.

TEXAS GAY/LESBIAN TASK FORCE meeting. Program, "Gay Rights Activism". MCC Social Hall. 10 a.m. Open to the public. 827-2957.

Texas barbecue for the TG/LTF and the Dallas gay community. $5 donation requested to advance the Task Force programs. 6:30 p.m. For more details, call 827-2957.

Continuation of "Spiritual Renewal" at the Agape' MCC in Ft. Worth. Dallas' Metropolitan Community Church choir will sing. 7:30 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page). (817) 926-7000.

Sun 18 Conclusion of the "Spiritual Renewal" at Agape' MCC. 7 p.m. Reverend Elder Jeri Ann Harvey.

Leviticus XVIII - What's An Abomination? "Not A Sin - Not A Sickness". MCC 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

Mon 19 DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 7 p.m. 750-8041.

GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meets at the University Ministry Center of North Texas University campus. Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m.

Tue 20 The OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND meets to rehearse for fall concerts. Musicians needed. No audition. Come and play. MCC Social Hall. 7 p.m. 2701 Reagan.

Wed 21 MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Reception for new members and those wishing information. 9 p.m. 4817 N. Central Expressway. 744-6680.

SOCIAL JUSTICE Department meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

Sun 25 Romans I - First Corinthians VI. When In Rome... "Not A Sin - Not A Sickness". MCC 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan.
Conclusion of the 4 part series by Reverend Don Eastman. Tape series available. 526-6221.

Mon 26 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. Public invited.

Thr 29 "Happy Birthday, Gemini". Inwood Theater, 5458 Lovers Lane. DGA benefit. 8 and 10 p.m. Door prise. 528-4233.
Tickets $5, may be purchased at Butler's Pantry Too.

Sat 31 DIALOG Production day, starting at noon. 6050 Birchbrook #242. Call 750-8041 or 651-0651. (Again on Sunday.)

AUGUST

Tue 3 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in Ft. Worth. 2336 Hemphill. 8 p.m. (817) 926-7000.

"Morning, Noon and Night" at 7 and 9:45 p.m. and "Kid Brother" at 8:15 p.m. Two gay movies at the Granada Theater. 3524 Greenville Avenue. 823-9610.

Wed 4 Pot Luck Supper at the Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2601 Reagan. 6:15 p.m. 526-6221. Pastor's Family Night at 7:15 p.m. Program, "The Holy Land", colored slides and comments by Reverend Don Eastman.

Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday) 2336 Hemphill. 7:30 p.m.

Thr 6 MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's place to stuff and mail the DIALOG. Bring an appetite. 821-1653.

Mon 9 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. (Second Monday of every month.) 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

Fri 13 NATIONAL GAY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE at the Grenelefe Hotel. Organizations from all over the U.S. and Canada will be represented. The Conference will continue Saturday and Sunday. 526-4233.

NGTF Executive Committee To Meet in Dallas

Bill Beauchamp, Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF), has announced that Executive Director Lucia Valeska and most of the NGTF Board will be in Dallas during August for the national gay leadership conference at the Grenelefe Hotel. These NGTF leaders will be participating in workshops, meeting local members of NGTF, staffing an NGTF hospitality suite, establishing important contacts with people from all over the country, etc.

The Executive Committee of the NGTF board also recently voted to hold its regular summer meeting in Dallas in conjunction with the conference. It will be the first NGTF board meeting ever held outside New York City. This marks the beginning of a major NGTF effort, in connection with the upcoming celebration of its tenth anniversary, to reach out in more tangible ways to all regions of the country.

Beauchamp invites all persons to come by the NGTF hospitality suite at the Grenelefe Hotel to meet board members from all over the country.

He also has two requests. First, he needs volunteers for many different tasks in August: to help prepare a reception, to chauffeur arriving and departing board members between Dallas and the airport, to house board members, to take minutes at the Executive Committee meeting, and to take black and white photos at the conference for the NGTF newsletter. He specifically invites offers of food and/or drink for the reception at the NGTF hospitality suite.

Secondly, the Dallas meeting and conference will cost the organization about $1,000. to $1,500. over and above the cost of a regular Executive Committee meeting in New York. This expense is not budgeted, and the NGTF board must raise the extra funds. One board member (from Florida) has already made a personal contribution of $500. to help defray the additional expense of the Dallas meeting. Beauchamp asks that the North Texas membership help defray the remaining costs. "If every NGTF member in our area offered $10., the bills would be covered."

NGTF

"Times are tough--for all of us," Beauchamp concedes, "But especially for human rights organizations such as ours. These are the times we need each other most. Please, send $10., or whatever you can. And as soon as you can."

Contact Bill Beauchamp at 214/351-6692 or 692-2316, and leave a message. His mailing address is 8516 1/2 Midway Road, Dallas, Texas 75209.

Beware of Poppers

The first death believed attributable to the inhalation of butyl nitrite, more commonly called poppers, occurred in San Franciso on March 24, 1982. According to the San Francisco Sentinel, witnesses said that 28-year-old Jerry N. Yturralde "inhaled a lot of poppers" while dancing at The Stud, a popular gay bar on Folsom Street. Two physicians in the crowd attempted to revive Yturralde when he collapsed shortly before midnight. They were unsuccessful in their efforts to give the victim mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, as were paramedics who arrive twenty minutes later. Yturralde was pronounced dead at San Francisco General Hospital.

The coroner's office did not release information citing poppers as the cause of Yturralde's death, but said poppers "can sensitize the heart, causing an irregular heartbeat."

In a related story, an assistant professor at the University of Rochester has called for a ban on butyl nitrite, a common component of "popper" inhalants. Toxicologist Ronald W. Wood said in a letter published in the New England Journal of Medicine that butyl nitrite, marketed as a room odorizer and inhaled as a stimulant, has been implicated in such diseases as Karposi's sarcoma in gay men. Wood said that butyl nitrite is suspected of helping suppress the immune system, thus leaving the body open to attack by microorganisms.

GayLife described Woods' call for a ban on poppers as "the strongest public statement yet issued on the subject."

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Gingersnaps

by Steven Linn

On July 16th and 17th, the Granada presents its Golden Turkey series, featuring several wretched flicks that were on view earlier at the Fantasy Fair's Badfilm Fest. I fretted and dozed and writhed through that all-night marathon until Maniac concluded around 6 a.m. It was all worthwhile for an introduction to the work of Edward D. Wood, Jr. Wood is the recipient of the Golden Turkey's award as Worst Director of All Time; his Plan 9 From Outer Space was named Worst Film--a decision with which I was in sturdy agreement until I saw Porky's. The awfulness of Plan 9 truly must be seen not to be believed, but Wood's Glen or Glenda is, in all senses, something else. His first film, it reflects Wood's ambivalence about his own heterosexual transvestism. From the burly hero's first public appearance in drag looking like Steve Martin standing in for Barbara Stanwyck in Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid and highly nervous about the whole escapade, the whole movie is stunningly hilarious. It is also imaginative, deeply felt, and touching in its heroically proportioned ineptitude. To see it (as you can at the Granada along with Plan 9 and others) is to experience what James Agee meant when he spoke of "the fierce unembalmed badness of the real thing."

In mid-June I began reviewing films for Oak Lawn Today (available biweekly and FREE at finer area supermarkets), and to a certain degree I'll use that outlet to supplement this column, reserving extended comment for movies of particular interest to Dialog readers. I'll also be doing periodical reviews of area theatre and feature stories for "the national gay newsmagazine," The Advocate, which I recommend you buy (at the Lobo or Century bookstores) even when I'm not writing for it. And, finally, I've dropped the "Steven Benchley" pseudonym for my actual name which you see above.

Considering that Dallas' general attitude toward anything ambitious in the arts is that of an orangutan handed a copy of Mansfield Park, Christopher Perry Nichols deserves credit for launching an adventuresome enterprise with his New Arts Theater Play Festival.

Midnight in Topanga (a wonderful title) is a likably unpretentious comedy-thriller. A mostly female cast, skillfully deployed by Director Buff Shurr, brings to the script a sheen (dimmed by the vocal shrillness of Suzanne Jacobs), and I hope by the time you see it that playwright Frederick Bailey has given them more of the bright lines they deserve. There are some well-observed moments of semi-bitchiness directed toward the one girl who--quoting a semi-bitchy (woman) friend--is "gettin' it when none of the others are;" a rampageous climactic scene; and good melodramatic lighting effects by David Yoder.

Sweet Basil, by Lloyd Gold, at first resembles a well-made American play of the '30s by Clifford Odets, say, or the young Eugene O'Neill. Then at the end of the first act, it reveals its source (a fable by Boccaccio) and turns operatic and extravagant--in design if not in delivery--less expert and predictable, and more interesting than its preceding half. Of the cast I especially liked Gene Wolande as an amiable nerd who reveals unexpected depths, Sandy Rowe in an ingenue terrible role that would tax the resources of a young Patricia Neal, and Mark Servis as a pseudo-hood whose toughness is all on the surface and who wears the tightest pants since the last bus-and-truck company of Li'l Abner passed through town. Christopher Nichol's discreet direction made palatable what might have been ludicrous, but that flowerpot needs to be bigger.

Most one-person shows go on far too long. I wanted to see more of Jillian Raye as Calamity Jane. Ms. Raye is one of the busiest actresses around and deserves to be. To Ms. Gabriel Swain's adaptation of Jane's letters, she brings the kind of vocal delicacy that can touchingly reveal the unexpected vulnerability in tough-talking tomboys. Feminist groups might enjoy this unsentimental presentation of one of their prototypes and understand her hatred of "wimmin." It would be a pleasure to set this Jane loose on Phyllis Schlafly.

These and later plays will run in repertory at the New Arts. Call 761-9064 for full details.

I regret not having been able to recommend Close of Play before the play closed. Simon Gray's bitterly comic drama was one of Theatre Three's finest productions of the season. It portrayed a nightmarish family reunion where individual members, stimulated by the presence of their mysteriously silent "Daddy," revealed one-by-one the sins and frustrations that festered beneath their cheerily English surface. The splendid cast--which included Laurence O'Dwyer, of whose work as a director I have spoken rudely--was led beyond their individual best to fine ensemble work by the sure hand of the director Norma Young. Theatre Three has a brilliant season lined up, including Shaw, Sam Shepard, and Sondheim's Sweeney Todd. Call 748-5191 for subscription tickets.

Dallas Theater Center plans an impressive season, too: Little Mary Sunshine, Peer Gynt, Talley's Folly, etc. (526-2610) For Black Coffee (Agatha Christie's little-known first play) they brought in a fine director Walter Learning and a superb actor Eric House, whose Hercule Poirot--both as impersonation and star performance--was superior to any of the film actors who have attempted the role. This Poirot's exhilarating audacity unfortunately showed up rather cruelly the technical limitations of some of the DTC resident cast; but Mary Rohde understood the spirit of the play and had the style. Her partnering of House in a long scene of sudden revelations and gasped denials made what might have been a bore into a witty tour-de-force.

With its move to the Addison Summer Theatre, the Manhattan Clearing House's Promenade relinquishes its title as the best show in Dallas and assumes that of the best show in Addison. If you haven't had the pleasure of seeing the spectacle and hearing the brilliantly diverse melodies of this absurdist musical, you can zip up the Tollway to the theatre in minutes. For details, call 823-3670. The musical revue Starting Here, Starting Now replaces Promenade at the Greenville Avenue Theatre.

I haven't yet seen Dallas Repertory Theatre's Fiddler on the Roof, but its Golde is played by Lou Williford, whose work in DTC's Tintypes was--to pick a word at random--magnificent. (Through August 1st; 369-8966)

Bed & Breakfast in San Francisco!

A group in San Francisco, California has announced a business enterprise to serve the entire gay community. It is similar to the traditional bed-and-breakfast circuit that has been so popular throughout Europe and which is quickly gaining demand in the United States.

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CONFERENCE

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rights leaders from across the nation, discussing their own areas of expertise. Workshops will be held during the day on Saturday, August 14th, allowing conference participants to attend several of the meetings.

"We tried to contact people who would be good from all over the country. Most of the speakers will be out-of-state," Nelson said, adding that this would help to bring in the best talent available for and from the movement.

"We've tried to cover every aspect of gay culture at the conference," Nelson continued. "Many of the workshops were suggested by people outside Dallas. The workshop on anti-semitism is an example. While this isn't so much a problem here, people from New York and Denver indicated that it was for them. So we included it."

Panels will include many of the most controversial topics in the gay rights movement, such as police relations, lobbying, fund-raising, education for non-gays, and coping with the radical right.

Leading the workshops will be a variety of national gay leaders and non-gays. For example, Jo Daly, Commissioner of Police for the City of San Francisco is slated to participate on the police relations panel.

The panel on lobbying and political action committees will be presented by Jerry Weller, co-chair of the Board of Directors of the Gay Rights National Lobby, and by spokespersons from the Florida Task Force.

A panel on fund-raising will be presented by Jim Foster, principle fund-raiser for the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Several of the panels will focus on special problems for the gay or lesbian community. Panels are planned on lesbian affairs, anti-semitism in the gay community, and relations with other minorities.

Still other panels deal with nonpolitical issues. One panel focuses on gay history in ancient Greece. There will also be panels on sports, the gay life outside major metropolitan areas, and a review of recent media portrayals of gays.

MURPHY'S MANOR by Kurt Erichsen

A special panel will be held on gay-related diseases, including the new gay cancers. Speakers will include Dr. James W. Curran, director of the Atlanta Center for Disease Control, and Stanley Matek of the American Public Health Association. Heading this forum will be Dr. Terry Fronville, M.S., from New York City, who chairs a NGTF task force on gay diseases. The scope of gay health concerns will be presented at the Saturday plenary session, then discussed further in workshops.

"We tried to not take a position on these issues," Nelson explained. "Our intention was to allow people to exchange information and to see what other groups are doing."

Keynoting the opening night dinner on Friday, August 13th will be author and journalist Larry Bush. A free-lance author, Mr. Bush's work appears in The Advocate and in other publications, such as The Village Voice. He has recently completed a major piece on FBI surveillance of gay rights leaders. Mr. Bush's article "Has the FBI Been in Your Closet?" appears in The Advocate, July 8, 1982, pp. 16-20+.

The Saturday evening banquet will feature four major leaders of the gay rights movement, Lucia Valeska, Mel Boozer, Troy Perry, and Jean O'Leary. Each will address the current state of the gay rights movement and assess the direction of gay rights in the future. The short speeches will follow a dinner at the Dallas Convention Center. Tickets priced at $25.00 are available for the banquet and speeches, if you do not attend the conference.

The two-day conference will be held in the Grenelefe Hotel on the southern fringe of downtown Dallas. Conference registration fees are $60.00. Housing is available at the Grenelefe or at other area hotels. Registration packets are slated to be mailed to interested persons beginning next week, Nelson reported.

Planning for the conference began over one year ago, in the summer of 1981. The conference is coordinated by the Public Relations Department of the Alliance, chaired by Michael Burnett. "The committee has been meeting once a week since then," Nelson detailed, "And in the last month we've been meeting twice a week. Since last December the work on the conference has been intense."

Two brochures have been mailed by the Department already, eliciting over three hundred inquiries from forty states. Firm acceptances have been received from a variety of national gay rights leaders.

Cost of the conference may run $1,500. to $1,600. for mailing and publicity. Planning funds came from a private bequest left to the Alliance a few months ago. The full conference may cost up to $10,000., which will be raised from registration fees. Up to four hundred persons are expected to attend the conference and/or banquet.

"One of the most pleasant surprises about planning the conference has been the interest shown from all over the

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REPORT FROM THE POLLSTERS: Good News & Bad

Recent reports from prominent American pollsters on attitudes toward gay issues offer the proverbial good news and bad news.

One one hand, most Americans still describe homosexuality as morally wrong. On the other, Americans are more tolerant of civil liberties for gays in speaking out, writing, and teaching in college. U.S. opinion leaders are far more tolerant than are most Americans.

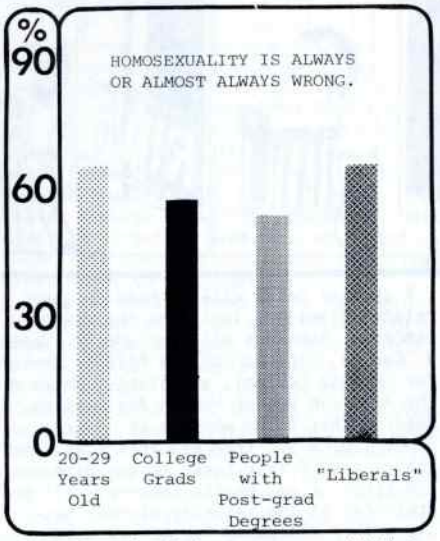
Perhaps the most sobering fact from recent polls is that a large majority of Americans still find homosexuality morally objectionable. Eighty percent of poll respondents stated that they found homosexuality always or almost always wrong, according to a 1980 poll by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago.

Majorities of all age groups, of all education groups, and of both sexes report that they find the gay lifestyle morally objectionable.

While majorities of all age groups and of all education groups disapprove of homosexuality, the vertical graph which follows illustrates that young persons and college graduates report the most tolerant attitudes. Still, two-thirds (65%) of young respondents (those 20 to 29 years old) state that homosexuality is always or almost always wrong. College graduates divide nearly equally. Only a slight majority of college graduates (57%) or of those with post-graduate educations (54%) report that homosexuality is always or almost always wrong.

Even a majority of self-identified liberals disapprove of gay relationships. Nearly two-thirds (65%) believe gay relationships among adults are wrong or almost always wrong. Only one-third (35%) of self-described liberals report that gay relationships are wrong only sometimes or not wrong at all.

Among some leadership groups, however, the outlook is more promising. National samples among leaders in education, law, and science proved to be the most tolerant. Three-quarters or more of respondents in each of these groups said that homosexuality was not a moral issue. As well, majorities of American leaders in government, voluntary associations, and the news media also took more liberal attitudes toward gays. By contrast, military and religious leaders proved to be the least tolerant, with large majorities of both groups stating that homosexuality is morally wrong, according to a 1980 poll conducted for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company.

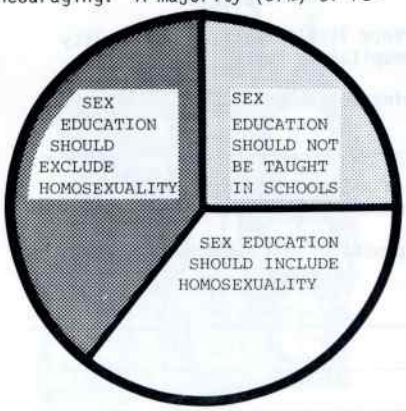


GAYS AND SCHOOLS

Attitudes toward gay teachers in public schools are not much more encouraging. By a two-to-one margin, adult Americans disapprove of gay teachers in public schools.

When asked whether public high schools should include sex education about homosexuality in sex education courses, only 35% answered that it should be included. A quarter of respondents answered that sex education should not be included in high schools at all. The rest (40%) approved of some sex education in public high schools, but disapproved of including information about homosexuality. Americans were less inclined to include information about homosexuality in sex education courses than information regarding venereal disease, birth control, premarital sex, or abortion.

In only a few cases were attitutdes toward homosexuality and education more encouraging. A majority (57%) of respondents would now permit a homosexual to teach in a college or a university, according to a 1981 Gallup poll. Sixty percent would permit a book in favor of homosexuality in the library. Two-thirds (68%) of adult Americans would allow a gay person to speak in their community. In all three areas, attitudes have grown slightly more tolerant between 1973 and 1980.



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What do all these recent reports from American pollsters suggest? First, the polls suggest that social attitudes change only with glacial slowness. A decade of gay protest, lawsuits, special elections, and media coverage has not so far changed the belief of four-fifths of American adults that gay relationships are still morally wrong.

Nor do trends in the polls over the last decade show a rapid change in attitudes toward gay issues. Overall, Americans are only slightly less likely to condemn gay relationships than they were a decade ago.

Only among opinion leaders have attitudes become more tolerant. In the news media, the sciences, law, education, and government, most opinion leaders now do not object to the gay lifestyle. Not surprisingly, opinion leaders who are the most quickly exposed to changing lifestyles are also the first to reflect more tolerant norms.

These poll results suggest that gay political leaders would do well to adopt a cautious attitude. Most Americans are, at best, unsympathetic toward questions about homosexuality. While the growing support among opinion leaders is the most encouraging finding from recent polls, it may well be many years before most Americans follow suit.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is an invited article by Professor Thomas Marshall, a public opinion specialist at the University of Texas at Arlington.
Graphs by Dave Lewis.

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country. By mailing to organizations, we hoped to eventually reach individuals who might be interested in attending the conference. Our efforts have apparently been successful," Nelson said.

Volunteers are needed to drive visitors to or from the airport, to house visitors, or to work at the conference itself. Those who wish to so volunteer may sign up at the July or August DGA meeting or call Bill Nelson at 832-1130 or 559-3488. (Please fill out the accompanying coupon.) As many as fifty Alliance members will be needed to work at the conference.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

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ATTEND NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Dallas Gay Alliance hosts the first national gay leadership conference Friday, August 13th through Sunday, August 15th at the Grenelefe Hotel across from downtown Dallas.

Featured at the conference are a host of national gay leaders, including Mel Boozer and Lucia Valeska of the National Gay Task Force, Troy Perry who founded the Metropolitan Community, and Jean O'Leary from Gay Rights Advocates.

The importance of the conference stems from the fact that it brings together most of the gay leaders from organizations across the United States for the first time, reports DGA board member Bill Nelson.

Over thirty workshops and panels are slated for the conference. The panels focus on a wide range of gay-related concerns, both political and non-political. National gay leaders will direct the workshops and discussions which are their particular areas of expertise.

Among the many panels are those focusing on gay-related diseases, fundraising, the media, lobbying and political action committees, police relations, lesbian affairs, anti-semitism, and relations with other minorities.

Tickets for the conference are $40.00 by mail or at the door. Conference organizers expect over four hundred persons to attend the conference and the western-style banquet on Saturday evening.

On Saturday, August 14th, a banquet in the familiar western style of old Texas will be held at the Dallas Convention Center at 7:30 p.m. Dress is semi-formal or wester. A cash bar opens at 6:30 p.m.

For more specific information about workshops or the conference generally, feel free to contact Bill Nelson at 821-1130.

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

by Stephen C. Wagner

Presently the Alliance has slightly over 500 members. This is a substantial decline in active memberships over the past several months.

In order for the DGA to continue its vital involvement with the gay rights movement and the Dallas community, we need to maintain our most important resource--our members. Every Alliance member shares in the responsibility of keeping the DGA vibrant and active.

If each member today signed up one friend to join the Alliance, we could not only double our membership, reaching over 1,000, but also bring in the necessary revenue to cover the National Gay Leadership Conference, support production of Dialog, maintain office expenses, contribute to candidates in support of our rights, and much more.

With this mailing, the second set of membership cards have been distributed. Please present your card at all DGA general meeting to facilitate voter's card check-in. If you have not yet received your card as of yet, please notify the DGA office by calling 528-4233.

In addition, if you do not have a copy of the Alliance by-laws (which have recently been significantly amended), please advise the answering service at the DGA telephone number and copies of the current bylaws will be mailed to you and any other interested member.

We challenge each one of you to enlist one new member in the month of August to maintain our strength in the goal of equal rights for all. Let's show the nation that the gay rights movement is very much alive in Dallas, Texas.

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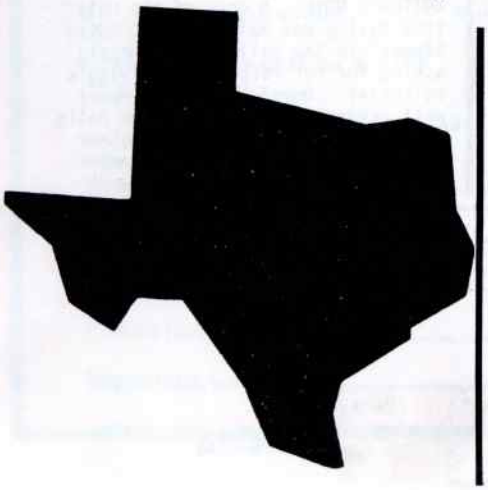

Organizers of the Texas Gay/Lesbian Conference IX have scheduled September 3-5, 1982, Labor Day Weekend, for their Houston meeting.

The conference will be held at the University of Houston in the Agnes Arnold Hall on the central campus. Keynote speakers will be Harry Britt, San Francisco City Supervisor, and Lucia Valeska, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force. Britt, the most prominent openly gay officeholder in the U.S. will address the Saturday afternoon session, and Valeska will address the Saturday evening session.

The conference is organized around a series of workshops. Workshops will be lead by Britt, Valeska, Texas State Representative Debra Danburg, Texas gay activist Ray Hill, and others.

Announced workshop topics include coalitional politics, police and prison problems, Texas gay history, and the effect of right-wing political groups. Others include women in business, relationships between whites and non-whites, and relationships between gay men and lesbians.

The University of Houston site is close to several hotels, motels, and restaurants and is accessible to handicapped persons. Child care and signing for the deaf are planned.

Advance registration for the conference is $15.00, excluding the Saturday evening session and entertainment. Registration at the door is $20.00.

For further information, call (713) 529-3211.

COMMENT

T.S.T.

By Dave Lewis

Back in 1978, before I moved to Dallas, I was in New York City for one of my frequent theatre weekends. It was a strange weekend--in several ways. In those days, I was out of the closet, but not as far out as I am today. I met Dick while working on a show. He was doing make-up (He's now in Hollywood), and I was doing some scene painting.

We ran into each other in several productions in the ensuing months, shows that I was designing and for which Dick was doing make-up and hair.

We developed a friendship, each suspecting the other's gayness but reluctant to bring up the subject. I told myself that I was falling for the stereotype that all make-up men are gay. Dick thought he was assuming that all designers are gay.

Thus, the stage was set for a farcical weekend in New York. We each took Monday and Tuesday off and prepared for a marathon of nine shows in one weekend. I also swore to include Radio City Music Hall as Dick had never been to there.

As the weekend progressed, we each dropped hints about our sexuality, hints that the other was sure he was imagining. We went to a premiere production of a new play by Lanford Wilson, a playwright whom we both had admired for a long time. The play, The Fifth of July, was being performed at the Circle Rep in Sheridan Square where Wilson was playwright-in-residence.

As we wandered Christopher Street killing time before the curtain, ample opportunity was presented for the dropping of not-too-subtle hints. But as we took our seats in the Circle Rep, another opportunity fell in our laps. It was a program insert advertising a new show. The play, The International Stud, had recently moved to the Players' Theatre. The International Stud was, at that time, an infamous back room bar in New York, and the ad made it clear that the bar and the play were related.

We both jumped at the chance. After The Fifth of July, we went down the street to the Players' Theatre. What we saw that evening was a very powerful portrayal of an interesting work by actor/playwright Harvey Fierstein. Both the script and the performance still had some rough edges, but the potential was there and the predominately gay audience loved it.

Yesterday I saw The International Stud again, this time on Broadway as the first act of Torch Song Trilogy. The rough edges are gone. The script has been streamlined. It is a major accomplishment.

The accomplishment is not that a gay actor is playing a major role on Broadway. There have always been gay actors. It is not that a gay playwright is represented on Broadway. There have been many gay playwrights. It is not that a play with gay characters is on Broadway. Think back to The Fifth of July, Bent, Gemini, The Ritz, or Tubstrip, to name a few.

The accomplishment is twofold. First, this is a Glines production. The Glines is a gay theatre company and was responsible for the first and second national gay arts festivals. The Glines has also co-sponsored with the Gay Theatre Alliance the National Gay Playwrighting Competition.

The second accomplishment is probably the more important one. It is the audience and critical reaction. I saw Torch Song Trilogy with John, a gay friend (and sometimes lover) whom I have known for seventeen years. At the end of the second act, Fugue in a Nursery, John remarked, "Somebody has been reading my diary." I think we all felt that way. The characters in Torch Song Trilogy are believable, and everyone can see him/herself and his/her friends in all of the characters.

I mean everyone! The audience was an average New York theatre audience complete with lavender-haired ladies from Westchester. As I eaves-dropped on intermission conversations (one of may favorite sports), I realized that every member of the audience identified with and had sympathy for the characters we were watching.

It is important because they were not watching sanitized middle-class gays making love, but a drag queen and a married man who was really wrestling with his feelings.

It works because it is funny and touching and believable. It is important because everyone who sees it identifies with a human being who happens to be a drag queen.

The critics in the straight press have loved it. Jack Kroll in Newsweek even called it a show for the entire family--quite an accomplishment for a play with one scene set in the back room of a gay bar. There is talk of a regional touring company and a film.

I hope it all happens because the more people who see this show, the better. Seeing this show and understanding that we are people like everyone else can help homophobic straights to overcome their fear of the unknown.

LETTER

Dear Editor,

As everyone knows and is probably sick of hearing by now, Susan Stewart's June 18th column in the Dallas Times Herald contained some idly ill-considered statements about gay activists. Dialog excoriated the columnist and concluded, "You goofed, Ms. Stewart."

She sure did--but out of glibness, not malice. Or don't you rememeber Ms. Stewart's gratifyingly satirical review of a James Robison TV special, and the howls that followed from the religious right? The lady's touch is light but lethal, and if she had intended to get us, we'd damn well know it. I think we might profitably consider why this intelligent and sophisticated writer is so little aware of the diversity within the homophile community. Lack of investigation on her part, surely; but perhaps lack of dissemination on ours as well.

As our public profile elevates, we will find ourselves subject to all manner of comment, and we'd better learn to distinguish between enemies and potential friends. The closet may be the place to cultivate a complexion of Magnolia-like translucency; we'll need thicker skins in the big world outside.

Yours in solidarity and affection,

Steven Linn

EDITOR'S NOTE: A copy of the July 1982 Dialog was mailed to Ms. Susan Stewar c/o The Dallas Times Herald asking for her response to Dialog's editorial. Hopefully, Ms. Stewart will return repeated telephone calls from the Editor or make some other response in time for the September 1982 Dialog.

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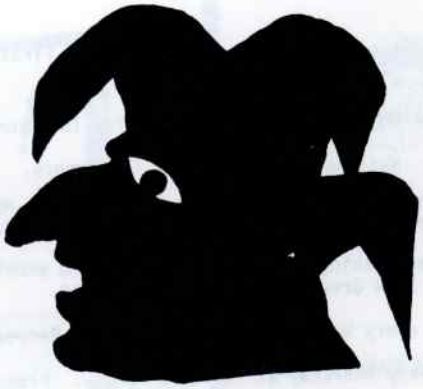
La Nuit Chaude

The 1982 La Nuit Chaude charity masquerade ball will be held on Saturday evening, November 13th in the Grand Ballroom of the Dallas Hilton Hotel. There will be a limited number of hotel rooms available for persons attending the ball at a special La Nuit Chaude rate of $35.00, an ideal situation for out-of-town guests or for those persons with costumes unsuitable for traveling.

Promotion for the third annual charity ball began with the Sponsor's Cocktail Party on Sunday, July 25th at the new Uptown Dallas cabaret. New sponsors are now being accepted on a first come basis since the number of available tables will be limited. Tables for eight are $125.00, while individual seating can be reserved for $16.00.

La Nuit Chaude is dedicated to the growth and advancement of the Dallas community and deserves your support. Recipients of proceeds from the 1981 La Nuit Chaude were Texas Human Rights Foundation, Oak Lawn Counseling Center, Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, and the Community Resource Center.

For further information concerning sponsorships in the form of reserved table seating, contact La Nuit Chaude at P. O. Box 140213, Dallas, Texas 75214-0213. Telephone: (214) 522-0912.



Health

NEW HEPATITIS VACCINE

A new vaccine for hepatitis B became available in July 1982. Hepatitis B, a disease transmitted through body fluids, especially the blood, is most prevalent among gay people.

Scheduled for highest priority in receiving the new vaccine are male homosexuals, along with kidney treatment patients, Third World refugees, the mentally retarded confined to institutions, and those with a household or sexual contact with a hepatitis B carrier.

The vaccine resulted from a discovery 18 years ago of uncommon particles in the blood of Australian aborigines. In 1976 Baruch Blumberg, an American scientist, received a Nobel Prize for his successful research.

Clinical tests on the new vaccine were completed last winter. They showed the vaccine to be 90 percent effective in preventing new hepatitis cases.

New hepatitis cases reportedly number two hundred thousand a year in the United States. Above five percent of the new cases require hospital treatment, and about two hundred fifty persons a year die from hepatitis B.

The new vaccine requires three injections and costs approximately $100.00. Some public health figures have expressed concern that the cost will prevent some susceptible persons from receiving the vaccine.

MORE ON ANITA

Last month the Dallas Times Herald ran a news photograph of Anita Bryant and a companion (male) dancing at an Atlanta disco. Who was the mysterious partner?

It turns out to be none other than Russell McCraw, a self-described former homosexual who now tries to convert gays to a straight life through Christ. The ministry is reportedly funded partly by members of the Coors brewery family.

The July 22nd issue of The Advocate further identifies McCraw as a "former homosexual government informant" and quotes him on religion: "You can't be a Christian if you don't get out of that lifestyle."

No pun intended, but Dialog notes with disappointment that Anita is still up to her same old tricks.

DROPPING HER GUARD

Queen Elizabeth II's bodyguard of nine years recently resigned after a male prostitute phoned a London newspaper and publicized their twelve-year affair.

In other palace news, the Dallas Times Herald printed a James Brady column which reported a story, some years old, in which the Queen Mother phoned down to the servants' quarters for a gin and tonic. Her request: "I don't know what you old queens are doing down there, but this old Queen up here is dying of thirst."

Well, at least the recent intruder into Queen Elizabeth II's bedroom hasn't come out of the closet. Yet.

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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.

"We Shall Overcome: Seven Challanges for Seven Churches." The first of a seven week series by Reverend Don Eastman. 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

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.

Affirmation (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call for location. 521-6769.

Mon 9 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. Program: National Gay Leadership Conference. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. Everyone welcome.

Tue 10 The OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the MCC Social Hall, 2701 Reagan. A conductor and musicians are needed, especially percussion and trombone players. No auditions. 2701 Reagan. Come and play.

"Sunday, Bloody Sunday" at 7:30 p.m. and "Making Love" at 9:30 p.m. Two excellent films concerning gay/straight romantic triangles. Granada Theater. 3524 Greenville Avenue. 823-9610.

Wed 11 The Oak Lawn Volleyball Team practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7:30 p.m.

Thr 12 FINANCIAL RESOURCES Department meets every Thursday at Butler's Pantry. Please call for time change. 521-0432.

Fri 13 Registration for the NATIONAL GAY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE at the Grenelefe Hotel. Organizations from all over the U.S., Canada, and nations overseas will be represented. The Conference will continue Saturday and Sunday. 526-4233.

Sun 15 Reverend Elder Troy Perry, gay crusader and founder of the Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Church, will speak at the 11 a.m. service. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

Mon 16 DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 7 p.m. 750-8041.

"The Damned" at 7 p.m. and "Death In Venice" at 9:45 p.m. Two film classics concerning gays in an age far different (but not so long ago) from today. Granada Theater. 823-9610.

GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meets at the University Ministry Center of North Texas University campus. Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m.

Tue 17 "Cabaret", Bob Fosse's masterpiece film with Liza Minelli, Joel Gray, and Michael York as gay author Christopher Isherwood in Berlin in the 1930's. 7:15 p.m. - "Victor/Victoria" with Julie Andrews, James Garner, and Robert Preston. A gay comedy set in Paris in the 1930's. 9:30 p.m. Granada Theater. 3524 Greenville Avenue. 823-9610.

Wed 18 MEMBERSHIP Department meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. Reception for new members and those wishing information. 9 p.m. 744-6680.

SOCIAL JUSTICE Department meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 528-4233.

Thr 19 DALLAS ALTERNATIVES meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan.

Fri 20 CLIFF DWELLERS Social Club meets every Friday at 8 p.m. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

Sat 21 Relationship Enrichment Seminar for singles or couples. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Place to be announced.) $30 fee per person. Rip Corley, R.N., M.S.S.W. Pre-registration required before August 18. 526-6221.

Sun 22 GAY PRIDE WEEK Planning Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. DGA office. Help plan for Gay Pride Week '83. 521-0432.

Mon 23 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. Everyone invited.

Thr 26 Wrangler Motorcycle Club presents World War II U.S.O. show. 9:30 p.m. Sundance Kid. 4025 Maple. 526-9173.

Sat 31 DIALOG Production day, starting at noon. 6050 Birchbrook #242. Call 750-8041 or 651-0651. (Again on Sunday.)

CIVIC AFFAIRS Department meets at 7:30 p.m. to review candidate questionnaires for the November elections. 821-3825.

SEPTEMBER

Wed 1 Pot Luck Supper at the Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2601 Reagan. 6:15 p.m. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday) 2336 Hemphill. 7:30 p.m.

2 MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's place for work and dinner. Bring an appetite. 821-1653.

Tue 7 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in the Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscombe (near Page) at 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. (817) 237-3521.

Fri 10 State Democratic Convention meets in Dallas.

Mon 13 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. Program: Political Candidates Night. Meet the candidates who are seeking the DGPC endorsement and the gay vote in the November elections. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233. Everyone welcome.

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Gingersnaps

by Steven Linn

I hereby pledge $1,000.00 to start a fund for the author of any play about Texas that does not contain the whoop-and-holler character of Good Ole Gal. Lesser rewards payable for the elimination of Beer-Swilling Macho Man with Broken Heart of Gold, Red-Dirt Earth Momma, Slackjawed Horny Younger Brother (Nephew, Son, Buddy). Shoot, Bubba, you know that money's safer'n lint in a cotton-chopper's bellybutton 'cause they ain't no way you gonna see any play about Texas without them folks in it, any more'n you gonna see a play about old-timey England without one of them Saucy Minxes--the ones always laughing about nothing and showing plenty of bare tit.

All the above is my feverish way of explaining that I'd probably have appreciated Gold Don't Rust (at the New Arts) and Lone Star (Margo Jones, SMU through August 8th, 692-2573) more if I didn't get the feeling I'd awready gone thu purt-near the same gahdamn thang 47 times the last three months alone. My gratitude goes to Miguel Rodriguez, Laura Yancey, and Tony Rust who in these plays enacted the characters of Smart-aleck Meskin, Prissy Baptist, and Lone Star Wimp--fresh to the genre but readily observable in life. And dammit all, Greg Grove was jis real good in Lone Star even if he did play one of them ole Slackjaw boys, and that's the truth.

Nevertheless, both these plays are well done for what they attempt. The summer doldrums are in fact fresh with good theatre all over town.

Gold Don't Rust has the funniest, truest dialogue I've so far heard from ostensibly Texas mouths; and GDR is complemented by I Played With Dolls, a semi-feminist rhapsody smartly recited by three attractive actresses--well done, and richly familiar.

Deja vu is operative as well in The Gin Game and Ginger Pack Man. Both are in the tradition of American plays (. . . Virginia Woolf; That Championship Season) where social masks gradually disintegrate to reveal unattractive faces beneath.

The Gin Game is the better play (well, after all, it won the Pulitzer), and its first act--another derivation--consists chiefly of variations on the marvelous gin rummy game in Born Yesterday. Act Two gets down to the nitty and is impressively played by Warren Foster and particularly Patricia Fraser, who demonstrates throughout an admirable reluctance to go for easy laughs. Peter Lynch's set is magnificently detailed but large-scale for the play; I'd have preferred more suggestive work, as in Randel Wright's honky-tonk in Lone Star. (Dallas Theater Center, through August 28th, 526-8857)

Ginger Pack Man is particularly indebted to Eugene O'Neill's Long Day's Journey . . . and Desire Under the Elms, with a nod to Pinter's The Homecoming; Steve VandeGriek, an impressive new playwright, has chosen good models. This, the third full-length play in the New Arts' New Play Fest, like The Gin Game dramatizes the spiritual chaims with which people arm and incapacitate themselves and similarly leavens painful truth with tough comedy. As director, VandeGriek needs to curb the tendencies of a couple of his actors to mugging; as playwright, he needs to force himself to cut his play. All playwrights need to force themselves to cut their plays. (Through August 14th, 761-9064)

The 1940s Radio Hour continues the tradition set earlier by Hair: sharp nostalgia evoked not only on stage but also from the moment you enter the theatre--City Center Ltd. has reproduced a studio broadcast show from ushers to programs, and David M. Opper's superb art deco set nestles lovingly into the Esquire's complementary interior.

The '40s and just before were fine times for American music, and you'll know why when you hear this sumptuous selection of great tunes (not to mention period commercials) as beautifully performed as you've ever heard them. It's easy to forgive some heavy attempts at comedy because of the show's terrific sound and zestful performance--it's an all-star show composed of little-known performers. I don't have space to name either the personnel of Peter R. Miller's 12-man Big Band or the splendid ensemble of actor-singers, but my favorite was David Benn, whose epically egotistical crooner maintains his laid-back smirk even when flat-out drunk. (Through September 5th, 522-0551)

The dozen or so stars on view in Billy Bishop Goes to War are embodied in the show's principal performer, Robert Burke (ably partnered by Michael Deep, who merely plays piano and the German Army). Enacting characters who

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buzz through the life of the World War I ace-in-spite-of-himself, Burke sometimes settles for facile caricature rather than the bouyant comedy he brings to Billy himself. But when the actor elevates his arms like a child imitating flight, or enacts his first solo with a model plane, he takes us back to the basics, the bareboned magic, of theatre. (Theatre Three, 748-5191, through August 22nd)

Despite the zooming jets overhead, the itinerant audience below, hamming extras onstage (see above: "Saucy Minxes"), and microphone feedback all-pervasive, the Shakespeare Festival is always worth a visit if only to witness William's awesome capacity for survival. Invariably, if briefly, he not only survives but prevails: through a Margaret Loft who demonstrates what heightened speech is all about; through a John Rainone, who can make one of those tiresome fools not only comprehensible but also really funny; through a Mark Blum, who endows his character with psychological (or, since the character here was Iago, psychotic) force sufficient to slice right through the distractions or outdoor theatre. Unfortunately--despite a good All's Well and a better-than-that Othello--as long as the Shakespeare Festival stays outdoors, it can give us only the broader, cruder aspects of our--everybody's--greatest playwright.

Maybe the Shakes Fest will be able to make good use of the Majestic downtown. That fine old theatre will be reopened mid-January 1983 by a somewhat adequate performer, Lena Horne. Contact the theatre for tickets. Another, sooner, less publicized production will be the five-day run of Oh! Calcutta!--the uncensored version, I'm told--at the Convention Center on August 17th (265-0789).

John Lithgow's performance is by no means the only reason to see The World According to Garp, but it is,and will doubtless continue to be for some time, the most heartenigly sympathetic presentation of a transsexual to be seen in films.

GAUNT EDUCATES MEMBERS

By TRM

Plans for the upcoming Dallas leadership conference, announcement of new officers, and a presentation on gay identity highlighted the July meeting of the Gay Academic Union of North Texas (GAUNT).

Local psychologist Royce Scrivner discussed research into gay identity formation. Recent research, explained Scrivner, has largely abandoned the illness model of homosexuality. New models, instead, focus on stages of gay identity. Inspired by growth-oriented, stage models in psychology, the new models suggest that a gay identity is one of several possible sexual identities. The current models will be reviewed at greater length in the September 1982 Dialog.

New GAUNT officers selected for next year include Frank Rossiter, president; Hal Bray, vice-president; James Tanner, secretary; Jere Hinckley, treasurer; and John Sobieski, member-at-large.

Rossiter announced that the national president of the Gay Academic Union, Jonathan Dunn-Rankin, may attend the August leadership conference in Dallas. If he does not, local GAUNT members will distribute literature at the conference.

Present and out-going GAUNT presidents Frank Rossiter and John Lewis will lead a workshop and discussion at the August conference, entitled "The Glory That Was Greece: How Gay Was It?" The workshop will examine the Greek roots of and influence on gay culture.

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The national GAU annual meetings are slated for October 8-10 in Chicago, IL. Attending from the local chapter will be Bill Beauchamp, who is running for reelection to the Board of Directors. The Chicago meeting marks the first time that GAU national meetings have been held outside New York or the West Coast.

The Chicago national meetings feature numerous workshops, panels, and an award banquet. GAU annually awards scholarships to graduate students pursuing gay-related topics. Some twenty persons have received GAU scholarships since the program was initiated in 1977.

Last year's projects for the North Texas chapter included a six-week course at North Texas State University in Denton focusing on gay concerns in contemporary America. GAUNT also helped select some two dozen books on gay-related topics for the Oak Lawn Library in Dallas. The local chapter also sponsored a panel discussion on gay religious and campus life during Gay Pride Week in Dallas.

The next GAUNT meeting is slated for Sunday, August 29th at 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 526-2365.

GAUNT dues are $10.00 a year for regular members and $5.00 a year for student members. The local chapter meets monthly during the year.

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21.06 UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Celebrate!!!

Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, which prohibits private homosexual conduct between consenting adults, was ruled unconstitutional by Federal District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer in a decision announced August 17th in Dallas.

DGA President Don Baker and the Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) challenged the law in U.S. district court last year in a case styled Baker v. Wade, et al.

The decision was announced just two days after the National Gay Leadership Conference ended in Dallas. National Gay Task Force Executive Director Lucia Valeska joined Don Baker at a press conference after Buchmeyer presented his decision. Baker's mother was also on hand.

The "sodomy law" will remain in the Texas Penal Code, but it will be legally unenforceable under Buchmeyer's ruling. THRF President Robert Schwab said his group is ready to "attack" any governmental agency that continues to enforce Section 21.06.

Judge Buchmeyer's decision is important for many reasons. Baker v. Wade is the first gay civil rights case in the United States in which the plaintiff based his suit solely on constitutional grounds. Baker's lawyers argued that Baker's right to privacy had been violated and that Baker was denied equal protection guaranteed by the First, Ninth and Fourteenth amendments.

Baker v. Wade makes Texas the 26th state in the union to decriminalize homosexual activity and insure the same civil rights for homosexuals that heterosexuals possess.

There is no longer a legal reason for discriminating against gay men and women in Texas. Until now, agencies such as police and fire departments used the argument that homosexuals were criminals in the state and could, therefore, not be hired. While discrimination will continue, there will be no legal grounds for firing or refusing to hire gay people because of their sexuality. Although Judge Buchmeyer did not address this in his decision, the media was quick to address the possibility of the employment of gay women and men by the Dallas Police Department. The Alliance Board has not yet taken an active position on this question. Nonetheless, police officials now fear that gay communities throughout Texas will push for gay police officers. Dallas Police Chief Billy Prince has already stated that his department will not hire gay officers.

Don Baker was selected as the plaintiff to challenge Section 21.06's constitutionality by THRF because of his impeccable character and community involvement. Baker comes from a religious family in Oak Cliff. He was a Boy Scout who went on to enter the Navy and later teach elementary school. He received a master's degree in education from Southern Methodist University in 1980.

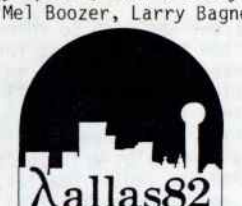
Baker said, "I want gay people in Texas to understand that this is their victory--that they should internalize this and feel good about themselves. Obviously, our movement is progressing. The favorable decision in Baker v. Wade is one important culmination of a collective effort."

Judge Buchmeyer's decision can be appealed within 30 days by Texas Attorney General Mark White or by any district attorney in Texas. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans would hear the case. White received support from the gay community in his race for the Democratic nomination for governor, and he is not expected to appeal the decision for the state. However, any district attorney in Texas could step forth, with or without White's approval, to challenge the 21.06 ruling. After a decision by the Fifth Circuit court of Appeals, any challenge would be before the U.S. Supreme Court.

OVER 400 ATTEND CONFERENCE

Over 400 leaders of the U.S. gay movement converged upon Dallas for the National Gay Leadership Conference, August 13th through 15th. The Conference was sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance and DGA Director Bill Nelson called the gathering "an incredible success."

National gay leaders at the conference included the Rev. Troy Perry, Bruce Voeller, Jenny Apuzzo, Jean O'Leary, Lucia Valeska, Mel Boozer, Larry Bagneris, Don Baker and many more. One participant came from Anchorage, Alaska for the three-day event at the Grenelefe Hotel.



Veteran Washington journalist Larry Bush welcomed guests with a moving opening address. Also on hand for the Friday night ceremonies were Dallas City Councilman Richardo Medrano, State Representative David Cain, the Turtle Creek Chorale and the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band.

Thirty-six different workshops were offered Saturday, ranging from Health to Anti-Semitism in the Gay Community. Some workshops had as few as 20 in attendance while others had more than 100, but DGA Vice President Mike Stewart said everything went well.

The Dallas Convention Center was alive later that night with a gigantic western banquet. Stimulating speakers, entertainment, and festive decorations impressed both local and out-of-town activists.

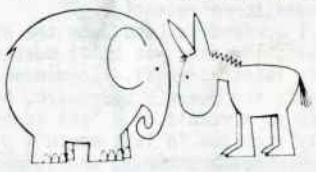
Gay leaders, representing diverse organizations, were given the opportunity to exchange information about their own successes and failures in the movement. No official positions were taken in any of the workshops since the conference was designed as a resource tool for leaders.

Bill Nelson and the Public Relations Department hope that momentum has been set for annual gatherings in other areas of the country. Nelson said, "It's important that we get together regularly and share this kind of information. We've got to keep in mind that we are all battling the same kinds of prejudice from different places and with different resources."

The National Gay Leadership Conference was first proposed a year and one-half ago by Don Baker, but the work of many people, especially the Public Relations Department, brought the concept into reality.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

The September meeting of the Alliance general membership will also be "Candidates' Night." Many politicians who have been nominated by the Republican and Democratic parties as candidates in the November 1982 general election will be present seeking the endorsement of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the political action committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance. DGA President Don Baker will adjourn the Alliance and reconvene the



membership as the DGPC, at which time speeches from candidates and their representatives will be heard, questions from the audience will be answered, and motions to endorse or not endorse specific candidates will be voted on.

D.A. Williams, Chair of the Civic Affairs Department, appeals to all Alliance members and other members of the community to be present on Monday, September 13th, because the political force of the gay vote must be made evident to

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COMMENT

By Dave Lewis

When I arrived home last Saturday, after five and a half weeks away in Europe and elsewhere, I was immediately faced with a two-foot stack of bills long past due and announcements for sales long over, a 30-minute tape full of 30-second messages and a cat who had forgotten who I am. As I began the task of returning telephone calls long forgotten, the first person I called said, "Have you heard the news?" I, of course, responded, wittily, "What news?" He said, "We're legal!" He went on to tell me about all of the celebration and cheap beer prices which followed the long overdue decision in Baker v. Wade. As he spoke, I realized that he considered this decision as the end of a battle. In one sense, of course, it is. But it is really the first step in a much longer fight. Striking down a law will not end homophobia, a fact which was proven to me recently.

When I arrived in London on the eighth of August, the city was still buzzing with its latest scandal. Commander Trestrail, the Queen's bodyguard, had resigned as a result of a "sex scandal" (briefly reported in last month's Dialog). Michael Trestrail, who joined the London police force on October 20, 1952, left it on July 17, 1982. His nearly 30 years on the force represent a long, distinguished career of public service. It also represents nearly 30 years in the closet.

Fifteen years after Trestrail joined the police force, English gays had something to celebrate; homosexuality was legalized in England. Legalization did not, however, free Trestrail, and others like him, from the closet.

Perhaps it was the fear of being discovered in a gay bar that led Trestrail to a hustler. For the past dozen or so years, he has been seeing Michael Rauch, a prostitute, regularly. Rausch, who is in his mid-forties, began to realize that his days as a hustler were numbered. However, before he could retire from his profession, he would require a large sum of money with which to support himself.

An idea was born. Rauch telephoned The Sun, a tabloid published by Ruppert Murdoch (who publishes the National Star on this side of the Atlantic) and offered for sale the exclusive story of his affair with Trestrail. To its credit, The Sun turned down his offer. However, the editors felt it necessary to alert the authorities of these dirty doings so close to Buckingham Palace.

The Queen (Elizabeth, not Rauch) was very fond of Trestrail and wished to allow him to resign without publicity. Mrs. Thatcher's government, however, felt it necessary to notify Parliment, and, therefore, the world. The Home Secretary (the cabinet member responsible for British domestic policy) has asked Lord Bridge to conduct an inquiry into the security aspects of Trestrail's career.

All of this fuss in a country where homosexuality is legal (in private, between consenting adults). The government's age-old excuse is that Trestrail's actions left him open to blackmail. They claim that their reaction would be the same if he had been seeing a female prostitute. How do you blackmail somebody over something which has been on the front page of every newspaper in the country? If he were straight and did not have to fear the discovery of his sexual orientation, would Trestrail have had a 12-year relationship with a prostitute?

One final note of comfort. It takes two straight men to do the job handled by one gay man. Her Majesty's government has been unable to find one straight "family man" who was willing to work the hours required and to be on call constantly. Therefore, Trestrail has been replaced by two family men whose wives and children supposedly prove that their sexual orientation is beyond reproach!

La Nuit Chaude

In less than two months, La Nuit Chaude, Dallas' only charity masquerade ball, will hold its third annual event on Saturday evening, November 13th in the Grand Ballroom of the Dallas Hilton. 1982 will mark the most extravagant costume pageant to date, featuring free beer, a cash bar, reserved table seating, a costume contest and music by Kenny Vaughan. Limited hotel accommodations will be available for out-of-town guests or for those persons with costumes unsuitable for traveling at a special La Nuit Chaude rate of $35.

A $15 entry fee in the costume contest entitles all entrants to vie for prizes, such as four days and nights in New Orleans for Mardi Gras including round trip airfare and hotel accommodations. Cash awards of $100 and $50 will also be awarded. Entries are not restricted to one person and will be judged on originality, attention to detail and presentation.

Those patrons who wish to reserve table seating at the ball may do so for $16 for individual seating or reserve an entire table for eight persons for $125. Tables are on a first-come basis and include admission to the ball. Requests for table seating may be made by writing to La Nuit Chaude at P.O.Box 140213, Dallas, Texas 75214-0213, or telephone: (214) 824-5033.

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BODY IMAGE Part I

The concept of body image is useful in understanding the many complex reactions of people to changes in their health status. Body image may be considered as the total, constantly changing and evolving perception of one's physical self as separate and distinct from all others. Society prescribes norms for physical appearance and behavior. The perception of body image operates on both a conscious and unconscious basis.

The formative years of childhood are particularly significant in forming the basic body image which is naturally related to one's personality. Through sensory impressions, mobility and touch, a child experiences pleasure, pain, shame, failure or pride of accomplishment as he tests out his personal boundaries and abilities. As he becomes aware of his separateness from others, he grows more aware of his own body, its relation to others, and his ability to control his muscles in the acts of locomotion, bowel and bladder retention and release, motor coordination and speech.

Illness, with enforced dependency and lack of body control, reactivates in persons of all ages many of these early conflicts and perceptions of body image.

Feeling bad about disfigurement or deformity stems from early attitudes toward smallness, weakness and ugliness as compared to others. The prominent sociocultural values of youth, physical attractiveness, health and wholeness are incorporated early and are reinforced throughout one's life.

To be continued next month . . . Justin

SR. CENTER

The Nation's first senior citizen's center for gays recently opened in Los Angeles. The center will also serve as a referral and information center for that city's older gay men and women.

"Older homosexuals face several unique problems," said Vito Bruno, director of the center. Bruno reported that older gays may not be open about their sexuality, for example. The center's services will reportedly also provide a gathering place, gay newspapers, luncheons, discussion groups, and other events.

The center, to be known as "Project Rainbow," is located in Los Angeles' downtown Angelus Plaza, an apartment complex for the elderly. New York's sister center, SAGE, focuses more on home visits and self-protection, said Bruno.

GPW '83 WANTS YOU

To the Dallas Gay Community:

The Dallas Gay Pride Week Association has elected its new officers to direct Gay Pride Week 1983. Elected President is Bruce Guess, Vice-President Amy Coleman, Secretary Ron Hudson, and Treasurer Doug Hall.

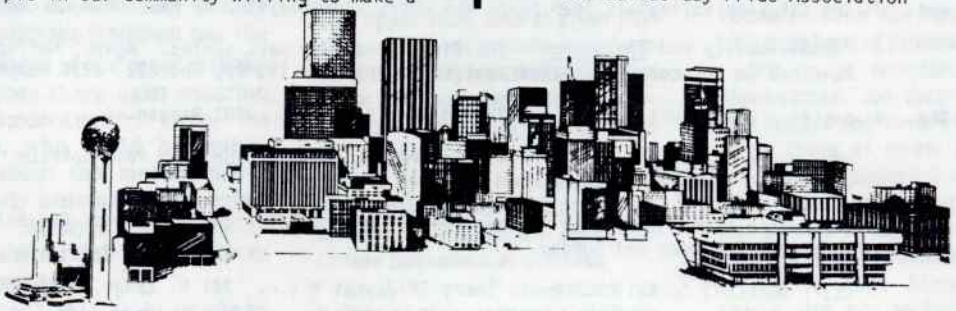
This year's Gay Pride Week activities, including the Parade, Rally, and Arts and Crafts Fair, were successful due to the hard work of a very small group of dedicated people on the Association committee.

While those same people are willing to work on next year's Gay Pride Week events, they all agreed on one cold, hard fact: they are no longer willing to do all the work themselves. Therefore, in order to have a celebration of Gay Pride Week again next year, there must be more people in our community willing to make a responsible commitment to help organize and work on the Association.

We are asking you, the gay community, for your help in making this important decision. The next meeting will be held on September 19th at 1 p.m. in the Dallas Gay Alliance offices on Oaklawn. If the community shows its concern, support, and willingness to work for Pride Week '83 by attending this meeting, then we will know that the gay community really cares and wants next year's celebrations to be a success. Failure can only result from lack of participation.

We welcome your input; we need your ideas--but most of all, we need you to attend the meetings. If you enjoyed this year's, help us so that there can be a successful Gay Pride Week in 1983.

--The Dallas Gay Pride Association



COUNSELING!

The Oak Lawn Counseling Center (OLCC) has begun forming two new counseling groups. "Married Men in Transition" will focus on the changes required in going from a married (heterosexual or homosexual?) life to the lifestyle of a single gay person. Individuals dealing with genital Herpes infections should attend "Herpes II."

All interested persons should call OLCC in Dallas at (214) 528-2081. All calls remain confidential.

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candidates for political office. "In light of Judge Buchmeyer's ruling that 21.06 is unconstitutional and the very positive media coverage of the National Gay Leadership Conference, a large turnout at Candidates' Night from Dallas' gay community would further impress the candidates in the November elections. In fact, the recent and widely publicized clout of our community will probably at least increase the interest of candidates in securing our endorsement. Bring your friends and support the progress of our movement by attending Candidates' Night."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Sat 4 Reverend Elder Freda Smith of the MCC of Sacramento, California will conduct a Spiritual Revival Saturday at 7:15 p.m. and at both services Sunday. Metropolitan Community Church. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

Sun 5 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 2336 Hemphill. (817) 926-7000.
United Community Church of Dallas. Service at 11 a.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. Prayer Breakfast, 9 a.m. Executive Inn, 3232 W. Mockingbird Lane. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

Mon 6 GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meets at the University Ministry Center of North Texas University campus. Maple and Avenue B. 7:30 p.m.

Tue 7 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in the Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscombe (near Page) at 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. (817) 571-6977.

The OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the MCC Social Hall, 2701 Reagan. Musicians needed, especially brass and percussion and strings (yes, strings). If you haven't played in two or even ten years, come and play. 2701 Reagan.

Wed 8 The Oak Lawn Volleyball Team practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7:30 p.m.

"Homosexuality and The Bible." The first of a four part series. Agape' Metropolitan Community Church. 7 p.m. Reverend Jo Crisco. The series continues September 15, 22, and 29. 2336 Hemphill. (817) 926-7000.

Thr 9 DALLAS ALTERNATIVES meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan.

"Gay Pride Week in Review." A slide and music presentation with Phil Johnson. Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscombe. 7:30 p.m. Refreshments.

Fri 10 Democratic State Convention begins. Hyatt Regency Hotel and the Dallas Convention Center. The convention continues Saturday and Sunday.

CLIFF DWELLERS Social Club meets every Friday at 8 p.m. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

Sun 12 Affirmation (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call for location. 521-6769.

Gay/Lesbian Liberal Religions Group meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. First Unitarian Church, Channing Hall. 4015 Normandy (at Preston). 7:30 p.m.

Mon 13 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. Program: Political Candidates' Night. It is imperative that we have a large attendance to impress upon the candidates our strength, determination and unity. Here is your chance to meet the candidates who are seeking the DGPC endorsement, and the gay vote in the November elections. 7:30 p.m.

Sun 19 GAY PRIDE WEEK Planning Committee will meet at 1 p.m. DGA office. It's not too early to start planning for Gay Pride Week '83. 521-0432.

Mon 20 DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 7 p.m. 750-8041.
DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. Everyone invited.

Wed 22 "The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas" review presented by Will Rochell and the Peoples Sovereign Court of Dallas, benefiting The Dallas Gay Alliance. Beer bust begins at 7:30 p.m. - Whorehouse begins at 9:30 p.m. Wooden Nickle, 3911 Cedar Springs. 521-0432.

Thr 30 The Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter of Integrity will meet September 30, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 6525 Inwood Road (at Mockingbird Lane).

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE DEPARTMENTS

TUESDAYS

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. Ann Brown.

CIVIC AFFAIRS - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. Doris Williams and Mike Stewart.

SOCIAL EVENTS - Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. Alan Ross.

EDUCATION - 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. Becky Stevens.

WEDNESDAYS

SOCIAL JUSTICE - 2nd Wednesday. Call 821-1130 for time and place. Terry Tebedo.

MEMBERSHIP - 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays. Call 559-2166 for time and place. John Thomas.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. DGA office. Davie Jones.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS - Every Wednesday at 8 p.m. DGA office. Bill Nelson.

THURSDAYS

FINANCIAL RESOURCES - Call 521-0432 for time, date, and place. Carl Mallies.

MAIL COMMITTEE - October 7th at 7:30 p.m. Phil's place. 821-1653. Phil Johnson.

Just What's So 'Gay' About It?

By William Murchison
Associate Editor

WHAT'S a little difference of opinion over sexual preference? the National Gay Liberation Conference wants to know.

The conference, which met in Dallas a few days ago, wishes it understood that "gays," being people, deserve the same privileges enjoyed by other people; meaning essentially the privilege of being as gay as they please. Mind you, not gay in the traditional sense of blithe and merry; gay in the contemporary sense of homosexual. The thought is not blithe and merry at all. It is somber.

The homosexual movement — for such it is: a full-fledged movement with leaders, platforms, banners and position papers — wants contradictory things. It wants homosexuals to be different from, and yet the same as, other folk.

THE MOVEMENT seeks gay dances, gay politicians, gay priests and ministers, gay living quarters. All these things it seeks within the context of the larger, non-gay society. The gays would be of that community and yet aloof from it — spurning not a few of its basic functions, like the propagation of life and the nurture of families.

The movement of course denies any contradiction of purpose here. "Different" isn't the same thing as "abnormal." Homosexuals are just as normal as heterosexuals. Sexual preference is like left-handedness or a taste for chocolate ice cream — something that just is, demanding no justification. So at least goes the argument.

The argument runs counter to the accumulated wisdom of the human race. Neither in Holy Writ, religious tradition nor the social codes of the great civilizations does there exist sanction for homosexuality. Even the Greeks, who could be ambivalent about the matter, never positively sanctioned the homosexual "lifestyle," contrary to the unhistorical assertions of gay liberation.

FOR ALL this, as an article in the summer number of *Policy Review* demonstrates, there is ample reason. Homosexuality isn't normal at all.

Steven Goldberg, a City College of New York sociologist, writes, alas, like a sociologist. But the points he scores are decisive. Homosexuals, says Goldberg, assert the thing they are supposedly trying to prove — the normality of their outlook and practice. "The homosexual spokesman argues, in effect, that homosexuality is analogous to left-handedness." Society says otherwise, and the homosexual is caught in a trap. For credibility's sake, he must admit that certain gross practices — necrophilia, for instance — are offbase. Social "persecution" certainly isn't proof of the normality of the "persecutees."

Whatever the reasons for homosexuality — and they are intensely debated — the practice is kept up in the face of social opposition, and at great psychic cost to individual homosexuals. Even sympathetic studies show that homosexuals suffer — and not necessarily on account of persecution, because, as shown by experience in permissive Holland and Denmark, increases in tolerance don't decrease homosexual distress.

Is it "normal" to persist in habits of this nature? Goldberg doesn't see how it can be. This makes the homosexual cause a troubling one. Goldberg suspects "that the homosexual does not want merely the rights that should always have been his. Nor does he want merely the empathy and openness we offer (or should offer) anyone with or without physical or psychological problems. The homosexual wants social affirmation of the normality of his behavior."

He wants in other words black called white, day called night, fish called fowl. Which is just what he *cannot* have, howsoever hard he tries.

NOT EVEN the federal courts can help him here. For all that U.S. Dist. Judge Jerry Buchmeyer of Dallas proclaims Texas' "deviate sexual intercourse" statute unconstitutional, homosexuality still translates as abnormality. Its "deviate" nature is felt in the bones — even the bones of untold numbers of homosexuals.

It's to be wondered if gay "spokesmen" do their brothers and sisters any favors by identifying them as moral left-handers. The homosexual who is assured, again and again, that he's not merely normal but couldn't be better, has insufficient incentive to change himself. He'll thank you not to burden him with this normality junk — at least until he closes his door behind him and begins to search his own heart and mind.

REBUTTAL BAKER vs. WADE — THE ONLY DECISION

Though much ado has been made in the press recently over the federal court decision declaring the Texas "anti-homosexual conduct" law unconstitutional, I wonder how many of the glib and critical editorialists actually read the fifty-three page opinion which has now fundamentally decided the question of gay rights in Texas.

First of all, any talk of Judge Buchmeyer going against the great weight and conscience of society is bunk. Twenty-four states have already repealed similar criminal statutes, all polls show that most Americans disapprove of such legislation, and the call for repeal of such laws on the books in Texas and 25 other states has been formally and thoughtfully issed by such monolithic national institutions as the American Medical Association, the American Bar Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the National Educational Association and the National Council of Churches. That's a pretty broad waterfront.

So why all this support for gay rights?

CONTINUED ON THE REVERSE SIDE

Because "society" is getting smarter and smarter as the years go by. A couple of centuries ago we wised up and stopped believing that witches were real and posed a significant threat to the "very fabric of society". The laws changed and eventually we stopped burning strange little women at the stake in Salem, Massachusetts. The same thing is happening now with our understanding of homosexuality. For the benefit of the editors of the Dallas Morning News (most of you readers already know this), here's what is currently known about homosexuals:

Homosexuals are not sick, they're only different in their sexuality. This is something sex researchers have known for years and the psychiatric profession has now openly and authoritatively admitted. Homosexuals are as healthy as heterosexuals and, according to Masters & Johnson research, have a number of insights to sexual self-understanding the so-called "straight world" could benefit from knowing. In the Baker vs. Wade trial, the psychological testimony on the subject was very interesting. The witness representing the psychological and medical communities was Dr. Judd Marmor of U.C.L.A., reputedly one of the great minds of the Twentieth Century and the former President of the American Psychiatric Association. He spoke not with the broad brush of journalistic generalities of what "society knows", but rather with the precision and authority of two decades of scientific research on sexual orientation. His testimony was to the point and professionally documented: Gay people are not sick; they do not choose their sexual orientation any more than heterosexuals choose their sexual drives; sexual orientation is fixed by the time a child reaches five years of age, and subsequent attempts to change sexual orientation behavior can have a dangerous and disintergrating effect on the subject's personality; homosexuality has never been shown to be contageous and cannot be imposed on any individual at any age no matter what the circumstances; classic sex crimes such as sexual homocide, rape, public exhibitionism and child molestation are fundamentally heterosexual characteristics and their occurrence among homosexuals is far more rare.

Dr. Marmor added that the seemingly universal rejection gay people suffer from intollerent societies --by parents, friends, preachers, unlearned doctors and the law --can itself lead to personality and psychiatric problems of depression, low self esteem and neurotic behavior patterns, but the homosexual orientation, as such, is as healthy for an individual as heterosexuality.

For the state's counter to the powerful testimony of Dr. Marmor, the Dallas District Attorney's office drug up Dr. James Grigson, known as "Dr. Death" to the public media for his history of paid courtroom testimony on behalf of state prosecutions in over 100 criminal cases per year for the last five years. Dr. Grigson had been officially repremanded by the American Psychiatric Association for prior testimony-for-pay, and on cross-examination he admitted that his opinion that private homosexual conduct ought to be a crime was not supported by any other psychiatrist to his knowledge, nor any psychological study, institution, forum or professional publication. When he stepped down from the witness stand, the state's case for defending the law lay in a shambles. It was clear to every person in that courtroom, including the judge, the District Attorney and the City Attorney, that if 21.06 had any reason to remain in existence, it would have to be blind prejudice alone.

People are funny. They come in all sizes, shapes, colors and styles. That's what makes them so wonderful. The only problem is that sometimes society selects one of the categories, usually at random and with no real basis, and decides that that particular group just won't do. The early Romans picked the Christians; the Nazis picked the Jews, the Gypsies and, incidently, the homosexuals; the Christians now pick the athiests; and heaven knows the whites have picked the blacks. Gay people have the advantage of being easily hidden in their particular form of variation from the norm. Homosexuality has been documented since the beginning of recorded time, and nothing society can do will increase or decrease its occurrence. What society can do is a little acknowledging. Homosexual men and women have, historically, been responsible for some of the grandest accomplishments of the human race. Anyone who thinks Tchaikovski, Leonardo DiVinci, Walk Whitman, Aristotle, Oscar Wilde, Gertrude Stein or King James were your average everyday heterosexual hasn't done much inquiry. The point is the contribution of homosexuals to the quality of life on this planet has been enormous. And they are everywhere, and they're just like everyone else --needing the support of their friends, the love of their families, a job, a feeling of safety in a troubled world, and someone to hold onto through cold winter nights.

Thank you, Judge Buchmeyer, for not shying away from something that makes some newspapers run for cover --the truth.

OCTOBER

Sat 2 DIALOG Production day, starting at noon. 6050 Birchbrook #242. Call 750-8041 or 651-0651. Again on Sunday.

Tue 5 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in the Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscombe (near Page) at 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. (817) 571-6977.

Wed 6 Pot Luck Supper at the Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2601 Reagan. 6:15 p.m. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday) 2336 Hemphill. 7:30 p.m.

Mon 11 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. Program: Jenny Appuzo, gay crusader. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

PRIVACY RIGHTS '82 FUNDRAISER

By Joe Baker

There's a breath of fresh air spreading across the country--Dallas and Fort Worth included--and it is drawing thousands of people out into the sunlight for the first time.

The fresh air is Privacy Rights '82, a project of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national political action committee formed to help Congressional candidates who are committed to justice and civil rights for gay men and women.

Privacy Rights '82, which is attempting to raise at least $500,000 nationwide, is designed to protect individual rights from invasion by self-righteous moralists.

Local committees of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, including one in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, have been organized to help raise money in key cities across the country, and they have been successful in drawing men and women into the campaign who are not old hands in gay politics.

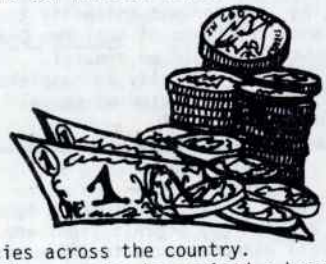
The Dallas/Fort Worth committee is headed by John Thomas, a member of the Alliance Board of Directors. He hopes to raise $40,000 to $50,000 in Dallas for the national effort.

"The Human Rights Campaign Fund is the opportunity for us to send a message to our enemies," he said. "We can let them know that we will participate in the electoral process and make a difference in our lives.

"We are talking about our right to privacy. The Religious New Right, the Moral Majority and other such groups want to take that away from us. Contributions given will aid the campaigns of co-sponsors and supporters of the federal bill prohibiting discrimination against gay people.

"Donations also will be used to mount extensive campaigns against congressional supporters of bills and amendaments that would deny gay citizens access to taxpayer-funded government programs and services," Thomas said.

Thomas said the Human Rights Campaign Fund has a responsible and effective program in place and already has proven it can have an impact in several



cities across the country.

"The campaign has gained a broad-based backing, with a prestigious advisory committee and board of directors," he said. "We have the behind-the-scene advice and assistance of some of the best political experts in Washington, D.C. and the nation."

Thomas explained that the Human Rights Campaign Fund was created because other national gay rights groups are, for tax purposes, social welfare organizations which are prohibited from direct participation in political campaigns.

"The time has come, however, for a national gay-supportive political action committee," he said. "That is why the Human Rights Campaign Fund was formed."

Thomas stressed that the Human Rights Campaign Fund is the only national political action committee which makes positions on fairness for gay people and commitment to individual rights and privacy the central criteria for candidate support.

He also noted that contributions to the Human Rights Campaign Fund are eligible for a tax credit on income tax returns. Contributors can receive a tax credit for one-half of their political contributions --up to a $50 maximum credit on individual returns and $100 for joint returns.

Thomas and his Dallas/Fort Worth committee have already sponsored several fund-raising endeavors, and more are in the planning stages.

Thomas said the fund-raising highlight will be a formal dinner on Saturday, September 25th in the International Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel. The theme of the evening will be "Our Time." The guest speaker will be Joel Wachs, the Republican president of the Los Angeles City Council and a strong supporter of gay rights. Music will be provided by a 15-piece orchestra, with other entertainment consisting of a musical revue capturing the theme of the evening. Tickets for the dinner are $150 each.

For tickets, more information about the Human Rights Campaign Fund, or to send a contribution, write the Human Rights Campaign Fund at P.O.Box 50031, Dallas, Texas 75250.

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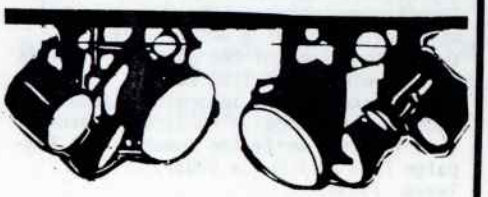
Gingersnaps

by Steven Linn

An actor friend of mine in New York once told me whenever he felt discouraged about theatre, he'd go see a big Broadway hit musical and have his spirit restored by the professionalism of performers eager--wholeheartedly but not whorishly--to give an audience their money's worth. I thought of his remark when the curtain rose on The Wiz at the State Fair Music Hall, and remembered too the first professional theatre I ever experienced--Plain and Fancy, at the same Music Hall, in which Alexis Smith gave a definitive demonstration of star quality a dozen years before she performed the same service for Broadway in Follies.

The Wiz maintained the tradition. Deborah Malone kept things moving as briskly along the Yellow Brick Road as Judy Garland did in the MGM version; young Ms. Malone is blessed with a voice as beguilingly plangent when belting a song as when breathing out Dorothy's famous wish to go home. Ira Hawkins, Terry Burrell, and Dallie Mohammed--as the Wiz, and good and bad witches respectively--are no vocal slouches either and helped gloss over the play's second-act sloppiness; Jeff Coopwood was around to prove in several large incarnations that there are no small parts, only small actors; and the modified monochrome of Peter Wolf's backdrops moved the occasion to one of large scale splendor.



Oh! Calcutta!, at the Convention Center Theatre, dealt less with professionalism than commercialism. Since the only available programs went at four bucks a throw, I can's tell you the name of the gifted blonde who delivered the immortal line while looking up at the bellhop or that of the Junoesque brunette whose lush body was the most attractive of those so prominently on view and superb by any standards. The company of hard-working pros gave a creditable performance considering that they were clearly instructed (with the welcome exception of the best number, "Letters to the Editor") to play every line, from subtle to socko, as to a fevered mob of 13-year-olds retarded in every aspect except that of sexuality. The audience that turned up on the first night partially justified this view, containing as it did some distinctly unsavory types--all of them of course superior in every respect, except that of ostentation, to the usual Dallas theatre crowd.

As of this column, I have reviewed local theatre--and, more sporadically, film--for a year now. In that year, I hope my writing has acquired a trace of professionalism--I cringe looking at some of those early pieces--but even the King James Translation could be reduced to drool through sloppy reproduction. Therefore, I want to thank Bill Nelson, an editor who let me say everything I wanted to say (except, on one occasion, " ") and whose emendations invariably improved my copy--well, almost invariably: it was "dank age of Reagan," Bill. "Dank," not "dark." Let me thank, too, Dave Lewis, whose proofreading and lay-out painstakingly brought you every eccentrically placed semicolon and parenthetical phrase just as I sent it in. In a world that seems increasingly to be run by dolts whose inept malevolence is exceeded only by their hypocrisy, it's comforting to know that here at least intelligence is in command.

Finally, let me say I do look forward to a season that promises some exciting productions, and--soppy as this may sound--that if you've enjoyed reading this column as much as I enjoyed writing it, I'm honored.

One LAST final word. I've been typing this keeping one eye and both ears on a Phil Donahue Show in which people who at least look intelligent have been discussing with perfect solemnity the edicts and strictures of Real Men Don't Eat Quiche. Paranoid we are, of course, but are we really so completely without humor in our view of sexual roles and stereotypes?

NOTICE

The Alliance is often approached by both gay and non-gay organizations who wish to mail announcements to DGA members. Dialog has been asked to state the Board's position that members' addresses remain confidential and that the Alliance mailing lists are not for sale.

However, when a worthy organization has a major announcement of which the Board feels DGA members should know, envelopes with the announcement inside and with postage attached must be provided to the Board of Directors. Then the Board will affix mail labels from the Membership Department to these envelopes and have them mailed. Thus, the DGA mailing lists are secret to all persons and organizations outside the Alliance.

MURDER MOST FOUL

Larry Keith Robison has been arrested for murdering five persons in west Fort Worth, including his roommate, 31-year old Rickey Lee Bryant. Bryant was an avowed Fort Worth gay activist and a Democratic precinct chairman.

Robison has admitted committing all five slayings. In 1978, he was diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic, and his mother has attempted to have him committed to a mental institution for the past 4 years. He was treated for 30 days in 1981 at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, but the hospital would not commit him for an extended stay because his illness was not severe enough, Mrs. Robison stated.

Robison apparently decapitated and sexually mutilated Bryant's body after he killed him because Bryant's head and genitals were cut off. Local mental health experts say that Robison was probably a psychotic driven by violent rage that may have stemmed from vengeance or passion.

Dallas police psychologist Al Somodevilla said, "I could see the person being in a frenzy, at least internally." John White, another police psychologist, said, "In most sex-related crimes--homosexual or heterosexual--the sexual organs are a point of attack." Somodevilla added, "Sometimes you have tremendous violence and further destruction of the body when you have a homosexual (involved); I'm not saying this always happens with homosexuals, but sometimes."

Forensic psychologist Robert Gordon said, "There is a likelihood that this murderer conducted his handiwork under the influence of drugs."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Dallas Times Herald's coverage of the Robison killings did not refer to Bryant's or any other victim's death as a "homosexual murder." A sexual relationship between Bryant and Robison was only implied. Obviously, at least this newspaper has been sensitive to gay leaders who have complained about negative labels affixed to crimes when a gay person is suspected to have been involved, such as in the articles on the Atlanta mass murders.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

A special Congressional committee recently dismissed allegations of homosexual misconduct between members of Congress and Congressional pages. A Justice Department report also found no misconduct in its own report.

Allegations of sexual misconduct had become public after one former page, Leroy Williams, charged earlier this summer that as many as half a dozen Congressmen and many Congressional aides had bribed him to arrange liaisons between them and pages and male prostitutes. Williams, however, later failed a lie detector test, and interviews with the 100 House and Senate pages failed to substantiate any charges.

Finally, Williams admitted in a Little Rock press conference on August 27th that he had made up the entire story to draw attention to what he considered abuses in the page system. Williams stated that he had access to all the liquor he wanted due to his status as a page and later as a Republican page supervisor. "As a result, I almost became an alcoholic." Williams said he used several illegal drugs while he was in Washington, D.C. as a page, including cocaine, marijuana, and a concentrated caffeine tablet. He also said he had had homosexual relations.

Despite the recent revelations concerning Williams' charges, Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, chair of the House Ethics Committee, stated on August 28th that his committee's investigation would continue "both in the area of improper or illegal sexual conduct and the illicit use or distribution of drugs." Whatever the outcome of the Congressional probes, a call for reforms in the page system has resulted.

METHODISTS BATTLE OVER GAY BOARD MEMBER

A gay man's election to a United Methodist Church board has renewed a long standing battle among Texas Methodists. At the last church conference of the Southwest Texas Conference, Troy Stokes was elected to the 30-member Methodist Church and Society Board. The Southwest Texas Conference includes Methodist churches in San Antonio, Austin, the Rio Grande Valley and West Central Texas.

Stokes, from Austin, is an administrator of the Austin Gayline, a telephone counseling service. He is also a former president of the Wesley Foundation, a Methodist student association, when he was student at Rice University. A motion to delete his name from an official slate was rejected at the conference.

Since the election, though, several of the 368 parishes in the conference have protested the election. A few have threatened to withhold funds to the diocese.

Responding to his critics, Stokes stated that he would not resign his position and that he hopes that he will be "helpful to the gay people who are already here" in the Methodist Church.

Stokes' election capped a two-year series of negotiations and confrontations with Texas Methodist Church officials. The Methodist Church's statements on homosexuality have caused controversy throughout the last decade. At present the Church's position is that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian values, although individual gays are seen as persons of value.

Bishop Dixon of San Antonio replied to critics that the move was designed to encourage a church ministry to gays. Dixon has sent letters to conference delegates, asking them if they want to reconsider Stokes' appointment. An announcement on calling a special meeting is expected in August.

Ms. Stewart Won't Budge

Both the July and August 1982 Dialogs stated that Susan Stewart, a Dallas Times Herald columnist who lumped all gay women and men into the old stereotypes and implied that the gay rights movement was defeating itself, has finally responded to many letters and phone calls from the Editor and other members of the community.

Ms. Stewart's August 28th column featured excerpts from letters in response to her regular column and her responses to her readers. Her comment: "For one thing, I apologize: I said earrings are popular among gays. I was behind on that one. Earrings are no longer de rigeur in the gay community. I still agree with myself about everything else."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Perhaps Ms. Stewart is correct, and we are not making the impression we should through the media. If so, our leaders should re-evalutate our strategy and our actions and not allow others to decide our fate. More probably, Ms. Stewart's heavy-handed criticism of gay people is but typical of her writing style which would obviously find fault with the Second Coming.

OLTA

The Oak Lawn Tennis Association (OLTA) is currently in the middle of summer league play. Approximately 35 members are participating in three divisions.

OLTA will host the Third Annual Texas/OU Tennis Classic on Saturday, October 9, and Sunday, October 10, at the Samuell-Grand Tennis Center in East Dallas. There will be three divisions of co-sexual singles plus an open doubles division. For information, contact Carlos Banda, tournament director, at 526-5717 or Sam Yee, the president of OLTA, at 739-2726 or 823-2051.

OLTA practices every Sunday at noon and on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 P.M. at Cole Park. All interested women and men are welcome.

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

A long-awaited event has happened, but as could probably be expected, Tyler's KLTV station did not report the Baker decision very hastily.

Mid-East Texas gays had to wait for the morning paper to get the report, if not informed by radio or grapevine. The Tyler Morning Telegraph naturally buried it deep in the third section. Where was it? Ironically, and amusingly, immediately adjacent to the funnies! One wonders just how many bright young eyes wandered to the right an inch or so and possibly went to their dictionaries to obtain the meaning of a perhaps-unknown word in the headline, printed in type nearly three-quarters of an inch high. Or perhaps the youngster carried the paper to an appropriately horrified parent and asked, "What does this word mean, S-O-D-O-M-Y?"

On second thought, perhaps the funnies' page was an effective place for consciousness raising through vocabulary building.

One thank-you note is already known to have gone to Judge Buchmeyer. There ought to be others. Many others. Mail sacks full, from all over the state. Given the Bible-Belt mentality, it would seem inevitable that the judge might receive some negative letters. A good pile of thank-you notes, expressing appreciation, would help counter the negative criticism he might receive.

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PSYCHOLOGY & GAYS: NEW MODELS, NEW VIEWS

- A Review Essay

By T.R.M.

Within the last decade, psychologists and psychiatrists have sharply revised their theories of gay men and lesbians. New theories now focus on positive gay experiences and on stages of identity formation, explained a local psychologist at the July meeting of the Gay Academic Union of North Texas.

The impetus for this change was the 1974 change by the American Psychiatric Association (APA), according to Royce Scrivner, a local psychologist. Before the change, homosexuality had been listed as a personality disorder, along with sadism, pedophilia, and fetishism.

Since the revision, the only APA listing for homosexual-related disorders is "ego-dystonic homosexuality," a situation occurring when an individual is uncomfortable with his or her own sexual feelings. Homosexuality, per se, is no longer listed as a disorder.

Labeling is an important aspect of clinical care for gays, contended Scrivner. "The APA change illustrates the power of labeling and not labeling. Labeling helps to make sense out of the world if people feel confused or if their world seems chaotic."

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New models of gay relationships differ markedly from older models. Formerly, psychoanalysis had typically assumed that a gay identity represented a form of arrested development, or that it was a pathology per se.

By contrast, in the new view, homosexuality is "one of a number of potentially effective sexual life-styles, others being asexuality, bi-sexuality, and exclusive heterosexuality," writes William Herron and others in the recent special edition.

In the new models, a heavy focus on developmental stages is evident. The new models are strongly influenced by earlier developmental or stage theories, such as those of Erik Erikson, Harry Stack Sullivan, and Abraham Maslow.

Stage-oriented models assume that an individual faces different challenges furing different periods of his or her life. An individual who copes successfully with one stage develops a positive self-identity. If an individual fails to cope with a stage's crises, then that person may develop a negative self-identity and grow bitter or frustrated.

New models of gay identity-formation also rely more heavily on field work and interviews among non-therapy gays. By contrast, many of the older, less positive psychological models were based on patients in mental hospitals or in therapy, especially gays dissatisfied with their sexuality. Not surprisingly, the new models find more positive experiences among gay persons.

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An example of the new stage theories is one proposed by Vivienne Cass, an Australian clinical psychologist. Her article "Homosexual Identity Formation: A Theoretical Model" was published in Spring 1979 in the Journal of Homosexuality.

Cass proposes a six-stage model to explain gay development. At each stage an individual confronts a different dilemma in achieving a sexual self-identity.

Like most of the new models, the Cass model resulted from several years of clinical work with gays.

Cass defines an early stage as "identity development," in which an individual begins to be aware of homosexual feelings. In a second stage, labeled "identity confusion," the individual may experience isolation, normlessness, and confusion over what it means to be gay.

A third stage, "identity tolerance," is a coming-out stage. Here, a person may actively seek out other gays and gay groups. At this time, a gay person may confront problems with poor social skills, shyness, low self-esteem, and fears of exposure. Among males, in particular, this stage is often accompanied by high levels of sexual activity.

In the fourth and fifth stages, "identity acceptance" and "identity pride," a gay person accepts a homosexual self-identity. Often a person at this stage reduces contacts with straights, especially disapproving straights. Gay support groups become more important. Gay pride may develop during these later stages.

Finally, Cass describes a sixth stage of "identity synthesis." Now, the gay person feels more secure in his or her identity and can more comfortably relate to straights as well as gays.

In each of the six stages, a gay person tries to find ways of reducing conflict and meeting new crises in a sexual identity. In early stages, coping with stress may simply mean passing as straight or discounting homosexual feelings or behavior. In later stages, gays reduce stress by rejecting earlier stereotypes, avoiding anti-gay straights, and better defining their own personal goals.

Cass acknowledges the limits of her theory. In none of these stages can tension and stress be entirely eliminated. However, she writes, gays who develop into the later stages develop more self-confidence, a stronger self-identity, and cope more successfully with prejudice and intolerance.

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Most of the new models are admittedly tentative and may require later revision. Even so, the new stage-oriented models may still be helpful.

While the new growth-oriented models have already begun to appear in health care textbooks, they have by no means completely replaced older theories. The illness model of homosexuality is still common among many politicians, religious figures, and psychologists. For example, the Reagan adminstration's hostile treatment of gay tourists and immigrants through the Immigration and Naturalization Service still reflects now outmoded theories.

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LGDT MEETING SET

By Michael Milliken

"Work within the system" and "Strive for a non-controversial State Democratic Party Convention in September" were the main tenets of convention strategy as proposed by Scottie Scott, Co-Chair of the Lesbian and Gay Democrats of Texas (LGDT), at the August 15th LGDT meeting following the National Gay Conference at the Grenelefe Hotel. Discussions which she and Co-Chair Steve Thomas have had with State Democratic Party Chairman Bob Slagle were the basis for proposed LGDT convention strategy.

Slagle is very anxious to get Mark White elected and is quite willing to work with the Texas Democratic Party's gay caucus on committee requests and appointments in order to better achieve Party unity at the State Democratic Convention in Dallas on September 10th and 11th. Requests were made by LGDT members to have meetings with Mark White to determine his position on gay issues, the Family Protection Act, ERA, and Pro-Choice.

LGDT will sponsor a hospitality suite in the Dallas Hyatt-Regency Hotel where the convention will be headquartered. The Civic Affairs Department of the Alliance will organize this hospitality suite and staff it with DGA volunteers.

LGDT members statewide have geared up for the State Convention in advance. LGDT posters for the convention are being prepared in Austin, while LGDT buttons are being prepared in Denton. LGDT has also purchased advertisement space in the convention program. And an information table for LGDT literature, buttons and bumper stickers will be open at the Convention Center.

Volunteers to serve as runners during the convention are still needed. Shuttle service to all convention events will be provided.

In general LGDT business, both Co-Chairs announced that thirteen positions on the LGDT Board of Directors will be up for election in September, along with the two Co-Chair positions. A new set of By-laws will be submitted for approval at the next LGDT meeting in September.

DIALOG

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VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2ND

The Political Action Committee recently announced its fall campaign schedule to help Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC) endorsed candidates. The PAC will work most nights from October 13th through the November 2nd election at the DGA offices, 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201.

Scheduled activities include distributing endorsement cards to the gay community, manning a telephone bank, distributing literature and yard signs, and updating voter identification lists.

Volunteers should call 528-4233 to help in the fall election effort.

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An endorsement listing is included in this month's Dialog. PAC Co-Chair Mike Stewart noted that the DGPC recently targeted several statewide and local races for special attention. These endorsements include both Republicans and Democrats. Endorsements followed a questionnaire to candidates and a candidates' night at the September DGA meeting.

Targeted races and endorsed candidates include Robert Power, Dallas County Judge; Ann Richards, State Treasurer; Jim Hightower, State Commissioner of Agriculture.

Other targeted races include Davey Lamb, State Representative District 109; John Bryant, U.S. Representative District 5; Richard Harrison, Dallas County District Attorney; and Martin Frost, U.S. Representative District 24.

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PAC co-chair Mike Stewart urged DGA members to volunteer to work prior to and during the November 2nd election. "There are a lot of races where our votes can make a difference," Stewart noted. "Candidates come to us knowing that we can turn out gay votes."

Phase One of the fall DGPC campaign included registering and identifying gay voters and those sympathetic to gay causes. Over 500 voters were registered by the October 2nd deadline, Stewart stated.

Phase Two will focus on contacting voters and will continue through October. The final phase of the campaign focuses on turning out the vote.

"We expect to distribute up to 20,000 endorsement sheets before the election," explained Stewart, "in addition to mailings and phone calls to 2500 voters on our voter identification list." Endorsement sheets will be available at gay bars and businesses before the November election.

PAC officials stress the special importance of the 1982 elections. "We have more reason to act united this year than ever before. We are under serious attack by the New Right, in particular, the religious right wing," a recent PAC release stated.

"If they are successful, not only will progress be halted, but repressive measures could literally turn back the pages of history.

"Casting a ballot when done in great numbers and unity will sound a cry for justice. Politicians listen to those they cannot afford to ignore," PAC noted.

HOORAY! NO APPEAL

Texas' anti-gay statute Article 21.06 died last month when the appeals deadline passed without action by Texas Attorney General White or any of Texas' district or city attorneys to begin the appellate process in the Fifth District Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Article 21.06 was declared unconstitutional by Federal District Court Judge Jerry Buchmeyer on Tuesday, August 17th. The decision marked the first time a federal court had overturned a state's homosexuality statute on Constitutional grounds. An appeal of the decision could have been initiated within thirty days of Buchmeyer's ruling.

After the decision on 21.06, reaction in Texas was mixed. The Texas GOP Convention passed a resolution urging Democratic Attorney General Mark White to appeal. And Lester Roloff, a South Texas evangelist, mailed a letter to his followers which endorsed GOP Gov. Bill Clements in his race for re-election against White and attacked White for failing to appeal the "victory for homosexuals and sodomites."

The passing of the deadline for an appeal means that Texas is the 26th state in which homosexual activity between consenting adults is no longer illegal.

BOARD SENDS LETTER TO CITY OFFICIALS

The DGA Board of Directors mailed the following letter to: Mayor Evans; all members of the Dallas City Council; Charles Anderson, city manager; Levi Davis, assistant city manager; and Police Chief Prince.

Bill Nelson, Dallas Gay Alliance Director of Communications, stated that, "We felt that it was important for these leaders of our city to see first-hand the words and opinion of the federal judge who confirmed all of the things that our movement has been saying about gay people for years. Hopefully some of those people who receive their copy of the decision will take the time to read it."

The letter's text:

As you may be aware, a federal judge recently declared Secion 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code unconstitutional. It was this section of the code which made it illegal to engage in homosexual conduct in private in this state.

Members of the Dallas Gay Alliance have communicated with you in various ways about their concerns and needs as gay citizens of this city. We strongly believe that it is ignorance and not prejudice that is our enemy in Dallas. We also know that our statements and arguments often sound biased and self-serving because we are gay activists.

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NETWORK

With the goal of forming a regional networking system comprised of all gay and lesbian organizations within the North Texas region, the Alliance's Community Relations Department is compiling a list of names and addresses for any and all organizations within the Dallas-Fort Worth-Denton area.

Support for a stronger communication system among gay and lesbian groups has been needed for quite some time. Benefits from such a system would include keeping the community better informed on activities of various organizations as well as creating a sense of awareness of who we are within our own varied culture.

Every gay and lesbian group is encouraged to participate in creating this

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Meeting
Oct. 11
7:30
MCC
2701 Reagan

Guest Speaker:
Virginia Apuzzo
Executive Director,
The Fund for Human Dignity

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DGPC ENDORSEMENTS

NOTE: The candidates listed on this sheet share the view that lesbians and gay men should be treatd fairly and equally in the courts and legislative bodies; however, our endorsement does not necessarily mean an individual candidate condones a homosexual lifestyle.

(D) John Bryant	U.S.REP., 5th DIST.
(D) Martin Frost	U.S.REP., 24th DIST.
(D) Bob Bullock	STATE COMPTROLLER
(D) Ann Richards	STATE TREASURER
(D) Garry Mauro	LAND COMMISSIONER
(D) Jim Hightower	AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER
(R) John T. Henderson	RAILROAD COMMISSIONER
(D) Bill Kilgarlin	ASSOC. JUSTICE SUPREME COURT, PL. 2
(D) Samuel Hudson, III	STATE REP., 100th DISTRICT
(D) David Cain	STATE REP., 107th DISTRICT
(D) Davey Lamb	STATE REP., 109th DISTRICT
(D) Paul B. Ragsdale	STATE REP., 110th DISTRICT
(D) Jesse Oliver	STATE REP., 111th DISTRICT
(D) Lawrence B. Mitchell	ASSOC. JUDGE, 5th DIST., PL. 1
(D) Dennis Schwartz	44th DISTRICT COURT
(D) Aglaia Dixie Mauzy	193rd DISTRICT COURT
(D) Richard Mays	204th DISTRICT COURT
(D) Bill Cole	254th DISTRICT COURT
(D) Josh Taylor	302nd DISTRICT COURT
(R) Richard Harrison	CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
(D) Robert Power	COUNTY JUDGE
(D) B. F. "Bill" Coker	COUNTY COURT AT LAW, #1
(D) George Goodwin	COUNTY COURT AT LAW, #2
(D) Jim Martin	COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, #4
(D) Erin Sneed	COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, #5
(D) William "Bill" Jacobs	COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, #6
(D) Stan Channell	COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, #7
(D) John R. Leigh	COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, #9
(D) Matt McKool	PROBATE COURT, #1
(D) Richard Danna	PROBATE COURT, #3
(D) T. E. Moore	DISTRICT CLERK
(D) Richard Cox	COUNTY CLERK
(R) Fletcher Freeman	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 1, PL. 2
(D) Gladys Shook	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 7, PL. 2

SOAP?

Warning The following candidates have publicly stated their opposition to gay civil rights:

(R) James Collins	U.S. SENATOR
(R) Joe Devaney	U.S.REP., 5th DIST.
(R) Clay Smothers	MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF ED., 24th DIST.
(D) Henry Wade	CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Instructions

WHEN TO VOTE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1982, 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

WHERE:

A list of polling places will be in the newspapers on election day, or call one of the following: the Dallas County Voter Information Office (749-8871), Democratic Hdqtrs. (744-9036), Republican Hdqtrs. (369-9555), or DGPC Election Hotline (528-4233). Look for your precinct number on your salmon-colored voter registration card, or simply tell us your address and we'll tell you where to vote.

HOW:

Take your voter registration card with you. If you have lost it, or not yet received it in the mail, or have an old white card, go to the polls anyway. Your name may be on the list of eligible voters. If you have moved and not re-registered, go back to the polling place that serves your former precinct. If your name is not on the books and you do not have your voter registration card, you may vote if you take an oath that you are a resident of that precinct and sign a statement to that effect. Insist on being allowed to do this!!!

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LETTER

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Kroner's letter follows several anonymous "hate mail" letters to the DGA, one of which was handed out at the July meeting of the general membership.

Dear Editor,

There are as many profiles of hate letter writers as there are hateful writers, although there are a few characteristics which most, if not all, have in common.

That these writers are usually anonymous should not detract from their need for publicity. Many hate letters are shown around before they are actually dispatched. To boost the writer's general lack of self-esteem, hate letters will often refer to some elements of facts, a feature which was absent in the recent letter to the "Queer Political Caucus." Contrary to the letter's claim, the DGA did not mail letters of endorsement to anyone not known to be a member, or at least a friend, of the DGPC.

As a rule, hate letter writers feel inadequate in their social, educational, and economic role and must find scapegoats whom they consider on a lower level than themselves. Frequently a writer will boast of his own accomplishments, as in this instance, adherence to a religious faith. It is obvious, though, that the "Queer Letter" writer has not been to church in years, else the misspellings of "Satan" would have been corrected.

A hate letter would be incomplete without a threat. Usually the threat of physical violence will compensate for the writer's inability to change conditions beyond his or her control. Obviously, the reference to punishment in the hereafter is such a threat. There is also the threat of "seeking advice from my lawyer." This threat does not carry much weight since the correspondent conveniently failed to sign his name or to provide a return address.

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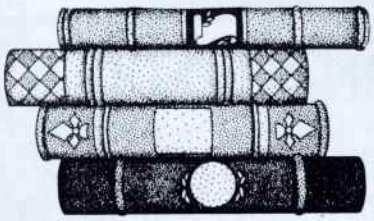
FEMINIST BOOKSTORE

Dallas has its first feminist bookstore. Half the Sky: Women's Books & Provisions opened its doors to the public at 2018 Greenville Avenue on Saturday, September 17th.

In addition to stocking fiction and non-fiction reflecting women's interests, the store carries graphics, tapestries, casual clothing, and albums featuring women's music. "More than a bookstore," says owner-manager Johncy Mundo. "We want to establish a women's community center--a place to meet and talk and visit. That's why we have more chairs than bookshelves."



The bookstore, whose name derives from the Chinese proverb, "Women hold up half the sky," also will serve as a distribution point for voting guides. Buttons and bumper stickers are displayed for sale.

"I believe it's important to give back to a community," Ms. Mundo says, "not only to live there, but to live actively, socially and politically, and enhance the community's sense of itself."

Half the Sky is located in burgeoning lower Greenville Avenue, in the block between Bar Tejas and Little Gus'. The store's telephone number is 824-7866; its hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays.

Dialog will also be available at the Half the Sky.

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THANKS TO OUR MEN IN UNIFORM: NEW GONORRHEA VACCINE

A vaccine against gonorrhea may be available, if U.S. Army tests prove successful. An experimental vaccine is now being developed at the Army's Walter Reed Hospital, and a field test is scheduled for next year at a U.S. military base.

Dr. Charles Brinton of the University of Pittsburgh reports that "this is the first vaccine that has demonstrated any protection whatsoever against gonorrhea. We expect to get a lot of answers from the field test."

Public health officials indicate that one million new cases of gonorrhea are reported in the U.S. every year and that several times that number of cases go unreported.

The new vaccine is directed against tiny hair-like fibers, called pili, that cover the bacteria's body and allow the bacteria to invade body cells. The vaccine stimulates an immune reaction, preventing the gonorrhea bacteria from adhering to cells.

To date, the new vaccine has been tested only in human volunteers. Early results indicate that the volunteers received a high degree of protection from the gonorrhea bacteria.

ARMY THREATENS SCHOOLS

The Army's top military lawyer has threatened to recommend to the Pentagon that lucrative Defense Department contracts be withheld from six universities whose law schools bar recruiting by the Army and other employers that discriminate against gay people.

Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Clausen, the Army's judge advocate general, wrote the law schools in May warning them that their universities would face possible cancellation of future defense contracts and reserve training unit programs unless the law divisions permitted Army recruiting.

Columbia, New York University, Harvard, Yale, the University of California at Los Angeles and Wayne State University all received the letters. Law schools of all six prohibit on-campus recruiting by any employer who discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation. The universities in question received more than $41 million in research and other contracts from the Defense Department in the last fiscal year.

Clausen said the Army's rationale for excluding gay people was "predicated upon practical military requirements." Unlike civilians who associate only during work hours, Clausen wrote, "soldiers must often sleep, eat and perform personal hygiene under conditions affording minimal privacy."

OK DAD GETS KIDS

A man's acknowledged homosexuality does not make him unfit as a parent, the Oklahoma Supreme Court said Tuesday in ordering a lower court to award custody of 11-year-old twin boys to their homosexual father.

The state high court noted that its ruling contrasted with an opinion it handed down earlier this year in a case involving a mother who lost custody of her 2-year-old son after she acknowledged having an open lesbian relationship in her home.

The high court remanded the case to a state district court with instructions that legal custody of the boys be awarded to the father who had said he was a homosexual.

The boys' mother, the opinion noted, had a record of psychological problems and had not participated in either the trial court's final custody review or the father's appeal to the Supreme Court.

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week: Aristophanes' Lysistrata (at the Bath House Cultural Center through Halloween, 827-3887 and 373-9677), about some Athenian ladies' unique peace plan, and The Country Wife by William Wycherly (UT at Dallas, in Richardson, 690-2983), about a Restoration-era stallion who passes himself off as a gelding to get his pick of fillies.

In other media, Hill Street Blues (NBC Ch.5, 9 p.m. Thursdays) opened its third season with a splendid show about vigilante justice and pragmatic police tactics. One of the subplots featured ferocious Mick Belker (played by Bruce Weitz as always on a weary simmer)--who has been known to bite off an antagonist's nose in moments of provocation--and his efforts to instill a sense of self-respect in a makeup-smeared male hustler picked up for soliciting ("Can't you make it lascivious carriage?" the hustler murmurs--that being a far classier charge). Predictably, for this splendid series, the results were ironic and the dialogue snappy: a passing female hooker purrs, "Somebody's trade got a little rough!" and the queen snarls back, "Some people don't know how to incite passion!"

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INTERVIEW: San Francisco Police

Editor's Note: The following article is the result of Marcus Lerro's interview with Officer Paul Seidler of the San Francisco Police Department during the National Gay Leadership Conference in Dallas. Gay police officers will hopefully be hired in cities other than San Francisco in the near future.

By Marc Lerro

The San Francisco Police Department's gay community liaison, Officer Paul Seidler, said at the National Gay Leadership Conference that gay officers in San Francisco generally do not make an issue of their sexuality.

Seidler, a 15-year veteran of the S.F.P.D., said the gay women and men in the department don't want to be identified as "gay officers," something Seidler said causes the local gay press some frustration.

"Generally, the gay and lesbian community in San Francisco has not been supportive of officers in the department. When women of the police department wanted to use the Womens Building in San Francisco for their meetings, they were denied access to the building because they were 'pigs.' This doesn't lend itself to police-community support."

Seidler said many lesbian and gay male officers are both open within the department and within the gay community, but that they simply don't want to be media personalities. "The gay community newspapers constantly make an issue about there being no 'gay officers.'"

Seidler, who requested the assignment over two years ago, is the coordinator for the gay community awareness program for the police academy. Police cadets hear speakers from the gay community, and the cadets are escorted, in small groups, into gay bars and businesses. In San Francisco, there are similar programs for black, Hispanic, Japanese, Chinese, youth, women and elderly communities.

"I basically work nine-to-five, but I go to a lot of gay community meetings at night and during the weekends."

Seidler said that San Francisco adopted a non-discrimination clause for the gay community in 1977, but he is quick to point out that some gay officers have been on the force longer than he.

Dallas Police Chief Billy Prince and Assistant City Manager Levi Davis met with Seidler and San Francisco Police Commissioner Jo Daly before the National Gay Leadership Conference to discuss improving relations between Dallas' gay community and the police department.

The San Francisco Police Department has approximately 1,900 officers, and Seidler knows about 30 who are gay, besides himself.

WHAT IF I'M NOT BUTCH?

A fundraiser for the Oak Lawn Counseling Center has been announced for Saturday, October 16th, during Texas-OU Weekend. Hosting the party will be the Masters of the Lakewood Station and the Oak Lawn Transfer, who will provide free beer at the Transfer from 8 to 11 p.m. More than 1500 party-goers are expected.

Invitations for the Butch Party '82, the third annual Texas-OU event, will be passed out in Oak Lawn bars beginning October 1st. Butch Party T-shirts will also be sold.

Proceeds will benefit the Oak Lawn Counseling Center (OLCC) which provides mental health services to individuals, couples, and groups, as well as educational workshops and seminars. The OLCC, now one year old, serves almost 100 clients per week.

Currently, OLCC is planning a community forum on AIDS and Kaposi's Sarcoma for October. A program on alcohol and drug abuse is slated for November.

WIN $50.00

CRC/Gayline, the telephone service providing counseling, information, and referral for gay men and lesbians in the Metroplex, is holding a contest for the best logo for Gayline's advertising and correspondence.

The non-profit organization is looking for a distinctive logo that can become readily identifiable with the Gayline. A $50.00 prize will be given to the individual whose design is chosen. Anyone may enter, and there is no limit as to the number of designs a person may submit. The design should be suitable for enlarging and reducing in a variety of media. Entries will be returned only if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope (Gayline will return with a copy of the winning design.). Entries should be mailed to Gayline's new address, P. O. Box 190835, Dallas 75219-0835. All entries must be submitted by Monday, November 15th. Judging will take place on Sunday, November 21st. Notification of the winner will occur within two weeks after judging. The winning design will become the property of Gayline.

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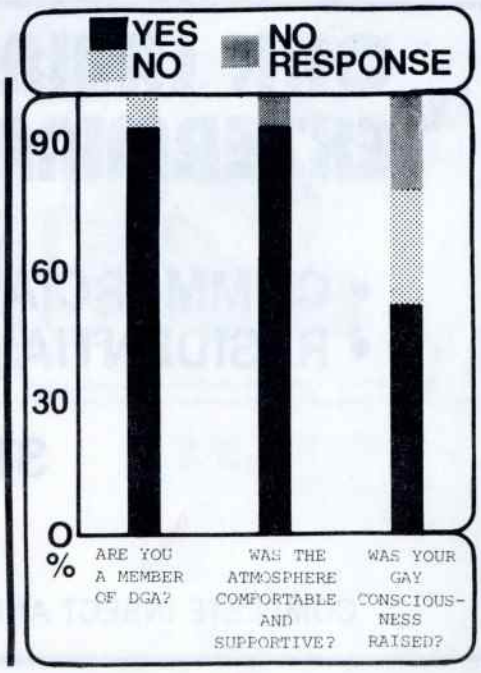
DGA MEETING EVALUATED

A total of 27 evaluations were received by the Membership Department from the August general meeting of the Alliance. 93% were DGA members, and the reasons for attending the meeting were regular attendance and information.

The statistical breakdown of all answers on the evaluations and the graph at right show few negative comments about the August meeting. Only 26% of the respondents felt that their gay consciousness was not raised at the meeting.

The requests for future programs were unanimous in calling for more informational speakers on political news, health, history, and community news.

Two non-members stated that they intended to join the Alliance ard were impressed with the August meeting's format and enjoyed it. One said that she had already joined a committee.



DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE
DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE
JANUARY 11, 1982

CALL TO ORDER
SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORTS
WELCOME
OLD BUSINESS
    BOARD VACANCY CONSIDERATION
    MILHOLLIN ESTATE REPORT
NEW BUSINESS
PROGRAM: THE ALLIANCE FAIR
ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADJOURNMENT

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MEETINGS OF THE DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE ARE CONDUCTED
    ACCORDING TO ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER
DISCUSSION ON ANY ONE TOPIC IS LIMITED TO TEN MINUTES
    UNLESS DEBATE IS EXTENDED BY A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP
ANYONE WISHING TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD ALERT THE
    CHAIR OF THAT INTENTION PRIOR TO THAT POINT ON THE
    AGENDA

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DON'T FORGET:
    THE BEST WAY TO SUPPORT THE DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE IS
    TO JOIN IT.
    TOMORROW NIGHT:
        "GOOD EVENING, LORD BYRON" -- GREENVILLE AVE.
        THEATER -- 7:30 -- $5 -- SPONSORED BY THE
        SOCIAL CONCERNS DEPT. OF THE ALLIANCE.

MINUTES

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE - 14 December 1981; 2701 Reagan, 7:30 p.m.

President Don Baker presiding. 104 in attendance.

Robert Bushko gave the welcome and announced that current membership was 615.

The Minutes and Treasurer's Report stood approved.

Special Reports

1. Baker recognized Joan M., one of the early directors of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, as we were known in 1976.

2. Baker announced that the January meeting would be designated "Alliance Fair". The February meeting would be devoted to Lesbian Issues. The March meeting would be "Candidates Night" for those seeking the endorsement of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus.

3. Baker gave a detailed report on the "Gold C Coupon Book" fund raiser.

4. Ann Brown displayed the handsome DGA Community Calendars on sale for $4.

5. Bill Nelson (the elder) reported on the annual Christmas Toys for Tots drive. Also 600 DGA Holiday cards were sent to prominent Dallas County Republicans and Democrats; local, state, national (including President Ronald Reagan) officials; Dallas County judges; personnel directors, other dignitaries and VIPs and --psychiatrist Joseph Grigson (Dr. Death) c/o District Attorney Henry Wade.

6. Al Calkin warned of dire consequences should anti-gay legislation pass in Austin, January 16th. The proposed law would legalize housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Calkin asked everyone to send a few bucks to Austin. "Our adversaries will take note of our victory or defeat."

7. Robert Bushko, with Christmas tree, suggested that DGA Christmas gift memberships make excellent stocking stuffers.

Old Business

1. Peter Brooks, Al Calkin, Bill Nelson and John Thomas were the only candidates running to fill the five vacancies on the Board of Directors. They won by acclimation and by actual vote. (The Board will appoint someone to fill the remaining vacancy. This appointment will then be submitted to the general members for ratification at the January meeting.)

   Although elected, Campbell Read asked the four to answer questions from the general members in attendance:

   A. "Would you support an independant audit of DGA's books?"

      All candidates answered to the effect: They had no problem with an outside audit, but why incur the expense? Our treasurer is very competant.

   B. "Why don't we have more candidates running for Board vacancies?"

(See reverse side)

"Because of the realization of the incredable responsibility and time demanded of Board members. Individuals reluctant to run against strong incumbants. Fear of loseing --even if one has a strong ego, being defeated hurts."

President Baker asked for volunteers to make the necessary sacrifice of time and effort to assume the burdens of Board positions.

Dr. Herb Croner asked to be considered for the remaining Board position.

Old Business

1. Once again, the question arose as to the statis of DGA's literary magazine PRESENCE. How much money have we raised? $881.50. But Budweiser, Millers, Coors, Sound and Light as well as others may be interested in helping.

   How many subscriptions have been sold? Less than 40. But people don't buy what they can't see. The magazine will be available December 22nd. Total cost of the magazine will be $1,300. due January 31st.

2. MOTION
   John Thomas moved to show appreciation to Mike Williams and Dick Weaver for their excellent work while serving as Directors of DGA.

   PASSED

Program: "Gift and Legacy"

Mike Williams introduced attorney Jim Wilson who summarized ways those who support DGA's programs may donate during or after their lifetimes.

Announcements

1. Tom Hatfield, on behalf of Le' Nuit Chaude, announced that $500 had been given to the Texas Human Rights Foundation with the stipulation that the money be used for projects in Dallas. Other recipients were The Oak Lawn Counseling Center, Gayline, and The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band.

2. Read announced that the Social Justice committee needs volunteers, otherwise important projects benefitting the gay community will have to be abandoned.

3. Allen McReynolds spoke concerning the noise from Love Field and asked those able to do so to be at the City Council meeting, December 16th.

4. Doris Williams reminded everyone of the Lesbian Issues/Survey Social Thursday, December 17th. Everyone was invited.

Visitor

Before adjourning, a young man rose to compliment the DGA. He had visited gay activist groups all over the nation and reported that ours was one of the largest and most effective. For this he thanked us.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Secretary Phil Johnson.

Read and approved by President Baker.

Donald F. Baker

TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER, 1981

DGA CHECKING		
Opening Balance		$ 981.58
Income		
Memberships	$ 775.00	
Donations	580.00	
Pledges	427.50	
T-Shirts Sold	24.00	
SF Chorus Records	15.00	
Gold C Books	15.00	
Literary Magazine	5.00	
Calendar	4.00	
Total	$1,845.50	
Expenditures		
Christmas Gathering	$ 350.00	
Dialog Printing	334.11	
Rent	325.00	
Postage	287.20	
Printing	217.61	
Answering Service	49.50	
Telephone	46.49	
Transfers to PAC	45.00	
Meeting Expenses	43.89	
Gold C Books	15.00	
Redistricting Maps	9.00	
Total	$1,722.80	
Closing Balance		$1,104.28
DGA SAVINGS		
Opening Balance Equals Closing Balance		$ 484.70
DALLAS CIVIC ARTS LEAGUE CHECKING		
Opening	$ 168.53	
Less Service Charge	3.07	
Closing Balance		$ 165.46
DGPC CHECKING		
Opening Balance		$ 291.17
Income		
Membership Transfers	$ 45.00	
Contribution	50.00	
Total	$ 95.00	
Expenditure		
Citizens For A United Austin	$ 100.00	
Closing Balance		$ 286.17
DGA BALANCE (CHECKING + SAVINGS + DCAL CHECKING)		$1,754.44
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE (WITH DGPC CHECKING)		$2,040.61

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE DEPARTMENTS

Department for Lesbian Issues Meeting
January 7, 1982

FUND RAISING
Carl L. Mallies

Any activity of the organization conducted to bring in money including theatre performances, sales, grants, raffles and pledge programs.

EDUCATION
Ann Brown

Schedules DGA's Monthly programs. Provides speakers for DGA Speakers' Bureau engagements at universities, churches, and clubs. Conducts special projects of educative value for both the gay and non-gay community. Writes educational materials such as the Questions and Answer brochure and literary magazine.

SOCIAL JUSTICE
Peter Brooks

Investigates and records evidence of police injustice, harassment, and brutality. Interacts with city and law enforcement officials to try to alleviate and/or investigate problems of discrimination in housing and employment as well as complaints against such officials. Also investigates claims of racial and sexual discrimination in community bars.

CIVIC AFFAIRS
Al Calkin

The political action committee, known as the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, deals with many activities including: voter registration, voter education, screening candidates for elective office, conducting candidates nights, recommending endorsement of particular candidates, coordinates community envolvement in endorsed candidate campaigns, encourages community participation in political party activites and conventions, and coordinates lobbying efforts at local, state, and national level.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Bill Nelson

Sends out releases to both gay and non-gay media. The committee lays out and prints posters and flyers announcing DGA events and projects. Writes and prints pamphlets and brochures. Areas of additional involvement are: billboards, cable TV, informational meetings for the non-gay community at the Oak Lawn Library, and brochures aimed at specific professional groups.

OPERATIONS/ACCOUNTING
Mike Stewart

Prepares budgets and coordinates financial activity with the Treasurer. Picks up and relays all calls from the telephone answering service and distributes DGA mail to the proper person. Keeps office files and supplies current. DIALOG, the official DGA publication, falls under the jurisdiction of this department.

LESBIAN ISSUES
Doris Williams

Seeks to expand the gay rights movement to include the perspective and diversity supplied by women. Attempts to discern and meet the needs of lesbians as well as to provide a resource guide for women. Interacts with various other departments to undertake projects such as the investigation of discrimination in the bars. Promotes social and political interaction between men and women in the movement as well as providing a link with other women's organizations.

SOCIAL CONCERNS
Terry Tebedo

Arranges and is responsible for parties and commemorative events of DGA. Offers opportunities for entertainment and social interaction with friends.

MEMBERSHIP
John Thomas

Conducts membership drives and keeps membership records. Responsible for sensitivity of the needs of the membership and to the utilization and recognition of the membership. This department also serves as an outreach to various other groups including minorities.

If you are interested in serving in one or more of the DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Departments, please fill out this form and present it to the Department representative. Or you may mail it to: P.O. Box 35011; Dallas, Texas 75235.

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DGPC'S EFFORTS PRODUCE

The political action committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC), has received encouraging support from many individuals who have never actively participated in Alliance or DGPC projects before. Accordingly, DGPC has generated record efforts on behalf of endorsed candidates in the November 2nd election.

The effectiveness of the DGPC depends on the work and support of its members, under the watchful eye of its Co-Chairs Doris Taylor and Mike Stewart. "Over one hundred people have contributed time to DGPC-endorsed candidates prior to the November election, and many of these folks are new faces," reported Mike Stewart.

Over twenty persons have worked in the DGA offices each night, preparing for November 2nd. DGPC telephone banks have been fully staffed, and Robert Power's Oak Lawn campaign office has been primarily staffed with gay people from DGPC, according to Stewart. "Furthermore, DGPC contributions from our members total approximately $1,000.00 for this election. So we have gotten both volunteer and financial support."

Stewart added that DGPC is responsible for the endorsement sheet appearing in print in Dallas over 60,000 times through local media. DGPC also registered over 1,600 additional voters for the November 2nd election, bringing the total number of names on the voter identification list to approximately four thousand.

Prior to the election, many conflicting stories were circulating regarding DGPC's no endorsement in the governor's race. In response to the inaccurate statements in print and oral, Stewart had the following comments: "DGPC has been criticized for not endorsing Mark White for Governor. **Actually, White did not formally request our endorsement. Our questionnaire was not answered. And despite our offers to meet with White anywhere in Texas, no meeting was scheduled, and questions concerning equal rights for gay men and lesbians were not answered. This is the basis for our refusal to endorse Mark White in the November 2nd election."**

Communications

To follow up on their successful planning and execution of the National Gay Leadership Conference in August, the Communications Department has adopted a new proposal of projects and activities for the coming months.

The major focus of the proposal is to publicize the Dallas Gay Alliance locally to the same degree and with the same success that the National Leadership Conference accomplished on a national level. In order to accomplish that major goal, Department projects have been organized into three areas: Community Organization, Organizational Visibility, and Community Action. By adopting this plan, the Department hopes to have a more comprehensive grip on what our movement is all about.

Community Organization addresses the need to convince gays in Dallas that the concept of a gay community is both real and desirable. Some of the suggested activities and projects for this area might include putting permanent

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Clements Seeks Gay Vote?

Gay leaders in Dallas were surprised by Governor William Clements' last minute advertisement in a statewide gay publication. The advertisement seeking gay votes was unexpected since the State Republican Party had earlier adopted anti-gay positions at its State Convention in September.

"Obviously the Republican Party recognizes the strength of the gay vote and its influence in statewide elections," said Don Baker, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance. Baker speculated that gay participation may be welcomed in the Republican Party in the future.

Although Clements solicited the gay vote, he did not repudiate the anti-gay stands taken at the State Republican Convention.

Doris Taylor and Mike Stewart, Co-Chairs of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (the political action committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance) appealed to gay Republicans to work within their party to reverse the anti-gay record of the Republican Party. "For the Republican Party to be successful in competing for the gay vote, the party must take a more positive stand on equal rights for gay citizens," stated Stewart. "Then, and only then, will gay rights be a multi-partisan issue in Texas," added Taylor.

HOLIDAY AFFAIRS

The DGA will offer its members two opportunites to celebrate the holiday season next month.

First, the third annual Oak Lawn Holiday Gathering, co-sponsored by the Alliance and the Oak Lawn Library, will be held on Saturday evening, December 11th, on the lawn of the Library on Cedar Springs. This year the gathering will celebrate both Christmas and Hanukkah.

On Friday evening, December 17th, in the Central Hall of the Holiday Inn-Central, the Alliance will have a Holiday Party for members. Plans are under way for a full, exciting evening with cocktails, dinner, dancing, entertainment, and an awards ceremony. Invitations will be mailed to members in mid-November, but mark your calendars now and plan to attend the largest social event ever held for DGA members.

Further information will be available in the December issue of Dialog. Volunteers are needed to help with these events, so please contact Alan Ross, Director of Social Events, or Ann Brown, Director of Volunteer Management, at the DGA office (528-4233).

APOLOGY

by Bill Nelson

Due to my inability to distinguish between his memorandum opinion and the final official opinion by Judge Buchmeyer with appendices which will appear in the Federal Reporter, the October Dialog mistakenly reported that Baker v. Wade had not been appealed.

When this issue of Dialog went to press, the unofficial reports were that an appeal had been instituted by the District Attorney of Potter County, Texas. However, Judge Buchmeyer's office could not confirm this action. Since the 30-day period in which an appeal can be filed expires after this issue of Dialog was printed, I must force myself to state that Baker v. Wade may, in fact, have been appealed. The December Dialog will have a complete (and accurate) report.

In the mean time, I apologize to everyone for raising your hopes unjustifiably. The inaccurate article which was printed was a decision which I personally made and for which I take full responsibility.

NGTF Studies Anti-Gay Programs

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) recently announced a special project to determine, and then publicize, the costs of anti-gay government programs. The project will provide estimates of the dollar amounts spent by various government agencies to compile data on gay employees, and the costs of anti-gay government actions.

"We are talking about millions of dollars spent each year," reported NGTF Executive Director Lucia Valeska in a recent NGTF report. In an era of reduced spending, federal costs of anti-gay harassment should be studied closely, she stated.

The project will be headed by Mel Boozer, Director of the Washington office of Civil Rights Advocacy. "Historically, NGTF emphasized the cost of discrimination in individual human terms. Now we intend to uncover the dollar cost to all Americans."

Evidently, government spending to find and discriminate against gays has not declined. The Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force, as well as the FBI, CIA, NSA, and other government agencies still spend large amounts to identify gays and to discriminate against them.

Boozer notes that the rate of forced gay discharges from the Army and Air Force has doubled in the last five years, although the total separation rate actually fell by five percent.

Valeska and Boozer both explained that discrimination in security areas is costly and usually unnecessary. "Homosexuality is not a security issue except when the government chooses to make it one," Valeska said. "Discrimination against lesbians and gay men is a completely unnecessary expense that must be borne by all taxpayers--including the very citizens it is directed against."

Those with information about government discrimination against gays may write to NGTF's Washington office, 1304 4th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20004; or call (202) 546-9003.

Counseling Available

During its first year of service to the Oak Lawn community, the Oak Lawn Counseling Center has provided individual, couples, and group counseling to the gay residents of North Texas. Currently four groups are meeting weekly at the Center. The groups are Gay Men's Growth Groups, three of which meet weekly; and Men In Transition, which meets on Tuesday evenings and addresses adaptational changes encountered by married men who are coming out into gay life. Openings are available for individuals wishing to join the above groups. Call the Center at (214) 528-2081.

OAK LAWN COUNSELING CENTER

Two groups are now being formed. One is the Gay Women's Growth Group, dealing with life adjustments of homosexual women. Group facilitator will be Candice Marcum, M.Ed. The other new counseling group is Gay Men and Women Over Forty, dealing with life adjustment issues. The group facilitator will be Richard J. Weiser, Ph.D. The two new groups will begin to meet in November 1982. Interested individuals are invited to call the Oak Lawn Counseling Center for details.

Two workshops are slated. The first is entitled "Coping With Stress," a workshop to be held Saturday, November 20th. Limited to 10 participants. Registration deadline is November 15th. Facilitator is Elinor "Tigie" Lancaster. The other workshop is entitled "Alcohol-Driver Education," a project co-sponsored with the Dallas Council on Alcoholism. The purpose of the two-session seminar is to educate individuals as to how much one can safely drink before reaching the DWI point. Dates are November 17th and 18th. It is a free seminar, but limited to 30 participants. Deadline for registration is November 12th. For information, call the Center.

POLICE & GAYS: New Directions

by Tom Marshall

Police hostility toward gays can be changed, argued Jo Daly, a San Francisco police commissioner. But she notes such a change will occur only with persistent efforts from both gays and the police themselves.

Daly spoke in August of this year at the Dallas National Gay Leadership Conference. Her address outlined recent changes in the San Francisco police department's attitudes and actions toward gays and other minorities.

San Francisco's police department has recently undergone extensive changes, she noted, including a minority recruitment program, upgraded training programs, and greater emphasis on police-community

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POLICE & GAYS continued

relations.

Sine the mid-1970s, San Francisco 's eighteen hundred-member police force has actively recruited blacks, women, Asians, Hispanics, and gays. The new recruitment has helped sensitize the police force to inner-city residents.

"We used to have mostly police who did not live in the city and who did not socialize in the city, and who really did not have much access to the city," she said. "Of course, this created problems."

Now, new police recruits must have lived in San Francisco at least 6 months. As a result, fewer police officers now live in the suburbs, only commuting to the city to work.

New recruitment outreach programs are now supplemented with an extensive training program. The program aims to sensitize new police recruits to gay community problems, Daly noted.

A new police recruit's training includes a ten-hour program to de-mystify gay/lesbian images. The sessions are part of a week-long communications and awareness program.

The session begins on a Friday, about noon, with five hours of classroom sessions. In the first two and one-half hour period, civilians give a seminar on the gay/lesbian community. The next part of the session is closed and is conducted by gay or lesbian police officers themselves. Their explanations give an inside view on what it is like to be a gay or lesbian on the police force.

"The sessions explain that many stereotypes just don't fit," explained Daly. "It's also very important that the peer group role model be available to gays on the police force. They need to know that they can enter and survive.

"The seminar also has other benefits," Daly continued. "It tells police what to look for when dealing with a gay person as a suspect or a victim. Many gay crimes go unresolved beacuse a police officer may not know what to look for."

After the classroom session, police recruits go out for another five hours in the community. "Police need that contact with the community," explained Daly. Volunteers from the Golden Gate Business Association serve as community escorts. Recruits go out in groups of two or three with one or two gays. The groups usually have dinner at a gay or lesbian restaurant. Later, they visit bars, businesses, and restaurants.

"It is very important that the recruits see what goes on in our businesses. As human beings, we're all afraid of things that we're not familiar with. We all

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BOOKENDS

by Frank Rossiter

Dennis Altman. The Homosexualization of America, the Americanization of the Homosexual. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1982. 242 pp. $13.95 (hardcover).

Dennis Altman's new book is by a writer with established credentials as an acute observer of the gay scene. Altman is best known for his book Homosexual: Oppression and Liberation (1971), published during the euphoric period after the 1969 Stonewall riots. Now, more than ten years later, he has produced another survey of homosexuality in contemporary America.

Altman, an Australian, offers valuable comparisons between the gay situation in the United States (which he has observed closely) and that in Britain, Western Europe, Australia, and other parts of the world. His new book has been criticized for basing too much upon random personal observations and for writing vague generalizations instead of a rigorous study of how specific gay subcultures or communities have actually developed in America. But for the general reader, his book is a valuable bringing together of important recent gay issues and concerns.

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What have been the principal developments affecting gays during the 1970s and 1980s? According to Altman, the most important is "the enormous growth of gay self-assertion and affirmation," especially "the comparatively widespread politicization of homosexuals." The seventies also saw a shift from "gay liberation as part of a radical assault on existing social structures" to an emphasis on "limited demands for gay rights within the ambit of the existing social framework." There has also been an increased ghetto-ization of gays. The years since 1971 have witnessed the marked growth of a distinct homosexual community based upon a separate homosexual identity. Altman points out that this sense of a gay community is a great improvement over homosexuals' earlier "thinking of themselves as individual victims."

The result of all these changes is that homosexuals have increasingly claimed their rights by presenting themselves as a minority group with an alternative lifestyle. Here we see "the Americanization of the homosexual," since other minority groups (Jews, blacks) have previously claimed their rights in America on much the same grounds.

Altman argues, by contrast, that even in present-day Europe, there is still some reluctance to adopt the American pattern of a separate gay identity and gay self-assertion--partly because there is less hatred of homosexuals in Europe and partly because the European tendency to identify oneself with a socio-economic class reduces identification with homosexuals as a group. European homosexuals are more sympathetic to the Freudian notion that everyone has "the potential to be both homosexual and heterosexual."

It is in the United States, with its

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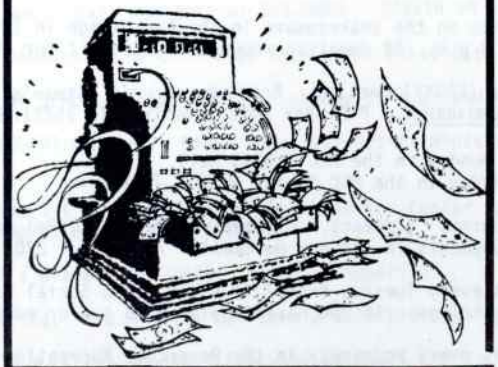
GAY BANK SUCCESSFUL

Last November a pioneering gay-owned business opened in San Francisco. Atlas Saving and Loan is the first such lending institution owned and operated by and for gays.

And the latest news is that business



is good. Very, very good.

Unlike most savings and loans, Atlas has fared well in both deposits and loans. On opening day Atlas had nearly $1 million in deposits. Today, it has nearly $5.5 million in deposits.

Its original assets of $3 million have grown to $8.6 million in less than one year. Its 973 original accounts now number 2,500.

Part of the new firm's success results from its recent opening. As a result, it is not burdened with low-interest loans from earlier years. At present, Atlas averages over 17 percent on its loans, while paying only about 12 percent for funds. By contrast, most older saving and loans report losing from 2 to 3 percent on the money they borrow to make loans.

Atlas' success is also partly dependent on its unique standing as a minority enterprise. San Francisco formally recognizes gays as a minority and includes them in city anti-discrimination codes. Only minority institutions have been eligible to open new savings and loans in California.

Although most other cities and states do not recognize gays as a specific minority group, Atlas may still be able to expand, according to founders. New federal deregulation laws may eventually permit savings and loans to open branches in other states.

If that happens, Atlas may open branches in other major cities. President W. Gerald Flanagan recently acknowledged that "we get calls on almost a daily basis from supporters in New York, Washington, Houston, Cleveland, Dallas and other cities asking, 'When are you guys coming?'"

Atlas is already planning to expand from its original Market Street location to a branch office in San Francisco's Castro district. When the second office opens, Atlas will pick up 3,200 new accounts and an extra $5.5 million in assets because Atlas is taking over another savings and loan.

tradition of virulent hatred of homosexuality and its pattern of a separate life for different ethnic and cultural groups, that the emphasis upon "a separate homosexual identity, culture, and life style" has been carried furthest. Moreover, the ghetto-ization or congregation of American homosexuals in a few large cities, such as New York and San Francisco, has transformed the United States from a center of oppression for homosexuals in the 1950s to "the new gay mecca" of the 1980s. Thus Altman can write of "the Americanization of the gay world" in Europe and Australia: "It is possible that with time the American model of self-conscious gay separatism will become established elsewhere."

One reason for increased gay separatism in America is that "our growing self-assertion has not been accompanied by a corresponding degree of social acceptance." Ironically, along with increased ghetto-ization has come increased visibility for the homosexual "minority" and an anti-gay backlash. The gay claim for recognition as a legitimate minority group with an alternative lifestyle has not yet been generally accepted by the American public--with good reason, Altman believes. "To demand acceptance of real diversity in sexuality, in gender roles, and in family structures--all of which are implied in a full acceptance of homosexuality--is to go far beyond" the traditional demand for recognition as a minority group ("like any other") within the pluralistic framework of American society.

"We are . . . seen as a basic threat to some very central assumptions of Western society . . . Precisely because the affirmation of being gay is the affirmation of sexual desire, there is something radical about the gay movement that all the attempts of those who would claim respectability for us cannot dispel."

What of the gay ghetto and the separate gay lifestyle? Altman sees positive features of gay separatism--not just the politicization of homosexuals, but also the growth of a rich gay culture. He cites gay works of music, art, theater, and literature; gay newspapers, magazines, and publishing houses; gay bookstores and community centers. However, he also admits that gay art has not yet had much relevance for the larger American culture.

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WE ARE FRIENDS OF THE COMMUNITY,

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Gingersnaps

by Steven Linn

Dallas Theater Center's choice of The Three Musketeers is an eerily applicable love feast for Dallas' unofficial "Official Theatre" to serve up to its audiences.

Forget the words "swashbuckling," "derring-do,""high adventure,""romance," and their attendant dreamy associations, and what have you got? This pack of guys rushing around aggressively demonstrating their machismo to an admiring society, a society equally happy to fall on its face at the approach of its beaming, conservative sovereign and his "marble" consort. The Church is accorded ample due; its top man seems to have, or want, more say in running the country than the official leader.

So real men spend their time at games of one-upmanship; what about the women? Aside from a few insignificant contemporary equivalents of bag ladies or habitueés of Confetti and Fridays, they fall into two types. One spends a great deal of time whimpering softly on the shoulder of Her Man out of gratitude for his just being there; the other is a scheming bitch, the very envoy of Satan.

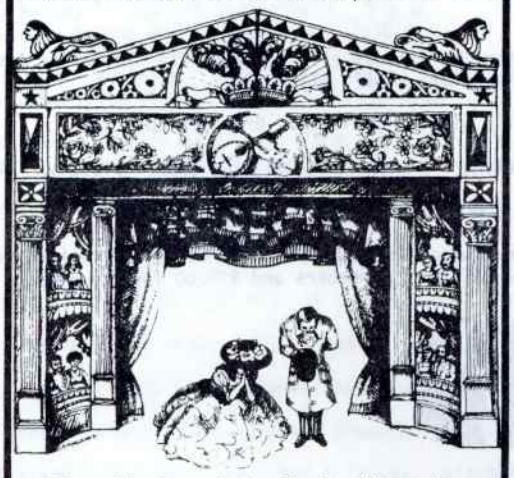
DTC's production hasn't the panache to carry the piece off, though Richard Raether has his moments as a goofy D'Artagnan, Cliff Stevens (as Athos) has the vocal expertise most of the DTC actors lack, and Ronni Lopez succeeds in making the Queen not frigid but movingly dignified. Randy and Norma Moore, to whose performances the words "great" and "peerless" have been applied, have the plum roles of Richelieu and the satanic Milady de Winter. As usual, they are adequate.

For real swashbuckling, real romance, real humor, and a hero you can love, see the new movie My Favorite Year. This flick a' clef comes closer than any I can remember to giving a glimpse of the serious craziness of show-business people. Peter O'Toole gives the comic performance of his life, with a couple of heartbreaking moments, as a character based on Errol Flynn. Not far behind him are Joseph Bologna as Sid Caesar, Mark Linn-Baker as a very young Mel Brooks, Bill Macy (almost unrecognizable from Maude) as a "tower-of-jello" comedy writer, and Adolph Green as a frantically fence-mending producer.

As I remarked in DGN, this so far has been the Season of the Phallus. One way or another, this device of ancient comedy and modern anxiety figures in Sweeney Todd, SMU's A Mid-Summer Night's Dream, and --most prominently but least visibly-- Lysistrata.

Renice McGarrity's racy colloquial adaptation of this famously licentious play could benefit enormously from the presence of an unself-consciously bawdy audience. Some of the actors are dipping tentative toes or wading pleasantly in the shallows of low comedy instead of splashing riotously in its rapids. Randy Parry in multiple roles, Frances Ruben, and Michael James Loggins (a considerable hunk) begin to set a standard for the orchestrated lunacy. The show continues to gain in authority and laughs; it moves to Addison Community Theatre from November 4th through the 14th (827-3887).

Doubtless Lysistrata could find the audience it needs a little more than thirty miles to the West. In Dallas, the attitude to theatre seems to be, "This is our theatre and it is our obligation to the community to give it our support--tax-deductible, of course." In Fort Worth, it's "This is our theatre and we by God love it!" I've seen two plays there so far--shows rich in magic and ritual, and well worth the trip.



Story Theatre at the Circle (through November 14th; (817) 921-3040) is Paul Sills' semi-improvised, semi-narrated dramatization of a dozen good folk and fairy tales, fullheartedly performed by a gifted and enthusiastic troupe. When I praised the sexiness of the love scenes in The Sea Horse, I hadn't seen Shirley Orr and Henry Goodrich as Henny Penny and Cocky Locky.

In Cowtown, the history of Fort Worth is sketched in song and narative by a commedia-like troupe so bursting with the juices of life that their excesses seem merely to be a natural means of expression. This was my first visit to the Hip Pocket Theatre but not my last. It is the least pretentious and most exuberant theatre it's ever been my joy to attend, and the audience it attracts is genuinely popular.

Local university theatre seems unusually lucky in its directors, who apparently are more interested in giving form to the vision of enduring dramatists than to demonstrating spurious "creativity." Count yourself fortunate if you saw the productions of two little-performed plays, The Infernal Machine and The Country Wife, and a lively warhorse, A Midsummer Night's Dream. Patrick Kelly at the University of Dallas in Irving imparted a sense of perfumed corruption to Jean Cocteau's sardonic retelling of the Oedipus legend; Michael Gillespie of the University of Texas in Dallas inspired his student actors into a remarkable ensemble for Wycherley's study in refined raunch; and Jack Clay at SMU came up with a Dream that featured a charmingly heavy-footed and swift-moving Puck, an attractively matched set of Athenian lovers, and a Nick Bottom who was overbearing in a Texas accent. Lovers of theatre might check out the subsequent season offerings of these theatre departments. For information call 721-5061 (UD at I), 690-2982 or 690-2983 (UTD), 692-2573 (SMU).

Just as the boy-boy competitiveness of the Dallas establishment is reflected in DTC's Musketeers, so was the shallowness of the singles scene mirrored in Spa!, a work-in-progress given an elaborate preview last week at the Greenville Avenue Theatre. The show had its satirical moments, but I suspect its overall effect would be to soothe rather than swat the pseudo-Beautiful People who comprise its potential audience. I cannot believe that Manhattan Clearing House and the Mobil Corporation were unable to find a more significant work of drama than this to sponsor. Still, MCH gave the piece a handsome production--evidently Roger Farkash is incapable of designing an unattractive set--and any show whose cast includes the magnificent Lou Williford is worth seeing.

PRESS CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 3, 1982

AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE D.G.A. OFFICE

In attendance:
Don Baker, D.G.A President
Jack Booth, Dallas times Herald
Karl Wangler, K.R.L.D. Radio
Jane Boone, TV 5 KXAS
Richard Rogers, TWT

By Michael Milliken

Don Baker called this news conference to advise the media of an appeal of the August 17, 1982 decision by Federal Judge Jerry Buchmeyer that declared Texas Penal Code, Sec. 21.06 unconstitutional. On Thursday, October 28, 1982, the District Attorney of Potter County in Amarillo, Texas, submitted the appeal to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, Louisiana. However, at the outset of the conference, Jack Booth submitted a copy of an appeal filed on Monday, November 1, 1982, by Attorney General Mark White. Monday was the official final day to file an appeal since the deadline fell on a weekend. Don Baker's comments were addressed to the issue of any or all appeals.

Don Baker stated: "The central goal of Gay Civil Rights Activists in Texas the last six years has been to seek the repeal of Statute 21.06 (the sadomy law). This is still our goal. Due to the vast financial resources in the gay community, the fight will continue and the repeal will be defended with the same vigor and determination as was displayed to win the court decision by Judge Buchmeyer."

Don Baker then displayed the full page ad which Governor Clements' campaign purchased just prior to the November 2nd election in **This Week In Texas (TWT).** Baker noted "this advertisement seeking votes is the first in the State by a major candidate in the gay media and especially by a Republican Party major candidate. Both candidates wanted all the votes they could get."

Richard Rogers asked, "Isn't it true that Mark White sought the endorsement of several gay groups?"

Baker replied, "Yes, he did. His campaign office wanted the Dallas endorsement, but they could not meet our deadline for submitting request papers. Also, we tried to be flexible but needed a one-on-one meeting at Mr. White's convenience. They could not arange that. Mark White did receive the endorsement of the Houston Gay Political Caucus."

Jack Booth then asked, "What do you read into the Monday filing?"

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Baker's response: "I cannot presume to know or guess Mr. White's tactics. I know he has been very busy with his campaign."

Booth's next question: "Are you confident the repeal will withstand the appeal?"

Baker replied, "Absolutely. Judge Buchmeyer wrote every word of that decision and, as I said, it is a very well-written, historical document. In it he says there are over 700,000 gays in Texas. Therefore, politicians are now aware of this segment of the voting population."

Mike Stewart, DGPC Co-Chair stated: "We are very disappointed to hear that Governor-elect Mark White filed an appeal of the Section 21.06 decision late Monday afternoon just prior to the election. When representatives of White's campaign staff approached the DGPC seeking an endorsement, we requested a meeting with White to personally address this and other issues directly affecting gay men and women. No meeting was scheduled, and no responses to our questionnaire were offered by White or his staff. Therefore, I feel we wisely made no endorsement in the Governor's race. I sincerely hope our relationship with the Governor-elect is more positive and productive."

BAKER vs. WADE

Texas Penal Code Section 21.06

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Wintersong Dec. 3 & 4

The Turtle Creek Chorale will enter its third concert season with performances on Friday and Saturday, December 3rd and 4th at 8:15 P.M. at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 3811 Oak Lawn Avenue.

Wintersong will feature a varied program of seasonal music including works by Bach, Dello Joio, Gabrielli, Handel, Palestrina, Scarlatti, Vaughan Williams, and Dallas composer Jane Marshall. Dr. Richard L. Fleming, Musical Director of the Turtle Creek Chorale, will share conducting duties with TCC Assistant Conductor Bill Byas. Several Chorale members will be highlighted as soloists in selected works.

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On the negative side, there has been "a marked deterioration in the relationships between gay women and gay men." Lesbians have identified themselves with the women's movement and developed a culture of networks that "are much more likely than gay male networks to operate independently of the commercial scene." Gay males have adopted the supermasculine "macho clone" image, centering their culture around "the sauna/disco culture." As a result, the macho clone culture has alienated many lesbians and feminists.

As a socialist, Altman feels uncomfortable about the dependence of gay male culture upon capitalist exploitation. But, at the same time, he realizes that this commercialized gay culture is part of a more general development in American society--the breakdown of older sexual values that has come with Americans' "increased sexual expectations and the commercialization of desire" through singles bars, massage parlors, and pornography. The consolidation of the gay movement, he feels, "was only possible under modern consumer capitalism, which for all its injustices has created the conditions for greater freedom and diversity than are present in any other society yet known."

It is in the interconnected areas of sexuality and relationships"--even more than in fashion and style--"that gays have the greatest impact on social mores, and where one can speak most accurately of the 'homosexualization' of modern society. . . As traditional norms of sexual behavior and relationships collapse, it is homosexuals who are prospecting the frontiers of new possibilities"--nonmonogamous relationships, recreational sex, and an increasingly open assertion of sexuality per se.

Unfortunately, Altman says very little about gays who live outside the great urban homosexual centers. A more serious reservation is that Altman says practically nothing about the experience of growing up gay in America. Despite recent changes in sexual mores, the pattern of experience for gay children and youth today is still probably much what it has long been: six years or so in which the foundations for one's homosexual identity are laid, followed by twelve years of hell in which that identity is assaulted by the institutions of heterosexual society. This problem is so great that I should think any writer of a survey of homosexuality in America, whether radical or conservative, would have to deal with it. With these two reservations, however, I strongly recommend Altman's book for a perceptive account of gays in the United States today.

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signs near the entrance of bars which read: "Be Glad You're Gay; Enjoy Your Evening--Dallas Gay Alliance" or "Welcome to the Party--Dallas Gay Alliance." These signs would reinforce the concept that it is okay to be gay and a part of our lifestyle. That reassurance is rarely formalized, and such a move could prove to be valuable and a healthy impact on the community. Another aspect of creating a sense of community would be for this committee to encourage the publication of articles on or works of gay culture, especially those that emphasize the concept of a community. It was also thought that the publication of brochures on gay health, gay legal information, what to do if arrested, a gay community calendar, or gay yellow pages would be yet another way to encourage people to think of themselves as a part of an identifiable community that supported and cared for them. The final proposed project was for the Alliance to lease a billboard in the Oak Lawn area which would proclaim the following: "WELCOME TO OAK LAWN, THE HEART OF THE DALLAS GAY COMMUNITY." By openly declaring the obvious, it was thought

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have a fear of the unknown," Daly continued.

"Going out with an escort takes away that fear. Later, a police officer can put on a uniform and go into that same place and not have any timidity." Daly added, "And they will be relaxed in that atmosphere. The police officer won't impart his own fear to the person he is working with. That puts the other person at ease, and the officer can do the police job better."

Other components of the program include a civilian review procedure and more police-community contacts.

The civilian review board is especially important, noted Daly. The original police board was made up of only police officers reviewing other police officers. It is important for citizens to realize that a cover-up will not occur, Ms. Daly added. She added that in the last six months the review board had begun to work more effectively.

The new programs are critical to effective police-community relations, continued Daly. "It is most important what training police officers receive, both during their initial training period and while on-the-job. Every community should have an ongoing program.

"Now," she added, "the gay community can have a meeting with police commissioners, the Chief, and the media all within a two-day period. Communications is most important."

"The final thing is the ongoing program. This started back several years ago," Ms. Daly explained. "Since then it has grown and been embellished. Many of the officers go out to speak to classes or visit bars and homes and churches. This helps to de-mystify the police. It also works both ways. Gays often take the blame as a group for their sexual orientation. Police can take the blame, too, as a group."

Many of the police-community problems in San Francisco do not result directly from hostility toward gays in particular, said Daly, but from the stress in being a police officer. "A police officer puts his life on the line every day. He goes from negative experience to negative experience every day," Daly said.

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Membership Incentives Announced

With the constant need to increase the participation in the gay rights movement in Dallas, the Membership Department of the Dallas Gay Alliance has announced its Fall '82 Membership Drive--Justice: Help Us Help You. An increased membership in the Alliance means a gay community with greater awareness and clout in our struggle to ensure the rights of all. An Active membership in the DGA is $15.00, which goes to publication of newsletters and brochures for education, maintaining the DGA office on Oak Lawn Avenue, sponsoring conferences and workshops, and much more.

Letters were sent to area organizations offering DGA contributions of $5.00 to the treasury of each organization when a member of that organization joins the Alliance. This will not only help DGA build strength in the gay rights movement, but also provide a method for area organizations to generate funds for their treasuries.

To encourage existing members to bring their friends into the DGA, special bonuses are being offered by the Alliance. For each new member he or she refers, an existing member will receive a one-month

extension of his or her membership (up to 12 months). There will also be a prize awarded to the member who refers the most new people over 12. A membership form can be found on Page 5 of this issue of Dialog.

DGA & CITY LEADERS MEET

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 --- DALLAS

Three members of the Board of Directors of the Alliance (Don Baker, Ann Brown, Bill Nelson) met twice with City Manager Charles Anderson and other city leaders in October to discuss the problems and concerns of the Dallas gay community.

These meetings were the first time that representatives of the gay community have met personally with the City Manager (in this city, an extremely powerful, influential position). It should also be pointed out that, although personal encounters may have taken place, this was the first official meeting with Council persons Lee Simpson and Joe Haggar addressing the concerns and needs of gays. The community should expect to see a renewed impetus given to the dialog between the police and gays with particular emphasis placed on the type of publications and programs that can be developed to combat ignorance and prejudice.

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"Police go through an incredible amount of anxiety on the job. We find that caring very much leads to a very high level of stress which can result in alcoholism or drug abuse or excessive force. Police have among the highest suicide and divorce rates in the country."

Better training programs cannot eliminate this stress, observed Daly. But the training programs can help officers cope with the stress better and prevent an officer from taking it out on the community.

"Police officers need all the help that they can get," Daly concluded. "And the (gay) community needs to overcome its fear of the police. We can have good police-community relations as soon as we realize that we need each other and begin programs to work effectively in that direction."

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that both gays and the entire city would benefit.

Because the encouragement of a gay community creates an economic, political, and social base, Organizational Visibility has as its goal to impress on local gays that the DGA is a suitable representative of their goals and views. This area includes the traditional Public Relations duties of this department with some enlightened modifications. The best way to convince gays in the city that the Alliance represents them well is to publicize the organization in terms of the projects which it undertakes. For that reason, any flyers that go out publicizing Alliance functions will be backed by a membership form. There will also be an increase in media releases informing the public about projects of the Alliance while they are in the planning stages rather than waiting until the event is ready to happen. The slogan of the Membership Department, "Justice: Help Us Help You," will be used extensively. There will also be flyers appearing which will promote the Alliance itself rather than some specific event. Members of the Communications Department have also committed themselves to physical presence at bars and community events as identifiable members of the Alliance. This identification will be accomplished by setting up tables promoting some activity of the Alliance or merely by wearing an Alliance T-shirt or button. Several members of the Department have expressed special interest in the concept of billboards and, more especially, bus signs to promote the organization. There will also be an increase in the number of flyers and posters announcing Alliance events, including permanent posters in all of the bars with membership information.

Community Action has as its goal to inform non-gays of our interests, goals, and expectations. Some of the problems which we experience with society as a whole are based on ignorance on the part of the non-gays. One of the major suggested activities is to encourage the output of letters and information sheets to various officials explaining who we are and what we want. It is not enough to merely complain about what happens in the city; we must make creative suggestions and anticipate problems before they occur. Since the 21.06 decision is one of the best documents to date stating our position, distribution of that document has received a high priority. Copies of the decision have already been sent to all members of the Dallas City Council, the Mayor, the Police Chief, the City Manager, and the Assistant City Manager. The area of the local media has also been the traditional turf of the Communications Department. Besides media releases, the Department is planning a series of media briefings to educate the people working in the media as to the issues and methods of covering the gay community. This Department will also produce, for the third year in a row, the Alliance Holiday Card which will be mailed to over 500 important citizens of our city.

The projects outlined in this proposal adopted by the Communications Department do not differ radically from the efforts expended by this Department in the past. What is different is the sense of organization and direction which will hopefully encourage a larger output and more identifiable and successful results.

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NEW PRESIDENT FOR THE DGA

by Dave Lewis

Following the State of Texas' appeal of Judge Buchmeyer's decision in Baker v. Wade, Don Baker announced to the Alliance Board of Directors that he wished to take a leave of absence from his position as DGA President. Since the Alliance By-Laws do not provide for an officer's leave of absence, the Board voted that Baker's resignation would be accepted and effective December 20, 1982.

According to the By-Laws, when a vacancy occurs, for any reason, the Board of Directors selects a successor, subject to the approval of the general membership at the next scheduled meeting.

The Board of Directors has unanimously recommended that the general membership ratify Vice-President Mike Stewart as the new President of the Alliance. As senior member of the Board, Director Bill Nelson's name will also be submitted to the membership as Vice-President. The membership will vote on these recommendations at the December meeting of the general membership on Monday, December 13th. This vote will follow the scheduled Board elections. The five Directors whose terms have expired are Dave Jones, Bill Nelson, Becky Stevens, John Thomas, and Carl Mallies. At the time Dialog went to press, only Stevens and Mallies were known to not be seeking reelection to the Board. It should be noted that, assuming Stewart and Nelson are ratified, a vacancy on the Board of Directors may result, requiring a Board appointment in January 1983.

When questioned as to the reasons for vacating his position of President, Don cited his new business, which is being financed by Attorney Jim Barber who pleaded Baker's case in Baker v. Wade. This new business is an outgrowth of Baker's commitment to gay rights, but it represents a new direction for his energies.

Baker's new business will be multi-faceted, centering on gay culture. First, there will be a bookstore/gallery in the Cedar Springs/Throckmorton area. The store will be managed by Phil Johnson and will feature literature, artwork, and crafts by and about gay people. Don

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3rd Annual Holiday Gathering Dec.11

The Third Annual "Oak Lawn Holiday Gathering," sponsored by the Alliance, is being held at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday evening, December 11, 1982 on the grounds of the Oak Lawn Branch of the Dallas Public Library at 4100 Cedar Springs. The event is free and open to the public.

Seasonal music will be provided by the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, and community singing will be led by members of the Turtle Creek Chorale. An eighteen-foot blue spruce tree, decorated and donated to the Oak Lawn Community by the Dallas Gay Alliance, will be lighted and stand beside the "living" Blue Atlas Cedar planted on the library grounds by the Alliance three years ago.

In addition to these festivities, the DGA will give to The Family Place, a home for battered women and their children, the toys from their annual "Toys for Tots" campaign. Collection boxes have been placed in several Oak Lawn businesses for donations, and toys brought to the "O.L.H. Gathering" will be greatly appreciated.

HOLIDAY AFFAIR/TRIBUTE

The DGA would like to invite everyone to enjoy a beautiful evening of cocktails, entertainment, an awards ceremony, and dancing to celebrate the season and to honor our President Don Baker with a Tribute for his leadership and accomplishments for gay and civil rights. Also to be honored will be those volunteers who have gratefully given their time to the Alliance this past year. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, the Showstoppers, and other entertainers from the community. Dancing will end the evening with music provided by a local disc jockey.

The "HOLIDAY AFFAIR/TRIBUTE" will be held on Friday, December 17th, in the Central Banquet Hall of the Holiday Inn-Central on Central Expressway south of Fitzhugh. Cocktails, by cash bar, will begin the evening at 6:30 P.M., followed by the dinner at 7:30 P.M. The Tribute to Mr. Baker and entertainment will begin at 8:30 P.M. with dancing beginning at 11:30 P.M. and lasting until 1:30 A.M. Cash bars will be available throughout the evening.

Admission for the dinner will be by reservation only of $20 for Alliance members and $35 for non-members, of which $15 will be applied to membership into the Alliance. Those who wish to attend only the Tribute and entertainment portion of the evening may pay a $3 donation at the door after 8:30 P.M.

There will be limited seating for dinner. Reservations have been extended until noon on Tuesday, December 14th. Visa and MasterCard are now accepted by the Alliance as well as checks made out to DGA. For further information regarding this event or to make reservations (charge cards only), call the Alliance office at 528-4233, the Oak Lawn Junk Company at 559-3488, or Alan Ross at 526-6529.

This is the time you can show your appreciation to Don for everything he has accomplished for your rights. Please attend and help make this another huge success for Don and for the Dallas Gay Alliance in 1982.

TDC NIXES DIALOG

Dialog's readers will not include inmates at any of the state prisons, if officials of the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) have their way.

TDC officials recently refused to allow an inmate to receive the November 1982 issue of Dialog. Their refusal stated that Dialog would "encourage deviate criminal sexual behavior" and would thereby be "detrimental to prisoner's rehabilitation."

TDC officials also wrote that "inmates receiving and/or possessing the publication may be . . . (the) target of homosexual advances by other inmates."

Dialog Editor Bill Nelson noted, however, that the November issue did not carry any sexually-explicit advertising, photos, or stories, as is the policy of the newsletter.

If the TDC ruling were to stand, it would also deprive inmates of all Dialog news, including stories on counseling, finance, legal issues, religious announcements, and political news.

Nelson, a local attorney, plans to file an appeal with TDC. The TDC policy also apparently ignores the recent 21.06 decision of U.S. District Court Judge Jerry Buchmeyer, holding that private consensual gay sex is no longer illegal in Texas. Nelson added, "Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code has long been the peg on which gay sexual acts have been labeled 'criminal.' But that basis no longer exists."

A FEW THOUGHTS ON BAKER v. WADE

by T.R.M.

Texas gays are already preparing for the appeal of Federal Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's decision striking down Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. Fund-raising and legal preparations have already begun for the appellate court contest.

Appealing the case will be costly, says Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) President M. Robert Schwab of Houston. Fighting the State's appeal may add another $25,000 in legal costs to the $40,000 already spent.

Fund-raisers have already been held all over Texas, and Dallas-area bars and businesses have announced a goal of $10,000 to help support the Section 21.06 appeal.

The further court struggle became necessary when Buchmeyer's decision was appealed earlier this fall. One appeal was filed by Potter County (Amarillo) District Attorney Danny Hill but later dropped when Texas Attorney General Mark White filed a notice of appeal on the day before the November gubernatorial election, which White won.

Houston Gay Political Caucus members later met with Governor-elect White to discuss his appeal of Section 21.06, the first time a Texas governor has met with a gay group. White reportedly felt that the appeal was required since Buchmeyer had struck down a Texas statute.

White's motion to appeal the decision does not automatically overturn the Baker v. Wade ruling. Nor does it state the grounds upon which the State will base its appeal. Those grounds will be presented if the Texas Attorney General pursues the appeal during 1983 and afterward.

Ironically, if the State does pursue the appeal, Mark White will not direct the appeal. Because of lengthy court delays at the Fifth Circuit level, incoming Attorney General Jim Mattox will inherit the pending appeal.

Mattox, a U.S. Representative from Dallas County, has been endorsed in the past by the Dallas Gay Political Caucus in his bids for Congress. No word has yet been received on Mattox's intentions.

THRF President Schwab estimated that one to three years may pass before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals would announce its decision on the appeal.

The State's appeal of the Section 21.06 ruling may face a serious disadvantage, reported Dallas attorney Mike Anglin at a recent Gay Academic Union meeting.

The appeals court decision is usually based on facts established during the district court trial, explained Anglin. Buchmeyer's decision, however, discredited the primary State Witness' testimony.

"Judge Buchmeyer's decision didn't leave the State with a leg to stand on," noted Anglin. "The State's case on appeal has been crippled by this decision."

In particular, Judge Buchmeyer's decision discounted the testimony of the defense's chief witness Dr. James Grigson. Grigson, a local psychiatrist, has been termed "Dr. Death" for his work for local prosecutors in death penalty cases. He has been reprimanded by the American Psychiatric Association for his past practices, and his testimony was once discounted by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Buchmeyer wrote that "this Court completely discounts Dr. Grigson's testimony and his opinions. These opinions were not based on any independent research or supported by any respected medical or psychiatric literature.

"Dr. Grigson's opinions were flawed, inconsistent, and directly contrary to other credible evidence accepted by this court."

Buchmeyer also added that neither of the two defendents--Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade and Dallas City Attorney Lee Holt--could justify Section 21.06's existence.

Buchmeyer's opinion stated that "the right of privacy does extend to private, voluntary, intimate relationships--between husband and wife, between unmarried males and females, between homosexuals." He added that Texas had presented no "compelling state interest" to justify its intrusion upon this right to privacy.

The "compelling state interest" criteria is a demanding standard, one which few state statutes restricting a constitutional right can usually meet.

Buchmeyer's decision, however, went even further. It noted that "the evidence presented at trial did not support any" real claim to a "compelling state interest." He also noted that Section 21.06 is not even "rationally related" to any "legitimate state interest" such as morality and decency, public health, welfare and safety, and procreation.

By denouncing the State's arguments and its legal positions, Buchmeyer's decision places the State's appeals case at a disadvantage, for two different standards of scrutiny were applied to Section 21.06, and the statute failed under both standards.

Still, Anglin noted, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals sometimes reverses or limits pioneering cases from the district courts.

If the Section 21.06 decision is upheld, it will have a major impact, both in Texas and in 24 other states which restrict private homosexual behavior.

In Texas, the decision would prevent state and district attorney prosecutions under Section 21.06. While the state legislature might not repeal the act and remove it from the books, the act would become unenforceable.

"The Section 21.06 decision will also make a foundation to fight discrimination in the courts," continued Anglin. The next fights would be with the police, fire, and state licensing agencies.

Because of Section 21.06 anyone who was a homosexual became a criminal; there was a presumption of guilt. Section 21.06 provided a basis for discrimination.

"Public agencies didn't have to establish a job-related disqualification to refuse to hire a gay person. It definitely took a psychological toll on individuals," Anglin noted.

Discrimination by public agencies and in the housing area are also potential areas for future THRF litigation.

THRF is one of five public interest litigating groups in the U.S. A tax-exempt organization, it was founded in 1977 and concentrates on gay rights cases.

The Buchmeyer decision does not, however, directly affect federal agencies operating in Texas, such as the military, federal employers, or the Immigration and Naturalization Service. THRF will continue to be involved in these disputes, Anglin observed.

Outside Texas, the decision does not strike down laws in 24 other states which restrict or prohibit private homosexual behavior. However, the Section 21.06 ruling may be influential in other states.

Other federal judges are not necessarily "controlled" by Buchmeyer's decision but must "distinguish" different circumstances before disregarding it.

"If we had had a precedent like this (the Section 21.06 ruling), it would have been much easier to win this case. We had nothing to go on," said Anglin.

"The question had never been answered before Buchmeyer's decision. Now it has been.

"We should all remember that it would not have been possible if not by Don Baker's courage and willingness to put up with this public scrutiny. He just kept on putting himself up front."

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ISN'T JUSTICE WONDERFUL?

by Dave Lewis

A few months ago in these pages I took advantage of the coincidence of the Section 21.06 decision and the case of Michael Trestrail to muse on the effectiveness of court decisions and laws. To refresh your memory, Michael Trestrail was the head of Great Britain's Royalty Protection Group which is responsible for the safety of Queen Elizabeth II. He was forced to resign, after a career of distinguished service, due to the revelation of his relationship with a London "rent boy" (English for "hustler").

The furor was created by the handling of the incident by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government. As a result, Commander Trestrail was out of a job, and the Queen (Elizabeth) gave Maggie (Thatcher) a lengthy royal dressing down, during which the Prime Minister was kept standing. (Prime Ministers are usually invited to be seated in the Royal presence.)

Lord Nigel Bridge, Secretary of the Interior, was appointed to head an investigation into the security risks resulting from Trestrail's homosexual activity. Remember, of course, that private homosexual activity between consenting adults is legal in England (although not throughout Great Britain). The explanation of Thatcher's government was that it was the fact that Trestrail had availed himself of the services of a rent boy that created the security risk. One is led to wonder if he would have risked British security if he had patronized a lady of the night.

Well, on Wednesday, November 24th, Lord Bridge issued his findings. "Security was not put at risk" by the sexual activities of Commander Michael Trestrail. He also absolved Trestrail of any blame for the intrusion of Michael Fagan into the Queen's (Elizabeth) bedroom last July. (The revelations about Trestrail's sexuality followed shortly upon Fagan's late night soiree' with Elizabeth.)

So, justice has been done. Trestrail has been found innocent of any wrongdoing. Of course, he is still unemployed, but I'm sure that is just a minor inconvenience. After all, how can one be worried about a career when one has been absolved of guilt?

This important decision comes a few weeks after the State of Texas filed an appeal of the Section 21.06 decision. Isn't justice wonderful?

INTERGAY SEEKS DALLAS NEWS

The position of Dallas correspondent for the national gay radio program INTERGAY has been created this month. INTERGAY is a syndicated gay radio news program heard on various radio stations across the country.

The volunteer position is open for a gay person who has experience in radio or who has the ambition and desire to learn radio broadcasting. "We are looking for someone who can report the news from Dallas," said David Wynyard, producer of INTERGAY. "Now that we've established reporters from cities such as Houston, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and Toronto, we are expanding our news coverage to locations such as Dallas.

"We are more interested in dedication than experience," added Wynyard. "We are quite willing to train people in radio production. In fact, we have already trained most of our current reporters, and they have improved to a very professional level. And volunteerism in gay radio offers an excellent opportunity to learn the basics of behind-the-scenes radio in general."

INTERGAY Colorado correspondent Bob Steele explained, "I call in my reports at INTERGAY's expense whenever there's important news from Colorado. There's usually something happening here of national interest only one a month or so. It's not that hard of a committment to keep up with. Most reports are from one to two minutes long."

Anyone interested in becoming the INTERGAY Dallas correspondent, write David Wynyard at INTERGAY, GPO Box 3387, Brooklyn, NY 11202; or call (212)624-5014 and leave a message.

PUBLIC LEWDNESS CONVICTION OVERTURNED

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals recently overturned a public lewdness conviction of a Dallas man, holding that the man with whom he had allegedly had "deviate sexual intercourse" had, in fact, been fully dressed.

The appeallate decision reverses an earlier conviction and appears to limit potential public lewdness convictions. The conviction resulted from a 1979 charge filed by a Dallas undercover policeman at a gay bar.

Judge Sam Houston Clinton's opinion: "The problem is that . . . at all times the object of appellant's affection . . . was fully clothed." There was no direct skin-to-skin contact.

OPEN LETTER FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Communications Department wishes to thank those who helped make this year's Cruise-A-Thon a success. The annual fund raising event was held on October 16, 1982, in conjunction with the Oak Lawn Arts & Crafts Fair, and raised pledges of nearly $300 for the DGA.

We especially appreciate the enthusiasm and generous support of Carol S., who obtained $100 in pledges for the 5 kilometer distance.

Michael Burnett

PHONE TREE

The Dallas Gay Alliance Phone Tree, created over a year ago, has recently been updated by the Communications Department. The phone tree's purpose is to inform members whenever a newsworthy event occurs which calls for an immediate response or reaction by the Alliance.

However, whether it is used often or seldom, it is important that those participating in the phone tree be prepared for whatever or whenever its need may arise. The Communications Department will continue to maintain, revise, and expand this resource and its use in the future.

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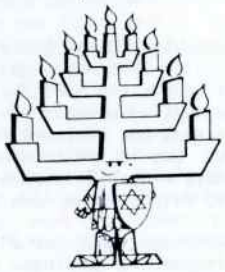
DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat 11 UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH craft and garage sale. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088. 1 - 6 PM. (Again on Sunday 3 - 6 PM.)

Third Annual Oak Lawn Holiday Gathering celebrating both Christmas and Hanukkah. On the lawn of the Oak Lawn Branch Library. Co-sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance and the Oak Lawn Library. 7 PM. Everyone welcome.

First day of Hanukkah.



Happy Hanukkah!

Sun 12 AGAPE' METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 AM. and 7 PM. 2336 Hemphill. (817) 926-7000.
UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH of DALLAS. Service at 11 AM. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH of DALLAS. Prayer Breakfast, 9 AM. Executive Inn, 322 W. Mockingbird Lane. Services at 11 AM and 7:15 PM. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call for information. 521-6769.

Mon 13 OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets every Monday in the MCC Social Hall. 7 PM.
EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS meets every Monday in the MCC Social Hall. 7:30 PM.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. Interesting program plus latest developments in the gay movement. 7:30 PM. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

Tue 14 OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday from 7 to 9 PM. MCC Social Hall, 2701 Reagan. Musicians needed, especially brass, percussion and strings. If you haven't played in two or even ten years, you are welcome.

Wed 15 OAK LAWN VOLLEYBALL TEAM practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7 PM.

DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 7 PM. 750-8041.

Reception for new DGA members. 9 PM. 4817 N. Central Expressway. 559-2166.

Thr 16 MCC DALLAS ORCHESTRA rehearsal. Every Thursday at 7 PM. Musicians needed. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 PM at the Midway Hills Christian Church. 368-5500.

Fri 17 Tribute to Don Baker party. Central Hall of the Holiday Inn on Central Expressway. Cocktails, dinner, dancing, entertainment, and an awards ceremony starting at 6:30 PM. Members $20 - non-members $35. Volunteers needed. Call Alan Ross or Ann Brown at 528-4233.

CLIFF DWELLERS SOCIAL CLUB meets every Friday at 8 PM. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

Sun 19 OAK LAWN TENNIS TEAM practices every Sunday at noon. Cole Park Tennis Courts.

GAY PRIDE WEEK ASSOCIATION meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 1 PM. DGA office. Help plan Gay Pride Week 83. For information, call 522-1713. Ext. 120.

"Christmas Festival" presented by the Metropolitan Community Church Choir and Orchestra. 7:15 PM. All Church Christmas Party immediately following. 2701 Reagan.

GAYLINE meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 PM. 4500 Harry Hines at Industrial (Travel Lodge Towers). P.O. Box 19085; Dallas, TX 75219. For information, call 748-6790.

"For God So Loved the World," a Christmas program presented by the United Community Church Choir. 8 PM. 4402 Roseland.

Mon 20 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. 7:30 PM. DGA office. 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. Everyone welcome.

Fri 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 11 PM. United Community Church. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
Christmas Eve service at 11 PM. Metropolitan Community Church. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

Sat 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Dallas Gay Alliance wishes you

and all those you love a happy holiday.

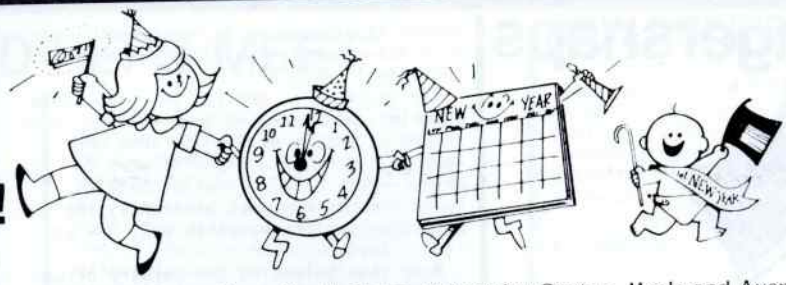
Covered Dish Christmas Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church. 1 PM. Reservation required.
Covered Dish Christmas Dinner at the United Community Church 1 PM.

Mon 27 DIALOG deadline. Send letters and articles to DIALOG - Dallas Gay Alliance, P.O. Box 190712; Dallas, TX 75219.

Thr 30 INTEGRITY - The Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter will meet at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 6525 Inwood Road (at Mockingbird Lane) at 7:30 PM.

JANUARY

Sat 1



Happy New Year!

Mon 3 GAY LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meeting. North Texas University Center, Maple and Avenue B. (817) 382-1661. Everyone welcome.

Tue 4 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in the Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscombe (near Page) at 8:30 PM. Everyone welcome. (817) 571-6977.

Wed 5 Pot Luck Supper at the Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2701 Reagan. 6:15 PM. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2336 Hemphill (near Page) at 8:30 PM.

Thr 6 DIALOG Mail Committee meets at Phil's place. 821-1653. Bring an appetite.

Sat 8 Pot Luck Dinner and Bingo. United Community Church. 4402 Roseland. 7:30 PM. 827-5088.

Sun 9 "Sunday 83" - Reverend Sam Stafford of the Church of the Good Shepard in Houston. 11 AM. United Community Church.

GAY ACADEMIC UNION - NORTH TEXAS (GAUNT) will meet at 1503 Oakwood in Denton. Program: Kathy Smallwood, Denton psychologist will speak on "The Dynamics of Human Relationships." Call (817) 382-1661.

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

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE DEPARTMENTS

TUESDAYS

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. DGA office. Ann Brown.

CIVIC AFFAIRS - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. Doris Williams and Mike Stewart.

SOCIAL EVENTS - Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office. Alan Ross.

EDUCATION - 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm. DGA office. Becky Stevens.

WEDNESDAYS

SOCIAL JUSTICE - 2nd Wednesday. Call 821-1130 for time and place. Terry Tebedo.

MEMBERSHIP - 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays. Call 559-2166 for time and place. John Thomas.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm. DGA office. Davie Jones.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS - Every Wednesday at 8 pm. DGA office. Bill Nelson.

THURSDAYS

FINANCIAL RESOURCES - Call 521-0432 for time, date, and place. Carl Mallies.

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Gingersnaps

by Steven Linn

Two current plays--one of them of particular interest to the gay community--demand viewing by anyone interested in theatre.

Kyle McClaran is a renegade in Dallas theatre; he places the demands of an artist's vision above those of a businessman's bank account. Instead of mounting plays calculated to please and squeeze money from civic boosters whose interest in theatre chiefly consists of meeting their friends in the lobby, McClaran (with his troupe, Scavenger Productions) has since the mid-1970s been staging plays designed only to reflect his own arcane visions. In doing so he has gained the devotion of some talented actors, a frequently bewildered but eager audience, and the genuine, if sometimes bemused, respect of the theatre community.

McClaran's current extravaganze, The Devils (at Calm Eddy's Comedy Club Mondays through Wednesdays through December 15th; 747-1131) is vintage McClaran. He uses John Whiting's tale (based on fact) of 17th Century bigotry, hysteria, and religious persecution as a vehicle for his own phantasmagorical visions and crazy comedy, and the result is far more than an exercise in directorial ego. It is a strong evening in the theatre, the strongest I've experienced in Dallas.

Lest all this sound heavy in every sense, let me assure you that the evening contains as many laughs as gasps and moans (there are frequent combinations of the three). Joan Nelson's portrayal of an obsessed nun verges on campy faghaggery, but her technique is sure. Ken West and David Nelson (not out of Ozzie and Harriet) are flesh-crawlingly funny as representatives of the scientific community, with lemon-yellow hair and green teeth. And early in the second act, McClaran throws in a pair of near-naked dancing boys who are eminently worth gazing at, if not precisely germane to the script's needs.

The central, and most complex and admirable, performance is that of handsome John Davies as the sexy priest whose excesses start all the trouble. But what holds the production together is Director McClaran's conviction and wildly imaginative style.

A more conventional evening in the theatre, but one shot through with moments of intense lyrical beauty, is The Diviners from Stage #1 (Greenville Avenue through December 19th; 823-3670).

The play by Jim Leonard, Jr., is one of those pastoral-poetical-Christianical-barbarical-tragical exercises in vernacular good American playwrights apparently feel constrained to turn out every few years (The Rimers of Eldritch; Buried Child; Futz). In basic outline these dramas tend to be similar: through ignorance or base motives, a provincial community injures or destroys an element of grace--usually emobdied in a special individual--within it.

The Diviners is gentler than the above examples, and contains some relaxed, easy scenes of people getting to know one another, or doing a piece of work together--very nice. It also contains rough-hewn comedy, but apparently the primitive schtick works as well now as it did then.

More than balancing the awkward or unplayable elements in the script are the closing scenes of both acts: the first mysteriously poetic; in the second, the reenactment of a death by drowning so magically conveyed that, like Ophelia's death as described by the Queen in Hamlet, something potentially painful is transformed into something noble and sublime.

Jenna Worthen and her splendid ensemble of players can take credit for this amazing scene, which is like nothing you've ever before encountered in theatre, nor are likely to come across again. If Roger Farkash can design a set whose impact is less than stunning, I have yet to see it. For this play he has given us a space for actors as alive with mystery and beauty as the best parts of the play itself.

There are moments in The Diviners when the actors declaim, and you want them to whisper and croon. Such moments are even more frequent in Samm-Art Williams' Home, at the Junior Black Academy through December 12th (827-6241). This playwright also mixes poetry with colloquy, sometimes effectively, sometimes not. Home covers 25 years or so in the life of a prototypical Southern black man in fragmentary scenes with three women who act both as Chorus and in supporting roles. At their best, the actors (Louie White, Pamela Santos, Robbin Campbell, Tou Braudy Whittington) give us some sharp, detailed portraits, but they could be as talentless as--well, some of the leading actors in some of our leading theatres--and still be a pleasure to see and hear because you will find no more beautiful a foursome on any stage, or anywhere.

The most significant artistic event of the last month was, of course, the presence of Martha Graham and her company of dancers in residence at SMU in connection with Graham's being given the University Meadows Award--a prize so far more distinguished in its recipients (Ingmar Bergman is the sole previous awardee) than its presentation. Graham presented five dances, two new to the area. None of these lived up to my memory of the company ten years ago when I saw Graham's version of the Medea legend, "Cave of the Heart," the single most stunning work of theatre I have ever seen, or her "Acrobats of God," one of the funniest. But at all times you were aware of witnessing one of the world's great companies. And when Graham herself appeared to introduce one of the programs, you knew you were in the company not only of history but of legend.

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DGA & DPD REPS MEET

The following narrative is a report prepared by Communications Department Director Bill Nelson of a meeting held between representatives of the Alliance and the Dallas Police Department. It represents a continuing dialog established by this organization and is a direct result of the appointment of a special task force of the Board of Directors.

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On Thursday, November 11th, DGA Directors Bill Nelson, Terry Tebedo, and Ann Brown met with Asst. Police Chief Leslie R. Sweet in the Alliance offices at 7 P.M. Mr. Sweet proved to be an intelligent, sensitive man who seemed to be genuinely interested in listening to the concerns of the gay community and felt that those problems needed to be addressed. The conversation was essentially an educational process for the assistant chief with the Alliance members relating to him the frustrations of past communications with the police department and repeating suggestions for future actions.

Some specific points of interest:

Mr. Sweet wondered out loud to what degree the Dallas Gay Alliance represented the gay community in the city. He was assured that, although many, many gay people do not identify themselves with the gay rights movement, the Alliance does represent those that are part of the organized community. We also took that opportunity to comment about some of the other gay organizations in the city.

Mr. Sweet said that he was as yet unfamiliar with the "special" problems of the gay community. This comment was in response to our requests to be singled out as a minority group with special needs. We attempted to outline what some of those problems were, but it is definitely an area which needs to be carefully thought out and documented.

We discussed the concept of a liaison for a long time. Mr. Sweet suggested that it is not workable in the present police structure. He suggested that we use Officer Chandler for some situations, Capt. Halliday for others, and himself or Chief Dixon for decisions that must come closer to the top. When we suggested the need for an "advocate" at the DPD, he was not unsympathetic to the idea but maintained that staffing shortages made it impossible.

Mr. Sweet was very interested in the brochures from other cities, especially the one from Seattle. He requested that we send him copies of that brochure as soon as possible so that he could get someone working on a similar one for Dallas.

The meeting was characterized by a very friendly tone. Mr. Sweet was told, however, that the gay leadership was not willing to be the "mouthpiece" of the DPD to the gay community (explaining their point of view, special problems, etc. and de-fusing volatile situations) unless there was some sort of reciprical arrangement. It was also pointed out to him that we had heard some of his assurances before, only to be disappointed by inaction later. He seemed to hear it all, understand most of it, and agree with some of the points.

NEW PRESIDENT

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sees the store, which will be similar to Wilde 'n Stein Books in Houston, as fulfilling a vital need in the Dallas community. In addition to the store, Baker will bring gay performing artists to Texas. He already has arranged to bring a gay theatre company from New York to Dallas for nine days. They will be performing three plays in repertory. He will also be producing the Texas tour of the Gay Men's Dance Collective from New York. The tour will include stops in Dallas, Houston, Austin, and San Antonio.

Reflecting on his more than three years as DGA President, Baker stressed that he loves the Alliance and feels that it has evolved into the most effective gay organization in Texas. He notes that one of its strength lies in its structure which provides for the orderly transfer of power. Another important strength of the Alliance is that it has become more than a political organization.

Baker does not regret that he sought a third term as President this past June. He felt that it was important for the DGA leadership to remain constant through the National Leadership Conference and the Secion 21.06 decision. Since his current term does not expire until June 1983, he would not be leaving office now if it were not for the changes occurring in his life and lifestyle. His new business will take him out of Dallas frequently and fully occupy his time when he is in town. His time will be particularly tight as he organizes and develops his new economic venture.

During the three years that Don Baker has held the office of President, these are some of the accomplishments of the Dallas Gay Alliance:

(1) The membership of the organization has more than doubled.

(2) PROJECT '80 firmly established the gay community as an important political force in the city.

(3) The working budget of the organization has more than tripled.

(4) The Christmas Gathering in Oak Lawn has become an annual Alliance sponsored event.

(5) The gay community's relationship with the local media has become the envy of the nation's gay rights movement.

(6) Gay Pride Week has become a major event in Dallas.

(7) The Alliance sponsored the National Gay Leadership Conference.

(8) There is now a much stronger working relationship between the gay and non-gay communities in this city.

(9) Stability, order, and a business-like approach have come to characterize the organixation.

(10) Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code was declared unconstitutional.

This is by no means a complete listing. The accomplishments of Don Baker can only be completely ascertained by an extensive polling of those who have had the privilege and pleasure to serve under his leadership.

The DGA will be offering a tribute to Don Baker at the annual Holiday Party on December 17th at 6:30 P.M. in the Holiday Inn-Central. The evening will include cocktails, dinner, and entertainment. Invitations have been mailed to members. Additional information can be had from Alan Ross, Director of Social Concerns, who can be reached through the DGA office at 528-4233.

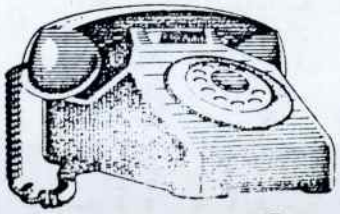
APUZZO NAMED NGTF DIRECTOR

Virginia Apuzzo will serve as the new Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force following her October unanimous selection by the NGTF Board of Directors.

Apuzzo replaces outgoing Director Lucia Valeska, who resigned in October. Apuzzo also serves as Executive Director for the NGTF Fund for Human Dignity, a political action group.

Shortly before her selection, Apuzzo spoke at the October meeting of the Dallas Gay Alliance, and focused on the challenges for gay groups during the 1980s. She was unable to attend a reception in her honor as she had to quickly leave Dallas in order to tape a debate with Moral Majority spokesman Jerry Falwell for the Phil Donahue show.

Reelected to the six-member NGTF Executive Committee was Dallas resident and DGA member Bill Beauchamp.



VIOLENCE CRISISLINE

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) has recently opened CRISISLINE, a national telephone service. CRISISLINE will compile nationwide statistics on antigay violence and direct callers to local hotlines and support services.

The project is part of an ongoing NGTF effort to monitor rising antigay violence in America. The service will be open weekdays from noon until 6:00 P.M. EST and will be staffed by trained volunteers. The toll-free number is 1-800-221-7044.

"Antigay violence in America is increasing," reports Kevin Berrill, NGTF Violence Project Coordinator. "Until now there has been no way to show the dramatic rise as a national figure. (CRISISLINE will) put the overall picture of homophobic violence into focus."

NEWS FROM THE DEPTS.

by Bill Nelson

Without much fanfare or publicity, this autumn the various departments of the Dallas Gay Alliance have produced a phenomenal level of gay rights-related activity. Mailings and distribution of materials probably hit an all-time high for the organization.

The Communications Department has recently produced specialized brochures aimed at reaching different groups in our community (see enclosures) and has participated in a fund-raising/membership mailout of over 4,000 pieces. Thanks to the work of this department, it is no longer difficult to locate a membership form for the Alliance no matter where you are in the city. Now, virtually every handbill and flyer put out by the organization is backed by one of the forms.

The Membership Department itself is in the middle of a highly successful membership drive. Posters have recently appeared, and special outreach to other gay organizations is a new approach to expanding the roster of the Alliance.

The Speaker's Bureau has been especially active lately. Five different groups have had representatives from the Alliance appear before them to answer questions about the gay lifestyle. Through this program, one of the DGA's most effective educational tools, members have spoken at Texas Women's University, Eastfield College, and Texas Christian University.

All of this activity is in addition to numerous meetings with city officials and representatives of the police department, as well as planning for a full schedule of holiday activities for the community. The wide variety and scope of these activities reflect the broad nature of the Dallas Gay Alliance. Anyone interested in participating in these relevant and vital events should contact any Board member, officer or member, or call (214)526-4233.

Membership Drive Ends Dec. 31

by John Thomas

The DGA membership drive ends December 31st and so far we've realized a net gain of over fifty. That means there have been over fifty memberships (new and renewal) above the number of expirations.

December is a great month to keep the momentum going. Why not give that good friend of yours a significant Christmas/Hanukkah/holiday gift, and at the same time give yourself one--a one month extension per new member on your own membership? Already two DGA members have each extended their membership expirations by half a year by each bringing in six new members.

Also, the holiday affair--"A Tribute to Don Baker"--is priced such that nonmembers who attend have a membership included. I want to enjoy that evening with my breeding ex-sister-in-law so she becomes a member of DGA.

Through the end of December, we still will rebate $5.00 to a gay organization identified on the "Referred By" line. So far, the Turtle Creek Chorale and Dignity will be receiving some extra funds.

While this drive is a special emphasis, membership is a year-round project. If we have as many new and renewal memberships every month as we did in November, the Dallas Gay Alliance would be over one thousand members, and I am sure looking at two thousand as our next attainable goal.

Happy Holidays!!!

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Leadership Conference Videos

Videotapes were made of selected programs and workshops during the August 1982 National Gay Leadership Conference in Dallas. Beginning in mid-December, these videotapes are to be aired on Warner/Amex's Channel 19 program "Video Crossroads," which is produced by Stephen C. Wagner and Nellie Thomas.

These videotapes have been edited to one-hour showings, with each videotape running at selected times during one week. The schedule for each week's showings is as follows:

Sunday	9:00 pm	Wednesday	7:00 pm
Monday	10:00 pm	Thursday	11:00 pm
Tuesday	11:00 pm	Friday	10:00 pm
	Saturday	1:00 and 9:00 pm.	

The Conference's keynote address by Larry Bush will air during the week of December 12, 1982. Jo Daly's workshop on Police Relations will be shown the week of December 19th. The workshop on Political Lobbying will be aired the week of December 26th. And the guest speakers' program at the Conference dinner will be shown during the week of January 2, 1983.

Dec. Meeting

Candice Marcum and Harold Daire, two human development specialists, will explore the myths and realities of gay relationships at the December DGA membership meeting on Monday, December 13th, at 7:30 P.M. at M.C.C.

Howie Daire is the founder and director of the Oak Lawn Counseling Center. When Howie learned that Candy Marcum was a psychotherapist in private practice, he asked her to join his staff. Together, they have recently formed a company named Executive Training Concepts. The company was formed in order to help individuals learn to apply interpersonal skills to their private and professional lives.

CONTEST!

Due to the fact that applications did not go out on schedule, the Public Relations committee of the Dallas Gay Pride Week Association is extending the deadline for the 1983 theme and logo contest. All entries must now be postmarked no later than New Year's Eve, 1982. There will be two prizes awarded: $50 for the best theme and $50 for the best logo design. The decision of the judges is final, and all entries become the property of the DGPWA. Entries, accompanied by name, address and telephone number, may be mailed to P.O. Box 190412, Dallas, Texas 75219. Winners will be announced to the media after the January 16th DGPWA meeting.

DGA Gift to MLK Center

The Dallas Gay Alliance will make a contribution to the Martin Luther King Community Center's Annual Santa Claus Project. Because the Alliance already is committed to the Toys for Tots drive to benefit The Family Place, the contribution will be in the form of a cash donation. This donation was aranged by the Community Affairs Department of the organization.