DIALOG

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BAKER TRIBUTE – A SUCCESS!

by the Editor

Alan Ross and the Social Events Department should be congratulated for organizing the "Holiday Affair with Don Baker." This tribute to our past President on Saturday, December 17th, was a great success, as Don and Alan deserve. A pleasant surprise was the presentation of certificates to those who have volunteered their time to the Alliance during 1982, and there were many.

Approximately 125 Alliance member listened eagerly as individual Board members supplied many ribald memories of Don's past, but I found the greatest moments to be Judy Baker's reminiscenses of growing up with her brother and experiencing the peaks of his achievements as the DGA President and the plaintiff in Baker v. Wade.

It was truly heartwarming to see and hear so many voices celebrating Don's accomplishments for the gay movement. But his sister reminded us all that Don sacrificed a great deal on behalf of a greater good: "Don has been committed to what he believes in."

Don, thank you for your commitment.

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The Alliance has donated the two enormous flocked Christmas trees which provided the backdrop at the Holiday Affair to the MCC as an expression of thanks for the many years of using MCC facilities for DGA general membership meetings.

Short DIALOG This Month

by the Editor

The Dialog staff has produced a shorter newsletter for January 1983, primarily because Dialog is now mailed at bulk rate. Since the speedy delivery of first class postage is no longer guaranteed, the Dialog staff produced this issue only two weeks after producing the December 1982 Dialog. Accordingly, the DGA Departments had very little time to submit articles.

There are advantages to mailing Dialog to you at bulk rate. The primary one is financial, but future Dialog mailings can also contain individual announcements regarding DGA and community news because the bulk rate allows up to 3 ounces of material versus the 1 ounce allowed by first class mailing.

The Dialog staff and the DGA membership will have to adjust to the disadvantages. First, production of each issue must be advanced to the middle of the previous month so that the Mail Committee can stuff Dialog and have it mailed and arrive at your address prior to that month's general membership meeting. Second, the deadline for submitting articles will be the previous monthly meeting. And finally, the news in Dialog may be "old" by the time you read it. However, the inserts in each issue will probably help cure this disadvantage.

The February Dialog will contain 8 pages! Please let me know when you receive the January Dialog.

STANDING ROOM ONLY

A new all-gay performing group for male and female singers will begin rehearsals later this month. "SRO" is to be a semi-professional company presenting choreographed shows of popular music and songs from Broadway musicals. The first performance is scheduled for early spring.

Those wishing to audition may call Charly Miller at 824-8244 for more information. Also needed is an arranger/accompanist.

CIVIC AFFAIRS DEPT. NEWS

At the December 14th Civic Affairs Department meeting, Chuck Gary and Michael Milliken were elected as the new 1983 Co-Chairs of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the political action committee of the Alliance. Pending approval by the DGA Board of Directors, Gary and Milliken will chair the next meeting on January 12, 1983.

Selected as DGPC Representatives at the January 15th meeting of Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates (LGRA) were Doris Taylor and Michael Milliken. LGRA is the statewide lobbyist group representing the gay political action groups of Texas.

Items of priority for the Civic Affairs Department in the next three months are to update the voter identification list, deputize Deputy Voter Registrars at the January general membership meeting, and prepare for the April 2nd municipal elections. DGA President Mike Stewart stated that Dallas will have a new Mayor and City Council after the April elections. Therefore, these municipal elections are of great importance to the Alliance because the results will have a direct impact on the gay community.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Tony Anthony and Michael Burnet were elected to the Board of Directors at the December general meeting of the Alliance. Board members re-elected at that meeting were John Thomas, Dave Jones, and Bill Nelson. The membership also ratified Mike Stewart as DGA President and Nelson as Vice-President.

Alliance officers and the Board of Directors will go on retreat at an as-yet-undecided location during the weekend of January 8 and 9, 1983. The 1983 departments will be announced at the January 11th meeting of the general membership.

BILLBOARD TO BE LEASED

The Board of Directors has approved a recommendation by the Communications Department that a billboard be leased by the Alliance in 1983. Accompanying this article is a copy of the proposed billboard minus color.

The billboard's purpose is to call attention to the gay community in Dallas. Accordingly, the billboard space which is currently being negotiated is across from City Hall in downtown Dallas. The cost for this billboard will be at least $3,000, and Communications Department members will be out on the streets raising the funds for this project.

If the funds become available, additional DGA-sponsored billboards will pop up around Dallas. But "the first billboard is the most important," according to ex-chair of the Communications Department and newly elected Board member Michael Burnet, "for city leaders must be reminded that we exist in Dallas. Our goal is to have the billboard across from the Convention Center and City Hall remain in place through the Republican National Convention in the summer of 1984."

THE DALLAS GAY COMMUNITY –

WORKING TOWARD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

DALLAS MAKES NEWS IN UK

Dallas gay leaders have received not only national attention, after the London Gay News printed the following article in the September 2-15, 1982 issue. Dialog's staff member Dave Lewis was in London on business in August and was interviewed by the News' editor Andrew Lumsden and Marsailli Cameron of the "International News" section.

GAY NEWS

"The most common British view of Dallas, Texas, USA is hardly that of a 'centrally located city with a significant homosexual community.' However, those features were the ones that struck the Board Members of the 600-member Dallas Gay Alliance when they looked around their city and started to think about hosting a National Gay Conference.

"Held between August 13-15 after over a year of high pressure planning and publicity, the Conference was devoted to the themes of 'celebrating the movement' and 'organising for the future.'

"The hosting of the National Gay Leadership Conference is not the only reason why Dallas, a conservative and evangelist ridden city, is suddenly a very prominent spot on the gay map.

"On August 18, a Federal judge ruled that the law in Texas forbidding sexual activity between people of the same sex is unconstitutional--a decision hailed as a 'tremendous victory' by gay rights activists.

"The judge ruled that the 1974 law violates the fundamental right of privacy enshrined in the Constitution, and said that it made criminals of the more than 700,000 prople in the state who were homosexual. The ruling followed a challenge from a local gay activist who claimed that the existing law infringed his civil rights.

"One way and another recent events in Dallas have made it more than likely that much celebration will have been taking place in the city's gay bars--including the bar, JR's, which is much more commonly known amongst the gay community as Sue Ellen's."

Gay Unitarians Host Inter-Denominational Meeting

Gay Unitarians of Dallas will host the first meeting ever of all gay religious groups in the area. The event will be a potluck dinner on February 13, 1983 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy in University Park. This will be the first time various religious organizations such as Affirmation, Dignity, and Integrity have joined together to share common hopes and aspirations.

Gay Unitarians' President Mary Franklin has invited all religious groups open to homosexuals "in an effort to create a sense of community among religious gays in Dallas." The Gay Unitarians are hoping the gathering will offer increased chances for social contacts and networking within the larger gay community of the city. The First Unitarian Church of Dallas provides an excellent site for the event since the denomination has adopted a pro-gay resolution and the Dallas church has been used as a meeting place for gay and lesbian groups.

DOE POLICY CLARIFICATION RELAYED BY NGTF

The Department of Energy has clarified its "access authorization" policy regarding homosexuals and, despite previous reports, the new policy does not exclude gay men and lesbians from security clearance.

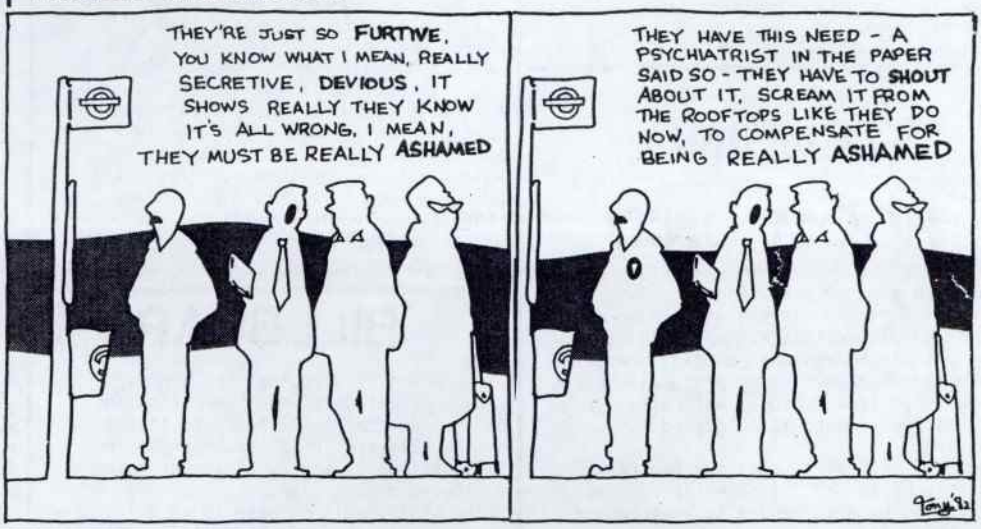
Lucia Valeska, former Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, stated: "A recent Washington Post article about the new policy led the reader to believe that homosexuality was the issue. The issue is actually personal honesty and integrity. In the past, criteria for clearance has been absolutely and arbitrarily against homosexuals. Now it is circumstantial; it reflects reality."

Mel Boozer, Director of NGTF's Washington D.C. office, said, "The rationale of the security clearance policy is that the Department of Energy wants to see if homosexuality has any bearing on a person's ability to protect the national security. But homosexuality per se will not be a factor for denial of clearance for an openly gay person. The new D.O.E. regulation denies clearance to classified documents and security information only for those people who have knowingly and actively tried to hide their sexual orientation. It in effect encourages openness."

In a letter to the Department of Energy, Boozer asked for specific clarification of the policy. Tom Isaacs, responding for Director Ralph Caudle of the Office of Safeguards and Security for Defense Programs, confirmed that only those individuals who are so preoccupied with being closeted that they might compromise themselves to hide their sexual orientation would be subject to a hearing for clearance review. This clarification would also apply to heterosexuals, who might be furtively concealing an extra-marital affair from a husband or wife, and therefore be subject to a "compromise of integrity."

Frank Kameny, long-time gay rights activist and NGTF Board member, observed, "This is a formalization of a trend in the government for the last seven years, a rational approach to determining susceptibility to blackmail. There are some questionable issues in the policy, but it is basically all right. If you are known to be gay, you may still have hassles but you will get your clearance, providing you have good legal advice. It isn't a do-it-yourself process."

From GAY NEWS (London)



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BOOKENDS

AN UNNATURAL DEATH

by Dave Lewis

The Rose Exterminator by William Carney. Everest House. New York. October 1982. Hardcover $14.95.

I am a real fan of mysteries. I like to read, and I read mysteries like other people watch soap operas. The gay mystery is a relatively young genre, but it is growing and, unlike the bulk of gay literature, seems to be reaching us through the mainstream publishers. Everest House, publisher of The Rose Exterminator, is an imprint of Dodd, Mead & Co. (Agatha Christie's American publisher.) Joseph Hansen's series featuring gay detective Dave Brandstetter is published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

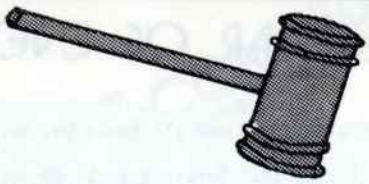
The Rose Exterminator is Carney's third novel. All three are set in the murky world of S&M sex. His current work is a sequel, of sorts, to his first novel The Real Thing, published in 1968. Both novels deal with the death of Glenn Symonds, known in some circles as a plastic surgeon of great reknown and in others as the ultimate top. The first novel deals with his life leading up to his death as recounted in his letters.

The new novel begins with the discovery of Symonds' almost castrated body suspended "unnaturally" with the remains of a cyanide capsule in his mouth. The story is told through the eyes of Scott, Symonds' former lover, who is trying to piece together what happened and to deal with the reawakened feelings that he thought he had put to rest long ago.

I am not sure how the novel would be for someone who had read The Real Thing. Obviously, the element of mystery would not be there. However, I think it would still make entertaining reading. I found myself fascinated by the characters in this novel, particularly Scott. Scott is attracted by the world of S&M, but as an observer. By this, I do not mean voyeur. He does not want any part of S&M sex, either as a viewer or as a participant, but he loves the people and community of the leather world.

While some of the scenes described in this book tease the reader's imagination, it is in no way pornographic. Carney has an insight into the world of S&M that suggests first-hand experience. I am sure that many readers will identify, as I did, with the description of Scott's first excursion into the world of S&M.

However, this book is not just for the leather set. Scott is a well-developed character. He is in love, and he is confused--feelings that everyone has felt at some time.



THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart

1982 was an exciting and productive year for the Dallas Gay Alliance and the gay community in our city, and certainly a year filled with successes that present challenges for the future.

We hosted hundreds of the nation's gay leaders at the National Leadership Conference. We received a favorable decision in the Section 21.06 case. We increased our membership 10 percent. We won a trophy for our entry in the Gay Pride Week parade. We helped elect men and women who favor equal rights for gay people. We met frequently with the elected and appointed leaders of city government. We established a new dialogue with the Dallas Police Department. We distributed over 26,000 copies of Dialog and countless pieces of other literature and information. We sent speakers to college and university classes across North Texas. We registered hundreds of new voters. We raised thousands of dollars for projects that benefitted gay women and men. These things happened because hundreds of you gave time, money, and resources to your organization. The Alliance and the movement stayed on target because you provided direction and the means to achieve positive results during 1982.

So the stage is set for the new year. The officers and directors of your organization will be planning and setting new goals for 1983 during the next few weeks, and, as always, your input is needed. Please don't hold back--it is an important part of the planning process. Although I've listed only some of the successes of the past year, I recognize the failures and mistakes, and that, too, is a consideration in our planning for the future.

Your organization is one of the strongest, most effective gay organizations in the country, and its continued success depends on your continued support and participation--at any level that's comfortable for you. Our fight is far from over, and although we rightfully enjoy the satisfaction of current successes, they must eventually become the historical markers of a movement dedicated to achieving equal rights for gay people. Our attention is now directed at building and strengthening a new leadership team, developing additional resources, and meeting the challenges this new year brings.

I'm very proud of your support and confidence in me, and I'm excited about working with you during the next six months. At the membership meeting on January 10th, we will appeal for new and renewed commitments, and I hope that a part of your personal planning for 1983 includes the Dallas Gay Alliance. You determine the successes of this year.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

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Sun 2 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.

Mon 3 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.

GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meeting. North Texas University Center, Maple and Avenue B. (817) 382-1661.

Tue 4 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.

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.

OAK LAWN VOLLEYBALL TEAM practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7 PM.

Thr 6 MCC DALLAS ORCHESTRA rehearses 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 7 CLIFF DWELLERS SOCIAL CLUB meets every Friday at 8 PM. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

Sat 8 Board of Directors of the Dallas Gay Alliance retreat. From 8 AM till only God knows when.

Pot Luck Dinner and Bingo. United Community Church. 4402 Roseland. 7:30 PM. 827-5088.

Sun 9 AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call for information. 521-6769.
"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.

OAK LAWN TENNIS TEAM practices every Sunday at noon. Cole Park Tennis Courts.

Mon 10 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. A short, interesting program plus latest developments in the gay movement. 7:30 PM. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

Wed 12 Political Action Committee meets at the Dallas Gay Alliance office at 7:30 PM.

Reception for new DGA members. 9 PM. 4817 N. Central Expressway. 559-2166.

Sun 16 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.

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.

Wed 19 DIALOG deadline. Send letters and articles to DIALOG - Dallas Gay Alliance, P.O. Box 190712; Dallas, TX 75219.

Sat 22 DIALOG production day, starting at noon. Call 750-8041 or 651-0651. (Again on Sunday.)

Mon 24 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. 7:30 PM. DGA office. 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. Everyone welcome.

Tue 25 Political Action Committee meets at the Dallas Gay Alliance office at 7:30 PM.

Thr 27 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.

DIALOG Mail Committee meets at Phil's place. 821-1653. Bring an appetite.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE DEPARTMENTS

TUESDAYS
- VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. DGA office.
- CIVIC AFFAIRS - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. DGA office.
- SOCIAL EVENTS - Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office.
- EDUCATION - 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office.

WEDNESDAYS
- SOCIAL JUSTICE - 2nd Wednesday. Call 821-1130 for time and place.
- MEMBERSHIP - 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays. Call 559-2166 for time and place.
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. DGA office.
- PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS - Every Wednesday at 8 p.m. DGA office.

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March 17-20, 22-26

Hall of State Theatre

From New York the first theatre company ever to tour the United States whose repertoire is exclusively gay. The plays include Doric Wilson's "A Perfect Relationship", Jane Chamber's "My Blue Heaven" and Sidney Morris' "If This Isn't Love."

A Perfect Relationship

"A thoroughly successful production of an excellent script makes this one of the best theatrical offerings currently in the Bay Area." **The Advocate**

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If This Isn't Love

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WOMEN IN CONCERT

April 22-24

Hall of State Theatre

Two performing groups, The Radical Debutantes from Chicago and The Plain Rappers from Madison, Wisconsin, join together to create movement, music and narrative that expresses the lesbian experience.

"Chicago dancers Isadōra Guggenheim and Barbara Zuckerman (The Radical Debutantes) revealed a Twyla Tharp-like artful indirection as they spun against a narrative about wolf spiders and a litany of poetic extensions of the title, 'She Who.' Their choreography was heavy on variety: a woman praises the third breast she intends to grow; throughout a hilariously effusive tea party, every vicious misogynistic epithet is hurled from the speakers. The final coupling, however, was on the level." **The Advocate**

The Plain Rappers is a feature length show of rapping, rhythm, percussion, piano and poetry. All original material is written by Maggie Harth and Sarah Schuyler.

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May 27-29, 1982

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☐ If That Isn't Love/Mar. 19, 23, 26	_____	_____
☐ Women In Concert/April 23-24	_____	_____
☐ Men Together/May 27-29	_____	_____

*Tickets are sold on first come first serve basis. If your selections are sold out we'll give you the next best seat and night available.

**Dates and places of performances are subject to change on reasonable notice.

Health

AIDS Update

by T.R.M.

A virus transmitted through human blood may be the source of the current outbreak of a deadly disease striking mainly within the gay community, recent medical evidence suggests.

Victims of acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome, or AIDS, suffer a loss of their normal body resistence to disease and to cancer. As a result, victims may develop pneumonia or a rare cancer, Kaposi's sarcoma.

By mid-September 1982 the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta had documented 585 cases of the new disease. Since September, 100 additional persons have contracted AIDS. The death toll by mid-November had risen to 278, with an additional two new cases being reported each day.

Many of the victims do not recover their natural immunity to disease. As a result, the victims may recover from a first bout, only to fall victim to an infection later. Dr. Bruce Evatt of CDC fears that "these people are like walking time bombs."

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This disease has been widely reported in the gay and non-gay media, but reports have often been duplicitous and vague. Such may be the nature of this newly discovered illness.

While the disease originally struck mainly young, urban male gays, it has recently spread to several other communities. Recent victims include at least 30 Haitians, hemophiliacs, and at least 60 heterosexual men and 23 women.

The increased incidence among hemophiliacs suggests that the disease may be spread through blood products. Hemophiliacs usually receive regular doses of a blood component called factor 8 that is derived from pooled blood serum.

Public health officials also fear that the disease may spread to other populations as well. Dr. James Curran, head of a 75-member CDC task force, notes that likely new victims include "doctors, hospital staffers, oral surgeons, people who handle blood."

If the disease continues to spread, the public health problem will grow. Already the AIDS disease has claimed more deaths than Legionnaire's Disease and Toxic Shock Syndrome combined. Curran fears that the present problems may represent "only the tip of the iceberg."

At present, most of the victims have been from New York City and San Fransisco. By mid-August, Texas ranked fifth in the United States with 12 reported cases. At least one Dallas-area man has died from AIDS, according to an article in the August 15, 1982 Dallas Times Herald.

AIDS was first reported in May 1980. Since then, doctors have been puzzled by the rapid spread of the disease. By midsummer 1982 the disease was growing at 2.3 reported cases per day. In addition, the fatality rate has also grown. Of those diagnosed cases in 1980, 80 percent of the victims have died.

Physicians also note that the potential for AIDS is enormous. Hospital studies tenatively suggest that as many as 80 percent of sexually-active gay males in some cities may be immune-deficient.

Doctors have several promising leads. Several researchers have noted that groups prone to contract AIDS are also prone to contract hepatitis B. These researchers suggest that the two diseases may be transmitted similarly. Hepatitis B, once called serum hepatitis, is caused by a virus carried in the blood and strikes the liver. The hemophilia victims also suggest a linkage through blood-product transmission.

Unfortunately, until the cause is isolated, doctors have no way to know which blood products are safe and which are not. Said one physician: "Even if you stick to the straight and narrow--never taking drugs and having a monogamous heterosexual relationship--you still have some risk of contracting the disease."

In the early stages of the disease, the patients usually have nonspecific symptoms. These include a swelling of the lymph glands, weight loss, fever, and diarrhea. White blood cells, which attack viruses, fungi, parasitic infections, and cancer, are weakened.

Recent reports have noted that several AIDS victims have died from a rare parasite that causes severe, prolonged diarrhea. The parasite rarely attacks humans, noted CDC sources, and its effects are seldom fatal except for AIDS victims.

Although public health officials cannot

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JAN. 8 PROGRAM ON AIDS & HEPATITIS B

Gay Unitarians of Dallas (GUD) will have Dr. Kevin Murphy from Parkland Hospital as their guest speaker January 9, 1983, at 7:30 P.M. Dr. Murphy will be talking about two diseases that currently threaten gay men everywhere: acquired immune deficiency syndrome and hepatitis B. In addition, there will be a question and answer session about venereal diseases and aspects of gay/lesbian health in general. Dr. Murphy requests questions be submitted in advance to GUD President Mary Franklin at 348-8581.

Dr. Murphy, who is also director of the Sexually Transmitted Diseases Training Program for the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, says, "I want this to be a no-holds-barred situation so everyone gets answers for the tough questions facing the gay community." Ms. Franklin assures confidentiality for all who have questions.

The meeting will take place at the First Unitarian Church of Dallas located at 4015 Normandy in University Park. Although this is GUD's monthly meeting, everyone is invited.

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now determine the cause of the disease, they have urged that potential victims use special care. Some experts have urged gays to avoid poppers, marijuana, and similar drugs because they may depress the body's immune system. Other experts urge gays to restrict their sexual conducts, since the disease may be caused by some sexually transmitted infectious agent.

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The NGTF Task Force Report of August/September 1982 included the following questions and answers regarding AIDS:

Q: What causes AIDS and its related diseases?

A: As yet, the cause or causes of AIDS is not known. However, many doctors now believe it is associated with intravenous drug use, with frequent and anonymous sexual partners, and with a history of sexually-transmitted diseases, such as hepatitis, herpes, gonorrhea, and syphilis.

Some doctors also believe that poppers, marijuana, and narcotics may help to transmit the syndrome.

Q: How can I spot AIDS?

A: AIDS is often accompanied by several symptoms. These include fatigue, lightheadedness, headaches which recur, persistent fevers, weight loss, or loss of appetite. In some cases, AIDS is accompanied by enlarged and swollen lymph nodes in the neck or armpits.

AIDS may also be signalled by the appearance of purplish or discolored nodules or lumps, especially at the mouth, anus, or nasal passages, or underneath the eyelids, or by a heavy and persistent dry cough. Persistent diarrhea, a thick, persistent, white coating on the tongue or throat, or easy bruising or bleeding from mucous membranes may also signal AIDS.

Q: If these symptoms appear, what should I do?

A: Contact a doctor familiar with these problems. Several routine tests are available, including a white blood cell and total lymphocyte count. Several other non-routine tests are also available.

While the cause of AIDS IS now uncertain, many doctors believe that it may be transmitted by blood or body fluids. As a result, health officials recommend that gays avoid injected drugs from nonsterile needles and frequent, anonymous sexual contacts.

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Gay health experts meeting in Dallas at the August 1982 National Leadership Conference urged increased funding to combat AIDS. Jeff Richards, president-elect of the National Gay Health Education Foundation, said that his group will work with other gay, medical, and public health organizations to increase federal funding for the disease.

Several local gay community groups in New York, San Francisco, and elsewhere have been formed to publicize the problem. In Houston, the Kaposi's Sarcoma Committee has already raised more than $15,000 to support research on the problem. The project includes public screening for AIDS through a questionnaire, blood samples, and research at the University of Texas.

For information on the Houston group, write to the Kaposi's Sarcoma Committee of Houston, Box 1155, 3317 Montrose, Houston, TX 77006.

A booklet on gay health concerns, including Kaposi's sarcoma, is available from Citizens for Human Equality at 609 Fannin, Suite 1301, Houston, TX 77002. The 20-page booklet addresses several gay health concerns, including AIDS, and offers tips for gays.

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Congress recently appropriated additional funds to the AIDS effort after extensive lobbying efforts, including those by the National Gay Task Force. The extra funds included $500,000 to supplement the $1.9 million already set aside by CDC for research.

The Gay Rights National Lobby, among other groups, is urging additional appropriations for AIDS research. So far no monies have been appropriated for the CDC to continue its efforts, however.

Funding for the CDC was cut by the Reagan administration. President Reagan also vetoed a special appropriation for AIDS research which was included in a $14 billion supplemental appropriations bill. His mid-August veto was later overturned by a two-thirds vote in both the U.S. House and Senate.

Feminist Perspective:

BAY AREA CAREER WOMEN ORGANIZING

A recent addition to traditional women's groups is a new organization from San Francisco. The Bay Area Career Women (BACW) was formed to support professional and business women.

Since it was founded two years ago, the new organization has grown rapidly. "We have added over 400 members in just one year," said Dianne Barton-Paine, a steering committee member. Ms. Barton-Paine attended last summer's Leadership Conference in Dallas and explained her group's goals.

"We felt that neither traditional gay groups nor the bars were meeting the needs of lesbians," said Ms. Barton-Paine. "Originally a group of ten or twelve women met to organize the group. Since then the BACW has expanded very rapidly.

"Our first priority is to improve our own careers and to help form a support network. We can help lesbians decide how to come out at the office, or how much to come out."

Half the monthly meetings are business and career-oriented, she explained. The rest are purely social. Over 1500 persons have attended some of the BACW functions.

The business and career-oriented meetings focus on special skills which businesswomen find especially useful. One meeting this year covered managing meetings more effectively.

The bimonthly newsletter also offers news and advice on financial planning, political news of interest to lesbians, and social outings sponsored by BACW.

"Our organization was formed along the same lines as many other special interest groups in the Bay area, such as the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, lawyers' groups, and others," said Barton-Paine.

"If you join in groups you have the strength and potential for making significant changes. Now that BACW is organized, we now often have joint meetings with the Golden Gate Business Association. We started out separate, but we're merging more."

Separate business-oriented groups may attract lesbians who are not usually involved and help bring them into the community, she added. "BACW definitely helps to bring in wealthy and powerful women who don't get involved otherwise."

Originally most members were from large corporations. Now only a third of BACW members are from corporations. The rest come from a variety of areas, especially from health, counseling, teaching, real estate, and insurance.

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BENT Scheduled as Fundraiser

by Alan Ross

The Social Events Department has announced two DGA Nights for the Dallas premiere performance for the Stage #1's production of Bent to be held at the Greenville Avenue Theater on Thursday, March 3rd, at 8:15 P.M. and on Sunday, March 6th, at 7:00 P.M. The Greenville Avenue Theater is located at 2914 Greenville Avenue. Champagne and soft drinks will be sold by the department prior to the performance and during intermission.

Set against the backdrop of Nazi Germany, Martin Sherman's shattering drama Bent details the ruthless persecution of homosexuals during the Holocaust.

Ernest Rohm, commander of the SA and a homosexual himself, was instrumental in protecting the rights and lifestyles of the homosexual community in the Third Reich. After his assassination attempt on Hitler failed, he was ousted from power and overnight a new policy was instituted aimed at the incarceration and eventual extermination of all homosexuals from German society.

Act I of Bent follows Max and Rudy, two lovers, as they flee their home in Berlin to escape arrest by the SS. They are caught and, while they are being transported to the concentration camp in Dachau, Rudy is beaten to death by Nazi officers on the train. Max must repudiate his lover and his homosexuality in order to survive.

In the camps, homosexuals were forced to wear pink triangles on their prison uniforms as a badge of shame, received the worst food and were assigned the most dangerous and degrading work. Once in Dachau, interested in survival at all costs, Max passes himself off as a Jew and continues to deny his past. Despite this, Max becomes attracted to Horst, a fellow prisoner who refuses to give up his pride in his identity as a homosexual and his integrity as a human being. Through Horst's example, Max learns for the first time in his life to accept the love of another human being and to have the courage to cling to his own individuality against all odds.

Bent is a love story between two men and it is a documentation of the persecution of a minority long denied access to our history books. More importantly, Bent is a celebration of the integrity and dignity of the human spirit.

Bent was first produced on the stage in London. It had a long run on Broadway starring David Dukes and Richard Gere, who was later replaced by Michael York. Stage #1's production is being directed by Ted Sindley, the artistic director of STAGES, one of Houston's

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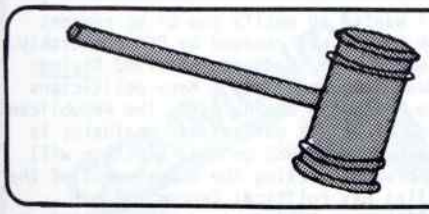


THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart

Our community faces two important issues this month--the Texas Legislative session and media coverage of gay health concerns.

On January 11th, the Texas Legislature convened in Austin for the biennial session. Every citizen has something at stake when the Legislature meets, but often the risks are higher for gay women and men. Our state lobbying group, Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates (LGRA), needs your financial support to pay a lobbyist, to fund constituent mailouts, and to pay other expenses of maintaining visibility in state government. The financial commitment for Dallas is $1,500. Two Alliance members have pledged four payments of $25 each month of the session for a total of $100. If you will pledge whatever you can afford in a similar manner, our commitment will be met. This is important and merits your support. Lawmakers must know they cannot afford to ignore our influence and power!

The recent coverage of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in the local gay and non-gay media evokes a variety of emotional responses--fear, worry, anger, wariness, indecision. All those feelings are understandable considering the information available to us.

I agree it's important that we act as responsible citizens in this matter just as I trust we do in all areas of our lives. Accordingly, I will not donate blood because I am part of an identified high risk group. But it is possible that our good intentions could lead to continued victimization of our community. Our voluntary and generous action to refrain from donating blood isolates us from the larger community and sets us apart from that community for very negative reasons.

AIDS is not a gay disease or a "gay plague." Circumstances other than sexual orientation are responsible for this condition that claims the lives of our people. We must continue to encourage medical institutions and government agencies to research the causes and cures for AIDS, Kaposi's sarcoma, and Pneumocysts carinii pneumonia. At the same time, we must reinforce that we are good, caring, loving, contributing members of society, and we intend to keep it that way!

by Doris Taylor

At their January 1983 retreat, the Board of Directors set, as the Alliance's number one priority, showing the Dallas community our strength in the April 2nd muncipal elections.

Though we were able to convincingly demonstrate the power of the gay endorsement in the November 1982 state-wide elections, we must be even more convincing locally.

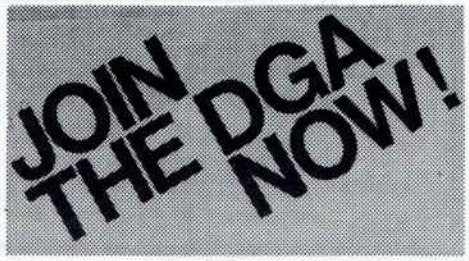
Harassment on the streets, selective enforcement of the laws, appointments to city commissions and boards, protecting neighborhood interests, passing city ordinances which outlaw discrimination--these are all things over which the City Council has a degree of control. By electing supportive candidates, we can maintain a voice at the Council level which will serve to insure that our concerns are known as crucial votes are taken. Likewise, not voting or electing uninterested candidates will insure that we will have little if any voice in city government and, ultimately, in the control of our lives for the next two years.

The Board outlined the projects that must be completed if we are to be successful in showing our strength in the muncipal elections. They include the following:

- Registering voters
- Updating our voter identification list
- Educating candidates
- Publicizing our efforts
- Mailing letters to candidates
- Distributing endorsement cards
- Raising money
- Identifying and screening candidates
- Staffing a phone bank to get out the vote
- Staffing an election hotline
- Planning an election party

If you feel that you can or would like to help with ANY of these projects, even if it is just for one night, please contact the Civic Affairs Department at 528-4233 or 821-4838, and you will be directed to the right project. We need your help. More importantly, however, we need to SHOW DALLAS THE GAY VOTE MATTERS!

See related story on Page 2.



In the Next 6 Months...

by TRM

DGA officers recently announced plans for the upcoming six months, following their retreat in early January.

Priorities for the next six months include the April 2nd city elections, Gay Pride Week, education for AIDS, and identifying and encouraging future leaders, according to President Mike Stewart.

"We estimate that 60 members of the DGA are actively involved in our committees--about ten percent of our membership," said Stewart at the January DGA meeting. "I hope that more people will get involved this year.

"We are prepared to build on our successes in 1982," continued Stewart. "We have laid the groundwork and made the commitments. We need everyone's help."

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To facilitate the new plans, the number of departments has been reduced from ten to six, and co-directors named in two areas.

Named as Education Department director was Dave Jones, who stated that "in the next six months we will be back to the planning stage" for the Education and Health Concerns Committees. The two committees plan to draw up brochures on health concerns, hold seminars, and develop a forum for different community groups to work together.

Alan Ross and Tony Anthony will co-

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PAC Activities

The Political Action Committee a/k/a the Civic Affairs Department has set the following timetable for all DGPC activities and preparations for the April 2nd city elections:

Civic Affairs Department Meetings:
Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Mar. 22, and Mar. 29
7:30 P.M. at the DGA office

Candidate Screening:
Mar. 1 & 2 and Mar. 7 & 8
6:30 to 10:00 P.M. at the DGA office
(Anyone may attend, but to be eligible to ask questions of the candidates, you must have attended two Civic Affairs Department meetings prior to the screening.)

Voter Registration:
Feb. 4 through 27

Staffing the DGPC phone bank:
Mar. 18 through Apr. 18
(election run-offs are Apr. 16)

DGPC Candidates' Night:
Mar. 14, 7:00 P.M. at MCC

Distributing endorsement cards:
Mar. 25 through Apr. 2

Staffing an election hotline:
Apr. 1 & 2; Apr. 16 (if necessary)

Please attend the Jan. 25th meeting at 7:30 P.M. if you would like more information on any of these projects or if you would like to help with any of them.

DGPA Organizes

The Dallas Gay Pride Association (formerly the Dallas Gay Pride Week Association) held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Sunday, January 16th. Reports were presented by Co-Chairs Jim O'Connor and Nanci Vineyard, and by Recorder Joe Murray and Treasurer Carlos Hernandez.

One of the main subjects discussed were upcoming fund-raisers for the Association. Already on the group's calendar are a drag show on Monday, February 14th, at the Eighth Day; an evening of entertainment at Jock's on Thursday, February 24th, featuring music by the New Wave band "disbanned" and the award presentation to the designer of the group's newly chosen logo and theme; a benefit to be held at the High Country on Thursday, March 3rd; and a film presentation at the Inwood Theatre on Tuesday, March 15th. An evening of live theatre was discussed as a possibility in the future.

The dates for Gay Pride Week are June 17th through June 24th, with the parade and rally kicking off the beginning of the week. Ms. Miriam Ben-Shalom has already been confirmed as one of the Grand Marshals and keynote speakers. She recently won her case in the Supreme Court against the United States Army.

At the December meeting, the Association adopted new bylaws changing its name and creating a year-round organization. The new slate of officers was also elected at that meeting.

The Dallas Gay Pride Association meets on the third Sunday of every month at 1:00 P.M. at the DGA office. Interested persons are urged to attend. The group may be contacted at 521-0432.

Dear Editor:

It was with great pride and joy that I attended the tribute to Don Baker last month. To honor a man who has done so much for the cause of gay people in Texas was a very proper and suitable action, and I am very pleased that a large crowd was present.

On occasion during the evening, however, there were a few vulgar sexual references and innuendoes that I thought were totally out of place and served only to detract from the real purpose of the event. As homosexual people, I think that we need to give good examples of ourselves and to "clean up our act", particularly when we are honorably recognizing the achievements of one of our own leaders. Don himself accomplished his goal without being risque or vulgar. I believe that we should follow his example.

Bob Downtain, President
Dignity/Fort Worth

The following letter was recently received by the Editor from a former member of the Alliance who moved over one year ago to Denver, Colorado. He remained a member until recently.

Dear Editor:

I wanted to notify you of my reasons for having not renewed by DGA membership. I quote from the September 1982 Dialog: "Meet the Candidates: 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..."

Either no Libertarians were invited or none accepted. Libertarians were invited in 1980 only because I attended the PAC planning meeting, was a little noisy (and, regrettably, rude) when the Libertarians were ignored, and delivered the questionnaires at my own expense. After seeing how the PAC leadership treated the Libertarians, I regretted acquiescing to their requests.

In any case, I suspect that in 1982 the DGPC felt no pressure to invite the Libertarians and didn't. I will not belong to an organization that treats the Liber-

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Gay Arts Arrive

San Francisco cabaret entertainer Terry Hutchinson opens a new Dallas-area gay entertainment series at the Gran Crystal Palace on January 27-30, 1983.

The noted Bay Area entertainer begins a six-part series of gay entertainment organized by Community Productions. The performances will also include three theater productions, a Women in Concert show, and Men together, a gay dance troupe.

The six performances mark the first time that a major gay-oriented arts series has played in Texas and the Southwest. "This is a real plum for us here in Texas," explained Don Baker, Community Productions organizer. "This kind of top talent has never come our way before. That's what is most exciting."

The series originated as an effort to bring top-rate gay talent to the Southwest and to encourage a gay identity through the arts, explained Baker, past president of the Alliance.

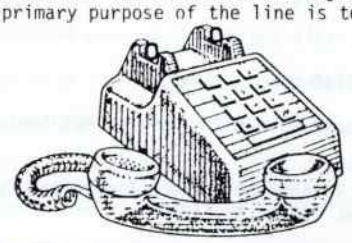
"Women have been defining their own theater for about ten years now," said Baker. "We in the gay community are just beginning to do this."

In planning the series, Baker discussed gay arts with leaders in New York, Philadelphia, and Washington. So far, only two other gay-oriented arts programs exist, one in Austin and one in San Francisco.

Each performance will also tour other Texas cities. The Theater Company and Men Together will perform in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and Dallas. Women in Concert is also slated for Austin.

GAYLINE TRAINS

Gayline, a division of the Community Resource Center, is looking for individuals who are interested in being trained to work as counselors on the Gayline. The primary purpose of the line is to provide information, referrals, and counseling for gay people in the Metroplex.



Training takes place for new counselors once a year in the Spring. Those interested may call 748-6790.

The first session will be held Sunday, March 6th from 2:00 to 9:30 P.M. with a dinner break between 5:00 and 6:30 P.M. Additional sessions will be every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. and every Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. Training will end Wednesday, March 30th. Meetings will be held at the Travel Lodge Towers, 4500 Harry Hines at Industrial Boulevard.

REPORT ON LGDT

by Michael Milliken

The Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas Board meeting was held January 15th at the home of John Calkin in Austin after the Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates (LGRA) meeting. Many of the attendees serve on both boards.

Among the items of old business were post-election summaries. It was noted that Dallas' ability to pinpoint precincts could not be repeated in some cities such as Austin because there is no concentration of the gay community in specific precincts.

The Houston representatives reported on a Houston Gay Political Caucus task force meeting with newly elected Governor Mark White. The eight-member task force was comprised of both Board members and volunteers. Although the written report has yet to be published, the task force members have allegedly stated that White was "mildly positive but very careful in his statements while still leaving the door open for future discussion."

Doris Taylor, LGDT Co-Chair, presented the following six-month goals for the Board's consideration:
1.) Coordination of efforts with LGRA;
2.) Establishment of on-going communication with recently elected state officials; 3.) Organization of LGDT membership in unorganized areas; and 4.) Interaction with national gay and lesbian organizations.

Other suggested goals were meeting with student groups at colleges, production of brochures/ads proclaiming the accomplishments and goals of the group, and coordination of mailing lists of LGDT, LGRA, and Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force.
These goals were approved by the Board and slated for assignment to individuals or committees.

COMMUNITY PRODUCTIONS

SOMETHING NEW FOR THE DALLAS/FT. WORTH GAY COMMUNITY

January 27-30
Terry Hutchison
Singer and entertainer from San Francisco

March 17-20, 22-26
West Street Repertory
New York touring company presenting 3 gay plays.

April 22-24
Women in Concert
Two women's groups from Chicago & Madison, Wisconsin presenting a program of dance, music and narrative

May 27-29
Men Together
New York gay men's dance company

This is your year for entertainment with 6 exciting performances this season.

And what a year! We're bringing Dallas some of the finest entertainment from the East and West coasts. This season you'll experience the rich, refreshing expression of gay dance, theatre and music. You'll enjoy literature and art from gay artists. Finally you can experience the gay arts in Dallas.

Who are we? We're Community Productions, a Dallas group. Our main purpose is providing gay men and women a viable alternative to explore, develop and affirm themselves as individuals and as a total community. We want to provide a forum for the gay artist to interpret and project the very soul and identity of the gay community in the fine arts.

Our first six events feature some of the country's most exciting new gay performers in their respective fields. Never before has Dallas or the Southwest been provided such an opportunity. And this is only the beginning. Now you have the chance to experience the gay arts at their best.

To find out about all the events coming up call (214) 521-2037 or (214) 824-1263. Write Community Productions, 3331 Knight, Suite D. Dallas, Texas 75219 for a free brochure. It'll give you all the information you'll need to get the best in gay entertainment.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

27 - 30 COMMUNITY PRODUCTIONS presents Terry Hutchison in concert at the Gran Crystal Palace, 2424 Swiss avenue. Showtimes: 8:30 and 11 PM. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or you may call (214) 521-2037. "Now we have the chance to experience gay arts at their best."

FEBRUARY

Tue 1 Civic Affairs meets at the DGA office at 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. MCC Social Hall, 2701 Reagan. Musicians needed. 351-6697.

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 2 Pot Luck Supper at the Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2701 Reagan. 6:15 p.m. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2336 Hemphill (near Page) at 8:30 p.m.

OAK LAWN VOLLEYBALL TEAM practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7 p.m.

Thr 3 MCC DALLAS ORCHESTRA rehearses every Thursday at 7 p.m. Musicians needed. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Midway Hills Christian Church. 368-5500.

Sign Language classes meet every Thursday at the Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan. Beginners classes - 6:45 p.m.. Intermediate classes, 8:15 p.m. 526-6221.

Fri 4 Members of the Civic Affairs and Membership Departments will be on the streets and in the bars every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in February to register the gay vote. We must vote!

CLIFF DWELLERS SOCIAL CLUB meets every Friday at 8 p.m. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

Sat 5 Pot Luck Dinner and Bingo. United Community Church. 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. Prayer Breakfast, 9 a.m. Executive Inn, 322 W. Mockingbird Lane. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

Today is Reverend Don Eastman's fifth anniversary with the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church. His 11 a.m. sermon is entitled: "You Are Born With It, So What!" At 7:15 p.m. the topis is "The Best Little Whorehouse in Jerico".

GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS (GAUNT) will visit the "El Greco" exibit. Social afterwards. Call (817) 382-1661.

Mon 7 OVEREATERS ANNONYMOUS meets every Monday in the MCC Social Hall at 7 p.m.
EMOTIONS ANNONYMOUS meets every Monday in the MCC Social Hall at 7:30 p.m.

GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meeting. North Texas University Center, Maple and Avenue B. (817) 382-1661.

Sun 13 AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call for information. 521-6769.

OAK LAWN TENNIS TEAM practices every Sunday at noon. Cole Park Tennis Courts.

GAY UNITARIANS meet at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30 p.m. for an interdenominational Pot Luck supper.

Mon 14 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. Programs: "Travel opportunities for Gay People", "Special Report on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)", and "Spcial Report from PAC" 7:30 p.m., 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND fund raiser at the Eight Day. 351-6697.

Tue 15 Civic Affairs meets at the DGA office at 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

PEGASUS (gay business and professional organization) meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month. 8 p.m. Normandy Chapel of the First Unitarian Church (Normandy at Preston).

Wed 16 Reception for new DGA members. 9 p.m. 4817 N. Central Expressway. 559-2166.

DIALOG deadline. Send letters and articles to DIALOG - Dallas Gay Alliance; P.O. Box 190712; Dallas, TX 75219.

Sat 19 DIALOG production day, starting at noon. Call 750-8041 or 651-0651. (Again on Sunday.)

Sun 20 GAY PRIDE WEEK ASSOCIATION meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. DGA office. Help plan Gay Pride Week '83.

GAYLINE meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. P.O. Box 19085; Dallas, TX 75219. For information, 748-6790.

Mon 21 Roller Skating Party at the Star Lite Skate Odyssey, 11527 Harry Hines Blvd. 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or you may call 526-6221.

Tue 22 "A Very Natural Thing" - A teacher and former priest falls in love with a young advertising executive. 7:30 p.m.
"We Were One Man" - In the fall of 1943, a young farmer discovers a wounded German soldier, hides him, and nurses him back to health. The farmer is torn between his strong attraction to the soldier and love for his fiancee in this beautifully-told story of growing homosexual love. 9:15 p.m. Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville. 823-9610.

Thr 24 DIALOG mail Committee meets at Phils place. 821-1653. Bring an appetite.

OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND fund raiser at Jock's. "Music by the New Wave Disbanned".

Mon 28 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. Everyone welcome.

MARCH

Tue 1 Civic Affairs meets at the DGA office at 6:30 p.m. to screen political candidates. 528-4233.

Wed 2 Civic Affairs meets at the DGA office at 6:30 p.m. to screen political candidates. 528-4233.

Thr 3 OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND fund raiser at the High Country. 351-6697.

Sun 6 Stage One presents "Bent" at the Greenville Avenue Theatre. 2914 Greenville Avenue. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the Crossroads Market, Throckmorton and Cedar Springs. 521-8919. The story concerns two men wearing pink triangles in Hitler's concentration camp. Curtain time is 7 p.m. Again March 3

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AIDS Task Force

by Tom Hatfield

In the continuing effort to provide information to our community, President Mike Stewart has appointed an AIDS Task Force to study what involvement the Alliance should have in this critical health area.

One organizational meeting has been held, and areas of concern were defined. Since we are not in a position to provide medical information, as this is being done through the Oak Lawn Counseling Center and their AIDS Hot Line, we are looking at the other areas of need.

A meeting with all the Dallas area blood banks is scheduled so that we can determine what information you need to know concering future blood and/or plasma donations.

A full report of the AIDS Task Force will be presented to the Board of Directors at the February 7th board meeting, and the recommendations will be presented at the DGA February 14th general membership meeting.

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most innovative theaters.

Tickets for these two DGA evenings are priced at $10 each and all seats are reserved. Tickets may be purchased by completing the enclosed reply form and using the postage pre-paid "billboard" envelope. Also, tickets will be sold at the Crossroads Market on Cedar Springs at Throckmorton, at the February 14th General Membership Meeting, or by calling Tom Hatfield at 827-9766 in the evenings (bank card charges only). Seating is limited to 100 seats per performance, so please purchase tickets soon.

OLCC Launches AIDS Project

by Howie Daire

The AIDS Action Project - Dallas consists of three components and is designed to assist our community in dealing with issues related to the AIDS crisis.

The Project's first component, Community Education, will distribute educational materials, produce AIDS Information Forums, provide videotapes of the Forums for viewing at the Oak Lawn Counseling Center (OLCC) and promote up-to-date, "non-judgemental," balanced information about AIDS and AIDS services.

Secondly, the AIDS project will act as a Clearinghouse, establishing an ongoing system at the OLCC for reporting and monitoring AIDS cases. An AIDS Information Line (528-2181) has been established to answer community inquiries, refer individuals to needed services, collect possible case information, and respond to special requests from the medical community.

The third component of the project is Patient Support Services which will provide a coordinated program of counseling and social support services through the OLCC.

Two new counseling groups are being organized by the OLCC Staff. One is designed to assist AIDS patients in dealing with the illness and participating in their recovery. The second group will assist any individuals in our community who may be dealing with negative feelings or may be "working through" lifestyle changes. Interested individuals are urged to contact Dr. Weiser at the OLCC (528-2081). Groups will begin during February.

A "buddy system" for AIDS patients is also being established. Under this system, volunteers will be trained to assess patient needs during home or hospital visits and provide support services.

A project of this stature is quite costly; involving increased office space, equipment and personnel, expanded telephone services, videotape playback equipment, and much more. The services are needed now. Your support of this project is vital to its success. Please volunteer time or make a tax-deductible contribution to the Oak Lawn Counseling Center.

Persons interested in volunteering for this project are asked to call the OLCC for information concerning rap-groups and volunteer meetings.

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chair the Social Events and Fund Raising Department. According to Ross, a major benefit and fund raiser featuring live entertainment is slated for February. That department also plans an April 2nd post-election party, a theater outing, and the Gay Pride Week float.

Membership director John Thomas announced that Alliance membership now approaches 600 members, a substantial gain from the pre-drive figure. The Membership Department will focus on encouraging pledging and on boosting membership.

Heading the Civic Affairs Department (PAC) for the next six months will be Doris Taylor. Taylor stressed the importance of DGA involvement in the upcoming city elections. The PAC will identify and screen candidates, slate endorsements, register new voters, organize telephone banks, mailings, and the election hotline.

Serving as director of the Operations Department and as Treasurer is Tom Hatfield. Hatfield announced three short-term projects: raising funds and marketing items for Gay Pride Week, completing an office inventory, and finding an assistant treasurer. He also heads the AIDS Task Force.

Michael Burnett and Bill Nelson co-chair the Communications Department. Their priorities include working on an Alliance brochure, continuing the posters and handouts, and sponsoring a downtown billboard and bus signs during the Gay Pride Week activities.

The billboard project will be located across from City Hall in downtown Dallas, said Burnett. "It is important that people in City Hall remember that we are a part of the community."

In addition to regular departments, the police liaison will be Terry Tebedo. Tebedo urged those with legal skills or counseling training to contact his group for its upcoming projects. Ann Brown will head the Speakers' Bureau and plan programs for the monthly meetings.

To volunteer for a DGA committee or activity, call 528-4233 or fill out the volunteer sheet on Page 5 and take it with you to the February 14th general membership meeting.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Ann Brown has announced that the program at the February 14th general membership meeting will be on various travel opportunities for gay women and men. There will also be special reports by the newly appointed AIDS Task Force and by representatives of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the political action committee of the Alliance.

Gingersnaps

by Steven Linn

The three hit comedies currently drawing crowds to three local theatres are of particular interest to the gay community--not only because two of these plays contain specifically gay characters and situations (or seem to), but also because all three tap the vein of eccentricity that contributes so richly to the pulse of American life.

Beyond Therapy by Christopher Durang (at the New Arts through Feb. 19th; 761-9064) is peopled by characters so earnestly concerned with their own inner workings that they probably do not think of themselves as members of the "Me" or any other Generation. When Boy tries to meet Girl through a Personals ad, they encounter difficulties--from his male lover, from her lover and psychiatrist (who happens to be the same macho obsessed man), from his psychiatrist (who carries for security a stuffed Snoopy dog). Practically every scene in Durang's manic farce works--the performance I attended brought unrestrained laughter from the full house. The daily reviewers have justly praised the chief participants of this show. I'd like to give particular credit to Jeffrey Jones as the pseudo-macho man and to John Navarro's waiter, who looks agreeably goofy; to costumer Libby Nichols for her taste in argyle socks; and to whomever chose the prints for the shrink's office, which appear to be standard graphics until you really look at them. Christopher Nichols is the director who brought the whole thing together, and I'm delighted that his theatre finally has the hit it has deserved for so long.

Director Dale AJ Rose was less successful with Steve Tesich's Division Street (a Stage #1 production at the Greenville Avenue through Feb. 13th; 823-8063). Not that the laughs didn't come; they were loud, but not all that free.

Division Street is the temporary home of an ex-rebel from the 1960s. Having settled there in search of the straight life, he inadvertently finds himself again in the public eye and, in record time, surrounded by old buddies eager to resume the revolution. The cast includes such splendid performers as Gail Cronauer. But for my money, only Ronald J. Schuver, whose enthusiastic Marxist is more Groucho than Karl, made the material work like CRAZY--and that's the only way it can really work.

Morning's at Seven (Theatre Three through Feb. 12th; 748-5191) would seem an unlikely third to this wild pair. At first glance it seems to be the "gentle" story of mild problems encountered by the families shared by four middle-aged sisters in the American Midwest, 1922. As such, it is taken as a slice of Norman Rockwell life by many in the audience, and the Theatre Three sound system plays sentimental old songs like "Apple Blossom Time." They ought to be playing Copland, because these people, and this play, are more complicated than they at first seem. What the audience beamingly approves of is a return to values--presented with devastating charm by a fine ensemble of actors--that would keep Freud in a sweat for decades.

As I say, all the actors deserve credit, but I would like to single out the performance of Dwain Fail, whom I found deplorable in Bus Stop a few months ago. Here, Fail's performance as a developmentally arrested mama's boy is as true and touching as it is unceasingly funny. And--as with the other two plays--the audience seldom completely stopped laughing. This is a fine time for Dallas theatre; grab it while you can.

And some afternoon--if your haven't already--catch Dustin Hoffman in Tootsie. Hoffman's performance and the movie in general have received a remarkably good press for all the right reasons, and surely the technical resources that transformed Hoffman's heavy shoulders and anteater profile into believably feminine countours deserve immense credit.

But the movie's distinction is, let us not forget, in the feat of acting achieved by its star--with the uncredited help of that fine, underrated actress Polly Holliday. There's a shot in which Hoffman's character, in makeup and headband, combs out the wig which transforms him. In this moment Hoffman resembles a female impersonator from the Nōh and Kabuki theatre--one of those artists whose whole being, from birth, is dedicated to his craft, his art. The resemblance is not only physical but spiritual: Hoffman understands these men. He is their brother; he is their sister.

TO THE EDITOR cont. from Page 2

tarian Party so disgracefully.

If, on the other hand, all the Libertarians declined their invitations, please advise me so I may write the Editor of the Dallas County Libertarian Party newsletter and rebuke them.

I realize that all the DGA has lost by my nonrenewal is a few dollars, since I was already gone. Nevertheless, I wanted someone in DGA to know why I didn't renew.

David Kelley
Denver, Colorado

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Envelopes will be included with future issues of Dialog, marked differently as Alliance project needs change.

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The Communications Department has let it leak that $750 has been raised for the Alliance billboard, a $4,000 project.

MCC DONOR

by The Editor

I am sure that most of you did not know that each month an anonymous individual has regularly donated $30 to the Metropolitan Community Church in exchange for the DGA's use of MCC facilities for our general membership meetings.

Dialog has been asked to announce that this anonymous benefactor is no longer able financially to continue his/her monthly contribution. However, MCC's expenses have not decreased. And we all know that Alliance members will continue to burn the MCC's lights and use their facilities at least once a month.

Therefore, I am asking that someone pick up where our anonymous benefactor has been forced to leave off and begin making this important $30 donation to MCC each month. Besides, all donations to MCC are tax-deductible.

REPORT ON LGRA

by Michael Milliken

The first Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates (LGRA) meeting of 1983 was held in Austin on January 15th. Through the group has been in existence for over two years, one of the main items on the agenda was to discuss and adopt a set of bylaws. A draft copy was presented but, due to an impasse on a small section, only a fourth of the document was approved as amended. Further work on the bylaws was postponed until the next meeting on February 19th, again in Austin.

LGRA is a jointly sponsored state legislative lobby project of Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas (LGDT) and Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force (TG/LTF). A non-partisan group, it was represented in the 1981 Session of the Texas Legislature by lobbyists Billy Pewitt in the Regular Session and Bettie Naylor in the Special Session. The primary focus of LGRA's efforts is to monitor legislative action and work to prevent passage of legislation considered harmful to the lesbian/gay community.

Bettie Naylor was hired as the lobbyist for 1983 pending legal scrutiny of her contact with LGRA.

Lesbian/gay organizations of Austin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, and Houston, as well as LGDT and TG/LTF had representatives at the LGRA meeting. Organized groups in communities not represented are urged to participate and can send their inquiries to Lesbian/Gay Rights advocates at P.O. Box 822, Austin, TX 78797.

SOCIAL EVENTS/FUND RAISING PLANS

by Tony Anthony and Alan Ross

The Department of Social Events, now under co-directors Tony Anthony and Alan Ross, will have the added responsibility of Fund Raising. All activities of this department will be coordinated with the commitment to creating funds for the Alliance through a wide variety of enjoyable events. While not every occasion planned for the next five months will have fund raising as the primary goal, all events will be self-supporting through donations or small charges.

At this time, the most pressing need is funding operations of the Political Action Committee (PAC) for the upcoming municipal elections. On Saturday, January 15th, a bake sale held at the "crossroads" raised $255. The March Dialog will contain a special appeal for donations to PAC, similar to the appeal for domations to the Billboard fund in this issue.

The next major event, the March 3rd and 6th productions of Bent, will generate funds for DGA and PAC support. It's an exciting event and, with limited seating of 100 for each of our sponsored performances, tickets are expected to sell quickly. So please respond as soon as possible.

With the success of the entertainment mix at the "Holiday Tribute to Don Baker" in December, the department will produce a very special DGA Benefit for March. "Not Just Another Pretty Show" will feature the talents of "live" entertainers from our community. Look for an anything but ordinary evening of song, dance, comedy, impersonation and a few suprises. Details will be announced in the March issue of Dialog and at the March 14th DGA general membership meeting.

There's much more in the planning stages for April, May, and June from Social Events/Fund Raising. Watch for details.

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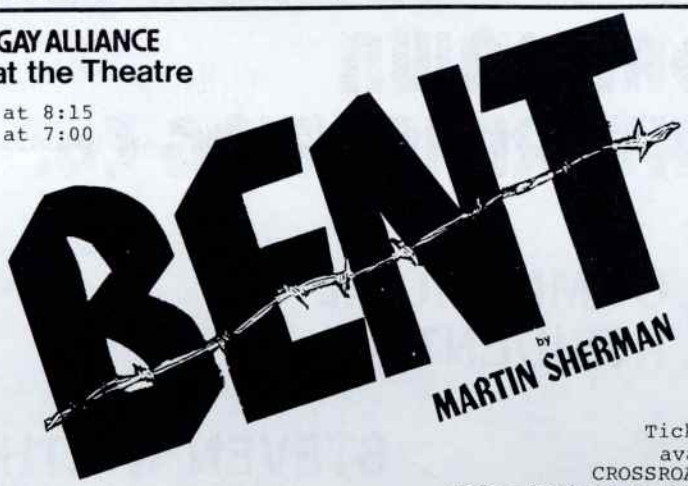

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APRIL 2ND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

by Doris Taylor

The Alliance's political action committee, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC), has been and will continue to be very busy through the April 2nd Municipal Elections. In addition to registering voters and encouraging participation in the elections, members of the Civic Affairs Department are working hard to explain the role of the gay community to candidates and a generally naive public.

For example, the recent controversy over the hiring of gays for the police force, which began when one mayoral candidate spoke as "an honest businessman," has prompted a press conference by DGPC representatives and meetings with three to four other candidates to educate them as to our issues.

In addition, a meeting with Councilman Ricardo Medrano resulted in the exchange of positive information about a CURRENT community awareness program (i.e., sensitivity training program) in operation for Dallas police officers. As indicated in a memo to Councilman Medrano from Assistant City Manager Levi Davis, the 2-part program has been presented since September 1982 to all police officers. The training session involves a lecture to officers about the gay lifestyle followed by a role-playing session where officers must inform a gay person about a lover's death in an accident.

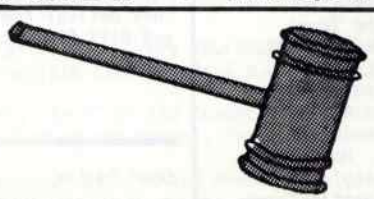
Councilman Medrano attributes the success of the program to the quiet, non-sensational way in which it has been approached. "By not having media coverage, we haven't had to deal with massive negative feedback from the public. That's what is making this work," Medrano concluded. Councilman Medrano deserves much credit for his persistent involvement in guiding this program into operation.

Not all meetings with candidates have been so beneficial to us, but they have proven useful to the candidates. For example, several previously unaware candidates now call the Alliance for guidance in answering reporters' questions. Likewise, candidates who have not sought our endorsement in the past are discussing our issues. In two separate City Council races, several candidates have made contact with the DGPC regarding our support. In addition, candidates in the at-large and mayoral races have spoken with us, bringing the total number of candidates with whom the DGPC has had contact to date to approximately eighteen.

Currently, we cannot predict how many candidates will actually seek our endorsement, but the first step in our endorsement process, the mailing of candidate questionnaires, is underway. The next step, personal candidate screening, will occur at the DGA office on March 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th from 6:30 until 10pm. Everyone is invited to the screenings, but only members who have attended 2 meetings of the Civic Affairs Department since January 1983 will be eligible to ask questions. We would like to have as many people present as possible.

After candidate screening, Candidates' Night will be held during the March general membership meeting on March 14th at 7:30pm. The recommendations of the DGPC steering committee will be presented, and DGPC endorsements will be formally made for the April 2nd municipal elections.

If you cannot attend the candidate screenings, please attend the Candidates' Night. Candidates only listen to our concerns because of our numbers. Once again, I urge you to participate in DGPC projects, register voters, come to our meetings, and, most of all, VOTE!!! Show Dallas the GAY VOTE is important. Otherwise, no one will listen.



THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart

EDITOR'S NOTE: The recent controversy over the non-hiring of gay women and men by the Dallas Police Department arose when mayoral candidate Starke Taylor stated at a Young Republicans' meeting on February 10 that he supported DPD Chief Billy Prince's position excluding gays. This was followed by a Dallas Morning News editorial on February 11 supporting that position.

Below is a copy of the letter DGA President Mike Stewart sent to the Dallas Morning News:

February 15, 1983

Editorial Board
Dallas Morning News
Communications Center
Dallas, TX 75265

Representatives of the Dallas Gay Alliance, the Dallas City Manager's Office, and the Dallas Police Department have been meeting for months on a variety of issues that affect the gay community.

Your February 11, 1983 editorial is offensive, incorrect, and counterproductive to effective communications between the city and the gay community. The statement "there are state laws in Texas making homosexual activity in public a criminal offense" is apparently a reference to Section 21.07 of the Texas Penal Code. That section of the Penal Code addresses public sexual behavior of all citizens and that includes heterosexuals. Your incorrect interpretation of that statement does a great disservice to your readers, many of whom are gay, and your advertisers.

Since a federal judge ruled that "conduct in private between consenting adults is protected by a fundamental right of privacy" and laws prohibiting that conduct are unconstitutional, we will continue to argue that the barrier to hiring gay women and men is the same one used to keep women, blacks, and Hispanics from becoming Dallas police officers. Qualifications, not affectional orientation, should be evaluated when interviewing applicants for employment.

I promise you we will take your advice to continue working with Chief of Police Billy Prince to assure fair treatment of gay women and men. We have always been committed to working within the system to address the concerns of the gay community in our city.

I also promise you we will continue to fight ignorance, prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination wherever it exists. Gay people significantly contribute to making Dallas a dynamic, progressive, successful city and are only seeking rightful and just roles as responsible citizens of Dallas.

Mike Stewart
President

OLCC SERVES OUR COMMUNITY

The Oak Lawn Counseling Center (OLCC) recently celebrated its first year of operations in Dallas. The Center focuses on serving the Dallas and North Texas-area gay community.

The first year was marked by rapid growth, said a recent OLCC release. The staff expanded from two to eight professionals and presently includes counselors, social workers, a clinical psychologist, and a psychiatrist.

Services also include counseling for individuals, couples, and groups, crisis intervention, a physician referral program, and sponsorship of V.D. testing, an AIDS Information Forum, and an Alcohol-Driver Education project.

The Center's staff and office is supported by a sliding fee scale, with many clients paying only a nominal fee for services. Financing also comes from benefits and donations from individuals and local businesses.

In planning its second year the OLCC staff is presently exploring an increase in its 800-square-foot office, as well as adding new services, such as more contact or rap groups, comprehensive drug and alcohol treatment programs, and more counseling for special groups, such as handicapped or aged gays and parents of gays.

A recent release from the OLCC also stresses other badly-needed services in the Dallas area, such as a legal services center and a clinic for screening and treating sexually-transmitted diseases.

First Gay Phone Book

San Francisco gays have pioneered gay banks, politics, and entertainment. They also boast the world's first gay telephone directory.

First published in 1979, the Gay Areas directory is now entering its sixth edition. Thirty-five thousand copies of the fifth edition were distributed last summer, mostly in gay areas around the U.S.

The directory carries a wide variety of ads, ranging from accounting to yarn. Gay roofers, a cancer clinic, and religious groups are all included. Ads are not restricted to the Bay Area, but come from as far away as Provincetown, Mass., Seattle, Wash., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

After four years the directory will become profitable, according to its publisher, Robert Adams, 61, a Bay Area resident. The directory is published twice a year.

Both straight and gay businesses advertise in the directory, says Adams. High gay incomes attract many advertisers.

Any individual or group can receive a free, white pages listing simply by filling out a coupon. Last year the directory boasted over 500 paid advertisers who paid up to three thousand dollars for the largest ads.

Debate in Denton

Dr. Ralph Blair of New York, founder of Evangelicals Concerned, and Denton University Church of Christ evangelist Dan Billingsley will debate the topic, RESOLVED: That homosexual practice is inconsistent with Christian life style, in the Lyceum Theater on the North Texas State University campus in Denton at 7:30 pm on Saturday, February 26th. The moderator will be Dr. Pete Gunter of the NTSU Philosophy Department. The debate will be followed by written questions from the audience.

Because of limited seating, admission is by ticket only. Free tickets can be obtained from the Philosophy Department, the Denton University Church of Christ, or from the Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force at P.O. Box AK, Denton, Texas 76201.

The debate was occasioned by Blair's pamphlet "What Jesus Christ Said About Homosexuality," which opens to reveal a blank interior. Having seen the pamphlet, Billingsley challenged the TGLTF to such a public forum, and TGLTF arranged for Blair's appearance through the sponsorship of the NTSU Philosophy Department.

BE ACTIVE!

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Dear Editor,

As a strong supporter of the Libertarian cause, I was dismayed at David Kelley's suggestion that Libertarians had been shunned by the PAC leadership. Although I have no evidence that Mr. Kelley's accusations are correct, I want to remind the PAC and the rest of the Alliance there is a pro-gay alternative to the Democratic Party's pandering to our votes.

As has been mentioned at several Alliance meetings recently, candidates for public office are not always seeking our support because of altruism. The Libertarian Party, however, favors the repeal of all laws regarding personal conduct whether it involves marijuana or having sex with someone of one's own gender. There is a guiding principle to the L.P. and that is we should be free to do as we please as long as we do not infringe on the rights of others.

Many people respond to the Libertarian challenge by saying, "I don't want to waste my vote on a candidate that won't win." To that I say Libertarians have won in places like Harris County and that the only wasted vote is one cast for a candidate who is no better than his opponent. Why should we consider only major party contenders as long as they deliver choices like Mark White and Bill Clements?

Sincerely,

Charles Dutton

Dear Editor:

In response to David Kelley's letter in last month's Dialog, the political action committee is non-partisan and has the procedure of sending our questionnaire and invitation to Candidate's Night to all announced candidates. I personally know this to be true of the forthcoming city election and the election last fall. I have the assurance of Civic Affairs Department members of long tenure that this procedure was adhered to in the past.

Michael Milliken, Chair
Steering Committee, DGPC

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Sat 26 DEBATE. "Resolved: That homosexual practice is consistent with Christian lifestyle". Dr. Ralph Blair vs Reverend Dan Billingsley. Auditorium Building at North Texas State University. 7:30 p.m. (A chartered bus will leave the Dallas MCC parking lot for Denton at 6 p.m. sharp. $5.) Tickets for the debate may be picked up at the Crossroads Market. For more information, call 821-1653 after 5 p.m. or 521-8919.

Sun 27 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, 322 W. Mockingbird Lane. Services at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

The MCC orchestra and chorus rehearses every Sunday from 10 to 10:45 a.m. The chorus rehearses for the evening service at 6:15 p.m. Musicians and singers needed. 526-6221. Again on Thursday.

Mon 28 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. 7:30 p.m. DGA office, 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. Everyone welcome.

MARCH

Tue 1 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Civic Affairs Department meets to screen political candidates for the April 2nd election. DGA office, 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. Everyone welcome. Again on the 2nd, 8th, and 9th. More PAC meetings on each Tuesday in March, i.e., the 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. MCC Social Hall, 2701 Reagan. Musician needed. 351-6697.

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 2 "Stew and Brew" benefit for the Agape' MCC Building Fund. The Lumber Company, 700 S. Jennings in Ft. Worth. 926-7000. Again every Thursday in March.

Pot Luck Supper at the Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2701 Reagan. 6:15 p.m. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church. (1st Wednesday). 2336 Hemphill (near Page) at 8:30 p.m.

OAK LAWN VOLLEYBALL TEAM practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7 p.m.

Thr 3 DALLAS GAY PRIDE ASSOCIATION benefit at the High Country, 3121 Inwood. 528-5452.

Entertainment at the Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb in Ft. Worth. 8 p.m. Again every Thursday in March.

TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Midway Hills Christian Church. 368-5500.

Sign Language classes meet every Thursday at the Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan. Beginners classes - 6:45 p.m. Intermediate classes, 8:15 p.m. 526-6221.

Stage One presents "Bent" at the Greenville Avenue Theatre. 2914 Greenville Avenue. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the Crossroads Market, Throckmorton and Cedar Springs. 521-8919. 8 p.m. Again on the 6th and 9th.

Fri 4 Members of DGA's Civic Affairs and Membership Departments will be on the street and in the bars every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in March to register the gay vote. We must vote!

"Spiritual Renewal" conducted by the Reverend Jo Crisco of the Agape' MCC. 7:15 p.m. Also Saturday at 7:15 p.m. Again for the Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. services. Dallas Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

CLIFF DWELLETS SOCIAL CLUB meets every Friday at 8 p.m. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

Sat 5 Work Day at MCC. Arts & crafts meeting, Writers Club organizational meeting, and Poster Club meeting. 1 to 3 p.m. Pot Luck dinner will follow. 526-6221.

Pot Luck and bingo. United Community Church. 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.

Sun 6 GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS (GAUNT) meeting. Program: Dr. James Wheeler, coordinator of information on AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, will speak on Aquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE benefit. "Bent" at the Greenville Avenue Theater. 7 p.m. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the Crossroads Market, Throckmorton and Cedar Springs. 521-8919.

Mon 7 OVEREATERS ANNONYMOUS meets every Monday in the MCC Social Hall at 7 p.m.

GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION of DENTON (GLAD) meeting. Program: Dr. Herb Croner, survivor of Auschwitz. Call (817) 382-1661 for time and location.

Wed 9 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE benefit. "Bent" at the Greenville Avenue Theater. 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at the Crossroads Market, Throckmorton and Cedar Springs. 521-8919.

Fri 11 "Spiritual Renewal" conducted by the Reverend Elder Jeri Ann Harvey of the mother church, MCC in Los Angeles. 7:30 p.m. Agape' MCC in Ft. Worth. 2336 Hemphill (near Page). (817) 926-7000. Also Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Again for the Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. services.

Sun 13 AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call for information: 521-6769.

OAK LAWN TENNIS TEAM practices every Sunday at noon. Cole Park Tennis Courts.

GAY UNITARIANS meet the second Sunday of every month at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30 p.m. Preston at Normandy.

Mon 14 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. Program: Candidates Night. This is the night politicians come seeking the gay vote. We must have a large turnout to impress them with our clout. Also a report on DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit). 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

Tue 15 PEGASUS (gay business and professional organization) meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month. 8 p.m. Normandy Chapel of the First Unitarian Church (Normandy at Preston).

Wed 16 "Not Just Another Pretty Show" presented by DGA's Social Events/Fund Raising Departments. Live entertainment. Beer bust at 8 p.m. Show at 9 p.m. Jocks, 4125 Lemmon. Reception for new DGA members. 528-4233.

Thr 17 Meeting of all the gay organizations in the Metroplex to distribute DGA's voter recommendations guides. 7:30 p.m. Oak Lawn Library. 528-4233.

DIALOG deadline. Send letters and articles to DIALOG - Dallas Gay Alliance; P.O. Box 190712; Dallas, TX 75219.

"A Perfect Relationship" by Doric Wilson. "...a scintillating, near perfect, oh-so-New-York 'domestic' comedy; the kind of one-set, five character, laugh-every-third-line package of which commercial classics are made." Gaysweek. Community Productions (gay arts by gay artists for the gay community) presents New York's West Street Repertory Company. Curtain time, 8 p.m. Tickets $8, $10, and $12. Hall of State Auditorium in Fair Park. 521-2037.

Fri 18 TURTLE CREEK CHORALE presents "Stagestruck", a program of Broadway and Hollywood classic tunes. Everything you ever wanted to hear! Caruth Auditorium on the SMU campus. Showtime, 8:15 p.m. $7. 368-5500.

"If This Isn't Love" by Sidney Morris. "...demonstrates the need for gay theater. I urge you to see it." New York Native. West Street Repertory Company presented by Community Productions. Curtain time, 8 p.m. Tickets, $8, $10 & $12. Hall of State Auditorium in Fair Park. 521-2037. Also on the 24th.

Sat 19 "My Blue Heaven" by Jane Chambers. "It is a source of sheer enchantment to actors and audiences alike, and is a deserving cultural expression that should make one proud to be gay." West Street Repertory Company presented by Community Productions. Curtain time, 8 p.m. Tickets $8, $10, & $12. Hall of State Auditorium in Fair Park. 521-2037. Also on the 25th.

"Stagestruck" by the TURTLE CREEK CHORALE. 8:15 p.m. Caruth Auditorium. $7. 368-5500.

Sun 20 DIALOG production day, starting at noon. Call 750-8041 or 651-0651. (Sunday only)

DALLAS GAY PRIDE ASSOCIATION meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. DGA office. Help needed to plan Gay Pride Week '83. 528-5452.

GAYLINE meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. P.O. Box 19085; Dallas, TX 75219. For information, 748-6790.

"A Perfect Relationship" presented by Community Productions. 8 p.m. Hall of State Auditorium. 521-2037. $8, $10, $12

Mon 21 DIALOG dinner for writers and contributors. 7 p.m. Call 750-8041.

Wed 23 "The Bases Are Loaded" at 7:30 p.m. and "Brothers" at 9:15 p.m. Gay hardcore movies at the Granada Theatre. 3525 Greenville. 823-9610.

Thr 24 "If This Isn't Love" presented by Community Productions. 8 p.m. Hall of State Auditorium. 521-2037. $8, $10, $12.

DIALOG Mail Committee meets at Phil's place. Work and camp. 821-1653. Bring an appetite.

Fri 25 "My Blue Heaven" presented by Community Productions. 8 p.m. Hall of State Auditorium. 521-2037. $8, $10, !2.

Sat 26 Spaghetti Supper at the Dallas MCC. 7:30 p.m. All you can eat for $2. 526-6221.

Sun 27 Palm Sunday. Special services at Agape MCC and United Community Church of Christ. The Dallas MCC orchestra and choir will present an Easter Cantata.

Mon 28 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Open Board meeting. 7:30 p.m. DGA office. 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. Everyone welcome.

APRIL

Sat 2 VOTE! This is it. Shall we decide our future or let others decide it for us? Vote or don't bitch. See DGA's voter recommendation guide, available at the DGA office, MCC, all gay bars and businesses. Call 528-4233.

DALLAS GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE's post-election party on the Round Up patio. 3912-14 Cedar Springs. Everyone invited.

Gingersnaps

by Steven Linn

Reviewers have done a good job of pointing out the underlying seriousness of the very comic Tootsie; no one I've so far read or heard has pointed out the wittiness of Gandhi.

Yes, yes, Richard Attenborough's film gives us a lucid account of the issues that pervaded the life of one of this century's great men; yes, it re-creates a dozen exotic cultures now vanished; yes, it shows the Christian and Taoist principles of courageous passivity in effective action; and yes, it is a noble and inspiring entertainment.

What most of the movie's advocates have failed to point out to a jaded public is that Gandhi is an entertainment. Its three and one-half hour length does not admit to boredom to anyone whose intelligence exceeds that of a snail. And in his confrontations with the British overlords--reasonable, but in the basic wrongness of their position, essentially pompous-- and with his even starchier Anglicized countrymen (whom he inevitably embarrasses by insisting on wearing casual native dress) Ben Kingsley's eyes sparkle with the inner knowledge of a joke which only Gandhi understands, although he does his best to convey it to the rest of the world. That joke -- which could only be recognized by the gorgeous good humor of a saint-- is what the movie is all about.

Kingsley's performance is less a showcase collection of obligatory and authorized Big Moments, then the patient and artful disclosure of character through exquisitely exposed details. Three other Oscar-nominated performances certainly are not lacking in the big moment, but they attain their finest moments through this essence of the actor's art.

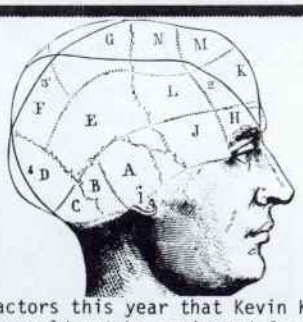
At times Frances seems like an adolescent's masochistic dream of revenge. This beautiful, magnificently spirited girl is misunderstood by everyone, but she gets to tell off not only youthful persecutors, but also her parents (more than once) from a position of moral superiority. What the movie does not make clear is what eventually caused the downfall of Frances Farmer--a right-wing Mama, left-wing lovers who either deserted her or didn't stick around long enough, her own instability and self-destructiveness, or Louella Parsons. By failing to make these issues clear, the film does a disservice to the memory of Ms. Farmer and to Jessica Lange's masterful playing of the title role.

Lange screams and snarls her way compellingly through a half dozen harrowing scenes, but her most deeply moving moment is her very last, and very quiet, one, when an aging Frances--her intellect ravaged by a frontal lobotomy--holds disjointed conversation with the lover with whom she can never quite get together. This scene reveals a real tragedy, and an adult one.

Similarly, Kate Nelligan, as the mother of a kidnapped child in Without a Trace, responds splendidly to the emotional cues provided her by the script (she is all the more moving because this character--a lecturer at Columbia, reserved but by no means cold--does not give herself and her feelings away easily). But the scene which connoisseurs of acting will most appreciate is the one in which the lady sits on a bench in Riverside Drive chatting with a friend. Her tone is light, and she smiles a lot. Only her weary, haunted eyes give a clue to her inner ravagement.

Without a Trace contains, by the way, a gay character (probably immediately identifiable as such to most Dialog readers) who is dealt with fairly and unhysterically and who is allowed to utter the statement--no doubt revolutionary to most of the people who will attracted to this movie--that "I never in my life deliberately hurt anyone who didn't want to be hurt."

Finally, Meryl Streep in Sophie's Choice has enough Big Moments to have kept Bernhardt and Duse happy for a dozen years of their respective careers. But it is the quiet intensity of the character she creates that fuels the big scenes. It's too bad there were so many high-power performances by big-



name actors this year that Kevin Kline's Nathan could not be nominated for the Academy Award. I can't think of any other actor who could have brought his multiplicity of gifts to this performance.

Black Awareness Month was recognized by two local theatre productions more notable for their good intentions than for their entertainment value. A Lesson from Aloes (at the Theater Center through March 19th:526-8210) and Medal of Honor Rag (Junior Black Academy through February 27th: 827-6241) both violate Howard Lindsey's principle that if you're going to write a propaganda play, none of your characters had better know the meaning of the word "propaganda." Both, appropriately enough, are almost saved by strong performances by their leading black actors--respectively, Paul Winfield and Louie White.

Completely devoid of good intentions but a lot more fun is Kyle McClaren's bizarre adaptation of Blithe Spirit. Noel Coward's play, as most of the world knows, is a high comedy, in which a suave Englishman's home and second marriage are disrupted by the rampageous shade of his first wife. McClaren's version, as a good many camp-followers are likely to discover (the play runs at Calm Eddy's through March 17th: 747-1131) has to do with a rich Dallas bisexual whose home and current homosexual liaison is in such epic disarray that the ghost's arrival merely provides a divertissement. Joan Nelson's performance as Mme. Arcati, the medium who summons up the spirit is more than a divertissement; it is comic feast for those with a taste for Mexican pasta, heavy on the spice.

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Enclosed with the March 1983 Dialog is another envelope with return postage guaranteed. The Fundraising Committee prepared this envelope to allow you to contribute to the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC), the political action committee of the Alliance. With the Municipal Elections set on April 2nd, funds are badly needed for DGPC to properly operate and to continue demonstrating the power of the gay endorsement.

The Alliance's Number One Priority for the next two months is the April 2nd elections. The financial goal is to raise at least $2,000. for the municipal elections. To date, the January bake sale raised $255., and a raffle at the February general meeting brought in $78. Approximately $475. is expected to be raised at the March 3rd performance of Bent.

$1,200. is still needed to reach the goal of $2,000. A donation of $2.00 or more from each Alliance member will accomplish the goal. Please take a moment. Read Mike Stewart's letter. Then write a check to the DGA or DGPC, earmarked for the political action committee, and mail it in the enclosed envelope. Your 20-cent stamp will save the Alliance 38 cents.

OLSB PLANS

President Judith Atwood has announced the selection of Steve Boykin and Bryan Drummond as Conductor and First Assistant Conductor of the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band.

Atwood anticipates that 1983 will be the Band's most ambitious season ever "with all eyes focused on the Band's trip to Los Angeles in 1984 to attend the First Annual Lesbian and Gay National Band Conference." Those interested in joining or learning more about the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band of Dallas should call 351-6697 or stop by the Metropolitan Community Church at 2701 Reagan any Tuesday evening at 7pm.

NOT JUST ANOTHER SHOW!

by Alan Ross

The Department of Social Events/Fundraising announces a very special Alliance Benefit "Not Just Another Pretty Show" to be held at Jocks on March 16th. This is another DGA "first"--producing a benefit show of its own--and it promises to be a very exciting and entertaining evening. Proceeds will go into the general fund of the Alliance.

Buddy D will emcee the show which headlines the live talents of local entertainers as well as impersonation. Featured will be the energetic dance productions of Carmen Del Rio with Steve Morrow and John Mendez, the singing of Michael Land, Tom Davis, and Leigh Shannon as "Miss Tricksie, and the impersonation of DCA member "Raye Lynne." Now, who could that be? Several other special guests will complete the two-hour show.

Our commitment for the evening is to bring the gay community an enjoyable time with song and dance. We ask that you commit yourself this one evening by attending and financially supporting the Alliance. You will not be disappointed.

The show will begin at 9pm with a beer bust prior to the show at 8pm. Jocks is located at 4125 Lemmon at Douglas. Table reservations can be made in advance by calling 522-1155. See you there.

BUSY MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

The Membership Department has been busy updating voter identification cards, particularly when the identified voter has apparently moved. One Department worker located 14 missing voters by diligently calling phone numbers throughout the daylight hours.

In addition to kicking off a pledge drive among Alliance contributors, Director John Thomas announced that an unusually high number of DGA memberships, 82 to be exact, are due for renewal during the month of May 1983. "There was a surge in memberships during May 1982 due to police harassment in the early part of that month," Thomas reported. "We're planning happy hours during May 1983 to keep those people on our roster."

Thomas also requests ideas for saleable items that the Alliance can market during Gay Pride Week in June 1983.

As always, new members are welcome to the reception given at John Thomas' condominium at 4817 North Central Expressway on the third Wednesday of each month.

For more information, call Charles Dutton at 948-9921 or John Thomas at 559-2166.

EDUCATION ACTS

The Education Department had its first meeting on the year on January 18th. The nine department members are directing their energies toward three foci for the Alliance during the first half of 1983.

First, the Department will host a reception for other gay organizations in the area to communicate to them which candidates in the 1983 Municipal Elections have received the DGPC endorsement and why. The Oak Lawn library will be reserved for this reception, and invitations will be forthcoming.

Second, Jim Hausteen and Denny (Nic) Nichols volunteered to act as liaisons between the AIDS Task Force and the Education Department. The Department will serve as the production arm for AIDS and other health issues. An AIDS newsletter and other brochures were discussed.

Third, Buck Massey volunteered to be the liaison between the Gay Pride Association and the Education Department. Details regarding the Department's involvement in Gay Pride Week will be announced.

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RUN-OFF ELECTION APRIL 16TH

by T.R.M.

Gay-endorsed candidates fared well in the April 2nd City Elections. Four Dallas Gay Political Caucus endorsed city council candidates were elected without a runoff. Three other endorsed candi dates face the April 16th (Saturday) runoff.

Leading the ballot count was at-large candidate Annette Strauss, who polled more than any other city-wide candidate. Mrs. Strauss won her seat against an anti-gay candidate, Rose Renfroe. Also elected without a runoff were DGPC endorsed candidates Jim Hart (District 1), Frank Blair (District 8), and Elsie Faye Heggins (District 6).

Headed for the April 16th runoff are Ricardo Medrano (District 2), Craig Holcomb (District 5), and Marvin Robinson (District 9, At-Large). Medrano faces Paul Fielding. Holcomb faces Rex Aymond. Robinson faces Jerry Rucker.

"The success of this election is better than we have ever done before. But the fight is not over," said Michael Milliken, chairman of the DGPC Steering Committee. "We must be victorious in the runoff election. We need everyones help to re-elect Ricardo Medrano, to elect Craig Holcomb, and to elect Marvin Robinson."

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Winning the Dallas mayoral post was A. Starke Taylor, whose high-spending campaign bested former Mayor Wes Wise. Neither candidate was endorsed by the DGPC, chiefly due to their negative attitudes toward the hiring of gays by the Dallas Police and Fire Departments.

However, both Taylor and Wise have indicated generally favorable attitudes toward gay issues.

"We would expect that Mayor-elect Taylor will be open to discussions about problems in the gay community--with the exception of his hard-line response on not being willing to hire gays as police officers," reported Milliken.

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Two Oak Lawn-area districts face a runoff on April 16th. Three of the four candidates have publicly expresed positive attitudes toward gay issues according to Milliken.

"Medrano and Holcomb have been very publicly supportive on gay issues. As far as I know, Paul Fielding has not made any specific statements on gay issues publicly."

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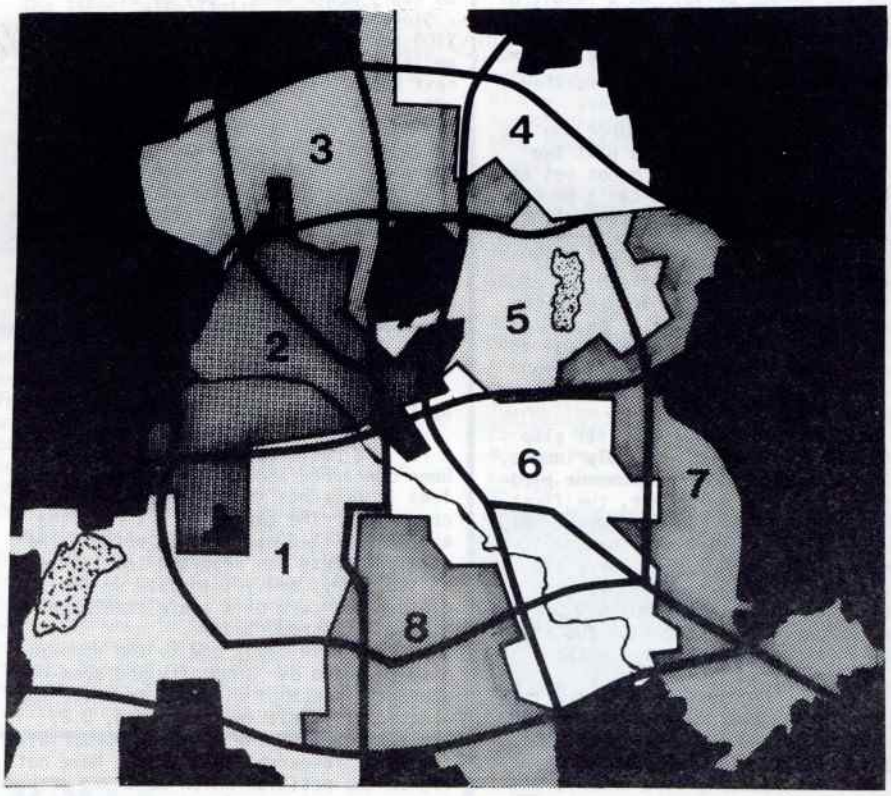

DGPC Continues Its Work

by T.A. Barker

In January 1983 the DGA Board of Directors instructed the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC) and all Alliance departments to begin a labor-intensive 3 months of activity aimed at strengthening the political influence of the Dallas gay community.

During the past 3 months, hundreds of volunteers generously gave their time and money in a process that resulted in the screening and endorsement of candidates in 7 city council races. We supplied volunteer workers in targeted races and worked to educate the candidates and our own community by hosting Candidates' Night, staffing phone banks that included more than 2,000 calls to known gay voters, registering voters, and distributing over 60,000 endorsement sheets.

These thousands of volunteer hours were given in an effort to make the gay constituency visible and effective. The gay community owes a tremendous debt to those individuals and businesses who contributed so much effort.

The result of those efforts is reflected in the election of 4 of the endorsed candidates and the appearance of 3 endorsed candidates in the April 16th run-off election.

Because of the run-off election, the effort during the next 2 weeks must be intensified. We must insure that those candidates endorsed by the DGPC will constitute a substantial majority voice on Dallas City Council which positively addresses gay issues.

Two of the races are in our own heavily gay districts. Ricardo Medrano (District 2) has always been supportive of gay issues and has openly appointed gay men and women to city posts and has publicly and enthusiastically sought our endorsement and support. Craig Holcomb (District 5), who has positively committed himself on gay issues, has also publicly sought our support and endorsement. Marvin Robinson (District 9 at-large) has offered unqualified support and sought our endorsement. These candidates are important to the gay community and need our help. They offer the best possibility for effective representation of gay interests on the city council.

Your participation can make a difference. It is imperative that candidates

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PLEDGE NOW!

by Charles Dutton

John Thomas originated an idea: a canvass of the membership of the DGA to locate individuals who would be willing to donate money to the Alliance on a regular basis. Steve Weast of the Membership Department accepted the challenge of directing the pledge drive. As a result of the determination of these two people, the month-to-month finances of the DGA will not only be more predictable, but will also contain more money to further the cause of gay rights in Dallas.

Why pledge: An Alliance member who has been pledging monthly for the past two years puts it this way: "I'm not yet as active as a Bill Nelson. I can't be on TV or spend as much time as others like him, but I can give money. I classify myself as a conservative, and a lot of conservatives don't get involved. I can help by giving stamp money or paying the electricity bill." Meanwhile, Board member Thomas says, "This is a great way for people who don't have much time or who have to maintain a low profile to further the goals of the DGA."

"An organized pledge system will also help equalize the group's monthly income," Thomas went on to say. "If someone pledges as little as $5 per month, the first 3 months' amount will serve as membership dues. After that, there will be complimentary tickets to the fundraisers and social events. We'll even supply prepaid envelopes to mail the monthly checks." However, he added, "A 20¢ stamp on that envelope will save the Alliance 38¢."

For those contributors not wishing to mail checks, MasterCard and VISA numbers can be used to make automatic donations. Simply check the method and frequency desired on the Membership form in this Dialog and mail it in the envelope included in this issue.

As Dave Lewis, a long-time pledger and staff member of Dialog said, "From putting out Dialog, I know how much we spend on things like mail permits and paper. Pledging doesn't have the glamor appeal of a billboard, which I have supported also, but it does cover the mundane expenses. It's a $5 thing that I do every month when I pay my bills."

Steve Weast is hoping to have over $100 per month coming to the DGA in pledge income when his task is completed next month. Mr. Weast can be reached after 6:00 P.M. at 946-3563.

Weast is hoping many other people will be joining the pledger who said: "One advantage in making a pledge is pride in myself. I know I'm supporting something for me. I get that satisfaction in knowing I'm a member of DGA. Giving my pledge every month allows me to consider myself every bit a member as some of the most active members."

DON'T PANIC--ACT!

by Tom Hatfield, AIDS Task Force Chair

For the past few months, we have all been concerned about AIDS and the problems it presents to our health and our community. The gay press has reported everything they can find to print. The straight press has reported some parts of the story, and yet to date we are no closer to a cure or a cause than when it was first reported.

What we have right now is the opportunity to build our community and show our strength. Each of us needs to write our elected officials in Washington, D.C. and tell them of the need to appropriate funds for research. And if you have not signed the petition which is being pushed in our community urging just this, please

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Dear Editor:

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our members and our friends who have attended the various events sponsored by the Alliance this year. And a special thanks to those of you who have answered our appeals for funds through Dialog and used the return postage paid envelopes we have provided. Your participation in these events and your contributions are greatly appreciated.

To date, we have raised approximately $6,500 from various events, Dialog appeals, and special contributions from business owners. We thank Tom Sweeney, DGA member and owner of The Round-Up Saloon, for his generous contribution of $1,000, and we want to thank Frank Caven, of Caven Enterprises (J.R.'s, Throckmorton Mining Company, the Old Plantation, the Village Station, the Fraternity House etc.) for his contribution of $500.

Again, THANK YOU and we thank our friends of the Dallas Gay Alliance for the support and contributions you have made this year. Your donations are being used to continue our work for the gay community--and that reaches beyond the Oak Lawn area.

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The Media's Anti—Gay Bias

-- by T.R.M.

Dallas readers may especially enjoy a recent report on media coverage of gay events written by Randall Pierson. The result of 200 interviews conducted in ten cities, Pierson's research recently appeared in The Advocate and as a featured article in the prestigious Columbia Journalism Review.

Pierson reports that most major dailies give little coverage to most gay issues. And, he reports, most gay reporters and editors believe that staying in the closet is a requirement for keeping their jobs.

Because gay reporters and editors are often afraid of being identified as gay, they do not encourage more coverage of gay news. Pierson also notes that gay reporters and editors do not criticize biased coverage.

Major newspapers fail to cover gay news adequately for several reasons. Some simply ignore gay-related stories. Others fail to solicit a response from gay groups when a gay-related news story breaks. The Washington Post, for example, covered the Moral Majority assault on a District of Columbia ordinance decriminalizing most homosexual acts. The Post, however, failed to carry comments from the Washington gay community.

Another way to ignore gays is to treat crimes against gays or police harassment as a minor story and fail to cover it. In New Orleans, police arrested over 100 gay men and women in a series of raids in the French Quarter. The Times-Picayune downplayed the story, ignoring it completely for several days.

Many newspapers also focus on lurid sex crimes, ignore gay community news altogether, and mention a person's sexual preferences only in negative news stories, writes Pierson.

Singled out for attention is the New York Times, often regarded as the nation's leading daily newspaper. Unlike most New York papers, the Times even bans the word 'gay', except when the word appears as part of a group's name or in a quotation.

The Times also limits the amount of gay-related news, has failed to adopt a nondiscrimination clause in its employee contracts, and ignores antigay violence in New York. Part of the reason, Pierson writes, may be due to the lingering influence of the 89-year-old daughter of the newspaper's founder, Adolph Ochs. Said Iphigene Sulzberger: "I don't think it's that important to get the gays' point of view. I don't think we need it."

Major networks, too, often engage in coverage which seriously distorts or downplays gay news. A CBS documentary on gay life in San Francisco, for example, ignored gay political groups, presented straight sex clubs as gay, focused on drag shows, and completely overlooked City Supervisor Harry Britt. The CBS documentary was rebuked by the National News Council for unfair reporting, although its producers were still retained by CBS.

Dallas-area gays will hardly be surprised by the findings. Local coverage varies greatly from the generally even-handed Times-Herald and some local news programs, to the spotty, but often openly anti-gay Morning News. Pierson reports finding no openly gay reporters in Dallas, as in New Orleans or Miami.

While Pierson does not discuss it, the Morning News has even revived an old technique in its antigay reporting. During the Village Station trials, the News printed the name of one defendent and his employer in a front page story. That technique has not been commonly used since the early 1960s, when anti-civil rights newspapers printed the names (and sometimes the addresses and employers) of black demonstrators.

Pierson's reporting deserves special attention by gays. First, his work documents the anti-gay biases common to many newspapers. Second, his research also suggests that the gay community cannot expect balanced coverage from many newspapers for the forseeable future.

Instead, gay readers will be dependent on local newsletters, on the Advocate and other newspapers, and on special journals, such as the Journal of Homosexuality.

To paraphrase Pierson's title, the straight press still hasn't got gay news straight.

(For a review, see Ransdell Pierson, "Uptight on Gay News," Columbia Journalism Review (March/April 1982): 25-33. See also "Gay News -- How Good Are the Mainstream Media?", in The Advocate, Issue 347, July 22, 1982: 25-27, 54.)

ELECTION REPORT

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Medrano was unanimously endorsed by the screening committee and general membership. Fielding did not seek the DGPC endorsement nor return its questionnaire. Fielding also stated that he would refuse the DGPC endorsement, if offered.

Medrano was also endorsed because of his past work on behalf of the gay community while he served on the City Council. During his term Medrano sponsored several board appointments of gays, instituted a police awareness training session for gay concerns, and intervened several times in cases of police harassment.

In District 5, Holcomb and Aymond, both Dallas businessmen, indicated favorable attitutdes toward gay concerns. Both returned their questionnaires and appeared in person before the screening committee and the general membership. While Holcomb was endorsed, the DGPC had voted to endorse Aymond in the runoff if Holcomb did not make the runoff election.

At-large Council Seat 9 features a runoff between Marvin Robinson and Jerry Rucker. Robinson, a black corporate executive, was endorsed by the DGPC. If elected, he would be the first minority candidate ever elected city-wide.

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DGPC endorsements were based on responses to a mailed questionnaire, responses given at a series of screening panels, and/or an appearance at Candidates' Night. Endorsements were made during the March DGA meeting.

During this council race, the DGPC budget was $4,850. Expenses included mailings, phone banks, endorsements, direct candidate contributions, and advertising costs in TWT, Dallas-Fort Worth Gay News, and The Metro Times.

During the campaign several hundred volunteers made phone calls, mailed endorsement sheets, and performed other campaign work. Up to 3500 identified voters from the DGPC mailing list were phoned. Over 15,000 endorsement cards were handed out in local bars and businesses. DGPC efforts focused on targeted precincts, especially in the Oak Lawn area.

"It has been a very successful political action commitment so far due to the involvement of so many volunteers from the gay community and gay businesses," Milliken concluded. "But we still have much work to do to win in the run-off elections."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

Sat 9 TEXAS GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS COALITION (TGLSOC) will meet in College Station. Students, faculty, staff, and others interested in attending this meeting should call (817) 382-1661 for information.

THE OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND presents the "Third Annual Spring Concert"- a marvelous variety of music: Cole Porter, P.D.Q. Bach, J.S. Bach, traditional, and Broadway melodies. 2701 Reagan. 8 p.m. Help our band. They need our support for music, uniforms and funds to attend the First Annual Lesbian and Gay National Band Conference in L.A. The performance, at 2701 Reagan, will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Crossroads Market, 3930 Cedar Springs, for $3 each or two for $5. 351-6697.

Sun 10 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 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

The MCC orchestra and chorus rehearse every Sunday from 10 to 10:45 a.m. The chorus rehearses for the evening service at 6:15 p.m. 526-6221. Again on Thursday.

AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call for information: 521-6769.

OAK LAWN TENNIS TEAM practices every Sunday at noon. Cole Park Tennis Courts.

MCC All Women's Choir rehearsal. 6 p.m. 526-6221.

GAY UNITARIANS meet the second Sunday of every month at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30 p.m. Preston at Normandy.

Mon 11 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. Program: "District 2 Candidate Forum." 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

OVEREATERS ANNONYMOUS meets every Monday in the MCC Social Hall at 7 p.m.

Tue .12 OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. MCC Social Hall, 2701 Reagan. 351-6697.

Wed 13 OAK LAWN VOLLEYBALL TEAM practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7 p.m.

DALLAS GAY PRIDE ASSOCIATION (DGPA) City Wide Bartender's Show at the 8th Day. 528-5452

Thr 14 "Women's Concern Workshop - Health Issues" - Agape' MCC, 2336 Hemphill. (817) 926-7000.

"Partners" - A gay cop and a straight cop pose as a gay couple in order to track down the murderer of L.A. gays. John Hurt, Ryan O'Neal. TMC and SHO Cable TV. Repeat on the 15, 16, 23, 24, 27 of April.

Entertainment at the Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb in Ft. Worth. 8 p.m. Every Thursday in April.

TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Midway Hills Christian Church. 368-5500.

Sign Language classes meet every Thursday at the Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan. Beginners classes, 6:45 p.m. Intermediate classes, 8:15 p.m. 526-6221.

Fri 15 CLIFF DWELLERS SOCIAL CLUB meets every Friday at 8 p.m. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

"Thank God, It's Friday!" fund raiser for GLAD at the Unitarian Church in Denton, 1111 Cordell. Tickets: $3 for GLAD members, $4 for non-members. (827) 565-0718 or (817) 382-6021.

Sat 16 VOTE IN THE RUN-OFF ELECTIONS FOR THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL!!!

Sun 17 DALLAS GAY PRIDE ASSOCIATION meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. DGA office. 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. Help plan Gay Pride Week '83. 528-5452.

GAYLINE meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 p.m. P.O. Box 19085; Dallas, TX 75219. For information, 748-6790.

Dr. Norman Pittenger, recognized as one of the world's foremost biblical authorities, will speak at the 7:15 service at the Metropolitan Community Church. 526-6221.

"Revelation" from Austin and "New Creation" from Houston will present special programs at the UCC services, 422 Roseland. "A Joyful Sunday" at 11 a.m. and "Make a Joyful Noise" at 7 p.m. 827-5088.

Mon 18 DIALOG dinner for writers and contributors. 7 p.m. Call 750-8041.

Tue 19 PEGASUS (gay business and professional organization) meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month. 8 p.m. Normandy Chapel of the First Unitarian Church (Normandy at Preston).

DALLAS GAY PRIDE ASSOCIATION benefit at The Saint. 528-5452.

Wed 20 Membership meeting at 8 p.m. Reception for new DGA members at 9 p.m. 4817 N. Central Expressway. 559-2166.

DALLAS GAY PRIDE ASSOCIATION Dena Kaye Show at Chap's. 528-5452.

Thr 21 "Portrait of Jason" at 7:15 p.m. and "Track Two" at 9:15 p.m. Contemporary Gay Cinema at the Granada Theatre. 3524 Greenville. 823-9610.

Fri 22 DIALOG deadline. Send letters and articles to DIALOG- Dallas Gay Alliance; P.O. Box 190712; Dallas, TX 86219.

"Women in Concert" - Two performing groups, the Radical Debutantes from Chicago and The Plain Rappers from Madison, Wisconsin, join together to create movement, music and narrative that expresses the lesbian experience. 521-2037. Again on the 23rd and 24th.

Sat 23 DIALOG production day, starting at noon. Call 750-8041 or 651-0651. Again on Sunday.

Sun 24 OAK LAWN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION's first game. Greigg's Field, Central Expressway at Woodall Rogers Freeway. Opening ceremony at 4:30 p.m. with the Oak Lawn Symphonic band and flag corp. Games will be played every Sunday starting at 5. Ball players, score keepers and a cheering section needed. 522-1713.

Mon 25 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE open board meeting. 7:30 p.m. DGA office, 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. Everyone welcome. 528-4233.

Thr 28 "Gay U.S.A." at 7:15 p.m., "Witches and Faggots, Dykes and Poofters" at 8:45 p.m. and "Greetings from Washington, D.C." at 9:45 p.m. Contemporary Gay Cinema at the Granada Theatre. 3524 Greenville. 823-9610.

DIALOG Mail Committee meets at Phil's place. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 821-1653. Bring an appetite.

Fri 29 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE Beer Bust for members and potential new members. 8 until 10 p.m. Come with a friend or come alone, but come and have fun. See article in this issue for details. 528-4233.

DALLAS GAY PRIDE ASSOCIATION Dance Marathon at Uptown Dallas. 528-5452.

Sat 30 MCC Empty Closet "Bizarre" - Arts & Crafts, Garage Sale. All day. MCC parking lot. 526-6221.

Rummage sale at the Agape' MCC. All day. Spaghetti dinner. All you can eat for $3. 926-7000.

MAY

Tue 3 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in the Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb, (near Page) at 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. (817) 571-6977.

Wed 4 Spaghetti Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church (1st Wednesday), 2701 Reagan. ¢;15 p.m. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Supper at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church (1st Wednesday), 2336 Hemphill (near Page) at 8:30 p.m.

Thr 5 "The Love That Dares Not Speak Its Name" at 7:15 p.m. and "A Woman Like Eve" at 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Gay Cinema at the Granada Theatre. 3524 Greenville, 823-9610.

Fri 6 May 6, 1933. Let this date forever be stamped in the hearts of gay men and women. Fifty years ago today, Hitler's troops began the destruction of the gay archives housed in the Institute of Sexual Science in Berlin. Eventually 200,000 gays would wear the pink triangle in concentration camps where most would perish. Could it happen again?

Wanna Beer?

by Alan Ross

On Friday evening, April 29th, the Departments of Social Events and Membership are combining forces with a beer bust to promote new memberships and to have a social for all Alliance members. The hours for the beer bust will be from 8 until 10 p.m. at 2931 Maple Springs between Maple and Cedar Springs, just southwest of Inwood.

The evening is designed to bring together our members with potential new members who have thought about joining the Alliance yet have failed to join for one reason or another. This is your chance to bring a friend or two who thinks that we never have a good time. We want to show them that DGA members do have good times. And, this time, we are not appealing for money, <u>just new members</u>.

At the end of the evening, you can invite your guest(s) to the May general membership meeting on May 9th when the program will be the 7-year history of the Dallas Gay Alliance with a reception beginning at 7 p.m.

We urge you to call that friend or next door neighbor right now and invite them to <u>your</u> beer bust. It will be an inexpensive evening as beer will be only $.50 a can. Schnapps will be $1. a shot (1 1/2 oz.), and popcorn will be free. Help us enjoy another successful DGA social event and help us increase our membership.

It Was A Great Show!

by Dave Lewis

On Wednesday, March 16th, the Unicorn of Dallas was packed for "Not Just Another Pretty Show," the first benefit show produced by the Alliance. Alan Ross and the Social Events/Fundraising Department put together a stupendous show which raised over $1,000 for the general operating budget of the DGA.

The show was hosted by Buddy D who entertained with good-natured ribbing of both the cast and the audience. Particularly memorable was the dancing of Carmen Del Rio with Steve Morrow and John Mendez.

Melody Jones, after reminding the audience that her breasts are home-grown, delighted everyone with her wonderful voice.

Other entertainers included Raye Lynne and Leigh Shannon (as Miss Tricksie). Michael Land provided a memorable rendition of "Memories" from the musical <u>Cats</u>.

The show-stopper was "It's Raining Men" which revealed almost all of three hunky DGA men who shall remain nameless.

At the end of the evening when slightly more than $900 had been raised, President Mike Stewart threatened that if the donations did not break $1,000, he and the rest of the Board of the Alliance would take their clothes off. Needlesstosay, over $1,200 was instantly donated.

At the March 14th general membership meeting, receipt of a $1,000 contribution to PAC efforts from Tom Sweeney (Owner of The Roundup) was announced. Accompanying this contribution was a challenge to the other Dallas bar owners to match it. After the March 16th show, President Stewart announced that in response to this challenge a check for $500 had been received from Frank Caven.

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who are willing to be advocates for our cause be elected. That will happen only if our community can produce a total effort resulting in the election of our endorsed candidates. We must help ourselves, and that requires that we all work on getting out the vote by volunteer staffing of DGPC phone banks and contributing our time and money to those candidates.

Call the DGA office and let us know how you can help.

Gingersnaps

by Steven Linn

Both for quantity of audience and quality of performance, March 1983 has been a high water mark for gay theatre in Dallas. While Bent provided Stage #1 with the first real money-making hit in its history, Community Productions brought the Westreet Repertory Company from Manhattan to Texas with strong productions of three gay-oriented plays.

The Westreet Rep appeared in the echoing and unlikely surroundings of the Hall of State auditorium in Fair Park. There the just-functional lighting and the hardwood seats may have reminded the audience of their high school days; however, there was nothing high school about the performance onstage. The Westreet actors are an entirely professional ensemble, in no way dependent on any "minority" identification for the effectiveness of their work.

I'm not entirely sure I can say the same for their material. Doric Wilson's A Perfect Relationship examines in comic terms the platonic one of two homosexual males; My Blue Heaven by Jane Chambers does the same for a female relationship; and Sidney Morris' If This Isn't Love is a more serious look at the male view over three decades, pre- and post-Stonewall. All three plays are well-crafted theatre pieces with bright, sometimes gloriously or uncomfortably apt dialogue. But whether they would succeed outside the gay performance context, I'm not sure. Too often the plays seem to be formulating, not working from, a point of view.

This is not to say the performances were a unbroken string of individual perfections. One of the pleasures of true repertory lies in seeing one actor play a variety of roles. Why then weren't these entirely capable actors encouraged to display their versatility? In My Blue Heaven, for instance, Patrick Kerr appears as two opposing characters: the uptight rep of a Christian (i.e., churchy) publishing house and as an equally tense but ostensibly with-it liberal minister. Here the playwright presented the actor with the opportunity to kill, or at least maim, two sitting birds with one well-aimed stone of acting virtuosity, yet Kerr presented us with essentially the same character.

If you would like to participate in a study on AIDS, please call Dr. Thomas Johnson's office at SMU to arrange an appointment. A graduate student is doing a project on what information we each know about AIDS and how we obtained it. The telephone number is 692-2940. This is one way for you to be involved.

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do so that we can show our concern in numbers of people.

We need to be involved at the local level, and this means cooperation from health officials, city council members, and your own doctor. When the Alliance or the AIDS Action Project ask for your support, give all you can and get your friends to support, too. This may mean attending a fundraiser, passing out information, or attending a community forum. Because AIDS has hit hardest in the gay male community, it is important for that community to take responsibility for leading the fight to find out more about it and to communicate that information to those who need to know it.

We are not responsible for AIDS, and the cure is not to close the baths or become celibate. The best way to combat AIDS is to take responsibility for our relationships; find out the facts and then act accordingly.

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Mattox Drops Section 21.06 Appeal

by TRM

Prospects for the overturning of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code brightened in March when Attorney General Jim Mattox decided not to appeal a federal judge's ruling that the statute is unconstitutional.

The appeal of Baker v. Wade will now be pursued by Potter County (Amarillo) District Attorney Daniel Hill, who has until mid-April to file a written appeal.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans denied permission to another group to join Hill's appeal. The group Dallas Doctors Against Aids was refused permission to file an amicus curiae brief. Gay rights attorneys had challenged that group's efforts to enter the appeal.

After Hill files his appeal, attorneys for Don Baker will have another month to file a rebuttal with the appeals court. No hearing or decision is expected until late summer at the earliest.

Until the appeals court rules otherwise, U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's decision striking down Section 21.06 stands. That ruling, announced in August 1982, held that 21.06 unconstitutionally infringed on an individual's right to privacy. The statute had prohibited gay sexual behavior between consenting adults in private.

Mattox dropped the state's involvement by declining to file a written grounds for appeal before the mid-March deadline. That deadline was set by the appeals court after former Attorney General Mark White filed a notice of appeal only one day before last fall's November general election. White won the governor's post in that election and did not participate in the Mattox decision.

Elma Christopher, a Mattox spokesperson, said that the initial trial record made an appeal unfeasible. At the June 1981 trial, Texas and Dallas County district attorneys and Dallas city attorneys had been "unable to present evidence showing any purpose for the statute," Christopher stated.

Hill will now try to convince the Fifth Circuit to overturn Buchmeyer's ruling. At this writing, Hill had not filed written arguments which would suggest what tact he will take in the appeal.

One Dallas-area observer noted that Hill's argument is evidently based on grounds that federal judges cannot intervene in state cases. That position, however, runs counter to numerous previous cases which hold that U.S. Constitutional rights apply both in state and in federal cases.

The initial trial record may also hobble Hill's appeal. Neither of the attorneys for the Defendants could show at trial that Section 21.06 served a legitimate state purpose.

Neither Henry Wade nor any other district attorney has so far joined Hill's appeal. In fact, Hill did not participate at the initial trial. Nor was he a named defendant in the case. Gay rights attorneys will challenge Hill's right to appeal the decision on those grounds.

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The efforts of a newly-formed group, Dallas Doctors Against Aids (DDAA), to join the appeal of Baker v. Wade has been denounced by local gay leaders.

"This is just a front for Danny Hill," said one participant in the case who explained that the group had been incorporated by the Texas Secretary of State's office in last February of this year. DDAA is organized as a non-profit group, ostensibly to investigate AIDS.

However, the group so far has done nothing against AIDS, according to another local gay observer. It had not participated in AIDS forums or sponsored any research or treatment.

The group's membership is also shadowy. Listed as President of DDAA is William Charles Bundren, a Dallas attorney for Danny Hill. Members of the group are not known. Bundren is employed by Jackson, Walker, Winstead, Cantwell, and Miller, a large Dallas law firm located in the InterFirst One building in downtown Dallas.

Donovan Campbell, a partner in Rain, Harrell, Emery, Young, and Doke, another large Dallas law firm located in the RepublicBank Tower, is listed as secretary-treasurer of DDAA.

DDAA is possibly comprised primarily of zealoted homophobes who will fund and research Hill's appeal. Of course, even the best financial and legal backing is useless if the Fifth Circuit denies Hill's right to appeal Baker v. Wade as it already has denied the DDAA's efforts to intervene in the appeal directly.

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Baker, as the original plaintiff in the case, called on the gay community to support the efforts to see that Section 21.06 was not reinstated.

"If we ever thought that this thing was over, we were mistaken," Baker said in an interview with Dialog. "We must garner every bit of our resources and our energy. This case is as real as when it was filed.

"We cannot afford to be complacent now," Baker continued. "We need all the help and support and advice and money to fight this appeal."

Baker v. Wade is supported financially by the Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) which has fought the case for several years. THRF has also supported such gay legal actions as the appeal of an antigay ruling at Texas A&M University.

If the Baker case succeeds, it may allow other cases to be filed against employers who discriminate against gays. One example is the Dallas Police Department, according to one THRF official. THRF may also file cases against employers who probe into employees' sexual behavior in private.

Donations to support the Baker v. Wade appeal may be sent to THRF at 3128 Lemmon Avenue, No. 304, Dallas, Texas 75204.

Yet Another Envelope

by Alan Ross

Once again, the Fundraising Committee has enclosed another envelope with return paid-postage guaranteed. Please refer to John Thomas' article regarding the Pledge Program, then think about this: If every DGA member would pledge $10 per month for 12 months, the Alliance would receive approximately $66,000. Then this committee would not have to write this article every month or have to stuff the envelopes in Dialog each month. Don't we all throw away at least $10 a month for which we can not account? Let that $10 be accountable and put to good use by the Alliance. And remember, your 20¢ stamp on these envelopes will save the Alliance 38¢ return postage per envelope.

As stated in another article thanking all the contributors, we note that to date we have received $821 from 23 members to help the Political Action Committee (PAC) with their excellent endeavors with the Municipal Elections. Our goal to help PAC was $1,200, and we still need the financial help from the other 540 members to reach this goal. Please help. The day is coming when we will have an educational foundation set up whereas contributions will be tax deductible, and we will not have to continually appeal to the membership for contributions. Until then, we have to seek your help.

On the subject of the return envelopes, we do not expect these monthly envelopes to become "collector's items," so if you do not plan to use them, please do not throw them away. Return them at a monthly meeting or drop them in the mail slot at the DGA office at 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite #201, next to the Esquire Theatre. It will be greatly appreciated.

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RICARDO MEDRANO RAN SECOND IN THE APRIL 2ND CITY COUNCIL ELECTION.

HOWEVER, BASED ON HIS SUPPORT FOR THE GAY COMMUNITY WHILE HE HAS SERVED AS THE CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISTRICT 2, RICARDO MEDRANO SHOULD BE SECOND TO NO ONE WHEN YOU VOTE ON APRIL 16TH.

BELOW ARE RICARDO MEDRANO'S ANSWERS TO THE DGPC CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. "I strongly believe a person's sexual or affectional orientation is of no concern to the City of Dallas."

2. With regard to discrimination in matters of city employment and city facilities and services, "I would favor a city ordinance prohibiting discrimination on any basis including sexual or affectional orientation."

3. "I would favor a city ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual or affectional orientation in matters of housing, employment and public accomodations in the private sector."

4. With regard to questions of an applicant's sexual or affectional orientation during employee interviews conducted by agencies of the City of Dallas, including the police and fire departments, "I feel such questions are inappropriate, irrelevant and non applicable."

5. With regard to supporting policies designed to prevent police harassment of gay men and lesbians through selective enforcement of the laws, "I have already demonstrated my full support of policies that would eliminate police harassment of gay men and lesbians."

6. With regard to supporting a program of training and continuing education for law enforcement personnel and other city officials regarding gay men and lesbians and the special concerns of their community, "in fact I have already introduced the concept of sensitivity training and continuing education for law enforcement personnel regarding the gay and lesbian community of Dallas. This program is now being implemented by the City of Dallas under the direction of Psychologist, Dr. A. Somodevilla."

7. "I have already appointed several qualified and openly gay and lesbian individuals to important City boards and commissions. These include Don Baker, Al Calkin, Peter Brooks, Jerry Diggins, Jesse Chairez, Dr. Louise Young, Vivian Armstrong, Charlie Hott and Kenneth A. Wright."

8. With regard to what qualifies me to seek a seat on the city council, "I feel that in my three years in office I have represented well the constituency of District 2. I am especially proud of my track record in making important appointments to the various city boards and commissions that accurately reflect the diversity of my district which includes Blacks, Browns, Whites, Gays and Lesbians."

LETTER: BEYOND BENT

Dear Editor:

The offering of Bent at the Greenville Avenue Theatre provides a play to rattle the minds of any provincial-touched society. However, novelty and shock value, or even nostalgia, do not great art make.

Homosexual art can be strictly projected through the mechanics of its reality or reach beyond for more universal appeal and a more viable niche in theatrical history.

Bent seems limited to homosexual mechanics. The characters are more homosexual than spiritually human in homosexual reality. For example, when the play's main characters verbally indulge in homosexual lovemaking in the Nazi prison camp, the mechanics of sex could become squalid, dirty, confusing, and even alienating for viewers. Sex would have become the most enobling of human virtues if portrayed more universally, essentially--as one's spirit questing to love another.

The ultimate charge of a playwright is to reveal love at its highest meaning. The mechanics giving forth the physical orgasm are known to all; the biological need for it is hardly patent. Yet the meaning beyond is for our great artists to delineate for us if we are to reach our highest level of self and other awareness.

In the continuance of homosexual art, Bent (a must-see play) makes great strides forward. But theatrical greatness, even for us, lies one step beyond Bent . . . where reality is not bent at all.

J.B.

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BEWARE NEW ANTI-GAY LEGISLATION

by The Editor

Have you heard about H.B. 2138? If not, you have not been listening to the nightly news or reading your local newspaper. I will not reprint the text of the bill here because you would probably not read it since it begins with definitions.

The importance of H.B. 2138 is that it attempts to reinstate Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code which was recently ruled unconstitutional. If passed by both the Texas House of Representatives and the Senate and signed by Governor Mark White, the new Section 21.06 would be assumed constitutional until a court ruled otherwise. In fact, H.B. 2138 is worded such that public lewdness prosecutions under the present Section 21.07 would probably stop, and all gay sex "offenses" would probably be prosecuted under Section 21.06.

Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates (LGRA) is our lobby group in Austin. LGRA has been sending out letters warning about H.B. 2138, but most of us do not get these letters. Accordingly, I feel that I must quote from some of these in a bit.

In addition, Dallas TV stations and newspapers have had their Capitol reporters busy covering H.B. 2138's progress through committee. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Bill Ceverha of Richardson, trying to get his bill onto the floor of the House, has unleashed the most homophobic campaign that the Texas House has ever seen. Gay porn films, testimony from prominent homophobes, and statements from Dallas police officers regarding what "horrible" things take place inside the Club Dallas have been viewed, reviewed, and digested by the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee. Of course, all the recent press coverage of AIDS and the "gay connection" has given additional fuel for H.B. 2138's proponents.

This is the letter which Rep. Ceverha sent to all House members carrying a copy of H.B. 2138:

"Dear Colleague:

"You have probably heard of Attorney General Jim Mattox's recent decision to drop the state's appeal of a federal court decision which ruled our current sodomy law, SECTION 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, invalid (see attached letter).

"This action was taken despite the fact that Texas has had some form of sodomy law on its books since 1860 and despite the fact that the majority of Texans stand opposed to putting any sort of public seal of approval on homosexual activity in our state.

"The decision not to pursue the appeal also follows on the heels of recent, well-publicized alarm over the growing threat of A.I.D.S., a disease which destroys the body's immune system and which can be passed along to innocent parties through blood transfusions. Growing evidence indicates a very strong connection between the spread of this disease and homosexual activity.

"Just before the filing deadline, upon learning that the state's pursuit of the

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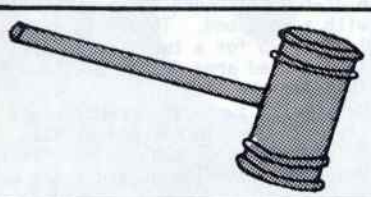

THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart

While it's too early to thoroughly analyze the Municipal Election returns of April 2 and 16, there are several observations I want to make.

First, it is obvious gay voters did turn out significantly in precincts in Districts 2 and 5 where we know many gay people live. The turnout was twice that of city-wide voting patterns. District 5 is where most gay identified voters are located since redistricting last year, and our influence was a major factor in Craig Holcomb's victory. In District 2 our votes were less influential but definitely a factor. It appears that other concerns influenced voting in District 2, particularly in the black precincts in West Dallas and the Anglo precincts in the Walnut hill-Marsh Lane area.

Second, we have a new city council representative in District 2, and it's important the community establish meaningful dialog with Paul Fielding. Mr. Fielding represents a large number of gay citizens, and I'm confident he'll be sensitive to the needs of all gay people. I wish him a successful and productive term in office.

The third and most important observation is that we have five city council representatives who actively sought and received the endorsement of DGPC, the political action committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance. Dr. Jim Hart, Annette Strauss, Craig Holcomb, Elsie Faye Heggins, and Fred Blair are committed to fair and equal treatment of gay citizens in Dallas. They were elected with the gay community's support, and we expect them to be accountable. Also, our new Mayor Starke Taylor has expressed an interest in working with us to solve problems that concern gay people.

The fourth area involves the credibility of the Dallas Gay Alliance. I've received a few requests for comments so I assume there may be cause to clarify our status in the community. I trust the following information does so.

A. DGPC endorsed candidates in seven races for City Council, and our endorsed candidates WON in FIVE of those seven races.
B. The Alliance has established meaningful, productive communications with elected and appointed city officials and that WILL continue.
C. The Alliance, through our PAC, actively (and financially) supports efforts in the Texas Legislature to fight anti-gay legislation such as the Ceverha bill (House Bill 2138). Any success there comes from the support of State Representatives gay voters helped elect last fall.
D. The Alliance continually investigates incidents of police harassment and discrimination in our community and will continue to assist victims in filing complaints, locating attorneys, and contacting police officials.
E. The Alliance has registered and educated thousands of voters in this city and will continue to do so.
F. ONLY ONE THIRD OF THE ALLIANCE'S EFFORTS ARE POLITICAL. For the next few months our focus will be addressing the social and educational needs of gay people. We will be working on Gay Pride Week during the next two months, and a major educational project is planned for the fall.

The Alliance is committed to meeting the gay community's needs--political, social, and educational. For seven years members of the Dallas Gay Alliance have worked hard to benefit gay women and men and have a record of successes unmatched by any other local group in this country.

HAPPY 7th ANNIVERSARY

The May 9th Meeting of the DGA general membership will also be the 7th anniversary of the founding of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the precursor of the Dallas Gay Alliance. As was done last year, many prominent members of both the gay and non-gay communities will speak on the effect of the DGA since its inception. These speakers will include Don Baker and Phil Johnson, and the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band will provide entertainment.

A lawn reception will be held outside MCC at 7 P.M. on May 9th. The meeting and celebration will begin at 7:30 P.M.

BOOKENDS

Cry to Heaven, by Anne Rice (Knopf, $15.95 hardback)

"Guido Maffeo was castrated when he was six years old and sent to study with the finest singing masters in Naples."

So begins Anne Rice's lastest novel, Cry to Heaven. Her third work focuses on the mutilated children of 18th century Italy: the castrated male sopranos whose voices graced choirs, the theater, and the opera.

The novel focuses on two castrati. The first is Guido, a peasant child sold by his impoverished parents to a music school in Naples. A promising soprano, Guido loses his voice at eighteen, and then despairs of his career and even his life.

The other castrati is Tonio, a Venetian nobleman castrated, exiled, and dispossessed at fifteen by a jealous father in a murderous family feud.

Together, they plot their careers--and revenge. For Guido, the struggle is to reconstruct his life after his singing career is lost. For Tonio, it is to find respect for himself after his family, his honor, his wealth, and his home are lost. Tonio's answer to his peculiar oedipal dilemma ranks among the most memorable in recent literature.

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Cry to Heaven is written about thriving 18th century Italy, where Venice, Milan, Florence, Naples, and Rome vied for wealth and prestige. In that world, theater and opera were the chosen status symbols of merchant princes, landed aristocracy, and the Catholic hierarchy. Since women could not appear on stage, those roles were assigned to castrated males, whose soprano voices could bring them fame and riches.

That the castrati could not father children did not prevent them from an active sex life. As prominent performers, they attracted both men and women admirers. According to Rice, they moved from one affair to another, heterosexual or homosexual, with amazing rapidity. Her descriptions are explicit.

Anne Rice's novel explores this lost era of the early Italian opera and its castrati. Focusing on Guido and Tonio, Rice weaves a rich, ornate tapestry and explores not only the castrati, but the cardinals, gentlemen, nobles, and women drawn to the opera.

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HELP BUILD THE FLOAT

by Alan Ross

The Alliance will again this year enter a float in the Gay Pride Parade which will be held on Sunday, June 19th at 4 p.m. The parade will be on Cedar Springs, beginning at Knight Street and ending at Lee Park for the rally. This year's Gay Pride celebration is "Marching Out of Obscurity, Into the Dream."

Any DGA member with creative ideas for our float is welcome to help design the float. The Social Events Department will be meeting at the DGA office on Tuesday evening, May 10th at 7:30 p.m. If you want to work on the float, you should attend this meeting.

The tentative budget for the float is $600 based upon the cost of last year's prize winner. Remember, we won a trophy for Best Interpretation of the Theme. Other categories we could possibly win are Grand Prize for best looking float and Best Organizational Presentation.

We need help in several areas and are looking to our members and friends of the Alliance for participation. We need the following:

1. A 22-foot flat-bed truck, preferably with a wood bed. This will save at least $125 for a two-day rental.
2. An enclosed area in the Oak Lawn area to build the float.
3. Materials, such as: crepe paper, fabric, glitter, lumber and paint.
4. Volunteers to help build the float.
5. Volunteers to ride on the float during the parade.
6. Contributions to cover expenses of the float. There is another article in this issue pertaining to contributions along with a return envelope.

Help us have another winner this year in the Gay Pride Parade. Join in the fun of building this year's float and meet us at the Alliance office on May 10th. If you would like to participate but cannot make the meeting, please call Alan Ross at 526-6529 or the DGA office at 528-4233, and we will return your call.

Working Towards a Better Understanding

by Bill Nelson

You've heard it before--the DGA billboards will be on the street for all of Dallas to see. But whatever actually happened? The billboard never appeared.

As most of you have probably heard, Foster and Kleiser, the billboard company, mailed us a letter on the day the billboards were scheduled to be posted saying that they could not accept "controversial issues." Alliance representatives pointed out to them that the message of the billboard, "Working Towards A Better Understanding," could hardly be considered a controversial issue. After further discussion, consultation with attorneys, and calls to Foster and Kleiser headquarters in Los Angeles, the company informed us that they would be delighted to post our message.

So the billboard will be erected immediately at the corner of Oaklawn and Rawlins and at the original location across from City Hall on Cadiz Street in approximately a month or two when it becomes available.

In the meantime, the Communications Department has undertaken yet another project of a similar nature. During June 1983, the sides of at least 35 Dallas Transit Authority buses will carry the message of the billboard all over the city. The money left over from the billboard project will be used to print the boards for the buses, and the space will be rented from funds gathered in the Adopt-a-Bus program. Since the signs will be travelling around the city during June, we will also use the signs to advertize Gay Pride Week. Call 521-8919 for further information.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

Mon 2 OVEREATERS ANNONYMOUS meets every Monday in the MCC Social Hall at 7 pm.

Tue 3 The OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm. MCC Social Hall, 2701 Reagan. 351-6697.

Benefit at The Saint (2609 N. Pearl) for the DALLAS GAY PRIDE ASSN. and the AIDS Educational Project. 528-5452. "Mr. Texas Contest".

TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in the Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb, (near Page) at 8:30 pm. Everyone welcome. (817) 571-6977.

Wed 4 Spaghetti Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church (1st Wednesday), 2701 Reagan. 6:15 pm. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Dinner at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church (1st Wednesday), 2336 Hemphill (near Page) at 8:30 pm.

The OAK LAWN VOLLEYBALL TEAM practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7 pm.

Thr 5 Entertainment at the Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb in Ft. Worth. 8 pm. Every Thursday in May.

The TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Midway Hills Christian Church. 368-5500.

Sign Language classes meet every Thursday at the Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan. Beginners classes, 6:45 pm. Intermediate classes, 8:15 pm. 526-6221.

"The Love That Dares Not Speak Its Name" at 7:15 pm and "A Woman Like Eve" at 7:30 pm. Contemporary Gay Cinema at the Granada Theatre. 3524 Greenville, 823-9610.

Fri 6 Fifty years ago today, Hitler's troops began the destruction of the gay archives housed in the Institute of Sexual Science in Berlin. Eventually 200,000 gays (regardless of loyalty) would wear the pink triangle in concentration camps where most would perish.

CLIFF DWELLERS SOCIAL CLUB meets every Friday at 8 pm. 321 N. Zangs. 943-0069.

Sun 8 AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information.

GAY UNITARIANS meet the second Sunday of every month at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30 pm. Preston at Normandy.

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. Services at 11 am and 7:15 pm. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

The MCC orchestra and chorus rehearse every Sunday from 10 to 10:45 am. The chorus rehearses for the evening service at 6:15 pm. 526-6221. Again on Thursday.

The OAK LAWN TENNIS TEAM practices every Sunday at noon. Cole Park Tennis Courts.

Mon 9 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. Program: "The Seven Year History of the Dallas Gay Alliance". There will be a reception beginning at 7 pm. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

Wed 11 DALLAS GAY PRIDE ASSOCIATION benefit at the Crews Inn, 3220 N. Fitzhugh. 528-5452.

Thr 12 DALLAS GAY PRIDE ASSOCIATION benefit at the Fraternity House, 3215 N. Fitzhugh. 528-5452.

Sun 15 DALLAS GAY PRIDE ASSOCIATION meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 1 pm. DGA office. 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 201. Workers needed. 528-5452.

GAYLINE meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 pm. P.O. Box 19085; Dallas, TX 75219. For information, 748-6790.

Tue 17 PEGASUS (gay business and professional organization) meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month. 8 pm. Normandy Chapel. First Unitarian Church (Normandy at Preston).

Wed 18 Membership meeting at 8 pm; reception for new DGA members at 9 pm. 4817 N. Central Expressway. 559-2166.

Bar Owners Drag Show at Chaps (2515 N. Fitzhugh) benefitting the DALLAS GAY PRIDE ASSN and the AID Educational Project. 528-5452.

Fri 20 "Some Like It Hot" at 7:15 and "La Cage Aux Folles" (#1) at 9:30 pm at the Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville. 823-9610.

Sun 22 "Genocide" sketches the course which led, ultimately, to the murder of 6 million Jews in German death camps. It follows the pre-war persecution of Jews, homosexuals, gypsies, and other "non-Aryan" minorities in unflinching detail. Again on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville. 823-9610.

The TURTLE CREEK CHORALE presents a "Spotlight Concert"--a cabaret/Las Vegas-type show at the Garden Center in Fair Park. Tickets, $10.00. For information, call 368-5500.

Mon 23 DIALOG dinner for writers and contributors. 7 p.m. For information, call 750-8041.

Fri 27 "Men Together". A gay dance troup exploring dance forms that deal with male intimacy. The troup breaks through the problems of intimacy to create a warmth and honesty that is projected in a creative dance interpretation. Presented by Community Productions (gay arts by gay artists for the gay community). Curtain time, 8 pm. Tickets $8 to $25. Hall of State Auditorium (in front of the Cotton Bowl) in Fair Park. 521-2037. Again Saturday and Sunday.

DIALOG deadline. Send letters and articles to DIALOG - Dallas Gay Alliance; P.O. Box 190712; Dallas, TX 86219.

WHAT NEXT, SMU?

by The Editor

I moved to Dallas in August 1978 to attend the SMU School of Law. I graduated with honors in May 1981. I am sorry that I did.

I could join the harangue that has ensued since the SMU Student Senate voted to not give formal recognition to the Gay/Lesbian Student Services Organization (GLSSO). But I am embarrassed to admit that I did not even know that this issue was pending before the Student Senate until the negative vote was reported in the media.

Of course, I immediately sent a letter to President L. Donald Shields at SMU denouncing the Senate's vote. I emphasized that his statement that SMU alumni unanimously supported the Student Senate's action was far from correct.

The trouble is that my letter and hundreds of others from my friends and fellow alumni should have been sent prior to the Senate vote. This was one important local issue in which the DGA Phone Tree should have been activated.

So I am mad at myself and everyone else in the Alliance for not helping the GLSSO be better prepared for the Senate vote. If appeals within the SMU Administration are not successful, a lawsuit will undoubtedly be filed, but that is an expensive weapon that should not have been necessary.

But let's do what we can now. Please write a letter supporting the GLSSO to SMU President L. Donald Shields in the Perkins Administration Building at SMU, Dallas, Texas 75275. And do it immediately.

I wish GLSSO had existed when I was in college.

Yet Another Envelope

The Fundraising Committee has again enclosed another envelope. This time we are asking for your financial support of the float that we will have in the Dallas Gay Pride Week Parade on June 19th. The budget for the float is $600, and with your help, we can have a prize winner as we did last year. It is most important that we participate in this year's parade and have a very attractive float.

Many of our members have been very supportive to our appeals through Dialog with the return envelope. Many others have not. We need those of you who have not been able to donate in the past to take a few moments to return the enclosed envelope with your donation. Please note on your check that it is to be applied to the float.

If there are still some of our members who mean to contribute to DGPC and would like to at this time, please do so. The Fundraising Committee has a goal of raising $1,200 through Dialog, and we are $329 from reaching this goal. The elections are over, but the bills still have to be paid.

BEWARE

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appeal had been dropped, I filed HOUSE BILL 2138, which reinstates a sodomy law for Texas.

"If you believe, as I do, that Texans need the protections afforded by this law, I encourage you to sign on today as a co-sponsor of HOUSE BILL 2138.

"If you need additional information, please call me or drop by my desk.

"Sincerely, Bill Ceverha"

In April, LGRA sent out the following letter in response to H.B. 2138: " . . . Representative Bill Ceverha introduced legislation in the Texas House of Representatives to recriminalize homosexual conduct. His bill establishes penalties up to the class of second degree felony (a fine not to exceed $10,000 and a prison term of two to twenty years) for this conduct."

"Just to give you a sample of the bill's content, here are some of its provisions. They are as follows:

"Deviate Sexual Intercourse, which is dealt with in Sec. 21.01 of the Penal Code, means 1) any contact between the mouth or anus of one person and any part of the genitals of another person, 2) any contact between the mouth of one person and the anus of another, and 3) the penetration by one person of the genitals or anus of another person with an object or any portion of the body including, by way of example, a finger, hands, or foot. Penetration for medical purposes and, of course, the female sex organ by the male sex organ, are excluded from the bill.

"Sexual Contact, which is dealt with in Sec. 21.01, means the touching by one person of any part of the body of another person with the intent or purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person.

"Homosexual Conduct, which is dealt with in Sec. 21.06 of the Penal Code, is broken into two sections--engagement, and offering, agreeing, or soliciting. Regardless of the differentation, any person that engages in and/or offers, agrees, or solicits sex is considered to have committed an offense under provisions of Sec. 21.06.

"Penalties for engagement in deviate sexual intercourse are established as a third degree felony unless previously convicted, for which the act is a second degree felony. Sexual contact penalties are similarly treated as a Class A misdemeanor and then a third degree felony upon a previous conviction." (NOTE: In Texas, you automatically receive a life sentence upon your third felony conviction.)

"Penalties for offering, agreeing, or soliciting to commit deviate sexual intercourse start at the Class A misdemeanor level and progress to the third degree felony status for repeat offenders. For sexual contact, offers, agreements, or solicitations, penalties are Class B and then Class A misdemeanors.

"Thus, in less than the length of a single day, an agent of the state, Representative Bill Ceverha, is directing us to trade our recently won, free status for that of felons. A second degree felony offense carries penalties of a fine not to exceed $10,000 and a prison term of 2 to 20 years. Such is hardly a fair trade."

LGRA also warns that if H.B. 2138 fails, portions or all of it may end up in other bills or amendments thereto which are rushed through the House and Senate for passage in the final days of this legislative session. Accordingly, all friends and members of the gay community are asked to send letters to their representatives in Austin requesting that no effort to recriminalize homosexual activity be passed in this session.

Michael Milliken of the Dialog staff sent several such mailgrams. Senator John Leedom of District 16 (which encompasses much of Craig Holcomb's council district) replied:

"Dear Mr. Milliken:

"Thank you for your April 15 letter opposing SB (sic) 2138, relating to sodomy. Unfortunately, I cannot join you in your opposition to this legislation, and I plan to support it when it comes to the full senate.

"I appreciate your concern in state affairs and for taking the time to share your opinion with me. Although we don't see eye to eye on this issue, I hope that you will continue to contact me regarding issues of concern to you.

"Cordially,

"John N. Leedom"

What makes me even madder about this former Dallas City Council representative's position on H.B. 2138 is that he is my State Senator, too!!!

Thankfully, the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee is expected to kill H.B. 2138. However, all the press coverage of the Committee's consideration of "a sodomy law" has brought the lawyers who serve on that committee under unusually strong scrutiny by their constituents. No one on the Jurisprudence Committee can be expected to vote against H.B. 2138 if it will cost him or her reelection, except perhaps Rep. Debra Danburg of Houston.

The Sunday, April 24th edition of the Dallas Times Herald reported that the vice-chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee is calling H.B. 2138 a dead issue because it is too controversial and would probably be ruled unconstitutional by a federal court. Rep. Terral Smith of Austin stated: "A lot of members have come up and said they don't desire to vote on that issue."

Let's hope that this is the case because if H.B. 2138 gets out of committee and onto the floor of the House, it will undoubtedly pass because the heavily rural makeup of the legislature will not allow a "sodomy" law to be defeated.

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JUNE

Thr 2 DIALOG Mail Committee meets at Phil's place. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 821-1653. Bring an appetite.

Sun 5 GAY ACADEMIC UNION-NORTH TEXAS (GAUNT) meets the 1st Sunday of every month.

Mon 6 GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE of DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st Monday of every month.

Tue 7 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in the Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb, (near Page) at 8:30 pm. Everyone welcome. (817) 571-6977.

Mon 13 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meets the 2nd Monday of every month. 7:30 pm. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE DEPARTMENTS

CIVIC AFFAIRS - See Calendar 528-4233

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MEMBERSHIP 559-2166
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Every Wednesday at 8 pm. DGA office.

List of Elected Officials

Here are the names and addresses of elected officials who presently represent Dallas area citizens at the city, state, and national levels of government.

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District 1 Councilman James Hart
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District 6 Councilwoman Elsie Faye Heggins
District 7 Councilman Max Goldblatt
District 8 Councilman Fred Blair
District 9 Councilman Jerry Rucker
District 10 Councilwoman Annette Strauss

Letters to City Council members may be addressed c/o City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Dallas, Texas 75202.

STATE

Governor Mark White, State Capitol, Austin, Texas 78711

Dist. 8 State Senator O.H. Harris
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Letters to state senators may be addressed to: Texas Senate, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Letters to state representatives may be addressed to: Texas House of Representatives, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769.

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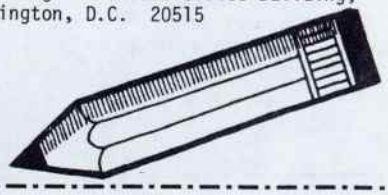

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MCC PROMPTS LOOK AT CHURCH'S ROLE

by T.R.M.

American Christians are reexamining traditional attitudes toward the Church's mission for gays, women, and society.

One issue in changing attitudes is an effort by the Metropolitan Christian Church (MCC) to win an invitation into the National Council of Churches. Although a final decision may be years away, the dialog has pressed several Christian churches to redefine their stance on the Church's role in society.

The issue of MCC's membership in the National Council of Churches arose when MCC sought an invitation to join the Council. MCC has a mission aimed largely, although not exclusively, toward gay males and lesbians.

The effort to secure an invitation was delegated to a Constituency Committee of the National Council, which ruled unanimously that MCC was eligible for membership.

Later, a second commission, the Faith and Order Commission, also studied the question. This spring they returned the question to the governing board of the Council for action. Each of the Council's 32-member denominations will have one vote in deciding whether to issue an invitation to MCC.

A final decision by the Council's governing board is not expected until this fall at the earliest. If an invitation is extended, the 1985 MCC General Conference would probably decide whether to accept the invitation.

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Some Council denominations have been supportive of MCC's efforts, local Dallas MCC Reverend Don Eastman explained. Others have not. The Council includes several of the largest Christian Churches in America, such as the United Methodist Church and the American Methodist Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Church, the Quakers, and the Lutheran Church of America.

Other Council members include the United Church of Christ (or Congregationalist Church), both Southern and Northern Presbyterians, the Church of the Bretheran, and American (Northern) Baptists.

"The decision (by MCC) to join the National Council of Churches must eventually be resolved by both the Council and by the MCC as a whole," stated Reverend Eastman.

Eastman was one of a group of MCC clergy and lay persons who has met with the Council's Faith and Order Commission to discuss the proposed membership.

Joining the National Council would require ratification by the biennial general conference of MCC clergy and lay delegates. A decision is not expected until the 1985 Sacramento conference, according to Eastman.

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Several issues are at stake in the proposed decision, Reverend Eastman said recently in a telephone interview with Dialog.

The chief issue is participation in religious dialog. Eastman said, "The main advantage of joining the National Council is participating in ecumenical dialog. It is important that people in various branches of the Christian Church talk to each other.

"There is too much misunderstanding and myth in many churches about gays and lesbians. As a result, many gay people are ostracized and hostile to their own churches. The lack of information, even by some theologians in the National Council, is tragic," he continued.

"The National Council needs us in MCC to bring light to several issues as much as we need them," Reverend Eastman suggested.

Eastman added that MCC might make a contribution to issues other than homosexuality. "Another issue is the ecumenical process. The National Council is supposed to be a gathering from different Christian conferences. We are supposed to practice our faith and learn to live together."

However, according to Eastman, the National Council experiences difficulty in enouraging inter-faith dialog or worship. At a practical level, there is seldom much joint worship or dialog between different churches.

"This is something that MCC has done as a necessity from the beginning. Since our members are drawn from many churches, we face this problem every day."

"MCC has pioneered the role of women in church leadership positions. On MCC's top board, there are more women than men, in fact. That isn't true of any other church.

"We at MCC haven't just given lip service to full equality for women in the church. We've practiced it. Here is an area where the MCC has been pioneering in defining sex roles within the Church. Again, we've faced this issue more than many other churches."

Reverend Eastman added that MCC has also pioneered efforts to weed out oppressive and exclusionary language in religious programs. And, he explained, MCC has more experience in innovative ministries than many churches.

"Although we primarily serve the gay and lesbian community, we also offer a ministry to other groups. Here is another area in which the National Council could take advantage of our practical experience."

Beginning next month, each Dialog will contain a wishlist compiled by the DGA Directors. This column will contain a list of items which are desperately needed by the various departments, such as a headliner.

Retailing for approximately $300, the Dialog budget would be reduced significantly if expensive rub-on lettering could be eliminated from monthly expenditures with the purchase of a headliner. With the purchase of different-size spools of letters and numbers, the other departments could use the headliner for advertizements and posters.

The idea behind the wishlist is to give the membership some idea of exactly what each department needs to operate effectively. These items can be donated by DGA members and friends, or donations can be made which are earmorked for the purchase of a particular item.

So look for the wishlist in your next Dialog.

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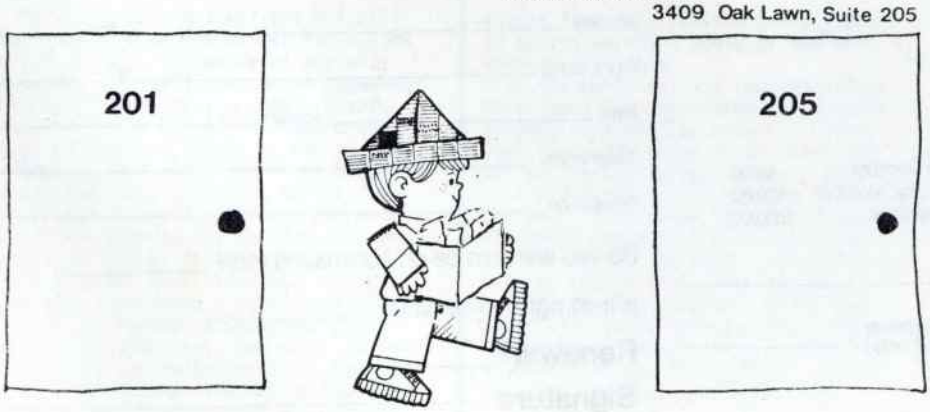

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GAY PRIDE 1983

It all started with Stonewall, on a hot night in June, 1970; today, it's become a tradition in almost every large American city. The third week in June means Gay Pride Week to gays and lesbians all across America.

"I'm not sure what Stonewall was," a young Dallas gay said recently. "I know it was violent, and involved the cops."

For those who may not know: Stonewall was the first major confrontation between the police and the gay community in New York City. It was notable not for its size (estimates of the number involved vary from 50 to 200), nor for its outcome (violence, then proclamations from the city administration). It was notable simply because it represented something entirely novel in American life. For the first time, a group of gay people stood up and said, "We don't have to lie down and let you do this to us! We can fight back!"

And that is the meaning of Stonewall. For those of us in the gay community it means that we are no one's inferiors, or superiors. We will neither sit back and take your intimidation, nor intimidate you. We are your equals, and we will be treated that way. That's what it's all about, for Gay PRIDE '83!

COUNCIL ENDORSES FUNDING FOR AIDS

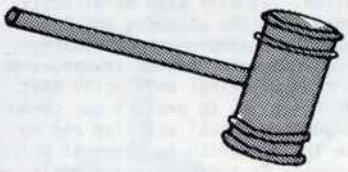
by Michael Milliken

The Dallas City Council passed by unanimous vote a resolution requesting the federal government to immediately increase within the U.S. Department of Health and Welfare funds to support research into the cause of, transmission of, and cure for AIDS. Item #55 on the May 31st City Council agenda was introduced by District 5 Councilman Craig Holcomb and seconded by At-Large District 10 Councilwoman Annette Strauss. Mrs. Strauss also thanked, on behalf of the Council, DGA President Mike Stewart, Vice President Bill Nelson, and Oak Lawn Counseling Center's Harold Daire "for bringing this serious health problem to our attention" after they made their presentations to the Council.

There was no discussion and no dissenting opinions to the resolution. However, Councilman Jerry Rucker displayed his feelings on the issue through facial expressions and sighs of disgust during the presentations.

The work required to obtain the passage of this resolution had been done in the days and hours before the meeting by various members of the DGA Board and the Civic Affairs Department with the aid and support of Councilman Holcomb.

CITY OF DALLAS



THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart

President, Dallas Gay Alliance

Gay Pride, 1983! Considering the recent political climate in Texas and the fear and anxiety resulting from Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), some might wonder if Gay Pride shouldn't take a "vacation" this summer. However, now, possibly more than ever before, is the time to reinforce within our community that we are a group of proud women and men. Just as we've worked for and enjoyed the successes during recent years, we have the strength to hold onto our hard-won progress and move on to even greater successes in the future.

There are many events scheduled during Gay Pride Week, June 18-26, 1983. Representatives of businesses, bars, and organizations have worked hard to plan the best Gay Pride Week in Dallas history. Please join your friends in as many of these activities as possible and celebrate what we are and who we are. It will be a fun week, so enjoy it!

And when Gay Pride Week 1983 has passed, join your friends again at meetings of Dallas' social, educational, religious, musical, political, service, or athletic organizations. There is still much work to be done, and it won't happen without you. We still face major obstacles to achieving equal rights for gay men and lesbians.

Pride among gay people is a relatively new commodity, and many of our people still don't feel it. Our challenge today is to continue to educate the non-gay and gay communities concerning homosexuality so that ignorance and bigotry--and fear--are eliminated.

Enjoy Gay Pride . . . every day of your lives.

INSIDE:

A MORE COMPLETE GPW CALENDAR

by Bill Nelson

The Adopt-A-Bus Program is now on the streets of Dallas. As of June 1st, sixteen Dallas Transit buses bore the message "The Dallas Gay Community--Working Toward a Better Understanding" on a 12-foot sign on the side of each vehicle. The design of the sign is an adaptation of the billboard logo by Phil Gerber for the sign near City Hall and consists of a large pink triangle with the message overlaid in black.

The Adopt-A-Bus program was made possible by donations of $80 for each bus adopted. This money was used to rent the space on the buses. The cost of printing the signs was covered by money collected by members of the Communication Department of the Alliance. This collection was accomplished by long hours in front of bars and businesses with a collection bottle and a smile.

THE DALLAS GAY COMMUNITY —

WORKING TOWARD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

The Alliance would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generosity in adopting a bus:

Gaspipe,
Gay employees of Dallas Times Herald,
Hair Revue,
Bob Lachance,
John Thomas,
Jack Borden,
Dignity of Dallas--Outreach to Gay Catholics,
Craig Spaulding,
William Waybourne,
Union Jack,
Crossroads Greenery,
Dennis Weir and Frank Caven.

We do have the option of adding additional buses at any time. The second set of signs will not contain the tag line "Gay Pride Week June 17-25" and can continue to appear on the buses throughout the summer. Anyone wishing to participate in the Adopt-A-Bus program whould contact the Alliance or the Crossroads Market at 521-8919.

Razzle Dazzle Dallas
THE 5TH YEAR 1983

by Mike Richards

The Fifth Annual Razzle Dazzle Dallas gets underway at 9 P.M. on Saturday, June 18th, at the Centennial Building in Fair Park.

Traditionally, RDD has marked the beginning of Gay Pride Week in Texas. 1983 promises to be the best year ever with all of the pizzaz you've come to expect --the highest concentration of fun-loving men and women in Texas, free beer and soft drinks, that ultra high energy music! Plus, a more bizarre bazaar and a tri-color laser show.

Save $5 per ticket by ordering your tickets now! Tickets are $10 in advance or $15 at the door on June 18th. Make your check payable to RDD, Inc., One Main Place Station, P.O. Box 50031, Dallas, Texas 75250.

FILM BENEFIT PRESENTED

by Dave Lewis

On Thursday, June 23rd, the Inwood Theater will present an 8 P.M. benefit showing of the film Lianna for the Alliance. This film, written and directed by the film-maker John Sayles, tells of Lianna's relationships with the people in her life--husband, children, lover, best friend--as she discovers and explores her lesbianism.

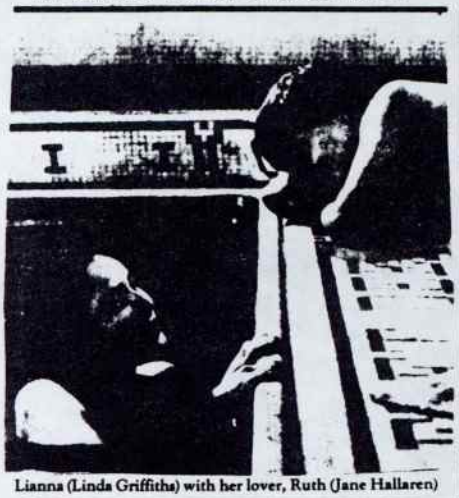
Lianna is not a sophisticated, political woman. She is a housewife and a mother of two who has managed to reach her thirites without discovering her true sexual orientation. The reasons for this are many, some Lianna's fault and some society's. But these reasons are not important. Lianna must cope with her life and her sexuality. It is a dilemma that many of us have faced or are facing.

Lianna finds it easier to deal with actions than with words. She is happy to make love to Ruth and to fall in love with her. But she has trouble identifying herself as a gay woman or a lesbian. Lianna is unsure if her feelings are only for Ruth or for women in general. Ruth is also not without doubts. She is afraid that Lianna is using her to explore a fascination with women.

Lianna has been playing across the country (including a recent run in Houston) to positive reactions from both critics and audiences. Some non-gay audiences have felt uncomfortable with the explicit sex but have liked the film anyway.

If John Sayles' name sounds familiar to you, perhaps you saw his very successful film Return of the Secaucus Seven when it played Dallas over a year ago.

Tickets for the benefit screening cost $6 and are available in advance at the Crossroads Market on Cedar Springs at Throckmorton.



Lianna (Linda Griffiths) with her lover, Ruth (Jane Hallaren)

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The most publicized event will be the Parade down Cedar Springs at 4pm on Sunday, June 19th, followed by the Rally at Lee Park. The Grand Marshalls of the Parade, Miriam Beth Shalom and Dan Bradley, will speak. Be sure and wear your DGA T-shirt or a Gay Pride '83 T-shirt which the Alliance has printed especially for this year.

Special DGA events during Gay Pride Week include the Toast and Roast dinner at Cracker's Restaurant at 2621 McKinney Ave. The cash bar opens at 7:15 pm with dinner served at 8:00 pm. Because space is limited, the $14.50 tickets should be purchased in advance at the Crossroads Market.

Don't miss Lianna at the Inwood, the AIDS Seminar at the O.P., and all the other Gay Pride '83 activities!

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BAND SEEKS TO UNIFY

Judith Atwood, President of the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band of Dallas is asking all the presidents of the various gay and lesbian organizations of the Greater Dallas area to call her to discuss "A Year of Working Together." "Music unites," commented Atwood at a special meeting of the Band board of directors. "It's time the motorcycle clubs, the business groups, even the various church organizations come together. Please call me now because YOU'RE INVITED to a special event --courtesy of the Band. Call 351-6697.

"Finally, Gay Pride Week and the Parade are three weeks away. If your group has members who play musical instruments, urge them to call 351-6697 or come to next Tuesday's rehearsal at 6:45 P.M. at the Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas, 2701 Reagan."

The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band has been asked by the Gay Pride Week Committee to play at its First Annual Musicale. Plus they will march in the Gay Pride Week Parade and play at Razzle Dazzle Dallas. The following week, the Band goes to Houston for their Gay Pride Week events.

NEW PAC CHAIR

The Steering Committee of the DGPC has elected Tom Barker its chair. The committee (also known as the Civic Affairs Department) is now holding regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 P.M. The purpose of the meetings are to maintain the political action committee (PAC) as an effective force with which to deal with political issues that effect the gay community. PAC is mounting a continuous year-round commitment that will currently concentrate on voter registration and identification. It will also be directly concerned with the upcoming special session of the Texas State Legislature.

The gay community is, as always, under attack from political and social foes. The PAC functions to protect our community through political activism and to educate the community in terms of political issues. To accomplish our goals, we need your help. It is not enough to hope that things get better; we must work for them and work hard. We need your time and money. Furthermore, we need your input. We cannot effectively and adequately represent the community without being fully aware of its needs. Let us hear from you! Come to our meetings at the DGA office or contact us at 827-9766. We need to have your support.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

Sat 11 GAY PRIDE WEEK in Ft. Worth, June 11 - June 18. See Gay Pride Week Calendar.

Sun 12 AGAPE' METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 am and 7 pm. (817) 926-7000.
UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH of Dallas. Service at 11 am. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH of Dallas. Services at 11 am and 7:15 pm. 2701 Reagan.

The MCC orchestra and chorus rehearse every Sunday from 10 to 10:45 am. The chorus rehearses for the evening service at 6:15 pm. 526-6221. Again on Thursday.

The OAK LAWN TENNIS TEAM practices every Sunday at noon. Cole Park Tennis Courts.

AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information.

GAY UNITARIANS meet the second Sunday of every month at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30 pm. Preston at Normandy.

A DAY AT SIX FLAGS. Sponsored by the Oak Lawn Bowling Association to benefit OLCC's AIDS Action Project. Advance $12.95 tickets available at the Crossroads Market.

Mon 13 Overeaters Annonymous meets every Monday in the MCC Social Hall at 7 pm.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. Program: Elections for new Board of Directors. Special report: Gay Pride Week. 7:30 pm. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

Tue 14 The OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm. MCC Social Hall, 2701 Reagan. 351-6697.

Wed 15 The OAK LAWN VOLLEYBALL TEAM practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7 pm.

DIALOG Dinner for writers and contributors. 7 pm. For information, call 750-8041.

Membership meeting at 8 pm; reception for new DGA members at 9 pm. 4817 N. Central Expressway. 559-2166.

Thr 16 Entertainment at the CENTER FOR THE COMMUNITY, 2412 Lipscomb in Ft. Worth. 8 pm. Every Thursday in May.

The TURTLE CREEK CHORALE repearses every Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Midway Hills Christian Church. 368-5500.

Fri 17 GAY PRIDE WEEK in Dallas, June 17 - June 26. See Gay Pride Week Calendar.

Sun 19 GAYLINE meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 pm. P.O. Box 19085; Dallas, TX 75219. For information, 748-6790.

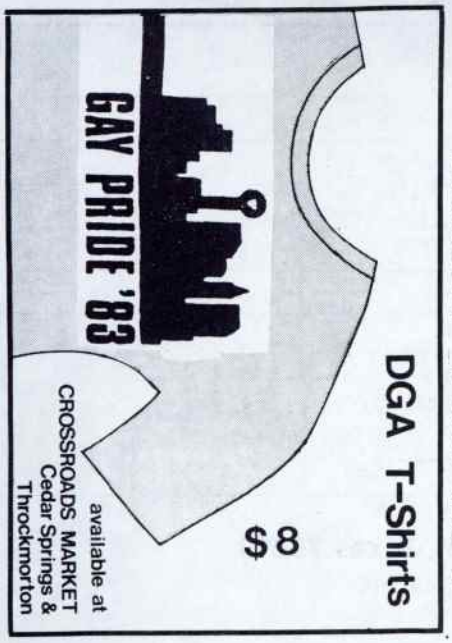
Tue 21 PEGASUS (gay business and professional organization) meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month. 8 pm. Normandy Chapel. First Unitarian Church (Normandy at Preston).

The Political Action Committee of the DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month in the DGA office, 7:30 pm. 827-9766.

Fri 24 DIALOG deadline. Send letters and articles to DIALOG - Dallas Gay Alliance; P.O. Box 190712; Dallas, TX 86219.

Sun 26 DIALOG production day. 750-8041.

Thr 30 DIALOG Mail Committee meets at Phil's place. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 821-1653. Bring an appetite.



THERE'S A PLACE FOR GRACE

The newly formed Gay Religious Activities Coalition Exchange (GRACE) is initiating its presence in the Metroplex with a celebration of religious thought in the gay community. The service will start at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 22nd, at the First Unitarian Church of Dallas, 4015 Normandy Avenue at Preston Road in University Park. Everyone is welcome regardless of religious background.

The celebration is the result of a six-month effort by Affirmation/Methodist, Dignity/Catholic, Gay Unitarians, Integrity/Episcopal, Metropolitan Community Church of Fort Worth, and Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns.

Members of GRACE are hoping the kinship that has developed among them will be reflected to the gay community as it reflects on gay pride.

For further information, call Jean Reyer or May Franklin at 348-8581.

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NEW ADDRESS

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JULY

Sun 3 GAY ACADEMIC UNION - NORTH TEXAS (GAUNT) meets the 1st Sunday of every month.

Mon 4 GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE of DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st Monday of every month.

Tue 5 TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in the Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb, (near Page) at 8:30 pm. Everyone welcome. (817) 571-6977.

Wed 6 Spaghetti Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church (1st Wednesday), 2701 Reagan. 6:15 pm. 526-6221.
Pot Luck Dinner at the Agape' Metropolitan Community Church (1st Wednesday). 8:30 pm. (817) 926-7000.

Mon 10 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meets the 2nd Monday of every month. 7:30 pm. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE DEPARTMENTS

CIVIC AFFAIRS 827-9766
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. DGA Office.

EDUCATION 262-9700
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP 559-2166
1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS 528-4233
Every Wednesday at 8 P.M. DGA office.

SOCIAL EVENTS/FUND RAISING 824-1748
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. DGA office.

List of Elected Officials

Here are the names and addresses of elected officials who presently represent Dallas area citizens at the city, state, and national levels of government.

CITY

Mayor Starke A. Taylor
District 1 Councilman James Hart
District 2 Councilman Paul Fielding
District 3 Councilman James Richards
District 4 Councilman Dean Vanderbilt
District 5 Councilman Craig Holcomb
District 6 Councilwoman Elsie Faye Heggins
District 7 Councilman Max Goldblatt
District 8 Councilman Fred Blair
District 9 Councilman Jerry Rucker
District 10 Councilwoman Annette Strauss

Letters to City Council members may be addressed c/o City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Dallas, Texas 75202.

STATE

Governor Mark White, State Capitol, Austin, Texas 78711

Dist. 2 State Senator Ted Lyon
Dist. 8 State Senator O. H. Harris
Dist. 9 State Senator Chet Edwards
Dist. 10 State Senator Bob McFarland
Dist. 16 State Senator John Leedom
Dist. 23 State Senator Oscar Mauzy

Letters to state senators may be addressed to: Texas Senate, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

Dist. 98 State Rep. Gwyn Clarkston Shea
Dist. 99 State Rep. Bill Blanton
Dist. 100 State Rep. Sam Hudson
Dist. 101 State Rep. Anita Hill
Dist. 102 State Rep. Patricia Hill
Dist. 103 State Rep. Steven D. Wolens
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Dist. 108 State Rep. Al Granoff
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Dist. 111 State Rep. Jesse Dean Oliver
Dist. 112 State Rep. Bill Ceverha
Dist. 113 State Rep. Lee Jackson
Dist. 114 State Rep. Fred Agnich

Letters to state representatives may be addressed to: Texas House of Representatives, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769.

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U.S. Sentor Lloyd Bentsen, 703 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510
3rd Dist. U.S. Rep. Steve Bartlett, 2419 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515
5th Dist. U.S. Rep. John Bryant, 1111 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
6th Dist. U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm, 1116 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
24th Dist. U.S. Rep. Martin Frost, 1238 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
26th Dist. U.S. Rep. Tom Vandergriff, 1529 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

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DPD AND GAYS MET

On Monday, May 23rd, the Dallas Gay Alliance hosted representatives from Oak Lawn bars and businesses and officers from the Dallas Police Department (DPD) at the community room of Ben E. Keith, local distributor for Anheuser-Busch. The meeting provided a unique opportunity to openly discuss gay-police relations. Almost all bars and several businesses sent representatives. Assistant Chief of Police Leslie Sweet, Deputy Chief Canaday, and Capt. John Squires, DPD liaison to the gay community, represented the DPD.

Topics discussed included the frequency of police visits at bars (particularly at The Unicorn), harassment of customers, attitudes of police officers at all levels of authority, cooperation between the police and the gay community, and the use of traffic violations to harass gay citizens. Observers noted that the meeting was a definite contrast to previous meetings with police officers since it was completely free of conflict and harsh words.

Representatives attending the meeting expressed appreciation to the Alliance for making the arrangements for the meeting.

STOP FOR TEA

by Franc King

Remember last June during the Gay Pride Parade how hot and thirsty you became while watching all those hot bodies "float" by?

This June 19th promises to be another long, hot, and busy day. The Communications Department is going to sell iced tea and other beverages at the Crossroads (Throckmorton and Cedar Springs) during the 1983 Gay Pride Week Parade. So, give your hot body a break and give the DGA your support.

EDUCATION DURING GPW

by Marc Lerro

The Education Committee voted last month to develop and sponsor a committee float for the 1983 Gay Pride Parade. The float will carry the message "Making the Dream a Reality" and will kick off this year's education drive within the Alliance.

The float will be smaller and less expensive than the official DGA float, but the project's planners believe its spirit will make it larger than life. The committee will use a pickup with banners and ballons calling attention to the educational efforts of the Alliance. A sound system will carry lively music to parade spectators who committee members hope will be persuaded to join in DGA activities.

Also scheduled during Gay Pride Week is a display of gay books and prominent gay historical figures. The Education Committee will use a display case at the Oak Lawn Branch of the Dallas Public Library to remind non-gay visitors of the heritage and importance of homosexual men and women who have made positive contributions to society.

Davie Jones, Director for the Education Department, said the group will distribute brochures purchased from the National Gay Task Force during Dallas' Gay Pride activities. Jones said he ordered "About Coming Out," "What Gay People Can Do About the Media," "20 Questions About Homosexuality," "You and Your Job," and "About Our Children."

Jones told the DGA Directors that materials costing more than $1 would be sold at cost, while other pieces would be distributed free.

An AIDS Forum, co-sponsored by the Oak Lawn Counseling Center, is scheduled for Thursday, June 23rd, at the Old Plantation. The one-hour presentation will begin at 7:30 P.M.

VISIT BOOTHS AT RDD

by Buck Massey

One of the goals of the Communications Department is to insure that the DGA maintains a high degree of visibility. This has been the purpose behind several of the department's most recent projects.

First, there was the billboard. From high atop Marty's at Oak Lawn and Rawlins, the billboard proclaims that the Dallas gay community is working toward a better understanding.

Then came the bus signs. Earlier this month, Dallas Transit System buses moved out into all parts of town with signs reaffirming our message. The signs also announced the dates of Gay Pride Week.

And now, there is the Bizarre Bazaar at Razzle Dazzle Dallas. The Communications Department is coordinating the Alliance's efforts in staffing 10 booths. The Membership Department will have a booth with membership forms available and Alliance T-shirts for sale. The Education Department will have two booths. One will be staffed and have informational pamphlets from the National Gay Task Force available. The other will be a slide show of DGA members at work and at play. Be sure to stop by to see if you can find your picture.

At a fourth booth, the political action committee will be registering voters. All other booths will feature the Dallas Gay Alliance in action. There will be one entitled "DGA and AIDS," highlighting the Alliance's efforts concerning the AIDS petition and several pamphlets we have produced. "DGA and the Police" will focus on the Alliance's efforts to establish better communication and understanding between the gay community and the Dallas Police Department. Other DGA booths are still in the planning stages.

The Dallas Tavern Guild, an organization of gay barowners, has planned many fund-raising events during Gay Pride Week 1983 which will fund "The Big Event," a picnic and carnival in the parking area across from The Saint on Sunday, June 26th from 3 to 8 P.M.

All proceeds from "The Big Event" will benefit AIDS research.

MORE AIDS NEWS

For the past two months, the AIDS Task Force of the Alliance has been gathering signatures on a petition to request the federal government to appropriate more funding for AIDS research. The number of names on that petition is now over 7,000 and is growing daily. Early in the project, volunteers circulated the petition at bars and businesses. Today, the petition is available at Alliance meetings and at the Crossroads Market.

Several legislators have already been presented with the petitions. Mike Stewart met with Congressman Steve Bartlett, Bill Nelson met with Congressman Martin Frost. Both legislators were familiar with the AIDS problem and promised to keep abreast of developments in legislation in that area. Congressman John Bryant was also contacted and, although he could not meet with Alliance representatives because of scheduling difficulties, pledged that he was committed to the effort to increase funding on the federal level for this research. A meeting with Congressman Tom Vandergriff is also scheduled, and other area legislators are on the agenda as well. Before the project is complete, all of the Congressmen in the Dallas area will have received copies of the complete petition. It would also be helpful if individuals would take the time to write a letter to those men, referring to the visit by representatives of the Alliance. Martin Frost, for example, was very interested to know how many of the names on the petition were actually from people in his district. The opinion of constituents does carry weight.

ACTION PROJECT

by Michael Burnett

A relatively new group has formed in Dallas to coordinate the raising and distribution of funds for research, education, patient support, and lobbying on the growing health threat of AIDS.

The Dallas AIDS Action Project is sponsoring a benefit performance by Samantha Samuels at the Gran Crystal Palace on Sunday, June 19th at 8:30 P.M. Ms. Samuels is performing without charge and the Gran Crystal Palace is donating the locale.

The Gran Crystal Palace is located at 2424 Swiss, just north of downtown Dallas. The cash bar opens at 8 P.M. and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. The $10 tickets can be purchased at the Crossroads Market.

YES

— I intend to support the pledge program!

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The following Calendar of Gay Pride 1983 events is accurate as of Dialog's publication date (June 7, 1983). Events, locations, and times are subject to change.

Fort Worth–
Where Pride Begins (June 11-19)

Dallas–
Marching Out Of Obscurity... Into The Dream

Houston–
Unity Through Diversity (June 19-26)

JUNE

11 7:30 PM - SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WITH CHARLIE AIRHART - Agape MCC Evening - ODYSSEY PARTY - Ft.Worth Bars	**12** 11 AM & 7 PM - GAY PRIDE WEEK SERVICES Agape MCC - Ft.Worth Noon-4 PM - HAPPY HOUR - No-Name Benefit - The Big Event - AIDS Action	**13** 10:30 PM - MR. & MRS. GAY PRIDE OF FT. WORTH CONTEST - The Other Place	**14** 7:30 PM - FILM FESTIVAL - Ft.Worth Center for the Community
15 Evening - ROARING 20'S COSTUME PARTY Ft.Worth - The Downtowner	**16** Evening - SHOW - The Other Place	**17** 6 PM-8 PM - BARBECUE PARTY - Chaps 9:30 PM-1 AM - DENA KAYE SHOW - Chaps Benefit - The Big Event - AIDS Action 7:30 PM - DGPA GRAND MARSHALL RECEPTION - 4001 8:30 PM - CANDLELIGHT MARCH & SERVICE - start at Oak Lawn Library Evening - SHOW - South Jenning Crossroads - SHOW - The Corral	**18** FT.WORTH GAY PRIDE WEEK PICNIC Time and location to be announced. 9 AM - 4th ANNUAL OAK LAWN TENNIS TOURN. Samuel-Grand Tennis Center 7 PM - PAT BOND IN "GERTY,GERTY,GERTY, STEIN IS BACK, BACK, BACK" Lesbian Rights Task Force of NOW 1805 Record Crossing 9 PM - RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS - Fair Park Centennial Building
19 8:30 PM - "Pink Triangles" movie Travel Lodge Motel, CRC 10 AM-6 PM - ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR - Crossroads Market - DGA 11 AM-3 PM - LESBIAN SPORTS EVENTS LRTF-NOW - Reverchon Park 4 PM - ANNUAL GAY PRIDE PARADE - Cedar Springs - Throckmorton to Lee Park 8 PM - SAMATHA SAMUELS IN CONCERT - Gran Crystal Palace - AIDS Action 9 PM - VICKI SUE ROBINSON SHOW - Saint Benefit - The Big Event - AIDS Action	**20** 7:30 PM - SEMINAR: "BUSINESS OF LIVING GAY" - 1805 Record Crossing 10:30 PM - BARTENDERS ACADEMY AWARDS - Round-up Benefit - The Big Event - AIDS Action 10:30 PM - BAROWNERS' EVENT - Old Plantation & Fraternity House	**21** 4 PM-6 PM - THE TRADITIONAL HAPPY HOUR LIVES ON - Crew's Inn Benefit - The Big Event - AIDS Action 7:30 PM - OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT - Maple Lawn Sch., Inwood at Cedar Springs 10:30 PM - BAROWNERS' EVENT - 4001	**22** 7 PM-9 PM - BEER BUST - Unicorn 7:30 PM - DGA ROAST 'N TOAST DINNER Crackers Restaurant 7:30 PM - ECUMENICAL SERVICE - G.R.A.C.E. - First Unitarian Church 10 PM - BAROWNERS/BARTENDERS SHOW - Eighth Day Benefit - The Big Event - AIDS Action
23 7 PM-10 PM - AIDS SEMINAR - Old Plant. 8 PM - DINNER SHOW - SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST - Crossroads Steak House 8 PM - FILM: LIANNA - Inwood Theater Benefit - DGA 10:30 PM - MR. GAY DALLAS - Round-Up 10:30 PM - SHOW - Old Plantation	**24** 9 PM-2 AM - DISCO PARTY - The Crib Benefit - The Big Event - AIDS Action 10:30 PM - BAROWNERS' EVENT Fraternity House	**25** 8 PM-10 PM - MARGIE ADAM/TOM WILSON CONCERT - First Unitarian Church 9 PM-2 AM - FIZZLE DIZZLE DALLAS - Saint Benefit - The Big Event - AIDS Action 10 PM - GRAND FINALE BALL - 4001	**26** 3 PM-8 PM - THE BIG EVENT - Barowners Picnic & Carnival - Saint Benefit - Dallas AIDS Action Project Afternoon - GAY PRIDE WEEK PARADE - Westheimer Street - Houston 5:30 PM - TINA TURNER AND MELBA MOORE - The Summit in Houston Benefit - Houston GPC

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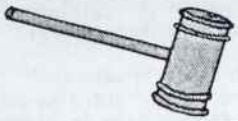

THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart
President of the
Dallas Gay Alliance

Gay Pride--as only Texans know how to show it--was evident throughout this state during June 1983. I had the unique opportunity to participate in Gay Pride Week activities in three Texas cities--Dallas, Lubbock, and Houston. It's clear our movement is strong and healthy in Texas today!

I want to share with you several observations formed after a week of talking to gay men and lesbians from all parts of Texas:

1. The Dallas Gay Alliance is the most respected gay organization in this state. Your seven years of hard work have paid off, and you now set the standards of performance other organizations choose to follow.
2. Although our planning for Dallas' week of activities was marred by unnecessary conflict, the week was successful because of "grass roots" efforts to provide quality activities and a commitment to find solutions to problems. The goal for future Gay Pride Weeks may be to coordinate activities and draw strength from our diversity rather than to control activities and be threatened by our diversity.
3. We can be proud of the Dallas gay community and those organizations that contribute to the quality of our lives. (The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band was terrific at the Houston concert, and I was proud to join them in the Houston parade representing Dallas. They deserve your support!)
4. The future of our movement is dependent on the strength of our local organizations. Your continued input and support are necessary to achieve our goals. Hopefully, you will also continue to demand and receive the desired level of performance from your elected leaders.
5. The only blemish on our pride this year is A.I.D.S. (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). Parades were dedicated to people with A.I.D.S. News commentators frequently followed Gay Pride Week reports with comments on A.I.D.S. A.I.D.S. educational forums were held, and fundraisers for A.I.D.S. research were sponsored. We are being bombarded with the fear and anger associated with A.I.D.S., and today more than ever we must tell our friends and lovers, "GAY IS HEALTHY, GAY IS GOOD, GAY IS PROUD" . . . and we must believe it!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our involvement in this year's Gay Pride Week a tremendous success. I'm sure next year will be even better.

Here is one of the DGA-adopted buses that are cruising around town. They are producing community awareness and consciousness-raising (eyebrow-raising, too).

HARVEY MILK FILM IN JULY

by Dave Jones

A ten-minute video presentation of the film Out of Order: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk will be the program for the July 11th meeting of the DGA general membership. Doug Murphey, fund-raising coordinator from San Francisco, will present the program. The film will be shown promptly at 7:30 pm at MCC-Dallas.

Out of Order is a feature-length documentary which captures the dramatic events of the late 1970s in San Francisco that touched the lives of many of its citizens and thrust the gay rights movement into national attention. Harvey Milk's short-lived political career is the thread that ties the film together. Having forged a coalition of gays, tenants, the elderly, organized labor, and ethnic minorities, Milk won a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and labeled himself "Supervisor for all the people." As the gay leader from San Francisco's large gay community, Milk was gaining national prominence when he was murdered by Dan White on November 27, 1978.

From a present-day perspective, the film chronicles the 1977 San Francisco district elections that brought both Milk and Dan White to public office, the statewide campaign in California against anti-gay Proposition 6 ("the Briggs Initiative"), Dan White's assassination of Milk and Mayor George Moscone in San Francisco City Hall, the controversial trial of Dan White, and the fiery riot following the verdict. Out of Order tells its story with interviews, dramatic television news and documentary footage, still photographs, and other original materials.

The Independent Documentary Fund of the Television Lab at WNET in New York City has awarded a $100,000 grant to Robert Epstein and Richard Schmiechen of the Harvey Milk Film Project for their film, provided the filmmakers can raise $50,000 in matching funds by July 15th. The TV Lab has also announced that if matching funds can be raised, Out of Order will air nationally on PBS in the spring of 1984 as part of the "Nonfiction Television Series." This is the first PBS funding for a film dealing with gay subject matter.

Both Epstein, director/producer, and Schmiechen, producer, have established solid records as documentary filmmakers. Epstein co-produced the award winning film Word Is Out, as well as Greetings from Washington, D.C. Schmiechen's most recent documentary Nick Mazzuco: Biography of an Atomic Vet has been previously aired on PBS stations.

Time is short for raising the $50,000 required to receive the matching funds from PBS. Murphey is confident of raising money from the Dallas community. A total of $13,000 is needed before July 15th. Private screenings of Out of Order may be arranged by calling Davie Jones at 528-4233.

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PAC Still Active

by Tom Barker

During Gay Pride Week 1983 the Alliance's Political Action Committee (PAC) (a.k.a. Civic Affairs Department) did not meet but was not inactive. PAC members registered 150 voters at Razzle Dazzle Dallas. PAC members rode in the Gay Pride Parade in a car decorated with a sign designed by Michael Parkey which said, "We Remember." We also registered more than 130 voters at the parade and the rally at Lee Park. At the end of Gay Pride Week, we were at The Big Event and 30 more voters were registered.

If you are registered to vote but have changed your address, please let us know by writing the DGPC at the DGA office or calling 827-9766. Please give us both your old and new addresses and your current telephone number. Mike Milliken is making a valiant effort to get our voter ID lists up-to-date. He needs your help.

During the past month, we also attended Councilwoman Heggin's community meetings in South Dallas to swear in deputy voter registrars as a part of an ongoing effort to develop a general community awareness of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus and its goals.

We met with State Senator Doggett, who is contemplating a run for the United States Senate, to inform him of our issues and concerns. The meeting took place at Doggett's request. There will be meetings with other state and federal candidates in the future. Watch for announcements of those meetings so that you can be a part of the process.

We need volunteers for voter registration and recording voter information. If your rights are important, come and meet with us the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the DGA office.

A special thanks to all those who participated in a successful month. We all appreciate your time and effort.

New Board Members

Buck Massey, Steve Weast, and Melodie Alexander are the newest members of the DGA Board of Directors as a result of elections held during the June general membership meeting.

Alan Ross and Tom Hatfield were re-elected to the Board. Those Board members whose seats are up for election in December 1983 are Bill Nelson, John Thomas, Michael Burnett, Tony Anthony, and Dave Jones.

Past DGA President Don Baker was recently named as one of ten people who made the greatest difference for gay rights in 1982.

Writing in the New York Native, journalist Larry Bush wrote: "Head of the Dallas Gay Alliance, Baker was in the news for two major accomplishments this year. He was the plaintiff in the case in which a federal court struck down Texas' sodomy law, setting forth a U.S. constitutional argument not seen previously, and his organization was the host for the national gay leadership conference last August in which gays from around the country touched bases with each other.

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Just as there are always going to be gay people in our society, for a long time there is going to be a need for institutions such as the Alliance to defend gay people's rights and speak out for their special needs. A bequest to the DGA or the DGPC will help our community meet its needs not just now but for decades to come.

None of us likes to think about dying, and gay people who have no children and may be estranged from their natural families often see no purpose in drafting a will. But there is nothing more life-affirming than willing your estate (which is probably greater than you think) to friendly interests who will use it for purposes you would have approved. Many of us are learning to provide for our lovers or friends after we die, but we can do that and still leave something to institutions that serve the whole community--and will continue to do so even after our immediate heirs may be gone.

Please consider making a will--for the Alliance's sake, and your own.

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Every Wednesday at 8 P.M. DGA office.

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List of Elected Officials

Here are the names and addresses of elected officials who presently represent Dallas area citizens at the city, state, and national levels of government.

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District 8 Councilman Fred Blair
District 9 Councilman Jerry Rucker
District 10 Councilwoman Annette Strauss

Letters to City Council members may be addressed c/o City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Dallas, Texas 75202.

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Governor Mark White, State Capitol, Austin, Texas 78711

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Resolution On AIDS

CITY OF DALLAS

Below is the text of the resolution supporting A.I.D.S. research which the Dallas City Council approved on June 1, 1983, after presentations by several Alliance members:

WHEREAS, the current epidemic of A.I.D.S. represents a grave health crisis and affects a broad base of the population with an incidence that continues to increase at an extraordinary and alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, the mortality rate from this disease approaches eighty percent of those affected after two years; and

WHEREAS, the disease has serious implications for the safety of the nation's blood supply, and effective blood screening methods must be developed; and

WHEREAS, A.I.D.S. poses a grave threat to the health of the general population because little is known about the cause, transmission, or treatment of this disease; and

WHEREAS, without immediate, massive and intensive research efforts, this epidemic is likely to claim an increasing and unacceptable number of victims; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council urges that significant new Federal funds be immediately allocated within the United States Department of Health and Human Services to greatly increase both extramural and intramural research into the cause, transmission and cure of A.I.D.S.

SECTION 2. That toward this end, the National Institute of Health and the Center for Disease Control is requested to immediately solicit further proposals for research into A.I.D.S. from the scientific and medical community, and that these proposals be evaluated and funded with the dispatch and generosity which this health emergency requires.

SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution be sent to President Ronald Reagan, Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler, Assistant Secretary of Health Edward Brandt, and the Directors of the National Institute of Health, the Center for Disease Control, the National Cancer Institute, and the National Institute for Allergies and Infectious Diseases.

SECTION 4. That copies of this resolution be provided to the Dallas congressional delegation to assist in their efforts to obtain A.I.D.S. research funding.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

Letters were received in June by various DGA leaders from Council members Annette Strauss, Max Goldblatt, Craig Holcomb, and Jerry Rucker in which each stated that she/he was happy to support the resolution calling for funding for A.I.D.S. research.

JULY

SUN 3 AGAPE' METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH of Ft. Worth. Services at 11 am and 7 pm. (817) 926-7000.
UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH of Dallas. Service at 11 am. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH of Dallas. Services at 11 am and 7:15 pm. 2701 Reagan.

The MCC orchestra and chorus rehearse every Sunday from 10 to 10:45 am. The chorus rehearses for the evening service at 6:15 pm. 526-6221. Again on Thursday.

The OAK LAWN TENNIS TEAM practices every Sunday at noon. Cole Park Tennis Courts.

MCC pot luck picnic on the church grounds. 1 pm. 2701 Reagan.

The OAK LAWN SOFTBALL ASSN. plays every Sunday at 5 pm. Griggs Field, Central Expressway at Woodall-Rogers.

MON 4 Independence Day. The Dallas Gay Alliance wishes you and those you love a happy holiday.

GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE of DENTON (GLAD) picnic in Denton.

TUE 5 The OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND will be on vacation through July and August. For information call 351-6697.

TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month in the Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb, (near Page) at 8:30 pm. Everyone welcome. (817) 571-6977.

WED 6 The OAK LAWN VOLLEYBALL TEAM practices every Wednesday in the Reverchon Recreation Center at 7 pm.

THR 7 Entertainment at the CENTER FOR THE COMMUNITY, 2412 Lipscomb in Ft. Worth. 8 pm. Every Thursday in May.

The TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Midway Hills Christian Church. 368-5500.

FRI 8 "Rhapsody" presented by the TURTLE CREEK CHORALE. Caruth Auditorium at SMU. 8:15 pm. 368-5500.
Again on the 9th.

SUN 10 AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information.

GAY UNITARIANS meet the second Sunday of every month at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30 pm. Preston at Normandy.

GAY ACADEMIC UNION - NORTH TEXAS (GAUNT) meets the 1st Sunday of every month.

MON 11 Overeaters Anonymous meets every Monday in the MCC Social Hall at 7 pm.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meeting. 7:30 pm. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.

SUN 17 GAYLINE meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30 pm. P.O. Box 19085, Dallas, TX 75219. For information, 748-5500.

TUE 19 PEGASUS (gay business and professional organization) meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month. 8 pm. Normandy Chapel. First Unitarian Church (Normandy at Preston).

The Political Action Committee of the DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month in the DGA office, 7:30 pm. 827-9766.

WED 20 DIALOG dinner for writers and contributors. 7 pm. For information, call 750-8041.

Membership meeting at 8 pm - reception for new DGA members at 9 pm. 4817 N. Central Expressway. 559-2166.

FRI 29 "Personal Best" concerns the emotional and physical attachments that developes between two female track-and-field competitors in training for the 1980 Olympic Games. 9 pm. Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville. 823-9610.

DIALOG deadline. Send letters and articles to DIALOG - Dallas Gay Alliance, P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219.

SAT 30 DIALOG production day at 2812 Fairmount St., Dallas. 871-8711 or 750-8041. Continuing on Sunday.

"Victor/Victoria". Julie Andrews masquerades as a former Polish count masquerading as a female impersonator. 7:15 pm. Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville. 823-9610.

THR 4 DIALOG Mail Committee meets at Phil's place. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 821-1653. Bring an appetite.

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21.06 DECISION'S ANNIVERSARY

TEXAS FREEDOM FESTIVAL

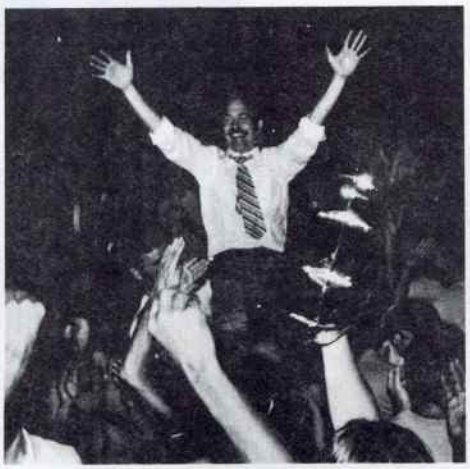
by Alan Ross

It has been one year since Federal Judge Jerry Buchmeyer struck down Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. To celebrate the first anniversary of this decision, the Alliance is sponsoring and coordinating a statewide Texas Freedom Festival during the Labor Day weekend, September 2-5, 1983.

The featured event for the weekend will be the Texas Command Performance at the Majestic Theatre on Sunday, September 4th at 8:00 P.M. The program is still in the planning stages at this time; however, several nationally-known gay entertainers are under consideration. The program will also include several local singing groups, a dance group, and a band concert. Tickets will be available very soon at the Crossroads Market and Union Jack. The performance will benefit the newly formed National AIDS Federation Lobby Project. The Lobby Project currently needs $200,000 to hire a lobbyist in Washington, D.C., to ensure that federal funding is appropriated for AIDS research. The Texas Command Performance must raise $10,000 as a Texas commitment to the Lobby Project.

Many other events are still being planned and will be announced later in the local gay publications. They will include an AIDS workshop on Saturday and an AIDS forum on Sunday coordinated by Alliance member Howie Daire of the Oak Lawn Counseling Center. An outdoor Celebration and Rally is being considered for Saturday evening. Organizational meetings, sporting events, and business events will also take place.

The Board of Directors urges the membership to attend the August 8th general meeting to learn more about the Festival and to take part in this very important state event and celebration. Plan now to attend the performance at the Majestic Theatre. The majority of the tickets will be $10 for this highly entertaining evening. Help us to attain the needed commitment to the AIDS Lobby Project.



GAY FREEDOM DAY

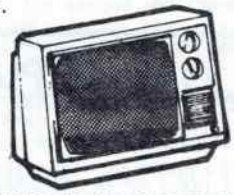
Gay Freedom Day, commemorating the 1982 Baker v. Wade decision, is slated for Wednesday, August 17th at 8:30 P.M. in the Reverchon Park amphitheater. Gay Freedom Day celebrates Dallas U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's landmark opinion which overturned Texas Penal Code Section 21.06 which had banned gay sexual behavior.

Entertainment for the event will be provided. Betty Naylor, Austin lobbyist for the Lesbian and Gay Rights Advocates, will serve as special guest speaker.

Don Baker, past DGA President and plaintiff in the civil rights case which is still on appeal, urges everyone to attend this celebration which will hopefully become an annual event.

GAY PROGRAMS ON CABLE

This August Warner-Amex Cable will air several gay programs produced by DGA member Stephen Wagner and co-producer Nellie Thomas. "Dallas Gay Pride '83," featuring highlights of the June 19th Gay Pride Parade and Rally, will begin airing on August 21st and run for four weeks. Grand Marshals Dan Bradley and Miriam Ben-Shalom, DGA President Mike Stewart, MCC Pastor Don Eastman, and N.O.W. President Lynn Carroll are among the speakers included who explore the history of the gay rights movement and where we are now. This inspiring program will not only offer those unable to attend the parade and rally an opportunity to see the events, but also demonstrate to the straight viewing public the vitality of the gay rights movement in Dallas.



Also airing in August are three programs highlighting the National Gay Leadership Conference, in honor of the first anniversary of the acclaimed national conference held in Dallas in August 1982. The opening address by noted gay author and journalist, Larry

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JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The July general membership meeting was highlighted by the presentation of the films "Greetings from Washington" and "Out of Order", the endorsement of DART, and the ratification of DGA President Mike Stewart and Vice-President Bill Nelson.

"Out of Order" is a new film documentary focusing on the life and political career of Harvey Milk, an openly-gay San Francisco city supervisor. Milk, along with Mayor George Moscone, was assassinated by Dan White, a political rival. DGA members voted 59 to 13 to donate $500 to support this film project. If film producers raise $50,000 privately, they will also win an additional matching grant of $100,000 from WNET in New York.

DGA members, after lengthy debate, voted 51 to 27 to endorse the upcoming August 13th referendum on DART, the local rapid transit plan. Both supporters and opponents of the plan spoke at the meeting. Favoring the DART plan were former City Council members Lee Simpson and Adlene Harrison, as well as current Council members Annette Strauss and Craig Holcomb. Opposing the referendum were Lucius Wagner, treasurer of the Down With DART Committee and Dr. Percival Sealey, a Bishop College professor.

Members also voted to extend the terms of Mike Stewart and Bill Nelson as President and Vice President, respectively, for a full one-year term.

Vote DART August 13.

THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart
President of the
Dallas Gay Alliance

For many years the Alliance has advertized its Board of Directors meeting on the fourth Monday of each month as an "Open" Board meeting. This is a misnomer since all Board meetings are open to the public, and members are always welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.

The Open Board meeting was planned to provide a time for committee chairs to report on activities and exchange information with the Board of Directors. August 22, 1983 marks the revival of this practice. Since many committees are being reorganized under new directors, the fourth Monday of August will be a good time for new committee chairs to participate in the planning of DGA activities.

All members of the Alliance are invited to attend the August 22nd Board meeting, meet the committee chairs, and watch your directors in action.

Thank you for expressing confidence in me at the July meeting. Your support is very important to me, and I look forward to this year as President of the most organized, respected, and successful local gay organization in the country. If you ever have questions, comments, suggestions, . . . or criticism, please call me. The DGA phone number is 528-4233, and my home number is 522-3552.

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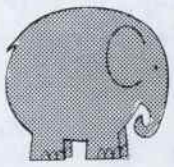
Join me at the celebrations planned to commemorate the 21.06 decision on August 17th and Labor Day Weekend. On August 17, 1982, a federal court judge ruled it's okay to be gay in Texas (something we've known for a long time), and that calls for a Texas-sized celebration!

GAY REPUBLICANS, COME OUT!

by Bill Nelson

On Tuesday, July 26th, the Dallas Times Herald reported that the Dallas County Commissioners' Court had replaced over one hundred Democrats with area Republicans as election judges. Precincts whose elections have been traditionally run by Democratic precinct chairs will now find a Republican in charge.



This situation merely underscores the need for Dallas gay Republicans to come forward and assert themselves within their party. Our movement needs and can profit from involvement in many areas, and the growing strength of the Republican party is handwriting on the wall for our organization.

Still another indication of our need to confront the Republican Party with gay issues is the Republican National Convention which will take place next year in Dallas. The major gay political organizing force in the area, the DGPC and Alliance members, will play host to gay Republicans from all across the country, and we need to develop the communication links to successfully offer our warm hospitality.

The Political Action Committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance is strictly non-partisan. In the past, our involvement has heavily leaned towards the Democratic Party because those willing to give time and energy within the movement felt most comfortable in that party. But our plans for organization of the gay vote are non-partisan. Now, more than ever, we need Republican precinct chairs and Republican activists within the organization. If you are interested in contributing to the gay rights movement by working within the Republican Party, join the PAC of the Alliance or call me at 521-8919 for more information.

Health

LOCAL AIDS RESEARCH

Two local doctors and the Dallas AIDS Action Project are adding to research on the causes of the AIDS syndrome, according to an article in the Dallas Morning News.

Joining the research are Dr. James Wheeler and Dr. Kevin Murphy. Wheeler is a hematologist, and Murphy is a professor of infectious diseases at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

The research involves a matched comparison between blood traits of 20 men who exhibit some early symptoms of AIDS, and 20 other Dallas men who exhibit none of the symptoms. The News quoted Wheeler as noting that "this is important research, but it's merely the first of many tests to be done looking for a marker, or if possible, a treatment or cure."

Medical researchers have often noted that one of the difficulties in detecting or treating individuals with AIDS lies in the lack of information about its causes or early symptoms. Blood research programs may help to identify the presence of a virus in the blood which may indicate the later emergence of AIDS.

JOIN A WET AND WILD DAY

The Department of Social Events is planning an end-of-summer trip to the Wet 'N Wild park on Sunday, August 28th. Anyone interested in water sports or who likes to have fun in the sun is invited to attend. Rides to the park will be available at the Crossroads Market at 12 noon on August 28th. Admission to the park is $10.00 per person. Wet 'N Wild is located off I-30 across from Six Flags; exit at Lamar and follow the signs to the park. Parking is free.

Flash! Dialog has just learned that the entire Wet 'N Wild park may be closed to the public for a private all-gay day of fun for all if the Alliance can sell 200 tickets prior to August 28th. Please read the flyer stuffed inside this Dialog. Plan to buy your $10 ticket at the August 8th general membership meeting or at Crossroads Market or mail your check or credit card charge to the Alliance.

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In addition to the glamour projects, the basics of mass communications remain. The department is charged with the responsibility of advertising our general membership meetings. This means getting posters designed, printed, and put up. There is always a mailing that needs to be addressed, stamped, and mailed.

What all this comes down to is that we need you. Whether you speak in pear shaped tones, are the world's greatest graphic designer, or willing to put up posters and address envelopes, we have a place for you. We promise good company, hard work, lots of fun, and most of all a sense of accomplishment. The committee meets every Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. in the Alliance office. I look forward to seeing you there.

Education Dept.

by Tom Hatfield

Since education is the major focus of the Dallas Gay Alliance for the next six months, we will be playing a major role in bringing information to you.

The two most important areas of concern are the continuing AIDS crisis and homophobia both within the gay community and from straight society.

We will continue to produce brochures on AIDS as new information becomes available. We are also going to continue to push for federal funding of research, through our petition drive and lobbyist funding.

Homophobia is something that all of us are confronted by and must deal with every day. Some of the suggestions already received are: organizing a meeting devoted to this subject, producing brochures dealing with our fears, and using our Speakers Bureau to educate the community at large.

There is a lot of work to be done and we need people to implement these programs. If you are interested in helping in this area, we meet in the Alliance office on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. If you have any questions, please call the office and let's get together.

Fund Raising Dept.

by Alan Ross

The Fund Raising Department is once again a separate department so that greater energy can be spent obtaining the necessary funding for the Alliance. Emphases of the department for the next six months will be at least three major events for the entire gay community. One is the Texas Freedom Festival to be held Labor Day weekend to celebrate the repeal of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. Other events that may take place are another evening at the Majestic Theatre, movie nights at the Inwood and Granada Theaters, and an over-35 Mr. Dallas Contest.

This department will meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Alliance office. A committee is needed to work on these planned events as well as to discover other means of fund raising. If any member has experience in fund raising or has some good ideas with which to raise funds, please plan to attend the committee meeting or contact me at 528-4233.

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List of Elected Officials

Here are the names and addresses of elected officials who presently represent Dallas area citizens at the city, state, and national levels of government.

CITY

Mayor Starke A. Taylor
District 1 Councilman James Hart
District 2 Councilman Paul Fielding
District 3 Councilman James Richards
District 4 Councilman Dean Vanderbilt
District 5 Councilman Craig Holcomb
District 6 Councilwoman Elsie Faye Heggins
District 7 Councilman Max Goldblatt
District 8 Councilman Fred Blair
District 9 Councilman Jerry Rucker
District 10 Councilwoman Annette Strauss

Letters to City Council members may be addressed c/o City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Dallas, Texas 75202.

STATE

Governor Mark White, State Capitol, Austin, Texas 78711

Dist. 2 State Senator Ted Lyon
Dist. 8 State Senator O. H. Harris
Dist. 9 State Senator Chet Edwards
Dist. 10 State Senator Bob McFarland
Dist. 16 State Senator John Leedom
Dist. 23 State Senator Oscar Mauzy

Letters to state senators may be addressed to: Texas Senate, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

Dist. 98 State Rep. Gwyn Clarkston Shea
Dist. 99 State Rep. Bill Blanton
Dist. 100 State Rep. Sam Hudson
Dist. 101 State Rep. Anita Hill
Dist. 102 State Rep. Patricia Hill
Dist. 103 State Rep. Steven D. Wolens
Dist. 104 State Rep. Ray Keller
Dist. 105 State Rep. Charles Gandy
Dist. 106 State Rep. Carlyle Smith
Dist. 107 State Rep. David Cain
Dist. 108 State Rep. Al Granoff
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Dist. 111 State Rep. Jesse Dean Oliver
Dist. 112 State Rep. Bill Ceverha
Dist. 113 State Rep. Lee Jackson
Dist. 114 State Rep. Fred Agnich

Letters to state representatives may be addressed to: Texas House of Representatives, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769.

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President Ronald Reagan, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500
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U.S. Sentor Lloyd Bentsen, 703 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510
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5th Dist. U.S. Rep. John Bryant, 1111 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
6th Dist. U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm, 1116 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
24th Dist. U.S. Rep. Martin Frost, 1238 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CALENDAR 1983

AUGUST SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
7 AGAPE' MCC of Fort Worth. Services at 11am & 7pm. 817/926-7000. HOLY TRINITY CC of Dallas, 4402 Rosedale. Service at 11am. 827-5088. MCC of Dallas, 2701 Reagan. Services at 11am & 7:15pm. MCC Orchestra & Chorus rehearses every Sunday at 10am & 6:15pm	**8** DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE **General Meeting** **7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan** OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets every Monday in the MCC Social Hall at 7pm.	**9** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** **Education Dept.** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at MCC from 7-9pm. Musicians needed. 351-6697.	**10** **Communica** **8:00 - DGA Office** OAK LAWN VOLLEYE each Wednesday Recreation Cen MCC Orchestra & every Thursday
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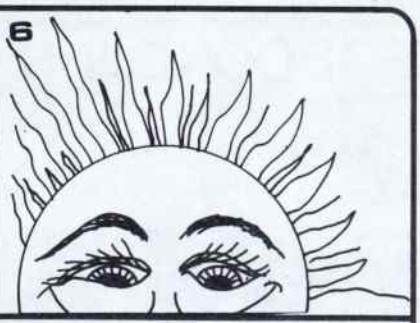

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EXPERIENCE WEEKEND sponsors outrageous soiree at the Melrose Hotel at 8pm. Tickets=$10. Call David Playton at 324-3679 for information.

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TEXAS FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Events will occur throughout Labor Day Weekend. AIDS Workshop, outdoor celebration & rally planned. See flyers for more information.

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SATURDAY

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: Melodie Alexander

by Tom Marshall

One recently elected DGA Board member is Melodie Alexander, who now heads the Social Justice Department. In a recent interview with Dialog, Melodie outlined her plans for the upcoming year.

"One of our first priorities is to try to get the Dallas Police and Fire Departments to get rid of their questions about gays," she explained. Both the Dallas police and firefighters now include sexual preference orientation questions in their hiring interviews.

Most of these questions are asked at oral interviews and on the lie detector tests. Job applicants are asked about their sexual attitudes and behaviors to spot and disqualify potential gay employees, she noted.

The DGA's efforts are aimed at convincing the two city departments that other cities do not screen out gays and have not suffered for it. At least four other cities, including Minneapolis and San Francisco, specifically ban sexual orientation questions from police or firefighter job applications.

Melodie recounted her own personal experiences with Dallas police interviewing tactics. "About three years ago, I was changing jobs and applied with the Dallas police," she explained. "After my first interview, which I passed, I was called back for a second lie detector test. They asked me about a hundred qestions, all on my sexual attitudes and experiences."

"After that interview, the policeman explained that he needed these responses to weed out homosexuals on the police force. He said that we couldn't have homosexuals since what if I took a call and a woman answered the door in a negligee. How ridiculous!"

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The DGA is also concerned about continuing the sensitivity training program at the Dallas Police Academy which former City Councilman Ricardo Medrano initiated several months ago.

"We're very concerned that the police academy continue these training programs," Melodie continued.

"It's important to make the police not be so frightened at seeing gays holding hands or dancing together in bars. The sensitivity program helps them to see gays as something not so foreign or threatening to them.

"Sensitivity training and talking with openly gay people helps make them more relaxed. Often hearing a coming out story is another way to make people feel less threatened by gays. When I give a talk on the speaker s bureau, I always find that people will come up to talk with me later about my own coming out stories."

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Other Social Justice programs include monitoring complaints about police harassment.

"Harassment can be a lot of things," Melodie explained. "It can include ticketing in or even outside gay bars when the police don't ticket cars or jay-walkers anywhere else in the city. It can also include selective enforcement of the law just in gay bars, but not on Greenville Avenue or anywhere else.

"We need to talk with people who have been harassed and to get more information about these problems. This happens at both men's and women's bars," she noted, citing incidents at the Village Station and at Jugs.

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Social Justice also serves to provide advice and to help harassed persons. "Part of our work on Social Justice is to line up gay lawyers, too, and document cases of discrimination by the police."

Melodie added that she hopes to have the Social Justice Department make up and hand out brochures at bars, explaining just what to do in case of police harassment.

"We also want to go down to the police station with people who have been harassed by the police and who want to make a complaint. We also need to go down to the courtroom. If you're arrested, you need another openly gay person right there with you, standing up with you to say that you're not the only gay person there."

She added that persons who have been harassed or who want information can call the Crossroads Market at 521-9819 and talk to Terry Tebedo about the incident.

Social Justice Department members also plan to sponsor several fund-raising events to raise money for a gay defense fund. Melodie also noted the upcoming 21.06 celebration on August 17th, celebrating the anniversary of the Baker v. Wade decision. She urged Dallas-area gays to attend this event.

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A Dallas-area resident for eight years, Melodie has been involved in a variety of feminist groups in addition to her work in the Alliance. She has also worked with Dallas County N.O.W., The Lesbian Rights Task Force, a women's news group, and "Little Feather," a feminist musical group.

Melodie first became active in DGA through its political action committee. "In the Dallas city council elections, I saw that women's groups couldn't do it all by themselves. The Alliance is more active and involved. It is recognized by the City Council. It has more clout."

Aside from her numerous DGA and community activities, Melodie finds time for running. "I've been running for almost four years now," she added. "Right now I'm training for the Triathalon in Austin on September 11th. I'll swim a mile and a quarter, jump out of the pool, bicycle thirty miles, fall off the bike probably, and then run 9.6 miles during the contest." Undaunted, she added that "I'd also like to start a runner's club!"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Next month, Dialog will present another interview with a member of the Board of Directors!

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GAY TV

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Bush, the police relations workshop presented by San Francisco Police Commissioner Jo Daly, and a program featuring an overall view of the conference make up the programs that begin airing August 14th for three consecutive weeks.

On Sunday, August 21st, at 5:00 P.M., the Warner-Amex program "Best of Access" will feature an interview of Stephen Wagner and Nellie Thomas, who have received certificates of recognition from Warner-Amex for their productions on the leadership conference. Wagner discusses how the cable community access system can be a great benefit to the DGA's goal of educating the public on gay rights issues. Excerpts from several gay productions are highlighted during the interview.

The Warner-Amex community access system is designed so any resident of the city of Dallas can become a community access producer. A series of free training courses and the free check-out of video equipment through the Warner-Amex studios give you the opportunity to produce programs of interest to the Dallas community. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to reach thousands of viewers throughout Dallas with informative programs on the gay rights movement and other gay issues. To become involved with community access cable television, call 681-5001 for more information.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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National Gay Leadership Conference -

"Opening Address": 8/14 at 8:00 P.M., 8/16 at 10:30 P.M., and 8/20 at 12:00 A.M.

"Police Relations": 8/21 at 8:00 P.M., 8/23 at 10:30 P.M., and 8/27 at 12:00 A.M.

"N.G.L.C.": 8/28 at 8:00 P.M., 8/30 at 10:30 P.M., and 9/3 at 12:00 A.M.

"Dallas Gay Pride": 8/21 at 9:00 P.M., 8/23 at 11:30 P.M., and 8/27 at 1:00 A.M.

Check Program Guide Chanel 3 or 9 for subsequent airing times for following three weeks.

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In addition to the glamour projects, the basics of mass communications remain. The department is charged with the responsibility of advertising our general membership meetings. This means getting posters designed, printed, and put up. There is always a mailing that needs to be addressed, stamped, and mailed.

What all this comes down to is that we need you. Whether you speak in pear shaped tones, are the world's greatest graphic designer, or willing to put up posters and address envelopes, we have a place for you. We promise good company, hard work, lots of fun, and most of all a sense of accomplishment. The committee meets every Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. in the Alliance office. I look forward to seeing you there.

Education Dept.

by Tom Hatfield

Since education is the major focus of the Dallas Gay Alliance for the next six months, we will be playing a major role in bringing information to you.

The two most important areas of concern are the continuing AIDS crisis and homophobia both within the gay community and from straight society.

We will continue to produce brochures on AIDS as new information becomes available. We are also going to continue to push for federal funding of research, through our petition drive and lobbyist funding.

Homophobia is something that all of us are confronted by and must deal with every day. Some of the suggestions already received are: organizing a meeting devoted to this subject, producing brochures dealing with our fears, and using our Speakers Bureau to educate the community at large.

There is a lot of work to be done and we need people to implement these programs. If you are interested in helping in this area, we meet in the Alliance office on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. If you have any questions, please call the office and let's get together.

Fund Raising Dept.

by Alan Ross

The Fund Raising Department is once again a separate department so that greater energy can be spent obtaining the necessary funding for the Alliance. Emphases of the department for the next six months will be at least three major events for the entire gay community. One is the Texas Freedom Festival to be held Labor Day weekend to celebrate the repeal of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. Other events that may take place are another evening at the Majestic Theatre, movie nights at the Inwood and Granada Theaters, and an over-35 Mr. Dallas Contest.

This department will meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Alliance office. A committee is needed to work on these planned events as well as to discover other means of fund raising. If any member has experience in fund raising or has some good ideas with which to raise funds, please plan to attend the committee meeting or contact me at 528-4233.

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EXHIBITION IN AUSTIN

The Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus (ALGPC) will host its second annual Women's Softball Tournament August 27th and 28th at Butler Fields, on Toomey Road off South Lamar Boulevard in Austin.

The tournament is open to medium and low league teams, double elimination with 55-minute games. Games will be played under ASA and local rules. Trophies will go to first, second, and third place teams. Various other awards will also be presented to teams in each league.

"Last year's tournament was really exciting," said Melita Abrego, coordinator of the event. "We're looking forward to making it even more exciting this year by having more lesbian teams from all over the state."

Interested teams can register to play by sending in their team name, an address and phone number, and their manager's name, plus a registration fee of $65. Checks should be made out to ALGPC and mailed with team information to: Softball Tournament, 3110 Duval, Austin, Texas 78705.

Net proceeds from the event will benefit ALGPC. More information about the tournament is available from Melita at (512)478-4256.

ALGPC also notes that plans are in the works for a Gay Men's Exhibition Tournament to take place in the fall.

MORE DEPT. REPORTS

Publications Dept.

by Tony Anthony

There exists an almost unlimited potential for educating our own community, as well as the straight community, through print. The establishment of a department specifically for publications allows for the expansion of past efforts as well as the exploration of new areas.

Responsibilities of the department include the publication of Dialog, as well as as the production of informational and promotional brochures for all other departments. Proposed projects (in addition to continued production of Dialog) include publication of an Annual Report of the Alliance, a readership/membership survey, and publication of a variety of brochures with information on voting, education, health, the DGA in general, and gay life in general. A wide variety of talents are needed, and while writing, artistic, or photographic skills are a plus, they are by no means required to participate in the Publications Department.

Social Events Dept.

by Steve Weast

The Social Events Department is in charge of planning various events with the emphasis on "fun" rather than fund raising. Some events can be coordinated with other groups to increase DGA's interaction within the gay community. It is hoped that our membership can be increased by showing that the Alliance is a social, as well as a political, organization.

The next six months promise to be busy with projects including beer busts coordinated with the Membership Department, trips to the Kimball Museum and Louisiana Downs, a Gay Day at Wet'n Wild and the State Fair of Texas, participation at Halloween on Cedar Springs, and various holiday events including the Oak Lawn Christmas tree lighting and the DGA Christmas party.

In addition to planning fun events, the Social Events Department is also in charge of the pledge program, which is a continuous source of funding for the Alliance.

Social Events will meet in the DGA office at 7:30 P.M. on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Anyone interested in planning various events is urged to attend. For more information call Steve Weast at 946-3563 after 5:00 P.M.

Social Justice Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

We celebrate Gay Pride Week across the nation in rememberance of Stonewall, when a handful of "Queens" said, "No more!"--no more would they stand for police raids and harassment. They sparked the fire in the hearts of gays past, present, and future that we deserve to be treated fairly and will no longer run away from injustices because of the fact that we are same-sex oriented.

The Social Justice Department of the Dallas Gay Alliance is today still "Working Toward a Better Understanding" with the Dallas Police Department to stop harassment of members of our community. We need your time, your energy. Harassment exists today. If you don't believe it, come to a meeting of the Social Justice Department, and we'll give you the facts. We meet at the Dallas Gay Alliance office the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 P.M.

G.U.s Celebrate

by Charles Dutton

The Gay Unitarians will commemorate the first anniversary of Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's federal court ruling which enjoined Texas' criminal statute concerning homosexual conduct by hosting a theater party. The G.U.'s are inviting all interested people to join them in attending "Cotton Patch Gospel," the longest running musical in Dallas history. The performance will take place on the eve of the anniversary, August 16th, at the Biblical Arts Center located at 7500 Park Lane at Boedeker Drive, across the street from NorthPark Center. The cost per ticket is $6.40. The deadline for payment is August 12, 1983. All checks should be made out to Gay Unitarians, 4015 Normandy Ave., Dallas, TX 75205.

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DIALOG

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TEXAS FREEDOM FESTIVAL

To celebrate the first anniversary of the repeal of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, the Dallas Gay Alliance is sponsoring the Texas Freedom Festival over Labor Day Weekend 1983. Please plan to attend the many events publicized throughout the community during August.

Saturday, September 3rd is the date the Alliance and the Oak Lawn Counscling Center have chosen to present seminars and workshops at the Oak Lawn Branch of the Dallas Public Library at 4100 Cedar Springs on AIDS , its health threat, and the anti-gay reactions which have arisen on legislative and health care issues. Paul Popham, the director, Diego Lopez, M.S.W., Rodger McFarlane, the Executive Director of the Gay Men's Health Crisis Center in New York City; Howie Daire of the Oak Lawn Counseling Center; and Bill Nelson, Vice-President and Political Action Committee Chair of the Alliance, will all have presentations.

Beginning at 10:30am, McFarlane will instruct on the how-tos regarding organizing and networking. Topics include the sharing of information, producing brochures, and participating in the Federation of Aids-Related Organizations.

At 12 noon, Lopez will discuss patient support through buddy systems and therapy. After lunch at 3pm, McFarlane and Popham will give important tips on fundraising, grant applications, and tapping unused sources. At 4:45pm, there will be a meeting of AIDS organizations to facilitate national networking and work together to raise funds for an AIDS lobbyist.

Saturday evening at Reverchon Park, Ginny Apuzzo, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force will address a (hopefully) large and enthusiastic crowd, with local entertainment following. The event begins at 8pm.

Sunday, September 4th begins with a 10am brunch at the Reverchon Recreation Center designed for all political organizations and interested individuals to openly discuss Texas political issues. Named "The Texas Gay Political Roundtable," this is a project of the DGA Civic Affairs Department. The first hour consists of a reception with coffee and pastries and introductions of all attendees from Texas gay organizations and local and state officials and candidates. At 11am, there will be an open forum on such topics as sharing information about happenings in a city that could benefit other cities' organizations, what political activities have been successful in certain cities that others could use, and how to utilize statewide organizations to benefit individual cities.

At 3pm on Sunday, an AIDS Forum will be presented at MCC-Dallas. A panel of authorities will give an AIDS update, describe patient and public services, discuss the political issues involved in treating AIDS, talk about safe sex, and discuss life after AIDS. There will be open question and answer periods.

A Texas Command Performance at the Majestic Theatre will bring the Texas Freedom Festival to a close on Sunday night. The 8pm curtain benefits the National Federation of AIDS-Related Organizations' Washington, D.C. lobbyist. Performers include Meg Christian,

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DART Receives Gay Support

by Stephen Wagner and Al Calkin

In the recent August 13th DART election, gay voters gave strong support to the establishment of a permanent transit system in Dallas. After the Alliance's endorsement of DART, many Political Action Committee volunteers helped with campaign activities, including phoning, mailouts, and receptions, and sent out a 3000-piece mailing to gay voters. The results were immediately apparent on election night.

DART
DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT

Gay precincts in Oak Lawn gave an overall 75% positive response, with 2 precincts voting 79% in favor, while East Dallas gay precincts produced a 65% positive response. Voter turnout in both areas was heavy. The combined 71% "Yes" vote was substantially higher in the gay precincts than the 55% vote in favor city-wide.

DART Board Chairperson Adlene Harrison and DART Campaign Chair Phillip Montgomery, as well as city council members Annette Strauss and Craig Holcomb, all expressed appreciation for the gay volunteers who worked in the campaign and the outstanding results in the gay precincts. An article in the Dallas Times Herald also noted that the gay community in Oak Lawn had "again flexed their organizational muscles" in helping DART to victory.

CABLE TV ACCESS THREATENED

by Stephen Wagner & Al Calkin

Senate Bill 66 (the Cable Telecommunications Act of 1983) is currently in committee and stands a good chance of being passed. The gay community should be concerned with the status of this bill.

Presently, the cable operator in Dallas, as required by franchise agreement, sets aside at least 17 (out of 80) channels for community/educational/governmental access. Many diverse religious, arts, educational, and community groups have utilized these access channels for a wide variety of programming, including seven programs to date dealing with the gay community. Under SB66, cities may not require any access programming unless voluntarily offered by the operator during franchise negotiations. As such, we fear that in future years this access programming could very well be severely limited or eliminated altogether.

Furthermore, SB66 in effect eliminates local programming and rate regulation, thereby allowing operators to exercise discretionary control with no local recourse. Of special concern to our community, which is composed of a large percentage of renters, is the provision that allows property owners to charge cable operators (unlike telephone, gas, or electric companies) a fee for access of property. This fee might well tend to influence negatively the availability of service or the schedule of charges for renters as compared to homeowners.

This bill provides for unnecessary federal intervention in an area already handled well by local regulatory bodies and threatens to jeopardize the interests of many community groups such as ours. Write your congressman and urge his opposition to this bill to protect our access to community programming.

THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart
President of the
Dallas Gay Alliance

Many years ago I sat in the Majestic Theatre and watched my heroes--cowboys fighting to tame the Wild West and make the world a better and safer place for men, women and children. On Sunday, September 4th, I will return to the Majestic and once again spend time with my heroines and heroes--Dallas' gay women and men. Certainly the players and the scenery have changed, but their goals are the same--to make the world a better and safer place for men, women, and children.

Our celebration of a major human rights victory--the declaration that Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code was unconstitutional--began August 17th and climaxes with an event-filled Labor Day Weekend (See page 1). The existence of Section 21.06, in effect, legalized discrimination against gay men and lesbians in jobs, housing, child custody cases, and public accommodations. The federal judge's ruling, the first such ruling at the federal court level, affirmed our rights as gay citizens in Texas. That victory calls for a major celebration and the Texas Freedom Festival is just that--a celebration of one year of gay freedom in Texas. Last year's victory and this year's celebration belong to all of us:

Black, Anglo, and Hispanic,
Rich and poor,
Young and old,
Women and men.

To emphasize the strength, diversity, and vitality of Dallas' gay community, please join me at the Majestic Theatre on Sunday, and together we will stop the latest assualt on our people--AIDS. The world has certainly changed since I watched my cowboy heroes at the Majestic. It is a better and safer place for gay people. I am confident my 1983 heroines and heroes--Dallas' gay citizens-- will continue to work to strengthen our community. I'll see you at the Majestic!

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Health

AIDS UPDATE

by TRM

National health officials report a continued rise in the number of reported AIDS cases. By July 1983 the number of reported cases had reached nearly 2,000.

Further, the National Centers for Disease Control (CDC) also reported 331 cases in a six-week period ending in July. Since June 1981 a total of 1,972 cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome have been counted.

In July 1983 an average of 53 new cases were being reported each week. This compared to only 11 reported cases each week in July 1982.

Of the reported AIDS patients, 38%, or 759, have already died.

The continued rise of AIDS brings the incidence to 8.5 cases per million in the entire U.S. population. The highest percentage of occurrence within a specific group in the U.S. is among Haitian immigrants or among Haitian-Americans, mostly in Florida or New York.

Of reported cases through July 1983, most (1,363) were found in male homosexuals or bisexuals. Another 329 cases were reported in intravenous drug users. Some 102 cases were reported among Haitians.

Although the overall incidence of AIDS is only 8.5 cases per million, the rate rises dramatically in certain populations. Among males only, the rate is 16.5 cases per million. Among homosexuals and bisexuals, the incidence rate is 124 cases per million.

Among the small Haitian population, reported incidence rates are even higher. Among Haitian-Americans in Miami, for example, the rate may run as high as 1,000 cases per million--a figure which alarms health officials.

CDC researchers report little progress in identifying the means by which AIDS is transmitted. Apparently the syndrome is passed on by close contacts, perhaps by a virus during sexual relations or through blood or fluid transfers from an infected person.

While the causes of AIDS is not now well understood, CDC researchers indicate that it cannot apparently be passed on by casual contact, office contacts, or by colds.

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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Education Dept.

by Tom Hatfield

Enclosed with your Dialog this month is the second brochure that the DGA has produced on AIDS, entitled "Safe Sex." We will continue to produce more brochures as new information is available.

We are currently working on a program about homophobia and are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping put this program together. The Education Department meets at the DGA office on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. If you want further information, please call 528-4233 or 827-9766.

Social Justice Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

Have you ever wished there was another gay person standing next to you when you came out to someone or was confronted with a "queer" joke, but kept quiet about it because you were "the only one" there at the time? How about being arrested for public lewdness and being alone in the back seat of the police car while they aired their feelings about "queers."

The Social Justice Department is concerned with being there--being another visible gay when you go before a court of law to face unrealistic charges basically brought on by someone's homophobia. We want people to know their rights and have someone available to listen and to answer questions dealing with police harassment.

If you wish to become a part of this Department, just drop a note off at the DGA office or the Crossroads Market or call me at 821-4838.

Since I am a runner, I would like for our committee to meet once a week for an easy 1 to 3 mile run at White Rock or Turtle Creek and then go out somewhere and discuss our Department issues over dinner or breakfast, whichever the committee decides. If you are interested, please contact me.

Communications Dept.

by Buck Massey

This has been an exciting month for the Communications Department. "Lambda Weekly" premiered August 14th on KNON-FM.

"Lambda Weekly" is a one-hour weekly radio program sponsored by the Alliance and produced by the Communications Department's Media Committee. Each week the program opens with a newscast including both local and national news of interest to the gay community.

Each show has two interview segments to showcase individuals and organizations who are important to the community. Recent guests have been Jeanne Reyer explaining the principles and purposes of Pegasus, the gay business association, and Don Baker discussing the anniversary of the federal court ruling which struck down Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code.

Gay and lesbian music is also featured. This is generally music that receives little or no airplay on other radio stations in the area. It is felt important for the gay community to know and support gay and lesbian artists.

Several other departmental projects are in the works. Bids are currently being obtained for a banner announcing general meetings. The banner will be hung each month prior to the general membership meeting in the Crossroads area.

The Department is also working on a book project with the Dallas Public Library. More details will become available as efforts progress.

Tune into "Lambda Weekly" each Sunday at noon on KNON at 90.9 on the FM dial and join the Communications Department every Wednesday night at 7:30 at the DGA office.

In addition to coordinating the "Lambda Weekly" radio show, the Media Committee will develop gay programming for cable television and participate in other media-related activities. The Media Committee is chaired by Ann Brown who welcomes all interested people to attend Department meetings.

Civic Affairs Dept.

by Bill Nelson

There is a bustle of activity surrounding the meetings of the Steering Committee of the Political Action Committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance. The organization of the gay bloc vote is already in full swing and the number of people involved is probably at an all time high.

The approach to organization is really quite simple. Each of our targetted precincts is being assigned a Precinct Organizer. Under each of these activists are several District Organizers who are responsible for a street or a limited area within the precinct.

The District Organizers are really the key to the success of this effort. Each of them, since they will be responsible for their own neighborhood, should know where the gay people live nearby and can get them registered and on the mailing list. These same people can be extremely helpful in efficiently up-dating the Alliance computer list when people change addresses or move into the area.

The computer list of the Alliance is a vital tool for communication in our community. All mailings are made in non-gay identified envelopes and the list itself is strictly confidential. In addition to political mailings, this resource enables us to keep the community informed on issues of interest such as AIDS, legislative activity, and social events.

Anyone wishing to become a part of this network should contact the Alliance or Bill Nelson at the Crossroads Market at 521-8919.

The area which is being specially targeted by the Alliance is roughly bounded by Abrams on the east, Ross and Woodall Rodgers on the south, Harry Hines on the west and Loop 12 on the north--especially precincts 1191, 3311, 3302, 1189, 3306, 1190, 3307, 1120, 3312, 1213, 1149, 1150, and 1153. If you live in that area, please consider volunteering as a District Organizer. You can get to know your neighbors better and be a big help to the gay rights movement.

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11 AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information. GAY UNITARIANS meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at First Unitarian Church, Preston at Normandy at 7:30pm. FABERGE Exhibit KIMBALL MUSEUM TRIP - meet at Crossroads Market at 12noon.	**12** DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting 7:30 – MCC – 2701 Reagan PROGRAMS: "Cable Access - How to Get Involved" and "Personal Financial Planning".	**13** Civic Affairs Dept. (Political Action Steering Committee) 7:30 – DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205 Education Dept. 7:30 – DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205 OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at MCC from 7-9pm. Musicians needed. 351-6697.	**14** Communica 7:30 – DGA Office, OAK LAWN SEMI- meets at 7:3 Sims at 526- OAK LAWN VOLLEYE each Wednesday Recreation Cen
18 GAYLINE meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30pm. P.O. Box 19085, Dallas 75219. 748-5500. HOLY TRINITY CC of Dallas, 4402 Rosedale. Service at 11am. 827-5088. MCC of Dallas, 2701 Reagan. Services at 11am & 7:15pm. MCC Orchestra & Chorus rehearses every Sunday at 10am & 6:15pm	**19** Board Meeting 7:30 – DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205 DIALOG Deadline Send letters, articles, & calendar listings to Dialog at DGA, P. O. BOX 190712, Dallas 75219 or call 871-8711/750-8041.	**20** Civic Affairs Dept. (Political Action Steering Committee) 7:30 – DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205 PEGASUS, a gay business & professional organization, meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 8pm in the Normandy Chapel, First Unitarian Church.	**21** Communicat 7:30 – DGA Office, LESBIAN RIGHTS T NOW office 1st at 8pm.
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3 *AIDS Workshops by Gay Men's Health Crisis of N.Y.C.*
OAK LAWN LIBRARY, 4100 CEDAR SPRINGS
10:30–12:00 Organizing & Networking
12:00– 1:30 Patient Support
3:00–4:30 Fundraising
4:45–5:15 Meeting of AIDS Organizations

21.06 CELEBRATION
8:00–9:30 REVERCHON PARK BALL DIAMOND
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: VIRGINIA APUZZO
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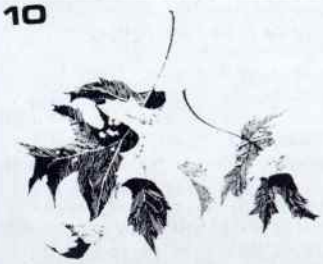
ns Dept. 09 Oak Lawn #205 MCC, 2701 Rea- 26-6221. Agape' MCC in Dpm. 817/926- FORCE meets at rd Wednesdays	**8** **Publications Dept.** 7:30 – DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205 **Fund Raising Dept.** 7:30 – DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205 MCC Orchestra & Chorus practices every Thursday at 6:15pm.	**9** 	**10** 
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BOOKENDS

Southern Discomfort

by TRM

Rita Mae Brown's third novel Southern Discomfort has recently been released in paperback (Bantam, 1983, $3.95).

In Southern Discomfort, Brown traces several Montgomery, Alabama households during and after the first World War. At first, there seems little to link one house with another. The first is that of Carwyn and Hortensia Banastre, an upper-class and seemingly respectable "old" Southern family. The second are the Jinks, an ambitious black family. The last is that of Blue Rhonda Latrec and Banana Mae Parker, two first-class black whores.

Eventually, though, Brown weaves their lives together, transcending both the lines of Southern racism and Southern class-consciousness.

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Southern Discomfort begins just before America's entrance into WWI and reaches its violent climax just before the Depression. The New South, like the Old, manages to cope with industrialism, racism, religious zealotry, class snobbery, and more than a little hypocrisy. Despite an apparently highly divided society, the three households manage to mix their stories one with another.

As in her earlier works, Rubyfruit Jungle and Six of One, Brown tells a first-rate story. She effectively mixes humor, sarcasm, anecdotes, and irony. Along with Lois Alther, Rita Mae Brown ranks among the finest of contemporary Southern writers.

Brown is at her best skewering the customs and hypocrisies of Southern society. She fuels her often leisurely plot with a close look at wrong-doings, double standards, and deceits--which are uncommon neither among the rich and respectable nor among the unconventional and outcast. Between the Banastres and the whorehouse, Southern mores are left in a shambles.

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Gay characters are less central to Southern Discomfort than in Brown's earlier novels, although they are by no means wholly neglected. Instead, Brown focuses her novel this time on the place and means of Southern women in the 1900s--an interest also central to Six of One.

Rita Mae Brown is, without doubt, America's leading lesbian author. Her first work, partly autobiographical and outrageously funny, Rubyfruit Jungle was the first widely-popular lesbian novel of American literature. She soon followed with Six of One, another novel with a lesbian heroine. Southern Discomfort more closely follows the tone and pace of Six of One.

And, oh, yes, Blue Rhonda Latrec adds quite a surprise!

You could be just the person to fill our needs! The DGA office needs a typewriter desperately, and a computer with hard-disc storage would be nice. And, of course, office supplies are always useful. The Dialog staff would welcome a headliner machine and a waxer. For further information, contact Dave Jones, the Director of Operations, or Dialog Editor Bill Nelson.

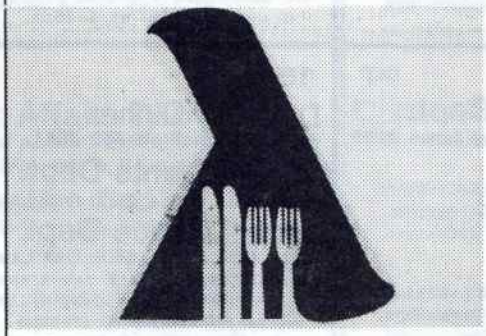
BENEFIT DINNER

November 19th has been slated for a major fundraiser for the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National AIDS Federation Lobby Project, John Thomas, chair of the Dallas Dinner Committee, recently announced.

Tickets for the black-tie dinner are $150. A major speaker is expected and will be announced soon, Thomas added. Tickets will be limited and sold on a first-come basis.

The 1982 Fairmount Hotel dinner raised over $6,000 for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. Keynoting last year's dinner was Los Angeles Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Wachs.

In 1982 the Fund raised over $600,000 nationwide for the 1982 Congressional elections, making it the seventeenth largest political action committee in the U.S. Over 80% of the Fund's endorsed candidates were elected to Congress.



Fundraising for the 1984 general elections will require an extra measure of advance planning, explained Thomas. He noted that the 1983 dinners in Dallas and elsewhere are crucial to raising enough money to support pro-gay candidates for office.

Also benefitting from the dinner will be the recently organized National AIDS Federation Lobby Project, which lobbies Congress for more federal funds for AIDS research.

Contributions for the AIDS project will be used, in part, to hire a lobbyist to ensure that federal funding is appropriated for AIDS patients. Funds also provide a network for AIDS-related groups, said Terry Tebedo, Dallas project coordinator.

The AIDS project was organized by national gay representatives in Denver this June. It also monitors and discourages discriminatory AIDS and other anti-gay legislation.

Persons who are interested in volunteering to support the dinner may contact the Crossroads Market (521-9819) for further information.

CRC Logo Contest

The Community Resource Center (CRC) is offering a $50. prize for the logo presented which best represents all activities of the organization, which sponsors Gayline. For more information, call 748-6790 or write CRC at P.O. Box 190835, Dallas 75217.

There is a September 30th deadline.

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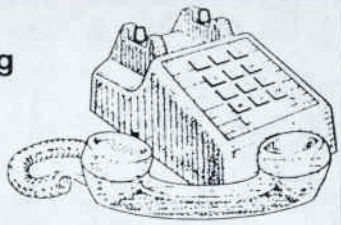

Gayline begins training counselors again in October. The sessions will take place each Saturday beginning October 1st from 9:30 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. If you would like to be a part of the service provided by Dallas' only telephone counseling and information team, call 748-6790.

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

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the Turtle Creek Chorale, New York entertainer Laura Theodore, the Crazy Horse Revue, Melody Jones, and the Montrose Country Cloggers. Masters of Ceremony will be Tom Davis and Alan Denny. Tickets begin at $10. for general admission, $25. for reserved seating, and $50. for sponsor seating with a champagne reception. A ticket to this event will mean a worthwhile financial contribution to the fight against AIDS. Tickets are available through the Alliance, Crossroads Market, and the Oak Lawn Counseling Center.

MORE DEPT. REPORTS

Membership Dept.

by Charles Dutton

The Membership Department has devised the following paragraph to run in the public service announcements of This Week in Texas:

"Are you looking for a change of pace? Would you like to meet some new people while helping to improve the status of gay men and lesbians in Dallas? You, too, can be a part of one of the most successful gay rights organizations in America by joining the Dallas Gay Alliance. Membership dues begin at $15. per year and can be purchased by calling 528-4233. You may also join at any monthly meeting held on the second Monday night of each month beginning at 7:30pm at Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan at Brown."

If you have any further suggestions on how we might make appeals to prospective members or if you know of other publications that will print our press releases please let Membership Director John Thomas know about it.

Publications Dept.

by Tony Anthony

The Department of Publications is beginning to implement several projects. Mary Franklin is currently compiling a readership survey to be included in a furture issue of Dialog. Work will soon begin on an annual report for the DGA. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the information to be included.

Ideas for future informational brochures are still being gathered. All participation and input is welcome. There's much to be done from writing to graphic designs to ideas to mailings. Consult your Dialog calendar for departmental meeting times and locations. (A special thanks to Dialog staff member Dave Lewis for the new calendar design.)

Social Events Dept.

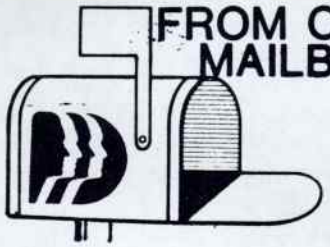
by Steve Weast

The Social Events Department is sponsoring a trip to the Kimball Art Museum in Fort Worth on Sunday, September 11th to view the Faberge exhibit.

The Faberge exhibit includes 200 works by Faberge and features 10 of the Imperial Easter eggs created for the Russian aristocracy in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

There is no admission fee, and the caravan of private cars plans to meet at the Crossroads Market at noon on September 11th. Rides will be available for anyone who needs transportation to Fort Worth. Of course, those who wish to drive over to Fort Worth on their own can meet the Social Events Department group in front of the Kimball at 1:30pm. A group tour is available.

FROM OUR MAILBOX



Dear Editor:

After being told of the worthiness of attending an Alliance meeting and of the well-prepared and organized nature of such meetings, I decided to visit the general membership meeting held last week.

In all honesty, I was pleasantly surprised with my observances and pleased to hear the women's forum. As a result, please accept my attached check in the amount of $15.00 for active membership.

You may be interested in knowing that I am employed as a legal secretary and would be delighted to help serve the organization with my typing skills. Furthermore, I was editor of my college newspaper and am interested in assisting with the Dialog publication.

Please keep up your good work and let me know if I can be of assistance toward our common goal of gay freedom.

Sincerely,

D. Beeksman

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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: Buck Massey

by TRM

Recently-elected Board member Buck Massey outlined his plans for the Communications Department in an interview with Dialog on August 27th.

"One of our new projects is our radio program," he explained. "The 'Lambda Weekly' program appears on Sundays at noon on KNON, at 90.0 FM."

KNON is a community-oriented radio station owned by ACORN, a political activist group. Much of the station's broadcasting is aimed at Hispanics, blacks, and native-Americans in Dallas, as well as other community groups.

"Last week, for example, we had an interview with Jeanne Reyer, from the Pegasus business association. We also play gay and lesbian music which gets little airplay anywhere else. For example, we play music by Holly Near and Meg Christian, which most other radio stations won't do.

"We also try to close our show with a community calendar for gay events in Dallas. We've tried to make this more than just a DGA hour. We want to list and publicize other groups here in Dallas, too."

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A second upcoming project for the Communications Department is providing more positive, gay-oriented books for Dallas-area libraries, especially the branch libraries.

"We want to put positive books about being gay on every library shelf in Dallas. People need to know that, yes, they ar OK, and, no, they aren't the only one.

"I remember when I was young and growing up in Meridian, Mississippi," recalled Buck. "There wasn't really anything of any real substance in the library's card catalog about homosexuality.

"And," he added, "at that time I was not about to ask the librarian for help!"

Buck noted that there are several books on being gay or on gay topics, but that they are mostly in the Central Library downtown or in the Oak Lawn Library.

"But what about the kid who is out in Casa View or in South Dallas?" he asked. "We want to put these books in all the libraries in Dallas."

The project will probably take some time, buck admitted. "We've started by contacting the major gay publishers and bookstores to get a list of their publications. Then, I hope that some people will give one or two books apiece, so we can give them to the branch libraries. There are thirteen branch libraries in Dallas itself, and a lot more than that in the suburbs.

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Buck became active in the DGA when planning for the National Leadership Conference last August in Dallas. Since then he has continued working in the Communications Department and has also chaired the Community Relations Committee and worked on the Education Committee. This summer he was elected to his first term on the DGA Board of Directors.

"I first became active in the DGA about a year and a half ago," he explained. "After I'd been in the Air Force for eight years, I'd moved to Austin to go to UT, and then to Dallas, and was looking for some way to become more active.

"About that time I'd also done an Experience Weekend, which was great for me. It was very supportive. For the first time I gave myself permission to be OK and to become more active. I decided not to let my gayness stand in my way anymore.

Aside from his DGA activities, Buck is involved in planning the upcoming, and fourth, Experience Weekend, now slated for October 22nd and 23rd.

"This is my other real area of involvement," he added. "The fourth Weekend is the last one we have planned for right now. All-volunteer work puts it on. I hope it will be a very good experience for other people like it has been for me."

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Like most departments, the Communications Department has its share of regular work, aside from its special projects. The Department publicizes the monthly meetings and prepares press releases for the DGA.

"We hope to get some more publicity this year for the DGA. A lot of people in the community don't recognize all that we do here in the association. Maybe we haven't taken enough credit for activities. We're always looking for better ways to publicize what we do.

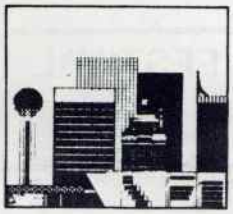
"One example of what we do occurred when the Harvey Milk film was shown recently at the DGA meeting. We hung a banner on the side of 4001 and had a very good turnout for the meeting. We'd like to do a semipermanent banner which we could use more often."

Currently about twelve to fifteen people regularly work with the Communications Department, Buck said. "And we could always use some more help!

"We'd like to have someone else to help us design posters or to work on our radio program. A graphic designer would also be very useful.

"But," he added, "the skills aren't so important as having a commitment to care about yourself as a gay person and to care about the gay community. There's no need to be 'out' to work on the radio show, or to leaflet the parking lot, or to work on our mailings. Or you could put up posters. We can really use anyone who cares, whether they have any special skills at all."

The Communications Department meets every Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. at the Alliance office.



GAY ROOTS IN DALLAS

SEPTEMBER 1980: Candidate Ronald Reagan appears in Dallas to address a National Affairs Briefing sponsored by the Moral Majority leaders. Reagan followed antigay activist James Robinson, U.S. Senator Jesse Helms, and Phyllis Schlafly at the Reunion Arena rally. Twenty thousand attended. Feminists, gays, and liberals were blasted.

SEPTEMBER 1980: Dallas County Judge Berlaind Brashear finds a third defendant guilty of public lewdness in the Village Station trials. The cases came to Brashear's court after Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade refiled several cases following earlier acquittals in another court.

SEPTEMBER 1981: Dallas gays waited--and waited--and waited--for a verdict in the Baker v. Wade trial which was conducted in June 1981.

SEPTEMBER 1982: Dallas gays sponsored a September fundraiser for the Human Rights Campaign Fund at the Fairmont Hotel. Presenting the keynote speech was Los Angeles City Council President Joel Wachs. The dinner raised over $6,000 as part of a nationwide campaign which eventually raised $600,000.

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HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FUND DINNER-NOV. 19

Planning continues for a black-tie benefit dinner in Dallas on November 19. The $150-a-plate dinner is scheduled for the Fairmont Hotel's International Ballroom with cocktails at 7:30 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the dinner benefit both the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the Federation of AIDS-Related Organizations.

A nationally-prominent speaker for the event will be announced by early October according to John Thomas, chair of the Dallas Dinner Committee.

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Entertainment for the evening will focus on the theme "Visions" with a review, a medley of songs, and a small jazz ensemble joining the featured speaker.

The dinner's steering committee is now seeking 40 to 50 persons or couples who will serve as table sponsors for the dinner. A sponsor would either buy a full table or assume responsibility for filling a table at the dinner.

Serving on the ten-member steering committee are John Thomas, William Waybourn, Dick Weaver, Mike Stewart, Mike Hearn, Ray Kuchling, Jay Oppenheimer, Jake Jacobs, Mike Williams, and Rich Aishman.

Persons interested in sponsoring a table or getting individual tickets for the dinner may contact any steering committee member or contact John Thomas at 559-2166.

Fourteen members have also so far been named to the dinner's Advisory Committee. Included are Adlene Harrison, DART chair; Jim Hightower, Texas agriculture commissioner; Jim Tyson, Dallas County Commissioner; Harryette Ehrhardt, former Dallas school board member; and Don Baker, former DGA president.

A general invitation mailing for tickets is slated for October 15th, Thomas explained.

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This year the Human Rights Campaign Fund aims to raise between $100,000 and $200,000 nationally. Funds raised during this year will begin building the 1984 campaign war chest, setting up city committees, and establishing a major donor program.

The Fund is credited with helping decide the outcome in several tight political races in 1982, among them a U.S. Senate seat in New Mexico and a U.S House seat in Kansas City. Beneficiaries in Texas include U.S. Rep. John Bryant (D., Dallas) and Mike Andrews (D., Houston). U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland (D., Houston) sits on the national advisory board.

Last year about 140 persons attended the Dallas fund-raising dinner, which netted nearly $6,000 for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. Speaking at the dinner was Los Angeles Mayor Pro-tem Joel Wachs. Overall, nearly $23,000 was raised from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

This year the dinner's organizers hope to attract between 300 and 400 persons to the dinner. "By dividing the funds between the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the AIDS project, we hope to attract both kinds of people to the dinner -- as well as people who hope to enjoy the evening of entertainment and the elegant dinner," Thomas continued.

Fund-raiser dinners or other events are also scheduled for numerous other

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BUY A TICKET NOW

by Alan Ross

Enclosed in this issue of Dialog is your ticket to the Texas Command Performance which was held at the Majestic Theatre on September 4th. To those of you who purchased tickets to the Majestic, we thank you very much for your continued support of the Dallas Gay Alliance and for financially helping the Alliance with this important AIDS benefit. We had hoped to raise $10,000 to be sent to the national Federation of AIDS Related Organizations (FARO). Unfortunately, we only broke even, but we appreciate the attempt you made with a purchase of a $10, $25, or $50 ticket to help us attain our goal.

For those of our members and friends who were unable to attend the Majestic AIDS benefit, we need your help. We ask that you enclose a check, made out to the AIDS Task Force and return it to us in the enclosed postage-paid return envelope. Your contribution is needed to help pay for the lobbyist in Washington, DC, recently hired by FARO to ensure funding is appropriated from Congress for AIDS research. The AIDS issue is our number one issue, whether you be male or female, and it could affect you. A friend or loved one could be affected now or in the near future. Your contribution will help tell Congress to release funds necessary for research for finding the cause and cure for AIDS.

Banner Goes Up

Preceding each monthly meeting of the DGA general membership, the Communications Department will begin hanging a 10'x3' banner on the Throckmorton side of 4001. Shown below is a proposed sketch of this banner. The total cost of this project is estimated at $183.75.

GAY FOCUS On Cable TV

Dallas Warner Amex cable will begin airing a new gay program in October produced by Stephen Wagner and co-producer Nellie Thomas. "Gay Focus" will host a panel of experts to discuss the AIDS crisis and how the gay community can help in the efforts to fight aids. On the panel will be Dr. Jim Wheeler from the Dallas Blood Bank, Karen Herndon of the Dallas Countywide Health Department, Dennis McDowell with the Centers for Disease Control assigned to Dallas, Howie Daire from the Oak Lawn Counseling Center, and Terry Tebedo and Mark Harris from the Dallas AIDS Action Project. Check the following schedule for dates and times for all airings on Warner Amex Channel 9, "Video Crossroads":

10/9	7:30 P.M.	10/19	5:30 P.M.
10/11	10:00 P.M.	10/21	6:30 P.M.
10/13	9:30 P.M.	10/22	3:00 P.M.
10/15	7:00 P.M.	10/23	1:00 P.M.
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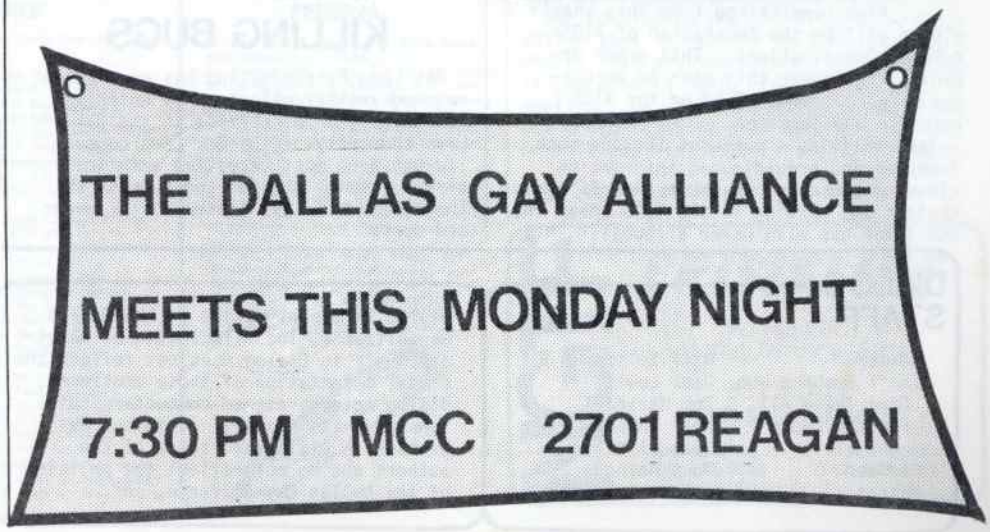

THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart
President of the
Dallas Gay Alliance

What a unique opportunity this month! I'm defending our community to those "radical" reporters Joe Baker of the Dallas/Fort Worth Gay News and Roy Hall of Metro Times. Roy expressed disappointment at the small turn-out for the Texas Freedom Festival, and Joe was critical of Dallas' gay community in a September 7th column headlined "What If You Gave A Party And Nobody Came?"

Certainly we were disappointed at the response to the Texas Freedom Festival and the Command Performance at the Majestic Theatre, but in no way does that disappointment change our commitment to this organization or this community. Some projects are tremendously successful like last year's National Gay Leadership Conference and the Section 21.06 ruling. Other projects are less successful, and, yes, some are discouraging failures. Yet we keep trying, and because we've not wallowing in misery over the failures but building on the successes, we move ahead -- and gay life in Dallas continues to improve. The Dallas Gay Alliance can't take all the credit for progress in this city. However, we played a vitally important role in that process, and today support for community organizations that collectively seek to meet the needs of our people insures our continued progress.

I agree with Joe that "... gay rights aren't just for a few in Dallas. Gay rights belong to all homosexuals here." But I disagree that "... men and women in the Dallas gay rights movement have given more than their share--without a fair return." A despicable law that made our loving each other a crime was ruled unconstitutional; we have access to power (and powerful people) at all levels of government; more and more gay men and lesbians feel sufficiently secure to live honestly and openly; organizations have formed to meet the unmet needs of our people; and non-gay media coverage is generally positive. Those and all the other significant successes during the Alliance's eight years of existence are the rewards of being a "gay activist" in Dallas--and it's much more than a "fair return."

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major cities. In September fund-raising dinners are slated for Boston with U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds (D., Mass.) as a speaker and in New York City with the Rev. Jesse Jackson as speaker. Last year former Vice-President Walter Mondale spoke at the New York City dinner.

Other events are also slated for Portland, Oregon, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

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Also benefitting from this year's dinner will be the Federation of AIDS-Related Organizations. This group organized in Denver this year to encourage more government funding for AIDS research and services.

The coalition's purposes include both lobbying and providing an information clearing house for the more than 55 organizations working in the AIDS area. The coalition has also hired a lobbyist -- a former Health and Human Services official -- to lobby for increased AIDS funding in Congress and from federal health agencies.

Lobbying efforts focus on winning up to $100 million this year for AIDS services. The lobbying effort seeks to remind members of Congress that gays pay sizeable tax dollars but receive few special services and that AIDS is a general health issue, not simply a gay issue.

The AIDS coalition hopes to raise up to $50,000 this year for its lobbying efforts.

3 YEARS OF KILLING BUGS

Oak Lawn Exterminating has once again reached another milestone by entering its third year of service to the Oak Lawn community. "The Oak Lawn community has been most receptive and financially responsible for the success of the business," says Steven Wirth, owner and operator.

BEFORE STONEWALL

by John Scogliotte, Executive Producer
Center for the Study
of Filmed History

An unprecedented new documentary film is now in production for public television. "Before Stonewall" is the first major feature film to document a little-known aspect of American history--the lesbian and gay communities of the United States before 1969.

Using filmed recollections and archival materials culled from the media and private collections, this groundbreaking film delves into the origins and development of the early gay movements. From eighty-year old Mable Hampton's reminiscences about "the life" in Harlem of the Twenties to Allen Ginsburg's tales of the Beat generation, Harry Otis' memories of cowboys in the Old West, and Lisa Ben's song about "The Girl That I Marry," one learns what it was like to live and love in a time when homosexuals constituted a "secret society." Just consider the enormous potential this film will have in reaching millions of people via the Public Television Network, theatrical release, educational distribution, and community screenings.

Never before have such major funding agencies as the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the New York Council for the Humanities, and the New York State Council on the Arts allocated money for such a sensitive project as this. Most of these funds were outright grants. However, some of the grants will be given only if outside private funds are raised. We have thus far raised most of the $240,000 production budget, but we need the support of concerned individuals like yourself to complete our match for government funds. The deadline for the match money is almost up; it would be a real tragedy if we could not take advantage of funds that have already been allocated. We now have a goal of $40,000 more to complete the production budget. Your tax-deductible donation will help us to realize that goal, and work to bring the history of gay and lesbian Americans to national television.

If you wish to make a contribution or have photographs or home movies you would like us to consider for inclusion in the film, please contact us immediately: "Before Stonewall," 630 Ninth Avenue, Suite 908, New York, NY 10036, 212/582-4425. Make checks payable to the Center for the Study of Filmed History.

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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Social Justice Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

As long as gay people were alone, closeted, and engulfed in self-hate, they did not pose a serious challenge to heterosexual power and privilege. Only as we came out were we able to overcome the lies we had been told and find our self-respect. Being visible is essential for any kind of positive gay indentity in a heterosexist society, but visibility also poses problems. For in coming out to each other, we have also come out to those who hate us and want to harm us. As growing numbers of us choose to live openly as lesbians and gay men, the number of those who want to drive us back into the closet also grows.

In some areas, "queer bashings" is a favorite pasttime; the police who don't join in this sport often do little to discourage it. Many gay victims fear to report incidents because they expect reprisals, hostility, and unwanted publicity. They suffer in silence, and their assailants go unpunished.

The Social Justice Department is receiving requests for assistance in sexual discrimination, police harassment, and lesbian custody suits. We have been asked by the National Gay Task Force to document violence against gays in Dallas. Plus, we are pursuing the removal of sexual orientation questions in police and fire department hiring practices.

Join and help us help each other.

Fund Raising Dept.

by Alan Ross

The following events are now in the planning stages for the Alliance and the gay community to enjoy. Additional information will be given at the October 10th general membership meeting.

Thursday, October 20th has been designated by the Alliance as Gay Day at the Texas State Fair. Tickets for this event are $3.00 each and are available at the Crossroads Market, 3930 Cedar Springs and 1929 (lower) Greenville Avenue.

After the success of Gay Day at Wet'N Wild, we are anticipating a large turnout of Alliance members and the gay community to support "our" day at the State Fair. Although there will be no planned special attraction at the Fair, this will be another time we can all come together for a day or evening of fun. Join us there for a ride, a corny dog, and a beer.

The Imperial Court of the Shooting Stars will present a benefit show for the Alliance on Sunday, October 23rd at the Unicorn at 4125 Lemmon Ave. Showtime will be at 9:00 p.m. You are encouraged to attend this benefit to support the Alliance as well as support the Imperial Court.

For those not familiar with its court system, it had its beginnings in San Francisco several years ago. There are now courts set up throughout the country whose sole purpose is to present benefit shows for worthy organizations. According to the Empress Brandi Roberts and Emperor Ray Gregg, this benefit for the Alliance will be their first show since their Investiture on August 29th. Members of the Court will perform with all tips and the door cover charge going to the Alliance.

Table reservations can be made by calling the Unicorn at 521-4666.

Communications Dept.

by Buck Massey

The Communications Department is looking for new ways to communicate with the gay and non-gay communities. "Lambda Weekly," the DGA sponsored weekly radio program on KNON-90.9FM is one such way. The program has several purposes.

It's an entertaining hour. We play music by gay and lesbian artists such as Meg Christian, Tom Wilson, and Holly Near. We are also playing some old favorites like Diana Ross and Judy Garland.

"Lambda Weekly" is also an informative hour. Each week we open with a newscast. Stories have ranged from the Gay Men's Health Crisis Night at the Rodeo benefit in Madison Square Garden to the planned opening of a gay video dating service in the Oak Lawn Center.

We also have an interview segment. Both local and national leaders have appeared on the program. The interviews are an opportunity to showcase people and activities in the gay community.

The wonderful thing about community radio, like the Alliance, is that there is a place in it for you. The Communications Department meets every Wednesday at 8 P.M. at the DGA office. We look forward to hearing from you.

Education Dept.

by Tom Hatfield

Dr. Kenneth Altshuler, Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas, will be the featured speaker at the October general meeting. Dr. Altshuler will discuss the impact of AIDS on people's behavior. He is currently working on a study in this area and your input will help facilitate his study. Other medical staff from the Health Science Center will accompany Dr. Altshuler to answer AIDS related questions and discuss what projects are currently being undertaken here in Dallas.

Dr. Altshuler will also present a follow-up to his previous study on bisexuality which was done, in part, through the cooperation of the Alliance two years ago.

The Education Department also plans to present a program on homophobia in the gay community. This should be an eye-opening experience regarding the fear that we have of other members of the gay community. We hope your consciousness will be raised by the programs this month.

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We have a number one priority, and that is to get more members involved in this department. You are needed--your input regarding the educational needs of the gay community and your time to help implement them. Without you, we cannot function. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. at the DGA office.

One continuing project is getting information that is current on AIDS into brochures that are informative and readable. If you want to help, come to our next meeting. We will be putting together a new brochure which will keep you current on this puzzling disease and its effects.

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List of Elected Officials

Here are the names and addresses of elected officials who presently represent Dallas area citizens at the city, state, and national levels of government.

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Mayor Starke A. Taylor
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District 2 Councilman Paul Fielding
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District 5 Councilman Craig Holcomb
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District 8 Councilman Fred Blair
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District 10 Councilwoman Annette Strauss

Letters to City Council members may be addressed c/o City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Dallas, Texas 75202.

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Dist. 10 State Senator Bob McFarland
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Dist. 23 State Senator Oscar Mauzy

Letters to state senators may be addressed to: Texas Senate, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CALENDAR 1983

OCTOBER NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED
9 FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 8am at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run. AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information. GAY UNITARIANS meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at First Unitarian Church, Preston at Normandy at 7:30pm.	**10** DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE **General Meeting** **7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan** PROGRAM: "The Psychological Impact of AIDS" and "Homophobia in the Gay Community" GAY STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP of NTSU meets every other Monday at 8pm in the SUB. 817/788-3333.	**11** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** **Education Dept.** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** DIGNITY DALLAS meets at St. Peter Apostle Church on Woodall Rogers every Tuesday at 7:30pm.	**12** Communica **7:30 - DGA Offic** OAK LAWN SEMI- meets at 7:3 Sims at 526-
16 FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 8am at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run. GAYLINE meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30pm. P.O. Box 19085, Dallas 75219. 748-5500. AGAPE' MCC of Fort Worth. Services at 11am & 7pm. 817/926-7000. HOLY TRINITY CC of Dallas, 4402 Rosedale. Service at 11am. 827-5088.	**17** **Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205**	**18** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** DALLAS AREA WOMENS POLITICAL CAUCUS meets at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30pm. PEGASUS, a gay business & professional organization, meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 8pm in the Normandy Chapel, First Unitarian Church.	**19** Communica **7:30 - DGA Offic** Membersh and NEW MEMI **7:30 - 4817 N.** OAK LAWN VOLLE each Wednesd Recreation C
23 *DGA Benefit* *9:00* *The Unicorn* Presented by the Imperial Court of the Shooting Stars	**24** **Open Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** All committee chairs and interested person invited to provide input. 528-4233. **DIALOG Deadline** Send letter, articles, & calendar listings to Dialog at DGA, P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219, or call 871-8711/750-8041.	**25** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** **Education Dept.** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at MCC from 7-9pm. Musicians needed. 351-6697.	**26** Communica **7:30 - DGA Offic**
30 **DIALOG Production** **2812 Fairmount at Cedar Springs** **871-8711 or 750-8041** **12:00 NOON** FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 8am at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run. MCC of Dallas, 2701 Reagan. Services at 11am & 7:15pm. MCC Orchestra & Chorus rehearses every Sunday at 10am & 6:15pm	**31** **Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** 	**1** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb (near Page) in Fort Worth at 8:30pm. 817/571-6977.	**2** Communica **7:30 - DGA Offic** Membersh **7:30 - 4817 N.** LESBIAN RIGHTS NOW office l at 8pm.
6 LISTEN TO LAMBDA WEEKLY EVERY SUNDAY 12:00 NOON ON KNON 90.9 FM λ	**7** **Board Meeting** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st Monday of every month. OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets every Monday in the MCC Social Hall at 7pm.	**8** **Civic Affairs Dept.** **(Political Action Steering Committee)** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** **Education Dept.** **7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205** DIGNITY DALLAS meets at St. Peter Apostle Church on Woodall Rogers every Tuesday at 7:30pm.	**9** Communica **7:30 - DGA Offic**

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s Dept. Oak Lawn #205	**10** **Publications Dept.** 7:30 - DGA Office, 3409 Oak Lawn #205 GRANADA THEATER, 3524 Greenville. "The Boys of Venice" at 7:15pm. "Three Day Pass" at 9pm.	**11**	**12** **Social Justice Dept.** 9:30 AM - Olympia Diner
SDAY	**THURSDAY**	**FRIDAY**	**SATURDAY**

DGA COMPUTER TASK FORCE

The following recommendations were presented to the Board by the DGA Computer Situation Task Force:

1. Coordinate or organize a subcommittee of experienced data-input operators to catch up on the backlog of entries (on the Voter ID List) and set up a regular basis for computer operation;
2. Input all information presently backed up on the Voter ID List, print out in strict alphabetical order, and provide the printout to PAC for review and to correct;
3. From this point on, each item for input on the list should be copied and maintained with the most current printout, the original then should be sent to the computer operator, and, after entry, the original piece of input should be returned and destroyed with the copy; and
4. Research the possiblities of purchasing a larger computer with at least 10 megabyte hard-disk storage to be located at the DGA office. Request each department to examine how they can make use of a computer in their own area of concern.

The Board accepted the recommendations and requested the Task Force to take on the responsibility for item 4.

You could be just the person to fill our needs! The DGA office needs a typewriter desperately, and a computer with hard-disc storage would be nice. And, of course, office supplies are always useful. The Dialog staff would welcome a headliner machine and a waxer. For further information, contact Dave Jones, the Director of Operations, or Dialog Editor Bill Nelson.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

BEWARE - HIGH RISK AREAS

Here are the areas Dallas police have classified as highest-risk in the city, areas in which 14 or more street robberies occurred last year:

2800-3700 Samuell Blvd.
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2500-3300 Knight St.
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3700-4000 Cedar Springs Rd.
2600-3700 Thomas Ave.
2400-2800 N. Fitzhugh Ave.
1400-1800 N. Carroll Ave.
3200-4300 Gaston Ave.
5500-5900 Greenville Ave.
7900-8600 Park Lane
2400-3500 Grand Ave.
1100-1800 and 2300-3500 M.L. King Blvd.
2600-3300 Lagow St.
3700-4600 S. Oakland Ave.
2100-3100 E. Ledbetter Drive
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As a result of a federal appeals court ruling, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) can no longer ban foreign visitors to the U.S. because they are homosexuals.

The decision was announced in San Francisco in early September as the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court decision. That 1982 lower court had held that a British journalist could not be banned from covering a gay rights parade in San Francisco. INS had sought to deny entrance to the United States because of the reporter's sexual orientation.

According to recent news reports, the appeals court decision was hailed as a "tremendous victory" by Leonard Graff, legal director of Lesbian and Gay Rights Advocates.

PEGASUS–1 Yr. Old

In less than two months, Pegasus, the Dallas gay business and professional organization, will celebrate its first anniversary. It has been a year of struggle and frustration, but it has also been a year which has seen Pegasus become, within the gay community, an organization here to stay with promise of significant impact on Dallas in the years to come.

Pegasus, headed by Ms. Jeanne Reyer, can be described as a Dallas gay chamber of commerce. It is patterned after the Golden Gate Business Association in San Francisco, whose membership numbers in the thousands. The vision for the future of Pegasus is that of both unifying and serving the economic interests of Dallas individuals and businesses. The power of collective gay economic clout can have as great an impact as our collective political presence. There is also a great advantage in individuals and businesses coming together to support, assist, and patronize each other's businesses and careers.

Among our goals for the year ahead are a job referral source for both employers and job applicants; monthly programs dealing with topics of concern in our community; seminars and/or workshops tailored to the occupational and business needs of our members; and supporting the establishment of a credit union as well as other forms of financial planning for the gay population of Dallas, from health insurance to retirement to debt reduction.

Pegasus members encourage those interested in seeing the growth and expansion of economic activity and mutual support in our community to join them as they look to their second year. Pegasus meets the third Tuesday of each month at 8 P.M. at the First Unitarian Church, Preston Road at Normandy (two blocks north of Mockingbird). For more information, call 348-8581 or 526-6158. The membership initiation fee is $5 with semi-annual dues of $25 or annual dues of $45.

AIDS LOBBY PROJECT UPDATE

Since DIALOG went to press, it has been learned that Senator Kennedy has requested the release of the $30 million that was appropriated for fiscal year 1983 for the Emergency Health Fund. He has also asked that $56.6 million more be appropriated for fiscal year 1984. Please do your part by writing one or all of the selected members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committee. (The members of the Subcommittee for Health and Human Services are underlined.) Urge the release of the already appropriated funds and a significant increase in funds for AIDS research in 1984. You might even mention your support of Senator Kennedy's request.

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Dear Editor:

While I appreciate the work of Al Calkin, Nellie Thomas, and Stephen Wagner in the area of cable television, I urge the Board and membership not to oppose Senate Bill 66 which would allow changes to be made in the franchise agreements between municipalities and cable operators. Due to the monopoly status given to the cable companies by these franchise agreements as well as multi-million dollar losses incurred by Warner Amex, cable subscribers of Dallas must endure indifference toward their service problems coupled with a system that falls short of the well-publicized potential for programming. Is it not fair to expect an unshackled industry to perform better?

While our well-intentioned Alliance members warn us of a loss of access by the gay community to cable TV if this bill passes, let us consider two industries which serve us well without government regulation: energy and publishing. Remember that when the government ended its role in price fixing, a gallon of gas became cheaper and shortages ceased. Furthermore, does anyone believe that if the government regulated print communications like it does electronic communications that the gay community would have as many publications catering to their interests? The two most popular in this city are free!

Sincerely,
Charles Dutton

TRIVIA

John Thomas has announced the following facts regarding the Experience Weekend:

10% of DGA members are graduates of the Experience Weekend, and

25% of Experience Weekend graduates are DGA members.

MORE DEPT. REPORTS

Membership Dept.

by Charles Dutton

Ray Anthony, outreach chair of the Membership Department, along with five other members of the Alliance, recently formed the Concerned Gay Hispanics (CGH). Anthony says, "the reason I formed this group is to increase minority participation in the Alliance."

He also said that the group will, hopefully, be a task force of the Alliance. If granted board approval, CGH's status would be similar to the AIDS Task Force, which is an ad hoc committee.

The convening of the Concerned Gay Hispanics was suggested by DGA president Mike Stewart in response to Anthony's observation that the Alliance was dominated by Anglo interests. At the initial meeting of CGH, some goals were discussed: increased membership, education, and support to gay Hispanics. Anthony also expressed the hope that CGH can help establish political coalitions with the entire Hispanic community. Such coalitions seem likely when one considers the current practice in Oak Lawn and East Dallas by gays and Hispanics.

"We are not choosing to be separatist," Anthony continued. "The Alliance is attempting to do an outreach."

THANK YOU, R D D

by Terry Tebedo

In celebration of its fifth year of activity, members of Razzle Dazzle Dallas (RDD) have invited representatives of several local gay organizations to attend the October 10th meeting of the DGA membership. RDD will then give approximately $6,000 to these organizations, including the Alliance, as a means of repaying the community for its continued financial support.

Social Events Dept.

by Steve Weast

The Social Events Department has a full calendar planned for the month of October. On the 4th, the Tarrant County Gay Alliance will sponsor the play "The Fifth of July" at Ft. Worth's Stage West. Tickets are only $6 for the performance or $13.50 with dinner included.

Our next Beer Bash is scheduled for Friday, October 14th, at the home of Steve Weast. All guests are welcome, and non-members are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, October 20th, has been designated Gay Day at the Texas State Fair. Tickets will be available at the Crossroads Market. Call 528-4233 for more information.

Programs Dept.

(Speakers Bureau)

by Mike Richards

Action by the Board of Directors redefined the responsibilities for the newest director, Mike Richards, and his department. This department now has responsibility for the monthly membership meeting programs, the Speakers' Bureau, and acting as liaison to national AIDS-related organizations.

Recently, due to the work by this department, the Board approved a commitment of $50 per month for the next 3 months as a donation to FARO, the Federation of AIDS-Related Organizations, for its lobby project.

The Department is also planning an AIDS educational forum-on-wheels as an outreach to organizations who might enjoy such a program at their meetings.

Anyone interested in working in these areas should contact Mike Richards at 559-2606 or leave a message at 528-4233.

More department reports on Page 8

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FARO SEEKS MORE AIDS FUNDING

by Mike Richards

The Steering Committee of the Federation of AIDS Related Organizations (FARO) met in New York City August 13th and 14th.

Matt Redman, Director of the AIDS Project/Los Angeles, and Bernice Goodman, President of the National Gay Health and Education Foundation, were elected chair persons of FARO.

The Lobby Project Steering Committee reported that health lobbyist Gerald Connor had been hired on a consultant basis rather than as a full time lobbyist with a staff.

The federal funding process has begun. In January, the Department of Health and Human Services mentioned AIDS as one of the infectious diseases on which the funds requested for the Centers for Disease Control will be spent. The Assistant Secretary of Health stated in May that the department would seek to spend $17.7 million for AIDS research in fiscal year 1984. In August, the department reported that a budget amendment provides $13.9 million to continue projects in fiscal year 1983 and $8.3 million for new projects in 1984, bringing federal AIDS expenditures in fiscal year 1984 to a total of $39.8 million.

At the time of this writing, Congressional appropriations committees have embargoed the funding recommendations by the Department of Health and Human Services. However, information has leaked from the committees that between $20 and $25 million will be appropriated for AIDS research in fiscal year 1984. It is unclear whether this appropriation will be in addition to the $39.8 million recommended by the Department of Health and Human Services or if $25 million is to be the total figure spent for AIDS research in 1984.

FARO's position is that a minimum of $100 million needs to be spent for AIDS research immediately. Accordingly, a lobbyist is necessary to pressure the federal government for substantial increases in research appropriations. Of course, lobbyists cost money and donations for the lobby project should be sent to Paul Popham, Treasurer of the FARO Lobbying Project, at the Gay Men's Health Crisis, Box 274, 132 West 24th Street, New York City, NY 10011, or to the DGA Lobby Project, P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219.

We hear many theories for the causes of AIDS and that the cure is just around the corner. It is sad to say that that is the case. It is all theory; there is neither cause nor cure at hand. We are fighting for our lives.

Please take a few minutes and review the inserts in this Dialog. Then write your Congressman and Sentors to request substantial increases in funding for AIDS research at the federal level.

Local representatives to FARO are Terry Tebedo and Howie Daire. Terry serves on the national Steering Committee and Mike Richards is his alternate. Howie serves on a FARO sub-committee.

MORE DEPT. REPORTS

Civic Affairs Dept.

by Bill Nelson

The political action committee, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, has been hard at work on several fronts preparing for the April 1984 elections. Selected as PAC Chair was Michael Milliken, who has remarkable creativity and organizational skills.

The Texas Gay Political Roundtable during Texas Freedom Festival was a success despite the lack of participation by Houston organizations. All participants have been mailed a list of names and addresses of all other participants. It was noted at the forum that a lack of communication between the various cities' organizations has been a major block to our progress at the state level. All participants will soon receive a questionnaire to evaluate the Roundtable and generate interest in continuing such meetings.

A subcommittee of DGPC is targeting precincts for intense get-out-the-vote efforts in coming elections. Members of this subcommittee recently compiled a prioritized list of the top 18 precincts based on identified gay voter presence and leadership potential. In October members of the community will be sought to serve in a network to identify and contact their gay neighbors regarding participation in the political process.

In another significant change of hats, Mike Richards yielded his important position as coordinator of voter registration efforts into the able hands of Ray Anthony. Voter registration drives are the cornerstone of our political efforts.

Possibly the most significant action of DGPC is the current project to draft a resolution to present at the precinct, senatorial, and state conventions of the two major political parties. This resolution will concern increased funding at all levels of government for AIDS research and patient support services. Such a resolution will hopefully not only bring about its stated purpose, but also serve as a needed catalyst for encouraging gays to participate in grass-roots politics this coming spring.

DGPC-PAC meets every Tuesday in the Alliance offices at 7:30pm. Anyone interested in participating in any project or anyone with political concerns is welcome to attend.

Publications Dept.

by Tony Anthony

Along with the monthly responsibility of producing and mailing Dialog, the Department of Publications also produces other printed material as needed. Work continues on a questionaire for use as a membership survey and, hopefully, as a tool for learning more about the Dallas gay and lesbian community in general. Also in the planning stages are an updating of the current Dallas Gay Alliance informational brochure, as well as brochures requested by other departments and, at some point in the not too distant future, an annual report for DGA.

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ANTI-GAY VIOLENCE DOCUMENTED

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) reports that in the first eight months of this year, 1682 incidents of harassment, threats and attacks against lesbians and gay men were reported to its Violence Project. Documented by the NGTF Crisisline and twelve local violence projects across the country, these incidents will be included in NGTF's first annual audit of anti-gay/lesbian violence which is scheduled for publication early in 1984.

During this same period, the gay community was hit by the first wave of violence attributed to "AIDS backlash." According to San Francisco's Community United Against Violence (CUAV), fear and hatred associated with AIDS was a motivating factor in nearly 20% of all incidents reported this year. The Dorian Group in Seattle also reports that gangs of youths seeking to beat up "plague-carrying faggots" were responsible for 22 brutal attacks during the summer of 1983.

In Northampton, Massachusetts, homophobic assailants have laid siege to the town's sizable lesbian community. According to Northampton's Gay and Lesbian Activists (GALA), over the past year lesbians were singled out for sexual assaults and other physical attacks. Lesbian-identified establishments were vandalized, and hundreds of phone threats and other verbal harassment against lesbians were reported.

Virginia Apuzzo, NGTF's Executive Director, comments: "As our communities have become more visible, so have the numbers of those who want to bludgeon us back into the closet. NGTF's Violence Project and other local efforts are working to make being openly gay or lesbian safe--by documenting homophobic crimes, by demanding that the criminal justice system hold perpetrators accountable, and by responding to the needs of survivors."

Of the incidents reported to NGTF thus far, 57% (965) are verbal harassment/intimidation, 28% (478) are physical assaults (including sexual assaults and attacks with weapons), and 1% (15) are homicides. 4% (59) are incidents of arson or vandalism against the property of lesbian/gay people, and 10% (165) are other types of crimes not yet classified. 7% (119) of all incidents reported involved police harassment or brutality.

According to Kevin Berrill, Violence Project Director, "these figures represent only a small fraction of the total number of incidents that actually occurred during this period. The great majority of lesbian and gay victims do not report attacks against them, and far too many still suffer the aftermath in silence and isolation. Nevertheless, these statistics are an important step forward in our effort to document the extent of anti-lesbian/gay violence. They are the product of close ties and increased cooperation between local anti-violence projects and NGTF and will enable us to educate the police, the criminal justice system, victim service agencies, legislators, and the public about this problem and how to address it."

NGTF's audit of anti-gay/lesbian violence will provide a detailed breakdown of all incidents reported in 1983, including incidents reported in the press, as well as those documented by the Crisisline and local anti-violence projects. Anyone who sees articles about incidents of homophobic violence are encouraged to clip and send them to NGTF.

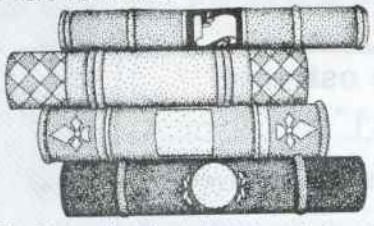
NGTF urges all victims of anti-gay/lesbian harassment or violence to make a report to their local violence projects. Those without a violence project in their community should call NGTF's toll-free Crisisline at 800-221-7044. The Crisisline is open Monday-Friday 3-9 pm, Eastern Time. Specially trained Crisisline staffers will take a confidential report and refer callers to local support services.

DGA COL'N

by Joe Montegomery

Remember your first gay library encounter? The only thing "homo" in the periodicals file was "sapiens" (comfort-but not particularly helpful). If your school or public library was like most, what could be learned about homosexuality, if anything, was mostly negative. A trip to the school john was likely to be more helpful.

Today books on gay issues are widely available, with more being written each week. Think how helpful it would have been when you were younger to know that you were not alone.



The Communications Department has compiled a list of 10 books to be placed in the Central and branch libraries of the Dallas Public Library system. It will be called "the Dallas Gay Alliance Collection." But we need your help. In this month's Dialog, you will find a card with the list of books and the price. If you would like to buy a book, or several, for the library system, please fill out the card, mark the book or books you want to buy, and send the card in with a check for the amount owed to the DGA. Your gift will be appreciated by us and those who are helped by your contribution.

ROUND-UP FOR A BENEFIT

by Alan Ross

Mark your calendar now to attend a benefit for the Alliance by the Round-Up Saloon and Dance Hall on Thursday, November 17th at 10 pm. This special occasion is the annual Mr. Round-Up Dallas Contest, which is a preliminary contest to the Mr. Dallas Contest later this year.

Entry blanks for the contest are available at the Round-Up, and the deadline for entries is 2 pm on November 17th. $600. and trophies will be awarded to the top 3 contestants: winner = $300., first runner-up = $200., and second runner-up = $100. Categories for competition are Western wear, self-expression (not talent), physique, and personality. For further details, see Bill Huber at the Round-Up.

We hope to see good attendance by DGA members at this special benefit. We urge you to attend in support not only of the Alliance but also a very supportive business where management and many bartenders are Alliance members.

DGPC ENDORSES 6

DGPC members voted at the October general meeting to endorse Proposition Six in the Tuesday, November 8th statewide election. The proposed constitutional amendment would permit state courts to garnish wages for overdue child support payments.

At present, Texas law does not permit wage garnishment for any purposes. The proposed constitutional amendment would allow withholding of wages for child support if three conditions were met.

The required conditions are, first, that a state court issue the garnishment order. Second, garnishment could occur only if the nonpaying parent had missed one or more payments within the last year. Third, the total amount of overdue child support must equal at least two months of payments.

Texas and South Carolina are now the only two states which do not permit wage garnishment for child support. The measure would most directly affect the estimated 160,000 children on welfare living in one-parent families who receive no support from the other parent, according to Shirley Miller of Texans for Child Support.

Proposition Six also provides that only a third of after-tax (net) income could be garnished by an employer under a court order. Employers would also be barred from firing nonpaying parents or taking other action against them.

DGPC members voted 66 to 9 to endorse the measure.

THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart
President of the
Dallas Gay Alliance

During the December 1983 membership meeting, five directors will be elected to serve your organization for one-year terms. This process is very important to the Alliance and our community, and I encourage you to actively participate in these decisions.

There are several levels of involvement you may want to consider:

1. Encourage qualified Alliance members to be candidates--and support them;
2. Attend the meetings, ask questions, share your concerns, and propose organizational goals;
3. Question incumbents who choose to run again so you can be informed of their performance during the past year;
4. Vote for candidates who represent your views; and
5. Be a candidate!

Serving the Alliance in any capacity is a very rewarding EXPERIENCE and representing you on the Board of Directors is always an honor. But it also demands responsibility, maturity, sensitivity, and commitments of time and financial resources. If you are willing and capable, your organization and community need you.

If you are considering running for a position on the Board in December or in the future, please attend Leadership DGA on November 27th at 3 pm in the DGA office. It's an excellent opportunity to learn more about Board requirements and expectations. Your organization needs your participation, your elected representatives need your support. Our continued success requires it! If you have any questions about the process or requirements, or if you want to talk about your level of involvement, please call me.

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FALL CONCERT

On Saturday, November 12th the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band will perform works by Gershwin, Sousa, McBeth and Williams at its Fourth Annual Fall Concert, according to Steve Boykin, the Band's conductor. This concert will take place at 8 pm at MCC of Dallas.

"We are also planning a piano-dance number and a few other surprises," Boykin continued. "Funds raised from ticket and advertising sales will be used in part to help send the Band to Los Angeles for the First Annual Lesbian and Gay National Band Festival in 1984."

Those interested in joining the Band prior to its Los Angeles trip can call 351-6697 or come to any rehearsal on Tuesdays at 6:45 pm at MCC.

OAK LAWN BAND GALA

by J. Jones

For the first time, the three Metroplex Courts will combine their talents in a special fund raiser for the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band (OLSB). This incredible event will be held at the "Other Place," 200 N. Vacek in Fort Worth at 9 pm on Wednesday, November 16th.

The M.C.s will be Jackie O, Empress VIII of San Fernando Valley, and Jack Guthrie, Emperor IV of Fort Worth. Entertainment will be provided by Raina Lea, Empress V of Fort Worth; Sherry Powers, Empress II of Dallas; and Brandy Roberts, Empress V of Dallas. Joining in the festivities will be the various courts of each entertainer.

Special guests include Carlotta, Empress IV of Fort Worth; Ginger Taylor, Miss Gay Dallas; Dion Martell, Miss Gay Fort Worth; and the OLSB's "Pep" band.

OLSB has sent letters to twenty-two organizations in the Metroplex asking for their support and for additional new band members in their project to represent the Metroplex at the First Annual Lesbian and Gay National Band Festival in Los Angeles in 1984.

The first response to this request came from the Emperor and the Empress of Fort Worth. OLSB hopes that this will be the first of many community activities. "Come on out for a great evening of entertainment," concluded Jack Guthrie. "It's time we all pitched in to help 'our' band."

If you wish to get involved and/or assist the band in any manner, please call 351-6697.

November

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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Social Justice Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

The Advocate is writing an article on the DGA's Social Justice Department. This article will discuss what the department does in cases of police harassment, job discrimination, and any violence against gay people in Dallas. The article will be published in approximately three to four weeks.

I feel that this article in The Advocate gives additional credibility to our organization recognizing that the Alliance is an important force in our nation with solid results and documentation of the DGA's efforts for gay men and lesbians. The Social Justice Department is here for you to use and be a part of. If you come up against a problem regarding your sexual orientation, please let us know. We'll be there.

Operations Dept.

by Dave Jones

The Department of Operations is alive and busier than ever with the leasing of the new DGA offices at 3920 Cedar Springs. Move-in took place over Halloween weekend with only minor interruption from the stronger-than-usual street crowd.

The new office affords the Alliance much needed space with storage room to spare. There are currently three additional office spaces available for lease. These spaces are ideal for small commercial operations which would benefit from the Cedar Springs location. This Week In Texas is currently leasing space within the building.

With the newly-acquired offices, the DGA has been thrust into several new areas of responsibility. Volunteers whose talents are somewhere between Mr. Goodwrench and Ellen Terry could easily find their place within the Department of Operations.

This December will be the end of my two years as a board member for the Alliance. I have chosen not to seek re-election. Anyone interested in taking over the responsibilities of this department should be aware of the following duties:

1. Answering the DGA phone messages daily (you won't believe how those operators spell).
2. Picking up the mail (excellent excuse to cruise the Oak Lawn Post Office).
3. Overseeing maintenance of the new offices (there's a large dumpster in the parking lot).
4. Getting leases signed (be sure to bring the Liquid Paper).
5. Keeping the newspaper clipping file up to date (you even get to read what cities like Lubbock think of us!).
6. And several other items which somehow or other don't fit into any of the other 9 DGA Departments.

Communications Dept.

by Buck Massey

Our October general meeting was one of the best attended meetings we have had in several months. A major reason for this increased attendance was the banner which the Communications Department hung on the side of 4001. The banner will be a monthly fixture reminding all that "The Dallas Gay Alliace meets this Monday night."

Lambda Weekly and KNON-FM also have expanded their audiences recently. KNON can now be heard as the audio on several Dallas Warner-Amex Cable channels on Sundays at noon including the Community Bulletin Board on Channel 58. If you have had problems receiving KNON, you now have a new avenue. Al Calkin is responsible for this success through his work on the Cable Review Board. Thanks Al!

Elsewhere in this issue of Dialog, you will find an article about the lastest project of the Communications Department: The Dallas Gay Alliance Collection. This is a project that can have an immeasurable impact on the community. I strongly urge you to participate in this endeavor.

Publications Dept.

by Tony Anthony

Along with the group efforts of the Dialog Staff and the Mail Committee, opportunities exist for individual commitment in the Department of Publications. Current projects requiring individual efforts include:

1. Updating and rewriting the Dallas Gay Alliance general information brochure.
2. Selling advertising space in Dialog to businesses through personal or telephone contact. This is an excellent source of revenue for the DGA, and anyone with the time and willingness to sell ad space will be greatly appreciated.
3. Distributing Dialog. Along with the 600 copies for mailing, some 1400 additional copies are printed for distribution in area businesses and bars. Until recently, Phil Johnson has assumed responsibility for this sizeable and time consuming task. He's recently devised a practical distribution plan dividing the area into 4 districts. All that is required is a willingness to spend a couple of hours bouncing from bar to bar and business to business once a month. It's a perfect excuse for getting out and about and provides an excellent way for the Alliance to reach non-members. Phil has offered to take one district. Volunteers are needed for the other 3.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the responsibilities outlined, please contact Tony Anthony at the office or attend one of the Publication Department meetings listed in the Dialog calendar.

Social Events Dept.

by Steve Weast

After a busy October, which included an Oak Cliff Social Hour and Gay Day at the State Fair of Texas, the Social Events Department is now turning its attention to the holidays.

Director Steve Weast said the Oak Lawn Tree Lighting and the DGA Holiday Party are scheduled in December. Anyone interested in helping plan these events is welcome to attend the Department meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Education Dept.

by Tom Hatfield

The Education Department will produce a brochure on the Alliance Endowment Fund, a new means of giving all or a part of your estate to fund future DGA activities.

Please come by an Education Department meeting any 2nd or 4th Tuesday at 7:30 pm at the new DGA offices and help us.

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List of Elected Officials

Here are the names and addresses of elected officials who presently represent Dallas area citizens at the city, state, and national levels of government.

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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CALENDAR 1983

NOVEMBER DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED
13 FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 8am at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run. AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information. GAY UNITARIANS meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at First Unitarian Church, Preston at Normandy at 7:30pm.	**14** DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting 7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan GAY STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP of NTSU meets every other Monday at 8pm in the SUB. 817/788-3333.	**15** Civic Affairs Dept. (Political Action Steering Committee) 7:30 - DGA Office PEGASUS, a gay business & professional organization, 8pm in the Normandy Chapel, First Unitarian Church. P.O. Box 190326, Dallas 75219. DALLAS AREA WOMENS POLITICAL CAUCUS meets at the First Unitarian Church at 7:30pm.	**16** Membersh and NEW MEME 7:30 - 4817 N. Communica 8:00 - DGA Of TAVERN GUILD VA Gay Pride Week LESBIAN RIGHTS NOW office ls at 8pm.
20 DIALOG Production 2812 Fairmount at Cedar Springs 871-8711 or 750-8041 12:00 NOON DGA Hispanic Task Force 1:00 - 4423 Buena Vista #215 GAYLINE meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30pm. P.O. Box 19085, Dallas 75219. 748-6790.	**21** Board Meeting 7:30 - DGA Office	**22** Education Dept. 7:30 - DGA Office Civic Affairs Dept. (Political Action Steering Committee) 7:30 - DGA Office DIGNITY DALLAS meets at St. Peter Apostle Church on Woodall Rogers every Tuesday at 7:30pm.	**23** Communica 8:00 - DGA Of OAK LAWN VOLLE each Wednesd Recreation Ce
27 Leadership DGA (SEMINAR) 3:00 - DGA Office AGAPE' MCC of Fort Worth. Services at 11am & 7pm. 817/926-7000. FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 8am at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run.	**28** Open Board Meeting 7:30 - DGA Office All committee chairs and interested person invited to provide input. 528-4233.	**29** Civic Affairs Dept. (Political Action Steering Committee) 7:30 - DGA Office OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at MCC from 7-9pm. Musicians needed. 351-6697.	**30** Communica 8:00 - DGA Of
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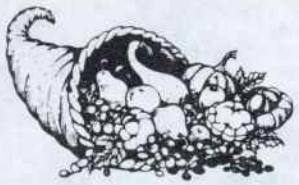
ns Dept. RY SOCIETY Call Jerome or info.	**10** Publications Dept. 7:30 - DGA Office TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses each Thursday at the Midway Hills Christian Church at 7:30pm. 368-5500.	**11** 	**12** Social Justice Dept. 9:30 AM - Olympia Diner OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND Fourth Annual Fall Concert at MCC, 8pm.
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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Social Justice Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

The Advocate is writing an article on the DGA's Social Justice Department. This article will discuss what the department does in cases of police harassment, job discrimination, and any violence against gay people in Dallas. The article will be published in approximately three to four weeks.

I feel that this article in The Advocate gives additional credibility to our organization recognizing that the Alliance is an important force in our nation with solid results and documentation of the DGA's efforts for gay men and lesbians. The Social Justice Department is here for you to use and be a part of. If you come up against a problem regarding your sexual orientation, please let us know. We'll be there.

Operations Dept.

by Dave Jones

The Department of Operations is alive and busier than ever with the leasing of the new DGA offices at 3920 Cedar Springs. Move-in took place over Halloween weekend with only minor interruption from the stronger-than-usual street crowd.

The new office affords the Alliance much needed space with storage room to spare. There are currently three additional office spaces available for lease. These spaces are ideal for small commercial operations which would benefit from the Cedar Springs location. This Week In Texas is currently leasing space within the building.

With the newly-acquired offices, the DGA has been thrust into several new areas of responsibility. Volunteers whose talents are somewhere between Mr. Goodwrench and Ellen Terry could easily find their place within the Department of Operations.

This December will be the end of my two years as a board member for the Alliance. I have chosen not to seek re-election. Anyone interested in taking over the responsibilities of this department should be aware of the following duties:

1. Answering the DGA phone messages daily (you won't believe how those operators spell).
2. Picking up the mail (excellent excuse to cruise the Oak Lawn Post Office).
3. Overseeing maintenance of the new offices (there's a large dumpster in the parking lot).
4. Getting leases signed (be sure to bring the Liquid Paper).
5. Keeping the newspaper clipping file up to date (you even get to read what cities like Lubbock think of us!).
6. And several other items which somehow or other don't fit into any of the other 9 DGA Departments.

Communications Dept.

by Buck Massey

Our October general meeting was one of the best attended meetings we have had in several months. A major reason for this increased attendance was the banner which the Communications Department hung on the side of 4001. The banner will be a monthly fixture reminding all that "The Dallas Gay Alliace meets this Monday night."

Lambda Weekly and KNON-FM also have expanded their audiences recently. KNON can now be heard as the audio on several Dallas Warner-Amex Cable channels on Sundays at noon including the Community Bulletin Board on Channel 58. If you have had problems receiving KNON, you now have a new avenue. Al Calkin is responsible for this success through his work on the Cable Review Board. Thanks Al!

Elsewhere in this issue of Dialog, you will find an article about the lastest project of the Communications Department: The Dallas Gay Alliance Collection. This is a project that can have an immeasurable impact on the community. I strongly urge you to participate in this endeavor.

Publications Dept.

by Tony Anthony

Along with the group efforts of the Dialog Staff and the Mail Committee, opportunities exist for individual commitment in the Department of Publications. Current projects requiring individual efforts include:

1. Updating and rewriting the Dallas Gay Alliance general information brochure.
2. Selling advertising space in Dialog to businesses through personal or telephone contact. This is an excellent source of revenue for the DGA, and anyone with the time and willingness to sell ad space will be greatly appreciated.
3. Distributing Dialog. Along with the 600 copies for mailing, some 1400 additional copies are printed for distribution in area businesses and bars. Until recently, Phil Johnson has assumed responsibility for this sizeable and time consuming task. He's recently devised a practical distribution plan dividing the area into 4 districts. All that is required is a willingness to spend a couple of hours bouncing from bar to bar and business to business once a month. It's a perfect excuse for getting out and about and provides an excellent way for the Alliance to reach non-members. Phil has offered to take one district. Volunteers are needed for the other 3.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the responsibilities outlined, please contact Tony Anthony at the office or attend one of the Publication Department meetings listed in the Dialog calendar.

Social Events Dept.

by Steve Weast

After a busy October, which included an Oak Cliff Social Hour and Gay Day at the State Fair of Texas, the Social Events Department is now turning its attention to the holidays.

Director Steve Weast said the Oak Lawn Tree Lighting and the DGA Holiday Party are scheduled in December. Anyone interested in helping plan these events is welcome to attend the Department meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Education Dept.

by Tom Hatfield

The Education Department will produce a brochure on the Alliance Endowment Fund, a new means of giving all or a part of your estate to fund future DGA activities.

Please come by an Education Department meeting any 2nd or 4th Tuesday at 7:30 pm at the new DGA offices and help us.

More Department Reports on Page 7

List of Elected Officials

Here are the names and addresses of elected officials who presently represent Dallas area citizens at the city, state, and national levels of government.

CITY

Mayor Starke A. Taylor
District 1 Councilman James Hart
District 2 Councilman Paul Fielding
District 3 Councilman James Richards
District 4 Councilman Dean Vanderbilt
District 5 Councilman Craig Holcomb
District 6 Councilwoman Elsie Faye Heggins
District 7 Councilman Max Goldblatt
District 8 Councilman Fred Blair
District 9 Councilman Jerry Rucker
District 10 Councilwoman Annette Strauss

Letters to City Council members may be addressed c/o City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Dallas, Texas 75202.

STATE

Governor Mark White, State Capitol, Austin, Texas 78711

Dist. 2 State Senator Ted Lyon
Dist. 8 State Senator O. H. Harris
Dist. 9 State Senator Chet Edwards
Dist. 10 State Senator Bob McFarland
Dist. 16 State Senator John Leedom
Dist. 23 State Senator Oscar Mauzy

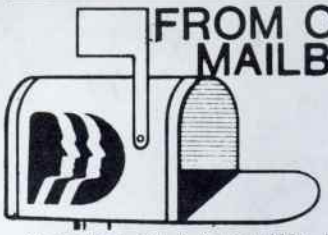
Letters to state senators may be addressed to: Texas Senate, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

Dist. 98 State Rep. Gwyn Clarkston Shea
Dist. 99 State Rep. Bill Blanton
Dist. 100 State Rep. Sam Hudson
Dist. 101 State Rep. Anita Hill
Dist. 102 State Rep. Patricia Hill
Dist. 103 State Rep. Steven D. Wolens
Dist. 104 State Rep. Ray Keller
Dist. 105 State Rep. Charles Gandy
Dist. 106 State Rep. Carlyle Smith
Dist. 107 State Rep. David Cain
Dist. 108 State Rep. Al Granoff
Dist. 109 State Rep. Bill Hammond
Dist. 110 State Rep. Paul Ragsdale
Dist. 111 State Rep. Jesse Dean Oliver
Dist. 112 State Rep. Bill Ceverha
Dist. 113 State Rep. Lee Jackson
Dist. 114 State Rep. Fred Agnich

Letters to state representatives may be addressed to: Texas House of Representatives, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769.

FEDERAL

President Ronald Reagan, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500
U.S. Senator John Tower, 176 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510
U.S. Sentor Lloyd Bentsen, 703 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510
3rd Dist. U.S. Rep. Steve Bartlett, 2419 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515
5th Dist. U.S. Rep. John Bryant, 1111 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
6th Dist. U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm, 1116 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
24th Dist. U.S. Rep. Martin Frost, 1238 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
26th Dist. U.S. Rep. Tom Vandergriff, 1529 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515



FROM OUR MAILBOX

My friend and I have wills in which we leave our entire estates to each other with the provision that the survivor will the combined estates to the Dallas Gay Alliance.

We would like to see the DGA establish guidelines in which gay people could name the "DGA Endowment Fund" as their benefactor. (Too often gay people leave their estates to next-of-kin, whom they may not even like, for want of a better benefactor.) Although not a requirement, we would like to see the estate's principal remain intact with the stipulation that only the interest be spent in any one year.

Gay people die daily. Yet in the seven years of DGA's existance, only once has the DGA been the recipient of a gay person's estate. And this was more the result of fate than of planning. (There is no evidence that the man, for whom all of us benefitted, ever heard of the DGA.)

Isn't it time an active program was initiated to request gay men and lesbians to remember the Dallas Gay Alliance in their wills?

Phil Johnson

AN OPEN INVITATION

by Alan Ross

Ray Martin, owner of the new Diamond Pegasus bar, has invited all DGA members to a party at his piano bar on Friday, November 18th from 7 to 9 pm. Ray has been a very supportive member of the Alliance in the past and now is sharing champagne punch and a buffet with us. The Diamond Pegasus is located at 1724 West Mockingbird Lane between Stemmons Expressway and Harry Hines Blvd on the south side of the street.

MORE DEPT. REPORTS

Membership Dept.

by Charles Dutton

The Membership Department has recently been discussing a little-known benefit to current members of the Alliance. If one looks closely at our membership form, there is a blank adjacent to the phrase "referred by." When that form is submitted with a new membership and the name of a current member is listed as the source of the referral, the current member receives a free, one-month extension of his or her membership. The offer is an incentive to canvass all our friends who might be interested in joining the Alliance.

Membership Director John Thomas suggests giving DGA memberships for Christmas to friends who deserve something memorable.

"Membership in the Alliance isn't just for gays," asserts John. He added for those who would like to extend the membership of someone already in the Alliance, "A good way to find out when current members will be in need of renewal is to check the mailing label on any issue of Dialog they have received in the mail."

Civic Affairs Dept.

by Michael Milliken

Work continues on many projects for the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the political action committee of the Alliance. The special committee on precinct targeting has produced a set of large, detailed maps of each of the 18 targeted precincts so that each street and block can be more easily identified and worked. Look for more information on the precinct organization project in the December Dialog.

Voter registration continues with the most recent effort focused on Cedar Springs during the Halloween weekend.

The Texas Gay Political Roundtable Special Committee has already begun to receive responses to the questionnaires mailed to previous attendees and to most of the political action, religious, student, and professional gay organizations in the state. Results of the survey should be available next month.

A resolution concerning AIDS research and patient support service funding to be presented at the precinct, senatorial, and state conventions of the two major political parties has been drafted . The resolution will now be disseminated to other groups to serve as a model for their use or to encourage support.

The department will soon establish a sub-committee of local attorneys to assist the DGPC in its process of selecting endorsed candidates for judicial office.

Efforts continue on the project to involve more gay Republicans in the political action committee and to prepare combined activities with representatives of gay organizations in other cities for the Republican National Convention next summer in Dallas.

The Civic Affairs Department meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the DGA office. Anyone interested in participating in any project or anyone with political concerns is welcome to attend.

All registered voters are encouraged to vote in the Texas State Constitutional Amendments Special Election on Tuesday, November 8th.

Programs Dept.

(Speakers Bureau)

by Mike Richards

At the next general membership meeting of the Alliance, Monday, November 14th, 7:30 pm, the program will focus on physical fitness and nutrition. Information for men and women will be provided, with representatives from Metroplex gay sports groups on hand.

__ NEW MEMBER __ RENEWAL __ ADDRESS CHANGE

NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____ Apt. # _____ CITY & STATE _____ ZIP _____

For household membership:

OLD ADDRESS (if changed) _____ SECOND NAME: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

May we call you? __ YES __ NO HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

Do want to be on our mailing list? __ YES __ NO

__ Check here if you do NOT want $2.50 from your dues to go to the Political Action Committee.

__ Enclosed is my check payable to DGA.

__ Charge to my __ VISA __ MASTERCARD number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Interbank Number (MASTERCARD only) _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Mail to DGA, BOX 190712, DALLAS, TEXAS 75219

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

Membership Categories

Check One:

__ DIALOG SUBSCRIPTION ONLY	5.00
__ ACTIVE	15.00
__ HOUSEHOLD (2 people)	25.00
__ ACTIVE DGA & NGTF	25.00
__ SUSTAINING	50.00
__ ORGANIZATION	100.00
__ LIFETIME	1000.00
__ PLEDGE	_____/month

(minimum pledge - $5)

THOSE WITH AIDS AIDED

NGTF Executive Director Virginia M. Apuzzo met with top Medicare and Medicaid officials on October 18th to discuss entitlement education, coverage of experimental treatments for AIDS, and the great financial burden placed on public hospitals in cities with high numbers of AIDS cases.

Because AIDS can be a fast-moving illness, speedy access to Medicaid and Social Security programs is necessary or important treatments might be postponed. Dr. Carolyne Davis, Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, committed herself to discuss this issue with the Social Security Administration and the state directors of Medicaid who actually implement the Medicaid Program. Apuzzo stressed that improved "communication for all potential beneficiaries" was NGTF's goal in this area.

One question raised was whether Medicare and Medicaid programs would cover some of the new methods now being used to treat AIDS. Dr. Donald Young, Deputy Director of HCFA's Policy Bureau, committed HCFA to review on an expedited basis any experimental treatments related to AIDS, such as plasma phoresis which are not currently covered by Medicare.

Apuzzo also urged the Administration to give favorable consideration to Rep. Ted Weiss' Public Health Emergency Prevention and Treatment Fund bill which would set aside funds to be granted to states and localities faced with unexpected costs related to a public health emergency such as AIDS.

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totals. The cut in recommended funding came even though there is no evident cure for the problem and despite a sharp increase in the reported numbers of AIDS patients.

Health and Human Services Department Secretary Margaret Heckler later told reporters that her Department needed an additional $22 million in funding for 1984, bringing the request level more in line with Congressional levels and amounts requested by the National Gay Task Force.

AIDS-related funding has definitely improved, related Dr. Murphey at the October DGA meeting.

"At first there was a delay in funding," said Dr. Murphey, "but now money is being lavished on AIDS research. The problem is not now adequate funding, but with the difficulty of the problem which needs patience and a long focus."

Local monitoring of AIDS has also improved, said Dr. Murphey. "In Dallas we now have one of the better surveillance systems in the country. The Dallas Health Department has made a major shift in the last six months to step up monitoring. Here the public health department has taken a responsible position on AIDS, despite irresponsible and irrational attacks from the right."

In Dallas, 28 AIDS cases had been confirmed by early October, reported Dr. Murphey. At the typical national rate, these will double every six months.

Nationally, the CDC in Atlanta noted that 2,416 AIDS cases had been confirmed, and that 981 persons have died.

Nationally, 2,339 cases of AIDS have been reported throughout the U.S. About half are in New York, but 65 cases had been reported in Texas. Of these, 25 reported cases were from Dallas County. These figures were updated to September 1983.

DGPC SOLICITS LAWYERS

The Steering Committee of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the DGA's political action committee, has received permission from the Board of Directors to establish a sub-committee composed of local attorneys-at-law to assist the PAC in their screening of judicial candidates in future elections. The sub-committee will have two primary functions: to develop a questionnaire especially for candidates for judicial office and to comment on their personal experiences with those candidates who request the DGPC endorsement. The Steering Committee will use the input from the attorney sub-committee to make the recommendations to the Caucus on political candidate endorsements.

DGPC President Mike Stewart requests that qualified persons interested in serving on the sub-committee contact Steering Committee Chair Michael Milliken at 522-3507 or Vice President Bill Nelson at 521-8919.

FARO UPDATE

by Mike Richards

The Federation of AIDS-Related Organizations (FARO) has collected at least $52,729 for its federal lobby project. This sum includes $1,400 from fund-raising in Dallas. Additionally, almost $40,000 has been pledged to the lobby project by the Gay Men's Health Crisis, KS Foundation in San Francisco, and the East End Gay Organization/Long Island.

Funding has not been received as quickly as FARO had hoped, according to national leaders, but federal funding has resulted. For example, the President's amended budget recommended that $11.6 million be allocated to the Center for Disease Control, while the House passed legislation allocating CDC $13.66 million and the Senate bill allocates $12 million to CDC. Compromise legislation for fiscal year 1984 will be passed by both houses soon, according to Gerry Connor, FARO's Washington lobbyist.

FARO has also developed a Resource Clearinghouse (RCH) to work with the 54 members and network with the lobby project. RCH averages 15 telephone and mail contacts with AIDS-related organizations and individuals each day. RCH is currently concentrating on producing a comprehensive resource directory of AIDS activities, to be updated quarterly.

The next FARO Steering Committee meeting is December 12-14, 1983 in San Francisco. Mike Richards will be our local representative at this meeting which will include the Third National AIDS Forum.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COLLECTION

I would like to be a part of the Dallas Public Library book project of the Dallas Gay Alliance. I have checked those books of the Dallas Gay Alliance Collection which I would like to buy and have enclosed a check for the total amount.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

___ RUBY FRUIT JUNGLE
Brown $3.50

___ CHRISTIANITY, SOCIAL TOLERANCE, AND HOMOSEXUALITY
Boswell $9.95

___ LOVING WOMEN
$7.95

___ THE RIGHTS OF GAY PEOPLE
A. C. L. U. $3.95

___ NOW THAT YOU KNOW
Fairchild $6.95

___ INDEPENDENCE DAY
Ecker $2.25

___ BEST LITTLE BOY IN THE WORLD
Reid $2.50

___ LOVING SOMEONE GAY
Clark $3.50

___ IS THE HOMOSEXUAL MY NEIGHBOR?
Scanzoni $6.95

___ COMING OUT RIGHT
Muchmore $5.95

___ TORCH SONG TRILOGY
Fierstein $5.95

___ SOCIETY AND THE HEALTHY HOMOSEXUAL
Weinburg $5.95

Mail to:

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COLLECTION
P.O. BOX 190712
DALLAS, TEXAS 75219
(214) 528-4233

___ The complete collection
$63.35

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DECEMBER 12TH MEETING: BOARD ELECTIONS AND AIDS FORUM

by Mike Richards

At the December 12th meeting of the general membership, the Alliance will elect 5 directors to the Board as the terms of Bill Nelson, Tony Anthony, Davie Jones, John Thomas, and Mike Richards have expired. Only Davie Jones and John Thomas have leaked that they will not run for reelection. Numerous individuals have expressed an interest in running for the Board, so the ballot will most likely be full.

The December meeting will also be the next AIDS Forum presented by the Oak Lawn Counseling Center (OLCC) with guests including Dr. Kevin Murphy who heads the infectious diseases section of the UT Health Science Center, and Howie Daire of OLCC.

I also recently attended the FARO Steering Committee meeting in San Francisco on November 12th and 13th. The most significant report is that FARO's and NGTF's lobbying efforts increased federal appropriations for AIDS research in fiscal year 1984 by $31 million. The Reagan Administration's original budget proposed only $17 million for AIDS research.

The persons who were most instrumental in the additional funding appropriations were Ginny Apuzzo, NGTF Executive Director; Jeff Levi, the Washington, D.C. NGTF representative; and Gerald Connor, FARO's lobbyist in D.C.

FARO reported that approximately $6,000 was spent in the lobbying effort with the return of $31 million, leading to the conclusion that lobbying is a very efficient way to expend funds in our community to benefit our community.

The FARO meeting reached 2 decisions:
1. We obviously need a fulltime lobbyist.
2. Lobbying the entire government system of health care is necessary on behalf of AIDS funding.

Jeff Levi is currently looking for a consultant to help FARO lobbyists in the public health area.

The next meeting of the FARO Steering Committee is February 16-18, 1984.

The Speakers' Bureau has recently been busy. Don Eastman, Mike Stewart, and I spoke at a UTA Sexuality class of 300, and future speaking engagements include a TCJC Sociology class and an Eastfield Human Sexuality class.

The Fourth Annual Oak Lawn Holiday Gathering

6:30 December 10 Oak Lawn Library

DINNER RAISES $20,000

Nancy Smith, the Dallas Times Herald's society columnist, reported in her November 21st column that the November 19th dinner held to raise funds for national lobbying efforts of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National AIDS Lobby Project netted $20,000. 248 individuals attended the dinner, which turned out to be the second largest AIDS fundraiser in the U.S.

John Thomas emceed the evening's program of entertainment and speakers. Thomas also received the Dallas Dinner Committee's humanitarian award.

Stewart On Cable Panel Re. AIDS

Alliance President Mike Stewart will appear as a member of a panel discussion about AIDS on Warner-Amex Cable Channel 22 on December 13th at 8pm. The program will originate from the UT Health Science Center and will also include Dr. Edward Brandt, the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services; Dr. Kevin Murphy, local Centers for Disease Control liaison; and Joanne Schulte, medical writer for the Dallas Morning News.

Discussion will concentrate on the latest developments in the AIDS crisis. Viewer participation will be encouraged through call-in questions to telephone numbers announced on the program.

IRS Finds DGA Tax Exempt

by Tom Hatfield

After several years and numerous applications, the Alliance has been granted tax exempt status by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. With Section 501(c)(4) status, the DGA will be exempt from sales tax and any federal income tax.

The IRS has informed us that this classification does not provide for donations to the Alliance to be tax-deductible for the donor, so the DGA has set up the Foundation for Human Understanding, Inc. and applied for Section 501(c)(3) status which would make donations tax deductible. As soon as we receive a favorable ruling, we will inform you.

THE GAVEL RAPS

by Mike Stewart, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance

Following the election of five directors at the December meeting of the general membership, the entire DGA Board of Directors will meet "in retreat" for a full day of planning organization goals and projects. Your participation in that process is very important. Your representatives require your input prior to planning for the next six months.

Please ask yourself the following questions:

1. What has the Alliance accomplished during the past six months?
2. Is the organization meeting my needs and the needs of other members?
3. What do I want to see the Alliance doing during the next six months?
4. What are the DGA'a weak points?
5. Am I satisfied with the performance of the officers and directors?
6. What improvements are needed?
7. What are our strengths?
8. Do we use our resources efficiently?
9. How can I help?

And after you've asked and answered these questions, please share your answers with members of the Board of Directors. You actually begin the planning process with your input, and it is the most important step in the process. The answers may not be "pretty," but the feedback is your means of ensuring that your organization represents you and your views.

I am sure that every member of the Board of Directors and every committee chair will be particularly interested in your answer to that last question. Because we can't do anything without your help! It's the key to our success.

During this special time of the year--the Holiday season--my wish for you and your loved ones is that your lives be filled with the peace and happiness of understanding and acceptance. Have a safe and happy holiday!

GAY MAYOR IN KEY WEST

Richard Heyman was recently elected mayor of Key West and is the first local mayor to admit his homosexuality. Heyman described his election as a "mandate from the people."

Heyman also characterized his victory as an end to patronage by the Conchs, as the island's original settlers' descendants are called.

SYNAGOGUE SERVES GAYS

Elizabeth Mehren of the Los Angeles Times News Service reported in September 1983 that 140 lesbians and gay men are the congregation of Temple Beth Chayim Chadashim (BCC)--the House of New Life.

BCC is the first predominantly gay synagogue in the history of Judaism, which is better understood after noting that the Talmud proclaims homosexuality a capital crime. Indeed, many traditional Jewish families have pronounced their gay children "dead," effectively cutting off those persons from their religious roots.

Eleven years ago a few Jewish members of Los Angeles' Metropolitan Community Church formed a gay synagogue with a Reformed congregation. Their religious services were "degenderized," and they networked with other local congregations for support and were accepted as a member of the American Hebrew Congregations in 1973. Since then, similar temples have formed in San Francisco and Miami.

The BCC provides a family feeling that many of its members have never known. The temple also brings its members' sexual orientation and religious beliefs together. A charter member of BCC, Los Angeles Municipal Judge Jerry Krieger says, "In the gay community you don't feel you can be Jewish, and in the Jewish community, you don't feel you can be gay." BCC provides a satisfying answer to this dilemma according to Krieger.

BCC has also hired its own rabbi, Janet Marder. Marder is not gay, but when asked how she would feel if people confuse the rabbi of a gay congregation with a gay rabbi, the young mother replied, "Well, I don't consider that the worst insult you could throw at someone."

Marder adds that Reformed Jews view the Bible and the Talmud as "human documents. As a Reformed Jew, I am free to adopt those portions of the Bible and the Talmud that I choose."

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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Social Events Dept.

by Steve Weast

The Fourth Annual "Oak Lawn Holiday Gathering" will be held at 6:30 pm on Saturday, December 10th on the grounds of the Oak Lawn branch of the Dallas Public Library, 4100 Cedar Springs Road. Seasonal music by the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band and singing by members of the Turtle Creek Chorale will be presented, and the Oak Lawn Christmas Tree will be lighted.

Another annual event, the DGA Holiday Party, will be held from 7-9 pm on Saturday, December 17th at the Nimbus Art Gallery, 1135 Dragon Street. This year we will have a wine and cheese party. Admission is $5.00 for DGA members and $10.00 for non-members, including a four-month trial membership. DGA pledge contributors will be admitted free. Nimbus Art Gallery has generously agreed to donate 10% of any art sales that evening to the Alliance.

Education Dept.

by Tom Hatfield

We are currently working with the Dallas County Health Department on a proposal to set up a STD/VD clinic for the Oak Lawn area at the DGA offices. This clinic would have a volunteer staff, so if you would be willing to help, contact me at the Alliance offices.

The Health Department has stated that in addition to VD screening they would like to have information on other health concerns available at the clinic, including AIDS updates.

This clinic would be the first satellite clinic for the Dallas County Health Department, and it will be located in the Oak Lawn area.

We still need volunteers for other projects, so come and meet with us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 pm in the Alliance offices.

Fund Raising Dept.

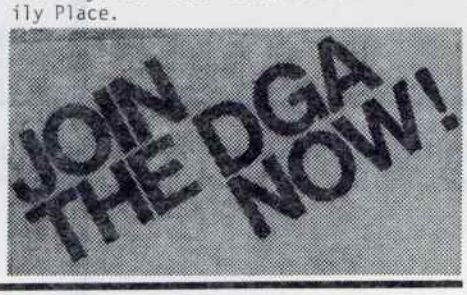
by Alan Ross

On Thursday, November 17th, the Round-Up held its annual Mr. Round-Up contest, which was a benefit for the Alliance this year. It was a fun evening, and a large crowd was there to watch the good-looking contestants. Eight of our members helped during the evening as judges, door-persons, spotlighters, and personal runners. DGA received a check for $750 from the Round-Up. We want to thank owner Tom Sweeney and his entire staff for this contribution to the Dallas Gay Alliance.

It was decided after the November issue of Dialog was mailed to have a "Before Construction" party at our new offices on Monday, November 28th. This party was for our membership and all organizations and businesses to see our office before we begin the necessary work that needs to be done to make the space into attractive and functional offices and community hall. After the work is completed, we will have an "open house" for the entire community. Please read the enclosed letter concerning the offices and what you as a member can do to help us with our new home.

"A Night at the Movies" is planned at the Inwood Theatre in January as a benefit for the Alliance. Details will be in the January Dialog and in the other gay publications.

See you at the Oak Lawn Holiday Gathering. Don't forget to bring a toy for our "Toys for Tots" benefit at the Family Place.



Social Justice Dept.

by Melodie Alexander

There seem to be fewer crimes against gays by heterosexuals lately--too cold outside--but crimes involving gay against gay seem to be increasing. I am speaking of bars discriminating because of a person's color or sex.

I have personally witnessed a black male being escorted out of a bar with the person standing next to me commenting that that was how this particular bar's owner plans to keep it. Talking with the bar owner seemed to make very little difference, but I plan to continue trying to raise people's consciousness that we as gay people cannot and should not discriminate. We must set the example. We want to be free; we want everyone to be free.

Publications Dept.

by Tony Anthony

Please note the revised date of Dialog deadline in the calendar. Due to the holiday weekend, Dialog production has been moved ahead one week so articles and advertising will be due no later than December 16th.

The Department of Publications has several areas of involvement open to you that don't necessarily require writing or art skills. The Mail Committee will meet at Phil's house on December 29 to stuff Dialog envelopes. It's fun, it's a very pleasant way to meet people in a comfortable environment, and you'll be part of a group performing a vital service. Check the listing in the calendar and give Phil a call for more information.

There is also a need for people interested in delivering Dialog to bars and businesses each month. Phil has assumed responsibility for the Crossroads area. Three other areas remain. Delivery can take as little as an hour or as long as you like (depending on how much you socialize at each stop). Also, individuals interested in selling Dialog advertising space to businesses and individuals in the community are still needed.

If you'd be interested in taking responsibility for a delivery area, or for selling ad space, please call me at the Alliance office or at 824-1748.

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List of Elected Officials

Here are the names and addresses of elected officials who presently represent Dallas area citizens at the city, state, and national levels of government.

CITY

Mayor Starke A. Taylor
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District 3 Councilman James Richards
District 4 Councilman Dean Vanderbilt
District 5 Councilman Craig Holcomb
District 6 Councilwoman Elsie Faye Heggins
District 7 Councilman Max Goldblatt
District 8 Councilman Fred Blair
District 9 Councilman Jerry Rucker
District 10 Councilwoman Annette Strauss

Letters to City Council members may be addressed c/o City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Dallas, Texas 75202.

STATE

Governor Mark White, State Capitol, Austin, Texas 78711

Dist. 2 State Senator Ted Lyon
Dist. 8 State Senator O. H. Harris
Dist. 9 State Senator Chet Edwards
Dist. 10 State Senator Bob McFarland
Dist. 16 State Senator John Leedom
Dist. 23 State Senator Oscar Mauzy

Letters to state senators may be addressed to: Texas Senate, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Dist. 108 State Rep. Al Granoff
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Dist. 111 State Rep. Jesse Dean Oliver
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Dist. 113 State Rep. Lee Jackson
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5th Dist. U.S. Rep. John Bryant, 1111 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
6th Dist. U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm, 1116 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
24th Dist. U.S. Rep. Martin Frost, 1238 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
26th Dist. U.S. Rep. Tom Vandergriff, 1529 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CALENDAR 1983-84

DECEMBER JANUARY

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FRONT RUNNER DALLAS meets every Sunday at 8am at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake for an easy 2-mile run.

AFFIRMATION (Methodist) meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Call 521-6769 for information.

GAY UNITARIANS meet the 2nd Sunday of every month at First Unitarian Church, Preston at Normandy at 7:30pm.

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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE
General Meeting
7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan

GAY STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP of NTSU meets every other Monday at 8pm in the SUB. 817/788-3333.

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Civic Affairs Dept.
(Political Action Steering Committee)
7:30 - DGA Office

PEGASUS, a gay business & professional organization, 8pm in the Normandy Chapel, First Unitarian Church. P.O. Box 190326, Dallas 75219.

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DIALOG Production
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871-8711 or 750-8041
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HOLY TRINITY CC of Dallas, 4402 Rosedale. Service at 11am. 827-5088.

GAYLINE meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7:30pm. P.O. Box 19085, Dallas 75219. 748-6790.

19
Board Meeting
7:30 - DGA Office

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DIGNITY DALLAS meets at St. Peter Apostle Church on Woodall Rogers every Tuesday at 7:30pm.

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Open Board Meeting
7:30 - DGA Office
All committee chairs and interested person invited to provide input. 528-4233.

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OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND rehearses every Tuesday at MCC from 7-9pm. Musicians needed. 351-6697.

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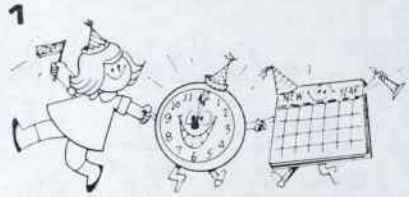

MCC of Dallas, 2701 Reagan. Services at 10:30am, 12noon, 7:25pm.

MCC Orchestra & Chorus rehearses every Sunday at 9:30am.

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Board Meeting
7:30 - DGA Office

GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF DENTON (GLAD) meets the 1st Monday of every month.

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Civic Affairs Dept.
(Political Action Steering Committee)
7:30 - DGA Office

TARRANT COUNTY GAY ALLIANCE meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb (near Page) in Fort Worth at 8:30pm. 817/571-6977.

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General Meeting
7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets every Monday in the MCC Social Hall at 7pm.

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Publications Dept.
7:30 - DGA Office

DALLAS GAY GOP meets at 7pm. Call 521-9638 for the location and other information about this new group.

TURTLE CREEK CHORALE rehearses each Thursday at the Midway Hills Christian Church at 7:30pm. 368-5500.

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GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF DENTON (GLAD) Is hosting a Christmas party at 8pm. Unitarian Fellowship Hall.

10 DGA/Hispanic Task Force Christmas Celebration, Ojedas on Cedar Springs.

Oak Lawn Holiday Gathering
6:30 Oak Lawn Library

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Social Events & Fund Raising Depts.
(Combined Meeting)
7:30 - DGA Office

DIALOG Dinner
For Writers & Staff. 750-8041

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DIALOG Deadline

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Social Justice Dept.
9:30 AM - Olympia Diner

Holiday Party for DGA Members 7-9:00
Nimbus Gallery
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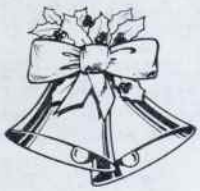

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Social Justice Dept.
9:30 AM - Olympia Diner

HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH presents a Candlelight Service at 8pm.

MCC of Dallas presents a special Christmas Eve service at 11pm. 2701 Reagan.

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DIALOG Mail Committee
Phil's Place 821-1653
Bring an appetite!

MCC ORCHESTRA & CHORUS practices every Thursday at 6:15pm.

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Social Justice Dept.
9:30 AM - Olympia Diner

LESBIAN RIGHTS COFFEE HOUSE - last Saturday of the month at 7:30pm at the NOW office.

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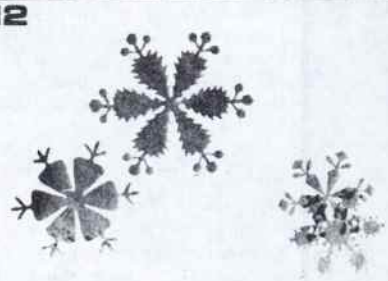

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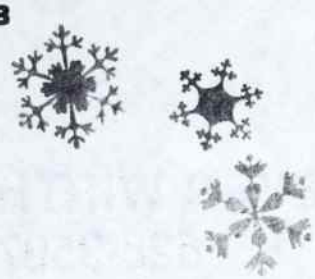

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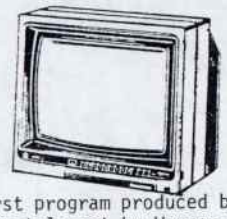
GAY FOCUS ON CABLE TV

With the Dallas Dinner Committee's second annual fundraiser at the Fairmont Hotel on November 19th as their first project, a local group has taken up the work of former Dallas resident Steve Wagner to produce a continuing series of community access cable programs called "Gay Focus." The group consists of Vivienne Armstrong, Louise Young, Susan Slater, and Michael Milliken.



The first program produced by Stevo Wagner was telecast by Warner-Amex in October 1983 and concentrated on the subject of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). This successor group plans to continue to produce programs that will "focus" on various aspects of life and happenings in the Dallas gay community. At the November 19th Dinner Committee's function, the group video-taped the speeches of National Gay Task Force Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo; U.S. Representative Bill Green, a Republican from Manhattan; and Human Rights Campaign Fund Executive Director Vic Basile. They also interviewed after the dinner local gay rights activists: Don Baker, Mike Stewart, Mike Richards, Terry Tebedo, and others. The tape must now be edited and put into a program format. It should be ready to be placed in the Warner-Amex community access programming on Channel 9 by January 1984.

The group's future programs will concentrate on gay activism in politics, gay businesses, religion in the gay community, and health concerns in the gay community.

FRONT RUNNER FASHION UPDATE

by Melodie Alexander

How does one show off those hot runner's legs in the middle of winter? Panty hose--they are warm, airy, and cheap. Please wear your running shorts over them.

As for your hands, use your running socks. They are warm, and you should have plenty of them. Don't forget to wear some sort of a cap on your head. Wool is nice, or a biker's cap is very fashionable. A long-sleeved T-shirt is about all you need for a top; you'll be sweating after 10 minutes.

Front Runner is also changing its Sunday morning running time to 10am instead of 8am. It is still at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake. You take the first exit off of Garland Road right after the dam, drive around about 1 mile until you see the Winfrey Point sign on your right. There is a building at the top of the hill with a flag pole in front of it. We will walk, jog, or run with you ½ mile out and back, totalling only one easy mile. The goal is to support each other in the sport of running. We are here for the first time--gay runner as well as the gay marathoner.

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AFL-CIO FOR GAYS

The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) recently announced that the AFL-CIO has taken an official position supporting the "civil rights of all persons without regard to sexual orientation."

Delegates at the 15th Biennial Constitutional Convention of the AFL-CIO in Hollywood, Florida overwhelmingly endorsed a resolution urging passage of lesbian and gay civil rights legislation at the local, state, and federal levels. The AFL-CIO represents 14 million union members.

William Olwell, a vice president of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, has been working closely with Steve Endean, former Executive Director of the Gay Rights National Lobby, on GRNL's Labor Project. Olwell coordinated efforts that led to the resolution's passage.

HOLLINGS SUPPORTS GAYS

Senator Ernest F. Hollings (D-SC) recently became the eighth co-sponsor of S.B. 430, the Senate bill protecting lesbians and gay men from employment discrimination. Hollings, an announced candidate for the Democratic Party nomination for President, re-stated his support for the bill to GRNL Field Director Tanyan Corman and to the national convention of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

"This is an example of several organizations working together for lesbian and gay civil rights," state Corman. She credited Hollings' co-sponsorship to the work of many individuals and GRNL, NOW, and the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Democratic Clubs.

GRNL's former Executive Director Steve Endean added that "Senator Hollings played a key role in the past by standing firm against former anti-gay "McDonald" amendments to Legal Services Corporation bills that passed the House and were sent to the Senate subcommittee he chaired. With his help, we were able to stop these amendments from becoming law."

QUOTABLES . . .

by Phil Johnson

Below are some interesting quotes on homosexuality--the last socially acceptable form of bigotry:

"I agree with capital punishment, and I believe homosexuality is one of those sins that could be coupled with murder and other sins."--Dean Wycott, head of the Moral Majority in Santa Clara County, California.

"We feel that we must endorse and support the law of God, which calls for the death penalty for homosexuals."--Ku Klux Klan.

"There will be . . . no more abortion on demand, no more talk of rights for homosexuals. When the Christian majority takes control, pluralism will be seen as immoral and evil, and the state will not permit anybody the right to practice evil."--Gary Potter, a framer of the Family Protection Act.

MORE REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Communications Dept.

by Buck Massey

For the last several months, I have used this space to talk about the various projects of the Communications Department. What hasn't been mentioned are the people who originate and carry out those projects. I want to correct that oversight now.

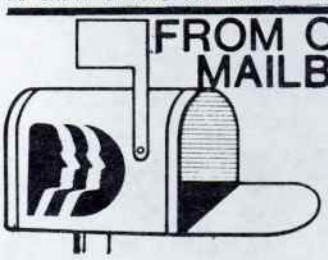
Brad Smith has given of himself fully as chair of the committee. He is always looking for new ways to get across the DGA'a message. Brad created the ad we placed in our local publications over Texas-OU Weekend.

Lambda Weekly has, in a few short months, become an important part of the life of our community because of the dedicated people behind the scenes. Ann Brown brings such a sense of caring to the interview segment each week. Michael Milliken does the newscast with real professionalism. Steve Hall holds it all together mixing the music and getting us on and off the air on time. He also covers for me when I forget to turn the mike on.

The posters you see each month for our general meetings are the product of Phil Gerber's wonderfully creative mind.

Joe Montgomery and Budd Mahan worked on the committee's latest project, "The DGA Collection." Jim Ponder, Pat Norton, and David Butler are always there to put up posters or help with a mailing or whatever needs to be done.

To the committee, I say thank you. I invite anyone interested in any of these projects or with ideas for new ones to join us Wednesday evenings at 8pm at the Alliance offices.



Dear Editor:

While we continue to scream about the slowness of Federal funding for AIDS and prompt our membership to support lobbying efforts, we must take stock of our own behavior. We should place much more flamboyant warnings concerning unsafe sexual practices in all our establishments, much as has been done in San Francisco. Our information pamphlets should specifically warn people not to exchange body fluids (outside of monogamous relationships).

We have no right to compare people with AIDS to black people with sickle cell anemia or children with polio; we should expect to be held accountable for our own behavior. And that means all of us; AIDS is no longer confined to the "fast lane". We must do all we can, in terms of our behavior, to avoid the tragic explosion of the epidemic as has happened in San Francisco and New York. And the "general public" has a perfect right to expect us to.

Sincerely,
Bill Boushka

Membership Dept.

by Charles Dutton

The Membership Department expresses its appreciation to two of its most valuable players: tight end Mike Gordon and quarterback John Thomas. Mike has assumed the major responsibility for recapturing fumbled memberships through a massive telephone campaign. He will be aided from kick-off through the final play by Mark Gardner and Marilyn Chernick. This Truimphant Trio seeks to add to the Alliance's roster of players via telephone huddles with potential draftees cut from the following lists: former members who have not responded to Joe Davisson's "Lapsed Membership" letters, referrals of friends and/or neighbors by current members, and individuals indicating an interest in the DGA on voter identification cards. Other Membership Department sportsmen will be cheering from the sidelines while the Renewal Squad crosses the goal poast again and again carrying completed pigskin membership forms! GO TEAM, GO!!!

Meanwhile, team captain John Thomas will be heading for the showers after several championship seasons as Membership Director. But don't expect our Big John to loiter around the locker room for too long. Our star player is moving up from the hometown team to the high-risk, high-stakes national showdown known as the Human Right Campaign Fund. Known by its fans as HRCF, this outfit plays hardball, raising money to contribute to gay rights boosters in the original Superdome of them all, the U.S. Capitol. Johnny, we'll mis ya' and the wonderful brew served in plentitude at all the practice sessions. God bless you and remember a quitter never wins!

Civic Affairs Dept.

by Michael Milliken

The members present at the November 8th meeting adopted a holiday schedule for the balance of the year. The PAC will not meet on December 20th and 27th, but will meet the other Tuesdays in December and January.

Dave Lewis has been elected to the position of Assistant Chair of the Civic Affairs Department; the Secretary position is still open. The Chair has renamed the previous Precinct Organizing Committee as the PROJECT '84 Special Committee, extended its tenure through the 1984 elections, and named Bill Nelson as the chair. Look for special, expanded coverage of the plans for next year's political activities in the January Dialog.

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NAME: _____ OCCUPATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____ Apt. # _____ CITY & STATE _____ ZIP _____

For household membership:

OLD ADDRESS _____ SECOND NAME: _____
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_____ OCCUPATION: _____

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Do want to be on our mailing list? __YES __NO

__Check here if you do NOT want $2.50 from your dues to go to the Political Action Committee.

__ Enclosed is my check payable to DGA.

__ Charge to my __VISA __MASTERCARD number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Interbank Number (MASTERCARD only) _____

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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE

Membership Categories

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__PLEDGE	_____/month

(minimum pledge - $5)

BOOKENDS

BACKTRACK

by TRM

Joseph Hansen, well-known author of the gay Dave Brandstetter series, has recently published another murder mystery, Backtrack (Penguin, ppb., $2.95).

Backtrack focuses on a son's efforts to unravel the unexplained death of his long-absent father, a not-so-famous and not-so-nice Hollywood actor. Readers soon learn that the actor's death may not have been accidental after all.

The father's former lovers, both male and female, appear to complicate the plot. In the traditional style of murder mysteries, suspicious motives, jealousy, and incompetent and disinterested detective, and a climax at a gloomy, empty beach house with a psychotic killer are featured in Backtrack.

Backtrack is a short novel, tighter than the six Brandstetter mysteries. Once again, Hansen's writing is lean and spare in the Raymond Chandler tradition.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DELAYS MCC BID

The Metropolitan Community Church's bid to join the National Council of Churches (NCC) was recently postponed "indefinitely" by the NCC's governing board.

This action does not reject outright MCC's efforts to join the Council, but it does delay an invitation from NCC. If NCC had extended an invitation to MCC, the 1985 MCC General Conference would have decided whether to affiliate with the Council.

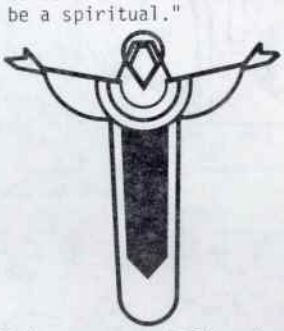
Now fifteen years old, MCC includes almost 200 member congregations and 30,000 individual members. Its ministry is primarily, although not exclusively, to gay Christians.

The NCC decision followed a two-year-long debate on whether to issue an invitation to MCC. An earlier report by a NCC committee had ruled unanimously that MCC was eligible for membership.

This spring a second NCC commission returned the question to the Council's governing board. The vote at the November 9th Board meeting in Hartford, Connecticut delaying any decision regarding MCC's membership was 116-94. News sources described the decision as a compromise effort to avoid a flat rejection of MCC's bid for membership.

Both supporters and opponents of MCC's efforts to win an invitation criticized the vote as "indecisive" and "expedient." Bishop James Armstrong, president of NCC and United Methodist leader in Indiana, conceded that the Council is "not ready now" to fully address the complexities of homosexuality and religious faith. "Perhaps we never will be ready, but we will keep the lines of communication open."

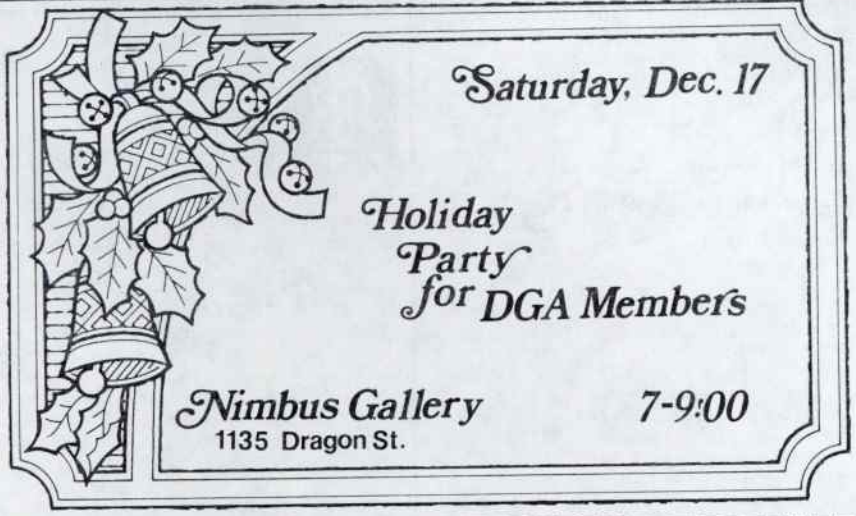
According to Jack Pantaleo, a spokesperson for Evangelicals Concerned, a gay Christian group offering Bible study and fellowship, the postponement could provide churches a chance to educate the public on "what it means to be gay, what it means to be a Christian and what it means to be a spiritual."



The NCC is composed of 32 member denominations representing many of the largest Christian churches in the United States, including the United Methodist Church, the American Methodist Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Church, the Quakers, and the Lutheran Church of America.

Other NCC members include the Congregationalist Church, both Southern and Northern Presbyterians, the Church of the Bretheran, the American (Northern) Baptists, and several Orthodox and Eastern churches.

Generally, the staunchest opposition to MCC's bid for membership came from predominantly black churches, the Episcopal Church, and Orthodox denominations.



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