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Larry Lucas laughs at antics of Lola and Jerry at Llambda benefit.

Photo by Al Macareno

Opinion

Cop outs

We complain of mistreatment from the straight community.

Yell prejudice when fired or not hired.

Wear our lifestyle like a crown of thorns and when we feel any slight big or small, we sit at the bar and say "Because I am gay, I am treated this way".

If I had a dime for each time I have sat at the bar and heard the word "Only because or just because of my lifestyle I:

- 1) was fired
- 2) was sassed
- 3) was not hired
- 4) charged more
- 5) waited on slower"

I could have retired to a life of ease.

And if God forbid anyone from the straight world ignores our lifestyle or doesn't care about our private life, it then appears we (?) are even more upset and complain or feel that "They have their nerve." Who do they think they are not caring, or what do they want?

Just take a good look at us: Is it possible that when a good job with good pay is offered and the only requirement is that those who apply be;

- 1) professional
- 2) honest
- 3) hard working

Is it possible we (?) are too self indulgent and full of self pity to take the chance of having a square deal?

Or are all the excuses and crying in our beer just a COP-OUT?

One Who Knows

Gay GOP to meet

Gay Republican activists will meet June 8-9 in Dallas as part of a series of meetings across the country.

The meetings are designed to stress that thousands of gay people have conservative values and should not be shunned by the Republican Party.

"There's a tremendous frustration out there of moderate-to-conservative gays who have had to sit on the sidelines and watch a more liberal element of the community being presented as their representative," said Bruce Decker, a long-time Republican activist from San Francisco.

EDITORIAL

Doggett: the clear choice for Senate

On June 2, when Texas voters return to the polls to pick the Democratic nominee to take John Tower's seat in the United States Senate, they will be faced with a clear choice, a choice that, unfortunately, is all too clear.

Had favored Bob Kreuger lived up to his front-runner billing, Texas Democrats could rest easy with the June 2 results. Instead, Kent Hance, an ultraconservative Lubbock congressman, dumbfounded the pollsters and political logic by gaining a spot in the runoff.

His opponent is liberal Austin State Sen. Lloyd Doggett, who despite his youth (37) is known as a longtime consumer advocate, and who has won the endorsements of all the state's major gay political organizations.

The winner of the race will face ultra-conservative-Democrat-turned-ultra-conservative-Republican Phil Gramm of College Station, a longtime champion of Reaganomics and uncivil rights.

And therein lies the rub. A choice must be made now in order to have a choice in November. Hance, one of the original boll weevils, was a co-author of Reagan's reverse Robin Hood tax cut and was one of the instigators of Reagan's budget cuts that gutted numerous domestic programs, such as food stamps, and threatened Social Security before a public outcry scuttled those plans.

Gramm also supported those cuts, as did Tower.

The last thing Texas needs is a senator to carry on the Tower tradition, regardless of his political party.

But during his campaign for the Senate seat, Hance has shown a side of himself that is far worse than his pinch-penny reputation. And it is of this that we, as gay Texans and gay voters, should take note.

Hance has injected bigotry into this campaign and has single-handedly made it one of the most negative, most despicable campaigns in recent Texas history.

And, gay Texans, you are one of the objects of Mr. Hance's dialogue of hate.

"Employers should be able to refuse to hire homosexuals, even if they have needed job skills."

That was Kent Hance speaking, shortly after a televised debate in which he announced his opposition to gay rights legislation and chastised Doggett and Kreuger for their support of such legislation.

"If they (gays) adopt that lifestyle, that's their business, but everyone else should not have to change our lifestyles to suit them," Hance said.

Hance further charged that Kreuger and Doggett "are totally out of step with the state of Texas" for their support of gay rights legislation.

We have a chance to show Hance how wrong he is.

Gays aren't the only subject of Hance's ire. He has made a major campaign issue of his opposition to amnesty for illegal aliens, blaming them for the state's unemployment problems.

Texas' Hispanic leaders have justly been indignant, as Hance's ship-em-back attitude smacks of racism. Doggett supports limited amnesty, a realistic approach to a growing problem. Hance's cries have little basis in logic, as the vast majority of illegals are employed as migrant farm laborers or other low-paying, unskilled jobs that are hardly sought-after commodities by Texas residents.

Federal courts have already ruled that illegal aliens are entitled to a public education; limited amnesty would remove much of their fears and provide illegals with the opportunity for much-needed humanitarian services.

While Hance has been running a campaign of bigotry and hatred, Doggett has shown himself to be a youthful, vigorous force on the Texas political scene. He carried all the state's major cities in the May 5 primary and has an excellent chance to win the nomination if the cities turn out to support him again.

Clearly, this is a race in which gay Texans have high stakes. Clearly, Lloyd Doggett is the man to vote for.

FORT WORTH NEWS ROUNDUP

Llambda gets boost from benefit show

The Corral presented a benefit show on Monday, May 21, that raised \$600 for National Llambda, Inc., your retirement center.

The show directors were Glenda and Vickie, and Larry Lucas served as emcee. Special guest performers included Christie Renee, Brad, Sheena, Larry Sutton, Jimmy Polley and LaTonya Regay. Charlie Summers, Ms. Gay Texas USA, made a surprise appearance and performed as Grace Jones. The comedy act of Jerry and Lola, who performed at Sir Bud's earlier that night, also stopped by to perform in the benefit.

Two men who work with a retirement center in Los Angeles attended the benefit after earlier attending a Gay Pride Week '84 meeting.

Special thanks go to Gordon of the Corral, all of the entertainers and our community for supporting us. Also to our president, Jim Morgan, and Buddy Jones of the Crossroads and Sir Bud's for matching \$50 donations.

Billie Moon

Court races set

Incumbents in three of the four elected offices are seeking re-election to the 1984 Court offices. Emperor V Dale Glenn, Empress V Raina Lea and Grand Duchess Delphine Gomez were among the candidates accepted by the Imperial Longhorn Council at its May 20 meeting at D.J.'s.

This is the first time that Fort Worth's elected officials have sought re-election. Raina Lea and Delphine are unopposed.

Dale Glenn is being challenged for the position of emperor by Mike Hampton.

In the only race without an incumbent, Rosie Vines and Mother Michial are candidates for Grand Duke.

Winners will be announced at Coronation '84 on July 21 at the Green Oaks Inn.



Photo by Al Macareno

Vickie does a number at Llambda benefit



Photo by Al Macareno

Terry Gant and Sharon Huber of GPWA at Llambda benefit

Gayline training set

A phone-training class for Gayline volunteers will be held on Saturday, June 16, and Saturday, June 23, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Persons interested in Gayline training can call the Gayline, 926-3521 from 7-11 p.m. for more information. The Gayline is operated by the Center for the Community.

Christopher wins

Sunday, May 27, among 18 contestants from all over Texas, Fort Worth's Lynn Christopher won Miss Abilene at the Walnut Street Pub in Abilene.

From this, Lynn will enter the Miss Texas pageant.

Lynn won with her Joan Rivers act. If you have not yet seen Lynn as Joan Rivers, you can catch her act at The Lumber Company. It is so good, it confuses Joan Rivers even. (Edgar would know.)

The judges were picked from various towns in Texas.

Billie Moon

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WASHLINE



Monty Purdom we want to know the real reason your keys were found in Trinity Park.

Good Luck Bill on your retirement.

Where's Michele Lynn or should we say where was she?

Josie have you found the Mexican flag yet?

Reta Meeter—can't you decide whether you want a hen or a pullet?

Sue Douche, why was your van in front of Barbie's apartment all one night?

Who on westside stood Tanya Lee up?

If one of my many husbands doesn't show up soon, I'll have to put out a missing person's notice—where's Arlo?

WHAT!!! Larry Lucas at the presentation ball alone.

Miss Abilene Who?—Congrats Lynn Christopher.

Lil, Jim and Vicki in the same pick-up cab on a trip, what's going on?

Jimmy Sampson, have you told Mark about the lost keys and trainmen.

Why did Carlotta & Willma Faye have to borrow lubricant at the recent Dallas coronation?

Terry Morgan's how old?

Congrats to all the candidates on your speeches—Dale, Mike, Mother Michial, Rosie, Delphine—Where was Raina?

Vote July 21

Mother Michial Candidate for Grand Duke VI

Vote July 21

CORONATION VI

Saturday, July 21, 1984 8:00 p.m. Sharp

Green Oaks Inn
Baronial Hall

8 Unity and More in '84

Fort Worth will join in on a national celebration with its second Gay Pride Week June 8-16.

The nationwide theme for this year's celebration is "Unity and More in '84," and Fort Worth for the second year in a row will lead off Texas festivities. Dallas and Houston have Gay Pride Weeks to follow.

Gay Pride Week commemorates the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York, the event widely credited with awakening the gay community and beginning the gay rights movement.

As usual, this year's Gay Pride Week festivities will be highlighted by the Gay Pride Picnic in south Forest Park on Saturday, June 16. The third annual picnic begins at noon and will feature free beer, soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, hot dogs and watermelon, Sharon Huber, Gay Pride Week Association co-president, said.

Mike Stewart of the Dallas Gay Alliance is the featured speaker when the picnic gets under way at noon, and the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band will perform at 3 p.m.

Huber said that the association has again hired police officers to ensure order at the event. The picnic's location in Forest Park sparked a lengthy battle

between GPWA and the Fort Worth Parks and Recreation Department. City officials believe that the traditional location, a notorious cruising spot, reflects a bad image of the gay community. GPWA contends that by having a positive, healthy event at the site, the reputation of the park will be improved.

The week kicks off with the Mr. and Ms. Gay Pride contest at 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 8, at The Other Place. Contestants will be judged on formal wear, casual or sportswear and an interview. Applications are available at local bars and organizations.

A drawing will also be held, with prizes including a television, a camera and a digital clock.

On Saturday, June 9, Gay Pride Week Association members will visit local bars, an activity, Huber said, to show appreciation to the bars for their support of GPW.

All week long, GPWA members will be selling T-shirts, sweat shirts, muscle shirts, buttons, bumper stickers and posters sporting the "Unity and More in '84" logo.

"We do have unity and we do have more this year," Huber said. "If we can be proud for a minute, a second, a week or a year, that's what it's all about."



There was plenty of action at the 1983 GPW picnic



GPW '84 CALENDAR

The following are some of the highlights of Gay Pride Week. This is only a partial listing, so check with your favorite bar or organization to find out additional activities.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Mr. and Ms. Gay Pride, sponsored by TCGA, 9:30 p.m., The Other Place.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Kick-off party for Gay Pride Week Association members, who will ride the Agape Express bus to all local establishments, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

Special Sunday morning service featuring gospel music at Agape MCC, 11 a.m.

W.A.D.S. Carnival, South Jennings Crossroads, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 11

Cowtown Bowling Association party, Cowtown Bowling Palace, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

Covered dish supper sponsored by Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb, 7:30 p.m.

"Turnabout Night" at 651 and The Lumber Company: 651 goes disco, TLC goes C&W with happy hour all night.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

Auction: the Cowtown Leathermen will auction a leather teddy bear at the Corral.

Party: Imperial Longhorn Council, D.J.'s; \$1 beer bust, free hot dogs.

Wine and cheese party, Tender Trap, 9-11 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

Imperial Longhorn Council party, Come Along Inn; buns contest, beer bash, 7 p.m.

Gay Pride Week show, The Other Place, 11 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

Open Bar Night with happy hour prices, all Fort Worth bars.

\$100 cash drawing, 651 Arlington, midnight.

The Dena Kaye Show, Sir Bud's.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Gay Pride Week Picnic, south Forest Park, all afternoon.

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Redford movie a 'Natural'

It is a rare film that carries with it the aura of a classic, a movie that can be passed from generation to generation and maintain a timeless glow, one that can be seen again and again, each time generating its own special warmth.

Although it may be premature to compare director Barry Levinson's "The Natural" to, say, "The Wizard of Oz," it's clear that this remarkable fable about the world's greatest baseball player is one of those special films.

Robert Redford, making his first acting appearance in a movie since 1980 ("Brubaker") plays Roy Hobbs, a Nebraska farmboy who has a "natural" talent for America's game, baseball. But to enjoy "The Natural," one doesn't need to be a fan of the sport.

For "The Natural" isn't a baseball movie; rather, it's a glorious, stunningly beautiful fairy tale, a good vs. evil fable that celebrates truth, honor and the American Way.

After his father's death, young Hobbs carves his own bat from a tree struck by lightning, then leaves behind his girl and sets off to find fame and fortune as a hot young prospect for the Chicago Cubs.

His abilities take on an almost mythical status along the way when he wins a bet by striking out a Babe Ruth character (The Whammer, played whimsically by Joe Don Baker). But his promising career is seemingly ended before it begins after a run-in with a beautiful, wicked woman.

After a lapse of almost 20 years, Hobbs returns to the game he loves as an aging rookie for the last-place New York Knights. But he's still "The Natural," and he single-handedly guides the Knights to baseball's promised land.

If all this sounds a bit hokey, well, it is. But like Clint Eastwood's fine little film "Bronco Billy," "The Natural" is a movie that revels in its own make-believe world. Screenwriters Roger Towne and Phil Dusenberry, who adapted the Bernard Malamud novel, on occasion stoop to the ridiculous for laughs - an outfielder dies after crashing



Robert Redford: 'The Natural'

Movie review

through a wall; Hobbs becomes ill and finds himself in a maternity hospital. But after all, this a fairy tale.

And its cast is truly a dream. Besides Redford, who gives his usual low-key, but effective performance, "The Natural" features a cast of marvelous character actors. Wilford Brimley deserves an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of Pop Fisher, the Knights' crotchety but good-natured manager. Robert Prosky is deliciously evil as The Judge, the bad guy who by hook or crook intends to take away Pop's team. And Kim Basinger as the confused, corrupted Memo Paris, who seduces Hobbs, is perfect as the blonde you love to hate.

But the technical aspects of "The Natural," not its stars, are what gives it its mythical quality. Levinson ("Diner") is one of Hollywood's brightest young directors, and his fine work on "The Natural" is augmented by that of master cinematographer Caleb Deschanel ("The Black Stallion," "The Right Stuff").

"The Natural" isn't a movie for us cynical adults. It's the kind of movie that we would have loved back in the idyllic days of childhood, when dreams could conquer the world.

"The Natural" reminds us that they still do.

NATIONAL NEWS ROUNDUP

Court declines to rule

The Supreme Court, continuing its tradition of bypassing cases involving gay rights, has decided not to rule on two cases involving gay issues, including *New York vs. Uptinger*, a case that had landmark implications.

Although the court had heard oral arguments and accepted briefs for the *Uptinger* case, a 5-4 majority rejected the case as "improvidently granted." The required four justices had previously voted to accept the case for a decision, but the court majority rejected their opinion.

The refusal to decide the case, in effect, upholds a New York Court of Appeals ruling that struck down a Buffalo law that made it a crime to loiter to solicit "sexual behavior of a deviate nature."

The New York court had previously struck down a state anti-sodomy law, and ruled that the Buffalo ordinance was an accompanying piece of legislation.

The *Uptinger* case presented a wide range of questions, including whether homosexual conduct is protected by the right to privacy. Gay groups across the nation were watching the case both with anticipation and apprehension—given the court's conservative composition—because of the prospect of the justices breaking their long-standing silence on gay rights.

Justices Byron White, William Rehnquist and Sandra Day O'Connor joined Chief Justice Warren Burger in dissent.

The court also declined, by an 8-1 vote, to review the case of Dallas businessman Richard Longstaff, a British citizen who was denied U.S. citizenship because of his homosexuality, leaving unresolved the issue of whether citizenship can be denied based solely on a person's sexual orientation.

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans had ruled that Longstaff could be denied citizenship because immigration laws made him an "excludable alien."

A California court, in a conflicting opinion, had ruled that the Immigration and Naturalization Service could bar a person only after a medical examination. The Supreme Court chose not to resolve the conflicting rulings, thus denying

Longstaff, who admitted his homosexuality when he was admitted to the United States in 1965 citizenship.

Hart backs bill

Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., one of three remaining candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination, has signed on as the ninth co-sponsor of the Senate gay rights bill.

Hart thus joins the other two candidates — former Vice President Walter Mondale and the Rev. Jesse Jackson — in support of gay rights legislation. Mondale has said he favors the Senate bill, while Jackson has supported a more comprehensive bill in the House of Representatives.

"I am pleased to sponsor SB 430 (the Senate gay rights bill)," Hart said in a statement read into the Congressional Record. "The principle behind this piece of legislation is a simple one: Sexual orientation is a purely private matter which should have no bearing on individual performance in a work place."

Parsons loses suit

Former South Carolina women's basketball coach Pam Parsons lost her libel suit against Sports Illustrated magazine, and the FBI is investigating the possibility of perjury charges stemming from trial testimony.

Parsons filed suit against the magazine and its publisher, Time Inc., after a 1982 story reported that Parsons resigned her coaching position after university officials confronted her about a lesbian relationship with one of her players.

Parsons testified that she is not a lesbian, but defense witness Babette "Babs" De Lay, a lesbian disc jockey at Puss N Boots, a gay bar in Salt Lake City, testified that Parsons and the player often attended the bar and that she had seen them kissing and dancing.

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CALENDAR

EDITOR'S NOTE: The listing of the
Calendar of Events for Llambda Com-
munity News is now limited to the
meetings and activities of non-profit
community organizations and to benefits.

SUNDAY, June 3

9:30a	Sunday School	M.C.C.
11a	Services	M.C.C.
2p	Council Meeting	O.P.
Followed	by Llambda Bd. Mtg.	O.P.
7p	Services	M.C.C.

MONDAY, June 4

7p GPWA Meeting 659 S Jennings

TUESDAY, June 5

7:30p	Comm. Ctr. Mtg.	Llambda Ctr
7:30p	Agape AA	M.C.C.

WEDNESDAY, June 6

THURSDAY, June 7

5p	UTA Gen. Mtg.	U.T.A.
7p	Awareness Group	U.T.A.

FRIDAY, June 8

9:30p Mr & Ms Gay Pride Contest O.P.

SATURDAY, June 9

8p GPWA Kick-off Party Agape Express

SUNDAY, June 10

9:30a	Sunday School	M.C.C.
11a	Spec. GPW Services	M.C.C.
4p	WADS Carnival	S Jennings C/R
7p	Services	M.C.C.

MONDAY, June 11

7p	Dignity	4503 Bridge
7:30p	Mass	Dignity
9p	Cowtown Bowling Party	C/T Palace

TUESDAY, June 12

7:30p	GPW Covered Dish Supper, sponsored by Comm. Ctr. & N. Llambda	Llambda Ctr
7:30p	Agape AA	M.C.C.

WEDNESDAY, June 13

7:30p	Services	M.C.C.
9p	Cowtown Leathermen Auction Corral	

THURSDAY, June 14

FRIDAY, June 15

SATURDAY, June 16

Noon GPW PICNIC Forest Park

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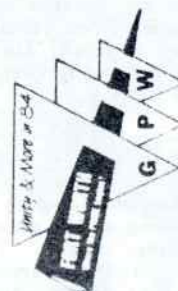
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Mother Michial and Bettye Jo Nelson celebrate being named Mr. and Ms. Gay Pride Week June 8 at The Other Place.

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New bar opens

The Recovery Room is the latest addition to the Fort Worth bar scene. The bar, located at 1201 Pennsylvania, is open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week. Its owners are Rudy (owner of the Come Along Inn), John and Betty.

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Protesters hold up signs as Klan marches by in Montrose

Klan marches

More than 50 members of the Ku Klux Klan staged a march through Houston's Montrose district on June 9 to protest the growing acceptance of the gay lifestyle.

Hundreds of police officers dressed in riot gear guarded the Klansmen, who marched for 17 minutes along a seven-block route. Although an estimated 2,000 spectators lined the Klan's route, no serious incidents or problems were reported. City officials estimated that the march would cost the city about \$80,000.

"Get on your knees and pray to God," one of the Klansmen told the crowd over a loudspeaker. "Ask His forgiveness for being a pervert. We're going to tell you the truth whether you like it or not."

The only real tension came at the end of the march, when the Klansmen began to board their buses. Members of the crowd and the Klansmen exchanged obscenities before the Klansmen were herded into their buses.

Leaders of Houston's gay community

had urged businesses along the route to close and members of the gay community to ignore the march.

Doggett wins

State Sen. Lloyd Doggett of Austin has defeated conservative Rep. Kent Hance of Lubbock for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat held by the retiring John Tower.

After a statewide recount, Doggett won the runoff election by 1,345 votes. Almost a million votes were cast in the June 2 election. Doggett was initially verified as the winner by a margin of only 467 votes.

Gay voters played a significant role in Doggett's success. Hance had injected gay rights into the campaign by announcing his opposition to pro-gay legislation, a position that angered Texas gays. Voter turnout in gay precincts, such as the Montrose area of Houston, was reportedly far greater than normal.

Doggett will face arch-conservative Rep. Phil Gramm of College Station in the November general election.

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Auburn Quicksand

By Rue

Luanne was mad. She grabbed her purse and launched in full tilt the business of leaving.

"I'm going for a walk!"

"Fine."

"I don't know when I'll be back — or if I'll be back!"

"Sure thing."

Whenever I heard noises of cranking up the ol' steamroller, I knew to get out of the way!

She trounced by me without hesitation or backward glance and jerked the front door quite solidly behind her.

Oscar de la Renta remained awhile for good measure to terrorize my senses.

I sank into the nearest armchair along with my spirits.

Natasha dozed noncommittal on the sofa. Natasha is a very sweet, black poodle. I think we're friends.

"If it weren't for my bad knee, I'd join the Navy, Tash."

Her ear twitched, but she went right along with her snoozing.

Calling forth what hoist I had in me, I got up and steered for the kitchen.

"I'll just fix me a couple of peanut butter and crackers and drink a case of beer. That'll fix me up!"

Reecy (her actual name is Doreeee) opened and browsed the contents of the fridge.

"To hell with it! I'm not hungry anyway," and wrenched a can of beer from its cardboard corset.

Reecy went into the main bedroom and switched on the TV. Off went the boots, then all 5'4" of her fell back, spread-eagled on the king-size bed made up with her favorite silk jungle sheets.

She stared at the ceiling and reflected on the pile-up of events.

Luanne and me. If only, if only. It seemed like a bad dream, a lifetime ago. She closed her eyes and remembered.

I had been making a night of it at one of the gay bars christened (a regular tradition on some nights!) the Trap-Eazy. Andy had just yelled out last call when this striking auburn-haired number rushed past me and breathlessly asked Andy for telephone change.

Her perfume, the color of her tumbled long hair, her femaleness, kicked into my senses like a free game of pinball lighting up the machine — bells and all!

Fiction

I finger-combed with straight-back motions my short, black hair and navigated alongside her banks.

The place had almost cleared, and Andy eyed me expectantly.

The auburn beauty turned her head and inspected me, too.

I smiled.

"No, I wouldn't like a drink," she said in pre-chilled tones, dismissing me and taking her coins.

Andy grinned.

I ordered a peppermint schnapps and followed her with my eyes.

Whatever her business was, it didn't take long. She slammed the receiver into the hook and started to leave.

Instead, she dropped anchor at the third bar stool down from me and lit a cigarette.

I took the full shot of schnapps and it torpedoed my stomach with warm flashes.

"Do you believe in love at first sight?" I inquired in her direction.

When I heard her laughter, it was no longer in question for me. I was hooked.

I introduced myself.

Lighthouse of my life became Luanne.

"Buy you a drink, Luanne?"

"Bar's closed!" bellowed Andy.

We both laughed this time.

"There's an all-night restaurant not far from here, Luanne, if you'd like to get something to eat," I invited.

Her hazel eyes seemed to change color as she looked into mine and found what she wanted.

"I would like a cup of coffee."

Whatever she had seen in my sea-green eyes, it must have been OK to go with me.

We arrived and took a booth in the smoking section.

She was married. Straight. I'd learned that on the way over.

The possibilities and their consequences took about three seconds to play in my head.

She poured two creams in her coffee and stirred.

I stared at her left hand. The diamonds on her wedding ring gleamed at

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me.

She spoke to me, and each word was a magic thrust, pressing me deeper into quicksand.

Then Luanne smiled, and I felt myself sucked under without a trace of my former self-control.

Thinking back on it made Reecy wince. Throwing herself onto her feet, she seized the forgotten can of beer and downed it.

In times of stress, Reecy liked to brush her teeth. She didn't know why, but it helped to stabilize things.

In the bathroom, she squeezed out a double row of paste on her toothbrush and began the sudsy scrubbing.

A full 10 minutes later, she finished rinsing and ka-toohing, tapped her blue toothbrush on the sink and put it away.

Now for another cold one and a nice, hot bubble bath. Yeah, butches take bubble baths. At least this one does. Anyway, it was Mr. Bubbles, not Calgon.

Something cold, something hot.

That describes Luanne. She can run hot and cold at the same time.

Reminds me of the king in that fairy tale. He liked to eat, and he loved riddles (or vice versa). So he put out the word. It was a kind of riddle dessert. He wanted something hot and cold at the same time.

Many attempted to please his majesty. "Oh, but King, that's impossible!" they cried.

"Nothing's impossible! Off with your head!"

Well, this one guy figured it was nothing to lose your head over, so he sat down in the forest by the stream and calmly allowed his creative force to operate.

And, thus was born the hot fudge sundaes.

Luanne had a riddle, too. She stalked the kingdom of fairyland and relentlessly recruited to solve: "How to have her cake and eat it, too."

They say a fool and his money are soon parted. And so it goes with a fool and his heart.

Reecy leaned forward through the fleecy bubbles and turned on more hot water, reminding her of the problem with Luanne.

We had ordered breakfast, and Luanne served me her readily warmed-up tale.

She had married too young, or too immature, or for the wrong reasons. He was an alcoholic with a pattern of physical abuse. Not that often, to make her

obsessed with leaving, but enough, she said, to kill her desire to be a wife to him.

Pretty picture, true or not, there was definitely a man in it. Luanne had two little daughters.

"One has needs, Reecy. Do you know what I mean?"

I knew exactly what she meant, and I was more than willing to fill her need.

We ate our meal and I paid the check.

I took Luanne home with me.

"Make yourself at home. I'll fix us a drink."

She found the stereo and selected a station.

I prepared the drinks and carried them into the living room.

She wasn't there.

Luanne called my name from the bedroom.

As if in a dream, I seemed to float to where she was.

From where I stood, it looked as though she was lying in my bed with nothing but a sheet covering her. Her bare shoulders were tanned.

I handed her the drink and sat on the edge of the bed.

She took a sip, her eyes never leaving my face, then set it down on the nightstand by her cigarettes.

Urgency surged between us as I tumbled down the slopes, head over heels, toward auburn quicksand.

Before things went too far, Luanne suddenly sat up and said she had to go to the bathroom.

My heartbeat outraced the second hand on the clock by the bed. I'd finished half my drink when she came out.

Instead of eagerly rejoining me, Luanne stood by the bed and lit up a cigarette.

"What's wrong, Luanne?"

Her beautiful face was still flushed, but troubled.

"I'm not really gay, you know," she began.

"Right. You're bisexual. I understood that."

"You're very special, Reecy."

I pulled her down beside me, unable to speak, and kissed her. After a few minutes, I held her close and whispered, "I think I'm falling in love."

She turned over on her side and looked at me, then she said, "I just want to make you feel good."

"Then stop talking so much!" I grinned, and kissed the side of her neck.

"You don't understand, dear."

"Sure I do. You have needs. And I need you right now." I pressed on, feeling she wanted me, too.

"Yes. I have needs." She paused. "I'm used to having a man."

I felt the blush coming, embarrassed. "I don't happen to have one of those, Luanne. I mean, if you mean, that is, if you're talking about..."

"No, no, no," she said, laughing at me.

"What, then?"

I groaned.

Luanne came near and breathed against my lips, "I want you to do something."

"Anything. You name it," I responded.

"You...and me..."

"Sounds good."

"...and my husband," coaxed Luanne.

"A three-way?!?" I yelled, and scrambled off the bed.

"Don't knock it 'til you've tried it, darlin'. It can be beautiful," she cajoled.

"Yeah!" I retorted, "like a kid who said that to another kid about farm animals once!"

The lights in my head snapped on, and the quicksand became a cesspool, to my way of thinking, and I backed off.

To each his own, and all that, I suppose. We have a free will and can choose just about any behavior under the sun. I always believed, though, that once you'd crossed some lines, after a while you couldn't remember why it was important. I didn't want to lose sight of those boundaries.

Someone once said that you can some-

times tell more about a person by what he won't do than what he will do.

Luanne hadn't given up on me yet.

"But you said you were falling in love with me."

"Another four-letter word that starts with the same letter is more the truth, Luanne. I'm not interested, one way — or the other! Put your clothes on, and we'll finish our drinks."

I had "cooled off," become rational, and even friendly.

"I'll go freshen these up while you do the same," I winked good naturedly.

Luanne had cooled off, too, but I could tell she was pissed off.

"Luanne, why did things get complicated?" I said out loud to myself as I let the bath water drain and stood to shower off the clinging suds.

I dried off and dressed in Levis and a clean shirt. I combed my hair and tried not to think about Luanne.

I'd just put on my boots to go look for her when the doorbell rang.

It was Luanne.

She was somehow subdued.

As I let her in, she softly said, "I'm sorry."

"I'm sorry, too, Luanne."

I picked up my car keys, turned off the lights and drove her back to her car at the Trap-Eazy.

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Gay Pride Week rolling

Gay Pride Week '84 got off to a rousing start on Friday, June 8, when the third annual Mr. and Ms. GPW contest was held at The Other Place.

Michial Robinson was selected Mr. GPW '84, and Bettye Jo Nelson was honored as Ms. GPW. The contest was sponsored by the Tarrant County Gay Alliance, which netted \$1,100 from cover charge proceeds.

Nelson is manager of The Other Place Annex, and Robinson works at the Come Along Inn.

Other contest entrants were Nancy Cavin, Neal Lindsey, Auddie Campbell, John Share Jr. and Brad Rawald.

Former contest winners Larry Leutwyler and Cheryl (1982) and Susie Roberts and Gary Taylor (1983) were introduced.

Emcees were Sam Scheffler and Stormy Fellows, and entertainers were Rosie Vines, Glenda Gardner, Stormy and Gary Taylor.

About 325 people attended the contest, and TCGA provided door prizes that included a television set, a camera and a clock radio. In addition, The Other Place, The Lumber Company and Sir Bud's provided free drinks and bar tabs as prizes.

On Saturday night, Gay Pride Week Association members toured the Fort Worth bars aboard the Agape Express bus.

The official opening day of GPW '84, Sunday, June 10, saw the pews filled at Agape MCC. The Rev. Jim Norwood's sermon, "The Breath of Power," was a beautiful message.

Later Sunday, W.A.D.S. had a carnival on the parking lot of the 651 with all proceeds going to GPW.

A popular booth was the liquor sno-cone. Another interesting booth was the dunking booth. Lynn Christopher was one of the dunkees, among many others. Wonder why a line started forming when Sharon Huber, the popular and successful co-chairperson of GPWA, was on the dunking seat?

The Cowtown Leathermen had a booth set up selling leather goods and tickets for the leather teddy bear, which was auctioned Wednesday at The Corral. Everyone had a super time.

On Monday night, the Cowtown Bowling Palace held a special GPW '84 bowling party, and about 300 members of the gay community turned up for the fun and frolicking on the lanes.

Tuesday night, the Lambda Community Center was packed for a covered dish dinner sponsored by the Center for the Community and National Lambda, Inc. After everyone feasted on a wide variety of foods, a film on the Center for the Community was shown.

Many other special events were planned for later in the week, including the annual Gay Pride Week picnic, which will culminate the week's activities. The picnic will be held at south Forest Park beginning at noon on Saturday, June 16. Free hot dogs, beer and other beverages will be provided, and the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band will perform.

Billie Moon

GPW '84 CALENDAR

The following are some of the highlights of Gay Pride Week. This is only a partial listing, so check with your favorite bar or organization to find out additional activities.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

GPW Benefit Show, Tender Trap, 10 p.m.

\$100 cash drawing, 651 Arlington, midnight.

The Dena Kaye Show, Sir Bud's.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Gay Pride Week Picnic, south Forest Park, all afternoon.

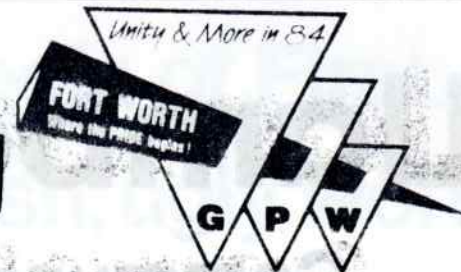


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Bettye Jo Nelson walks before crowd during Ms. GPW contest

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'Streets of Fire': a stylish, ugly world

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Movie review

The megahits of summer — "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom," "Star Trek III," "Gremlins" and "Ghostbusters" — make it tough on many other films to grab much attention, or much audience.

Summer is the riskiest time of year to release a film. It's an all-or-nothing proposition, a time when a movie either earns megabucks or vanishes into obscurity. The Cabbage Patch Doll mentality of summer movie audiences annually catapults a movie to the top of the all-time box-office charts, and its credits usually list either George Lucas or Steven Spielberg, or both.

Buried in the Summer of '84 film graveyard is director Walter Hill's latest movie, "Streets of Fire," an undiscovered jewel in the summer wasteland.

Admittedly Hill's film, a self-proclaimed rock 'n' roll fable, isn't suited for mass consumption. Rather, it's a connoisseur's delight, a stylish film that beautifully creates a violent, ugly world inhabited solely by rock-worshipping teenagers.

Hill, whose last film, "48 Hrs.," was a major success, has returned to the less-conventional ground of "The Warriors," his stylized cult classic about fashion-conscious New York gangs, with "Streets of Fire."

Another time, another place is the setting for "Streets," which is a bizarre amalgam of past and future. The film's "good" teens dress in 1950s attire, sporting duck tails, poodle skirts and bowling shirts. The bad-guy teens are a sado-masochistic motorcycle gang that, appropriately, favors black leather.

The kids drive cars that are strictly Fifties vintage, and their lives center on nightclubs and music, primarily Fifties rock and blues, with a curious touch of modern hard rock thrown in.

Ry Cooder's score is excellent, and is augmented by numbers by The Blasters, Stevie Nicks, Tom Petty and Winston Ford.

Hill has created a bombed-out, subterranean, dingy and violent world in "Streets of Fire." Yet the dirty brown and yellow hue, oppressive railroad trestles and cheap neon lights create a

beautiful and stylish screen image reminiscent of the way the ugliness of futuristic Los Angeles was exploited in "Blade Runner."

The hero of "Streets of Fire" is Tom Cody (played in deadpan style by Michael Pare), a slightly outside-the-law tough guy who's a sweetie at heart. Cody is summoned to rescue Ellen Aim (Diane Lane), pop superstar and former girlfriend, who was kidnapped by the motorcycle thugs. Willem DaFoe plays Raven, the bad guys' leader, and gives the character one of the most remarkably evil film presences in years.

Cody is aided in his mission by Billy Fish (Rick Moranis), Ellen's tough-talking, wimpy-looking manager, and McCoy (Amy Madigan), a tough-talking, tough-acting woman with a love of booze and guns.

This unlikely trio frees Ellen from the bondage imposed by Raven, and the group flees as the motorcycle gang's warehouse world goes up in a fiery explosion.

"Streets of Fire" is written, acted and even edited in comic-book style, which can be disconcerting at times. The actors, who are forced to deliver such lines as "Let's don't talk about it, let's do it," and, "I'm not the kind of guy who'll carry your guitar around," basically are required to do nothing more than look their parts.

The film's nihilistic vision is also somewhat disturbing. Music is the teenagers' only source of satisfaction, and violence is practically worshipped. In one particularly harrowing scene, Raven and Cody are cheered on during a sledgehammer duel.

Hill manages to blend the violence, ugliness, music and comic-book antics into a fascinating world that, if not endearing, is at least intriguing.

That world would be a depressing place to live, but it makes for an enjoyable visit.

NATIONAL NEWS ROUNDUP

AIDS on the rise

The number of reported AIDS cases has risen to 4,690, and more new cases are being reported than ever before, according to latest figures from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

The latest figures contradict earlier reports that new cases of AIDS might be tapering off. "The disease is not plateauing and not going away," said Dr. Harold Jaffee of the CDC. "The number of cases per quarter is continuing to go up and the incidence of the disease is continuing to increase."

The number of deaths resulting from the disease stands at 2,074, or 44 percent.

"The AIDS epidemic is getting worse, not better," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif. "Over the past few months, 10 to 12 new cases have been reported a day — the highest number yet."

Although the apparent cause of the disease — a virus called HTLV III — has been discovered, health officials stress that the situation is still gloomy for those who get the disease, 71 percent of whose victims are gay men.

INS begins move

The Immigration and Naturalization Service plans to begin deportation proceedings against Dallas businessman Richard Longstaff in the wake of the Supreme Court's refusal to hear an appeal of his case.

The Court's refusal lets stand a ruling by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals that denied Longstaff, a British national, U.S. citizenship because of his homosexuality. Longstaff admitted he was gay to INS agents when he first applied for citizenship in 1975. Federal law still bars gay aliens from entering the United States.

"From the immigration service's standpoint, the issue is not homosexuality," said Ron Chandler, Dallas INS director. "The law is on the books, and we're merely enforcing that law. We don't discriminate against anyone."

Longstaff is uncertain of his next step, but says he will not leave the country voluntarily.

Gay man loses

Rich Eychaner, a gay rights activist, was defeated in his bid to secure the Republican nomination for an Iowa congressional seat.

Eychaner, a businessman and TV talk show host, finished second in a four-way race in Iowa's 4th District on June 5. Robert Lockard was the winner, capturing 42 percent of the vote to Eychaner's 23 percent.

Eychaner said "this just wasn't the year" for a gay to win the election.

Brandt backs out

Dr. Edward N. Brandt Jr., the Reagan administration's top health official, changed his plans to appear at an awards ceremony sponsored by the National Gay Task Force after a conservative group called on Reagan to fire him if he did.

Brandt, the assistant secretary of health in the department of Health and Human Services, was to present an award to a lesbian group, Blood Sister Project of San Diego, honoring its efforts to collect blood for victims of AIDS. The May 14 presentation was sponsored by the Fund for Human Dignity, an affiliate of the National Gay Task Force.

Gary L. Curran of the American Life Lobby had called on the President to dismiss Brandt if he made the appearance.

"This is an outrageous legitimization of a lifestyle repugnant to the vast majority of Americans," Curran telegraphed Reagan. "He should be stopped from participating in this ceremony or be fired."

A spokesman for Brandt denied that the telegram had an impact on the decision and said that Brandt had a meeting for that day that prevented him from attending.

Booths closed

The Papa Choux, a Los Angeles restaurant, has closed its private booths reserved for "romantic evenings" after a ruling by the California Supreme Court that gay couples could not be barred from the booths.

The justices let stand without comment a March 21 decision by a state court of appeal in favor of lesbians Deborah Johnson and Zanda Rolan, who had sued the restaurant after they were prevented from using a booth.

"We're elated," said attorney Gloria Allred, who represented the two women. "That ends the issue and speeds up the process of justice. It means this is the law of the state now."

Restaurant owner Seymour Jacoby said the booths were specifically designed for "romantic evenings by heterosexual couples."

Methodists act

Bowing to the demands of congregations across the country, the United Methodist Church has barred active homosexuals from its ministry.

After four hours of debate, delegates to the governing conference of the 9.4 million-member denomination overwhelmingly approved a requirement for clergy of "fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness" designed to prevent appointment of gay ministers.

The new requirements mean "exclusion of a class of people from ordained ministry based on a gift given them by God," said a statement by the leaders of the church's gay caucus, Mary Gaddis and the Rev. Morris Floyd, who are on leave from the ministry.

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9:30a Sunday School M.C.C.
11a Services M.C.C.
7p Services M.C.C.

MONDAY, June 18

TUESDAY, June 19
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7:30p Agape AA M.C.C.

WEDNESDAY, June 10

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FRIDAY, June 22

SATURDAY, June 23
9:30p Co-op Prod. Benefit Sir Buds

SUNDAY, June 24
9:30a Sunday School M.C.C.
11a Services M.C.C.
7p Services M.C.C.

MONDAY, June 25
7p Dignity 4503 Bridge
7:30p Mass Dignity

TUESDAY, June 26
7:30p Comm. Ctr. Mtg. Lambda Ctr.
7:30p Agape AA M.C.C.

WEDNESDAY, June 27
7:30p Services M.C.C.

THURSDAY, June 28

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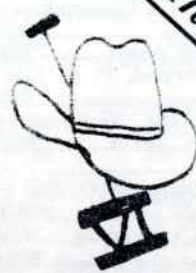
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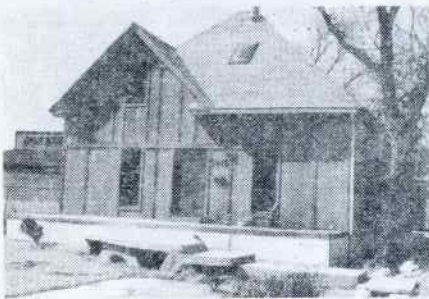
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Gays to march; Dems move forward

An estimated 100,000 gays are expected for a "National March for Lesbian-Gay Rights" during the Democratic National Convention, which begins July 16 in San Francisco.

Gay leaders aren't overly concerned about trouble during the march, but are more worried about how San Francisco's large gay community will be portrayed by the media that descends on the city.

"The American press has done drag queens," said San Francisco gay Supervisor Harry Britt. "A lot of us are hopeful that (this time) the real truth about the community will get out."

But regardless of what happens outside the convention, gays have already won major victories on the inside.

The Democratic Party Platform Committee, at a late June meeting, gave preliminary approval to a plank opposing discrimination based upon sexual orientation in employment, immigration and military service, a much more specific plank than that approved in 1980. The plank also calls for expanded expenditures to combat AIDS.

In addition, the Democratic Party Rules Committee approved an amendment to the party charter calling for the appointment of at least one gay representative to official party committees and commissions.

Convention delegates are expected to approve both measures.

An estimated 61 gays — including 7 Texans — will attend the convention in some official capacity, either as a delegate, alternate or national committee member.

A man was getting ready to leave the restaurant when he was tapped on the shoulder. "Excuse me," he was asked, "but would you happen to be Mr. Brown of Kansas City, Missouri?"

"No, I'm not," the man replied. "Well," said the first man, "I am Mr. Brown of Kansas City, and that's my coat you happen to be putting on."

Rape: Be alert

Rape Crisis counselors Marsha Nutter and Lee spoke recently to members of the Center for the Community.

One out of every two females have suffered some kind of attack in Tarrant County this year. Twenty-two males were assaulted last year in the Fort Worth area. Two of them were gay.

A disturbing trend, Ms. Nutter said, is that assailants use weapons instead of just threats or blows by the hand.

Some disturbing statistics:
50 percent of all assaults occur at home;
50 percent occur during daylight hours;
only 50 percent are enacted by strangers.

Some important safety precautions outlined by Ms. Nutter include:

Be aware—if you undergo an assault, you have been assigned the role by the assailant.

When you go out, if at all possible, leave an itinerary with someone.

And always, always be on the alert.
This was a very informative program, and Marsha and Lee are very good at their jobs. They also demonstrated how to break contact with an assailant.

Next Tuesday, July 17, Dr. Chun will speak on "Attaining Intimacy."

The Community Center holds regular meetings every Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Llambda Center, 2412 Lipscomb.

Billie Moon

Meeting set

National Llambda, Inc., your retirement center, is holding its semi-annual membership meeting on Sunday, Aug. 5, at 2 p.m. with a pot luck lunch at the Llambda Center, 2412 Lipscomb.

Please bring a covered dish and a friend if you so desire. See you there.

Billie Moon
Secretary of National Llambda

New Center officers

The Center for the Community is losing Larry Leutwyler and Jim Gann, who are moving to Houston.

The Center's new president is Janna Brown. The new vice president is Tyler Sarlow.

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WASHLINE



Congratulations to Gene and Paul, winners of the first annual high heels race. Rumors are the race will be extended to three bars next year.

I would like to give a special thanks to Terry, Roger, Ruston, Lou and William for the birthday party for Mother Michial and I at the 651.

If you haven't heard of the peanut bandits, check with T.J. of the O.P.

Jackie Jorj (Emperor IV Jack Guthrie) now has shows on Fridays at the Tender Trap.

Remember, if you're not going to Coronation, please vote absentee on Sunday, July 15, 2-6 p.m. at the Crossroads.

POPS' TALES

Well children, here I am again. Hope your 4th was sexy. Now that summer is here I hope to see more of you in sexy shorts.

Honest, if you were not at the Recovery Room last Sunday you missed a treat. The strippers were great. If you are bored on Sunday afternoon, come by for some real fun.

Here's a belated birthday, Mike, even if you have one every month.

Hey, go down to the Come Along Inn and meet the new owners and show your support. They are great guys.

David the bartender at TLC, tell us more about the sheets. Really, girl, you should be more careful with telephone numbers and not lose them.

Lenny of the Come Along, how come your lips are chapped on the inside of

Ruston, I wish you would not be so mean to Mitch while in a public place.

It's nice to see David and Mike back at Partners.

Thanks Kelly of Sir Bud's for keeping our secret.

Have you noticed Larry Lucas' love life seems to have slowed down. Could it be he's so busy with Coronation plans?

Jim Bowers, now you must really learn how to control yourself. At times we get worried about you.

Watch for the first anniversary of Cowtown Leathermen in September. It should be quite an event.

Who is Raina Lea?

The Come Along has new owners, Grant and David, same crew, but several other changes taking place.

Lynn Christopher, why were you stranded in Abilene?

your mouth and what did you do that you found out you liked?

This will be the last time this year that I will be able to write about Coronation '84, so vote Sunday, July 15, from 2-6 p.m. If you are not going to Coronation at the Green Oaks Inn, go vote at 659 South Jennings across from TLC and next door to the 651. Please vote, it's free.

Jim Morgan, who was that other woman Friday night? Delphine, really, does Rosie know?

Here's hoping Joyce is feeling better.

Jimmy of Sir Bud's, what is the attitude problem you have been having lately?

Attention. "Miss Julie," the cruise director of Forest Park, just announced

A protest for justice

"I have a dream..."

Martin Luther King Jr., August 27, 1963
 "...that all men and women are created equal." Thomas Jefferson, July 4, 1776

August in Dallas...it's 1984 and the eve of the Orwellian nightmare. The Republicans will be in town to renominate Ronald Reagan to four more years of...

Anti-gay, anti-women, anti-hispanic, anti-black, anti-union, anti-environment, anti-progressive policies...

Four more years of military intervention in Central America, of setbacks in civil rights, of starving the poor and elderly, of union busting and the threat of nuclear annihilation...

All for the pursuit of corporate profit and multi-national corporate security.

The world will be watching the Republican convention, Aug. 20-24. What happens on the streets surrounding the Dallas Convention Center will send a message to the world that the working class doesn't agree with the policies of the Reagan rich.

Peace and justice groups throughout the nation—under the banner of the Alliance for Justice—are organizing peaceful, nonviolent demonstrations during the convention; gays and lesbians are encouraged to participate.

A massive Tent City—largest since the Great Depression—will be constructed on the banks of the Trinity River Saturday morning, Aug. 18. Later that day up to 10,000 will depart Tent City to march downtown to the Kennedy Memorial for a rally.

POPS' TALES

that the Good Ship Lolly Pop is almost refitted and will be out of dry dock by the end of July. So get your reservations in early for the first cruise of the fall.

If you want to take C&W dance lessons, they are going on every Monday night at Sir Bud's at 8 p.m. See Mike or Stormy for details. And girls, if you don't think it's fun, come out and see. My dance partner is cute, cute, cute.

Raina Lea, where have you been hiding? Some of us wonder. Hmm.

Well, children, Pops is taking applications again and if you want to know

Opinion

On Sunday a major voter registration drive, possibly the largest in Dallas history, will depart Tent City to black and hispanic neighborhoods. That night an interfaith worship service will be held with Jesse Jackson possibly speaking.

Monday marks the convention's official opening. Demonstrators will maintain a continuous presence outside the center through Thursday when Reagan delivers his acceptance speech.

In Fort Worth a local Alliance coalition has been established to activate a Tarrant County response to Reagan policies and politics. Labor, blacks, women's groups and other solidarity organizations are already working in the Alliance. Gay and lesbian groups need to be represented as well.

The Alliance for Justice meets every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Fort Worth downtown library. Meetings are open to the public—everyone is encouraged to contribute ideas, support and plans for mobilizing Fort Worth to demonstrate against the Orwellian nightmare.

For more information call the Alliance at 531-1984.

A *Let Them Eat Cake, or Bastille Day* fundraising party will be held Saturday night, July 14. Cost is \$5 for beer and snacks. Call for more information.

what for, see me anytime.

Gypsy, really girl, you mean you are having to prove you are a man even in the men's room.

Barbi Doll, was that you I saw doing disco?

Boy, some of these bars need to get their air conditioners fixed. It's just too hot.

Well children, it's time to close for now. This column is dedicated to you and for you, so let me see more of you in more ways than one.

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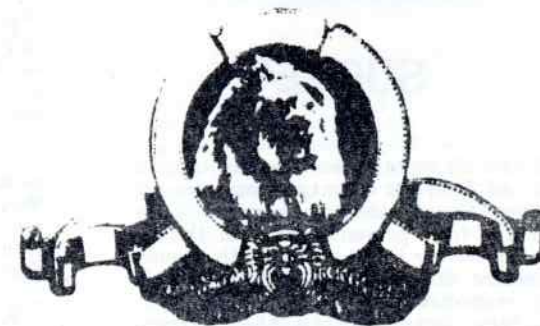
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Coronation '84

Busy week
of activities
scheduled



Fort Worth gays can look forward to a busy week of activities, which will culminate with Coronation '84 at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at the Baronial Hall of the Green Oaks Inn.

The theme for the sixth annual event is "The Golden Age of Hollywood." Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door and are available from Imperial Longhorn Council President Larry Lucas and all candidates for Court offices.

Voting for the four elected Court offices — emperor, empress, grand duke and grand duchess — will be conducted at Coronation and during a special absentee voting session from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, July 15, at 659 South Jennings.

Three of the four elected officers of the Court of the Golden Lions are seeking re-election, the first time officers have sought a second term. Emperor V Dale Glenn is opposed by Mike Hampton. Empress V Raina Lea and Grand Duchess Delphine Gomez are unopposed.

Mother Michial Robinson and Rosie Vines, an unsuccessful candidate last year, are the candidates for grand duke.

Lucas said that the Court and Council, through a series of benefit shows and other fund-raising events, have already taken in enough money to pay for this year's gala. Almost \$1,000 has been raised at benefits, and another \$1,000 was made at contests, Lucas said.

Coronation, however, only serves as the highlight of what promises to be a hectic week of activities.

At 7 p.m. Sunday, July 15, at the Public House restaurant, Raina Lea and Dale Glenn will present their Court awards for service during 1983-84.

Then on Monday and Tuesday, the

Imperial Longhorn Council is sponsoring a pair of contests. On Monday at 9 p.m. at The Other Place, the Mr. Gay Tarrant County contest will be held. Then on Tuesday at 10 p.m. at the Corral, Mr. Cowboy and Ms. Cowgirl will be crowned. Proceeds from both contests benefit the Council.

On Wednesday, Bar Awards will be presented in 29 categories at D.J.'s. Voting on the awards, which include such categories as Best Bar, Best Bartender and Best Waitress, will be conducted from 7:30-9 p.m., with a show at 9.

Thursday and Friday will be dedicated to events honoring the Court of the Golden Lions' Emperor V Dale Glenn and Empress V Raina Lea. Raina and Dale's Stepping Down Show will be Thursday at The Other Place, and Raina and Dale will be honored with a roast at 8 p.m. Friday at the OP. The Out-of-Town Show, which will feature performances by visiting monarchy, will follow at 10 p.m.

On Coronation Day, Saturday, July 21, a Coronation Brunch will be held at 12:30 p.m. at D.J.'s, and on Sunday at noon, a Victory Brunch will be held at the Public House.

The Council will meet again at 2 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Lambda Center. A covered dish luncheon will be served, and that meeting will be followed by a special meeting on amendments to Council by-laws.

At the Council's last meeting, Billie Moon was elected secretary and Richard Golden treasurer following the resignations of Berta Jo Orr and Millie Pack.

CANDIDATES SURVEY

In an effort to inform the gay community of Tarrant County about the upcoming Court elections, Lambda Community News presented each of the six candidates for Court offices with a questionnaire. Here are the candidates' written responses to the six questions on matters important to the Tarrant County gay community.

QUESTIONS

1. Why are you seeking election (or re-election) to Court office and what are your qualifications and leadership strengths?

2. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the Court of the Golden Lions in 1983-84.

3. What can be done to strengthen existing Court programs and what new programs would you propose to benefit Tarrant County's gay community?

4. 1984 is a crucial election year for gay voters. What, if anything, can the Court do to educate the Tarrant County gay community on election issues and encourage gay voters to go to the polls?

5. Tarrant County gays don't exist in a vacuum. What can the Court in general and you in particular do to establish ties with outside groups, such as labor, law enforcement agencies, educational institutions and agencies, civil rights groups and political organizations, whose actions are important to gays?

6. Please react to this statement: Petty jealousies, political infighting and backbiting make it impossible for the gay community to ever unite as an important force in Tarrant County. We might as well accept this "Do your own thing" mentality and go on about our own business.

MIKE HAMPTON, EMPEROR

1. I think that my lifelong residence in Fort Worth and familiarity with many of the gay community of Fort Worth will make me an asset in the position of emperor in Fort Worth.

2. The Court of the Golden Lions has done a great deal to promote Fort Worth outside of the community. If elected, I would like to continue this as well as try to involve more people in Fort Worth.

3. I would like to see the Court promote more pomp and circumstance with the camp going back into the Court.

4. The Court could provide seminars and make announcements at Court events.

5. The Court should make every effort through leadership to promote itself to all non-gays to influence their whole attitude — only then will the organizations they control respond to gay needs.

6. Every organization, group, etc. since the beginning of time has faced this obstacle. If mankind had adopted this policy, we would still be living in caves.

RAINA LEA, EMPRESS

1. I feel that the court system has been stronger this past year than in the past under the leadership of my Emperor and I. My qualifications are that I have earned the respect of my peers and my colleagues and I listen to everyone and try to make the best decision for everyone involved. We can only serve those who give us that privilege.

2. The strengths are that we have proven to the community that we are a service organization by our money-raising campaigns and the many other things we have done to help unite this community. The weaknesses are in those people who will not take the time to get involved in community projects even though they will profit from this.

3. We can strengthen the court system by getting more people involved as individuals, and I would suggest new programs to be outlined would be getting more involvement from organizations and remember that we are in a political day and age.

4. We as an organization should seek the candidates that are sympathetic to our cause and be sure that we tell not only our gay brothers and sisters but the heterosexuals also that we openly



Dale Glenn and Raina Lea

stand by or for certain politicians who are for our cause.

5. Make sure first that these people realize that we are making an effort to establish ties because we are self-respecting gay men and women and we are not degenerates as people would like to believe. We are proud of our lifestyle.

6. We as gays are not going to be backed into a corner. There are these things that go on in all communities, gay or straight. We are an important force in Tarrant County and the only small-minded mentality we have to deal with are those who will never stop hurting others and themselves.

DALE GLENN, EMPEROR

1. I am seeking re-election because I want to continue the work and progress we have made and in response to many of my friends urging me to run again. I am deeply involved with several of our organizations and support all aspects of our community with my presence at all public functions and my moral support always.

2. This court involved the entire community — including Arlington — in its activities. We met in every one of our Fort Worth bars and even in one Arlington bar. We raised more money for more causes than any previous court. We supported our Retirement Center with information and a benefit number at every one of our shows or benefits. We had a group — open to everyone who was interested — which worked together with respect, unity and love. When we disagreed — *in every case* — we left the room as friends, not in anger.

3. I would like to see the Food Bank expanded to year round and publicized more to be sure our needy know it's there and how to contact it. This year, we basically operated it only through the holidays and early spring.

4. Politics is not the realm of the Court. What we should do is to continue to work with and support the Tarrant County Gay Alliance in their mission of encouraging the development of an informal, active gay voting community.

5. I believe this sort of liaison and activity is more appropriate for other organizations, which are already working in this area. As a Court, we should back these organizations — such as TCGA and GPW Association — in their work. (The Court, by the way, held benefits and raised money for both these organizations during the past year.)

6. This year's Court has proven that a group of committed people can work together and disagree without anger and spite. We have had our disagreements, but we never left a Court meeting angry, and we have successfully completed every project we initiated this year.



Rosie Vines and Delphine Gomez

ROSIE VINES, GRAND DUKE

1. I am seeking the office of Grand Duke because I feel I can give my people a better understanding of the court system. I have proven I can work with the Court and any of our gay organizations.

2. We need our people to stand up for what they believe in and not to stray away when times are bad. We must be strong to withstand any obstacle. This year we have accomplished a part of this.

3. To strengthen our Court program, we must show more respect for one another and be able to apologize when one is needed. We need more unity and more participation in our groups. With this key we can succeed in what the community needs.

4. The Court could assist by informing people of the organizations that will educate them in these matters. Though we are not politically affiliated, we should educate ourselves on what our issues are and discuss them openly with each other.

5. We need to be better informed with our straight and gay political organizations so that we can educate our community and work to establish ties.

6. It is true that there are lots of petty jealousies in our gay community, but each individual would be bigger if he overcame it and everyone could look at each other and learn from it. When you use the word "love," mean it from the bottom of your heart.

DELPHINE GOMEZ, GRAND DUCHESS

1. I am seeking re-election for Grand Duchess. Though our Court had a successful year, there are so many projects that need to be accomplished. I feel that I can help with these tasks that need to be taken care of, to represent you in what you believe in and work to achieve love, respect and unity in our gay community.

2. We had the strength to disagree with each other and to let our feelings be known, yet we had the love for each other and believe in what we represent to overcome any weakness and carry on a successful year.

3. To work in harmony with each other is one key factor to strengthen existing Court programs. I would like to continue the food bank and to establish a fund to help our gay community or their families in time of need.

4. The Court is not a political group, but we should inform our people of the groups that cover these issues and support the issues that will help our gay community.

5. We should support the political groups like the TCGA and Gay Pride organizations and encourage those to establish these ties to join these groups.

6. Our gay community has the knowledge and the wisdom to know that we can overcome any obstacle that has been put forth, and we have worked to achieve success in what we have wanted for our gay community.

MOTHER MICHIAL, GRAND DUKE

1. For more unity in the community in 84 and 85. Past work in the various organizations of the gay community.

2. The Court of the Golden Lions has been without a doubt the strongest court since the beginning of the system.

3. Before the programs can be strengthened, the membership of the court has to be strengthened. The entire court has to work during the year, not just a few. Before a new program can be proposed to benefit Tarrant County's gay community, we need to give more support to the existing organizations in Tarrant County.

4. Inform the gay community in the way of posters, speeches and benefits of the candidate's qualifications and also inform gays that only their votes can help offset a misinformed majority.

5. All we or I may be able to do is get with these agencies in the form of informal meetings and inform them of



Mother Michial

our goals and community service and try to get a few of their members to some of our benefits or functions and then get their suggestions.

6. In a way this is true, but someone or some group must try to educate the ignorant.

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Race heats up

One of the nation's most-watched political races took a nasty turn last week when a conservative North Carolina publication said Gov. James B. Hunt might have had a homosexual relationship with a young boy.

The article, which acknowledged the reports were nothing more than rumors, also said Hunt might have had a girlfriend while in office.

Hunt, a moderate Democrat, is challenging conservative Republican Sen. Jesse Helms, who is supported by the newspaper, the N.C. Landmark Limited.

Hunt has threatened to file a libel suit against the paper and has also called for an investigation to determine whether the Helms campaign was involved in the story.

Bob Windsor, the newspaper's publisher, later issued an apology for the article.

"I have asked God to forgive me this transgression and believe he will" Windsor said. "At no time did I say Jim Hunt is homosexual."

The article says that at a recent campaign rally, "a man called me aside and told me that Jim Hunt had a lover who was a pretty young boy from North Carolina who is employed by the State Department. He called the boy by name and gave the location of his hometown. The fact that he gave his employer gave credibility to the story."

The article also called the governor, "sissy, prissy, girlish and effeminate."

Actors shine in 'Pope'

Movie review

Just what the world needed. Another movie about New York's Italian underworld. Mama mia, "The Godfather Part 23."

Actually, "The Pope of Greenwich Village," author Vincent Patrick's film adaptation of his own novel, is decidedly more light-hearted and good-natured than most movies of the mafia genre. But despite a number of excellent performances, it never really overcomes the limitations of its subject material.

"The Pope of Greenwich Village" is an endearing study of the relationship of two cousins, Paulie (Eric Roberts) and Charlie (Mickey Rourke). Director Stuart Rosenberg's film examines the destructive nature of their friendship with special emphasis on the effects of Italian culture's intense ethnic family loyalties. When the going gets tough, the film's non-Italian characters split; cultural ties and the intense friendship prevent Charlie from doing likewise.

Paulie is a fast-talking schemer, always trying to make a buck. Only problem is that Paulie is a complete moron, a child-like character who lacks the intelligence and instincts to survive in the real world.

Charlie is a realist, a loving, intelligent guy, who, as his girlfriend Diane (Daryl Hannah) says, is always just a step away from becoming a success. Both cousins have a taste for the good life — fancy clothes, fine wines and food, big cars — but Charlie worries about where the money's coming from, while Paulie expects it to materialize. Paulie, for all his get-rich-quick schemes, is obviously one of life's losers. Sadly, Charlie, because of character flaws — a quick temper and his unflinching loyalty to Paulie — doesn't fare any better.

Paulie's plight is vividly shown by one of his plans — an investment in a race horse. When the horse finally takes to the track, Paulie brashly bets a bundle on the horse to win. Of course it loses, by a nose. Charlie, by contrast, has the wisdom to bet the horse across the board.

Paulie's conniving causes the pair to lose their jobs at an exclusive restaurant, leaving them without a way to pay for their expensive habits. Paulie comes up with a "sure-fire" score, a warehouse burglary, and Charlie, who should know better, reluctantly agrees. Unfortunately, the warehouse belongs to Bed

Bug Eddie (Burt Young), a sadistic gangster who delights in removing body parts from people who cross him. Charlie, of course, learns of Paulie's error in judgment too late.

Patrick's screenplay and Rosenberg's direction of "The Pope of Greenwich Village" are steady, though unspectacular. There's a bit too much overreliance on such mafia clichés as a dark room at the back of a bar and ominous-looking henchmen in big cars and dark suits. The film also has, in its more emotional scenes, a tendency to be overly melodramatic.

About the only things of visual interest are Charlie's ever-changing, flashy wardrobe and the voluptuous Hannah, who conveniently stays clad in tights.

The thing that lifts "The Pope of Greenwich Village" above its spaghetti-melodrama contemporaries is its extraordinary performances. Roberts ("Star 80") is particularly brilliant as Paulie. His multi-faceted performance captures the mercurial schemer perfectly, from his frantic outbursts to his pathetic confrontations with reality.

Rourke continues the form he displayed in "Diner" and again shows that he's one of the screen's most charismatic young actors. Although his role is less flashy than Roberts', he makes considerable impact as the brooding, compassionate, yet explosive Charlie.

A couple of performers in minor roles also shine. Kenneth McMillan, who plays the old safecracker Barney, brings a sparkle and worldliness to his Irish character. And veteran actress Geraldine Page is brilliant in a cameo role as Mrs. Ritter, the hard-drinking, hard-talking, chain-smoking mother of a dead cop.

Unfortunately Hannah ("Splash") is used for little more than titillation, and Young ("Rocky") struggles in the stereotyped role of the demented gangster.

Despite these deficiencies, "The Pope of Greenwich Village" is a must for connoisseurs of fine acting, especially since that's been such a rare commodity in 1984's film crop so far. Unfortunately, the marvelous performances are contained in a less-than-marvelous vehicle.

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2-6p	Absentee voting	659 S. Jennings
7p	Services	MCC
7p	Court awards	Public House

MONDAY, July 16

9p	Mr. Gay Tarrant Co.	Other Place
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TUESDAY, July 17

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10p	Mr. Cowboy, Ms. Cowgirl	Corral

WEDNESDAY, July 18

7:30p	Services	MCC
7:30p	Bar Awards	D.J.'s

THURSDAY, July 19

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7p	Awareness Group	UTA
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FRIDAY, July 20

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SATURDAY, July 21

12:30p	Coronation Brunch	D.J.'s
8p	Coronation '84	Green Oaks Inn

SUNDAY, July 22

9:30a	Sunday school	MCC
11a	Services	MCC
Noon	Victory Brunch	Public House
7p	Services	MCC

MONDAY, July 23

7p	Dignity	4503 Bridge
7:30p	Mass	Dignity

TUESDAY, July 24

7:30p	Comm. Ctr. mtg. Llambda Center	
7:30p	Agape AA	MCC

WEDNESDAY, July 25

7:30p	Services	MCC
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THURSDAY, July 26

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7p	Awareness Group	UTA

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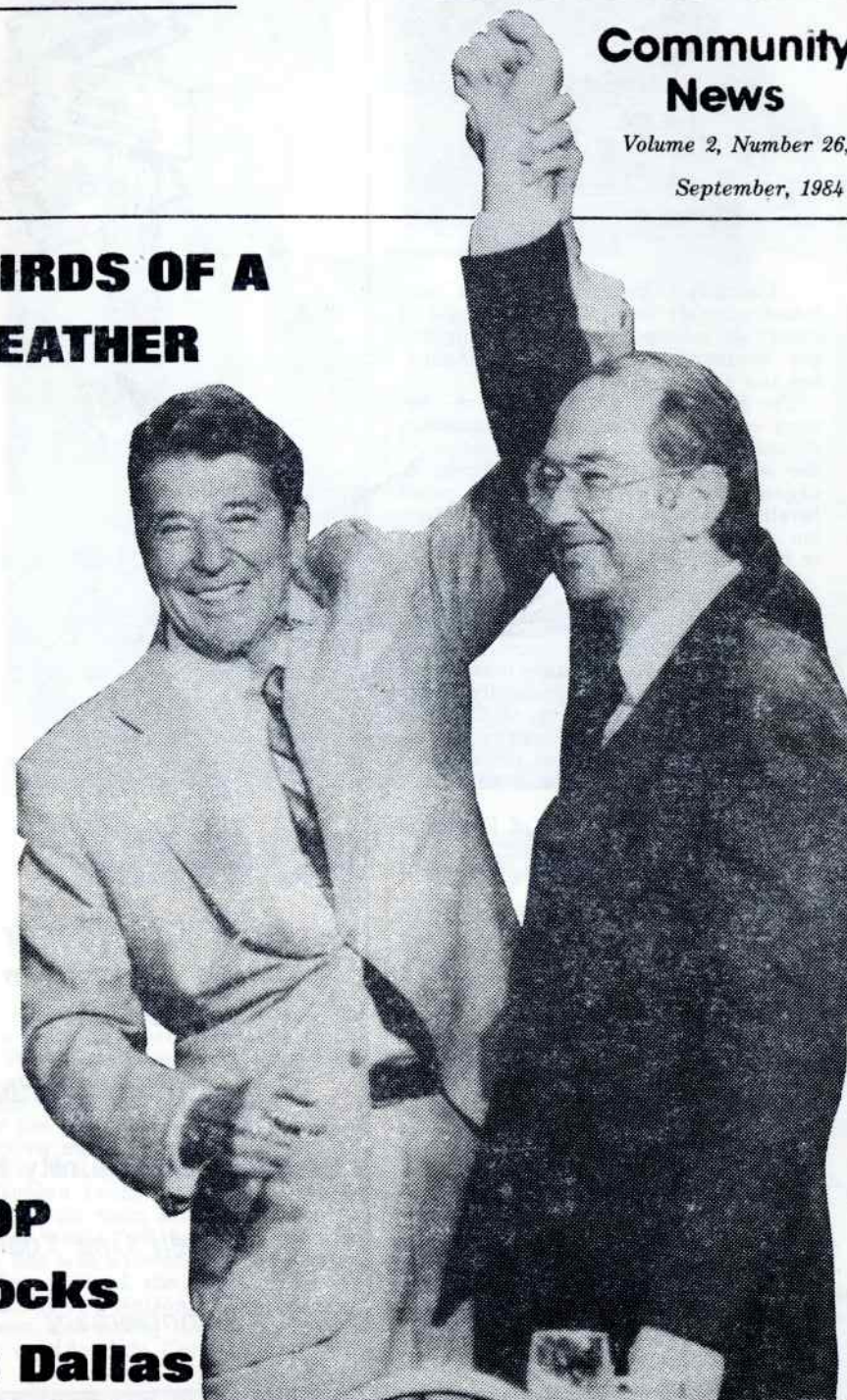
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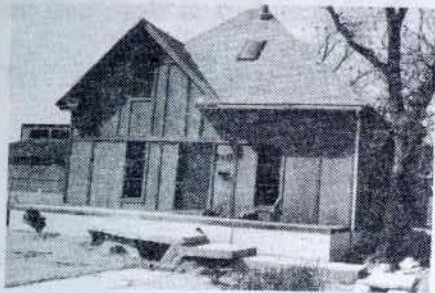
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GOP flocks to Dallas



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Nancy was born July 14, 1956.

For the past few years, she has been an active member in our community. She was the secretary of the Court of the Golden Lions, and had just been re-elected the night before.

Nancy was at all functions and meetings. She was a member of the Imperial Longhorn Council, the Court of the Golden Lions and National Llambda, Inc. She was also among the first people to work on Llambda Community News,

where she helped with typesetting, collating and distribution, and always with a smile.

On Saturday night, Aug. 25, at the Dena Kaye benefit, Dena made an announcement of Nancy's death and dedicated a song to her.

When Nancy joined National Llambda, Inc., the retirement center, she wrote on her application that she was joining because "someday I'll be old."

Fort Worth has lost a beautiful person, but God has called one Home.

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GOP quiet on gays

There was plenty of flag waving and chants of "USA." Republican superstar after Republican superstar took to the podium to blast the Democratic ticket and offer open arms to those disenchanted with it.

But the 33rd Republican National Convention in Dallas, for all its rhetoric, failed to address, or even mention, gay issues.

If there were any gay delegates to the GOP Convention, they remained safely locked inside their closets.

Bill Nelson of the Dallas Gay Alliance said a couple of GOP delegates visited the DGA's "Fruit Pavilion" at Crossroads Market, but, he said, they are "not at all interested" in coming out.

Bruce Decker, chairman of Concerned Americans for Individual Rights, a conservative gay rights organization, said 10 to 20 gay delegates were in Dallas, "but they're not willing to talk."

Approximately 70 openly gay delegates, alternates and committee members attended the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco, where the Gay and Lesbian Caucus was recognized as an official party caucus.

The Democratic platform included two pro-gay planks. The official Republican Party document, however, was mum on gay rights, which may have been a plus considering the anti-gay resolution proposed at the Texas State GOP Convention.

The GOP document did, however, include a "Family Protection" provision, buzz words that New Right activists have often employed to promote their anti-gay sentiments.

But if all was quiet on the gay front during the convention, there was plenty of anti-gay rhetoric flying about beforehand.

Texas Senate candidate Phil Gramm used pre-convention publicity to once again chastise opponent Lloyd Doggett for his support by gay groups.

"Doggett is soliciting the support of the gay and lesbian groups in the state and has endorsed the gay rights bill giving affirmative action to homosexuals," Gramm said. "I don't think there is anywhere there is a clearer choice than on the basic issue of traditional family values."

But President Reagan may have given gays their biggest disappointment of the 1984 campaign in a statement released



Ronald Reagan during acceptance speech

just before the convention. Gays had good cause to have some hope for Reagan; he opposed a 1978 California referendum that would have banned openly gay teachers, and he recently said he "opposes any kind of discrimination, period."

Reagan dashed those hopes, however, in a written response to a questionnaire from the Presidential Biblical Scoreboard.

"Society has always regarded marital love as a sacred expression of the bond between a man and a woman," Reagan wrote. "In the Judeo-Christian tradition, it is the means by which husband and wife participate with God in the creation of a new human life. It is for these reasons, among others, that our society has always sought to protect this unique relationship. ... We will resist the efforts of some to obtain government endorsement of homosexuality."



The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence drew much of the attention at gay protest activities

Gays march against Reagan

A small, but vocal gay delegation braved the sweltering Dallas heat to take part in a march protesting the Republican National Convention on Saturday, Aug. 18.

About 40 gay men and lesbians carried signs, chanted and marched along Commerce Street in Dallas as part of the Rally for Peace and Freedom, a coalition of issue-oriented progressive groups that gathered to protest Reagan Administration policies.

The oppressive Dallas heat — it was 109 degrees when marchers left Tent City on the banks of the Trinity River — was at least partially blamed for the disappointing turnout for the protest march and rally. Police estimated that only 1,500 protesters attended the march and the rally at Kennedy Memorial Plaza. March organizers had hoped for a

a crowd of 4,000.

Gay protesters, who came from across the state and nation, carried signs and banners with such messages as "Gay Rights Now," "Gays Against Reagan and Gramm," "Lesbians Unite," "Lavender Left" and "Keep Your Laws Off My Body" and joined other protesters in chants such as "Ronald Reagan, he's no good; send him back to Hollywood."

Most of the gay and lesbian marchers were dressed in normal beat-the-heat clothing, but a conspicuous few — including the controversial Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence from San Francisco — were in drag.

Onlookers who watched the protest march pass through the Dallas streets had a variety of reactions to the gay group — from laughs and mock flirtations to obscenities and obscene gestures.

Members of the national and local press swarmed about the protesters and, as would be expected, concentrated their coverage of the gay marchers on the Sisters — clad in black nuns' habits and garish make-up — rather than the more "normal" members of the group. Only representatives of *The Advocate*, the national gay news magazine, tried to cover the gay contingent from a broader viewpoint.

The Sisters, who flew into Dallas to perform an "exorcism" of controversial Rev. Jerry Falwell, are accustomed to the publicity and the criticism that their outrageous behavior presents a negative image of the gay community.

"We don't represent all gays," Sister Vicious Power-Hungry Bitch told *Lambda News*. "We represent a certain opinion within the gay community."

"Reagan is promoting conformity and mediocrity that leaves out minorities and gays," Sister Bitch said. "What we're saying, in an extreme way, is be yourself, be an individual, follow your heart."

Among the many other groups that took part in the march were ACORN,

groups opposed to U.S. involvement in Central America, advocates of a nuclear freeze, opponents of the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill, supporters of Palestinian rights and women's rights activists.

The march culminated in a rally at the Kennedy Memorial Plaza that featured long-time activist Dr. Benjamin Spock and women's music performers Holly Near and Ronnie Gilbert.

One of the many speakers at the rally was veteran gay rights activist Miriam Ben Shalom of Milwaukee, a member of the National Gay and Lesbian Network, who commented on the diversity of the protesters.

"We are people of color," she said, "black, brown, white and Jewish, gay and straight. We marched together to say we will remain silent no longer."

Other gay protest activities during the Republican Convention included a Rally for Equal Rights on Thursday, Aug. 16, at Lee Park that was sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance and a satirically named "Fruit Pavilion," at which watermelon and other fruits were sold at the Crossroads Market.

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The marchers, composed of Central American refugees, religious leaders and peace activists, carried banners, a painting of martyred Oscar Romero, and a black coffin filled with wooden crosses they had collected during their six-day caravan.

Demonstrators wanted to register opposition to the United States' continued militarization of Central America and the deportation of thousands of Salvadoran refugees who face torture and death if they return to their homeland.

They hoped to focus attention to the gunboat policies of the Reagan administration as well as target Ft. Worth Rep. Jim Wright for his pro-military stand.



Salvadorans and Guatemalans flee their homes because their governments are killing them. At least 40,000 have been killed in El Salvador the past four years, 95 percent of them at the hands of the military or government-supported death squads. In Guatemala the army has waged a campaign of genocide against the indigenous people, resulting in thousands of deaths and the creation of up to one million homeless.

Why the slaughter? Because the oppressed majority are threatening the centuries-long rule by the military/oligarchy: no more sub-minimum wage, no more landlessness, no more disease, malnutrition, illiteracy and slum dwellings.

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The glow of SF; despair in Dallas

Newspeak

The conventions are over; the campaign has officially begun.

The euphoria of San Francisco has crash-landed into the reality of Dallas.

The latest polls show the Ronald Reagan-George Bush ticket 15 percentage points ahead of Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro, and the margin is growing. The Democratic ticket is currently ahead only in Minnesota, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The Rally for Peace and Freedom, a protest march in Dallas, drew only 1,500 participants, about 40 of whom marched with the gay/lesbian contingent. Tent City, the official Republican Convention protest encampment, had only about 75 residents after the ACORN national convention pulled out on Monday and folded up two days early. A gay rights seminar at a Dallas hotel drew an audience of 0; only the five speakers bothered to show up.

Compare this to San Francisco, where there was relatively little to protest: 70,000-100,000 gays marched through the streets, as did 150,000 labor supporters. Even an "exorcism" of Jerry Falwell by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence drew a crowd of about 2,000.

Is Reagan's party really "America's Party," or was it just Dallas?

If you think I'm being overly partisan, consider:

The Democratic Party, for the first time, actually used the words "gay and lesbian" in its platform.

"Violent acts of bigotry, hatred and extremism aimed at women, racial and religious minorities, and gay men and lesbians have become an alarmingly common phenomenon. A Democratic Administration will work vigorously to address document, and end all such violence."

In addition, the Democratic platform, for the second consecutive presidential campaign, opposes discrimination based upon sexual orientation.

"All groups must be protected from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, language, age, sex

or sexual orientation. We will support legislation to prohibit discrimination in the workplace based on sexual orientation. We will assure that sexual orientation per se does not serve as a bar to participation in the military."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, in a nationally televised address, said, "The Rainbow includes lesbians and gays. No American citizen ought to be denied equal protection under the law."

The Gay/Lesbian Caucus is an official caucus of the Democratic Party, and 70 delegates, alternates and committee members attended the Democratic Convention.

A reception for gay Republican delegates in Dallas failed to turn up one delegate willing to publicly identify himself/herself.

What did the Republicans offer, besides a hard-sell of God, Mother and Country?

Not a mention, pro or con, on gay rights, but only a "Family Protection" (i.e. anti-gay) plank that reads: *"Republicans affirm the family as the natural and indispensable institution for human development. A society is only as strong as its families, for they nurture those qualities necessary to maintain and advance civilization."*

In addition, Reagan and Texas Senate candidate Phil Gramm have made blatantly anti-gay statements and taken anti-gay policy positions.

Do the polls and the apathy in Dallas mean it's all over? That the gay rights cause has suffered a setback instead of a gain? Is the Metroplex gay community really that insensitive to its own plight?

Maybe it was the heat. Maybe the bars had better action than the protests. Maybe the attitude is that Reagan and Gramm are unbeatable.

I hope not.

We're 1!

Llambda News celebrates, changes

Pride. Joy. Relief.

It's hard to believe it, especially for the staff of Llambda Community News, but it's been a year now since our first issue appeared in the bars and organizations of Tarrant County's gay community.

We've gone through the trials and tribulations of any new publication — initial euphoria, the battle against apathy, and finally, at long last, a sense of acceptance and stability.

Anniversaries are a good time to look back and to look ahead.

Llambda Community News began as the brainchild of Jim Morgan, president of National Llambda, Inc., (the retirement center) and several other members of the organization. The idea became reality at Llambda's semi-annual membership meeting last August and has been fulfilled by a small group of dedicated people.

Since its first issue — which profiled National Llambda, Inc. — Llambda Community News has covered a variety of topics and news stories of importance to Tarrant County's gay community. A few highlights:

ORGANIZATIONS: Since the very first issue, Llambda News has tried its best to cover Tarrant County's gay organizations; after all, if we don't do it, who will? We extensively covered the dedication of the new facility of Agape Metropolitan Community Church, the purchase of a gay meeting place by National Llambda, Inc., and took a close look at the Center for the Community. In addition, we've tried to keep tabs on the news from other organizations, such as the Tarrant County Gay Alliance, the Court of the Golden Lions and the Imperial Longhorn Council and the Gay Pride Week Association.

BIG EVENTS: If you want more than a couple of paragraphs about Tarrant County's big events, Llambda News is the place to look. We don't want to brag, but for coverage of the Agape MCC dedication, Gay Pride Week '84 and Coronation '84, Llambda News was head and shoulders above the rest.

POLITICS: This is a political year, and though we may not be the definitive gay voters' guide, we're trying our best.

We featured coverage of a Fort Worth appearance by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, and, in this issue, a look at the Republican National Convention in Dallas. We've also done our darnedest to keep up with both state and national politics as they apply to the gay community.

We feel like we've improved a lot in the past year, but recognize that we've still got a long way to go. Toward that end, we've got some changes in mind that we think will make Llambda Community News a better publication.

First, and most importantly, we're going to shift to monthly publication. But the decline in number of issues won't mean a decline in quality. We've got some new features planned for you. Billie Moon will be writing a column devoted to local news, so Tarrant County organizations, here's your chance to get even better coverage of your events. We're also adding a general column — *Newspeak* — in hopes of raising your blood pressure a bit. And staff newcomer Darry Pendleton will continue to give you a look at activities of the Progressive Coalition, of which the gay community is an ally and an active participant.

Don't worry about your favorite features; gossip, the Calendar of Events, movie reviews and the Directory will still be there.

We're looking forward to our second anniversary, but remember, whether or not we get there depends on you. This is, after all, *your* publication, so if you've got an essay, a short story, photographic talents or a hidden desire to become another Woodward or Bernstein stashed away in your closet, drag it out! And Fort Worth businesses and organizations, don't forget, we're still the cheapest advertising medium going.

Thank you for a great year. But the best is yet to come.

A photo of the Board of Directors of National Llambda, Inc., graced the cover of the first issue of Llambda Community News.

Llambda Community News



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Investitures

A royal extravaganza

By Billie Moon

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!
Let it be known that on this date, Aug. 14, 1984, the Court of the Golden Lions did hold their Investitures at Sir Bud's. (Sir Bud's sounds appropriate, eh?)

Emperor Cowboy Dale Glenn and Empress Golden Torch Raina Lea held court, accompanied by Grand Duke Michial Robinson and Grand Duchess Delphine Gomez. King Father is Rosie Vines, and Queen Mother is Glenda Gardner.

The Texas Gay Rodeo Association presented the flags, and the invocation was given by Rev. Chester Rice.

Emcees were the inimitable Larry Lucas, president of the Longhorn Imperial Council and Emperor III, and Jacki Jorg, Emperor IV.

Dale and Raina gave out many titles to the people of our community. There was so much royalty around, it made a body gasp.

This publication, Llambda Community News, was appointed Imperial Court Crier. Thank you so much, Dale and Raina. Thank you again for my title, princess, and Joyce's, prince.

The Emperor and Empress recognized royalty from surrounding towns and officers from organizations in Tarrant County.

The Court's new song is "I Am What I Am," which Larry Lucas did so well.

Rev. Jo Crisco will be the official pastor of the Court.

It was a lovely Investitures, and well attended. Co-op Productions, Unlimited, sponsored this gayla event, and what a super job they did. The setting where Dale and Raina held court was just beautiful. Thank you, all members of Co-op.

GPW '85 GETS STARTED

On Monday, Aug. 20, the Gay Pride Week Committee held its elections for 1985. Sharon Huber and Terry Gann were elected co-chairpersons. Brad Pruden was elected secretary and Dale Glenn treasurer.

The next GPW meeting will be Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. at the 659 S. Jennings conference room.

There will be a GPW Parade in Dallas on Sept. 23, and Fort Worth GPW will have a float in the parade.

Llambda News has received the final

Community tidbits

financial report for GPW '84 from treasurer Dale Glenn.

GPW '84 had an opening balance of \$500.39 on Jan. 1, 1984. As of the Aug. 20, 1984 closing report, GPW '84 collected \$8,653.72 in income, including \$3,508.37 from benefits and \$3,330.75 in sales. Expenditures for the year totaled \$7,864.69, with the largest expenses being production, \$4,149.91; the picnic, \$1,366.12; and the GPW '84 guidebook, \$1,250.00.

The closing balance was \$1,289.42, a net gain of almost \$800. Congratulations, GPW '84, and here's hoping GPW '85 goes just as well.

ORGANIZATIONS INVITED

"What you have always wanted to know, but were afraid to ask" — namely the Center for the Community, located at the Llambda Center, 2412 Lipscomb, is presenting a program of all the organizations in Tarrant County.

A representative from each organization will speak on what his/her goals are and what they are about. Everybody is invited to attend and ask questions about any or all organizations. The program will be on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m. See you there!

LEATHERMEN TO CELEBRATE

The Cowtown Leathermen will be celebrating their first anniversary with a weekend of festivities Sept. 14-16.

Registration will be conducted at The Corral on Friday evening, Sept. 14. Donation fee for late registration (after Sept. 1) is \$40. At registration you will receive a packet containing a schedule of events, an enamel pin commemorating the Cowtown Leathermen's first anniversary and other goodies.

There will be several cocktail parties at Fort Worth bars that will be hosted by out-of-town clubs, such as the Branding Iron and Silver Spurs clubs of Dallas. Saturday will include lunch, cocktail parties, games and the anniversary banquet and awards ceremony. Sunday will feature brunch, cocktail parties and a farewell champagne party

hosted by the Cowtown Leathermen.

For more information or to get in on all the fun, call Mitch at 540-0746.

LLAMBDA NEWS PARTY

September also marks the first anniversary of Llambda Community News, and we're planning a party to celebrate the occasion, courtesy of Sir Bud's.

All the details haven't been worked out yet, but the anniversary party will be Friday night, Sept. 28, at Sir Bud's and feature free draw beer and special prices on can beer and well drinks. Ya'll come!

DINNER, DRAWING SLATED

National Llambda, Inc., the retirement center, begins a new tradition on Saturday, Sept. 29, with the first in a series of monthly dinners at the Llambda Center, 2412 Lipscomb. The first dinner will feature Mexican food and will be at 2 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$3.

National Llambda is selling \$1 raffle tickets for prizes to be given away at the dinner. The prize on Sept. 29 will be a set of China, setting for eight.

Betty Jo Nelson and Mark "Heather" Heisler have been appointed co-chairpersons of the entertainment committee and show directors for National Llambda, Inc.

RODEO EXPRESS

The Fort Worth Chapter of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association is accepting reservations for travel and hotel accommodations for the TGRA Rodeo, Nov. 2-4, in Houston.

The Fort Worth TGRA chapter is chartering a bus to Houston that will leave at 12:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, from the 651 parking lot. There are a wide variety of options available for the trip, with costs ranging from \$53 to \$118 per person. Reservations are due by Oct. 5. For more information, call J.C. Kemper at 732-1176.

TCGA TO RAFFLE TV

At the next general membership meeting of the Tarrant County Gay Alliance, there will be a raffle for a portable TV, AM/FM radio.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Llambda Center, 2412 Lipscomb. The prize is the same one raffled at the Mr. and Ms. Gay Pride '84 contest. TCGA President Tina Riddlehoover won that raffle, and donated the prize back to TCGA.

To be eligible to win, join TCGA for \$15 per year or \$25 for a two-person household, or renew your membership.

COUNCIL PLANS CONTEST

Watch for the upcoming Mr. Jockey Shorts and Ms. Wet T-shirt contests, which will be presented by the Imperial Longhorn Council. The contests have been tentatively set for Sept. 12, but the time and site have yet to be determined.

The next meeting of the Imperial Longhorn Council will be on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. at The Other Place Annex.

DENA KAYE BENEFIT

On Saturday night, Aug. 25, the Dena Kaye Fan Club held a benefit for Dena at the Lions Club.

Dena is such a lovely lady. It was attended by about 130 of her fans. Granny was very much in attendance. A couple from West Virginia who is celebrating their 30th anniversary was among the crowd.

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The sweetness of cherish

By Rue

Recently, someone told me he saw a friend of his at one of the bars. He said the friend brought over his new lover. After being introduced, he enthused, "This is the real thing ... I'm really in love ... this time it's forever."

Two weeks later he saw his friend in the bar with someone else, and asked, "What happened?" His friend replied with a shrug, "It just didn't work out." "Obviously, it wasn't love," concluded my friend.

Where did the "relationship" go wrong?

Probably a long time before they met.

The human predicament is fiercely fascinating to me. It intrigues the imagination and claims a wide berth of the spiritual/physical being. One good dilemma deserves another, I suppose...

Being what we are — human beings — we've inherited certain basic needs. One of these is the need to be loved. As the song goes, "You gotta have love!"

In the romantic limelight, a requirement as fundamental but exquisitely satisfying as a mother's milk to the newborn is the need to be cherished.

To experience even once this special feeling of validation is a powerful nucleus of energy, for here is centered hope. We can keep on becoming, not just surviving, when this love force is activated within our being. This feeling, as believed, creates a certain knowledge that can transform an individual with its resplendent gift of being treasured.

Oftentimes, regardless of societal pressures and external patterns peculiar to each generation, people are tragically undernurtured from a lack of being accepted and valued for who we are as individuals.

Opinion

The quest for fulfillment, recognition and reassurance goes on. If the feeling of the validity of our real self isn't mirrored, we can construct unrealistic vehicles to satisfy our needs. Instant gratification and recognition become a defense against rejection and loneliness. Fantasies develop that reflect our hunger to be seen and accepted.

Gays and lesbians are no different in their needs for personal love, the yearning to be held dear, to be valued — to be cherished.

Maybe you carry close to your heart the imprint of love's likeness ... the mother/child state of perfect well-being, of being held close and precious.

If this picture of ourselves is clear and integration into the outside world is supportive, then feelings of being unloved and unwanted probably won't project themselves defensively in whatever aspect.

I seriously doubt that we can cherish someone we've "picked up" who is the instrument for personal or physical gratification.

It's important to realize that whatever persuasions projected into our developing years become a world of reality ... whether of real value or not. Somewhere along the way, knowledge is transferred, affecting values and behavior. A continual parade of reinforcements, both negative and positive, instruct and shape our concept of love.

As a full-blown adult, without the ballast of secured confirmation of self and solid integrated learning under our belts, we come the clown's balloon, subject to the pulls and pricks of life. In the trial-and-error process of engaging love to ourselves, we poorly educated souls find the activity painful and confusing, along with the complexities of loneliness, isolation and disillusionment.

A favorite criteria of any topic in question of a cousin of mine who was studying law was, "What is the basis of your authority?"

If the basic need and meaning of life is to love and be loved, what school of thought and source do we attend to? Where do we go to learn to cherish ourselves and someone else?

It is found in the absolute, universal values, grounded in the basic dignity and value of the individual as being unique, made in the image of God.

The masterpiece of love is found in First Corinthians 13:

"Love suffereth long, and is kind; love enviety not; vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, does not behave itself un-

seemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things; love never faileth."

Realizing that He loves and cherishes us (John 3:16) can provide that base. For the ability to cherish someone else involves loving yourself in that certain knowledge that you are special, unique and of value over all things.

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GOOD LUCK, LIL

Good luck and a speedy recovery to Lil Dotson, who was recently hospitalized. Get well soon, Lil.

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Eastwood: Dirty, kinky

Clint Eastwood, Dirty Harry himself, doesn't exactly have the reputation of a risk-taking actor. We're used to seeing him as the consummate tough guy, blowing away creeps without a second thought.

But in his new film, "Tightrope," Eastwood shows that he's not to be taken for granted. Sure, "Tightrope" is basically a "Dirty Harry" spinoff, and it's sometimes annoying with its predictable suspense formula. But "Tightrope" exposes a different Eastwood — Eastwood the human being, with feelings, even — and most surprisingly of all, Eastwood the actor.

Admittedly, "Tightrope" is a flawed vehicle, but Eastwood is superb. He gives the performance of his career as Wes Block, the hardened homicide detective with kinky edges. It's a performance that lives up to, yet challenges, Eastwood's no-nonsense stereotype.

Block, initially at least, seems to be just another reincarnation of Dirty Harry. But there's a lot more to this detective than meets the eye.

Block is investigating a series of brutal, sadomasochistic murders of young women, primarily prostitutes. He's a divorced father who gained custody of his two daughters because his wife didn't want them. And although his family life seems wonderful enough on the surface, something is missing.

The investigation, which leads him through the seamier side of New Orleans, draws out Block's hidden desires and ultimately leads to a fuzziness of distinction between cop and criminal.

No Dirty Harry he, Block coolly receives a blow job from a prostitute and experiments with handcuffs, oil and vibrators. Eastwood's patented macho cool shows through when Block rebuffs an advance at a gay bar.

Eastwood, surprisingly, handles this mutation of his classic role in good fashion. And he's convincing in all three roles — as loving father, hard-nosed detective and connoisseur of sexual delicacies.

Richard Tuggle, who wrote and directed "Tightrope," gives Eastwood a boost with his, initially at least, thoughtful



Clint Eastwood

Movie review

screenplay. "Tightrope," though on the surface a shallow detective story, delivers an intriguing variation on the standard theme. Block and the murderer gradually become intertwined, and the only difference between cop and criminal is at what point the kinkiness ends.

As Genevieve Bujold, who plays Eastwood's antagonist/love interest Meryl Thibodot, says, "There's a darkness inside all of us."

Unfortunately, Tuggle's screenplay cops out. Instead of fully developing this "darkness inside all of us" theme, Tuggle takes the easy way out with an illogical, bloody finale that saps the film of its creative strength.

Tuggle's direction is even less successful; it's standard crime-film, suspense-movie stuff, and he even fails to take full advantage of the film's distinctive setting. One never really gets the sense that this is *really* New Orleans. Tuggle is more preoccupied with dark, gloomy streets, bars and sex parlors. Lennie Niehaus' score is brilliant when it relies on New Orleans jazz, a flop when it deviates.

But that's typical of "Tightrope." When it's good, it's very, very good, and when it's not...

POP'S TALES

Hi Kids.

How's tricks?

Well, summer is winding down. Hope all of you are having a blast.

Well, some of us made Investitures and had a good time. I know I did.

Congrats to Disco Granny on your title — me too.

Lenny, if you don't get married soon, you're going to run out of tricks, and these early a.m. and p.m. affairs are going to get to you.

Would you believe Raina Who was at Sir Bud's for Investitures and on time.

Raina Who is now known as the Flaming Torch and Dale's still the Cowboy Emperor.

The Court is still the Court of the Golden Lions. The Court song is "I Am What I Am" from "La Cage aux Folles."

Thank you Bud at Sir Bud's for letting us use your bar.

Co-op did a superb job again. Thanks to Billy Stewart, Mark Heisler, Rich Golden, Mike Hampton ... Pops.

Children, let's stop all this tattle-taleing and stories — he who lies once gets caught.

He who watches, waits.

This is the first anniversary issue of Lambda Community News. It's had its downs, but it is on the way up.

Jim M., how was East Texas?

Jerry Falwell sure showed how dumb he is with the statement he made in the papers. There are more gays in DFW than he thinks there are.

Thanks go to Jimmy P., who was our D.J. at Sir Bud's.

Coming soon to this paper will be applications for your pleasure. Ask Chuck or Pops what it's about.

Children, you must forgive me if I meet you and forget your name; but I don't forget your bodies.

Thanks go to Charlie Summers and Brittainy Cole for performing at Investitures.

We need some excitement in this town to revive us. It is the same thing every week — hint, bar owners.

Are there wedding bells for Chuck and are there wedding bells for Hector?

I hope all of you made the Court meeting Tuesday.

Well, these spontaneous floor shows at the Come Along are just wonderful.

Raina Lea, is it true you are going to Denver as the Wicked Witch of the North?

Scott, when are we going to get a wedding invitation? Let us know.

Glad to see Rosie and Delphine out after an illness.

Here's a get well for Chet Rice, who is in the hospital.

Is Raina Who ever on time? Where were you for the Council meeting?

Need a set of dishes? Get a ticket from Lambda for \$1. You might win, that is if you are setting up house-keeping.

It was a little warm Saturday night at T.T. Oh, those machines that won't work!

King Father is Rosie Vines. Queen Mother is Glenda.

Well, kids, we had a great time Sunday night at TLC. You should have been there.

Coming soon, a Royal Wedding. Watch this paper for details. It's a first for Fort Worth.

That's it for now.
See ya,
Pops.

Biography revised Exposure high

The author of a biography of the late Cardinal Francis Spellman, after a disagreement with the book's publisher, has agreed to revise wording that portrayed Spellman as gay.

Neither John Cooney, the author of "The American Pope: The Life and Times of Francis Cardinal Spellman," nor its publisher, Times Books, would reveal the specific changes, but Cooney said, "We made several revisions on several subjects, but the (homosexual) issue is still there."

The changes reportedly add a line that says that there is no direct proof that Spellman, the archbishop of New York from 1946 until his death in 1967, was a homosexual.

The homosexual issue is limited to five pages of the 400-page book. Cooney cites four men who allege that Spellman was gay, but none of them had direct proof.

"It is preposterous," said Monsignor Eugene Clark, who was Spellman's private secretary. "The notion that he could have carried on complicated liaisons without anyone knowing it is ridiculous. The charges are wholly untrue."

Exposure high

Exposure to HTLV III, the virus believed to cause AIDS, is apparently "quite high" among high-risk groups, including gay men, according to research by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

But researchers caution that the relationship of exposure to the virus and development of AIDS is uncertain.

The CDC reported that among a test group of 215 gay men in San Francisco, 65 percent had developed antibodies against HTLV III, indicating exposure to the virus.

Less than 1 percent of the population not a high risk for the disease tested positive for HTLV III antibodies, said Dr. James Curran, director of the CDC's AIDS task force.

Other high-risk groups — intravenous drug abusers, Haitians and hemophiliacs — also reportedly had high exposure rates.

As of July 9, the CDC had received 5,134 reports of AIDS cases, 2,316 of which were fatal.

Studds faces test

Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.), the first openly gay member of Congress to seek re-election, faces a stern test in the Sept. 18 Massachusetts primary.

Studds is facing his first test of voter sympathies since he was censured by the House last year for having sexual relations with a 17-year-old male page and then, in a dramatic speech before the House, admitted his homosexuality.

His main opponent is Plymouth County Sheriff Peter Flynn, who has made no secret as to what the top issue in the campaign is. Flynn has called Studds' affair with the page "a case of child molestation and child abuse," but has avoided making the election a referendum on Studds' homosexuality.

"I don't care whether the page was a male or a female," Flynn said. "Congress acts in loco parentis. My feeling was the congressman abused the power of the office."

Studds has said the 1973 affair was "an error in judgment." But, he adds, "One must understand what it was like to grow up in a closet. To be a gay person in this country was a life of sheer and unrelenting terror."

A survey by a newspaper in the 10th District, in which Studds, 47, has never lost a precinct since he was first elected in 1972, shows Studds with a big lead. The winner of the Democratic primary will face a formidable opponent in moderate Republican Lew Crampton, a former Environmental Protection Agency official, in the Nov. 6 general election.

Navy wins ruling

In an important ruling, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., has upheld a lower-court decision allowing the Navy to exclude gay men and lesbians from military service because of their sexual orientation.

James L. Dronenburg filed suit against the Navy claiming he was discharged solely because he was gay and that that action violated his constitutional rights. But both courts disagreed and upheld the Navy's policy excluding gays.

Dronenburg was discharged from the Navy in 1981 after nine years of service.

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7:30p Mass Dignity

MONDAY, Sept. 3

7:30p Agape AA MCC
7:30p Comm. Ctr. mtg. Llambda Center

TUESDAY, Sept. 4

7:30p Services MCC

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 5

5p UTA gen. meeting UTA
7p Awareness Group UTA
7:30p TCGA meeting Llambda Center

THURSDAY, Sept. 6

7:30p Prayer service MCC

FRIDAY, Sept. 7

SATURDAY, Sept. 8

11a Services MCC
7p Services MCC

SUNDAY, Sept. 9

7p GPW meeting 659 S. Jennings

MONDAY, Sept. 10

7:30p Agape AA MCC
7:30p Comm. Ctr. mtg. Llambda Center

TUESDAY, Sept. 11

7:30p Services MCC

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 12

5p UTA gen. meeting UTA
7p Awareness Group UTA

THURSDAY, Sept. 13

All day Cowtown Leathermen party
7:30p Prayer service MCC

FRIDAY, Sept. 14

SATURDAY, Sept. 15

All day Cowtown Leathermen party

SUNDAY, Sept. 16

All day Cowtown Leathermen party
11a Services MCC
2p Council meeting OP Annex
7p Services MCC

MONDAY, Sept. 17

7p Dignity 4503 Bridge
7:30p Mass Dignity

TUESDAY, Sept. 18

7:30p Agape AA MCC
7:30p Comm. Ctr. mtg. Llambda Center

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 19

7:30p Services MCC

THURSDAY, Sept. 20

5p UTA gen. meeting UTA
7p Awareness Group UTA

FRIDAY, Sept. 21

7:30p Prayer service MCC

SATURDAY, Sept. 22

SUNDAY, Sept. 23

11a Services MCC
3p Texas Freedom Parade Dallas
7p Services MCC

MONDAY, Sept. 24

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TUESDAY, Sept. 25

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WEDNESDAY, Sept. 26

5p UTA gen. meeting UTA
7p Awareness Group UTA
7:30p TCGA board mtg. Llambda Center

THURSDAY, Sept. 27

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FRIDAY, Sept. 28

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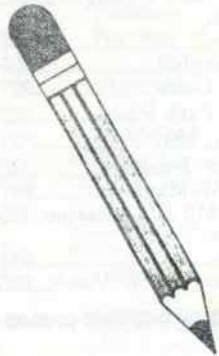


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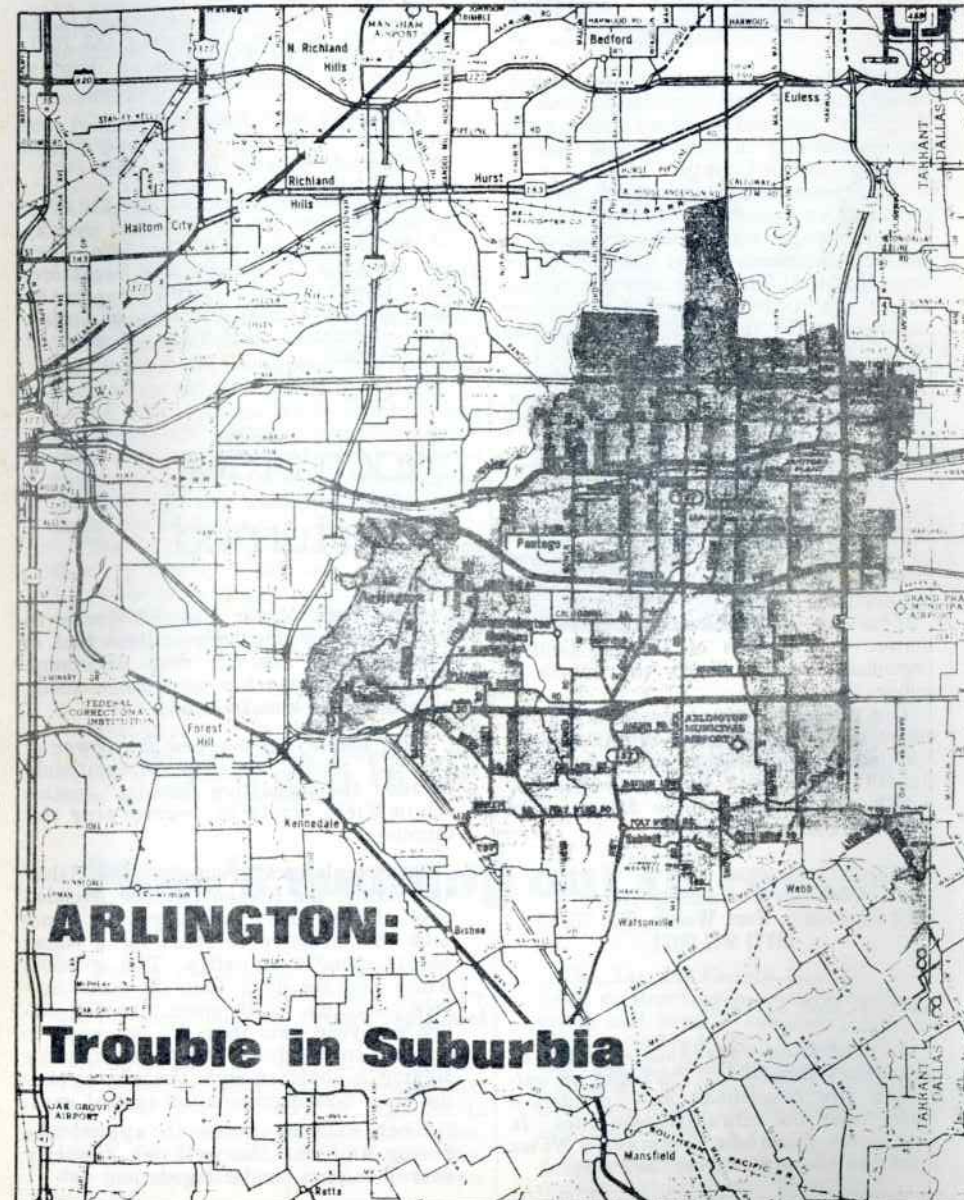
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ARLINGTON:
Trouble in Suburbia

Arlington hit by controversy

Controversy, massive publicity and fears of harassment and discrimination have swept the Arlington gay community in recent weeks in the wake of a police crackdown on sexual activity at Randol Mill Park and a series of anti-gay statements by City Councilman Jim Norwood.

The Arlington City Council voted to add four additional officers, at a cost of \$110,000, to patrol the park, where, police said, 128 people were arrested for public lewdness or indecent exposure from Dec. 4, 1982, to Sept. 4, 1984.

Controversy arose when Norwood, who earlier had been involved in an effort to close an all-male production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" at Theatre Arlington, went to the media with a series of outlandish anti-gay ideas.

Norwood advocated publishing the names of people arrested in Randol Mill Park in local newspapers and forcing gay bars to post signs outside so that unsuspecting members of the straight community wouldn't wander inside. He also said that if he had the authority, he would close the city's two gay bars — the 651/Arlington and the Tarrant County Mining Company — but stopped short of promoting the harassment of the bars through strict application of city ordinances.

"I don't want to target them," Norwood said. "I don't want to harass those people."

The Tarrant County Gay Alliance had scheduled a rally at Randol Mill Park for Sept. 21, but canceled the rally because of fears that the publicity surrounding it would be detrimental to negotiations with city authorities.

TCGA Vice President Mike Martin told Llamda News that he is negotiating with Acting City Manager George Campbell, the city council and representatives of the police department.

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TCGA statement

Dear Editor,

The city of Arlington, Texas, in recent months, has been cracking down on those people who may or may not be participating in public lewd acts. Because of this crackdown, numerous arrests have been made within the boundaries of Randol Mill Park.

It is unfortunate that a very tiny minority in the gay community who ignore the law and basic rules of health, safety and decency by engaging in sexual contact with strangers in public have now been presented as typical in the media.

Randol Mill Park has inadvertently been listed in Bob Damron's Travel Guide as a cruise spot for gay men and women.

If you have any further questions on this issue, contact TCGA, (817) 926-8242. We strongly urge all members of our community to stay away from this park until this problem is solved.

Sincerely,
Tina Riddlehoover
Mike Martin
Billie Moon
Frank Roper
Dale Glenn
Sharon Huber
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Jim Gaither
Vickie Stretch

Officers, board and alternates of
Tarrant County Gay Alliance

JIM NORWOOD SPEAKS:

"I think I have a right as a citizen and as a councilman to say that homosexuality is wrong in my eyes, and I think I have a responsibility as a councilman to alert the community to these sort of activities that go on in the community because I don't think as a whole they speak for what our community is about."

"I just want to alert the community that when they go into one of these places, it's a gay bar."

"I feel like I was called by God to serve on the City Council. I need to uphold the beliefs

that got me there.

"The Bible addresses sexual activity and pinpoints homosexuality as an abomination to God. I plan to continue my crusade against immorality, and ... if people in the community are spared an outbreak of AIDS or other diseases as a result of perverted lifestyles, I feel the crusade is worthwhile."

"If you are a man and you are in the park, it is fairly obvious that you will be confronted."

"I, for one, don't prefer to have our city parks advertised in gay publications."

Llamda Community News

FIRST ANNIVERSARY PARTY
Friday, Sept. 28 at Sir Buds

Coming Nov. 10 at Sir Buds
Benefit for National Llamda, Inc.
FEATURING DENA KAY

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"We're continuing to work with the city staff to ease tensions between the gay community and the city of Arlington," Martin said. "Negotiations are at a delicate stage right now. We don't want to go public."

In the meantime, TCGA is working to inform the Tarrant County gay community against using Randol Mill Park as a cruising spot. The organization sent a press release to gay publications (see sidebar) and plans to put posters in local bars.

In addition, Martin said, TCGA has written asking that Randol Mill Park be removed from a listing of cruising locations in Bob Damron's travel guide.

Martin stopped short of calling the police crackdown harassment.

"If people are being arrested for illegal activities, it's not harassment," he said, "but if gays are being denied use of the park, I believe it is."

Martin called Norwood's ideas "all off the wall. The labeling of gay bars would never go through; it's a violation of civil rights." And as for publishing names in newspapers, Martin said, "No (news-

paper) is willing to do that."

The controversy was not without an impact on Arlington's gay citizens.

"I was scared. I didn't go to the bars for a while," said one man at the Tarrant County Mining Company. "People were wary, but it wasn't really showing on the outside."

"It's a witch hunt."

I would like to thank everyone in Fort Worth for all their support during this time of pain and confusion. When I first found out that I had cancer, I felt alone and scared, but because of the wonderful people at the Tender Trap, Sir Buds and the Court of the Golden Lions, I know that I have many friends in Fort Worth!

Sir Buds and the Court are sponsoring a benefit show to help me and my children, Friday, October 5th at 10:00 p.m.

I just want to thank all of you in advance.

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They're nice places to settle down, raise a family and vote Republican.

Nothing wrong with that. The suburbs may not be the kind of place I'd want to live, but they're certainly not threatening.

So why is Arlington, the Model Suburb, suddenly becoming the kind of town you wouldn't want to take your lover home to meet the folks in?

Item: Under pressure from three city councilmen and playwright Edward Albee, Theatre Arlington closes an all-male production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

Item: After councilman Jim Norwood takes the matter to the media, the Arlington Police Department hires additional officers, at a cost of \$110,000, to patrol Randol Mill Park in an effort to crack down on gay "cruising."

Item: Richard Arme, Republican candidate for the 26th Congressional District, a suburban district that includes Arlington, says he wants to phase out Social Security and abolish the federal minimum wage, most federal aid to education and the corporate income tax.

Item: Several hundred UT-Arlington students and anti-abortion protesters heckle Democratic vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro with shouts and signs of "Four more years" and "Abort Ferraro" during a UTA campaign stop.

Combined, these events are symbolic of the growing tide of intolerance that has resurfaced across the country in recent years and now, almost shockingly, has reared its ugly head a bit too close to home.

And, sadly but predictably, gays are among the prime targets of this wave of bigotry and right-wing political activism.

That's not to say that most, or even a significant number, of Arlington residents share the views of Norwood & Co. But Norwood has been able to use his position on the city council to publicize his "moral" agenda.

The sexual activity in Randol Mill Park is indefensible; the people who engage in such activity realize (or should realize) that they are breaking the law and run the risk of being arrested because of their conduct. But Norwood's other positions amount to little more than righteous grandstanding and gay baiting. Clearly his proposals to label gay bars and to publish the names of those arrested in the park in local newspapers are ludicrous; the labeling plan is probably unconstitutional, and no self-respecting newspaper would stoop to his level.

James Baerwaldt of Arlington, vice president of the Greater Fort Worth Civil Liberties Union, said he was "embarrassed and ashamed" by Norwood's campaign of hatred, as well we all should be.

Norwood may be a crackpot, like the Rev. Jerry Falwell, Phyllis Schlafly and other "moral" extremists, but don't underestimate his power, as shown by his role in the "Virginia Woolf" caper.

Arlington voters, particularly gay voters, shouldn't forget Mr. Norwood when he comes up for re-election.

But in the meantime, Arlington will have to endure his taunts and bigotry until the media grows tired of reporting it.

As Arlington women's rights activist Kay Taeble told the Dallas Times-Herald, "It seems to me that suddenly this city is less tolerant than it used to be."

And that's too bad.

Dena Kaye set for benefit show

By Billie Moon

Great news, people!

Dena Kaye, the beautiful and talented singer, has volunteered to do a benefit for National Lambda, Inc. I was told that she normally does not do benefits, but a retirement center is not just any organization — it's for all of us. This is something in which she really believes.

This dynamic entertainer will perform in the benefit show at Sir Bud's on Nov. 10 at 10 p.m. If you have never seen Dena, this will be worth your time besides helping something that will benefit each and everyone, eventually. The retirement center promises not to just be for the aged, but also for the disabled. Not one of us knows what the future holds for us.

As you may well know, National Lambda is buying Lambda Center, 2412 Lipscomb, solely for a place for community organizations to meet. They are making no money from donations; everything is being put back into the center for payments, plus more.

Support not only one of our own who is super, but also an organization that is strictly for all of us. Dena has a fan club that is growing daily.

Thank you, Dena, for volunteering to do our benefit.

COUNCIL PROPOSES CALENDAR

At the Sept. 16 Imperial Longhorn Council meeting, President Larry Lucas was out for the first time after being ill for a few weeks. So good to see you out, Larry.

It was suggested that a representative from every organization in Tarrant County meet and compile a list of their activities so a calendar can be set up to avoid conflicts with other groups.

The dates of the contests for Mr. Jockey Short, Ms. Wet T-shirt, Mr. Gay Cowboy and Ms. Gay Cowgirl will be changed to later dates, to be released soon.

The next council meeting will be Oct. 21 at the Recovery Room.

Community tidbits

COURT COLLECTING FOOD

The Imperial Court of the Golden Lions is once again accepting donations of canned or staple goods. For information or to donate, contact Delphine at 927-5652 or Mother Michial on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday at 332-3762.

Empress Raina Lea has had an unfortunate accident that has required surgery on his arm. At this writing, he was expected to be in the hospital a few more days. Good luck, Raina.

GPW BENEFIT SET

Gay Pride Week '84-'85 will have its first benefit Oct. 27 at 9 p.m. at The Lumber Company. A \$2 donation will be asked as a cover charge. Look for an exciting group of performers to entertain you.

The first formal GPW '84-'85 meeting will be held Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at the South Jennings conference room. All interested persons are invited.

WORKSHOP PLANNED

On Saturday, Oct. 13, "Encounter Community Workshop" will be held in Dallas.

Encounter is a full day workshop that provides a structural opportunity for you to explore your thoughts and feelings about your gay humanity by dealing with rejection in a way that can end it for you, by examining the barriers that we set up to block communications with and from others and by looking at how well you receive support and support others.

If you are interested in this workshop, contact Michael Boothman, 5415 Maple Ave., Suite 211, Dallas, TX 75235.

The workshop lasts from 9 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$35.

LEATHERMEN CELEBRATE

On Saturday, Sept. 15, the Cowtown Leathermen celebrated their one year anniversary with a party at the Corral. Leathermen from Houston and Dallas were in attendance. On Sunday, Sept. 16, they finished their anniversary party at the Lambda Center. A champagne brunch was held and enjoyed by many.

Congratulations, Cowtown Leathermen.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE OUTREACH

Substance Abuse Outreach is a new ministry at Agape Metropolitan Community Church that meets each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. This group is for those who have a problem with alcohol, drugs or other substances. The group also wishes to include the relatives or partners of anyone having a problem and all members of our community who are interested in doing something about this serious problem.

Some of the programs will include films, speakers from recovery centers and/or professionals in the field. There also will be available a variety of information on drugs and alcohol and how to confront someone with a problem and, most of all, what can be done to help them recover.

MCC also has a Substance Abuse Task Force. This group is available for seminars and workshops.

For more information or if you need someone to talk to, please leave your name and number at Agape MCC, 535-5002, or call Duane Littlefield at 594-6053 or 594-3872 or K. Curless at 496-1693.

SPECIAL SERVICES SET

Agape Metropolitan Community Church of Fort Worth is hosting spiritual renewal services Sept. 28-30 with Rev. Elder Freda Smith preaching, according to Rev. Dr. Jim Norwood, pastor of Agape.

Smith is one of the most popular speakers in UFMCC. She is the vice moderator of UFMCC and is pastor of the Sacramento, Calif., MCC.

Before she became associated with MCC, she was with the Salvation Army.

Smith will be preaching Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 and Sunday at 11 a.m. There will be recording artists singing at each service. Don Stokum of Dallas will be playing the piano, and Skip Fitch will be at the organ. The choir and music will be directed by Ric

Huett, the Agape director of music, and Diana.

At the same time, beginning Friday, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches Deaf Ministries Conference will be conducted at Agape. Special emphasis to deaf ministries will be given in each service. Persons from more than 60 churches will be attending the conference.

There will be special activities throughout the weekend and there will be a churchyard cookout Saturday at 6 p.m. to which the community is invited. There will be a \$2 donation requested for deaf ministries.

Agape MCC is located at 4615 SE Loop 820/I-20. Exit at Anglin Drive.

RIDE TO THE RODEO

Are you going to Houston with the Tarrant County Gay Rodeo Association?

If not, you will miss what promises to be a fun time. A bus will be taking people to Houston on Nov. 2 and returning Nov. 4. For more information, call 429-1465.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding bells tolled for Carl (Pops) and Tim on Saturday night, Sept. 22, at the Lambda Center. It was a lovely holy union.

Rev. Chet Rice officiated. A reception was held at the Come Along Inn, where guests were served a beautiful cake. The groom's cake was cleverly decorated with a hangman's noose. Wow!

Good luck, Carl (Pops) and Tim.

SILVERWARE NEXT DINNER PRIZE

A set of silverware, service for eight, will be the prize in the raffle at the next National Lambda, Inc., dinner.

The dinner will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Lambda Center, 2412 Lipscomb. Raffle tickets are \$1 and the dinner is \$3.

The first Lambda dinner, featuring Mexican food, is Saturday, Sept. 28, with a set of China as the prize. The time for the dinner was incorrectly listed in the September issue of Lambda Community News. It also begins at 7 p.m.

IF YOU'VE GOT NEWS...

If your organization or church has information you want in Lambda Community News, please call Billie at 478-2872.

It is virtually impossible for me to cover every event, so please let me know of the happenings.

Pride III

A festive crowd of 5,000 lined Cedar Springs to cheer the Pride III parade in Dallas. Clowns and queens, musclemen and dancers tossed candy and trinkets from colorful floats to the eager crowd. Exuberant pride, a sense of comoraderie, openness and acceptance-- this was the spirit of Pride III.

Up to 60 organizations and businesses participated in the parade which was cosponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance and the Dallas Tavern Guild. The Democratic and Republican parties were represented officially, and campaign literature from the Socialist Workers Party was distributed on the sidelines. City Councilman Paul Fielding was even there to proclaim the day Pride III Day in Dallas.

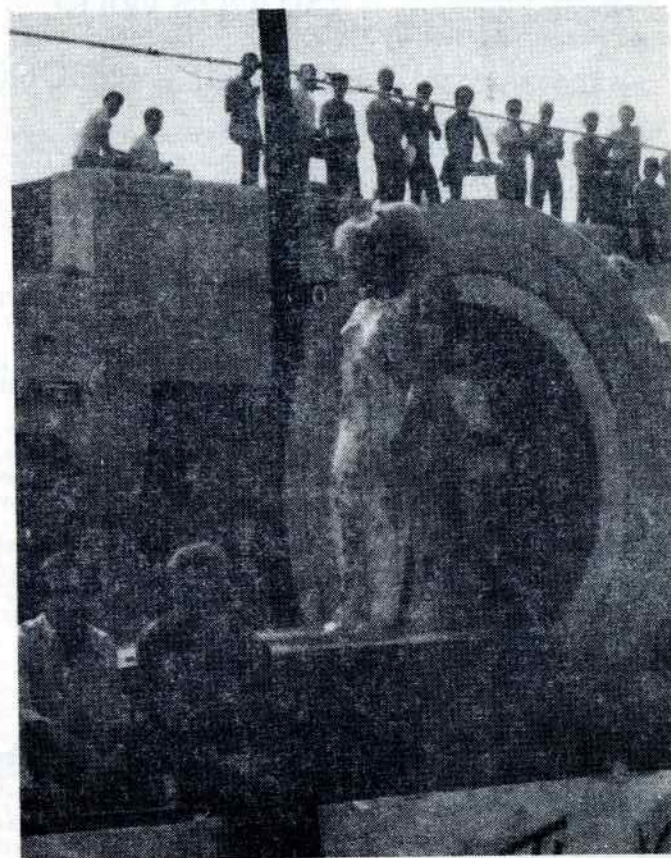
But for most people, it was the chance to publicly say, "I am gay, lesbian and proud. I'm going to act on that and celebrate with my family," parade chairman Mike Stewart said in a *Dallas Times Herald* story.

The Ft. Worth GPW float drew warm applause. Cochairs Sharon Huber and Terry Gann want to thank all who worked on it, especially Joyce for the design and Buddy and Billy Ray for the worksite.



ABOVE: Representatives from the Gay & Lesbian Young Adults organization proudly march on. ABOVE RIGHT: The Ft. Worth GPW float and delegation give 'em some Cowtown Pride. RIGHT: Beautiful people grace the Old Plantation float.

Photos by Darryl Pendleton



Michael Jackson talks straight

Pop singer Michael Jackson's personal manager called a news conference at which he attempted to "set the record straight" on rumors about Jackson's sexual orientation.

In response to articles in weekly tabloids, Frank Dileo read a statement by Jackson that called the rumors that he is gay "a flurry of false accusations."

Jackson did not attend the news conference, but his statement said:

"NO! I have never taken hormones to maintain my high voice. NO! I have never had my cheekbones altered in any way. NO! I've never had cosmetic surgery on my eyes. YES! One day in the future I plan to get married and have a family."

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Gerry Studds

Studds wins primary election

"I don't remember any night as wonderful as this night," Rep. Gerry Studds told cheering supporters after winning the Sept. 18 Democratic primary for Massachusetts' 10th Congressional District seat.

Studds, the first openly gay member of Congress, resoundingly defeated Plymouth County Sheriff Peter Flynn in his first test of voter sympathies since he was censured by the House of Representatives last year for his 1973 affair with a 17-year-old male page.

Studds drew 46,605 votes, or 60.8 percent, to Flynn's 26,229 votes, or 34.2 percent, to earn the right to face Republican Lewis Crampton in the Nov. 6 general election.

Flynn made a major issue of Studds' censure during the campaign, which Studds conceded came under "arduous, difficult and challenging circumstances."

Both Studds and Crampton, a former Environmental Protection Agency official, said President Reagan's policies will be a major issue in the general election campaign, and Crampton indicated he intends to attack Studds' liberal voting record.

Crampton said he will raise the issue of Studds' censure "only in the context of effectiveness," but hinted that it would be discussed during the campaign.



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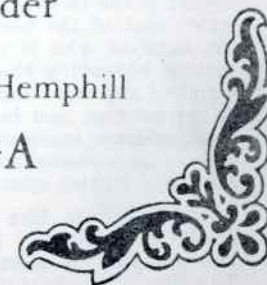
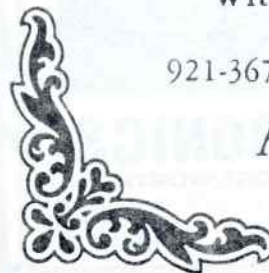
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Another Country: a different story

By Douglass Andersson

"Another Country," directed by Marek Kaniévka, is a beautiful, moving, if not totally satisfying film. To say it is a "gay film" is not a totally accurate assessment, for what we are dealing with is a story about two very different individuals, only one of whom is gay, brought together by the common bond of being different.

The story unfolds as Guy Bennett, aging and unrepentant, is interviewed in Moscow about events leading to his eventual conversion to communism. Rupert Everett portrays Guy Bennett, a flamboyant homosexual with a taste for younger blondes, while Colin Firth is Tommy Judd, Guy's best friend at Eton. Both Guy and Tommy, a communist, were unfortunate in having radical, unfashionable lifestyles that could only be tolerated by their fellow students as they served the purposes of the "old boy" establishment at the boys school in 1930s England. The ideals of both young men are tested and ultimately solidified as they are betrayed in their attempts to fit in.

As Guy, Everett is beautiful to look at while managing to be an engrossing actor to watch. Guy comes across as equally petulant and calculating while remaining basically likeable. Everett plays him with a sarcastic edge that gives the viewer a feeling that Guy is intrinsically aware of exactly who and what he is. His final monologue, telling Tommy of the pain and frustration of self denial for so long, is shattering.

The character of Guy, the more flamboyant of the two friends, seems to dominate most of the film. Tommy Judd is the catalyst who is given the difficult task of balancing the storyline. He is dignified and self-contained, but not cold or self-serving, and his communist idealism becomes increasingly attractive to Guy as he becomes more alienated from the elitist British system.

In his feature film debut, Kaniévka directs at a leisurely pace, giving "Another Country" a quiet, timeless feeling. The film's concentration on schoolboy

Movie review

politics was probably more vital to the English audience, but "Country" never disappoints until the very end. But the weak ending only barely dilutes this touching, visually lovely and beautifully acted film.

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POP'S TALES

SHADES OF SUMMER...

What a wonderful weekend in Dallas. Over Labor Day, Lewis of the Recovery Room, Mark & Mike, Lady Carlotta, Tim and I went to see Gloria Gaynor at the new Old Plantation. What a show and what a place!

Meanwhile, back in Fort Worth, I caught the show at the TLC one Friday night. Nice bodies! The Saturday night show was very good also. On Sunday night we went to the Other Place and Ginger & Charlie did a routine that was terrific.

By the time you read this, Tim and I will have been married one week. The ceremony was Sept. 22 at the Lambda Center, with reception at the Come Along. If you did not see the cakes, you missed it! Thanks to Lewis Richie and Bruce for both cakes and Thank You All for everything.

Well I guess Aunt Bea found her city.

Children if you missed the Gay Pride Parade in Dallas last weekend you should be ashamed of yourselves. We had a wonderful time. All along the parade route when the Fort Worth float went by everyone applauded.

Really, April Love, you must learn to keep your dress down.

Vickie S., are you still having those weekend romances?

Keith, it takes practice to imitate Raina Lea.

After Court session, Dale, Rich, Tim and I went to the Wild Crowd for a Court benefit and kids, the men were cute!

Michelle Lynn, you must stay away from barrels. Child, they have a strange effect on you.

It was good to see Marvin out and around again.

Now children, let's get serious for a moment. Children, if you go to Randol Mill Park and you do a No No, you will be arrested. That is not the place to be doing naughty things. If you do get arrested, you are only getting what you deserve. It has been this way over there for a year, so don't play dumb. Stay away. You have been warned, so don't come crying to us. The Council and Court cannot help you.

...Now, where was I? Oh yes, why is it when some people perform, I expect to hear "Don't Cry for Me, Lebanon."

Lynn Christopher, you don't have to get on your knees, but girl, we loved it!

Don't miss the Wet T-shirt and Jockey Shorts contests at TLC at 9 p.m. Oct. 3.

And on Friday, Sept. 28th, there's a party at Sir Buds celebrating the first anniversary of Lambda Community News so if you like what you read, you'll like even more the special show we've got lined up just for you!

And don't forget the Lambda Mexican Dinner the next day at the Center. For \$3 bucks you can sample Miss Vickie's homecooked fiesta.

There will be a benefit for cancer victim Daisy Baker at 10 p.m. Oct. 5 at Sir Bud's sponsored by King Father Rosie and Queen Mother Glenda.

Here's to all of you who celebrated birthdays this month!

Foxie Roxie, girl you are something else!

Raina Lea, please get well soon. Girl, you can still do drag...just wear gloves.

That's it for now,
Love, Pops

Older gay phone pal connection

ARE YOU LONELY? IN THE CLOSET? AN OLDER GAY PERSON? ... FEELING UNWANTED?

You don't have to suffer from any of these symptoms; there is a cure.

National Lambda, Inc., the retirement center, is going to try and start a Phone Pal Club especially for all of you.

Later, when you have got to know some friends, we will try and have a get-together at least once a month, not in some public "open to the world" place, but one that is more discrete, and yet, where we can "let our hair down" with each other without fear of being scorned, turned down or told to be our age.

I am an older gay, in fact I am 71, don't feel it and hopefully don't look it, but the damned birth certificate clearly states the year 1913 ... ah, well, I have been out of the closet most of my life; though at times it wasn't easy, I have survived two wars and the buffets of a busy commercial life ... perhaps I should have said life in a commercial world. I ain't no hooker, though it might have been fun.

Now, I know there are many hundreds of you wonderful people out there, but how to contact you and relieve you of your loneliness, or lack of just someone who understands and that you can talk to freely, ah, there's the rub, as Shakespeare or someone once wisely said. But you, yes you, even if you are out, I'll bet you know someone who is very much "in," so pass the word along to them. There is no need for them to be alone, miserable, feeling cut off or frustrated anymore; help is on the way.

At first I thought of using a Post Office box. Ah! But then you wouldn't have written because you'd have had to give a return address, and that might crack open the door of your precious closet. So I decided to use my own home phone number and establish a time to call for all you dear and wonderful lonely gays who are locked so tightly in your cedar-lined boxes.

Oh, there must be some catch to it, I can hear you say. Trust me, there ain't! We aren't going to suddenly give you

numbers out all over town; in fact, the phone list will be unavailable to anyone but a handful of Lambda Phone Pals who will be trusted with a few each.

Later, as you get to know your callers, we hope that you will trust them with a mailing address or P.O. Box number so that when we grow we can have our own mailing list of those who want Phone Pals, their interests, etc., etc. Instead of you having one person who contacts you, you'll be able to contact others yourself. Be daring and think about it.

You may ask why am I doing this? Answer is very simple. I do volunteer work for the "straights," so why not for the gays? We are a very important majority, if we care to be, and no one but ourselves is going to give a damn about us if we don't look after each other.

And when do we need each other most?... As we grow older. The worst disease you can get is "loneliness." It is worse than AIDS, VD or any other ailment. Yes, dear ones, I have seen too much suffering in the nursing homes from loneliness. They just sit there wishing that the next pill will be the last. Now, that is no way to be; we are real people, alive, full of love and the wonderful art of caring and sharing. What better way to enjoy life than to bring a few moments of joy to each other than by using Ma Bell's wonderful instruments ... be they digital, dial, push-button or crank handle. What we say to each other over the wires is what counts.

Try it, you might like it, some comic once said. He was so right. If you don't even call us, you may be passing up the chance of your lifetime. If you're like me, an older gay, don't wait too long. There aren't too many of us who really care about you, but those that do want you to peek out of the closet long enough to give us a call and help us start an "Older Gay Phone Pal Connection." This service is not a dating service. It is aimed directly at those older gays in their closets who are lonely, would like someone of their own kind to talk to once in a while, someone with

whom they really can communicate with on gay things without fear of exposure.

Once you have made the *big first step* you'll be surprised to find that everyone who is gay isn't out to rip you off, blackmail you or laugh at you. You'll find lots of very friendly people who, though they are "out," are wanting to find friends as much as you are.

I enjoy my sexual activities thoroughly as often as I can, but *sex* does not rule my life. No! To me, friendship and companionship are far more important. That is why I am sticking my neck out and giving you this telephone number to call anytime between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. any day! If I'm out, there is an answering machine, so call Phone Pal Connection, 817-237-6172, and leave "a name" and number.

I dare you! Put your hand out of the closet and dial 817-237-6172.

Your Phone Pal

A POEM

We gazed into each others' eyes
And time froze
The sounds of nature which surrounded us
Became muted whispers.
We held each others' hand
Love and security
We communicated to each other.
Life took on a whole new look
Our hands, our hearts
Each other's we took.
We felt joy to be together.
A look, a smile, and a warm embrace
Love's language filled our every moment
And as I gazed into his eyes I saw it
would be perpetual.
We drew closer
And our hearts beat faster.
Yes, our love made it happen.
We kissed each other, he and I
And somewhere up above
A shooting star told the world of our love.
And as our kiss came to an end
We spoke in unison, loud and proud,
And with deep emotion.
We said to each other how we felt as if it had not been said.
The words were three and very short.
"I love you," is what we said.
Only this and nothing more.

To Harriet

Scott Haltom

CLASSIFIEDS

To advertise in the classified section, send \$3.00 per 3 lines to:

Lambda Community News
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Fort Worth, Texas 76110

FOR SALE

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HELP WANTED

RN's LVN's, N.A., Orderlys,
All Shifts — Top Pay
Medical Pro Nursing Service 572-2223

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WANTED

If you would like to place an ad, or just a few lines to your spouse, roommate or friend, contact Billie, 478-2872, or Jim, 927-0071.

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If you need your attic or garage cleaned out, Lambda will do it. Items are needed for a coming yard sale to benefit your Retirement Center. Call 237-6230.

Bridge players wanted for Saturday nights at the Lambda Community Center. Call Jack or Bill 921-4709

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, Oct. 1
7p Dignity Mass 4503 Bridge Dignity

TUESDAY, Oct. 2
7:30p Substance Abuse Outreach Agape
7:30p Comm. Ctr. mtg. Llambda Center

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 3
7:15p Bible Study Mid-Cities MCC
7:30p Services Agape MCC
9p T-shirt, jockey shorts contests TLC

THURSDAY, Oct. 4
5p UTA gen. mtg. UTA
7p Awareness Group UTA
7:30p TCGA meeting Llambda Center

FRIDAY, Oct. 5
Nov. 6 voter registration deadline
7:30p Prayer service Agape MCC
10p Daisy Baker benefit Sir Bud's

SATURDAY, Oct. 6

SUNDAY, Oct. 7
11a Services Agape MCC
11a Services Mid-Cities MCC
7p Services Agape MCC
7:15p Services Mid-Cities MCC

MONDAY, Oct. 8

TUESDAY, Oct. 9
7:30p Substance Abuse Outreach Agape
7:30p Com. Ctr. mtg. Llambda Center

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10
7:15p Bible Study Mid-Cities MCC
7:30p Services Agape MCC

THURSDAY, Oct. 11
5p UTA gen. mtg. UTA
7p Awareness Group UTA

FRIDAY, Oct. 12
7:30p Prayer service Agape MCC

SATURDAY, Oct. 13

SUNDAY, Oct. 14
11a Services Agape MCC
11a Services Mid-Cities MCC
7p Services Agape MCC
7:15p Services Mid-Cities MCC

MONDAY, Oct. 15
7p Dignity Mass 4503 Bridge Dignity

TUESDAY, Oct. 16
7:30p Substance Abuse Outreach Agape
7:30p Com. Ctr. mtg. Llambda Center

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 17
7:15p Bible Study Mid-Cities MCC
7:30p Services Agape MCC

THURSDAY, Oct. 18
5p UTA gen. mtg. UTA
7p Awareness Group UTA

FRIDAY, Oct. 19
7:30p Prayer service Agape MCC

SATURDAY, Oct. 20

SUNDAY, Oct. 21
11a Services Agape MCC
11a Services Mid-Cities MCC
2p Council meeting Recovery Room
7p Services Agape MCC
7:15p Services Mid-Cities MCC

MONDAY, Oct. 22

TUESDAY, Oct. 23
7:30p Substance Abuse Outreach Agape
7:30p Com. Ctr. mtg. Llambda Center

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 24
7:15p Bible Study Mid-Cities MCC
7:30p Services Agape MCC

THURSDAY, Oct. 25
5p UTA gen. mtg. UTA
7p Awareness Group UTA

FRIDAY, Oct. 26
7:30p Prayer service Agape MCC

SATURDAY, Oct. 27
Halloween Carnival (time, site TBA)
7p Llambda dinner Llambda Center
9p GPW '85 benefit TLC

SUNDAY, Oct. 28
11a Services Agape MCC
11a Services Mid-Cities MCC
7p Services Agape MCC
7:15p Services Mid-Cities MCC

MONDAY, Oct. 29
7p GPW meeting 659 S. Jennings

TUESDAY, Oct. 30
7:30p Substance Abuse Outreach Agape
7:30p Com. Ctr. mtg. Llambda Center

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 31
Happy Halloween!
7:15p Bible Study Mid-Cities MCC
7:30p Services Agape MCC

THE DIRECTORY

TARRANT COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

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2412 Lipscomb.....926-3521
Co-Op Productions.....293-1938
Court of the Lions.....870-1364
Cowtown Leathermen.....335-0196
Crisis/Suicide Intervention
24 Hour Hotline.....336-3355
Dignity/FW, 4503 Bridge St., FW 76103
.....283-8588
Ft. Worth Sports Assoc.....246-3573
Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of UTA, Box 19348
UTA Sta. 77, Arlington, 76019.....860-7916
Gay Pride Week Assoc.....294-2447
Imperial Longhorn Council de FW/Arl.
.....625-8739
Lambda AA.....332-3533
Llambda Center, 2412 Lipscomb,
Fort Worth, 76110.....923-2355
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Lutherans Concerned, P. O. Box 881,
Bedford, 76109.....589-1132
National Llambda, Inc., Retirement Ctr.
2412 Lipscomb, 76110.....927-0071
Gay Rodeo Association.....429-1465
Tarr. Co. Gay Alliance, P.O. Box 11044,
Fort Worth, 76109.....926-8242
V. D. Clinic, 1800 University.....870-4223
W.A.D.S.....332-0745

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A & O Print Shop,
1950 Hemphill.....921-3670
Bobby Janitorial Serv.....496-8141
G & L Refrigeration.....738-7788
Home Phone.....237-5415
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Gold Rush Popcorn, 3821 Camp Bowie
.....732-1176
Jack & Bill's Painting & Carp.....921-4709
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1950 Hemphill.....927-0071
Lemon Tree Antiques,
804 Pennsylvania.....332-5519

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Morgan Co. Realty,
1950 Hemphill.....927-0071
Naomi's Photography.....478-4634
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Burleson, 76028.....295-3583
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TLC Auto Salon,
1401 W Magnolia.....924-2585

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Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas
PO Bx 822, Austin.....512/778-8653
Tx. Lesbian/Gay Student Organ.
Coalition, PO Bx 275, UT Union Bldg,
Houston 78712.....
Tx. Gay Task Force, Dallas.214/827-2957
Denton.....817/387-8216

CHURCHES

Agape' MCC, 4616 SE Loop 820.535-5002
Mid-Cities MCC, 401 Lillard
Arlington, 76012.....265-5454

ARLINGTON CLUBS

651/Arl., 1851 W. Division.....275-9138
Tarr. County Mining Co.
735 N. Collins.....265-6448

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Come Along Inn,
521 S. Jennings.....332-3762
Corral, 621 Hemphill.....335-0196
D.J.'s, 1308 St. Louis.....927-7321
Partners, 1612 Park Place.....927-9861
Recovery Room, 1201 Penn.....877-0448
651 Club, 651 S Jennings.....332-0745
Sir Bud's, 600 W Magnolia.....877-5326
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Address _____

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