

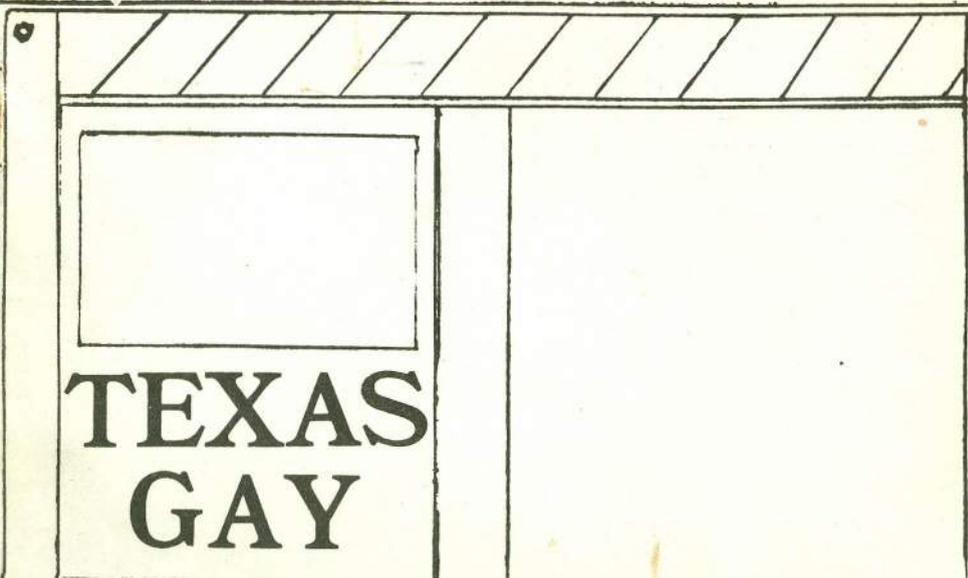
Texas Gay Conference VII
P. O. Box AK
Denton, TX 76201

The Texas Gay Conference has been sponsored annually since 1973 by the Texas Gay Task Force. The meeting draws lesbians, gay men and human rights supporters from all over Texas to attend general meetings and workshops on political, social and psychological topics.

The Hon. Deralyn Davis, vice chair of the Texas Democratic Party, will be the keynote speaker Saturday morning in a session beginning at 9 am keynote speaker. Confirming the support for civil rights for homosexuals recently stated in the national and state Democratic Party platforms, both she and an afternoon panel discussion on the effects of gay political support affirm the part gay men and lesbians are playing in politics today. Workshops on the Far Right Wing, on legal harassment and on the gay image in the media echo the political theme.

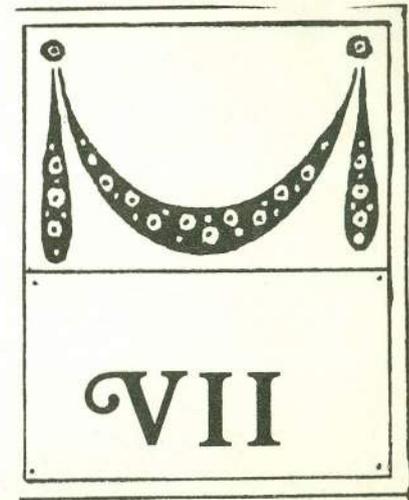
Sunday morning's speaker will be native Texas Morris Kight, long time supporter of social and health services for the gay community of Los Angeles and organizer of their Gay Community Services Center in 1971. Other socially and psychologically oriented meetings will cover coming out, organizing gay telephone crisis lines, relationships, feminism for (gay) men and lesbians and the feminist movement.

Other conference activities will include non-denominational chapel Sunday morning, caucuses for special interest groups, registration and a film showing Friday night, and a party sponsored by GLAD, the Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton on Saturday.



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OCTOBER 17, 18, & 19, 1980

DENTON, TEXAS
sponsored by the
TEXAS GAY TASK FORCE



A MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIR

As Conference Chair, I want to welcome each of you to Texas Gay Conference Seven. When the board of the Texas Gay Task Force decided on July 26 that a last minute conference was better than no conference at all, we knew that it would not be possible to have the variety and the sophistication of the last two meetings. However, we hope very much that you will enjoy your stay in Denton and the activities we have arranged.

The cooperation of the Civic Center Community Building personnel, of La Quinta Motor Inn, of numerous Democratic Party officials all over the state, and of many other heterosexual Denton and Dallas citizens has been heartwarming encouragement in our struggle for human rights. The way in which dozens of gay people have spent long hours chairing committees, working on those committees and doing behind the scenes chores of many kinds has again and again confirmed my own feeling that we are all each other's family, and that every gay man is a brother, every lesbian, a sister. In particular I want to thank the many members of GAUNT, GLAD, DGFC AND TGIF, as well as those yet unaffiliated, for what they have done.. The conference would not have been held without the contributions of many of them.

Apologies: Publicity could have been better. We didn't get to ask businesses about sales tables. Denton gay night life is non-existent. We could have more workshop space. I'm sure other items have been overlooked.. But, like Dr. Johnson's comment on the dancing bear, "it's not that it's done well, but that it's done at all that's the accomplishment."

Sincerely,
EDRA BOGLE
Conference Chair

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- FRIDAY OCTOBER 17 La Quinta Motor Inn,
700 Fort Worth Drive
7:00-11:00 p.m. Registration; no-host
cocktail party; Films
- SATURDAY OCTOBER 18 Civic Center Community
Building, 215 E. McKinney
8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration, Lobby
(continues all day)
- 9:00-10:45 a.m. Opening session:
Welcome: Dick Wood,
Co-Director, Gay/Lesbian
Association of Denton
State of T.G.T.F.: Jack
Wilkinson, Moderator
Keynote Address: The Hon.
Deralyn Davis, Vice-Chair,
Texas Democratic Party
Announcements: Edra Bogle,
Conference Chair
- 11:00-12:30 a.m. WORKSHOPS I
Legal Harassment: Auditorium
Gay History: Meeting Room
Lesbians and the Feminist
Movement: Classroom
TGTF Reorganization: Hall
- 12:30-1:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30-3:00 p.m. WORKSHOPS II
Gay Political Support: Auditorium
Coming Out: Meeting Room
Organizing Gay Telephone
Crisis Lines: Classroom

for workshop descriptions see
pp. 10, 12, 14-16

- 3:15-4:45 p.m. WORKSHOPS III
 Gay Image in the Media: Auditorium
 Relationships: Meeting Room
 Far Right Wing: Classroom
 Feminism for (Gay) Men: Hall
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. People's Assembly; Everybody is Welcome: Gen. Discussion
- 8:30 p.m.- GLAD PARTY \$3.00
 1:30 a.m. Beer - soft drinks - dancing

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Non-Denominational Chapel,
 La Quinta, Rev. C. D. Haun
 CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY BUILDING
- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Caucuses: (Blacks, Chicanos, Physically Challenged, Professional, Rural, Women, etc.)
 Auditorium
 HRA Fund-Raising Ideas:
 Classroom
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. General session: Morris Kight, Gay Community Services Center, Los Angeles
- 11:15-12:45 Texas Gay Task Force Business Meeting: only members may vote, anyone welcome
- 1:00 p.m. Adjournment

Caucuses and other special interest groups may continue their meetings till 4 p.m. if desired.

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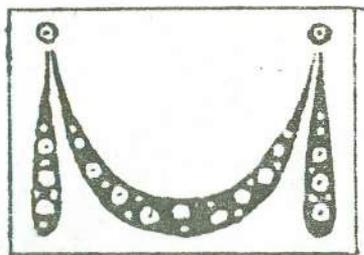


DERALYN DAVIS
Biographical Information

Deralyn Davis, vice chair of the Texas Democratic Party, will keynote the seventh annual Texas Gay Conference in Denton at 9:30 am Saturday.

Ms. Davis is a native of Fort Worth and has been active in the Democratic Party and civic and community affairs for most of her adult life/ In 1976 and 1980, she went to the National Democratic Conventions as a delegate for President Carter. Now in her second term as vice chair of the state party, she has been a delegate to the biennial state Democratic Party conventions since 1972.

Ms. Davis is a graduate of Huston-Tillotson College and the University of Texas at Arlington. Currently working in the insurance field, she has taught in various public school systems in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and is an active member of the Episcopal church.



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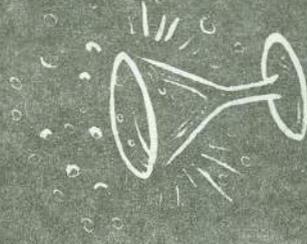
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MORRIS KIGHT
Biographical Information

Morris Kight returns to his native Texas to speak on Sunday. Raised in central Texas and educated at Texas Christian University, he first became involved in activism for racial equality and in the anti-Vietnamese war movement, starting a committee against chemical warfare.

In 1971, he helped organize the Gay Community Services Center of Los Angeles, one of the first in the country to serve the gay community in health and social welfare areas. He was awarded the Judy Coleman Award for Humanitarian Activity in May 1972, and has since been active in the March on Washington Committee, the National Convention Project, and is currently working on developing a housing project for the gay community in Los Angeles.

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TGTF A History

The Texas Gay Task Force was founded in 1973, emerging from Texas Gay Conference I to grow into the only statewide general interest gay organization in Texas. Moderators have included Ken Cyr, Rosella Kliewer, Kathy Deitsch and Jack Wilkinson. The Texas Gay Task Force, together with its lobbying effort, the Human Rights Advocates, has:

1. Sponsored statewide conferences featuring such speakers as Harvey Milk, Pat Bond, Leonard Matlovich and Elaine Noble.

2. Helped remove a rider from a bill introduced into the Texas Legislature in 1979, which would have denied college and university gay organizations use of campus meeting facilities and other services.

3. Worked to avoid enactment of laws which would have increased police harassment in gay and lesbian bars by forbidding even such innocuous conduct as same-sex dancing; laws which would have forbidden the sale of "poppers;" and laws which would have restricted licenses in a number of fields.

4. Was instrumental in promoting the passage of the family and domestic violence shelters bill, and worked against rescission of the Equal Rights Amendment in the Texas Legislature.

5. Monitored bills on police brutality, apprising legislators of the discriminatory acts of harassment and violence experienced by members of the lesbian and gay community.

6. Encouraged the growth of other statewide and local organizations such as the Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas.

TGTF is an incorporated group now revising its by-laws to seek tax-deductible status with Internal Revenue Service for its educational activities. It is a truly statewide organization, divided into five regions, each of which is represented by a male and a female on the Board of Directors. One of its major goals is ever increasing visibility and growth to make the heterosexual public aware of the fact that we are indeed EVERYWHERE. That is why there is always an urgent need for more members of varying ages and interests in every part of the state.



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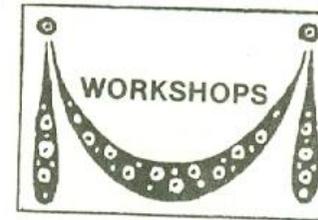


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We hope the speakers will be stimulating, and the workshops practical and informative. (See the verso of this page.) Each covers a different aspect of gay and lesbian lifestyles and how they apply to the human rights issues that we are working for. Not everyone involved in these activities is "out of the closet;" in fact not everyone at the conference is gay. You don't have to be gay to attend, nor do you need to belong to or join any gay organizations to attend Texas Gay Conference VII.

La Quinta Motor Inn is reserving a group of rooms for us during the conference, and a pre-registration form is part of this flyer. You do not have to stay at La Quinta to attend the conference, of course. Other motels are nearby and alternate housing is available on a limited basis.

Please mark October 18 and 19 on your calendar and send in your registration form today. Come and join us in the city whose slogan is "DO IT IN DENTON."

R E G I S T R A T I O N F O R M

SCHEDULE OF FEES:

Advance Registration (before October 11)	\$15.00
Registration at door	\$20.00
Students--half price	\$7.50, \$10.00

Advance registration discounts are only available if you return this form to TGC7 by October 11, enclosing a check or money order for the full amount required, and the requested information. Students please enclose a xerox of your current I.D. A few low-income admissions can be arranged; write for details.

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// Transportation while in Denton

Note: We can arrange transportation from and to DFW in advance at a reasonable price.

For last minute arrivals, Denton Taxi costs \$18.00 one-way, must be contacted at least an hour (preferably a day) in advance of departures for Denton at 8:30 and 11:30 a.m., 2, 5:30 and 9 p.m., and can be called at 214-434-1930, 817-387-6141, or 817-382-2544.

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700 Fort Worth Drive One person (double bed) \$18.00
Denton, Texas (Take Two people (1 double bed) \$22.00
I35E to Fort Worth Two people (2 double beds) \$24.00
Drive Exit) 817-387-5840 Each additional person is \$4.00 more

These rates are available only if you return this form to TGC7, P. O. Box AK, Denton, TX 76201, by October 1, enclosing either the full amount required or your Master Card or Visa Card number, and the requested information. The credit card number will hold the reservation till six p.m. on the day of arrival.

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DATE: 10-7-80

Dear (Mr.), ~~xxxx~~ Charles Gillis

This letter will acknowledge receipt of \$ 15.00 for your registration fees for Texas Gay Conference Seven to be held in Denton, Texas, on October 17, 18, and 19.

If you have requested housing at La Quinta Motor Inn in Denton, you will shortly receive confirmation for your accommodations.

If you have requested special services (such as child care, alternate housing, transportation, or special services for the physically handicapped), your request has been turned over to the committee in charge of such requests.

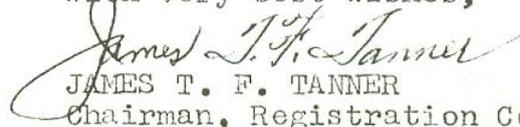
Enclosed in your registration packet are the following items: (1) a name tag, which you are requested to wear during all official events of the Conference; (2) miscellaneous information concerning facilities in Denton (maps, restaurants, motels, etc.); and (3) a tentative list of workshops.

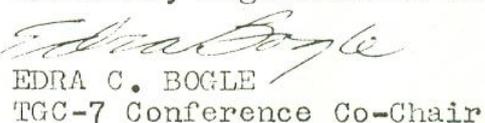
We especially want to call to your attention a gala party, hosted by the Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton (GLAD) to be held on Saturday, October 18 at the Civic Center. Admission is \$ 3.00 (and includes all the beer and/or soft drinks you can consume.). Time of the party is 8:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m.

Should you have questions involving registration, please call (817) 382-1661 (Registration Committee) or 387-8216. For information on the GLAD Party, call (817) 387-4473. For general information, call (817) 382-1661 or 387-8216.

The Texas Gay Task Force welcomes you most cordially to Texas Gay Conference Seven. It is our wish to make your visit to Denton as comfortable, enjoyable, and meaningful as possible. Please do not hesitate to call on us if we can be of assistance.

With very best wishes,


JAMES T. F. TANNER
Chairman, Registration Committee


EDRA C. BOGLE
TGC-7 Conference Co-Chair

Enclosures

P.O. Box AK
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February 27, 1981

Dear TGTF Member:

This letter is being written to keep the membership informed of what is going on with TGTF and other statewide groups. The elections which were held in December resulted in a board of only four members (Edra Bogle and Jere Hinckley, Northern Region; John Sutton, Western region; Jennie Willinger, Eastern Region) rather than the proper ten, since no names were entered for the other six positions. The board meeting which was to be held concurrently with the Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas in Austin on February 14 could not convene since only the Northern Region board members attended. However, a man from Houston has expressed interest in serving on the Board and will probably be seated at the next meeting; volunteers from Central and Southern would be very welcome.

This letter will attempt to summarize activities in all the areas that TGTF has been active in and to discuss future plans and possibilities.

LOBBYING: In the absence of a TGTF lobbying effort this year, the LGDT set one up. At their meeting they asked for any input from TGTF and invited board members to attend future board meetings.

Their lobbying group, the Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates, consists of a Board (Al Calkin, Dallas; John Calkin, Austin; Barbara Cigainero, Houston; John Sutton, El Paso; others to be selected) and a fund-raising effort through local groups in the larger cities. At present, it is not planning to continue beyond this legislative session. Their budget is \$4,000.00; they have hired an experienced lobbyist, Bill Pewitt, who also works for several other groups. Contributions can be sent to P.O. Box 822, Austin, TX 78767. \$80.00 contributed to the former TGTF lobbying branch, Human Rights Advocates, has been turned over to LGRA by telephone agreement of the board. (Bettie Naylor, last session's HRA lobbyist, is working for Constitutional Rights Advocates, which will represent Montrose Ventures, a Houston business group.)

CONFERENCE: The Conference has traditionally been the main activity of TGTF. Plans for Texas Gay Conference Eight are currently going forward in Houston for Labor Day weekend. The last two conferences have not been as well attended as hoped, but their dates were not set till late. However, it is possible that with the increase in local activities, the statewide conference has lost its charm. Attendance in Houston should let us know.

COORDINATION: In the past, TGTF has, through its board and moderator, provided a means of communication between various areas of the state. At present, the lack of board members from two regions and the difficulty in arranging meetings, as well as the absence of a moderator, largely precludes this function, though when communications are received in the post office box, they are answered or forwarded to the proper party.

RURAL GAYS: One of the primary purposes TGTF has always discussed serving is the providing of information and a feeling of community to people living in small towns and rural areas. Actual means for doing this have never been worked out, but at least two present and one prospective board members and a few other people are still concerned with this issue and hope to meet this spring to discuss possibilities.

RECORDS: The present board has received a copy of the membership list and forms from the Franchise Tax Board from the former moderator. The bills Bettie Naylor wrote about last summer have not been formally submitted, nor have any records of TGTF or HRA been returned. The Board has been reluctant to seek a court order and to seize the material, as a lawyer has advised us is possible. Though it would be nice to have the records of the first six years of TGTF and useful to have the HRA lobbying files and mailing lists, perhaps it is not worth the unpleasantness involved, considering the contributions Kathy and Bettie have made in the past.

FINANCES: TGTF has two large debts of approximately \$800.00 apiece, one to Woody Eggers for TGC6 cost overruns and one to Edra Bogle for fund-raising expenses Bettie incurred on her Visa Card for HRA & TGTF. Neither creditor is pressing for payment nor will they, but it would be desirable to pay off the debts. At present, TGTF assets include a bank balance of \$398.21, about \$40.00 cash from products sales, and an inventory of about \$1,000.00 of buttons, shirts, books, etc. It should be possible in a year or two to pay off the debts from sales alone. Orders from you and your friends can help a lot, and also spread gay consciousness around the state.

THE FUTURE: The present board members hope that the organization can again become a strong positive force for gay/lesbian rights and fellowship throughout the state. This obviously cannot take place before TGC8, but in the interim we will try to keep you informed when anything of importance occurs, to work toward paying the debts, and to cooperate with other groups. If this is enough for you to want to contribute to, we will appreciate membership renewals; if not, we will not drop anyone from the mailing list until after the Conference. Please plan on attending and send in your preregistration money if you have not already done so.

We cannot give the Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates people your names, but will keep you informed about their efforts. At present, they do not plan a large letter and phone network such as HRA had, but this may change.

We would appreciate hearing from you, and hope that you will return the enclosed questionnaire and pass the other copy on to a friend.

Sincerely,

The Board

Please number the following list of TGTF activities and concerns in priority order (most important as #1) and check any that you would be willing to work on.

PRIORITY

I WOULD WORK ON

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| _____ | Annual Conference | _____ |
| _____ | Lobbying effort in 1983 and future | _____ |
| _____ | Rural and small-town outreach programs | _____ |
| _____ | Statewide political education effort | _____ |
| _____ | Fund-raising to support the other activities | _____ |
| _____ | Fund-raising to pay back debts | _____ |
| _____ | Coordination with NGTF, LGDT and other groups | _____ |
| _____ | Informing members of activities | _____ |
| _____ | Other _____ | _____ |

Would be willing to serve on the Board? _____

Please use the back of this sheet for your other comments.

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Your membership expires/d _____. A form for renewal follows.
 (Since our records are incomplete, please inform us if you have renewed more recently than this date indicates.)

TEXAS GAY TASK FORCE, INC.
 Membership Form

- BASIC INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$15/YEAR
- CONTRIBUTING MEMBER \$25/YEAR
- SUPPORTING MEMBER \$100/YEAR
- SUSTAINING MEMBER \$250/YEAR
- LOW INCOME MEMBERSHIP (INCOME UNDER \$5,000) \$5/YEAR
- ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBER \$25/YEAR
- I WISH TO BE A CONTRIBUTING FRIEND RATHER THAN A MEMBER.
- RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP NEW MEMBERSHIP NEW ADDRESS

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE (HOME) _____ WORK _____

PLEASE KEEP MY NAME AND MAILINGS CONFIDENTIAL

Please pass a copy of this sheet on to a friend who might also be interested in TGTF.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE Texas Gay Task Force

- Because how could a bunch of queers influence a legislator or do anything important?
- Because it will cost \$15, and a night at the bars is more important than civil rights
- Because there aren't regular meetings to feel guilty about not attending
- Because it's safer in the bars and baths than in the fresh air
- Because who wants to go to conferences with people from all around the state, or to meet celebrities?
- Because you couldn't care less about such achievements as . . .

WHAT T. G. T. F. HAS ACCOMPLISHED

The hundreds of people at the first Texas Gay Conference (held in Fort Worth in 1973) desired to maintain contact with each other, and so the Texas Gay Task Force was formed. Since that time it has:

1. Sponsored annual statewide CONFERENCES with nationally-known speakers such as Harvey Milk, Elaine Noble, Leonard Matlovich, and Pat Bond; and with workshops on many topics
These conferences include I, Fort Worth; II, San Antonio, 1975; III, Houston, 1976; IV, Austin, 1977; V, Dallas, 1978; VI, Austin, 1979; VII, Denton, 1980
2. Provided a structure to COORDINATE local organizational efforts in such areas as LWY, legal cases, the Dade County and California referendums, and Anita Bryant's crusade
3. Worked to EDUCATE AND LOBBY the state legislature in order to maintain those rights we have by avoiding anti-gay legislation, and toward the eventual repeal of 21.06 and passage of a gay rights bill
4. ENCOURAGED GROWTH of new groups such as the HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES, who took over the lobbying effort and hired Texas' first gay lobbyist in the 1979 legislative session; and the LESBIAN/GAY DEMOCRATS, who grew out of meetings organized by T.G.T.F. among gay and lesbian delegates to the state Democratic Convention in 1978

WITH YOUR HELP THIS CAN BE ONLY A BEGINNING-- PLEASE JOIN TODAY!

TEXAS GAY TASK FORCE, INC.
MEMBERSHIP FORM

P.O. BOX A - K
DENTON, TX. 76201

214-528-9079

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO TGTF.

PLEASE CHARGE MY [MASTER CHARGE] [VISA] ACCOUNT.

CARD # _____ INTERBANK _____

EXPIRATION DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____