

# Regarding The Village Station Controversy

[This letter was received by DGPC and read to the membership at the regular monthly meeting on December 10. It is reprinted in its entirety as a service to those who missed that meeting.]

Due to the controversy in recent months regarding the admission policy at the Village Station, please allow us to clarify the issue.

The dress code in general is a very loose and comfortable one. There are only two restrictions:

1. Men must be dressed as men and women must be dressed as women. This does not preclude women from wearing women's jeans, but it does prevent men from wearing drag attire.

2. There will be no open-toe shoes allowed in the club at this time. This applies equally to men as well as women. This is a practical restriction for the protection of our patrons and for ourselves. There is currently a lawsuit pending against the Old Plantation in which a woman is suing the Old Plantation for \$35,325 for damages allegedly occurring from stepping on broken glass while wearing open-toe shoes.

In regards to I. D. s.--Everyone is required to have a valid Texas driver's license or Department of Public Safety I. D. card with a picture on it. Out-of-state visitors may be asked for two I. D. s. Having proper identification is both for our protection as well as your own. In the wake of continued police visits to the clubs, anyone (regardless of age or sex) may be required to show identification. People without identification may be detained by the police. Please note that regular customers are not as likely to be carded as those less frequent visitors. This requirement is in no way intended to discriminate against any particular segment of our community.

In closing, we wish to reiterate that the Village Station is Gay owned and Gay operated for Gay people. We are pleased that you find the Village Station acceptable and entertaining enough to invite your straight friends. But let us point out the fact that they often revisit the club with other straight friends. At such time as we feel the Village Station coming to the same fate as did the Old Plantation, we will consider changing the structure of the club to

one for members only. This would be done to protect the clientele which support us regularly. Therefore, may we please ask that you limit the number of straight guests.

There are two other issues that disturb us at this time:

1. There appears to be a rise in crime in our neighborhood. Please lock your cars and walk on well-lighted streets when possible. We have installed street lights in front of a residence on Throckmorton as well as in the alley behind the Village Station. We recommend that you avoid this alley as well as others in the area.

2. The police continue to make regular visits. We urge you not to participate in any lewd activities in the rest rooms or anywhere else in the clubs. Beware of any clubs which permit this kind of activity as it surely will create more trouble for all of us.

Thanks for your continued support. May we encourage you to vote on January 19.

Sincerely,  
Frank Caven and Charley Hott

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## GAY ALIENS TO BE BARRED FROM U.S.

Even though the Chief of the U. S. Public Health Service says homosexuality is no longer considered a "mental disease or defect", Justice Department lawyers have concluded that the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) must enforce a statutory ban on the admission of homosexual foreigners to the United States.

John M. Harmon, assistant attorney general for the office of legal counsel, conceded practical difficulties in enforcement because the Public Health Service will no longer examine aliens for indications of homosexuality. Harmon stated the INS is statutorily required to enforce the exclusion of homosexual aliens because the policy has been decreed by Congress.

Charles F. Brydon, co-executive director of the National Gay Task Force, said he was "very disappointed". He hoped Justice Department officials would refrain from enforcing the ban until they had met with Gay rights advocates.

Dave Crosland, acting commissioner of the INS, said instructions to immigration officers would discourage "a lot of unnecessary questions" about an alien's

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## A CALL TO SERVE

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus is looking for persons who would like to serve in an administrative capacity for the Caucus. One position is that of Caucus official Secretary. This position is responsible for recording the minutes of all Board meetings and for general meetings. The Secretarial position is also involved in official correspondence on behalf of the Caucus. The other position to be filled is that of Parliamentarian.

This position also is to attend all Board meetings and monthly general meetings render official rulings on conflicts during the conduct of official business. This position must be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order or be willing to study and learn them. A Copy of Robert's Rules of Order will be provided.

These positions are temporarily being held by current board members. It would be to the advantage of the Caucus, However, if we could use the talents and skills of other caucus members who would like to contribute in either of these capacities to the Gay rights movement. The board has indicated that more than one person may serve in each position. If you are interested, or know of someone that might be, please write to DGPC, P. O. Box 35011 Dallas, Texas 75235 or call 528-4233 and leave a message.

## Dallas Morning News Apologizes For "Mistake In Judgement"

Recently the Dallas Morning News rejected advertisements for "Nighthawks" the acclaimed gay film which ran as a DGPC benefit at the Granada Theatre Nov. 30. The Morning News informed Granada's management that the words "homosexual" and "gay" were utilized within the ads (in various critical excerpts praising the film), and THAT was the reason the daily refused to run the ads.

The Dallas Times Herald, however, carried the ads as submitted. Ironically, the Morning News reviewed the same film for which they had declined to print advertisements; the word "homosexual" appeared in the review.

Al Calkin, representing DGPC, met with Harry M. Stanley, Advertising Director for the Morning News, Tuesday, Dec. 4. Stanley reported that the newspaper's advertising policy and the ads in question had been reviewed and that a "mistake in judgement" had been made for which he apologized. He stated that "sometimes we over-react" in the interest of maintaining standards as a "family newspaper".

When questioned about the newspaper's policy regarding advertisements for other gay films that might be booked, Stanley replied that the same general "standards of good taste" as applied to non-gay films will be utilized (no obscenities in language, no references to sexual acts, tasteful graphics, the use of titles only for X-rated films, etc.).

Stanley added that the manager of the Granada would also be informed, and that ads would be permitted for the remainder of the run for "Nighthawks".

## Unitarians Ordain Gay Minister

Boston, MA--Rev. Robert Wheatly was ordained by the Unitarian Universalist Association on Sunday, Dec. 9, at Boston's Arlington Street Church, where he delivered a coming out sermon in October of 1977.

Wheatly presented himself as an openly Gay candidate for ordination before the Fellowship Committee, the national body which must approve candidates before they are ordained by local churches. Wheatly has been a Unitarian since 1945 and for the past 2 years has headed the sect's Office of Gay Concerns. He plans to continue in that capacity and sees his ordination as helpful to the successful execution of his duties.

The Unitarian Universalists have a history of supporting Gay/Lesbian rights having adopted a policy of non-discrimination against "homo-

sexuals and bisexuals" in 1970. In 1973, the sect's National General Assembly established an Office of Gay Concerns, which opened in 1975 and was headed by Arlie Scott who is currently vice-president for Action of the National Organization of Women.

"I am the first Unitarian Universalist who is openly Gay to present myself for ordination after having been accepted by a national committee of the denomination," Wheatly said of his ordination. "It's a reaffirmation of the church's commitment to Gay rights," he said.

"While we [Gays] are becoming more open and more strong, our opposition becomes more vocal, and we can't let them dictate to us who we should be and how we should respond. We just cannot be silent--we've got to be more vocal and more open," Wheatly stated.

## To Declare Unconstitutional or to Repeal

Dear Editor:

Recently it has come to my attention that confusion exists as to what the Texas Human Rights Foundation and The Human Rights Advocates (HRA) can do to get rid of the Texas law 21.06 (the homosexual conduct section of the Texas Penal Code).

As many of you already know, the Texas Human Rights Foundation, through plaintiff Donald Baker, recently filed a lawsuit in a Dallas Federal District Court. The suit seeks to have the Texas law prohibiting homosexual conduct struck down and declared unconstitutional. It is my understanding that the THRF, through the judicial process, seeks to inquire into the extent and adequacy of civil liberties and civil rights protections. The foundation, which has tax-deductible status, goes to court to test, challenge or otherwise settle questions of a legal nature.

The Human Rights Advocates, on the other hand, is involved through the legislative process. It is the work of the Gay/Lesbian lobby in Austin to see that anti-Gay laws are not passed and that protective laws be written. To remove the law through the legislative route is known as repeal. The lawmakers themselves can vote to remove the section of the penal code which criminalizes homosexual conduct. Or if the entire penal code were to be rewritten, HRA would lobby to have 21.06 simply not be a part of the new code (undoubtedly, though, one of the 181 lawmakers would move to maintain it). It is unfortunate, but true, that the Texas Legislature often times passes laws which are blatantly unconstitutional.

Also, because HRA is a lobbying group, any donation or contribution to its work can not be tax deductible. HRA is the legislative advocacy arm of the Texas Gay Task Force, Inc.

Both groups deserve your support, as both jobs must be done to protect our lifestyle in Texas. The Texas Gay Task Force, Inc., urges Texas Gay/Lesbian organizations and individuals to give their support to the Texas Human Rights Foundation and the lawsuit recently filed.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Deitsch, Chair  
Texas Gay Task Force, Inc.

Texas Human Rights Foundation  
3225 Lemmon Ave. West #333  
Dallas, Texas 75204

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I have just got done reading your newsletter (Vol. 3, No. 10) and I enjoyed it very much. Now a friend sends it to me after he is done reading it. But that is not why I am writing this letter to you.

I have been in touch with my friend on the Gay Rights March on Washington and he sent me newspapers so I could read what is going on. I Love It ALL! I wish I could do something to help. I am in prison and will be for some time.

I know a lot of Gay people and I have sent them all letters asking if there is any thing I can do to help. but I do not get any mail back. So this is why I am sending you this letter. I hope you will use some of it in your next newsletter, so your readers will know the men in prison are behind you 100% and that anyone who will write to me I will write to them and help in any way I can.

My friend told me he did not know if you would put this in your newsletter or not but he thought you should. Because you see, we need to know what is going on with other people on the outside. I do not know how many know about prison, but it is hard on us.

Thank you,

Frank Man Warren 062610-69-113  
Box 22  
Raiford, Fla. 32083

Dear Sir,

In response to your note referring to the expiration of my membership to the DGPC. At first I thought I would let the expiration pass quietly. However, after some thought, I feel compelled to write to you to let you know the reasons for my not renewing my membership.

The number one reason I will not renew is the fact that though your organization is always pleading for volunteers for various committees etc., and I have submitted my name to help on numerous occasions giving both my name and work numbers to aid in reaching me, not once was contact made by anyone from your organization; therefore, it appears that my services were not needed.

The second reason I will not renew my membership is, and this may seem trivial, that not once when I was a new member did anyone approach me to introduce themselves. Your organization is lacking in any form of warmth, and hospitality. To an objective viewer, there seems to be a series of cliques that are not open to new individuals. It would seem to me that making someone feel welcome and appreciated would be an important part of an organization that is striving as you are for increased membership.

Thank you for your time. I want to make it clear that I am in total support of Gay rights and totally aware of the importance of these rights.

Sincerely,  
Joe P.

[Editor's Note: We print this letter because it points to a complaint visitors commonly verbalize. We all need to be more outgoing people!]

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# POLICE HARASSMENT

The statistical summary below supplements the article on police harassment which appears in this month's DIALOG. The table gives accurate information as far as it goes, but it is incomplete, due to the inherent difficulty of obtaining this kind of information.

If readers can supply further data which will help to complete the table, then we need their help; note that no names of arrested persons are needed. Please call us at 528-4233 or at 821-3277, as it is important to collect as much information as possible.

TABLE. Police Arrests at or near Gay Businesses,\* 1979.

Date	Location	Estimated No. of Arrests	Officers	Source
Jan 9, 1979	Eight-Day Inn	5	Vice	DGPC
May , 1979	Locker Club	7	Vice	Client
June 16, 1979	Throckmorton Mining Company	1	Vice	Atty
June 20, 1979	Fraternity House	7	Vice	Atty
Oct 23, 1979	Village Station	11	Vice	DGPC
Dec 6, 1979	Club Dallas	9	Vice and Patrol	Metro Star
Dec 14/15, 1979	Raintree Landing	3	Patrol	Clients
Dec 26/27, 1979	Magnolia's	4	Vice	Clients
Partial Total		47		

\* Charges include public lewdness, homosexual conduct, public intoxication, and serving liquor to an intoxicated person.

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# DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS

## JANUARY

5. Family Dinner at the United Community Church, 4402 Roseland. 7:30 PM. 827-5088. Game Night every Saturday.
6. Gay Marching/Classical Band rehearses every Sunday at 1 PM. Musicians of all abilities needed. 528-4233. You do not have to be "open".
6. Father Larry Hemp of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Littlefield, Texas will be guest speaker at the Metropolitan Community Church's evening service. 7:15 PM. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
9. March on Austin Committee meets every Wednesday night at 7:30 PM. 528-4233.
10. Metroplex Young Adults (17 and up) meet every Thursday 7:30 PM. 2701 Reagan.
11. Political Action Committee Meeting. 7:30 PM. 4423 Cole #111. Important!
11. The CLIFFDWELLERS, an Oak Cliff gay group, meets Fridays between 7 PM and midnight. 922 S. Beckley.
12. "Women, Alcohol and Drugs". Lesbian Rights Educational Forum. 7:15 PM. NOW office, 3103 Routh. 742-6918.
13. Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) meet at 7:30 PM. Call 233-3100 for information.
13. GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS. 5:30 PM. Program: Lecture/Piano Recital. 821-3277.
14. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS. Program: City Council Candidates have been invited to appear before the Caucus asking for our support. Update on the Dallas gay teacher and his fight to keep his job and repeal Texas Penal Code section 21.06. Update on police harassment. Meeting begins at 7:30 sharp. It will not drag and you will be out before 10. 528-4233. 2701 Reagan. Social after.
15. Mail and Political Action joint Committee Meeting. To mail DGPC's Voter Recommendation Guides. Phil's place. 821-1653. 7:30 PM.
16. GLAD (Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton). NTSU and TWU students, faculty, staff and everyone interested in the gay movement. 7:30 PM. (817) 383-4176 or (817) 387-8216.
16. "est" Guest Seminar for the Gay community, Hilton Inn (Central at Mockingbird), Mockingbird East Room, 7:30 p.m. Call 243-4441 for more information.
17. DIALOG staff meeting. 8 PM. 363-9006.
19. VOTE! (Dammit) City Council Election. In San Francisco and other cities, politicians court the gay vote. United, we can make a difference. (By this date, you will have received DGPC's Voter Recommendation Guide or you may pick one up in the gay bars.
19. Educational Meeting. Letha Scanzoni: "The Church and Homosexual Personhood" (Recorded at SMU's Perkin's School of Theology, 28 November 1979). 5839 Monticello. Sponsored by DGPC's Religion & Life Committee. Open to all. 8 PM.
19. Lobby Dollar Night Benefiting the Texas Advocacy Fund. At your favorite bar.
21. "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf." Theatre III's premiere, benefiting the Dallas Gay Political Caucus. This is always one of our best fund (and fun) raisers. But get your tickets early. Last time we oversold the house. 528-4233.
25. DIALOG deadline. Your comments, letters and suggestions are welcome. Mail them to P.O. Box 5094; Richardson, Texas 75080 or you may deliver them to the Union Jack before 6:30 PM.
26. Lesbian Rights Task Force Coffeehouse, 8 PM. NOW office, 3103 Routh. \$1.00 donation requested. 742-6918.
27. DIALOG production day. 2 PM till... 363-9006.
28. DGPC Open Board of Directors Meeting. In this smaller, more informal meeting, you are invited to meet with the Board of Directors and Committee heads to give input as to the direction of the gay movement in Dallas. Don't just bitch - do something!
30. GLAD meeting in Denton. 7:30 PM.
31. Mail Committee meets at Phil's place to eat junk food, cuss, discuss and mail the DIALOG. You are invited to join us. 821-1653.

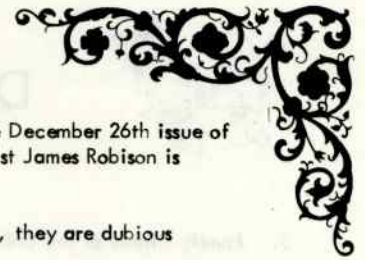


## FEBRUARY



6. Pot Luck Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church. And this is not junk food. Enjoy a good meal with good friends. 526-6221.
10. Valentine Dance Party. Plans are being made to hold one of the biggest, brightest, brassiest parties of the year. Mark your calendars!
11. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. Interesting program to keep you up to date as to what's happening in the gay scene in Dallas.

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It would be wise for every citizen (gay or non-gay) who believes in seperation of church and state to read the December 26th issue of Texas Business. Meet the next Billy Graham - "Backed by plenty of Texas money and power, conservative evangelist James Robison is mapping out a crusade to save the nation." Beginning on Page 25, Grant Simmons writes:

"While TV evangelists are complaining that the networks are too strict and infringe on freedom of speech, they are dubious about Constitutional provisions for separation of church and state.

'I believe you cannot separate the influence of one upon the other. They are inseparable. God convinced me that if I don't do something to see our country returned to the values upon which it was founded, we won't have a place to preach', says Robison."

Further in the article writer Simmons says of James Robison, "But he loathes liquor and tobacco, smut, Communism, homosexuality and abortion --although he is not conversant with any of these subjects.

But he has a great knowledge of public speaking and many aspects of marketing. Personal image, marketing strategies and financial planning are just a few of the subjects Robison and his staff review almost daily. He is acutely aware of the fundamental marketing principles Billy Graham has utilized to build a worldwide ministry."

In Mr. Simmons' opinion "Be suspicious of pied pipers" he concludes: "We do need more confident leadership. A leader who might say, 'The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.' Such a calm, deliberate statesman would not fan the flames of fearful people and defy the laws of gravity, but would instead seek solutions to the energy problem in engineering books, rather than the Book of Revelations."

History records, time and again, what happens when church and state are one. During the religious inquisitions of Europe, whole villages were annihilated and gay people were burned alive --hence the term faggots. Fearful people left Europe seeking freedom from religion and yet brought religious intolerance with them.

In Virginia, Christian judges sentenced Baptist preachers to be beaten and imprisoned for "preaching the gospel without a license." In Maryland, Christian judges sentenced Quaker women to be stripped, beaten, cast out of the state and ordered not to return. In Massachusetts, Christian judges ordered the banishment of Roger Williams and Anne Hutchison for teaching contrary to the established church and also ordered the execution of "witches."

In Dallas, Klue Klux Klan leader Mrs. Addie Barlow Frazier followed our first Gay Pride Parade in 1972 carrying a sign saying, "God's Word Demands Legal Execution of Homosexuals". "I'm in favor of executing them," she told a reporter. Read the Bible, Exodus 20 and 13."

Quoting M.G. "Pat" Robertson, U.S. News and World Report said, "We (conservative Christians) have enough votes to run the country. And when the people say, "We've had enough, 'we are going to take over!"

## Shouldn't you get involved--at least anonymously?

The second DGPC/Theatre 3 gala premiere "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf" is described as a new theatre form: the choreo-poem.

Ntozake Shange's fiercely beautiful work has every emotional gun blazing. No longer is poetry for the thin-blooded. Your pores

will be opened by this gutsy poetry danced and dramatized by an ensemble of black women. These passionate writings explore being black and female, but speak eloquently to all of us about "movin' from Mama to whatever was out there." It's urgent, poignant and positive.



### Attention

There has been no change in the price, \$10 per person: curtain time is 8:00 p. m. There has been a change regarding libations, details at the next DGPC meeting or call 214/528-4233.

theatre 3	<b>"COLORED GIRLS..."</b>	
	<b>January 21st, 8:00 pm</b>	
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## Congressmen Used Homosexual Tours and Escort Firm

A U.S. Senator and two U.S. Congressmen used a homosexual "tour guide service" says a former Scoutmaster imprisoned for his role in the Boy Scout sex case involving a troop in east New Orleans.

The politicians were not named by Ray Thomas Woodall, a former scoutmaster convicted in 1977 and sentenced to 75 years in prison. The allegations were revealed in a letter by Woodall obtained by the New Orleans Times Picayune.

"There were some congressmen; there was a senator involved," Woodall said in the letter. "Almost the entire hierarchy of one of the states as far as the top political posts (was involved)."

The tour guide service was used to escort clients to Gay bars and gathering places. The service was established in 1973 and continued until Woodall's arrest in 1976. He said most of the guides were Gay adults.

Lewis S. Sialle, a former friend of Woodall who was a state witness in the Boy Scout sex case, said the service moved from using adults to employing boys.

## New Training Session In Gayline Plans

The Community Resource Center (CRC) plans to begin a new training session for prospective Gayline telephone counselors in February. Requirements: counselors must be Lesbian or Gay men and should be at ease with their sexuality. No previous training is necessary.

"We have a very special need for women, blacks, hispanics, older persons and for the physically challenged--to help us better to serve these often slighted sectors of our community," said CRC president Bill Beauchamp.

Interested persons are asked to attend one or two CRC meetings before the training begins. Meetings are held the third Sunday of the month at 7:30 p. m. (next meeting January 20). Call Bill Beauchamp (351-1576) or the Gayline (748-6790) for the location.

"We also invite prospective members [to the meetings] who, while not interested in phone counseling, would like to work in other ways. There's plenty to do," Beauchamp stated.

Beauchamp says that besides the satisfaction of helping fellow Gays/Lesbians in times of stress, CRC/Gayline offers members a Gay/Lesbian support group unique in Texas, if not the entire country. "Think about it. We need you--our community needs you!" he concluded.

## THAT'S NOT FUNNY!

New York, NY--According to a report in In These Times, radio personality Don Imus was fired by his employer WNBC radio.

The reason for his abrupt termination, according to the article, was a jocular announcement that "Speedy Alka-Seltzer and the Pillsbury Doughboy have come out of the closet and admitted they are lovers."

## Channel 13 Pledge Gays Contribute to Support Overwhelming Brown's Campaign

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, volunteers from the DGPC and GLAD (Gay Lesbian Association of Denton) staffed the telephones for the KERA Channel 13 Pledge Drive. The evening was a great success, with over 60 persons responding, the volunteer response was overwhelming. As late as 1:00 am there were more than the 10 people required to staff phones.

More than \$6,000 in pledges were received that night. This compared very favorably to other weekday night drives.

The spokesperson for DGPC said "Many thanks to those who volunteered their time at the station (both on and off camera) and to those who supported the cause by phoning in their pledges that night."

KERA expressed their appreciation for our help and expressed the hope of an encore night in future.

### Political Action Meeting Very Important

The Jan. 11 meeting of the Political Action Committee has been termed "very important"! The agenda includes the studying of city council candidates and formulating endorsements, election of the committee chair and next year's objectives.

The meeting will be held at 4423 Cole #111 at 7:30 p. m. .

## Gay Health Groups Information

The Lesbian & Gay Caucus of the American Academy of Physicians Assistants (AAPA) was founded May 19, 1979, at the National Gay Health Conference in New York City.

The Caucus hopes to serve as a consciousness-raising and action group within the AAPA to improve health care for Gay/Lesbian consumers and as a support group for physician assistants nationwide.

For further information contact Ron Vochon at 617/267-7573 or Clover Jackson, 1 Mixer Road, Holden, MA 05120.

Gay People in Medicine (GPIM), founded in 1976, is a task force of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) with 2 main objectives: improving the quality of health care for Gay/Lesbian patients and improving the working conditions and professional status of Gay/Lesbian health professionals and students.

GPIM has local chapters in many cities and medical schools around the country. For more information write Gay People in Medicine, AMSA, Box 131, Chantilly, VA 22021.

San Francisco, CA--Sources close to Gov. Jerry Brown have estimated that the presidential candidate collected as least \$20,000 in Gay campaign contributions from a reception held Dec. 4 at the Twin Peaks home of attorney Jerome Berg. Guests at the event enjoyed the music of the San Francisco Gay Marching Band.

Brown has openly endorsed the adoption of a plank in the 1980 Democratic National Platform urging Congress and various state legislatures to pass pending Gay rights bills.

Brown has stated that "such unjust discrimination against any individual is unacceptable and contrary to the fundamental principle for which this nation stands. Efforts to end such discrimination against Gay and Lesbian Americans at all levels will always have my strong support."

## Dignity to Host Fr. Hemp

January 6th, Father Larry Hemp will be the guest speaker in our 7:15 PM service. Father Hemp is the Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Littlefield, Texas, and has served as Chaplain to the Lubbock chapter of Dignity, an organization for Gay Catholics.

## National Convention

### Project Launched

By Curtis Singleton

The national conventional project, which is working for inclusion of a Gay rights plank from both the Democrats and Republicans for next years election, is underway under control of the Gay Rights National Lobby.

Terms of the plank are similar to those of the March on Washington. Items sought are an 1) executive order banning discrimination in federal employment practices, 2) passage of the Gay civil rights bill HR2074 (the Waxman-Weiss bill), and 3) the reform of practices of the Immigration service.

California Gov. Jerry Brown has indicated support to have a Gay rights plank. Jane Wales, aide to President Carter, who met with a delegation to the March on Washington, Spoke recently before the Gertrude Stein group to which she announced the white house would view with great sympathy a Gay rights plank in the 1980 platform.

Funding for the project has been through local and national fundraising efforts in cooperation with such groups as the Texas Gay Task Force, the Michigan Organization for Human Rights and others.

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sexual orientation. But the agency would enforce the law, passed 27 years ago, and he refused to say if he thinks the law should be changed

The medical view of Gay people was officially changed in December 1973, when trustees of the American Psychiatric Association declared that being Gay was not a mental disorder.

# Police Harassment: IS IT REAL? First in a Series

On December 14, 1979, in the early hours of the morning, Dallas police officers arrested three men who were dancing on the floor of Raintree Landing, a new bar celebrating its opening night. This was the most recent in a series of raids during the past few months; these included several arrests at the Village Station on October 23 and a raid on Club Dallas for which the Police Department invited television cameras along to film and publicize the arrests.

Club Dallas has filed suit against the City, and at least one of those persons arrested at Raintree Landing is going to fight his case in court, but many of those arrested in these raids have followed the usual route of pleading guilty and paying the \$750 or whatever fine their attorney was able to settle for. It would be of some interest to have an estimate of the percentage of those accused of public lewdness in bar arrests and who plead guilty who are innocent; DGPC is preparing a questionnaire for criminal attorneys handling such cases, and the information, if collected and returned, could help in providing such estimates.

Equitable enforcement of the public lewdness conduct statute (Texas Penal Code 21.07) by the police is one thing, and if enforcement was fair and strictly according to the law, there would be little to write about, other than to warn members of the Gay community of the consequences of being caught violating the law. But there is a great deal more to be told, of which the public needs to be made aware, and which explains why the Dallas Police Department has become detested in recent months to a degree unknown in many years. Specifically, there are four reasons which contribute to this:

- Selective enforcement of the law against the Gay community,
- Deliberate arrests of innocent persons on public lewdness charges,
- Harassment of arrested persons by po-

lice officers following the arrest,  
d) Police brutality against Gays.

The facts in considering such charges against our police force are hard to establish, by the nature of the circumstances. But, as with the Boston Massacre over two hundred years ago, it is not what happens, but what people believe to have happened, which determines the subsequent course of events.

In this article we shall briefly consider the first of the above four accusations, which are now so widely believed among the Gay community that they need to be publicly discussed; in a later issue of Dialog we shall present some data on the last three.

**Selective Enforcement of the law.** Gays in Dallas now believe that the Dallas Police Department deliberately chooses to enforce 21.07 against Gays, while making only token enforcement of the statute in straight bars. In order to understand what selective enforcement means, one must first understand what equitable enforcement means; it does not mean that, because there are ten times as many heterosexuals as homosexuals, say, in Dallas, that the police should arrest ten times as many heterosexuals on 21.07, although it could mean that. The size of the bar/movie theater populations in both cases needs to be considered, and the ratio may not be ten to one. If we look at the bar scene only, there is a very easy way to assess what equitable enforcement means; if there are, say, nine times as many bars for heterosexuals as for homosexuals in Dallas, then one would expect the police to 'visit' the former nine times as frequently as the latter. In view of the lack of faith or confidence by Gays in the police of this city at the present time, it would be appropriate for the Police Department to present some data to substantiate their own claim that they are not practicing selective law enforcement against us. The volume of complaints about police raids which we have been hearing in the past month alone is so great that a mere

statement by the police that they are being equitable in law enforcement is not going to assuage a rising tide of anger towards them; in the absence of some real data to substantiate their case, we can only say to the police; "our people do not believe you."

Police harassment is one of the more opprobrious forms of homophobia, because it is so tempting for a homophobic police officer to abuse the power of his authority by indulging in 'queer-bashing', and it is also easy to do when a substantial number of fellow officers are of the same mind. This aspect of the matter comes to mind when we read the Dallas Times Herald of November 18 last, in which Vice Control Division Captain Don Milliken was quoted as saying that the homosexual patrols regularly continue because "I don't think the average person in the community wants that going on. Based on the feedback that we get", he is alleged to have said, "I don't think they want us to leave the homosexuals alone."

If the Times Herald report is correct, then we have here a high-ranking officer in the Dallas Police Department saying that, because Gays are disliked by Dallas society, therefore the police have license to persecute and harass us. If the above quote reflects Milliken's attitude accurately, then he does not care to exercise the law equally and impartially to everybody, regardless of race, creed, sex, national origin or sexual orientation, but prefers to discriminate against those whom he believes to be somehow inferior to his concept of "the community". The Times Herald confirms the image of the police attitudes towards Gays which is widely held among Gays and Lesbians in Dallas, not only among those who are regulars at the bars, but much more widely. "I haven't been to a bar for years", said one clean-cut professional person recently, "but when I hear of the police picking on our people and beating them up, it makes me feel as though they had done it to me." In our opinion, any police officer who uses his position to pick on Gays deliberately is abusing his office to express his own homophobia, and is not fit to wear the uniform he puts on; and how much more does this hold true for a senior police official who has the kind of attitude apparent in the Times Herald article, because he also controls policy within his own unit.

If selective law enforcement was the only problem with the police, it might not have generated the degree of feeling towards the Police Department which is currently prevalent. But we have data which indicates deliberate arrests of persons on false charges, harassment of arrested persons, and police brutality leading to hospitalization of the victim, in addition to selective enforcement of the law. This data will be presented in later issues of Dialog; but a report in the Dallas Morning News of December 23 last sheds possible light on one of these areas. Dallas County prosecutors are reportedly predicting that the arrests of more than 30 persons during the past month will end with "filing of reduced homosexual conduct charges to be handled in city courts."

## One for Them, One for Us est Gay Guest Seminar

### Planned

Davis, CA--An infant Gay rights ordinance, barely 1 week old, was rescinded by the Davis City Council after an opponent of the measure threatened to bring it to referendum at the same time that 3 of the 5 councillors will face reelection.

The measure, adopted by a 3-2 vote the prior week, would have guaranteed Lesbians/Gay men equal rights in housing, private employment and access to public accommodations.

The council reversed itself, 4-1, and at the same time agreed not to reconsider the measure for at least 2 years.

Boston, MA--The Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA) has given its endorsement to the 1980 Massachusetts Gay rights legislation. MTA's Director of Governmental Services, Richard J. Durkin, delivered MTA's support by telephone to State Rep. Barney Frank.

All literature pertaining to the Gay rights legislation will list the MTA as a supporter, Frank said.

The Dallas area Gay graduates of the est Training are hosting a Guest Seminar expressly for the Gay community at the Hilton Inn on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 7:30 PM. The Gay Guest Seminar is an opportunity to find out about the est Training and to meet and talk with other Gays about how the est Training benefitted them.

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# DGPC CONFERS WITH OFFICIALS

By Campbell Read

DGPC representatives held several meetings with city officials during December and early January to discuss allegations of police harassment of homosexuals in Dallas.

The meetings were held with the following persons:

\* Don Hickman, new president of the Dallas Police Association

\* David Rosen, assistant city attorney and chief prosecutor of Class C misdemeanors in the city attorney's office

\* Chief Glenn King and Assistant Chief Billy Prince of the Dallas Police Department

\* Mayor Robert Folsom

\* Don Cleveland, assistant city manager in charge of police and fire matters

Two other meetings are set up in February-- a second meeting with the mayor and a meeting with District Attorney Henry Wade.

The purpose of the meetings is to bring to the attention of city officials the increasing problem of police harassment of members of the Lesbian/Gay community, both in terms of

the frequency of visits to Gay bars and arrests by police officers, and complaints from members of our community that there have been false arrests made knowingly by police officers on many occasions and a number of cases in which police brutality has been alleged.

In calling these matters to the attention of city officials, the objective of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus was in part to begin a dialog with them and also to seek a means of resolving this problem of police harassment before tension in the Gay community grows to the point of violence.

Our meetings with these officials have, on the whole, been successful. Many of the officials were ready and eager to listen to what we had to say and to begin to show us means by which members of our community could follow through to file complaints about violations or abuse by police officers. Many of the officials were ready to continue the dialog and to see that all means were exhausted to try to resolve the problem.

Members of the caucus who attended the meetings included Dr. Louise Young, immediate past president of the caucus; Don Baker, cur-

rent president; board members Al Calkin and Campbell Read, and the Rev. Don Eastman, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas.

David Rosen of the city attorney's office agreed to talk to the Gay community on Jan. 28. He made some specific points that Gays and Lesbians need to know. He said that he, as a prosecutor, has only the arrest report written by the police officer on which to make a decision as to whether or not to prosecute charges against an individual. But if he also has an affidavit filed by the accused person, and possible affidavits filed by witnesses as well, then he has further information upon which to make an evaluation; and, in some cases, he might be prepared to drop charges.

At the present time, it is not clear whether the district attorney's office, which deals with Class A misdemeanors, is prepared to follow the same procedure.

Rosen emphasized that members of the community can file assault charges against the police rather than with the internal affairs division of the police department in cases involving allegations of police brutality. The internal affairs division, however, is available to receive complaints against police officers for false arrest, verbal harassment, and police brutality.

Complaints may also be made about police officers who testify falsely on the witness stand. However, these complaints must be made within 30 days of the occurrence of the incident. If individuals are not satisfied with the findings of the internal affairs division, they may take a complaint to federal court.

Rosen encouraged us to work with City Council members, perhaps on an individual basis, and mentioned that there are options to file in federal court under Clause 1983, which means violation of civil rights.

Police Chief Glenn King emphasized that we should make use of the availability of the internal affairs division to file complaints against police officers when people feel the law is not being enforced properly. On the matter of increased activity by the vice control division, Chief King stated that he didn't believe that it is taking place. He claimed that there has not been any increased emphasis on enforcement against homosexuals and said that he will not direct the police department not to (See DGPC Confers Page 4)

## NGTF's Brydon to Speak

Charles F. Brydon, Co-Executive Director of National Gay Task Force, will be the guest speaker at the February 11 general meeting of DGPC.

Brydon was appointed in early 1979 along with Lucia Valeska to fill vacancies created when Bruce Voeller and Jean O'Leary resigned. Brydon, a leader in the Seattle Gay community, was founder of The Dorian Group, an organization similar to NGTF which operates at the state level. The Dorian's thrust was that as "civil rights advocacy and public education."

During the 1978 West Coast Gay suppressive initiatives, Brydon worked with the Citizens to Retain Fair Employment to fight and defeat Seattle's infamous Initiative 13.

Brydon will visit the Dallas area meeting conferring with local Gay/Lesbian leaders during the February 9-10 weekend and will conclude his stay with his address to DGPC membership during the February 11 general meeting.

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## Author-Psychologist Board Announces to Talk on Gay Issues 'Project 80' at 2 Events

On Saturday, March 1, Don Clark, Ph. D., writer, teacher, and clinical psychologist, will be the featured speaker at two events sponsored by local Gay organizations.

Dr. Clark, author of Loving Someone Gay and the recently published Living Gay in addition to many other books in education and psychology, will give the main address at a Gay Academic Union/North Texas (GAU/NT)-sponsored conference on "Meeting the Needs of Gay and Lesbian Students." This conference, which will run from 8:30 AM to 2:15 PM, will be held at the First Unitarian Church of Dallas, 4015 Normandy at Preston.

Participants in the conference sessions and workshops will include educators, administrators, psychologists, and ministers from the Dallas-Fort Worth-Denton area. The registration fee for the conference, including admission to the sessions and workshops, a buffet lunch, and Dr. Clark's address, "Learning To Be One, Too: Retraining Professionals," will be \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. For advance registration or further information, call Bill Beauchamp at (214) 351-1576 or write to GAU/NT, P. O. Box 2402, Dallas, Tx 75221.

On Saturday evening, March 1, Dr. Clark will present his "Give and Take in the New Gay Culture" at 8 PM in Channing Hall of the First Unitarian Church. Refreshments will be served, and copies of Dr. Clark's books will be available for purchase and signing. A \$4 donation is requested for this event, which is jointly sponsored by GAU/NT and CRC-Gayline.

The new (recently elected) Board of Directors met, in the first of its two yearly retreats, on Sunday, Jan. 6.

The Board met in closed session to discuss numerous projects and actions to be undertaken by the DGPC in 1980. A major portion of the retreat was spent digesting a 23 page document entitled "A Proposed Plan of Action for the Dallas Gay Political Caucus from January to June, 1980". A report covering this "Project '80" in detail will be presented at the February general meeting.

Some of the projects considered in the retreat included;

1. A bail bond arrangement for use of DGPC members.
2. A discount coupon booklet for Caucus members.
3. A Gay community co-op for non-perishable food items.
4. A community meeting on Police Harassment (set up and accomplished Jan. 28).

These and other Caucus projects will be presented in greater depth in forthcoming issues of **DIALOG** and regular monthly meetings.

### Announcement

Training for new Gayline counselors begins Feb. 24. For information, 351-1576 or 748-6790.

## Adoption Solves Problem!

Milwaukee, WI—Reserve Circuit Judge Elliott Walstead granted a petition allowing a 21-year-old man to adopt his 23-year-old lover.

"It was an unusual petition, but there was nothing to indicate that they were Gay. I don't know if it would have been any of my business, if there was something," said the Judge.

The 23-year-old man, who agreed to an interview in return for anonymity, said adoption was the best and most economical way for the two men to achieve their goal.

He said they wanted to share the same last name and make each other heir to their respective estates without hiring a lawyer. There was no lawyer for the court appearance.

"We could have flown to California and gotten married," said the man, a printer. "But that would have been expensive. And this is better. Marriage can end in divorce or be annulled. Adoption is more permanent than marriage."

## Gay Caucus Leader Raps

### APA 'Inaction'

New York--The president of the Gay Caucus of Members of the American Psychiatric Association (GCMAPA) has criticized the APA for laxity in following a 1973 resolution which removed homosexuality from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and called for full legal protection of Gays, Gay Community News reported.

In an editorial in the caucus' newsletter, Dr. Frank Rundie charged, "The governing hierarchy of the APA has been resolute only in avoiding its obvious responsibility to implement the resolution.

"It has not launched a public education campaign, it has not offered official buttressing of the position stated in the media, it has not addressed the issue of legislation which incorporated the outmoded view of homosexuality as a disease; it did not even, within its own organization, make any attempt to implement the unassailable just statements made in the resolution."

He claims the APA faults have been "mainly inaction."

Rundie expressed deep disappointment that the APA Programming Committee for the 1980 convention in San Francisco has rejected a major lecture on homosexuality by Dr. Judd Marmor, a professor of psychiatry at USC who is considered a pioneer in changing clinical practices with regard to Gay people.

APA President Alan Stone termed Rundie's accusations "unfair". He said the APA "has taken a remarkably strong stand given the tensions attached to these issues on homosexuality." Stone pointed out the creation of a Task Force on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues created in 1978 by the Council on National Affairs.

## Deitsch Appointed to National Board of Rights Lobby

Kathy Deitsch, Moderator of the Texas Gay Task Force, has been appointed to serve on the Gay Rights National Lobby Board of Directors. GRNL is based in Washington, D.C.; its Executive Director and lobbyist is Steve Edean.

Deitsch organized, coordinated, and served as fundraiser for the Texas Gay/Lesbian lobby (the Human Rights Advocates) during the last meeting of the state legislature.

Deitsch said, "GRNL is our only voice and defense in the U.S. Congress. With the recent formation of several anti-Gay lobbies who purport morality, religion, and the family, the New Right and the ultra conservative fringe need to be monitored carefully. Their constituency can produce thousands of letters to Congress, and they have millions of dollars to spend on

insuring that Gays and Lesbians are singled out for discrimination. Gay Texans have supported and understood the need to have a voice in the lawmaking process. Now it is time that Gay Texans do their part in extending support to this vital national lobby effort."

Deitsch points out, "If federal laws are enacted to either protect or single us out for discrimination, everyone in the country is affected. Likewise, if state laws are passed, they affect all Texans. The point is we must take responsibility for our lifestyle at all levels of government. I believe the time has come for us to either prove up or shut up. The 80's is the decade when our community will be under heavy attack. We need strong local, state, and national action to ensure our fair share."

## Gayline Elects New Leaders

At its Sunday, January 20 meeting, Community Resource Center (CRC)/Gayline elected its new officers and Board of Directors.

Officers elected for 1980 are president, John Nix; executive vice-president, Sher Harnish; vice-president, Lee Morton; secretary, Frank Stalls; assistant secretary, Jack Wilkinson; and treasurer, Charles Sherman.

Elected to the board were Sher Harnish, Mary Jane Westbrook, Marlon Pate, John Nix and Charles Sherman.

Spokesperson Westbrook announced that two early projects CRC is undertaking for 1980 are the Gayline counselors training (see announcement elsewhere in DIALOG) and co-sponsorship of Dr. Don Clark's visit to Dallas (see article elsewhere in DIALOG).

## Texas Observer Publishes 'Gay Minority' Article

The 25th anniversary edition of the Texas Observer took a look at Texas and the nation in the next 25 years.

The Gay/Lesbian community, through Texas Gay Task Force Moderator, Kathy Deitsch, received an invitation to write an article for this historic edition from co-editors Ronnie Dugger and Linda Rocawich.

Deitsch's article, entitled "The Gay Minority Emerges," addressed the need for Texans to come to know and understand the Gay community. She stated, "It is my hope that the 80's in Texas will be a decade of actualization in which all people will be given an opportunity to be a functional part of the life in this state."

Cited in the article is recent information released in marketing surveys as to the economic and political strength of the Gay community.

In this popular Texas magazine, Deitsch challenged the truly savvy politicians to cast aside their stereotypical attitudes and ideas of the Gay/Lesbian community and come to recognize it as the powerful bloc it can be and to work out ways to incorporate its strength in the new decade.

## "For Colored Girls"

### A Review:

By Phil Johnson

"Artsy-farsy" theater, I thought as I showered and dressed, dreading to go out into the cold, wet night. I had heard it was a play with poetry and dance. "Probably one of those pretentious things trying hard to be 'tres avant garde.'" But Theatre III has never disappointed me and DGPC's cocktail/theatre parties are always fun, so I zipped into my warm coat and went. Glad I did; otherwise I would have missed one of the most touching shows of my life.

"For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When The Rainbow is Enuff" is like "A Chorus Line" and "Word Is Out" in that there is no plot as such. Rather, each individual has a story to tell and the audience is very quickly caught up in the lives of these people. They touch our hearts. We laugh with them, dance with them, cry with them. We care.

Never mind that the performers are seven black heterosexual women opening their hearts to an audience predominately white, male and Gay. Never mind that black women's problems are so unique and severe that most of us can never know the depths of their hurt. Even so the point comes across: we are all human. There was joy, there was tears, real tears, on stage and in the audience. This is real theater.

## Media to Elect Chair

At their Jan. 24 meeting, the Media Committee members discussed 5 objectives proposed by Director for Media, Campbell Read.

Read urged the committee members, as well as other caucus members to serve as media watchdogs to complain to the media through phone calls or letters when news about Gays or Lesbians is presented unfairly.

The next meeting of the Media Committee will be held at 7:30 PM Feb. 21 at 5839 Monticello. The committee will elect a chairperson then.

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## Magnus Hirschfeld - A Gay Rights Forerunner

In the first of what is to be a series of historical presentations done by the education committee, we present a discussion of Magnus Hirschfeld.

Magnus Hirschfeld, a German, was the most important figure in the early movement for homosexual rights. Hirschfeld was a physician in his late twenties when he founded, in Germany in 1897, the Scientific-Humanitarian Committee, which was the first Gay rights organization.

Unlike most countries of Europe, Germany had a penal code which made homosexual acts between adult males a crime. There had been very little public opposition to this law before 1897, but now Hirschfeld's Scientific-Humanitarian Committee proposed to petition the government for the repeal of the law and to collect the signatures of prominent people on the petition. Eventually, more than six thousand persons of prominence signed the petition, half of them doctors; Albert Einstein signed it, for example, and important foreigners also gave their endorsement, such as the Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy.

For the next thirty-five years, Hirschfeld and his Committee carried on their work of education and propaganda on behalf of Gays. An important yearbook was published by the committee. Candidates for election were confronted on the issue of the petition. The issue of repeal was actually debated in the German parliament in 1905.

By 1922 there were about twenty-five branches of the Scientific-Humanitarian Committee in Germany. Foreign branches were also formed, such as the one in London in 1913. But the greatest development of the Gay movement in the early twentieth century was in Germany.

In 1919 Hirschfeld founded, in Berlin, the Institute for Sexual Science; it became internationally important for its scientific approach to sexuality; it was a kind of forerunner of the Kinsey Institute for Sex Research in America. Hirschfeld collected at the institute great quantities of material about sexuality and homosexuality. As early as 1903, he had gathered statistics on sexual behavior through questionnaires filled out by thousands of people; and he also personally counseled thousands of men and women about their sexual problems over the years. He himself believed that homosexuality was inborn—hence the homosexual should not be punished.

In addition to his writings on sexual subjects, particularly on homosexuality, Hirschfeld traveled and spoke around the world, and he was the key figure in forming the World League for Sexual Reform, which grew out of the International Congress for Sexual Reform held in Berlin in 1921. Several more of these international congresses were held by the World League for Sexual Reform, which favored repeal of the laws against sexual crimes without victims, such as homosexual acts. Eventually, more than 130,000 people belonged to groups in different countries that were affiliated with the League.

In 1922 the petition for repeal of the anti-homosexual law was presented to the German parliament. In those years just after World War I, there was considerable hope that the Gay rights movement might succeed in Germany. But the government did not act on the petition. There followed Germany's economic troubles of the 1920's and then the rise of the Nazis to power in the early 1930's.

In May, 1933, when Hitler had become head of the government, Nazis raided the Institute for Sexual Science. Much of Hirschfeld's valua-

## Women's Duo Booked for Concert Feb. 22

Recording artists Teresa Trull and Julie Homi will be appearing in a concert of women's music February 22, 8PM, at the Metropolitan Community Church, corner Reagan and Brown streets. Local musician Becky Carroll will be featured as the opening act.

Teresa Trull is a soulful, expressive vocalist and composer whose music reflects the blues/gospel influence of her Southern roots. Julie Homi, classically trained jazz pianist, claims a style and virtuosity rare in any performer. Together they make an exciting and outrageous team, equally at ease with funky blues or a high-spirited jazz scat. Although Dallas audiences may be familiar with Teresa's album *The Ways A Woman Can Be* on Olivia Records (a collectively women-run label) this will be their first chance to experience live a musical synthesis applauded nationwide.

Little Feather Productions is proud to be instrumental in this Dallas debut. Formerly Wise Women NOW Productions, then sponsored by Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force, Little Feather Productions is now an independent production group, but still committed to bringing the best in women's music to the Dallas area. Past productions to their credit are the Therese Edell/Betsy Lippitt concert (Oct. '79) and Meg Christian (Nov.'79).

Tickets are available for a \$5.00 donation (16 and under, 60 and over, physically challenged, \$3.50) at Lobo Bookstore and Paperbacks Plus on Abrams in Dallas, at Readers' World in Denton and at Aubs Steakhouse in Ft. Worth. The performance will be signed for the hearing-impaired. Child care and housing will be available by prior arrangement; for more information, or to order tickets, call before February 15, (214) 827-8318.

## Maria Spacagna to Sing at MCC on Feb. 6

On Wednesday, February 6, at 7:30 PM, Maria Spacagna will perform at the Metropolitan Community Church. The program, sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Dallas Civic Opera, is intended to promote more community awareness of the arts.

Ms. Spacagna, a native of Rhode Island, holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree from the New England Conservatory of Music. In June 1977, she won top prize at the "Concorso Internazionale per Voce Verdiana" in Busseto, Italy, and second prize at the "Concorso Internazionale de Chant de Paris." She has since been the recipient of two National Opera Institute Grants and the Minna Kaufman Ruud Distinguished Performance award.

ble collection of books and other materials was carried off and burned; a bust of Hirschfeld himself was carried through the streets in a torchlight procession and dumped on the fire. (The official Nazi ideology was, of course, strongly anti-Gay.) Hirschfeld, who was both a Jew and a homosexual, had already taken refuge in France, where he died in 1935. With his death, the international movement was disbanded, and the Gay rights cause disappeared in the ensuing world crisis.

So—the Gay rights movement had to begin all over again after World War II. But although his work came to nothing, we should still remember and honor Magnus Hirschfeld as the most important pioneer in the Gay rights movement.

## January Meeting Synopsis

(As a service to our members and those who miss the regular monthly meetings, a synopsis of each meeting's agenda will be published in *Dialog*.)

After the call to order, Secretary's & Treasurer's reports, the Parliamentarian presented the names of Cobb Keller and Terry Tebedo as Board of Directors appointees to fill the recent vacancies on the board. They will be ratified at the Feb. 11 meeting.

The Parliamentarian then presented a Bylaws revision regarding limits on Directors' absences from board meetings. The membership ratified the change unanimously.

Two other Bylaws revisions were submitted:

1. Article 2.03 (Having to do with membership)

New Wording: Each person that has been a member for 30 days shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members after having paid annual dues. No member shall be entitled to vote by proxy.

2. Article 4.04 (Having to do with Term of Office and Election of Directors).

Words to be Added: To be eligible as a candidate for the Board of Directors a person must have been a member of DGPC for a minimum of six (6) months.

Director Campbell Read reported on meeting of DGPC and other Gay leaders with city officials. Read's report of visits with Police Chief, assistant Police Chief and assistant City Attorney for misdemeanors is elsewhere in *Dialog*. Meetings have been arranged with Mayor Folsom and District Attorney Wade for February and March.

Political Action Co-Chair Cobb Keller announced a voter identification project whereby DGPC can authenticate the Gay constituency. Keller emphasized the confidential nature of this list.

The Education committee presented a biographical sketch of Magnus Hirschfeld (see elsewhere in *Dialog*).

Parkland representatives spoke to the membership regarding the need to pass the \$80 million Parkland bond issue so that needed updating can be done.

PAC Co-Chair Keller, then conducted candidates night. Candidates were present for City Council positions 2, 4, 5, 6, 9 and Mayor's position. After the presentations and questions and answers, the caucus endorsed Ricardo Medrano for Place 2, Lee Simpson for Place 4, Brad Bishop for Place 5 and Mabel White for Place 6.

Financial Resources Director announced the upcoming Theatre III premiere "For Colored Girls" (see review in *Dialog*), the Valentines Party to be held at Magnolia's Sunday, Feb. 10, 3-5 PM (\$1 cover, free beer), and a special movie to begin on April 4 at the Granada.

Last on the agenda was Don Baker's report on "Retreat--80" the outcome of which has been named Project 80, which will be covered in detail in this and subsequent issues of *Dialog*.

After announcements the meeting was adjourned.

**Valentine's Dance**  
**Magnolia's, Sun., Feb. 10th**  
**3 to 5 pm**  
**\$1 cover - Free Beer**

## Senator Introduces Gay Rights Bill

An employment protection bill barring discrimination against persons on the basis of sexual orientation has been introduced in the U. S. Senate. Senator Paul Tsongas (D-MA) believes such discrimination "is arbitrary and unjust" against Gay people in employment. The bill makes "no moral judgements about homosexuality and does not establish special privileges, such as Gay job quotas." Other U. S. Senators agreeing to co-sponsor are Lowell P. Weicker (R-CT) and Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY). The American Civil Liberties Union has sent letters to all U. S. Senators urging support of this legislation. Many major corporations have already stated that they will not discriminate against Gays, e.g., AT&T, Dupont, Ford Motor Company, and IBM.

U. S. Senators John Tower and Lloyd Bentsen must hear from YOU! Write and ask them to co-sponsor the Tsongas Bill, S-2081. Regardless of whether it is one or 100,000 persons who are victimized by such discrimination, there exists a demonstrated need for the legislation.

If more information is desired, write or call TGTF, P. O. Box 2036, Universal City, TX 78148, (512)655-3724. Also, please mail a copy of your letter along with the Senators' responses.

The Senators' addresses are:  
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142 Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D. C. 20510

The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen  
240 Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D. C. 20510

## Kennedy Supports Gay Rights

Declaring that "I believe our party's platform should also commit itself to the issuance of an executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in government programs and the enactment of legislation protecting the civil rights of those who have historically been stigmatized on the basis of sexual orientation," Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) expressed his support for Gay rights in response to a questionnaire sent by the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) to all presidential candidates.

Charles F. Brydon, Co-Executive Director of NGTF, said that Kennedy's statement was "a major move on his part to establish his credibility with the Gay voter nationally." Brydon, however, warned that the Gay community must "look carefully at the rhetoric and look for some specific actions...Kennedy has not been outspoken on this issue." Brydon specifically cited the need for Kennedy to co-sponsor the Senate Gay Rights Bill authored by Paul Tsongas (S-2081) which would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by adding the phrase "sexual orientation" to the provision on equal employment opportunities.

According to NGTF, Kennedy's commitments were substantially the same as pledges made by California Gov. Jerry Brown at a Gay rights fundraiser in Washington last November. The Kennedy and Brown pledges make it virtually certain that the Democratic convention will debate a Gay rights resolution. Efforts to pass a similar plank in 1972 and 1976 were killed in committee.

# AN EPIDEMIC OF FALSE ARRESTS?

By Campbell Read

Investigations which DGPC has made into allegations of police harassment have indicated a pattern of selective law enforcement and, more seriously, that some police officers take advantage of their position and the attitude of the courts to step over the strict intent of the law and make deliberate false arrests of homosexuals. Because a Gay person is in a place in which he might commit lewd acts, these police officers reason, therefore such persons are fair game to arrest and charge with those acts, as though they had actually been committed.

We have documented in detail eighteen cases of arrests in 1979, cases in which we talked directly to the person arrested, to an attorney handling the case, or to witnesses. The following data suggest that false arrests may not be the exception, but may rather be common practice on the part of some police officers.

1979 Cases documented by DGPC: 18

Cases documented, involving alleged false arrest: 14 - 78% of documented cases

Cases involving alleged police brutality: 6

A summary of the stories of thirteen victims was recently published by DGPC, under the title "Who Are The Victims of Police Harassment...and the Victims of Police Brutality....?" Most of the victims complained that they were innocent of any misdemeanor. The sense of fear and indignation which we have met over and over again in the people to whom we have talked indicates that the Lesbian-Gay community needs to be protected from the police. This in itself is ironic. Citizens should be protected by the police from criminals on the streets, rather than from capricious police officers who enjoy the exercise of power by intimidation.

On January 3, 1980, representatives of DGPC met with Police Chief King and Assistant Chief Prince, in order to begin a dialogue, and to request that the Dallas Police Dept. (DPD) enforce the law strictly, equitably and honestly. At this meeting, a catalogue of false arrest stories was represented, including cases of Gays being arrested on the dance floors of bars, Gays being arrested for touching somebody just above the knee, Gays being picked upon outside bookstores by vice cops to whom the arrested person did not wish to speak and Gays being arrested in bars because some malicious officer recognized them as being already on probation following a previous false arrest and conviction.

But the events of January, 1980 show that the DPD does not appear to be interested in putting its house in order, or to deter its officers from making false arrests. On the night of January 18/19, twelve persons, including one woman, were arrested at a neighborhood bar on Fitzhugh, following a visit by vice officers. The officers arrested a number of dancers who work at the bar, as well as the bartender and several patrons.

DGPC has talked to several of those arrested as well as to witnesses, and once again it is clear that the police made several false arrests, following a pattern which has reached epidemic proportions during the last five months. On the following night, January 19/20, at least three arrests were made at bars on Fitzhugh; two of these arrests deserve to be recounted, because they constitute together one of the most flagrant examples of trumped-up charges by police officers which we have met.

On that night, two police officers entered a small neighborhood bar, walked through the bar

and entered the restroom, which they found to be unoccupied. The officers re-entered the saloon and, spotting two men in jackets and ties who were talking together at the counter of the bar, arrested them there and then and charged them both with public lewdness. The two victims of this disgraceful abuse of police power have known one another for ten years, and had been earlier to dinner with several friends.

Both Police Chief King and Assistant City Attorney David Rosen have recommended to DGPC that citizens who have complaints about police officers should take them to the Internal Affairs Division of DPD in Room 7A North at City Hall, but that these complaints must be made within 30 days of the incident which gives rise to the complaint. DGPC wishes to encourage victims to file such complaints, but to consult with their attorney first. An informed source has warned us that police officers who have made false arrests will make more effort to "prepare" their testimony for court if they suspect that citizens are not going to plead guilty.

Mr. Rosen also encourages victims of false arrest to file affidavits with his office, in the case of Class 'C' misdemeanors, and witnesses who are willing to testify in court can file similar affidavits, which will be used by the Prosecutor in deciding whether or not to prosecute.

It is unclear at the present time to what degree the District Attorney wishes to see that Gays and Lesbians are treated with justice in Class 'A' misdemeanor charges. Our best hope probably lies in filing in Federal Court for violation of civil rights, as when a person is jailed for false arrest or filing a class action suit against the City once sufficient data has been collected to establish a case.

Police Officer Danny Cain has been involved in several arrests for which we have received complaints, including Victim Nos. 1,2,5 and 6 of our earlier report. Vice Officer O. K. Griffith (Badge #3639) was involved in the alleged false arrest of Victim No. 4 outside a bookstore last November. Police Officer P. R. King and Vice Officer Wm. Miller (Badge #3023) were involved in the June 20th arrests at the Fraternity House. Miller also charged a victim of alleged police brutality (Victim No. 13) with aggravated assault; Officers Cain and Luczko were involved in an alleged false arrest in a park on May 27 last. The officer involved in the deplorable arrests of January 19/20 described above was Police Officer Fred G. Holland, (Badge #4261).

We shall continue to provide updated information on police officers involved in matters indicative of harassment as and when such information becomes available.

**DGPC CONFERS** (continued from Page 1)  
enforce the law. The vice squad makes up only one per cent of the police department, so there is no overemphasis, he said.

King suggested that what may appear to be harassment to the arrested person would appear to the police officer to be correct enforcement of the law. Assistant Chief Billy Prince emphasized that if the police department receives complaints of law violations, it responds. If a police officer sees a violation of the law in an establishment, then he is going to return to it later.

Mayor Robert Folsom requested Don Baker to set up an appointment at a later date, at which members of the caucus will make an educational presentation to him on homosexuality and the Dallas Gay community.

# Gay Defendant Found Not Guilty

Dallas, Feb. 7--On Thursday, Feb. 7th, Dallas County Criminal Court #7 Judge Chuck Miller found a Gay defendant not guilty in a public lewdness prosecution.

The case originated from the infamous October 24th raid at the Village Station disco when approximately 12 people were arrested at random from the dance floor and charged with public lewdness. The uniformed police had entered the bar, told the manager they were "just going to make a few busts" and then proceeded to arrest dancers.

Two vice officers, J. W. Przywara and H. H.

Sanders, gave sworn testimony on the witness stand to the effect that the defendant had fondled another individual in their presence with the intent to sexually arouse. In turn, the defense presented four witnesses (one of whom had been found by investigators of the DGPC Social Justice committee) who testified that the allegations of the police were totally false.

During cross-examination, the prosecutor, Bill Arnold, asked each if he was homosexual. Judge Miller, overruling objection of defense counsel, allowed the question to be answered. Each witness replied that he was Gay.

At the conclusion of closing arguments by the prosecutor, Judge Miller, his decision made, states, "This Defendant is NOT guilty." Visibly angered and offended by the court's judgment, Asst. Dist. Attorneys, Arnold and Phillips and their impeached witnesses stormed out of the courtroom while well-wishers congratulated the exonerated defendant and his two attorneys.

"What we must all learn from this case," commented one member of the Social Justice committee in attendance, "is that none of us is safe from false arrest by both vice officers and uniformed police. Ninety-nine percent of the police force totally disapprove of such behavior, but that other one percent target Gay people and feel somehow justified in the harassment raids. They will arrest us at random, take the witness stand in court and lie under oath to support their false accusations. These so called "public servants" are emotionally warped, morally bankrupt and a disgrace to their profession. They are also a far greater danger to public safety than any of the Gay men and Lesbians they have singled out to receive their intimidation and, at times, physical brutality. And, as far as I am concerned, any prosecutor, judge or police supervisor who knows what these jerks are up to and doesn't take steps to stop it is equally guilty of their criminal perjury and slander."

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## Community Intervenes In Police Brutality Case

According to information collected by DGPC's Social Justice committee, on June 20, 1979, Police Officer William Miller assaulted and injured a member of the community, Doug G., in daylight outside of the Fraternity House, to the extent the he had to be taken to Parkland Hospital to have six stitches taken in the back of his head. Although Doug was doing nothing contrary to the law, Miller charged him with aggravated assault, and he was convicted of this felony by Judge John Mead, who believed Miller's word against that of two members of our community.

As a result of the special meeting on "Police Harassment" sponsored by the DGPC, and which took place at MCC on Jan. 28, a witness to the latter part of the beating has stepped forward, and has stated that he is prepared to testify.

According to Doug G. and his friend: Doug G. and John S. had just entered John's car, when Officer Miller (Badge No. 3023) saw them exchange a kiss. Miller approached the car, flashed his badge, and said "Get out of here, you stinking fags", or words to that effect. Doug pointed out that they were not breaking any laws and didn't have to leave, at which Miller struck Doug in the face, under his right eye, and then several more times with a solid object on the back of the head, so that he began to bleed quite profusely. Social Justice Members have seen photographs of him taken the next day, the bloody shirt Doug was wearing and also the interior of the car, which corroborated this senerio.

According to Doug and the newly located witness: Officer Miller behaved very strangely. He hurried away from the car, which was parked by a "phone booth", and passing by a liquor store, entered Mr. M's store on the corner of Fitzhugh and Travis, where he went to a telephone inside. He testified later in court that he wanted to make a phone call. (Why didn't he use the phone by the car?) Further, when he left the car, he did not say anything to Doug G. or John S.; he did not tell them to remain there, to go, or that they were under arrest.

According to the new witness: Doug followed Miller into the store, stopped at least ten feet away, and asked Miller why he had

been roughed up. At this, Miller dropped the telephone directory he was holding and made for Doug, grabbing him by the arm and throwing him over so that he struck his head on a rack of potato chips. Miller told the clerk to call the police, and when four squad cars arrived, he told the patrol officers to book Doug. As they left the store, Doug called out to John S., who was still waiting in his car, and asked him to help him. At this, Miller said, "He's one of them; book him, too."

According to Doug G.: It was three hours later, after more harassment and some long waiting at the jail, before Doug was taken to Parkland to have his wounds treated.

Indications are that Officer Miller took 2 hours to concoct charges of aggravated assault and public lewdness against both Doug G. and John S. The store clerk, present during the assault on Doug, had moved out of state and could not testify. The Social Justice committee has listened to a telephone conversation with her taped on the day after the incident in question. The information on this tape bears out the evidence given by Doug G. in court. At Doug's trial before Judge Mead, his only witness was John S., and Judge Mead believed Miller.

Doug went to the Internal Affairs Division (IAD) of the Dallas Police Dept. on July 19th, the 30th day following the above incident, asking to file a complaint against Officer Miller. Although regulations allow for investigations of such complaints by IAD if complaints are filed within 30 days of the incident, Doug was told that he could not file a complaint against Miller, because more than 28 days had passed!

This summary cannot convey the depth of suffering which Doug has experienced. He is now Bankrupt, without a telephone or transportation and has lost his love for Dallas as a good place to live and work. He is also a convicted felon (he was convicted of assault on a police officer), who can no longer vote or cannot leave Dallas without the permission of his probation officer.

He has had to drop out of school, lacking only 9 credit hours to graduate in the School of Fine Arts at S.M.U. (See INTERVENES on page 4.)

Don Clark, author of Loving Someone Gay and Living Gay, will speak on "Give and Take in the New Gay Culture" at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the First Unitarian Church, Normandy at Preston.

A donation of \$4.00 per person or \$6.00 per couple is requested. The lecture is being sponsored by the Gay Academic Union of North Texas and Community Resource Center/Gayline.

Refreshments will be served after the talk.

## Gay Pride Week Set

Dallas, Feb. 17--The Dallas Gay Pride Week Committee (GPWC) approved June 21-29 as the dates encompassing Dallas Gay Pride Week 80 and also elected officers at a meeting Feb. 17 held at MCC-Dallas.

GPWC Co-chairs elected are Marcus Lerro, Sylvia Hodges and Bill Waring. Other officers elected are Paul Martinez, secretary; Tom Morrison, treasurer; and Linda Lopez, parliamentarian. Committee chairs will be appointed at the next general meeting at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 2 at the DGPC office, 3409 Oak Lawn, #207.

Among the events already proposed for the week are: a street fair over the opening weekend, the second annual Razzle, Dazzle Dallas on June 27th, a daylight Gay Pride March/Parade on June 29th, a carnival, a community dinner, a coffeehouse and a theater party. The GPWC has set April 1st as the deadline for placing events on the Official Gay Pride Week calendar.

Letters have been sent to all known Gay/Lesbian organizations and businesses in Dallas asking them to participate in the week's activities. However, a spokesperson stated that "because of the rapid proliferation of local Gay and Lesbian organizations over the past year" some organizations may not be on the current GPWC mailing list. He emphasized that "all Gay and Lesbian organizations and businesses are invited to send representatives to the meetings."

GPWC has scheduled general meetings every 3 weeks, beginning with the Sunday, March 2nd meeting.

## "The Consequence" Coming to Granada

Martin Kurath is Gay. He is sentenced to two years in prison for "Seduction of a minor". He suspects that his case would never have come to trial had the relationship involved not been a homosexual one.

The depressing daily routine of Martin's confinement undergoes a drastic change when the liberal prison warden agrees to an experiment: Kurath, a professional actor, is to direct a play, "Hopeless", which one of the other prisoners has written. An outsider is brought in for the main role: Thomas Manzoni, the sixteen year old son of one of the guards. During rehearsals, Thomas makes it clear to Martin that he likes him--and that he, too, is homosexually inclined. One evening, Thomas manages to slip into Martin's cell, and during this first night together, the two vow to maintain their relationship, which continues even after Martin's release.

Incapable of understanding their son, the Manzoni's have recourse to the law; and since Thomas is not yet legally an adult, they are able to get him placed in a reform school. Here, the boy's personality is alarmingly demoralized, particularly since his homosexuality excludes him from the solidarity of the other inmates and exposes him to the instructor's humiliations. With Martin's help, Thomas succeeds in escaping, but all their attempts to build a life together fail. By the time Thomas is twenty and legally free to make his own decision about living with Martin, he is already a broken man. Following an unsuccessful attempt at suicide, he is sent to a psychiatric hospital. When he escapes again, it is not to freedom--he has merely landed in the world's vast lost and found.

Originally made for West German Television (Bayerische Rundfunk), **THE CONSEQUENCE** was then barred from airing and created quite a

## Anti-Gay Lobby Calls on "Concerned Citizens"

by Kathy Deitsch

In a recent fundraising appeal, the Christian Voice lobby has called on "concerned Christians" to flood Congress with letters opposing the national Gay/Lesbian civil rights bill in the House of Representatives, HR 2074. This is the first organized letter writing campaign to Congress on the issue.

A spokesperson for Christian Voice said, "if homosexuals can impress Congress with 100,000 marchers, then we must impress Congress with 500,000 letters from concerned Christians."

If passed, House Bill 2074 would amend the existing civil rights law to prohibit discrimination based on "affectional preference or sexual orientation" in employment, housing and the military.

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stir in the newspapers over censorship. Eventually, the decision was rescinded. The film has since gained phenomenal reception in theatrical release in West Germany, France and England, and was a great success at the 1978 Chicago International Film Festival.

Mr. Petersen says of his film: "My intention was not to be provocative. I tell a private love story between two people who happen to be men and whose relationship is systematically destroyed by their environment which gives them no chance. The audience should, for the most part, identify with these two figures, that is to say they should gradually forget that it is actually about the relationship between two men...even feel empathy with two people who love each other but who happen to be men. Perhaps in this way, some of the people will be changed."

## Caucus Urges "Cruising" Boycott

As per a motion from the floor at the February general meeting, the membership has vowed to boycott the recently released anti-Gay movie "Cruising". The movie, produced by Lorimar and Jerry Weintraub and directed by William Friedkin, has been the eye of a tornado of controversy across the country since filming began in the streets of Greenwich village (in NYC) in early 1979.

Thousands of Gays filled the streets of the Village to protest the filming and also to try to prevent the continued filming of the anti-Gay movie on the well established Gay/Lesbian New York turf. Having been unsuccessful in those attempts, the national Gay/Lesbian community is being asked to boycott the movie at the theatres.

The DGPC move reflects the spirit of the boycott effort. The points of the boycott are as follows: (1) Gays/Lesbians are asked not to attend the movie, but if we must attend, we are asked not to attend until after the first 3 weeks of the local run. (2) We are asked when attending the movie to boycott the concession stands of the theatre(s). Movie owners make very little from the admission charge to patrons, they rely on profits gained from the concessions--Candy, popcorn, beverages, etc--to make their money from local showings of movies. (3) We are asked to boycott all products of the Lorimar/Weintraub/Friedkin group--records, especially soundtracks (look at the credits on the record jacket before buying), paperback books, etc.

The purpose of these actions is to apply economic pressure to the producer/director company in an effort to make the point that these anti-Gay movies are not appreciated and, indeed, will not prove profitable now or in the future.

In similar action nationwide, Gays/Lesbians are also being asked to boycott the anti-Lesbian movie "Windows." The date for the local opening of "Windows" has not yet been an-

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## Gay Chorale Attracts 40 Members

The Turtle Creek Chorale, a Gay men's chorus, announced that 40 members attended the first rehearsal on Feb. 19th. The music group, the first of its kind in the area, immediately began work on music for the group's first major public performance, which is targeted to take place during Gay Pride Week 80.

The chorale is composed of serious amateur and professional musicians from throughout the Dallas area, who feel that music is a valuable form of self-expression and social interaction. The group is still seeking new members, according to a spokesperson. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For membership and meeting location phone 821-3086.



nounced.

("Cruising" is showing locally at Cine I & II, Esquire, Northtown 6, and U. A. Skillman 6. Comments regarding the anti-Gay nature of the film should be directed toward these theatres' owners and management either in person, by phone or by letter.)

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- 20. DIALOG staff meeting. 8 PM. 363-9006.
- 20. DGPC Media Committee meets at 7:30 PM. "Presentation on Preparation of News Releases", 10137 Cromwell Dr. 821-3277 or 352-6667.
- 20. DGPC Women's Concerns Committee meets at 7:30 PM. DGPC office, 3409 Oak Lawn #207. 783-9242.
- 23. Dallas Gay Pride Week Committee general meeting. 2 PM. DGPC office, 3409 Oak Lawn #207, 528-4233.
- 24. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS Open Board of Directors Meeting. Want to get something off your chest? Here's your chance. Your opinions and comments are welcome. 3701 Reagan. 7:30 PM.
- 26. GLAD meets in Denton. Everyone welcome. 7:30 PM. UMC - Maple and Avenue B.
- 26. DIALOG deadline. Your comments and letters are welcome. Mail them to P.O. Box 5094; Richardson, Texas 75080 or deliver them to Union Jack before 6:30 PM. (Deadline for type written material is March 28th).
- 29. Lesbian Rights Task Force Coffee House. 8 PM. NOW office, 3103 Routh. 742-6918. \$1.00 donation requested.
- 30. Palm Sunday musical by the excellent concert Choir and Orchestra of the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church. "No Greater Love" 11 AM. 2701 Reagan at Brown. 526-6221.
- 30. Dr. Norman Pittenger of the Divinity faculty of Cambridge University (and one of the most renown Biblical authorities in the world) will speak at the Metropolitan Community Church at 7:15 PM. 526-6221.
- 30. DIALOG Production day. 2 PM till... 363-9006.

**APRIL**



- 3. DGPC Mail Committee meets at Phil's place to eat junk food, dish the dirt and mail the DIALOG. With surging membership and circulation, we need more help! 821-1653.
- 4. The Consequence. Gay film - Gay audience. Join the fun at the Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville. 7:30 and 9:20.
- 6. Special Easter Sunday Service at the Dallas MCC; Agape' MCC in Ft. Worth, and United Community Church, 4402 Roseland - 827-5088. United Christian's Fellowship Church, 922 S. Beckley - 942-0742.
- 13. Dallas Gay Pride Week Committee meets at 2 PM. 3409 Oak Lawn #207. Everyone welcome.
- 14. Trial in Criminal Court #7 (Judge Miller) of a victim of the Village Station mass arrest last October. Call 821-3277 for time and information. It's time to put an end to this crap!
- 14. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 sharp. 2701 Reagan and Brown.
- 20. "Archaeology and the Bible" by Reverend Geoffrey Ratcliff, Pastor of the worlds' largest 7th Day Adventist Church in Denver. 7:30 PM. Dallas MCC. Reagan and Brown.
- 30. DAIR presents "Mr. Dallas" at the Village Station. 4001 Cedar Springs. Ernestine (Mouth of the South) will MC.

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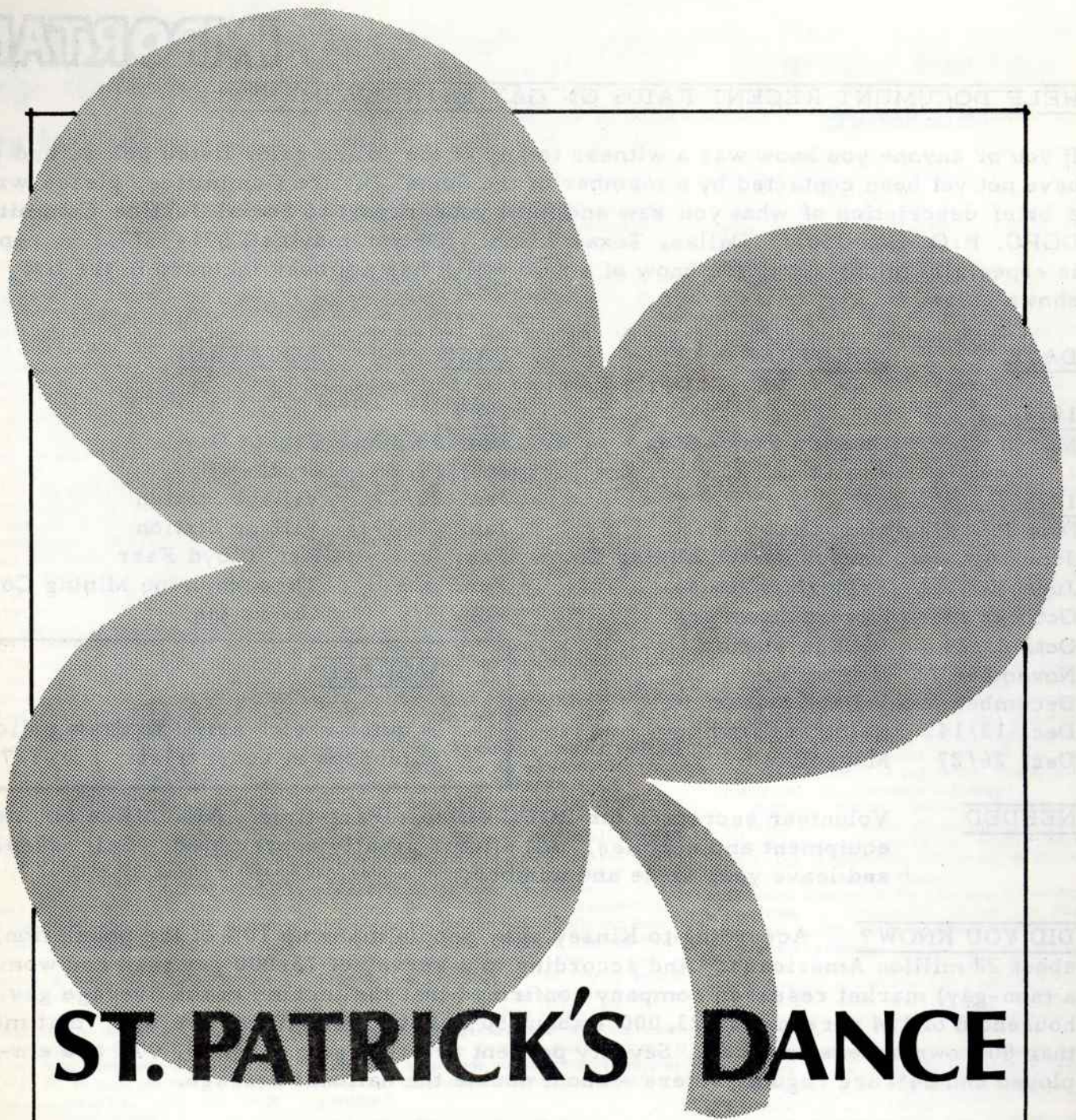


NOTE: The Dallas Gay Political Caucus' 1980 Volleyball Team is now forming. All men and women are invited to play. 823-1093.

NOTE: The Oak Lawn Patrol needs volunteers. Call Jim at 526-9211.

1. "Meeting the Needs of Gay and Lesbian Students". 8:30 AM - 2:15 PM. All day conference sponsored by the GAY ACADEMIC UNION of NORTH TEXAS. Main speaker will be Don Clark, Ph.D., clinical psychologist and author of Loving Someone Gay and the recently-published Living Gay. First Unitarian Church. Normandy & Preston. For information, call 351-1576 or 691-0043.
1. Talk by author Don Clark: "Give and Take in the New Gay Culture." Reception, refreshments and book signing. First Unitarian Church. Channing Hall. Normandy & Preston. 8 PM. Donation of \$4.00 requested. Community Resource Center - Gayline.
2. Dedication of the remodeled facilities of the Agape! Metropolitan Community Church in Ft. Worth by Reverend Don Eastman, 2336 Hemphill. 6 PM. 926-2976.
2. Dallas Gay Pride Week Committee general meeting. 2 PM. DGPC office, 3409 Oak Lawn #207. 528-4233.
3. DGPC Public Relations Committee meets every Tuesday. 7:30 PM. 5003 Mission. 826-7467.
3. DGPC Education Committee meets every Tuesday. 7:30 PM. 826-7467.
4. Gayline Fund Raising Benefit at the European Crossroads New Arts Theatre, "Living Together" at 8 PM. Tickets \$7.50. Call 748-6790 for reservations and information.
4. The Turtle Creek Chorale (four-part male choral music) rehearsal. Singers needed. 522-7813 or 821-3086 (6 to 9 PM).
5. Pot Luck Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church. Enjoy fine food with friends. 2701 Reanan. 526-6221.
5. Lesbian Rights Task Force meeting. NOW office 3103 Routh, upstairs. 742-6918. (Also on the 19th).
6. Metroplex Young Adults (17 and up) meet every Thursday at 7:30 PM. 2701 Reanan.
7. Cliff Dwellers (Gay Oak Cliff residents) meet every Friday from 7 to midnight. 922 S. Beckley.
8. Lesbian Rights Educational Forum. "Women and the Laws". NOW office 3103 Routh, upstairs. 742-6918.
9. DGPC Political Action Committee meets at 1 PM. DGPC office, 3409 Oak Lawn #207. 528-4233.
9. Oak Lawn Tennis Association. Samuel & Grand Tennis Courts. 1:30 PM. 522-5292. Everyone welcome.
9. Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) Mass and social. 7:30 PM. 233-3100. (Also on the 23rd.)
10. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS. "Candidates Night" - All candidates (Democrat and Republican) for the May 3rd Primary, have been invited to seek the gay vote. Update on recent police harassment and brutality. Update on the repeal of 21.06. Continuation of "Our Gay Heritage". The meeting starts at 7:30 sharp. It will move and you will be out before 10. 528-4233. 2701 Reanan. Lively social.
12. GLAD (Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton). UMC - Maple & Avenue B. Newcomers welcome --students, townspeople, county residents. 7:30 PM. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.
12. DGPC Office Management Committee meets at 7:30 PM. DGPC office, 3409 Oak Lawn #207. 528-4233.
12. DGPC Social Justice Committee meets at 8 PM. DGPC office, 3409 Oak Lawn #207. 528-4233.
13. Oak Lawn Tennis Association Business Meeting. 7:30 PM. 522-5292 or write Box 50733; Dallas, Texas 75250.
- 14, 15, 16. Dignity/Outreach Regional Conference in Houston. Registration at 5 PM on Friday. Conference begins at 9 AM Saturday. In Dallas, call 233-3100 for information.
- 15 and 16. March on Austin State Wide Planning Conference. Melrose Hotel, starting at 10 AM. For information, 398-6143 or 526-6825 after 6.
16. St. Patrick's Day Party. Another of DGPC's bright, big and brassy parties. Magnolia's. 3914 Cedar Springs. \$2.00 cover. 3 to 5 PM. Free beer and lots of fun.
16. Community Resource Center (Gayline) meeting. 2505 Wycliff at Maple. 7:30 PM. 748-6790.
17. Health professionals and those interested in gay health concerns (no medical experience necessary) meet at 7:30 PM. Call Mark. 826-0926.
18. Turtle Creek Chorale rehearsal at 7:30 PM. Call 522-7813 or 821-3086 (6 to 9 PM).
19. The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas, 2616 Swiss. 821-1990.





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## HELP DOCUMENT RECENT RAIDS ON GAY ESTABLISHMENTS!

If you or anyone you know was a witness to any of the police raids listed below, and you have not yet been contacted by a member of the Social Justice Committee, please write a brief description of what you saw and mail your report to Social Justice Committee, DGPC, P. O. Box 35011; Dallas, Texas 75235. (Or you may call 821-3277.) A report is especially important if you know of a raid which has not been included in the list shown below.

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March	Chuck's Truck Stop	Jan. 18/19	Eighth Day
		Jan. 19/20	Studio 69
<u>1979</u>		Jan. 26/27	Village Station
May 7	Magnolias	Jan. 28/29	Village Station
June 16	Throckmorton Mining Co.	Feb.	Re: Lloyd Farr
June 20	Fraternity House	Feb. 5/6	Throckmorton Mining Co.
October 15	Reverschon Park	Feb. 5/6	Crews Inn
Oct. 23/24	Village Station		
November 21	Denmark		
December 5	Village Station		
Dec. 13/14	Raintree Landing		
Dec. 26/27	Magnolias		

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Volunteer secretary for DGPC office. Part-time. Also office furniture, equipment and supplies. All efforts greatly appreciated. Call 528-4233 and leave your name and number.

### DID YOU KNOW?

According to Kinsey, gay people make up 10% of the population, about 22 million Americans. And according to a survey of 73,000 gay men and women, a (non-gay) market research company confirmed that the income of the average gay household of 1.4 persons is \$23,000 - about 50% above the national average; that more than 80% own at least one car. Seventy percent are college graduates, 97% are employed and 84% are regular voters - about double the national average.

So isn't it about time we stopped kowtowing? Let us rise and use our financial, educational and political clout! Register to vote if you haven't already. Your vote CAN make a difference. The DGPC (founded in May 1978) has issued a voters recommendation guide to every local, state and national election since that time. Candidates for political offices eagerly seek the gay vote and DGPC's endorsement.

The DGPC is organizing the gay vote for the coming election. Please fill in the information below and return it to P. O. Box 35011, Dallas, Texas 75235. You will be sent information (confidentially) concerning the elections, candidates and the issues involved.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Democrat \_\_\_\_\_ Republican \_\_\_\_\_ Independant \_\_\_\_\_

## Politics: Gateway to Gay Rights

by Bill Nelson

Probably the most important committee in this election year '80 is the Political Action committee. Let's take a very close look at the thrust of this committee. In order to do that, we need to work backwards for a minute.

The United States is governed by political parties whose policies are stated in a document called a platform which is determined by delegates elected to national conventions which take place in the late summer. Where do those delegates come from? They are chosen by the state conventions held in early summer.

And where do those delegates come from? Well, each state is divided into districts (in Texas, they are the districts of our senators to the Texas Legislature) and each of those senatorial districts elects the representatives to the state convention. Again, the question: where do those delegates come from?

Each senatorial district is divided into precincts and it is at this level that you had better pay close attention. At 7 P. M. the evening of the primary election in May, each of those precincts holds a meeting of anyone who is interested. The only requirement, he/she must have voted that day. And these people pick whomever they choose from that precinct to represent them. This is the very end of the grassroots of our American democracy and it is here that the Gay community of Dallas can have the most pervasive and powerful effect.

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus proposes to organize the Gay Community to get as many of our citizens as possible at those meetings for two purposes:

1. To elect as many Gay delegates as possible to the senatorial district conventions.
2. To have the precinct pass a resolution in favor of the repeal of 21.06, the statute criminalizing homosexual activity.

Here is the amazing part: we are not talking about thousands or even hundreds of people. Ask yourself how many people do you know who have ever been to a precinct meeting? Nobody goes!! No Gays...and no Straights.

In order to control the precinct meeting in some areas, we may need only 25 people...in some areas only 10. In some precincts, 5 people may constitute a majority. And the whole meeting lasts only about an hour.

It is so easy that one wonders why we haven't done it before now. And it is so important that we can't let the opportunity pass us by again.

We heard it over and over again at the March on Washington, and since, 1980 is the year of Gay politics. Our time is here!!

That, of course, is not the only goal of the Political Action committee. We will also be working in the campaign to get our chosen candidates elected. And this May we have some very special candidates to concern ourselves with. In every precinct there is an elected official known as the precinct chair. The caucus has many people running for that position. Their term of office is 2 years and their basic job is to organize the precinct for whichever party they represent. Those will be our candidates and we want those people elected.

The caucus will also appoint precinct captains in every precinct possible. The precinct captain's job will be to locate as many Gay people as possible in a given precinct and make sure that they vote and that they appear at that

precinct meeting. We will appoint precinct captains in almost every one of the over 300 precincts in Dallas County. To help out those captains, the caucus is pushing the voter identification project. We need to know where Gays in our county live. We are asking everyone to complete a voter locator card so that we will be able to locate them by phone or mail at the crucial time.

Naturally that list will be discrete, and, of course, strictly confidential. We are not asking anyone to come out of the closet. We are only asking you to turn on the light!!!!

Project 80 ... Politics ... Voting--this is the gateway to realizing Gay/Lesbian rights. It can take every spare minute of your time, or it can take 1 hour in May. The importance of either contribution cannot be overemphasized. By November 1980, Dallas may discover that those "grass roots" nurture plants which bear some very politically active "fruits."

## DGPC Directors Elect Officers

The DGPC Board of Directors, elected at the December general meeting, have announced the elected officers of the Caucus. They are: Don Baker, president; Steve Arnn, vice president; Jim Williams, (will continue as) treasurer, and Mike Williams, parliamentarian. The position of secretary has not yet been filled.

The new Director elected by the membership in December are Campbell Read, Marc Lerro, Bill Nelson, Jim "Polack" Roberts and Mike Williams. The appointment as Directors of Terry Tebedo and Cobb Keller, to fill recently created vacancies on the Board, were ratified by the membership at the February meeting. Tebedo and Keller were presented to the membership at the January meeting.

Of the two vacancies on the Board, one resulted when Director Gary Brock moved to New York City; the other was created by Don Baker, who resigned as a Director but retains his position on the Board by virtue of his elected position as Caucus president.

Steve Arnn, who as vice president also remains on the Caucus Board, followed Baker's lead and resigned his position as Director creating yet another vacancy. This vacancy is expected to be filled at the March general meeting. Interested persons are asked to contact any Director before March 10th.

A Board spokesperson stated that the reason for this seemingly puzzling rearrangement is "an effort to provide as many high level positions for Caucus membership participation as possible."

## Anti-Gay Lobby Targets Texas

by Kathy Deitsch

The Moral Majority, a homophobic fundamentalist lobby group, recently divulged a plan to expand the anti-Gay movement outside Washington, D. C. They claim Texas will be one of the "first areas they will set up shop." The self-proclaimed "pro-family, pro-country, anti-Gay" group is investigating the use of a Gallup poll to update the "true members in the Gay community." The group says it doubts that 10% is an accurate count of the Gay population (the 10% figure is based on the Kinsey report). It seems that Texas is likely to be targeted because we rank among the top three states most active in our fight for equality. For example, the Human Rights Advocates lobby is one of the most organized and well supported lobbies in the country.

The Moral Majority is the latest anti-Gay lobby to join Christian Voice, begun almost a

## February Meeting Synopsis

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Steve Arnn, replacing President Don Baker, who was attending a meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee. After approval of the Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's reports, Marcus Lerro welcomed visitors and new members.

Vice President Arnn presented plaques to Dr. Louise Young, past president, and Dick Peeples, Richard Petit and Dennis Plemmons, past Directors, in recognition of their services to the Caucus. (See elsewhere in *Dialog*.)

Louise Young, Political Action co-chair, reported on the City Council elections. Ricardo Medrano, an endorsee of DGPC, won the runoff for Place 2 by about over 300 votes, thanks in part to the Oaklawn Gay block vote. In Place 6 runoff, Mabel White, the DGPC endorsee, lost to Elsie Faye Higgins by 18 votes. Earlier, DGPC endorsee Lee Simpson had won the Place 5 seat without a runoff.

Two bylaws revisions published in Feb. *Dialog* were ratified by the membership.

The parliamentarian presented the names of Cobb Keller and Terry Tebedo as Board of Directors appointees to fill the recent vacancies on the board. The membership ratification was unanimous.

Mike Williams presented the Law Enforcement Concerns Committee report on police harassment. He said that testimony by unexpected witnesses led to acquittal of a defendant in the Village Station raid. He also announced the location of a missing witness might lead to the reopening of the case in which a Gay man who was convicted of aggravated assault on a policeman. (See elsewhere in *Dialog*.)

Political Action Co-chair Cobb Keller reported on the Voter Registration and Voter Identification, and Director Bill Nelson presented a slide presentation, with sound, on Project '80. (See elsewhere in *Dialog*.)

Frank Rossiter of the Education Committee presented a biographical sketch on Rosa Bonheur, a 19th century Lesbian painter. (See elsewhere in *Dialog*.)

Guest speaker Charles Brydon, Co-executive Director of National Gay Task Force, told of NGTF's work and praised the Dallas Gay/Lesbian community. (See elsewhere in *Dialog*.)

Director Jim "Polack" Roberts said several members of the Montrose Patrol in Houston would attend a meeting later in February to discuss setting up an Oaklawn Patrol.

After announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

year ago. Its director is the Rev. Jerry Falwell. The lobby stated in a December report that "It is commonly known that some militant homosexuals will use their position as teachers to recruit and convince others--an activity which will be in direct opposition to the moral beliefs of many parents. If this bill (referring to the Gay Civil Rights Bill, HR 2074) is passed, it will set a precedent for our society. Imagine giving child molesters and rapists special preference in the law because they, too, have a bizarre sexual preference."

The newly formed lobby called on its leadership of 90,000 (mostly pastors, who are expected to pass the message on to their congregations) to write Congress.

Steve Edean, Gay Rights National Lobby lobbyist, warns the national Lesbian/Gay community of "the chilling effect their actions may have on our progress." He says, "They may very well encourage anti-Gay amendments to non-related bills on the floor of both the U.S. House and Senate."

## Police Harassment Briefs

Dialog has learned that ...

Victim #6 of our earlier report, who had complained of a false arrest by Police Officer Cain last October, opted for a 'no contest' plea, which involves probation and a fine but will leave his record clean after a period of time. Fear that he would not get a fair trial let him to accept this verdict, in Judge Tim Price's court.

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Police Officer Cain has become concerned at DGPC's interest in his arrest record, and spent two sessions with a member of the community looking for ways to get Gays off his back. (Editorial Note: Considering the number of lives he has helped to ruin, we feel lacking in sympathy!)

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A member of the community who was arrested by Police Officer Cain some time ago on a false charge of public intoxication (which was dismissed) has filed suit against Officer Cain and Police Chief King for \$20,000 in U.S. Federal Court. Judge Higginbotham is to try the case, which is filed under Statute 1983 (Violation of Civil Rights).

It is this kind of suit which will be the most effective in relieving oppression of Gays and Lesbians by the police, the District Attorney and some of our Criminal Court Judges. The Legal Research committee of DGPC is encouraging anybody who is the victim of a false arrest, whether by Cain or another officer, to consider joining this suit, which could be enlarged to include a few more complaints. The snowball effect thus created would lead to a suit for a commensurately larger sum against the Dallas Police and the City. Call 528-4233 or the THRF Hotline number, 522-5991, and if you would like to contribute to the costs of getting the suit under way, send contributions to Concerned Americans for Human Rights, 12222 Coit Road, Dallas, Tx 75251 (Tel 233-3100).

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Members of the community have nothing but praise for police Officer Russell See, who is regarded as a friend by most of the people with whom he comes into contact. He appears to be the best kind of neighborhood police officer, and it is good to know that there are such on the Police Force who enforce the law in the spirit which is intended, without arousing the kind of antagonism which has become all too common.

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A total of 23 candidates have filed for judgeship in the Criminal Courts of the District and the County. A Social Justice source stated, "Since it is at the hands of the Criminal Court Judges that verdicts in favor of, but mostly against Gays are handed down, and sentences meted out" DGPC is going to pay particular attention to the primaries and elections to these offices. He said, "Homophobic judges are in for the rude shock if they choose to disregard the questionnaires which the Political Action committee has mailed to them. The Lesbians and Gays of Dallas County are no longer going to tolerate harsh unjust sentences by prejudiced law administrators. The incumbent judges need to take note that we will be attending trials of our people, in some numbers, collecting data on the kind of judgements handed down. If we have to vote unjust judges out of office, then we will do so, and with vigor!"

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Rudi Hunsacker and Derald Newby have filed complaints against police through the Dallas Police's Internal Affairs Division (IAD), as result of incidents occurring during their arrest for public lewdness at the Village Sta-

## NGTF Leader Announces National Convention Project

Speaking at the February general meeting of the Caucus, Charles Brydon, Co-executive Director of National Gay Task Force (NGTF), announced the establishment of the National Convention Project as follows:

"1980 is a presidential election year...it is the year in which Gay rights will be an issue which no serious candidate for office can ignore. The strength of the issue in New Hampshire and elsewhere in New England--how important it will be seen by candidates and the political pros who run the campaign--depends largely on Gay people and their friends here tonight. You, here in Dallas and your many associates elsewhere in the country outside the big cities must get involved in the grassroots process--like Project 80--that elects delegates to the Democratic and Republican conventions. Gay delegates and non-Gay delegates, committed to support of a Gay rights plank in both party platforms, must be sent to the national conventions in Detroit and New York.

"To assist in this process, NGTF and the Gay Rights National Lobby have joined forces to form the National Convention Project. This project, under the leadership of Mary Spottswood Pou, an industrial trade association executive, veteran Lesbian/feminist organizer, and national officer of the National Women's Political Caucus, and Tom Bastow, an experienced lawyer and leader of the country's most suc-

cessful Gay political club--The Gertrude Stein Club of Washington--is the first nationwide attempt to build an effective Gay voice in the grassroots of American politics. The goal of the project is a national platform plank committing the Democratic and Republican parties to stand up for the basic rights of Lesbians and Gay men. The project will work toward that goal by helping local groups: (1) to influence the Gay rights stands of presidential candidates through locally generated candidate forums; (2) to lobby the platform writing process to effect a Gay rights plank; (3) to elect open Lesbian and Gay delegates to the conventions and (4) to establish a Gay presence at the conventions.

"This campaign, which must be waged at the local level, will give Gay people a chance to show the nation that we are an effective political force that cares about many issues and that we are capable of looking out for ourselves and each other. The significance of this project cannot be overstated. In Iowa, a candidates' forum and other actions led to the election of 20 Gay delegates and Gay rights platform resolutions in 36 precincts across the state. If this can happen in rural Iowa, it will happen anywhere people are willing to work. The time is now! The rewards will make the efforts more than worth the time and energy!"

For information regarding Dallas' input into this national project see the article regarding DGPC's Project 80 elsewhere in *Dialog*.

## Women's Issues Sets Goals

The Women's Issues committee has initiated a feminist speaker's project directed at providing qualified representative spokespeople to speak on feminist issues as a regular part of the monthly meetings. It is planned that these speakers will represent varied professions and job categories as well as providing a means of consciousness-raising within the Caucus.

This program, a part of Project 80, is designed to increase the openness towards basic feminist philosophy. Rather than present a single guest speaker on an infrequent basis, the Women's Issues committee feels that repeated exposure to a wide variety of personalities will enable more people to understand better the similarities of discrimination in the Gay and women communities.

The next meeting will be held at the Caucus office, at 3409 Oak Lawn, #207, on March 20th at 7:30 p.m. Ruth Thornton, a professional woman and a past president of Dallas County NOW, is the scheduled speaker.

tion, Jan. 27th.

Complaints were filed on Feb. 22 against three guards at the city jail for verbal and physical harassment, and for deviating from correct booking procedures. Both victims were unsuccessful in filing complaints of false arrest against Police Officer Cain, however, because Cain followed correct arrest procedures. The determination of whether an arrest is false or not belongs in the courts.

The two men were the first Gays to lodge complaints against police with IAD since DGPC started its campaign against police harassment in January. *Dialog* has been told the complaints will be investigated by IAD and the complainants notified as to the disposition of complaints within two to three weeks.

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## INTERVENES (Continued from page 1.)

"The nadir of his despair," said a Social Justice member, "came when his first defense counsel brought Doug a confession (of guilt in assaulting a police officer) which he refused to sign." "This incident," the source stated, "makes us wonder how far some defense lawyers in Dallas will go along with the mockery of justice which the Criminal Courts mean for Gays/Lesbians in Dallas."

The leadership of the Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights (DAIR) voted to sponsor a fund-raising event, slated for the end of March, to raise money for Doug's case to be re-opened on the grounds of new evidence. The only condition being that a qualified attorney should state in writing that there is in fact a case for re-opening the case.

At its Feb. 18th meeting, DGPC Board of Directors voted to assume temporary responsibility for seeing that the process of getting the case re-opened is begun immediately. Both DGPC and DAIR are anxious that the best criminal lawyer in Dallas be retained to handle the case.

"This is the first time that the Lesbian/Gay community has come to the aid of one of its members in such a way," stated a DGPC source. "But it is much more, we mean to let the Dallas law enforcement and judicial officials know that we will not tolerate brutality, lies and false charges from corrupt vice officers who are not fit to carry the badges given to them. That self-righteous Judges who treat Gays in court as 'guilty' until they prove themselves 'innocent' will be voted out of offices they are unfit to hold. That the District Attorney and his motley crew may treat Gays with the same contempt which they have for justice, but one day their contempt will backfire on them, when our community files suit against them in Federal Court."

# FCC Rules in Robison vs. WFAA-TV

The Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Complaints and Compliance Division of Broadcasting has ruled that WFAA-TV was exercising "editorial discretion", not censorship, when it cancelled evangelist James Robison's program for several weeks last year.

And Robison, as expected, was not the least bit happy with the ruling. "The division has not directed its attention to all the issues we raised," he told **The Dallas Morning News**. "We never questioned the right of broadcasters to determine their own programming. They avoided our basic question, which was whether WFAA's interpretation of the Fairness Doctrine is accurate."

Robison's half-hour weekly TV program was

taken off the air for 4 weeks after Robison, in a sermon broadcast Feb. 25, 1979, repeatedly quoted publications that attacked homosexuals.

Station officials at WFAA-TV said the Fairness Doctrine forced them to give the DGPC free time to respond to Robison's attack. Robison hired a team of attorneys led by Richard "Racehorse" Haynes of Houston to file a complaint with the FCC. Robison continues to insist that if WFAA-TV's interpretation of the Fairness Doctrine is accurate, then he has lost his constitutional rights of freedom of speech and religion.

"It means I cannot speak about Biblical morality without undue recourse by any groups which might disagree," Robison said. "That means programs on incest and Playboy specials

may be aired regularly, but not those on moral integrity and decency, based on Biblical principles."

Robison emphasized that his complaint is not with WFAA-TV, but "only with the interpretation of the Fairness Doctrine." The FCC ruling said, "In essence, the claim in this case is not that WFAA-TV failed to present contrasting views on a controversial issue, but that it has refused to present the program of James Robison, himself. The commission, however, has no authority to direct WFAA-TV to reinstate Mr. Robison's program since the Communications Act expressly prohibits the commission from censoring broadcast matter, and each licensee is free to carry or reject any programming it chooses.

"Thus, WFAA-TV's decision not to continue Mr. Robison's program, allegedly because it included discussion of homosexuality, is entirely an exercise of the licensee's editorial discretion."

The division's ruling concedes, "The commission recognizes that the Fairness Doctrine involves a delicate balancing of competing First Amendment concerns, and it has attempted to apply it without unduly impinging upon either the right of the public to be informed or the broadcaster's right of freedom of the press."

At the time the Robison controversy erupted, DGPC issued a statement saying that it had no objection to his Bible-based statements on homosexuality, but that it objected to his quoting articles from such publications as **The National Enquirer** which described homosexuals as child seducers and murderers. DGPC emphasized that it did not ask for Robison's removal from the air, but only for time to respond to his remarks.

WFAA officials said at the time that Robison had been a "continuing problem" and that he had been taken off the air on two previous occasions for violating station policies by attacking other religious groups.

Officially, WFAA-TV's decision to allow Robison's program back on the air came after he understood and agreed to follow the station's policies.

Unofficially, however, **Dialog** has learned that the biggest factor behind the decision was that Robison supporters were causing so much harassment of station officials through a barrage of letters, phone calls and personal visits to the station that they couldn't get their work done. And an additional factor was the fact that station manager Dave Lane received a number of abusive, threatening phone calls; his children were subjected to obscene name-calling at school and his son was beaten up by other students on his way home from school.

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### "SOCIAL JUSTICE" FIGHTING POLICE HARASSMENT

By Campbell Read

The newly formed DGPC Social Justice committee (SJC) is now actively engaged in the task of investigating and documenting all actual incidents of police harassment of Gays and Lesbians in Dallas and assisting in coordinating the legal defense of victims of harassment. The committee members have also undertaken the responsibility of counseling and assisting in filing official complaints with the Internal Affairs Division (IAD) of the Dallas Police Department (DPD).

During the latter part of the DGPC sponsored "Community Meeting of Police Harassment" held in January, the SJC serves as liaison between the individuals directly affected by police harassment and the various organizations that have recently banded together to halt it.

During the latter part of 1979, numerous incidents of false arrest of individuals in Gay bars and a greatly increased scrutiny of Gay establishments by vice squad and uniformed police patrols began to raise the fears of the Gay/Lesbian community, and of civil libertarians everywhere, that this evidence of selective and improper enforcement of, primarily, public lewdness laws by police officers, might signal a new era of official anti-Gay oppression in Dallas.

The DGPC has joined with the Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) and Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights (DAIR) to organize and fund a 24-hour HOT LINE (522-5991) as well as a highly organized reporting network staffed by members of the DGPC SJC to do the following: 1. to receive calls from victims of harassment and, if requested, refer the caller to legal counsel approved by THRF. 2. to receive calls from witnesses of police harassment incidents and to document their testimony. 3. to provide immediate "React" teams of volunteer attorneys to interview witnesses on the scene whenever arrests are made in Gay establishments. 4. to refer all calls to SJC investigators to document

incidents and provide informational assistance to defense attorneys representing arrested individuals. 5. to counsel with victims and, if requested, accompany them to City Hall to lodge formal complaints with IAD of the police department.

Those wishing to serve as members of the SJC should call DGPC (528-4233) and leaving name and phone number so that a SJC member may make contact.

### Gay Community Meeting April 28

By Ed Wendt

Historic Holy Trinity Church building will be the site for the first Gay Community Meeting for this election year 1980, according to Political Action Director and Co-chair Cobb Keller.

The community meeting, sponsored by DGPC's United for Equal Rights and an integral part of DGPC's **Project 80** to make the Gay/Lesbian vote heard in Dallas and across the nation, is being held to organize the community so that this election year will see greater Gay/Lesbian participation. "Gay men and Lesbians have no idea how powerful their votes can be. In this crucial presidential election year," stated Keller, "it is at the grass roots that Gays can have their greatest impact."

"This meeting is a very important step in achieving the goal of local, state and national recognition as a force to be reckoned with," continued Keller, "This decade will make or break the Gay/Lesbian rights movement. For this reason, we hope that every Gay man and Lesbian, who can, will attend."

The date to remember: Monday, April 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church building located at Pearl and McKinney. Bring your friends.

#### BUNNY BASH

Easter Sunday is the day, 4:00 o'clock is the hour for another hot disco party at Magnolia's. This event is again sponsored by your Political Action Committee of your DGPC! The admission will again be a \$2.00 donation to United for Equal Rights.

For free beer on the patio, a chance to wear your new outfit and lots of fun make plans to attend. More important than anything else it is your chance to contribute to a fund that can affect you very directly in this very important election year.

## Editorial: Blatant Opportunism:

### A Burgeoning Gay Trait

If 5 years experience constitutes a tradition in Gay culture, then traditionally female impersonator contests and macho muscle contests in Texas have been a vehicle for fundraising for Gay organizations and charities. The bulk of these monies raised have gone to Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF), Texas Advocacy Fund, Montrose Activity Center, Houston GPC and Dallas' Gayline. Over the past 4 years at least \$20,000 dollars has been raised for these causes.

This year the monies raised through the Mr. Gay Dallas and the Mr. Gay Houston muscle pageants had been earmarked for the THRF to help cover the expenses for the upcoming court suit filed by Don Baker, in behalf of the entire Texas Gay/Lesbian community, challenging the constitutionality of Texas Penal Code, Section 21.06 regarding "homosexual conduct."

When the "traditional sponsors" began preparing for this year's pageant in Houston, they discovered that two workers from previous Mr. Gay Houston pageants, C.J. Harrington and Jerry Bird had already registered the names--Mr. Houston and Mr. Gay Houston--thereby precluding, legally, any other group from using these "traditionally recognized" names as fund raisers for the Houston Gay community.

And, not only had these men registered the names, but also they are actively organizing the events for the very near future. Will this year's Mr. Gay Houston pageant be a Gay community fund raiser? Since no beneficiary organization(s) have been announced, the answer must be **no**. Then where will the money raised at this event go? Presumably into the private coffers of Messrs. Harrington and Bird.

Oh, these men's maneuver is all very legal, but legality is not the issue. Ethics and moral correctness are the issues here. Is it ethical for private individuals to take advantage of the laxity--in not registering the name--of the usual sponsors of this and other events (and these sponsors are non-salaried volunteers) for their own economic advantage. The answer must be **no**! It is not ethical or morally correct for these or any other people to use tradition to gain financially.

Those of us who went to Washington, DC for the March noted store, restaurant and bar/disco owners doubling, in some cases tripling the usual charges to patrons or their establishments during this high influx of Gays. Many dismissed these actions as those of "money-grubbing-Northeasterners" unique to the area. However, in this situation, two private individuals, presumably Gay, are ripping off the Gay community for their own advantage.

Gays/Lesbians, for centuries the most put upon minority, should be above this sort of thing. So much for idealism.

As the Gay/Lesbian community continues to emerge to its own several avenues have been used to show its disapproval of inflammatory or prejudicial events or actions. (Admittedly this blatant opportunism is a new phenomenon.) We have boycotted events or products in an effort to

send economic messages to the sponsors that we don't want such actions repeated. Witness the famous Coors and Florida Orange Juice boycotts. One can argue the moral rightness of such boycotts, but they were effective. All America got the message. The effectiveness of the boycotts of **Cruising** and **Windows** are yet to be measured.

A former co-chair of Mr. Gay Houston contests has stated that fundraising for this year in Houston for the 21.06 court suit is now in serious jeopardy. The Gay/Lesbian community of Houston should band together against this event: The Mr. Gay Houston contest to be held at the Parade Disco, Sunday, April 13th.

Contestants and sponsors of contestants should withdraw from and boycott the pageant. All fair-minded Gays/Lesbians should stay away from the contest also.

The Gay/Lesbian community of Dallas and other cities in Texas should be alerted so that this situation does not occur again.

### Hustler Murder Article Not True

If you will recall sometime after Oct. 14, 1979, your newsletter printed an article concerning the killing of Glenn Farley. I did not get to read that news-letter, but heard about what was printed from several people.

It was stated that Farley picked up and took a "hustler" home. I am the person convicted of killing Glenn Farley and that killing took place at my apartment, not his. I am no hustler. No money was involved--I had over one hundred dollars on my person at the time and Glenn was found with the same amount of money on him that witnesses testified he had before leaving the Jet Away Lounge.

I am now serving 75 years in prison and I have no reason now to lie about what took place on Oct. 13, 1979. I was defending myself from a man who--as was proven in court--was drunk out of his mind. Glenn Farley and I had known each other for about 3 years. We never had a harsh word between us. We were, I believe, friends. Why Glenn pulled a knife out of my kitchen and came at me with it is a mystery to me.

The newspapers play up stories to make money. They tell half truths making awful mistakes to sell newspapers. I would really be interested in knowing why **Dialog** didn't have their facts together. As I said, I'm serving a 75 year sentence now and maybe it shouldn't matter to me, but somehow it does.

For what it's worth I just thought I would write to you.

Curtis Beard

(Editor's Note: **Dialog's** article concerning this incident was a reprint of an article from **The Dallas Morning News**. Limited volunteer staff does have its shortcomings.)

## Editorial:

### Misleading People For Jesus

By Kathy Deitsch

April 28 and 29 are the dates the National March on Washington for "righteousness and morality" is scheduled. "Washington for Jesus" and "One Nation Under God" are striving to have one million supporters attend the two day event. Their literature claims "Washington for Jesus" will be a unique experience. "For once," organizers say, "the city of Washington D.C. will not be the site of a demonstration, a march, or a protest. Instead, it will be blessed with a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of the Lordship of Jesus Christ."

Although organizers claim this is not a political event, they do plan to "visit" all members of Congress in the love and the name of the Lord." Too, state coordinators are organizing grassroots involvement by Congressional districts and city/county coordinators by precincts.

We must meet our U.S. representatives and senators in their district offices. Set an appointment during March or April; if that is not possible, meet with their staff members. Use the meeting to discuss the April 28, 29 rally and your concerns; namely, that a supposed religious event is being used as a cover for the New Right's political agenda. They have said: "Our purpose is not to build a political organization. Our purpose -- first -- is to glorify God in the land again and to commit our ways unto righteousness. And, secondly, to remain active and vocal. God has called us to be watchmen, and watchmen sound the alarm. We feel that will be our main ministry throughout this nation. We will remain informed in order to warn. We feel that this nation was set apart by God for a particular work in this world. That's why we call it "One Nation Under God."

Also, use the occasion to raise your concern that anti-Gay amendments might come up on otherwise unrelated legislation this spring, undoubtedly as a result of this event. Homosexuality, divorce, pornography, fornication, abortion, and "humanism" are enumerated in their literature as being contrary to the purpose on which this nation was founded and against the clear commandment of the Word of God. Of course, you will be asking Congressional members to oppose such measures, as they single out Gays/Lesbians for discriminatory treatment.

Also, you may want to discuss with Congressional members and/or staff HR 2074, the Lesbian and Gay civil rights bill.

The Washington events will be televised by the Christian Broadcasting Network and the PTL Network. Further information can be gained by contacting the Texas Gay Task Force, P.O. Box 2036, Universal City, Texas 78148, (512) 655-3724; or the Gay Rights National Lobby, 930 F St., N.W. #611, Washington, D.C. 20004, (202) 462-4255.

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NOTE: The Dallas Gay Political Caucus' 1980 Volleyball Team is now forming. All men and women are invited to play. 823-1093.

NOTE: The Oak Lawn Patrol is a good idea --but it needs volunteers. Call Jim at 526-9211.

NOTE: Health professionals and those interested in gay health concerns (no medical experience necessary). Call Mark at 826-0926.

- 4 - 10. The Consequence. Gay film. Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville. 7:30 and 9:20. 823-9610.
5. NOW Garage Sale. 5709 Lewis. 10 AM - 5 PM. Bargains galore.
6. Special Easter Sunday Service at the Dallas MCC; Agape' MCC in Ft. Worth; United Community Church, 4402 Roseland - 827-5088. United Christian's Fellowship Church, 922 S. Beckley - 942-0742.
6. Easter Party! "The Bunny Bash" at Magnolia's. 3914 Cedar Springs. 3 to 5 PM. \$2.00 donation for "United For Equal Rights"!
7. NOW General Meeting. 7:30 PM. NOW office 3103 Routh, upstairs. 742-6918.
8. DGPC Public Relations Committee meets every Tuesday. 7:30 PM. 5003 Mission. 826-7467.
8. DGPC Education Committee meets every Tuesday. 7:30 PM. 826-7467.
8. The Turtle Creek Chorale (four-part male choral music) rehearsal. Singers needed. 522-7813 or 821-3086 (6 to 9 PM).
8. Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) meet at MCC - 2701 Reagan. 7:30 PM. 233-3100. (Also on the 22nd.)
9. GLAD (Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton). UMC - Maple & Avenue B. Newcomers welcome --students, townspeople, county residents. 7:30 PM. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.
9. DGPC Office Management Committee meets at 7:30 PM. DGPC office, 3409 Oak Lawn #207. 528--4233.
9. DGPC Social Justice Committee meets at 8 PM. DGPC office, 3409 Oak Lawn #207. 528-4233.
10. DIALOG staff meeting. 8 PM. 363-9006.
10. Metroplex Young Adults (17 and up) meet every Thursday at 7:30 PM. 2701 Reagan.
11. Cliff Dwellers (gay Oak Cliff residents) meet every Friday from 7 to midnight. 922 S. Beckley.
12. Women's Space of Lesbian Rights Task Force. Educational Forum, "Rape, Violence Against Women" 7:30 PM. 742-6918
13. Oak Lawn Tennis Association. Samuel & Grand Tennis Courts. Everyone welcome. 522-5292
13. Dallas Gay Pride Week Committee meets every Sunday. 2 PM. 3409 Oak Lawn #207. Is your group represented?
13. The Reverend Judy Davenport of Ft. Lauderdale will speak at the Metropolitan Community Church's 7:15 PM service. Reagan and Brown.
14. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS. "Vacation in Gay Resorts", "Women's Issues", "Our Gay Heritage", "Gay Health - The True Story of Amyl Nitrate" plus update on police harassment and brutality and more. Come early to get a good seat. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. There will be a lively social after the meeting. 528-4233. 2701 Reagan.
15. Sports Planning for Caucus activities. Open meeting. 3409 Oak Lawn #207. 7 PM. A short meeting is promised. Call Marc at 372-0479.
16. The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas, 2616 Swiss. 821-1990.
16. Lesbian Rights Task Force meeting. NOW office 3103 Routh, upstairs. 742-6918.
17. Special Workshop "Coming Out - The Living Experience; Everyone Does It!" Reverenc C. Shawn Ferrell, facilitator. 7:30 PM. United Community Church - 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
17. Womens Issues will meet at 7:30 PM. 3409 Oak Lawn #207. Call Lynn at 579-7054.
20. "Archaeology and the Bible" by Reverend Geoffrey Ratcliffe, Pastor of the worlds' largest 7th Day Adventist Church in Denver. 7:30 PM. Dallas MCC. Reagan and Brown.
21. DAIR presents two plays at The Landing, (2617 N. Pearl) benefitting the Dallas Legal Committee of the Texas Human Rights Foundation. (The Doug Gleeson police brutality suit).

- 22. Ice Skating Party! DGPC Night at the Palace Ice Arena, 1000 Hampshire Lane in Richardson. 7:30 - 9:30 PM. \$3.00.
- 23. GLAD meets in Denton. Everyone welcome. 7:30 PM. UMC - Maple and Avenue B.
- 23. DIALOG deadline. Your comments and letters are welcome. Mail them to P.O. Box 5094; Richardson, Texas 75080 or deliver them to Union Jack before 6:30 PM.
- 23. Social Justice Committee meets at 8 PM. DGPC office, 3409 Oak Lawn #207. 528-4233.
- 24. DGPC Media Committee meets at 7:30 PM. DGPC office, 3409 Oak Lawn #207. 352-6667. Gay Pride Week update.
- 25. Robin Flower Concert. First Unitarian Church, Preston & Normancy. 8 PM. \$5.00 donation requested.
- 26. Women's Space Coffee House. 8 PM. 742-6918.
- 27. DIALOG Production day. 2 PM till... 363-9006.
- 28. COMMUNITY MEETING! "How to be most effective at precinct meetings." Everyone invited to the Old Holy Trinity Church, corner of Pearl and McKinney. 7:30 PM.
- 30. DAIR presents "Mr. Dallas" benefitting the Texas Human Rights Foundation. Village Station, 4001 Cedar Springs. Ernestine (Mouth of the South) will MC.



- 1. DGPC Mail Committee meets at Phil's place to stuff and mail the DIALOG. With surging membership and circulation, we need help! (Bring an appetite!)
- 4. GAUNT (Gay Academic Union-North Texas) and GLAD's combined memberships will "pilgrimage" to Edra's home in Denton to hear forceful/challenging speaker Susan Caudill (Voices of Channel 13) talk on "Gays and the Media". (Again, bring an appetite!) Call 691-0043 or 351-1576.
- 7. First Wednesday of the Month Pot Luck Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church. Good food, good friends. 526-6221.
- 12. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. DGPC helping you help yourself, your friends and your love. 526-4233.
- 23, 24, 25. Lone Star Three Motorcycle Run. Sponsored by the Texas Conference Clubs. Applications available at your local bar, or you may call 526-9211.

AFRAID OF MUGGERS? HERE ARE SOME TIPS

\*Don't walk alone. Groups of two, three or four are attacked with progressively lower frequency. \*Be especially careful between 8 PM and 2AM, when most attacks on gay people occur. \*Assaults occur two to four times more often on weekdays than on weekends. \*Carry a whistle, and use it if you are threatened. \*Be wary of groups of three to six males in their teens or early twenties. Sixty per cent of assailants fit that description. \*If you are outnumbered, don't be afraid to run toward light or people. \*If you can't run, resist. Sixty per cent of assailants will leave you alone if you resist them. Use your whistle, scream, kick or bite. \*If assaulted, report it to the police.

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# ROSA BONHEUR: GREAT LESBIAN PAINTER

By Frank Rossiter

Continuing the series on important Gays and Lesbians in history, I've chosen a famous French painter of the last century who was a Lesbian. Her name was Rosa Bonheur, and she was born in France, 1822. Her mother died when she was young, her father, who was an artist, raised her and taught her to paint. She soon surpassed him in ability, and she was to become the most important artist in family that contained many painters and other creative artists. She was almost exclusively a painter of animals.

In the nineteenth century, of course, women painters were not taken very seriously. There were particularly severe obstacles to a woman's making a career out of painting. But in spite of these obstacles, Rosa Bonheur achieved professional success at an early age. By the time she was 33, she had won fame as one of the leading artists of her time. This was not long after she had completed her best-known picture, "The Horse Fair." Her fame--and her activity as a painter--were to continue for the next 44 years, until she died at the age of 77 in the year 1899. She was the leading woman painter of the nineteenth century.

"The Horse Fair" is a huge canvas, measuring 8 feet by nearly 17 feet. It was brought by Cornelius Vanderbilt for 250,000 francs. Today it is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

In England, Queen Victoria took an interest in Rosa Bonheur's work. In France, the Empress, the wife of Emperor Napoleon III, came to Bonheur's studio in order personally to award her the French Legion of Honor.

Bonheur had her greatest following in Britain and America, where her paintings became popular in a way that probably no serious artist could become popular with the public today. One such popular painting was that of an American subject, William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody.

In those days, artwork by women was expected to be delicate, diminutive and "feminine," both in style and in subject matter. In a way, Rosa Bonheur broke this stereotype, for critics often commented that her animal paintings were strong, virile and "masculine." And this brings us to the subject of her Lesbianism. Although it could not be talked about by polite people in the nineteenth century, Bonheur was, beyond a reasonable doubt, a Lesbian.

Bonheur herself spoke of having been a tomboy as child and of having enjoyed methods of raising her--not restricting her to be "traditional" womens divisions.

Then, as a young woman, she took to wearing men's clothing in public. An important reason was that by passing as a male, she avoided the insulting behavior that males displayed toward a woman who was engaged in such an unladylike activity as sketching animals in the slaughterhouses. She even had a police permit to wear male attire in public. But since she also wore it at home, she obviously preferred it. In a photograph of Bonheur in her later years, taken in the garden of her country home, she is wearing her artist's smock and men's trousers and has her hair cut short for those days.

In addition, she enjoyed such masculine diversions as riding, hunting and shooting. Her house was always full of animals and in the midst of this menagerie she even raised lions as pets! Rosa Bonheur once joked, "The fact is, in the way of males, I like only the bulls that I paint." She never married.

When she was in her early 20's, she met

another woman, Nathalie Micas, and they became constant companions, living together for some 40 years, mostly in a country house outside Paris. With her friend, Bonheur lived as something of a recluse. It was Nathalie Micas and Bonheur's mother, who also lived with them until she died, who took care of the menial details of Rosa Bonheur's existence so that she could devote herself to painting.

Nathalie Micas was clearly jealous of Rosa Bonheur's friends, particularly of one woman, but when Micas died, Bonheur was inconsolable. She wrote then of "my Nathalie, whom I loved more and more as we advanced in life; for she had borne, with me, the mortifications and stupidities inflicted on us by silly, ignorant, low minded people."

Later, Bonheur wrote: "I am a painter. I have earned my living honestly..My private life is nobody's concern. I have only God to thank for the protection he has always granted me by giving me a guardian angel in my friend."

During the last year of her life, Bonheur took another companion, the American artist Anna Klumpke, whom she jokingly called "my wife" and to whom she left her estate when she died.

Rosa Bonheur's reputation as an artist has declined drastically during the twentieth century, mainly because she painted in a traditional style and did not follow the path that led to modern art. But we should remember and honor her for two things. First, she succeeded as a professional artist at a time when there were great obstacles to such success for a woman. Second, she contrived to live her personal life as she wished to live it, even though it did not conform to the accepted standards of the time.

(Sources available on request.)

## Directors Present Special Awards

The DGPC Board of Directors presented four former Directors with Special Recognition Awards at the February general meeting. For extraordinary discharge of their duties as the first partner-team of directors to serve on the board, awards were presented to Richard Petit and Dennis Plemmons. Plemmons has accepted the chair of the Media committee.

For special services as perennial Parliamentarian and ever available legal counsel to the Caucus and the Board, an award was presented to Dick Peeples. Peeples and Petit are currently serving on the Legal Affairs committee for the caucus, and Peeples is continuing his work for the Texas Human Rights Foundation.

Because of her unflinching leadership and dedication to the Caucus as immediate past president and for her aggressive promotion of the Caucus in the political arena, an award of recognition was presented to Dr. Louise Young. Dr. Young is currently serving her first love as co-chair of the Political Action committee.

### ICE SKATING PARTY

Tuesday, April 22nd  
Palace Ice Arena  
1000 Hampshire Lane  
Richardson, Texas  
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
\$3.00 per person  
(Includes skates)

## March Meeting Synopsis

President Don Baker called the capacity crowd to order and announced that both the secretary's and treasurer's reports were in the packet handed to members and guests as they entered. These reports were approved as printed.

President Baker then announced that the Board of Directors had appointed a new secretary: R.W. Arnold.

Director Marcus Lerro welcomed new members and visitors and encouraged old members to make new people welcome.

Director Mike Williams presented the most recent By-Laws revision (published last month) to the membership for ratification. Ratification came without dissent.

David Lee announced that he was again asking for volunteers to staff the phones for the coming Channel 13 pledge drive. DGPC plans to staff the phones on two occasions Tuesday, March 12th (the day after the meeting) and the following Thursday, March 14th.

Director Campbell Read reviewed the status of Police Harassment cases pending for trial and other Social Justice committee concerns. (His report was published in the March Dialog.)

The Political Action committee headed by co-chair Cobb Keller then presented Candidates' Night during which 24 candidates for positions from precinct chairs to state legislators gave 3 minute presentations and answered questions from the membership.

After the presentations, the PAC through its co-chairs Louise Young and Cobb Keller presented its recommendations for endorsements by DGPC. The membership endorsed candidates by office (See elsewhere within Dialog) of the Caucus for the May 3 Primary.

After announcements, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

## Police Harassment Briefs:

At least 23 arrests have been made by police this year, including 12 at Eighth-Day Inn by vice officers on January 18/19. An incident involving excessive force by Police Officer James Stewart in the parking lot outside Throckmorton Mining Company on February 5 has been reported. The Social Justice Committee has been successful in this case, as in several earlier ones, in gathering witnesses and documenting facts. A Social Justice source stated, "The D.A. is not going to find it so easy to bully Gays into accepting harsh penalties any longer. From now on, we are going to come forward in large numbers to testify on behalf of those who are victimized by abuse of the system by police and public prosecutors alike!"

As reported previously in Dialog, testimony by several unexpected witnesses in the first of the mass arrests to reach court from the raid on the Village Station last October threw the assistant D.A.'s into an exhibition of temper when Judge Miller acquitted the defendant. An informed source who called one of the prosecutors, John Phillips, to complain about such a show of prejudice towards an entire minority group, said that Mr. Phillips claimed "to prosecute the law as impartially as I can." An opinion which does not accord with his behavior in court. When asked whether he had ever prosecuted a case of public lewdness between a male and a female, Mr. Phillips was unable to answer that he had.

## Fourth Gay Film Festival Planned

Frameline, a non-profit Gay film collective, is accepting entries this spring for the Fourth Annual San Francisco Gay Film Festival to be screened during the Gay Pride Week in June 1980.

The Festival has been established by Frameline as a non-competitive showcase for films by and about Gays and Lesbians. "There are no limitations on length or format of entries," said Michael Lumpkins, Director of the film festival. Last year's event included a wide variety of films from across the nation.

The deadline for entries is 1 June 1980. For applications or more information regarding this year's Festival, write: Frameline, 330 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

## AUSTIN MARCH PUT ON HOLD

By Ed Wendt

Plans for a March on Austin in 1980 have been suspended according to spokesperson Debbie Shaffer. "When Gov. Clements announced he would not call a special session of the legislature this year," stated Shaffer, "the reason for having a march this year vanished."

For the March on Austin for Gay/Lesbian Rights to have significant impact, it must be held while the State legislators are in the capital. This is especially true since an integral part of the March is the lobbying of State legislators regarding Texas' Gay/Lesbian concerns, specifically repeal of Texas Penal Code Section 21.06.

Shaffer said that she anticipated a pre-organizational call to major Texas city Gay communities in mid to late summer with a formal weekend organizational conference to be held hopefully in the fall, with a March on Austin possibly in the Spring of 1981, while the legislature is in session.

## Texas Gay Lobbyist Invited to Denver and San Francisco

By Kathy Deitsch

Bettie Naylor, Texas' Human Rights Advocate for the 66th legislative session, recently traveled to Denver and San Francisco to discuss Texas' successful Gay lobby.

The San Francisco visit was by request of the 11th National Conference on Women and the Law. Naylor served as a workshop facilitator and panelist with San Franciscan author/activist Del Martin. Panel discussion centered around repressive legislation, lobbying, Gay rights referenda and educating the judiciary and the bar on Lesbian issues and concerns.

Naylor was invited to Denver by the Colorado Citizens Caucus (CCC), a group whose goal is to establish a full time paid advocate in the Colorado Legislature. Naylor talked to the CCC about the blueprint for establishing a statewide lobby program which included making the decision to be present during a legislative session to guard and guide those who write the law, what is needed to be successful and what can be expected once there.

"Successful Advocacy," Naylor maintained, "depends on always being present, identifying coalition support, documenting our discrimination and building a viable networking system."

## GAU-CRC Host Red Letter Conference & Reception

The Gay Academic Union/North Texas (GAUNT) sponsored conference "Meeting the Needs of Gays and Lesbian Students" held at the First Unitarian Church Saturday, March 1st, 1980 and the GAUNT--Community Resource Center (CRC) sponsored reception that evening for Dr Don Clark were enterprising and exciting events in keeping with the high caliber with their previous academically excellent presentations.

The six-hour day conference was aimed primarily at academic counseling professionals and featured many local Gay/Lesbian and non-Gay academics. One familiar former Dallasite participating was Dr. Charles Weis, now Director of Counseling, University of California at Riverside who spoke on "Same Sex Orientation: Psychological Aspects."

The keynote address given near the end of the conference was given by Don Clark, Ph. D., Well known Gay writer, teacher and clinical psychologist from San Francisco. Dr. Clark, the author of 6 books the best known of which are *Loving Someone Gay* (77) and *Living Gay* (79), spoke to the conference on "Learning to be One Too: Retraining Professionals."

The reception for Dr. Clark featured his presentation of "Give and Take in the New Gay Culture," to an audience of over 150, stressed the changing nature of the emerging Gay community in American society.

Dr. Clark called on Gays/Lesbians to explore our own attitudes about being Gay. He told the listeners that "it's of no value being queer if we aren't different!" He said all Gays must recognize that our aversion to segments of the Gay/Lesbian community is often phobic reactions to "shadow" parts of our Gay selves which we haven't learned to accept. Clark challenged all Gays/Lesbians with the responsibility to examine their lives, their likes and dislikes, and to push our inner and outer limits as far as we can!

## Minister Attacks Jiggle Television

Abilene, TX--A Church of Christ minister from Tennessee has blasted what he calls "jiggle television" and announced a campaign to boycott programs that feature adultery and homosexuality.

John M. Hurt, minister of the Church of Christ in Joelton, TN., told of his campaign in an annual lecture series at Abilene Christian College. He told his audience that adultery and homosexuality are becoming commonplace on TV and the network executives are increasingly using sex to attract viewers.

Hurt said that he hoped to get at least 500,000 signatures on petitions beginning March 16th telling program sponsors to "clean up TV" or their products won't be purchased. Hurt said the sponsors and offending programs would be announced before March 16th.

The Fundamentalist minister stated that 3 particularly offensive programs, though not necessarily the targets of his campaign, were "Soap," "Charlie's Angles" and "The Newlywed Game." He was also critical of a forthcoming show on ABC, "Adam and Yves," which he characterized as a show about a homosexual relationship between two middle-aged men.

The minister said about 1,640 Churches of Christ throughout the nation have given notice that their members will participate in the boycott by signing pledges to be collected March 16th.

## GAY BRUTALITY CASE UNDER INVESTIGATION

Following requests by DGPC in late February to the Mayor, to the City Council and to the Dallas Police Chief, the Internal Affairs Division of the Dallas Police Department (DPD) has been ordered to investigate officer William Miller and the alleged brutality incident involving Doug G. (Dialog, February 1980). Pending the outcome of the investigation, Miller has been transferred from the Vice Control to the Criminal Investigation Division of DPD.

Criminal trial attorney Vincent Perini has been retained defend Doug G. in outstanding charges in criminal court. Perini also plans to initiate a civil suit on Doug's behalf against the DPD as well as against Officer Miller. "Such a suit could benefit the Lesbian/Gay community by bringing to light, in Federal Court, the attitudes and policies in DPD towards Gays over the years. It could establish the true extent of selective law enforcement by the police, and of exploitation of Gays in the County Criminal Courts," stated a DGPC source.

Financing of Doug's defense and the concomitant suit will come from efforts by Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights (DAIR), DGPC and Texas Human Rights Foundation, as well as from private donations. A DAIR fundraiser is set for April 21, with presentation of 2 one-act plays--one, a comedy and the other, a drama--by a Gay playwright at the Raintree Landing (old D-III). Tickets at \$5 and \$10 will go on sale April 7 at Raintree Landing, the Emporium and the Union Jack.

## ALAMO CITY GAYS HEAR CANDIDATES

By Kathy Deitsch

The newly formed Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club (ERDC) in San Antonio will sponsor a Candidates Night April 1, 1980 at Horizon House, 8610 Jones Maltsberger Road, 7:30 p.m. All 72 Democratic primary candidates have been invited to attend.

"The candidates Night has all the makings for a big success," says Deitsch, Political Action chair. "This event is the first all out effort on the part of Alamo City Gays/Lesbians to show the candidates our strength. The ERDC will endorse candidates at a meeting called for April 3. Some 20,000 endorsement cards will be printed and distributed following the endorsement meeting. Fiesta in San Antonio offers us an excellent opportunity to reach large numbers of Gay voters."

"At this time, we are expecting about 25% of the primary candidates to seek our support," Deitsch continued. "I expect that congressional, legislative and several county wide races will dominate the club's endorsements. We have had a number of candidates come to us this year asking for our help in their election bids."

Following the April 3 endorsement meeting, ERDC members and other supporters plan to work actively in the endorsees' campaigns.

"I believe we can make a significant difference in several races on May 3. We will have the entire month of April to get out the word and actively solicit support for our candidates," Deitsch concluded.

# MANAGER MURDERED AT LAKE DALLAS

Lewisville, April 20--A confrontation at "Queens Point" at Lake Dallas on Sunday afternoon left one person dead and at least three injured. According to witnesses, two white pick-up trucks arrived with a party of approximately 16 men, composed of whites, blacks and Mexican-Americans, who began shortly thereafter to abuse the men and women at the beach. Initially the abuse was confined to verbal insults and jeers, but the newcomers soon started hurling bottles at people and vehicles, and more bottles were flung back in retaliation.

As the situation began to turn ugly, the black party mounted one of the trucks and left the scene. Several of the remaining group advanced towards the beach armed with bottles, chains, and metal-studded belts. The final confrontation occurred when Wesley Earl

Hill, 37, manager of the Boot Camp bar in Dallas, was stabbed from behind, according to an eyewitness, by a white male in his early twenties, cleanshaven and of slight build, wearing a pair of cutoffs and sneakers. The attacker and his party, upon seeing that the victim was bleeding profusely, retreated to their vehicle and departed, with the attacker at the wheel.

Two other persons at the beach suffered from stab wounds or flying glass, and at least one of the raiding party was bruised severely by a woman at the beach, who is reported to have sallied forth into the attackers flailing a baseball bat.

Tragedy ensued later as Hill was taken to Lewisville Hospital, where he died 45 minutes after being admitted. Although the local and Denton County police visited the beach twice,

witnesses stated that they showed no interest in taking any statements from witnesses until the homicide was reported to them from Lewisville. Further details are not yet available. The Social Justice Committee has asked that any member of the community who sees a white pick-up truck with license number FF-995 or who has further information about this incident should report it to the police and to DGPC at 528-4233.

## GRNL Director Visits Dallas Gay Leaders

April 5, 1980, Dallas--Steve Edean, Director of Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) spent an evening and a day conferring with leaders of the Dallas Gay/Lesbian community as part of a 15 day-21 city nationwide sweep of active Gay/Lesbian communities.

At a reception, co-sponsored by the Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights (DAIR) and the Public Relations committee of DGPC, Edean congratulated the 40 Gay/Lesbian leaders in attendance for the progress the Dallas Gay community has made over the past 4 years. He pointed to the many successes nationally for which Gays/Lesbians should feel pride. "But," Edean warned, "there are still very powerful enemies organizing to deny us our rights."

Edean noted that anti-Gay legislation (such as the infamous MacDonald Amendment to the Legal Services Act) in the past has failed in the Senate because there were no anti-Gay Senators. He pointed to Sen. Laxalt (who also is campaign chair for the Reagan Presidential Campaign) as the hand on the arm of the homophobic New Right.

Edean warned that, with the formation of the ultra-right fundamentalist lobby groups--The Moral Majority and The Christian Voice, Lesbians and Gay men have an uphill battle to prevent federal anti-Gay/Lesbian legislation. He said that outright anti-Gay legislation is unlikely, but he sees attempts to tack on various anti-Gay amendments to unrelated of appropriation bills as the major threat to Gays nationally.

Commenting on the Texas Gay/Lesbian movement and specifically in Dallas, Edean said, "I'm glad to see that you (in Dallas) have not by-passed the large group of middle-class Gays and Lesbians." He said that many East and West coast Gay groups tend to be extremist and therefore do not draw the large Gay middle class into the mainstream of the movement "because they merely want to vent anger." And while there certainly is ample cause for anger, Edean states that, "this attitude wears thin after a while ... cooperation and coalition with other minority groups, cajoling national leaders and compromise are the ways to advance our (Gay/Lesbian) rights."

Edean warned that "a lot of work and a lot of money will be needed to protect our rights from the fundamentalists." He pointed out that GRNL funding comes mostly from memberships in GRNL and encouraged us to join and to convince others to join.

Edean's visit and reception mark the first cooperative effort jointly sponsored by 3 Lesbian/Gay organizations: DAIR, DGPC and MCC-Dallas, who provided transportation and lodging.

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## Gay Brutality Case

## Under Investigation

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Criminal trial attorney Vincent Perini has been retained to defend Greeson in outstanding charges in criminal court. Perini also plans to initiate a civil suit on Doug's behalf against the DPD as well as against Officer Miller. "Such a suit could benefit the Lesbian/Gay community by bringing to light, in Federal Court, the attitudes and policies in DPD towards Gays over the years. It could establish the true extent of selective law enforcement by the police, and of exploitation of Gays in the County Criminal Courts," stated a DGPC source.

Financing of Doug's defense and the concomitant suit will come from efforts by Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights (DAIR), DGPC and Texas Human Rights Foundation, as well as from private donations. A DAIR fundraiser, two one-act plays written by Ron Stella, staged April 21st at the Raintree Landing raised only \$625 of the \$3000 anticipated. Those attending reported that the evening provided good entertainment provided by witty dialogue well acted. "All participating should be congratulated for this unique evening of Gay Theatre," said one attendee.

## Gays are "Individuals

## Of Sacred Worth"

Indianapolis, April 19--A move to liberalize the United Methodist Church's basic policy on homosexuality was defeated by a margin of more than 3 to 1 at the Church's General Conference here.

The delegates voted to reaffirm a resolution adopted at the 1976 General Conference stating that "homosexual persons, no less than heterosexual persons, are individuals of sacred worth, who need ministry and guidance of the church" and that human and civil rights for all persons must be assured.

At the same time, however, the delegates rejected a motion which would have deleted from the church's "Social Principles" a phrase that says, "We do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider the practice incompatible with Christian teaching."

Delegates decided on a standing count vote on the issue, a decision which Gay rights advocates later called "significant". "In 1972 when the subject came up there was panic and near hysteria to put it down," Ellen Clark, a leader of Affirmation, the United Methodist Gay caucus, said. "In 1976 the people began to understand the issue. Now a quarter of the General Conference delegates were willing to stand up publicly and be counted. I think that is significant," she said.

The motion to delete the anti-Gay portion of the "Social Principles" was made by Rev. William O. Walker, a district superintendent from Portland, Oregon. In making the motion, Dr. Walker said that by deleting the phrase the  
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3. Vote! Dammit! See DGPC's endorsements. The polls are open from 7 to 7.
3. Your precinct meeting begins at 6:45 PM. It is very important that you attend. Go --or don't bitch!
4. The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Sunday at noon at the Samuel/Grand Tennis Center. Everyone of all abilities welcome. Call Doug at 522-7785.
4. The Gay Pride Week Committee meets every Sunday at 2:00 at DGPC's office, 3409 Oak Lawn #207. Is your group represented?
4. GAUNT (Gay Academic Union-North Texas) and GLAD's combined memberships will meet at Edra's home in Denton to hear Susan Caudill (Voices of Channel 13) talk on "Gays and the Media". Bring an appetizer! For directions call 351-1576. 5:30 PM. 201 Peach street.
6. Auction at Raintree Landing benefiting the Dallas Gay Pride Committee. 9 PM. \$1 cover charge.
6. The Turtle Creek Chorale (four-part male choral music) rehearses every Tuesday from 6 to 9 PM. Singers needed. 522-7813 or 821-3086.
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7. Lesbian Rights Task Force meeting. NOW office 3103 Routh, upstairs. 742-6918. Again on the 21st.
8. Metroplex Young Adults (17 and up) meet every Thursday at 7:30 PM. 2701 Reagan.
8. DIALOG staff meeting. 8 PM. 363-9006.
- 10 - 11. Community Resource Center (Gayline) Gigantic Garage Sale. 3322 Knight (at Rawlins) All day, both days. 748-6790. Come on folks! Help these fine people help others.
10. State Senatorial meetings for elected delegates from May 3rd precinct meeting.
10. Women's Space (Lesbian Rights Task Force) Educational Forum, "Coming Out". 7:30 PM. NOW office 3103 Routh, upstairs. 742-6918.
12. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. "Current Events", "Our Gay Heritage", "Women's Issues", "Canoe Trip", "Gay Health", "Report on May 3rd elections". This will be a short meeting and will start at 7:30 PM. Lively social after. 528-4233. 2701 Reagan.
14. GLAD (Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton). UMC - Maple & Avenue B. Newcomers welcome --students, townspeople, county residents. 7:30 PM. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176. Again on the 28th.
14. DGPC Office Management Committee meets at 7:30 PM. DGPC office, 3409 Oak Lawn #207. 528-4233.
17. DGPC Sports Planning Committee meets at 7 PM. DGPC office 3409 Oak Lawn #207. 528-4233.
18. The Turtle Creek Chorale in a concert of sacred and patriotic music. 3 PM in Thanksgiving Square.
18. DGPC Bicycling Club meets at the Lakewood Branch Library at noon. The ride will include historic Swiss Avenue and Munger Place. Watch for the handout at the next DGPC general meeting. Everyone is invited. Call Michael at 826-2362.
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21. The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas, 2616 Swiss. 821-1990.
22. DGPC Financial Resource Committee meets at 3827 Gilbert #101. 8 PM. 328-5559.
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- 22 - 23 - 24. UF/MCC South Central District conference meets in Austin. Sheraton-Crest Hotel.
- 23 - 24 - 25. Lone Star Three Motorcycle Run. Sponsored by the Texas Conference Clubs. Applications available at your local bar, or you may call 526-9211.



24. Women's Space Coffee House. 8 PM. 742-6918.

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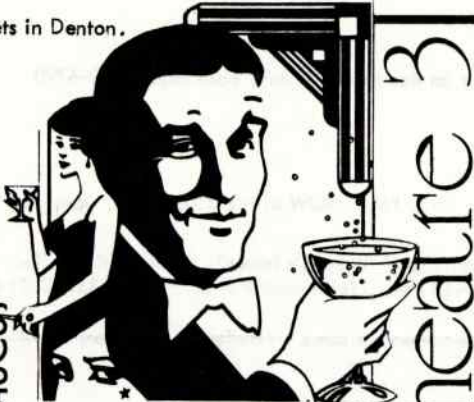
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- 5. Skate Party! "Come bust your tail for Reverend Shawn Farrell" - Josie Skateland, 2711 Cooks Creek (off Josie Lane & I-635) in Farmer's Branch. 8 PM. \$4.00 includes skate rental. Tickets available at United Community Church or Metropolitan Community Church.
- 5. A giant benefit for Arnold E. Leach who is in critical condition. The Landing, 2609 Pearl. 9 PM. \$3.00 cover. Stars: Allan Allison, Ethel Bailey, Charley, Chatty Cathy, The Crisco Sisters, Bunny Dee, Toby, Rance Marlow, Tony Rose, Veva Sanchez, Leigh Shannon, Lady Shawn, Kandi Delight, Lady Vasthi. Music by The V.D. Generates and The Dirty Undies. Special guests: Buddy Simpson and The Buddy Simpson Dancers and the Illusions of Rick Walker.
- 10. Affirmation (United Methodist) covered dish dinner. 6:30 - 9:30 PM. 3709 Blackburn.
- 13. Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) meet at MCC, 2701 Reagan. 7:30 PM. 233-3100. Also on the 27th.
- 29. Special Workshop, "Communication, A Two-Way Street" 7:30 PM. United Community Church, 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.

# JUNE



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- 2. Another DGPC - Theatre III - sparkling Champagne party. Noel Coward's "Present Laughter" begins at 8 PM. The champagne begins to flow at 6:30. 528-4233 for information. Get your tickets early. We may have a turn-away house.
- 4. Delicious Pot Luck Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church. First Wednesday of every month. Good food, good friends. 526-6221. 2701 Reagan (at Brown).
- 5. DGPC Mail Committee meets at Phil's place at 7:30 PM. Besides stuffing and mailing the DIALOG, we discuss Shakespeare, Plato and high finance. We drink vintage wine and eat peanut butter sandwiches under glass! 821-1653.
- 9. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting at 2701 Reagan. Help plan Gay Pride Week. 526-4233. 7:30 PM.
- 11. GLAD meets in Denton.



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## Sporting Events Get Underway

By Michael Parkey

The Sports Committee is organizing a wide range of sports activities for not only DGPC members, but also everyone in the Gay/Lesbian community. As a result of the answers to the questionnaire distributed at the March general meeting, a bicycle ride and canoe trip were planned and held.

The first ride of the cyclists took place at White Rock Lake on April 19th. To those who tried to find us among the March of Dimes walkers and failed, we apologize. The first canoe trip floated down the Trinity River (yes, there is enough water) on April 26th.

If you missed either of these historic events, you will be glad to know that future canoe trips are being planned. A second bicycle ride is planned for Sunday, May 18th to start at noon. Those participating will meet at the Lakewood Branch Library: the route to include Swiss Avenue and Munger Place. Watch for handouts at the next general meeting. Questions: call Michael at 826-2362.

If you have a particular sports interest and didn't fill out a questionnaire at the March meeting, call the DGPC answering service (528-4233) leave your name, phone number and activity interest and we'll try to be sure you hear about them as they are planned.

The Sports committee needs help planning other activities. Many people have expressed interest in hiking trips, but none on the committee feels competent to organize such an event. If you have the necessary experience, we'd love to hear from you.

Tennis enthusiasts probably have heard about the Oak Lawn Tennis Association (522-5292) and volleyball players may know about the DGPC volleyball team (823-1093). What you may not know is that both these groups encourage new members at any level of skill. Beginners shouldn't hesitate. Both clubs compete with similar clubs throughout the state. Tournaments could take participants all over Texas.

All sports activities sink or float solely on the strength of active interest and participation. All members of the Gay/Lesbian community are welcome. Listen for announcements at general meetings and watch the **Calendar** for upcoming events.

## Present Laughter

The quick wit of playwright and actor Noel Coward shines through in this brilliant comedy about an adored and self-adoring matinee idol. Considered by some to be a self-portrait of Coward himself, **Present Laughter** sketches a man who is as insulting as he is amorous, as flippant as he is flamboyant, as cynical as he is vain. "He (Noel Coward) is still master of the quick and impudent sardonic line . . . sharp, withering and funny." ---**N.Y. Times**.

**Present Laughter** is the next Theatre 3-DGPC champagne premiere to be presented Monday, June 2nd. The champagne (included in the \$10 ticket price) will begin flowing at 6:30 p.m., curtain time is 8:00 p.m. To purchase tickets call 528-4233, leave name and phone number and a Financial Resources member will arrange it.

## Greeson Benefit Falls Short

The fundraising event by Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights (DAIR) to provide criminal defense for the police brutality victim Doug Greeson took place last night (April 21st). Those who paid to see the 2 witty one-act plays by Rob Stella, as well as the cast, production team and organizers must be thanked for supporting this event and the cause it benefitted.

But the hall was two-thirds empty. Only \$625 (of the \$3000 needed) was raised to get the defense under way and to initiate a substantial civil suit against the Dallas Police Department. This suit can only be of great benefit to the Gay community. Last December the community looked to the DGPC to do something about police harassment. Working with no budget, the Social Justice committee has identified homophobic officers, tabulated false arrests, found witnesses and helped to bring about a reduction in harassment and unjust sentences in court. In order to proceed to the next stage, however, money is needed. Why are there so many folk who eagerly cry out for help when they are arrested, but who are willing to do nothing when called upon to help in return?

If a further \$2000 is not raised very quickly, Doug Greeson will be sent to prison. There will be no civil suit and the police will return to harass a Gay community which they will view as spineless and without the guts to fight them back in court. There must be readers who do not wish us to fail in our resolve that such oppression must never return. Please send your contribution to DLC-THRF, 3225 Lemmon, #333, Dallas, TX 75204. When you do, remember that it might have been you who was attacked by Officer Miller and found guilty of assault on him. Ask yourself how the prospect of a year in prison as an innocent person would appeal to you. Because if you don't put a stop to them, the police will come back. You might be their next victim.

Campbell B. Read, Director, DGPC

## DGPC to Sponsor Reading Course

The DGPC Board of Directors recently approved sponsoring of C.D. Haun's Effective Reading Course as a worthwhile program for Caucus members. Prior to authorizing sponsorship, the Board provided for a Caucus member to take the course as its representative in order to evaluate the 6 lesson program.

This representative reported, "The course was extremely helpful to me in improving speed and comprehension. Further, the 6 evenings of the class were enjoyable since C.D. Haun is an excellent instructor."

Goals of the course are to: 1. increase comfortable reading speed by 2 to 3 times, 2. learn the techniques to read 5 to 10 times faster, 3. improve comprehension level, 4. add to recall abilities and 5. develop a systematic method for approaching any form of learning.

The first DGPC sponsored class is scheduled to begin the last of May and will be held at the Caucus offices at 3409 Oak Lawn, #207. Tuition for the course of 6 evening classes is \$150. Haun has agreed to let DGPC hold the course fees until the reading course is completed and participants have evaluated the course. However, C.D. Haun makes the following guarantee: "You will be satisfied with what you receive during the Effective Reading Course, or you may have ANY of ALL or your tuition refund-

## APRIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

The meeting was called to order by President Don Baker who gave a special thanks to the members who were missing the Academy Awards to be present at the meeting. After approval of the Secretary's Minutes and Treasurer's Report, Baker introduced the photographer from the Associated Press who would be taking pictures throughout the evening.

Director Bill Nelson then gave a synopsis of the evening's program and turned the floor over to Director Marcus Lerro. Lerro introduced Ruth Thornton as this month's guest speaker on feminist issues. Thornton is a professional woman and a past president of Dallas County NOW. Continuing with the evenings program, Ted Brown presented Campbell Read who gave a historical biography on William Carpenter. The biography was one in a continuing series by Frank Rossiter. Dr. Ed Wendt (of Gay Health Concerns Committee) spoke on the subject of 'Amyl Nitrite', its effects and side-effects. The Education Committee then gave an extensive presentation on Gay Resorts around the World including Key West, Fire Island, Provincetown, Mykonos Island, Amsterdam and the Windjammer Sailing Cruise.

Campbell Read reported for Willie Reeves concerning the fund-raiser for the Doug Greeson case and then introduced playwright Rob Stella, a representative for the group performing the two one-act plays at the Raintree Landing on April 21 and 22.

Director Cobb Keller presented updated information on Voter ID and Voter Registration. He displayed a precinct map which outlined the areas where Gay voters had been identified and noted that over 2500 Gay and Gay supportive voters had been registered and identified in Dallas County. Keller emphasized the importance of the April 28th Community Meeting and then introduced Arthur Clarke as a Democratic candidate for the State House of Rep. who had inadvertently missed the candidate's night presentation at the last DGPC monthly meeting. Louise Young presented a motion that the Caucus endorse Arthur Clarke in District 33F of the State House of Reps. Motion passed unanimously.

A report on police harassment given by Director Milke Williams indicated that harassment in the Gay Community has been on the decline in the last few weeks, but that he doesn't necessarily expect that to be a continuing trend.

Director Read related the current state of affairs concerning the April 29th March for Jesus in Washington. He asked that the membership respond to this march by telephone, letter, or mail-gram to Congress.

Director Lerro gave a report on the status of Gay Pride Week and presented a list of events to be included.

Director Terry Tebedo presented a motion for the DGPC to sponsor a fund-raiser for Arnold Leach by allowing the DGPC name to be used in conjunction with promotion for the fund-raiser. Motion passed unanimously.

Louise Young then presented a motion to endorse Richard Grant as a Democratic Precinct Chair candidate in precinct #2228. Motion passed unanimously.

After general announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

ed."

For its part in sponsoring this first course, DGPC will receive a portion of the \$150 which is paid by each satisfied participant.

If you would like to learn more about this Effective Reading program, call 461-9728 and you will be sent a free brochure obligation free. When you call say that DGPC referred you.

## And so the Saga continues to unfold

DGPC Director Campbell Read and the Rev. Don Eastman, pastor of MCC-Dallas, met on March 11 with District Attorney Henry Wade. Wade appeared ignorant of the high penalties set for 'guilty' pleas to 21.07 (public lewdness) charges in misdemeanor courts, and ignorant of the terms of the statute itself.

He agreed that 21.07 was seldom enforced in situations involving a man and a woman, but he said that DGPC should take complaints of selective law enforcement to the Dallas Police Department not to the DA's Office.

Wade may have seemed uninformed about operational practices in his own departments, but he showed a personal interest in concurrent 21.07 trials going through the courts. Read complained to him about hostile attitudes among DAs towards Gays as a group. "DGPC is well aware", he told Mr. Wade, "that your DAs routinely demand higher penalties for 21.07 than you have set, for example, one day in jail and \$1,000 fine. One of your DAs has boasted that he is known among Gays as the most hated DA in Dallas courts, and we know his name. These attitudes place your office in an adversary position, not only against individuals who are tried in court, but against our entire community."

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Members of DGPC's Social Justice Committee are collecting data in the County Courthouse on public lewdness charges filed in 1979. Out of the first 110 cases tabulated, only one was a woman; these statistics support the hypothesis of selective law enforcement against Gays, an informed source said.

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The Social Justice Committee continues to locate witnesses to arrests and to put defense attorneys in touch with them. In one instance, a victim of police brutality by Officers Stewart and Dagen outside TMC February 5/6 was falsely charged with aggravated assault. But Officer Dagen failed to appear for the preliminary hearing, and so the Grand Jury no-billed the case. An informed source told **DIALOG** that Dagen was aware of efforts by the Dallas Gay Political Caucus to monitor police harassment, and did not want to be further involved.

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Arrests in Gay bars have declined recently, but traffic harassment is on the increase. A community member has filed a complaint with I.A.D. against police officers who themselves followed improper procedures while ticketing vehicles in the Village Station parking lot on February 20, 1980. Police Officer Olsen recently charged five men with jay-walking across Fitzhugh: his manner towards the victims was belligerent and intimidating, according to a witness who was present.

### Announcement

Affirmation—United Methodists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns—will hold a covered dish supper and meeting on Saturday, May 10, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at 3709 Blackburn, Dallas.

In addition to the meal, there will be a discussion of the legislation passed recently at the General Conference of The United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, and a brief worship service.

All are welcome to attend. For further information, call Gene Leggett in Dallas at 528-5273.

## A Review of "Being Gay in Contemporary America"

By Rev. Ted Karpf

"Being Gay in Contemporary America", a taped series in 6 parts, is one of the best introductions to and exploration of the Gay/Lesbian issues facing American society and our own sexuality. The seldom-seen and too often stereotyped world of the homosexual in contemporary America is revealed with all of its pathos and pleasure, joy and sorrow, knowledge and ignorance in a stirring series that opens us to scientific and personal discoveries of the life and conditions that encompass homosexuality.

One year ago, using an adult education class in a Dallas, Texas church as its forum, the Gay Academic Union of North Texas presented a series of lectures and discussions aimed at enlightening the Gay and Straight communities of Dallas, Texas. The 6 sessions explored the issues in light of recent sexual and psychological research, historical and aesthetic perspectives and new political and theological thinking. The Gay Academic Union and the First Unitarian Church of Dallas brought together Gays/Lesbians and Straights in a setting which enabled discovery of their mutual humanity.

The tapes are divided into 6 lecture hours, utilizing panels of experts and 6 to 8 hours of audience feedback, questions and answers and general group discussion.

The series is an ideal tool for local churches, law enforcement officials, social service agencies, helping service professionals, hospital and clinic staff groups, university faculty administrators and residence hall directors and political decision makers, each of whom has a stake in critical decision making affecting the Gay person. Each of us would want to say that the way we make decisions is equal and for all. However, the subtle and not subtle discrimination against Gays and Lesbians will cost many their livelihoods and some, their very lives.

The series is both informational and, at times, intensely personal. Not all the speakers are Gay and not all are completely understanding of Gay lifestyles. All, however, are sensitive to the needs of Gay people today.

The most notable tapes in the series are Tape #2 "Gays, God and the Churches" and tape #3 "Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspectives." These two bring into focus not only the pathos of the Gay person, but deal with the questions of from where do we develop our attitudes toward human sexuality and how can we change them.

The significance of the series is that it is reasonably priced and readily accessible. The series can be used as a basis for programming or can be the program itself. The discussion is most provocative and forces us to raise our own questions. The only unfortunate aspect of the discussion tapes is that there are long silences as the questions needed repeating into the microphone. Some editing would have shortened some of the ponderousness of the discussion period, but the over all quality of the recordings is excellent.

I heartily recommend the series to everyone as a way of discovering, in a non-threatening way, the issues of Gay/Lesbian life and lifestyles, as they ultimately affect us all. (Rev. Karpf is campus minister and director of the University Ministry Center, North Texas State University, Denton, Texas.)

## For Your Information

The following letter to the editor appeared in the **Texas Methodist/United Methodist Reporter** newspaper Feb. 22 as part of a continuing dialogue over a proposal to change the Methodist Church's position from "not condoning" the practice of homosexuality to the position that "we are seeking the truth" in the light of Christian heritage.

To The Editor:

No one chooses to be homosexual, and the Christian community must be brought to understand that.

In spite of the research of the last decade, we still do not know what causes one person to be homosexual and another to be heterosexual. Some do believe that the orientation was established before birth. The great majority, belonging to the behaviorist school of psychology, hold that the orientation is learned **but** there is today almost unanimous acceptance of the fact that orientation was established by the time the child reached 3½ or 4 years of age. And, with that is the conviction that the likelihood of changing the orientation is nearly nil.

What the Christian must then face is that the homosexual is faced with the choice **only** of what to do about that orientation. He (equally applicable to she) may choose to deny his orientation and marry someone of the opposite gender, thereby risking unhappiness for self, spouse and family; he may choose to be celibate, not an easy choice for most; he may seek furtive, secretive outlets for his orientation (many married do just that), with the danger of disclosure and disgrace; he may, if society and economics permit, live an openly homosexual life style, the best solution if possible; or he may choose suicide—and far too many do.

In the last two years, three boys in their early 20's, who were very close to me—as counselor, and confidant and, finally peer-like friend—chose that irreversible way out. At least one of the three did it because of the sin-and-shame pressures of the church, exercised through parents. Just maybe, the church or the parents did not kill that boy. But no question exists that their insensitivity and ignorance did. I shall not forgive them. I hope a loving and compassionate God can.

Let us all pray that we become more Christian in our outlook toward those who appear to be "different."

Fred R. Methered  
Honolulu, Hawaii

(Sacred Worth continued from Page 1)

delegates had the "opportunity to express the feeling level of the church, which is the love of God." He said, "We have acted as if this one part of our activity is not covered by grace."

Opposing the deletion, Rev. David A. Seamands of Wilmore, Kentucky, said, "The support of the grassroots of United Methodism is very clear in support of maintaining the current language." Citing actions of numerous annual conferences which have gone on record asking that the current statement remain in the "Social Principles", Dr. Seamands said, "While we must minister to all, we also must uphold moral standards."

Rev. Authur R. Melius of Schenectady, N.Y., spoke in favor of deletion, saying even if the majority of United Methodists support the statement, the majority is not always right. "If we went by majority vote," he said, "We probably would still have slaves in this country and we would still be at war in Vietnam."

# Why We Celebrate Gay Pride Week

by Frank Rossiter

This year Gay Pride Week celebrates the eleventh anniversary of the Stonewall riot of June, 1969, in New York City. The riot and the events that immediately followed it marked the beginning of gay pride and of the gay rights movement as we know it today.

There were organizations of homosexuals in the United States before Stonewall--the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis, for instance; and it took real courage to belong to them. They made up what was known as the homophile movement. These groups had a cautious, somewhat "closeted" character to them; and they did not use the word gay in identifying themselves to the public. They touched the lives of few homosexuals and were not suc-

cessful in stimulating a feeling of pride in being gay.

It was probably inevitable that many gays would reject the strategy of the homophile movement and turn to the more radical approach that blacks and women had adopted earlier in the 1960s; but the transition came with unexpected suddenness in the summer of 1969. On June 27, 1969, the New York police made a routine raid on the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar located in Greenwich Village. Hundreds of customers, herded outside the bar by the police, were transformed into a hostile crowd. Swept by a feeling of gay rage, they began throwing various objects at the police, who, surprised that "faggots" would behave in this way, took refuge in the bar. Then the crowd attacked the bar itself.

Although police reinforcements arrived and the rioters were dispersed, the new cry of "Gay Power!" was heard in the Village during the following days. The Gay Liberation Front, an organization that completely rejected the more establishmentarian approach of the homophile movement, was formed. Its mostly youthful members made militant demands for immediate change in the organization of society and in society's treatment of homosexuals, and they proudly and publicly called themselves gay.

The new spirit of this gay revolution soon spread to other parts of the country, especially to college and university campuses and larger cities, and many new organizations were started to work for gay liberation. Not merely admirable, it was (See CELEBRATE Page 6)

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### Dallas Razzle Dazzles

By Bill Nelson

It's big, it's wild, it's noisy, it's fun!

It's co-sexual, it's for a good cause, it's crowded, it's a tradition. It's Razzle Dazzle Dallas.

Once again, for the opening bash of Gay Pride Week, Razzle Dazzle Dallas will open its doors to the community for an evening of "get-down" socializing to celebrate everything positive about going gay in Dallas.

There has been a change of location this year because of overflow crowds at the Hall of State in 1979. The Exposition building, site of Razzle Dazzle 1980, is located at the Fair Grounds, just across the lagoon from the automobile building. There will be no trouble finding the location because, as usual, the building will be fronted by two search lights serving as beacons to the fun.

The event will begin at 9 p. m. and last until 1 a. m. with free beer and soft drinks being included in the \$3 advance/\$4 at-the-door admission.

Razzle Dazzle Dallas grew out of a discussion following the May Gay Political Caucus meeting of 1979. At that meeting the calendar for Gay Pride Week had been announced, and several people felt that one aspect of the gay community's talents had been neglected --- the ability to party like no one else in the world. So, those same people, sitting at a backroom table at the Bronx, concluded that nothing ever was accomplished by bitching (See RAZZLE DAZZLE Page 6)

### DGPC Gay Film Festival Set

In celebration of Gay Pride Week, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus is sponsoring the first Dallas Gay Film Festival.

The festival will be Friday and Saturday nights, June 27 & 28, the second weekend of Gay Pride Week. Movie time will begin at 7:30 each evening at the Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan.

There will be a \$2 admission charge.

No social group can afford to ignore the importance of the cinema. Unknown to many of us is that the gay and lesbian culture is rich in sensitive, provocative, and intelligent films. The DGPC is sponsoring this film festival for the purpose of enlightenment, entertainment and creating social change and awareness.

The films presented will be a combination of feature length and short films. The following is a list of just a few of the many films being presented:

Home Movie--The story of how one woman came to recognize her love for another woman. A warm and funny film that makes the experience of growing up gay accessible to all people.

Who Happened To Be Gay--A sensitive and touching film about gay men and women ... their relationships, their problems, their lives.

A Comedy in Six Unnatural Acts--A dramatic satire on the stereotypical images of Lesbians--each scene is a take off on a different genre of Hollywood films.

### Democrats Welcome Gay Texans

At May 3 Democratic Precinct meetings all over North Texas gay men and lesbians were active. As a result, approximately 200 gays/lesbians were elected as delegates and alternates to several Democratic State Senatorial District conventions held May 10.

The 16th District convention, with 100 gays attending, had the largest delegation (the 16th is made up of East Dallas, part of Oak Lawn and White Rock areas). With about 65 gays attending, the 8th District convention followed. The balance of the gay/lesbian delegates attended District conventions in Dallas' 23rd and 9th and in Denton, Tarrant and Grayson counties.

At the 16th, 8th and 23rd District conventions gays/lesbians served on several prestigious committees.

Resolutions to repeal Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code (which criminalizes "Homosexual Conduct") passed in 30 precincts in the Dallas area and in Denton County, Travis County (Austin) and in several Houston area districts.

Noting that in 1978 only 30-80 Dallas area gays attended Democratic District conventions, Dr. Louise Young, co-chair of the Political Action Committee (PAC), states that "our success was in part due to our experience gained in 1978." Young also pointed to recent voter educative efforts such as; the PAC sponsored "Town Meeting" at Trinity Methodist Church (which 600 people attended), the "How to Attend Your Precinct Meeting" Guides prepared by PAC and the delegate seminars sponsored by the PAC held at the Melrose Hotel. Young states all of these factors led to increased "interest and enthusiasm by many gays and lesbians, who had never participated in the convention process before."

"A major factor was the tremendous amount of help and advice from our non- (See DEMOCRATS Page 6)

# Gay Pride And The New Aristocracy

By David Graham

Pride is a quality, an attribute or an appearance once associated primarily with aristocracy or the upper classes. In the past people have been expected to bow heads or even prostrate themselves before royalty and those in high places.

Happily, ours is the age of the common man. Women are not expected to walk several paces behind their husbands or masters. No longer do blacks avert their eyes or defer place to whites. Further, homosexuals of both genders are no longer locked in closets of fear and self-hate.

Pride and self-esteem are more and more being recognized as the true birthright of all human beings. Within a few months after the Stonewall riots in New York in 1969, a black man--so the story goes--stood up in a sociology class at an eastern university and said, "I'm black, and I'm gay, and I'm free."

The feelings of pride and freedom born in New York in 1969 have multiplied many times since that historic occasion. A case can be made the nation, as well as gay people specifically, is far better off. Freedom has almost always brought great rewards.

Pride and its synonym self-esteem enhance a person's whole being, attitude and productivity. Gay people seem to like themselves better today than many did ten or more years ago. It is not surprising that self-worth and self-esteem are enhanced as self-doubt and self-hate diminish.

Doubtless, the accomplishments of lesbians

and gay men today are incredible and far too numerous to enumerate. Certainly, the cities involved and the Internal Revenue Service in particular can point with some pride to the Resurrection of Castro in San Francisco and Montrose in Houston from slums to chic habitats as evidence of gay urban renewal. Lesbians and gay men are, also, known to be a part of the rejuvenation of Oak Lawn.

Contributions to our civilization have been made by homosexuals throughout history. Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Tchaikovsky, and Gertrude Stein are a few names that come to mind. Today, however, the pride and self-esteem in millions of gay people are expressed in happy, productive, and prosperous lives.

Perhaps, many lesbians and gay men as much as anyone deserve the pride associated with what might be described as the new aristocracy, exemplified in the words of the English writer E. M. Forster:

"I believe in aristocracy though--if that's the right word, and if a democrat may use it. Not an aristocracy of power, based upon rank and influence, but an aristocracy of the sensitive, the considerate, and the plucky. Its members are to be found in all nations and classes, and all through the ages . . . They represent the true human tradition, the one permanent victory of our queer race over cruelty and chaos . . . They are sensitive for others as well as themselves, they are considerate without being fussy, their pluck is not swankiness but the power to endure, and they can take a joke."

## Thanks to All

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Dallas Gay Pride Week Committee we want to offer our sincere thanks to the women and men of the metroplex for their generous response to our efforts. What began as a small group has rapidly become a good-sized network of people contributing their talents to create this week of celebration.

Our goal, simply stated, has been to build a week-long festival of our human worth, both as individuals and as a community. The non-political nature of the activities offers all of us a chance to savor the rich variety of our lifestyles, while proving that we aren't waiting for government legislation before we joyously recognize our pride in one

another.

Support for Gay Pride Week comes in the form of a unification of men and women from our gay community as well as contributions from our non-gay friends. The eagerness they have all displayed in helping our work indicates that the celebration may have started long before our June 21-29 schedule.

We offer our gratitude to these people and invite any interested persons to contact us soon. Meetings are held every Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. at 3409 Oak Lawn, Suite 207.

Each new volunteer brings us new talents and ideas, and it is just such resources that Dallas Gay Pride Week hopes to spotlight.

Sincerely,  
Dallas Gay Pride Week Committee

## Eligibility to Sign For Anderson in Contention

Persons voting in the May 3 Democratic Primary may not be eligible to sign the petition to place John Anderson's name on the ballot in Texas for the November presidential election.

The Texas Secretary of State has ruled that voters in the Republican Primary are not eligible, but those voting in the Democratic Primary may be eligible.

The Texas Attorney General has ruled, however, that those voting in the Democratic Primary are not eligible either. The final decision may be left to the courts.

Any person participating in a Democratic precinct convention in which that person indicated their Presidential preference is considered by some officials of the Democratic party to have participated in a "binding" primary. Thus, they are not eligible to sign the Anderson petition.

Gay delegates and alternates to the State Convention are advised not to sign the petitions since their eligibility to participate in the Democratic convention might be jeopardized.

## Love Too...

Gay love is not always a winner, at least not on the tennis court. It will take a higher score than that to play in the Gay Pride Week '80 Oak Lawn Tennis Association Invitational Tournament, Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29.

With an entry fee of \$5 per event, the tournament consists of men's and women's doubles, singles and mixed doubles. Trophies will be awarded in each category.

Housing and transportation for out-of-town players are being provided by OLTA. Maps to the tournament site at Samuel Grand Tennis Center are available.

Write OLTA Invitational, P. O. Box 50733, Dallas, TX 75250 for your application. For more information, call Bill Nelson 750-8041 or Doug Hall 622-7785.

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# GAY PRIDE WEEK

## Saturday, June 21st

OAK LAWN ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR - Butler's Pantry Too parking lot, 10 am - dusk.

CEDAR SPRINGS COMMUNITY CARNIVAL - Village Station parking lot, noon - 8 pm.

LESBIAN TASK FORCE CO-SEXUAL COFFEEHOUSE, 3107 Routh, (upstairs in the back) 8 pm. Childcare provided, \$1 donation.

RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS - Centennial Bldg., Fair Park. 9 pm - 1 am.  
\$3 advance/\$4 door. Free beer & soft drinks.

## Sunday, June 22nd

OAK LAWN ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR (same as above)

CEDAR SPRINGS COMMUNITY CARNIVAL (same as above)

## Monday, June 23rd

DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS & THIRD MONDAY, "Positively Lesbian - Gay Panel Discussion, Q & A" Wine & Cheese. First Unitarian Chapel 7:30 pm. \$1.

DALLAS LAMBDA BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT, the Conference Room, 7:30 pm.  
\$10 entry, \$2 spectator (benefits the Texas Gay Task Force).

## Tuesday, June 24th

GAYLINE/CRC presents "What the Butler Saw", New Arts Theatre at European Crossroads, 8 pm. \$7.50. Reception following. Call 748-6790 for tickets.

TURTLE CREEK CHORALE at Caruth Auditorium, SMU. 8 pm. Tickets \$2.50.

## Wednesday, June 25th

GAY ACADEMIC UNION/NORTH TEXAS, "We Were Everywhere: Lesbian & Gay Figures From the Past", 2502 Wycliff (at Maple). 7:30 pm. Refreshments. \$1.

## Thursday, June 26th

METROPLEX YOUNG ADULTS, VD Screening, 526-6825.

A DRAMATIC READING, NOW - Lesbian Task Force, 3107 Routh. Free. 742-6918.

## Friday, June 27th

GAY FILM FESTIVAL, presented by DGPC. 2701 Reagan. 7:30 pm. \$2.

## Saturday, June 28th

OAK LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT, 8 am.  
Samuel/Grand Tennis Center. 522-7785.

GAY FILM FESTIVAL, presented by DGPC. 2701 Reagan. 7:30 pm. \$2.

## Sunday, June 29th

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DALLAS GAY PRIDE PARADE, "The Round-up", 3 pm. Cash prizes!!!!  
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GAY PRIDE RALLY. Lee Park at conclusion of Parade.

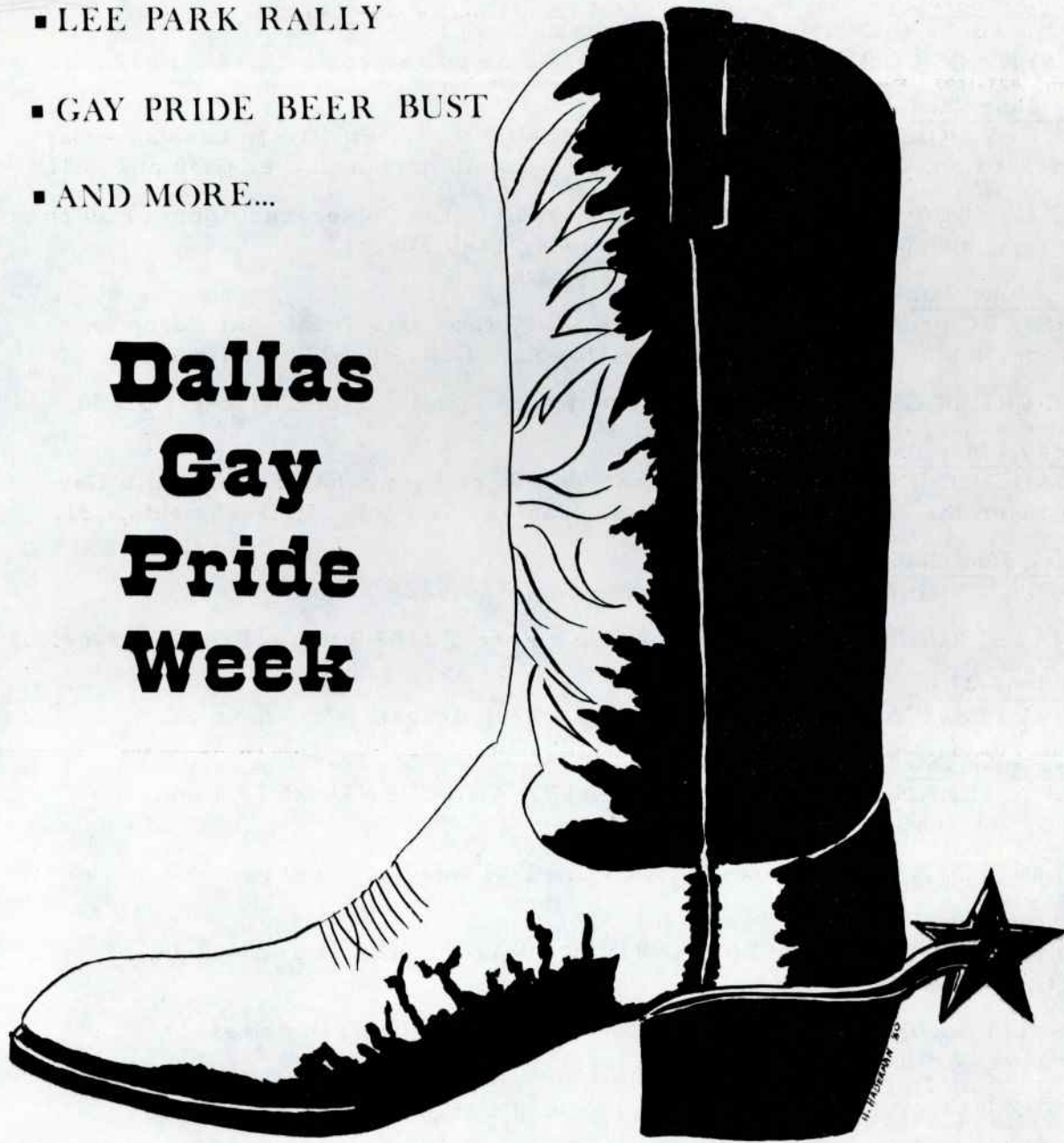
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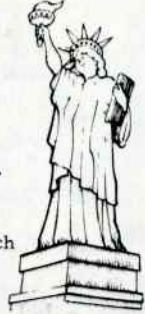


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## CALENDAR FOR JUNE



7. VOTE! See DGPC's endorsements. The polls are open from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.  
  
Walk for Charles Rose and Bob Collins. Headquarters at Ann Arbor and Marsailas. 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. 371-9855. Victory party at 7 p. m.  
  
"Liberty and Love - Gay Relationships and Christian Responsibilities" Metropolitan Community Church 2701 Reagan. Reverend Don Eastman. 7:30 p. m.
8. "Liberty and Love - Gay Relationships and Christian Responsibilities" MCC. 7:15 p. m. 526-6221.  
  
Dallas Gay Political Caucus' 1980 Volleyball teams practice every Sunday. Turtle Creek near the spillway. 2 p. m. 823-1093. Everyone welcome. Tournament coming in July.  
  
The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Sunday at noon at the Sameul/Grand Tennis Center. Everyone of all abilities welcome. Call Doug at 522-7785.
9. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS general meeting. Program: Gays and the Media. 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p. m. Everyone welcome. Social after the meeting.  
  
National Organization of Women business meeting. NOW office, 3107 Routh, upstairs. 8 p. m. 742-6918.
10. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday, DGPC office. 7:30 p. m. 826-7467.  
  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday, DGPC office. 9 p. m. 826-7467.  
  
Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) Mass held at MCC, 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p. m. 233-3100.
11. OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, DGPC office. 7:30 p. m. 528-4233.  
  
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, DGPC office. 8 p. m. 528-4233.  
  
GLAD (Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton). UMC - Maple & Avenue B. Newcomers welcome --students, townspeople, county residents. 7:30 p. m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-5176.
12. DIALOG staff meeting. 8 p. m. 363-9006.  
  
Metroplex Young Adults (17 and up) meet every Thursday. 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p. m.
13. The Rusty Warren show benefiting the Metropolitan Community Church's building fund. Granny's Dinner Theater. 10:30 p. m. 526-6221. Tickets \$9.50 in advance at MCC.
14. Women's Space (Lesbian Rights Task Force) Educational Forum, "Legal Information for Women and Lesbian Relations - Wills, Taxes, etc." NOW office, 3107 Routh, upstairs. 7:30 p. m. 742-6918.
15. DGPC BICYCLE CLUB meets in front of the Dallas Theatre Center on Turtle Creek. 10 a. m. 826-2362. Watch for handout at next DGPC meeting.
16. Gayline meets at 2502 Wycliff (at Maple), meeting hall. 7:30 p. m. 748-6790. Everyone welcome.
17. SPORTS PLANNING COMMITTEE meeting, DGPC office, 7 p. m. 528-4233.  
  
"I'm a 20th Century Christian - Does the Bible Have Any Relevance Today?" United Community Church. 4402 Roseland. Reverend C. Shawn Farrell. 7:30 p. m. 827-5088.
18. FINANCIAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE meeting, 3827 Gilbert #101. 8 p. m. 328-5559.  
  
Lesbian Rights Task Force meeting. NOW office, 3107 Routh, upstairs. 7:30 p. m. 742-6918.  
  
The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas, 2616 Swiss. 9 p. m. 821-1990.
19. FEMINEST TASK FORCE (Women's issues) meeting, DGPC office. 7:30 p. m. 528-4233.
20. State Democratic Convention in Austin. Call DGPC office for information. 528-4233.
21. State Democratic Convention in Austin.



21. GAY PRIDE WEEK begins. See Gay Pride Week calendar.
23. DIALOG deadline. Your comments and letters are welcome. Mail them to P.O. Box 5094; Richardson, Texas or drop them off at the Union Jack before 6:30 p. m.
24. Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) Mass at MCC. 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p. m. 233-3100.
25. SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE meeting. DGPC office. 8 p. m. Volunteers needed for exciting data-gathering project.  
GLAD meets in Denton. UMC - Maple & Avenue B. 7:30 p. m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.
28. Women's Space Coffee House. 8 p. m. 742-6918.
29. DIALOG Production Day. 2 p. m. till... 363-9006.
30. MCC Fellowship Follies, Granny's Dinner Theater. 526-6221.



**JULY**



1. Turtle Creek Chorale in concert. Caruth Auditorium at SMU. 8 p. m. 522-7813 or 821-3086. \$2. 50.
2. Pot Luck Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church. Good food with friends. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
3. MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's place. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p. m. 821-1653.
6. GAU/NT (Gay Academic Union of North Texas) meets the first Sunday of every month. 5:30 p. m. Call 691-0043 for place and program.
7. National Organization of Women meeting. NOW office, 3107 Routh, upstairs. 8 p. m. 742-6918.
9. SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, DGPC office. 8 p. m. 528-4233.
14. DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p. m. Social after the meeting.  
"C'mon Get Happy", Musical Review of Composer Harold Arlen. DGPC-Theatre III Champagne Party! Champagne at 6:30 p. m. Curtain at 8. Get your tickets early. We may have a turn away house.
16. Dallas Bar Owners Variety Show at the Landing, 2609 Pearl. 10 p. m.



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## Gay Pride Week Sum-Up

The fanfare is sounding over the upcoming 1980 Gay Pride Week celebration scheduled for June 21-29.

Gay Pride Week Committee members attribute the growing energy level to the unique goals to which the group is dedicated. Non-politically based and co-sexually staffed, the group adopted four primary objectives: to increase visibility, acceptance, and social assimilation of gay lifestyles; to develop the healthy, unrestricted pride of gay persons; to promote closer bonds of friendship and understanding between gay women and men; and to celebrate the abundant good in our gay identities and community.

Gay Pride Week-sponsored events include the second annual Oak Lawn Arts and Crafts Fair, the Cedar Springs Community Carnival, and "The Round-Up" Parade boasting floats and regalia in proud Texas fashion. A rally, beer bust and live entertainment follow to close the week's festivities.

Call Debbie Shaffer (651-1281) or Mickey Shanahan (522-6708) to find your spot in any of these events. The best seats aren't first row, they're in the wings and on the stage.

## Gay Round-Up

Whether your favorite Old West couple is Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid or Annie Oakley and Calamity Jane, you'll have the chance to see them ride again Sunday, June 29.

Members of the lesbian/gay community of Dallas, Fort Worth and Denton are invited to celebrate their pride as Americans, Texans, lesbians and gays in quest of human rights by participating in the "Round-Up" Gay Pride Parade.

Approximately 6,000 people are expected, along with floats, marching bands, and vintage cars to make this year's parade an event to remember.

Judging will take place to award four \$100 cash prizes to winners in the following categories: best float, best vintage car, best organizational representation and best representation of traditional western.

Phil Johnson, a persistent gay activist, will serve as parade marshall again this year. Flanked by four flag bearers, two men and two women, Johnson will lead the parade from its starting point near Throckmorton and Cedar Springs to the Arlington Mansion at Lee Park.

So grab your hat and spurs for the first officially recognized gay parade in the history of the city.

## Turtle Music to be Heard

The men of the Turtle Creek Chorale will be presenting a pair of concerts at Caruth Auditorium at Southern Methodist University on two consecutive Tuesday evenings, June 24 and July 1, at 8.

The performances, scheduled to coincide with Gay Pride Week, will feature a varied selection of music from the works of Scarlatti, Bach, and some popular works such as the traditional American song "Shenandoah."

Admission price for the concerts is \$2.50. Tickets may be purchased from Chorale members and will also be available at Union Jack, The Emporium, Butler's Pantry Too, and Lobo Book Store.

Following the concerts at SMU, the Chorale will begin preparing for a series of benefit performances at the historic Trinity Methodist Church in the fall.

The 75-member choral group was delighted when it was asked to repeat its Sunday, May 18, afternoon program at Thanksgiving Square in order to accommodate the overflow crowd. That success has resulted in the Chorale being invited to return to Thanksgiving Square to perform in an outdoor concert later this year.

Men with musical training and without comprise the chorus. Some of the singers earn their livings as church organists and choir directors; and others work as medical technicians, insurance claims adjusters, and warehousemen just to name a few of the occupations.

The Turtle Creek Chorale was organized in February, 1980, and are already being praised as a group that could have been singing together for years because of the excellence of their work.

## Gammons Alight

Not all loving cups are won with muscle and sweat. Dallas Lambda, a non-political organization of lesbians and gay men, offers the sedate sports-person a chance to shine at the Gay Pride Week Amateur Backgammon Tournament, Monday, June 23, at 7:30 p.m.

The Conference Room, 4548 McKinney, has donated its facilities for the event as well as proceeds from the door. Lambda is offering the tournament as a fundraiser for the Texas Gay Task Force lobby efforts.

Amateur level competition offers everyone a chance at the silver-plated champagne bucket as first prize or any of the remaining trophies for the runners-up.

A \$10 entry fee is asked of competitors and \$2 at the door for spectators. Applications for players must be completed prior to the tournament date.

For applications or more information, contact Lambda representatives Hardy Haberman or Mickey Shanahan at 522-6708.

## 3rd Monday Series Begins "Positively"

by David Amidon

A new forum series for the gay/lesbian community will begin on Monday, June 23, during Gay Pride Week in Dallas.

The topic for the first program will be "Positively Gay/Lesbian" with panelists Ila Davies, Buzz Tucker, Sher Harnish and Steve Wilkins. The program will be held in the Chapel Room of the Unitarian Church located at Preston Road at Normandy at 7:30 p.m.

The Third Monday forum series is sponsored by the Education Committee of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus and is aimed at providing the gay community with a regular, in-depth series of programs. The purpose is not only to provide information and discussion about issues important to the gay/lesbian individual, but also to provide a means for social interaction.

A wine and cheese social will precede the program.

Tickets priced at \$1 will be available at the June DGPC meeting, as well as at the door the evening of June 23.

Future program topics will include: Coming Out, Relationships, The Healthy Gay, The Aging Gay. Suggestions for program topics or speakers are invited and should be submitted to the Education Committee.

## GAU Toots Roots

As part of the Dallas Gay Pride Week '80 celebration, the Gay Academic Union, North Texas Chapter (GAU/NT), will present "We Were Everywhere," a program on lesbian and gay male figures from the past.

The figures discussed will be chosen to suggest something of the variety of contributions that lesbians and gays have made to the record of human achievement, contributions which often have been hidden by silence about or distortion of the evidence for these figures' sexuality.

The aim of the program is twofold: to inform our community about the work of recovering the sense of our own achievements and to celebrate lesbian/gay creativity and power.

The format for evening's presentation will be the same as that of last year's Gay Pride Week program in which a panel of GAU/NT members discussed contemporary lesbian/gay fiction.

"We Were Everywhere" will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, at 2505 Wycliff with a reception and social hour to follow. A donation of \$1 is requested to cover the cost of the light refreshments (wine, cheese, soft drinks) served at the reception.

## Texans Testify in Houston For Gay Rights

Former Texas State Senator Joe Bernal and Bettie Naylor testified recently in Houston before the National Democratic Party's Platform Committee. Their testimony was presented as part of the year-long effort of the National Convention Project to win adoption of gay rights planks in the Democratic and Republican parties.

San Antonio resident Bettie Naylor chairs the local Bexar County Women's Political Caucus and serves on the Texas Women's Political Caucus Policy Council. She was the lobbyist for gay issues during the 66th session of the Texas legislature.

Naylor sees her commitment to women's issues, civil liberties, and gay/lesbian civil rights to be completely compatible and she told the Platform Committee that the Women's Plan of Action and the National Women's Political Caucus pledge support for full human and civil rights for lesbians and gay men.

She also cited the recently released survey by the Gay Rights National Lobby (the Washington Lobby) and the National Gay Task Force on the political impact of supporting gay rights. The survey reveals only one case in the last decade where support of gay rights lost a politician his/her job. (That case occurred more than six years ago in Boulder, Colorado—well before gays had organized politically.)

The report tells the success story of the Gay Political Caucus in Houston. Naylor said, "Gays and lesbians in Dallas, San Antonio, and Austin have had significant impact in local elections and have successfully elected some 100 delegates statewide to the Democratic State Convention. Texas gays are recognized nationwide as one of the most organized and successful in the country."

Naylor concluded by reminding the committee that thousands of gay Americans have invested much of themselves in the Democratic Party. Gays and lesbians nationwide should be encouraged to support the party this fall. The Platform Committee should give them the encouragement by adopting a strong, unequivocal gay rights plank.

Bernal also urged the committee's support of the civil rights of gay Americans. He explained, "I am here because I think the issue of gay rights involves a principle that all of us should support. The principle is that no American should be denied equality before the law just because he or she is somehow 'different'."

Bernal then discussed the president's record on gay rights.

"Since 1976 the White House staff has been meeting for the first time with gay people to hear their concerns," he said. "The Internal Revenue Service no longer discriminates against qualified gay organizations by refusing to grant them charit-

## May Meeting Synopsis

After the preliminaries--call to order, caucus welcome and Secretary's and Treasurer's reports--the meeting began with an extensive Political Action Committee (PAC) report (see "Project '80 Begins to Pay-off" page 1.).

Co-chair Keller presented a rundown of DGPC endorsed candidates wins and losses.

President Baker then summarized Project '80, relating it to these recent political accomplishments.

During the Social Justice report, Director Read related that lawyer Vincent Perini has agreed to proceed with the Doug Greesom case for 1/3 the original asked fee.

In 1979, Public Lewdness cases lodged numbered 401. Of these only 15 involved women. Read, a statistician by profession, pointed to these figures as evidence for obvious discrimination against gays and encouraged all members to call their City Council member to support the Police Civilian Review Board.

A march in support of the ERA is planned by the National Organization for Women (NOW) to be held in Springfield, Ill. Linda Lopez, of Women's Concerns committee, gave details.

Nominations for the election of 4 Director's positions to be held in June were conducted by Director Mike Williams. At this election the positions will be elected at large (rather than by position as in prior elections).

A motion, presented by Director Tebedo, to establish a committee to study the feasibility of hiring a full time salaried Executive Director to staff the business office was passed.

After a report from Legal Concerns regarding District Attorney Henry Wade's

recent "Judge Shopping" shenanigans and censure, Director Read presented a resolution concerning the inability of DA Henry Wade to perform his legal functions. After much debate and numerous amendments, a compromise resolution was passed.

Jerry Miller announced a planned study on aging and its relation to the gay community. He asked for volunteers to participate: call the DGPC phone # and leave name and phone number.

The membership debated at great length a motion to publicize (via press conference) the recent gay victories in Democratic Party delegate elections. An amended motion to limit publicity to a press release to the gay community only was finally passed.

A petition is being circulated among the residents in the neighborhood of the "Cruise Route" concerning the conduct of transient persons in the area. The petition, which was presented to the meeting, will be presented to the City Council.

Despite the lateness of the meeting at this point the membership fended off a motion to postpone the planned program and listened to a presentation (arranged by Women's Concerns) on the status of the ERA by Joan Lentz, an IBM executive and past president of NOW. Women's Concerns' Teri Chandler then urged the membership to contact the Illinois State Legislature urging ratification of ERA.

As the meeting drew to a close a final resolution to send an official response to the CBS TV pseudo-documentary "Gay Power, Gay Politics" was presented by Marc Wussler and approved by the membership. (see "DGPC Response to CBS Special").

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

## Big Top Hits The Blacktop

The Dallas Gay Pride Week Committee plans to energize your sense of celebration this year with the first Cedar Springs Community Carnival.

Area gay organizations and businesses will recreate the spirit of the big-top the weekend of June 21-22 on the Village Station parking lot (4001 Cedar Springs) from noon until 8 p. m. both days.

Your favorite carnival games are offered for fundraising while you try winning that stuffed alligator that was so elusive on last year's midway.

Save your money for a weekend of fun as you try your luck at the Hanky Panky, One Ringee-Dingee and Anita's Bushel Bungle, to name a few. Dress up as your favorite "antique" person at the Old Time Photo Parlour or go "high-tech" at the Face Painting booth.

Join your brothers and sisters on the make-believe midway in celebration of Gay Pride Week '80.

able status, the Bureau of Prisons no longer seizes legitimate gay literature and the Peace Corps and the Agency for International Development no longer exclude gay people from foreign service."

Naylor gave the committee copies of a detailed survey of voter attitudes on gay rights. The survey suggests that support for civil rights of gay Americans would not be a serious liability for the Democratic Party in 1980.

Ms. Naylor concluded, "I would like to urge this committee to continue the fine work on gay rights that the Carter administration has begun, and to urge this committee to continue the long past record of the Democratic Party in representing those who have not been included or represented in the democratic process."

# VICTORY FOR PROJECT 80

By Don Baker, President DGPC

Whenever a long-distance runner crosses the finish line as a first-place winner, the crowds and the victor usually are caught up in a frenzy of excitement, jubilation, and celebration. What joy for that person who had put weeks and months of training into the victory to feel that ribbon brush across his or her chest before the others, knowing that he or she was the best in that particular event!

An analogy can be made to the recent victory of the gay community of Dallas on May 3. On that day hundreds of gay men and women turned out at the polls to support candidates endorsed by "United For Equal Rights" (Political Action Committee of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus) and attended precinct meetings to elect gay delegates to the senatorial conventions. After all the results were tabulated our community had indeed won a major victory in the political arena of our county. By now most everyone has heard about our "numbers" and has been celebrating for the last two weeks. I think it is important, though, for us to stop for a moment and evaluate the results of our successes. First of all, it is imperative to reconstruct the events leading up to May 3. Like the winning runner who had prepared himself or herself for a race, the DGPC had begun planning and strategy sessions for our victory back in January. Our success just didn't happen by chance.

It happened because a lot of dedicated people registered new voters on cold and wet nights outside of bars, on Sunday mornings at churches, and walked their neighborhoods in the evenings and Saturdays back in January, February, and March. It happened because of the support of the bar owners, members of the Dallas Alliance of Individual Rights (DAIR) and community churches. It happened because of the support and publicity offered by This Week in Texas (TWT) and the Metro Times. It happened because of the many hours Cobb Keller and Rob Arnold spent in indentifying the gay vote across the county.

It happened because Bill Nelson and the members of the education committee put together brochures, a slide presentation on "Project 80", and produced other pertinent literature to educate and inform our community about what was happening. It happened because of the hours Terry Tebedo and the members of the Public Relations committee spent in publicizing our efforts. It happened because Marcus Lerro, Jim Rober's, Mike Williams, Jim Williams, Dick Weaver, and Campbell Read gave up personal time to organize their respective committees to assist in the mailing, phoning, and other tasks that had to be done to be the winners we were.

For five months the board of Directors and the officers of the Caucus demonstrated outstanding leadership in this critical time

of our existence. Furthermore, our successes were guaranteed because of the political advice and expertise of Dr. Louise Young, Viv Armstrong and Al Calkin by arranging our strategies at the conventions.

Secondly, it is important that members of the Caucus understand the importance of the "numbers" aspect of our victories (number of precinct chairpersons elected, number of gay people who attended precinct meetings, number of gay people who voted, number of delegates elected to the senatorial conventions, and number of delegates elected to the state conventions). In the political arena of our city, county, state and nation a significant amount of emphasis is placed on "numbers".

The liberals must have more people than the conservatives to become delegates. The Moral Majority and Christian Voice must have more people and more money to influence congressment to vote thier way. Blacks and Mexican-Americans point to "numbers" whenever they are trying to get a presidential candidate to listen to them.

The gay community did not make up this rule about the "numbers game." What we have done however, is to learn the rules of political institutions, to play them, and evidently to have won by them.

We are now in a bargaining position to influence the other institutions (religious, economic, social, academic, etc.) to listen to our concerns. Every student of political science knows that for one group to make the impressions it needs on other groups it must bargain from a position of strength. Some may call this tactic threatening; others may call it realistic. What we have demonstrated is that gay men and women can indeed organize themselves to affect social change to benefit their vital interests and issues.

Thirdly, enough cannot be said about those who participated in this project either by voting or by attending a precinct meeting who had never been a part of the gay rights movement. Whether they realized it, the movement they committed themselves to vote on May 3 or to become a delegate they automatically became an activist. While that term may have been foreign to many gay people before, it is now a reality and a sign of progress. No longer could these people let only a few stand up and affirm the dignity of lesbians and gay males. They had to say it for themselves and my, oh my, did they ever say it!

We have every reason to be proud of our accomplishments. We worked hard, and now we should savor the rewards. We have an obligation to share these results with our friends and neighbors. We should let them know that we are a proud people, a concerned community, men and women who are willing to make the sacrifice to acquire our rightful place in society. I hope the spirit of Project '80 never dies. It was a glorious victory! We can never go back to where we were.

# Neighborhood Fights Cruise Traffic

By David Amidon

A peaceful and quiet neighborhood during the day becomes a bumper-to-bumper cruising mecca after dark in Dallas.

The cruise area, bounded by Welborn, Hood, Congress and Brown in Oak Lawn has existed for several years and has become increasingly annoying to the residents in the area.

The cruise route was in the Lee Park area but drifted into the Sale Street portion of the neighborhood in the early 70's after a night curfew was put into effect for the parks to deal with drug trafficking. According to residents in the area, later it began to drift deeper into the neighborhood.

Residents complained of noise from passers-by, congestion at intersections, loitering in yards, people gathering at street corners, strewn beer cans, and sexual encounters in vacant lots in the area and in apartment washrooms. A sexual encounter between two men in a washroom was seen by a woman resident and triggered a petition by nearly 100 residents --many of whom are gay--resulting in a meeting of more than 60 residents in May to discuss the problem.

City Councilman Steve Bartlett and a representative for Ricardo Medrano were present, as were representatives of the Traffic Department and Police Traffic. The Traffic Department already had made a study of the problem in the fall of 1979 at the request of area residents, under the sponsorship of the Oak Lawn Citizens Committee.

The plan to counter the cruising which was unanimously accepted by the Oak Lawn residents present at the May meeting, will provide for a series of No Left and No Right turn signs at key intersections throughout the neighborhood. The signs should make it impossible to complete a cruise circuit.

The police have indicated that they will enforce the sign ordinance, which should go into effect in early June. In the case of similar efforts to control cruise traffic in Houston, police enforcement was vigorous and resulted in numerous tickets being issued. Within two months the cruise traffic had totally ended and shifted to another area of the city, which apparently is non-residential.

Police who patrol the Oak Lawn area told residents that they have been unable to do anything about the cruise traffic since residents complaints about noise, loitering and other related incidents must be witnessed by the patrol officer. The new signs would allow the patrolling officer to monitor anyone violating the no-turn signs and ticket them.

Non-gay residents at the meeting stressed that this was not an anti-gay issue, and gay residents agreed that the neighborhood always has been very harmonious in its gay/non-gay expressed concern about potential harrassment of cruisers, but they felt that the problem had become so awkward that something had to be done. A resident read the neighborhood petition to the DGPC at its May meeting seeking input and assuring that the plan was not an anti-gay effort.

## DGPC Sends it to CBS

Dear CBS News,

We wish to express a sense of outrage at certain aspects of the program "GAY POWER - GAY POLITICS", aired by CBS on Saturday, April 26 last.

The program presented a distorted picture of gay life, even as it affects politics; its purpose seemed to be to frighten viewers and to isolate gay people in American society. Evidence that your program has had such an effect has arisen in telephone calls which we have received. One caller said that he was straight, but had some gay friends, and until April 26 he had supported the aspirations of his gay friends to obtain equality in civil rights. Now, however, your program had changed his support to distaste, because you had convinced him that most gay men are involved in public sex in city parks and are heavily into sadomasochism.

We do not have to tell you how far from the truth such a thesis is; yet you consciously permitted this thesis to permeate the program and to become its main thrust.

The emphasis in the program on bizarre costumes was indicative of irresponsible journalism. Gay men do not spend their leisure hours in a perpetual Mardi Gras Carnival. Where were the committed homosexual couples, seen at home or at work in conventional occupations, and engaged in philanthropic enterprises for the benefit of

all of San Francisco? These gay men are infinitely more significant for gay politics than park people or S & M fans, if only because they are so many more in number. We submit that your lack of attention to them was deliberate.

There is the Advocate Experience, for example. Gays in San Francisco visited 15 old people's homes over the Christmas holidays, entertained the old people, gave them gifts, decorated their Christmas trees and sang carols for them.

This is relevant to gay politics because an increase in gay power could lead to an increase in community activities of this kind. Your omission of any such positive aspect of gay politics in San Francisco contributed to the bias and distortion in the documentary.

The results of your efforts for some gays may be more police harassment, employment discrimination, more injustice in the courts, more 'queer-baiting' and more rejection by family and friends. We wish to assure you, however, that so long as the Dallas Gay Political Caucus has anything to do with it, the movement to obtain our civil rights on the same basis as everybody else will not be stopped by CBS or anyone else.

Yours,  
Campbell B. Read, Board Member

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gay friends within the Democratic Party." Dr. Young said.

"The next step," PAC co-chair Cobb Keller stated, "is the Texas State Democratic convention in San Antonio on June 21-21." More than 60 gay delegates and alternates (compared to 6 in 1978) were elected from the Dallas area, about 50 from the Houston area and an aggregate of 30 from Denton, Tarrant, Grayson, Travis and Bexar Counties.

Keller said, "Pre-meetings have already been held, the first in Austin, on May 17, hosted by the Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas (LGDT), where 14 North Texas delegates attended."

State Democratic convention goals for LGDT are: to elect openly lesbian/gay delegates to the National convention, to elect supportive non-gay delegates, to work for passage of resolutions to repeal Section 21.06 and to support a national "gay rights bill" and to inform and educate the entire state convention.

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necessary for one's self-liberation to "come out of the closet" and openly proclaim oneself gay. Such militancy forced the public, which had previously chosen to ignore the phenomenon, to recognize the existence of vast numbers of gays in our society; and it undoubtedly made it possible for many gays in the establishment to come out publicly during the 1970s.

The years since Stonewall have seen the radical movement for gay liberation evolve into the present movement for gay rights. Militancy has declined, and many gays, such as those in Dallas, have concluded that they are most likely to achieve their rights by working within the existing system. The feelings of gay pride and gay identification, however, remain as a permanent legacy.

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about the actions of others. They then proceeded to organize the plans for an all-city party unlike anything Dallas ever had seen before.

Twenty-two sponsors were lined up who agreed to contribute \$100 each and unlimited time and talent. After three weeks, many phone calls and meetings and a lot of footwork, Razzle Dazzle Dallas became a reality.

If nothing else, the event proved what the resources of the gay community can produce in a short amount of time when the situation calls for it.

Razzle Dazzle Dallas proved considerable, however, more than our ability to pull off a successful party. Three thousand people showed that they were ready for Dallas to come together, for Dallas to begin thinking in a big way, and for Dallas to take its place as an exciting place for gays to live.

That Razzle Dazzle spirit has continued and grown and is evident in many other of the successes that the gay community has experienced this year. Our confidence in that spirit can be seen in our plans to print 7,500 tickets for this year's Razzle Dazzle Dallas and to plan for an overflow crowd from all over the country.

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# C'MON GET HAPPY

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Following the tradition that began in 1976, Theatre 3 will conclude this season with the world premiere of its new musical salute.



# Convention Termed "A Success"

There is both good news and bad from the Texas Democratic Party Convention, held in San Antonio June 20-21. The good news: five identifiable gay Texans were chosen as delegates and alternates to the national convention in the Big Apple. Caucus members Al Calkin and Louise Young will be travelling to New York in August as alternates-at-large: Calkin for Kennedy, Young for Carter.

The bad news: both resolutions pertaining to gay concerns (one favoring repeal of Texas Penal Code, section 21.06 and the other favoring passage of a national gay rights bill) were tabled when brought to the floor of the convention, despite being reported out favorably from

the convention Resolutions committee in their majority report.

Bill Nelson, Caucus Director and a delegate from the 16th senatorial district, sees more good news in store for the gay men and lesbians in Texas. He believes that the resolution to repeal section 21.06 (which criminalizes "homosexual conduct") will be voted out favorably at the second state Democratic convention scheduled in Houston for September.

"This marks the first time that we've even gotten the thing out of committee," Nelson said, "and we were confident the assembly would adopt the majority report. I guess we were just a little too sure of ourselves."

Two years ago the resolution came to the floor as a minority report and received only 200 votes. This year it was tabled after a voice vote and a roll-call vote 2,073 nay to 1,692 yea. The national gay rights resolution, also in the majority report, lost on a voice vote. Nelson blames the rural areas of the state for the defeat: "the cities were solidly behind us in this thing."

The tabling of the 21.06 resolution permits the issue to be recalled at the September convention.

Nelson said that "Dallas gays definitely took a leadership role at the convention. Most of our task was delegating authority, but we certainly took charge in getting gay issues on the floor. Though there were identifiable gay factions from San Antonio, Fort Worth and Denton, the Dallas, Houston and Austin gays controlled the gay elements of the convention."

Pointing to what he saw as a new spirit of cooperation among the gay groups throughout Texas, Nelson said that it was one which will enable gay leaders to lobby supportive groups from across the state at the September confab. "We'll be assembling press packets and sending them as well as thank you letters to all the delegations that supported our cause in San Antonio," Nelson said. "We find most of our opposition still comes through ignorance, and we're committed to making these people realize that gay oppression is human oppression."

Stated Nelson, "We had so many gay and lesbian delegates--50% more than two years ago-- that we had a voice on the floor for the first time. We also had voices in the committees, that's what helped push our issues through. We just have to work harder the next time."

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### THE GAVEL RAPS

By Don Baker

"Gay Pride" is not a cliché to me. To be gay and proud begins with me as an individual. I recognize that I am an "OK person". I am not defective because of my sexual orientation. I also recognize the tremendous progress we have made as a movement locally as well as nationally. I would like to mention a few examples.

Gay Pride Week, 1980, occurs after our tremendous success with "Project 80" getting over fifteen hundred gay people registered. Many of them voted, and politicians in Dallas County had to take notice of the new political clout of gay power.

On the national level gay rights has been greatly advanced by voices of support from the political camps of Carter, Kennedy and Anderson. It seems a probability that support for the gay rights bill might be a plank in the 1980 Democratic Party platform. Additionally, President Carter's appointment of Congressman Abner Mikva, a long-time sponsor of the Gay Rights Bill before the House of Representatives, to a federal judgeship is a most significant step. An appointment to such a powerful position for a friend of gay rights is an important development for both now and the future.

Finally, I feel so much pride as I observe the constructive lives so many lesbians and gay men are leading. Many Oak Lawn businesses, homes and condominiums are thriving because of our contributions. It could be said we homosexuals are model citizens. Not only have we contributed to the growing tax base of Dallas and its school system through our burgeoning prosperity, but also very few of us have children in the schools which depend on our taxes for support. That's all right with us. Most of us are as proud to be good citizens as we are proud to be gay.

### Help Wanted

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: persons with experience and/or interest in writing. The Dialog staff needs people who can write, type or have experience with layout and graphic design. Please contact Ed Wendt at 363-9006 or R. W. Arnold at 528-4233.

### GAYS BE ALERTED

Gay legislative aides in Washington, acting as social barometers, are urging immediate action in the gay community to combat what could be an anti-gay movement in Congress.

Steve Endean of Gay Rights National Lobby who advised the Leadership of the Caucus about this exact problem earlier, predicts that bills will be introduced this summer and fall that could sanction discrimination against homosexual/lesbian Americans. The lobby further says that, "It is likely the bills will pass, due to the current conservative political climate." Endean hopes that a tremendous outpouring of constituent pressure can halt such action.

Christian Voice, one of the major anti-gay lobbies in Congress, has been discussing the possibilities of bills and amendments to current legislative for some time. They apparently feel that a roll-call vote on such legislation could be used against pro-gay elected officials in November.

Although it is difficult to predict what legislation would be the vehicle for an (See ALERT on Page 4.)

### From the Directors Theatre 3-Meeting

#### Conflict

President Don Baker announced, after a straw-vote indicated the majority of those present at the June general meeting were not planning to see the July 14th Theatre 3 premiere of "C'mon Get Happy", that the coinciding July 14th general Caucus meeting would be held as scheduled and that members would need to choose between the 2 functions.

In related news the Board of Directors has announced that Theatre 3 and DGPC have nearly finalized an agreement to collaborate on at least seven productions in the coming year. This will allow interested gays and lesbians to purchase Theatre 3--DGPC Premiere Season Tickets as well as the individual show tickets as are currently available.

Financial Resources Chair Jay Stankiewicz said, "We expect to finalize negotiations within the next few weeks and announce season ticket prices at about the same time that Theatre 3 announces its next year's season."

Stankiewicz also stated that the premieres will fall on Saturday nights instead of the Monday nights as has been the case in the past.

# LORENA HICKOK:

## Lesbian in the White House

Until recently, the name of Lorena Hickok was known to only a small number of scholars as a minor official of the federal government and of the national Democratic party during the presidential administrations of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Then, last year came sensational revelations.

The public learned of an extensive correspondence that had passed between Lorena Hickok and Franklin Roosevelt's wife, Eleanor; correspondence full of very intimate language and even containing suggestions of a lesbian relationship between the two women. Earlier this year Doris Faber published a book about the relationship.

Lorena Hickok was a top news reporter for the Associated Press who was assigned to cover FDR's first campaign for the presidency in 1932, she was then thirty-nine years old, some 8 years younger than Mrs. Roosevelt. Between FDR's nomination for the presidency in the summer of 1932 and his election the following November, Hickok and Eleanor Roosevelt became close friends.

Thus, we find Eleanor Roosevelt writing the following to Hickok on the very day after she moved into the White House: "Hick my dearest, I cannot go to bed tonight without a word to you. I felt a little as though a part of me was leaving tonight, you have grown so much to be a part of my life that it is empty without you even though I'm busy every minute." A day later, Mrs. Roosevelt's letter refers to a phone conversation that the two women have had earlier in the day; Eleanor's 25 year old son, James, was near the telephone, and so, she writes, "I couldn't say je t'aime et je t'adore (I love you and I adore you) as I longed to do but always always remember I am saying it and that I go to sleep thinking of you."

A day later, from Mrs. Roosevelt: "Oh! I want to put my arms around you, I ache to hold you close. Your ring is a great comfort. I look at it and think she does love me or I wouldn't be wearing it!" Two days later: "My pictures are nearly all up and I have you in my sitting room where I can look at you most of my waking hours! I can't kiss you so I kiss your picture goodnight and good morning!... My dear, if you meet me may-I forget there are other people present or must I behave? I shall want to hug you to death. I can hardly wait! A world of love to you and goodnight and God bless you 'light of my life.'"

Later the same year, Hickok writes to Mrs. Roosevelt from the Midwest: "I've been trying

# LESBIAN PERSPECTIVE

## Heterosexist Ideology: A Common Problem

(Editor's Note: With this July, 1980, issue a new column is introduced devoted to lesbian and feminist concerns. We hope the column will be a regular one, and we welcome all ideas and contributions.)

By Alfreda Wright

A lesbian is a female homophile. (The word "homosexual" implies sex and some lesbians have chosen not to be sexually involved.) She is a woman who prefers other women on an emotional, social, psychological, sometimes political, and sexual level.

Lesbianism is political (feminism). Whether or not the woman is conscious of the implications of her choice, lesbianism is political in the sense that it deviates from society's institutions and the ideology of male supremacy. Lesbianism and feminism involve women loving and supporting women and women revolting against the alleged supremacy of men and the patriarchal institutions that attempt to control women.

This lesbian-feminist theory is radical in the sense that it rejects male-centered society and institutions which are built on exploitative hierarchies such as man over

today to bring back your face--to remember just how you look... Most clearly I remember your eyes, with a kind of teasing smile in them, and the feeling of that soft spot just northeast of the corner of your mouth against my lips. I wonder what we'll do when we meet--what we'll say.... I want to put my arms around you and kiss you at the corner of your mouth. And in a little more than a week now--I shall!"

This sort of correspondence between the two women went on for years with each one writing to the other nearly every day. They took trips together during the 1930's; and during the early 1940's, Hickok actually lived at the White House.

This remarkable correspondence raises 2 main questions. First, was Lorena Hickok a lesbian? The evidence is pretty conclusive that she was. In her teens, she was compelled to work as a domestic servant, but she acquired some education and ultimately achieved success as a journalist.

Journalism was a man's world. Hickok got along well with her male colleagues--she was even a football reporter for a time--but she developed no romantic interest in men and sought instead the companionship of other women.

woman, over nature, over slaves, over workers, over country. Lesbian feminism is a critique of heterosexism--the institution an ideological domination of heterosexuality as a fundamental part of male supremacy. This is not to imply that all lesbians are politically active or that they adhere to lesbian-feminist theory.

Heterosexism, or so-called male supremacy, is at the root of gay oppression just as it is at the root of woman/lesbian oppression. In heterosexist ideology, a gay man is no longer a man. He has supposedly taken on female characteristics--passiveness, weakness, dependency. He has debased himself. Therefore, this heterosexist ideology allows its perpetrators to beat and harass gay men because they are "like" women. In this writer's view, gay men and women/lesbians have a common problem, i.e., heterosexist ideology.

Some of society's institutions are based on the idea that every woman either is or wants to be bonded to a man both economically and emotionally. Some of society's institutions depend on the idea that heterosexuality is both the natural and the superior form of human sexuality. These assumptions--the ideology of heterosexism--help to maintain the institutional oppression of (See PERSPECTIVE on Page 4.)

Her "unfeminine" appearance and manner, however, put off many people; and she had few close friends, with the result that she experienced much loneliness and considerable emotional instability. It is obvious why she threw herself into the relationship with Eleanor Roosevelt after the First Lady had befriended her. Without question, Lorena Hickok was deeply in love with Eleanor Roosevelt and, indeed, idolized her.

Throughout the course of her life, Hickok had several relationships with women that strongly suggest her lesbianism. The clearest example is her friendship in the 1940's with Marion Harron, a woman whom FDR had appointed a judge in the United States Tax Court. Many of Judge Harron's letters to Hickok have survived and they imply that the friendship was a consciously lesbian one and that it was sexually consummated. But, of course, such evidence does not prove that the relationship between Hickok and Eleanor Roosevelt was of the same nature.

(Watch the next issue of *Dialog* for the answer to the second, and probably more interesting, question: Was Eleanor Roosevelt also a lesbian?)

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### JULY



SQUARE DANCERS! Men and women (beginner, intermediate, advance) interested in starting a gay Square Dance Club. Call 522-7785.

6 The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Sunday. 10 a.m. Samuel/Grand Tennis Center. Everyone welcome. 522-7785.

Dallas Gay Political Caucus' 1980 Volleyball teams practice every Sunday. 2 p.m. Turtle Creek near the spillway. 823-1093.

Agape! Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Service at 11 a.m. Pot Luck Supper at 6 p.m. 2336 Hemphill. 926-2976.

Dallas Motorcycle Club meets every Sunday. 1 p.m. Hidden Door. 5025 Bowser. 526-9211.

7 National Organization of Women meeting. 8 p.m. NOW office, 3107 Routh, upstairs. 742-6918.

8 Turtle Creek Chorale will rehearse and audition new singers at 7 p.m. Rehearsal room at SMU Owen Fine Arts Center. P.O. Box 19806; Dallas, Texas 75219 or call 821-3086.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday, DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 826-7467.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday, DGPC office. 9 p.m. 826-7467.

Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) mass held at MCC, 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m. 233-3100.

9 OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, DGPC office. 8 p.m. 528-4233.

10 DIALOG staff meeting. 8 p.m. 363-9006.

Metroplex Young Adults (17 and up) meet every Thursday. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan.

FEMINIST TASK FORCE (Women's issues) meeting, DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

Oak Lawn Marching Band meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Musicians wanted. Call 526-3197 or 521-3331.

12 Oak Lawn Volleyball Association tournament. All day near the Turtle Creek spillway. 823-1093.

13 GAU/NT (Gay Academic Union of North Texas). 5:30 p.m. Discussion, Plato's Symposium and Phaedrus. 691-0043 for details.

Black Gospel Singers will perform for the Agape! MCC in Ft. Worth. 11 a.m. 2336 Hemphill. 926-2976.

14 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. Everyone welcome. Social after the meeting.

"C'mon Get Happy", Musical Review of Composer Harold Arlen. DGPC-Theatre III Champagne Party! Champagne at 6:30 p.m. Curtain at 8 p.m. Get your tickets early. We may have a turn away house.

15 Turtle Creek Chorale rehearsal. 7 p.m. Rehearsal room at SMU Owen Fine Arts Center. 821-3086.

16 FINANCIAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE meeting. 8 p.m. 3827 Gilbert #101. 328-5559.

The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas, 2616 Swiss. 9 p.m. 821-1990.

GLAD (Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton) meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at UMC - Maple & Avenue B. Newcomers welcome --students, townspeople, county residents. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-5176.

18 Branding Iron second anniversary Barn Dance and Barbeque Party. Applications at Tex's Ranch. 4117 Maple. 526-9302.

20 Dallas Metropolitan Community Church's tenth anniversary celebration. Founder Rob Shivers and all previous pastors will be honored. The MCC Concert Choir and Orchestra will perform. 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.





- 21 MCC Dallas will roast Reverend Troy Perry at the Holiday Inn Central. Dinner and cash bar. Call 526-6221 for tickets and details.  
Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meet every third Monday at 7:30 p.m. YWCA, 4621 Ross.  
Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) mass held at MCC, 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m. 233-3100.
- 24 United Community Church workshop, "Conflict? Contract?". Facilitators, Wyndi Warren and Sally Stansbury. 7:30 p.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088. Reverend C. Shawn Farrell.
- 27 GAU/NT meeting. 5:30 p.m. Discussion, Dover, Greek Homosexuality. 691-0043 for time and place.  
Dallas Gay Political Caucus' Bicycle club will meet at the White Rock Lake spillway (off Garland Road) at 10 a.m. Call Mike at 826-2362.  
United Community Church's Ice Cream Social. 6 p.m. 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.
- 28 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS open board of directors and committee heads meeting. Everyone welcome. 7:30 p.m.  
MCC's Fellowship Follies perform at Grannie's Dinner Theater at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets, \$7.00. 526-6221.
- 30 DIALOG deadline. Comments and letters welcome. P.O. Box 5094, Richardson, Texas or Union Jack, 3918 Cedar Springs.  
GLAD Pot Luck Dinner. Call (817) 387-8216 for details.
- 31 "Boys In The Band" at 7:30 p.m. and "Something For Everyone" at 9:30 p.m. Granada Theatre. 3524 Greenville. 823-9610.

# AUGUST



- 2 "Violence Against Women" workshop. 1 - 6 p.m. YWCA 4621 Ross.  
March Against Rape. Meet at Lee Park at 8 p.m.
- 3 DIALOG production day. 2 p.m. till.... 528-4233.
- 6 Pot Luck Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church. Good food with friends. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
- 7 MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's place. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. 821-1653.  
Back Gammon every Thursday in August. Conference Room. 4548 McKinney. 526-9291.



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## Federal inquiry sought in homosexual's death

HOUSTON (UPI) — City council member Lance Lalor has called for a federal investigation of the weekend slaying of a homosexual activist by a police officer.

"Any time an unarmed citizen is shot in the back of the head by an off-duty officer who is not in uniform and whose own statement doesn't justify his pulling a gun, a thorough, impartial investigation is called for," said council member Lance Lalor.

Fred Paez, 27, secretary of the local Gay Political Caucus, was slain Saturday by officer K.M. McCoy. Police said the shooting was accidental and occurred while McCoy was trying to arrest Paez, a bus driver.

Police said Paez had driven a car past McCoy and another non-uniformed officer while they were working off-duty jobs downtown Saturday. They said Paez stopped and talked to the officers and suggested they go with him to the side of the building. Police said Paez approached and allegedly touched McCoy on the crotch, who placed the man under arrest for lewd behavior.

Police said during a search of the suspect, Paez reached back and grabbed the officer's .45-caliber pistol and it discharged.

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# Off-duty Houston officer kills gay activist

HOUSTON (AP) — Gay activist leaders called for calm Saturday following the fatal shooting of a Gay Political Caucus worker by a police officer on the eve of a "Gay Pride Week" rally and parade.

Lee Harrington, Gay Political Caucus president, said about 60 gay community leaders met Saturday after Frederick William Paez, 27, was shot and killed during a scuffle with an off-duty officer.

Harrington said participants in a parade and rally scheduled today, which will end the Second Annual Gay Pride Week in Houston, would wear black arm bands to commemorate Paez's death.

Paez, who worked as a secretary in the Gay Political Caucus office, died

about 3:30 a.m. Saturday after being shot once in the back of the head with a .45-caliber pistol during a scuffle with officer K.M. McCoy, 25.

The shooting came on the same day that a seminar entitled "Gays and the HPD," part of the Gay Pride Week activities, was held at the University of Houston.

Pat O'Kane, an attorney who attended the seminar and a representative of the gay community on the Police Advisory Committee for Continuing Improvement, called for a meeting of the committee to investigate the shooting.

"God only knows what's going to happen after today," she said.

Gay leaders at the seminar said they were working to reach members

of the gay community in an effort to keep the shooting from triggering other incidents.

Sgt. R.G. Wells said he met with gay leaders Saturday afternoon to discuss the parade and rally. "We don't anticipate any problems and neither do they," he said.

Harrington said gay leaders had talked with Mayor Jim McConn about the shooting and planned to meet again Monday "when we have more facts regarding the case."

Police said Paez got out of his car about 2 a.m. Saturday and began talking with McCoy, who was working at an off-duty job, and officer S.A. Cain.

Paez reportedly told McCoy he wanted to talk to him and asked the

officer to walk to the side of a nearby building.

Police said after Paez touched McCoy between the legs, the officer, who was not in uniform, pulled out his badge and pistol and told Paez he was under arrest for lewd conduct.

McCoy told Paez to turn around so he could be searched. Police said the pistol accidentally fired when Paez reached behind his head and grabbed the weapon. He died at a local hospital about an hour after the shooting.

McCoy was described as "shaken and terribly sorry about the shooting" by Mike Clinton, his attorney.

The shooting came a week after police raided a gay nightclub and arrested 61 persons the night before the beginning of Gay Pride Week.

# Are we to die in vain?

During World War II, I saw a frail recruit knocked to the ground by an angry staff sergeant for a minor infraction. The burly sergeant, standing over the crumpled body, dared the youth to "get up and fight, fruit". Other soldiers standing in rank, were powerless to do anything. But where there could have been sympathy and understanding, instead there was derisive laughter.

The humiliated soldier, trying to fight back tears, ran to an officer to report the brutality. The officer smiled and walked away. Now the whole company shouted insults as the man stood crying. (A few of us silently thanked God it wasn't us.)

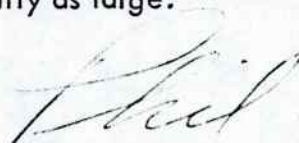
Almost 40 years later, is there not a parallel with the recent incident in Houston? Fred Paez, secretary for the Houston Gay Political Caucus, is killed by off-duty policeman K.M. McCoy, supposedly while resisting arrest for lewd conduct. But questions arise: Why would a policeman use a gun to arrest a man for lewd conduct? A murderer, rapist or robber, yes. But an unarmed citizen? Why did McCoy go with Paez to the side of the building? Was Paez the victim of entrapment? Isn't it strange that a man is shot in the back of the head while resisting arrest?

Unfortunately, we'll never know Paez's side of the story. But one thing we know damn well. Like Dan White, who murdered San Francisco City Supervisor Harvey Milk, this policeman will receive little more than a reprimand.

Sure, the Gay Community can report this to Internal Affairs. But when has Internal Affairs ever done anything other than smile and walk away? Who polices the police?

In the meantime, the rest of us standing in rank must not thank God it didn't happen to us and forget the death of this 27 year old man. We must offer sympathy and support Houston Gay Political Caucus' efforts to fight this injustice. Otherwise it will happen again and again and again....

But more importantly, we must become united and strong. That staff sergeant wouldn't have attacked a man equally as large.



Phil Johnson

Note: The above, read by the editor of DIALOG, the President of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, and two faculty members of the Southern Methodist University School of Law, do not necessarily represent the views of anyone other than myself.

## HEALTHY ... AND WISE Seven-Year Itch

By Ed Wendt, M.D.

Scabies, which used to be called the seven-year itch, was predominantly an institutional disease until the early 1970's. By institutional disease is meant that the infestation was found primarily among people living closely together or in confined quarters--prisons, mental institutions, schools for the retarded, etc. Since then, however, the problem has become much more widespread and common, cutting across all socio-economic lines.

Human scabies (there are animal forms also) is a rash in which people notice randomly placed small red bumps or tiny blisters which are intensely itchy, especially at night. The rash tends to concentrate in the finger (and toe) webs and (in men) the genitals and (in women) the breasts, particularly around the nipples.

The causative agent is a microscopic mite which has the ability to burrow into the skin, but unlike other mites (pigeon mites, chiggers, etc) it can reproduce and move around within the skin of the victim. These tiny parasites are passed from person to person through intimate contact (sleeping together, cuddling, etc), but a large percentage of people seem to be immune.

The itching which may precede the actual rash is due to an allergic reaction in the infested person (host). The human immune system requires approximately 3 weeks to develop an allergic response, therefore, the host has been

infested for over 3 weeks by the time the rash occurs.

There used to be several over-the-counter treatments for scabies, but they were messy, smelly and generally forbiddingly noxious. Before the introduction of the modern cures most people merely allowed the disease to run its course and clear spontaneously in 3 to 4 months. However, recently doctors have noted many people who have had the rash for more than 6 months before arriving for treatment. Present day scabies may not be as self-curing as it once was.

Treatment requires a prescription (from a doctor) for either a cream or a lotion which is applied from the neck down for one or two 24-hour periods--specific instructions will be on the label. After the treatment, the person notes progressive decline of the itching with no further development of new bumps. The rash clears slowly over the next 2 weeks.

If the rash returns, the victim should do an investigation of associates, especially intimates, for the contact and have him or her treated as well as a retreatment of the new rash. As mentioned earlier, there are animal forms which can be passed to humans, so sometimes pets may need checking by veterinarian.

(Editor's note: This new column emphasizing health concerns will be a continuing column. Readers are encouraged to send in questions to be answered in future issues.)

## Stewart Welcomes Chance to Serve

By Mike Stewart

There is far more "right" with DGPC than there is "wrong," and I want to contribute to continuing the success and growth of one of the most effective gay organizations in the country.

We can limit our progress by thinking too small. We also can do it by setting unreasonable goals or inadequately analyzing our strengths and weaknesses.

Adequate planning and review--financial, staffing, logistics, programming and goal definition--will insure continued progress for the Caucus. My professional experience can be used, I hope, to assist in planning activities.

Prior to running for a position on the Board of Directors, my involvement had been low-key but active. I have been a member of the Social Justice Committee and the Feminist Task Force. I felt I had the time and capability to be an effective member of the Board.

The position offers an opportunity to contribute to the gay/lesbian community and to the struggle for gay/lesbian rights. My personal struggle may not be so different from that of many other gay men, but I want to use my experience to assist in advancing assimilation and acceptance of homosexuals throughout society.

As a father, I want to provide children the freedom to live as they choose, with-  
(See STEWART on Page 4.)

## Razzle Dazzle Does It Again

By Bill Nelson

If it is true that "our pride spurs us on", then it must also be true that Razzle Dazzle Dallas, the kick-off event of Gay Pride Week, was the boot that wore the spur.

As predicted, despite massive power failure, rampaging tear-gassed rock fans, and skyrocketing temperatures, the opening bash of Dallas Gay Pride Week drew record crowds to the Centennial Building at Fair Park for the all-community party of the year. Beneath the world's largest mirrored ball, Dallas danced, drank, and sweated the night away with the wild abandon that only gays and some primitive tribes have perfected.

Just for your information, folks, a little intimate party of the scale of Razzle Dazzle consumes somewhere in the neighborhood of 76 kegs of beer, costs more than \$12,000 and requires the talents, efforts, and nineteen sponsors. This year, the crazies that acted as your hosts were: Ed Cole, David Eaves, Buff Hills, Reed Hunsdorfer, Lee Kinzel, Ray Kuchling, Bill Nelson, Dean Prince, Michael Ray, Paul Sparrow, Jay Stahlman, Terry Tebedo, John Thomas, Dick Weaver, Ed Wendt, Grady Wiley, Tony Williams and Bill Wingfield.

While it is true that Razzle Dazzle Dallas is one hell of a party, it is considerably more than that. The gathering represents an attempt to create a setting where all of gay Dallas comes together for a good time. The idea is not to raise money, or to show political force, or even  
(See RAZZLE AGAIN on Page 4.)

## June Meeting Synopsis

The June meeting was entertaining and educational. After the preliminaries (approval of secretary's and treasurer's reports, welcoming of guests), Director Bill Nelson introduced a four-part program.

In the continuing series featuring "Historical Gay/Lesbian Personalities", Dr. Frank Rossiter profiled the one-time confidante to Eleanor Roosevelt, Lorena Hickok. Using as his sources Hickok's biography and letters between the two women, Rossiter concludes that Hickok was a lesbian, but that Eleanor Roosevelt probably was not. (See article elsewhere in *Dialog* for details.)

Author Betsy McGee suggested in her opening remarks that the Caucus probably hadn't had a pregnant woman speak before the group before. (She was correct.) McGee is a contributing author to the book "Our Bodies, Our Selves," a compendium by a group of women in the Boston area in a effort to provide women with information about their bodies, the functions and malfunctions. The project was begun, according to McGee, to allow women to be on an equal footing with physicians and other health professionals so they can more intelligently make decisions regarding themselves and treatments if needed. The book is available at area bookstores including Lobo.

Then followed a talk by Mike Sullivan regarding the effects and dangers from bites of two poisonous spiders common in Texas: the brown recluse or fiddleback (so-named for the violin-shaped mark near its head) and the black widow, characterized by an hour-glass mark on her underside. The brown recluse's bite usually results in a painful sore which may ulcerate. Occasionally, in allergic individuals, the bite can be fatal if not treated immediately. The black widow's bite often is fatal if not treated immediately because the poison enters the system so rapidly.

An 8-mm movie with taped accompaniment showing the canoe trip which some Caucus members took down the Trinity River last spring concluded the official program.

During the business meeting, Director Campbell Read brought up the "Henry Wade Resolution" issue, which was subsequently tabled for yet another month pending consultation with all concerned defending lawyers.

Political Action committee co-chairs Cobb Keller and Louise Young reviewed the dismal results of the June 7th runoff elections. None of our endorsed candidates won, and a poor gay turnout at the polls was determined to be a major factor in at least one race.

In a summary of Gay Pride Week (GPW) events, GPW co-chair Debbie Shaffer detailed an event-filled week with at least one activity planned for each day of the nine-day celebration. The culminating event was the Gay Pride Parade, rally and beer bust on Sunday, June 29th, which regretfully occurred after *Dialog* went to press.

Former Director Terry Tebedo solicited volunteers for the committee set up to study the feasibility of hiring a full-time Executive Director for DGPC. Interested persons should call the Caucus office and leave a message.

During the new business portion of the meet-  
(See JUNE SYNOPSIS on Page 4.)

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out guilt and fear of discrimination, and I believe the success of the gay/lesbian rights movement and the feminist movement will provide and protect their right to choose.

I also think it's important to show how the success of these movements will free heterosexual women and men from stereotypical roles.

On a more personal level the position offers an opportunity to expand my own support network. It also provides a means to work and associate with an excellent group of women and men with common goals, yet diversity of interests and backgrounds.

Since DGPC is an effective gay/lesbian organization, it is the most productive means by which I can contribute to causes that are important to me.

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impress straights--no rip-offs, put-downs or turn-aways.

Razzle Dazzle Dallas, now a tradition, belongs to the entire gay and lesbian community and it is fitting that it is the rip-roaring opening of our yearly expression of our pride in being gay.

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ing, new Director Michael Stewart reported on the significance of the Civilian Review Board, which has since been voted down by the Dallas City Council. Stewart noted that establishing such a board would be in the best interests of all minorities and offered a resolution that the Caucus study and possibly develop a board proposal of its own. The resolution was adopted.

Dialog's Senior Editor of four years, Ed Wendt, announced he is taking a six-month leave of absence from his duties and asked for volunteers to help.

Tom Teeple of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce invited DGPC to join its ranks. After explanations, questions and answers and a motion by Steve Wilkins, the membership agreed to accept the invitation to join the Chamber as an organizational member.

The election of four directors was then conducted. Ann Brown, Cobb Keller, Debbie Shaffer and Michael Stewart were elected by secret ballot.

Edra Bogle, North Texas Director of the National Gay Task Force, made an appeal for three dedicated people to accept responsibility for the setting up and selling of "Lobby Dollars", which has been a successful fundraising technique in other parts of the country. The concept is to buy the "Lobby Dollars" and then to redeem them with purchases at participating local businesses.

John McMurphy of the Anderson campaign spoke on behalf of a petition to get John Anderson's name on the ballot for the November election. According to a ruling by the Texas Secretary of State, only Republicans who did not vote in the Republican primary and all Democrats (whether they voted or not) may legally sign such a petition. PAC co-chair Young, however, cautioned that Texas State Democratic Convention delegates and alternates should not sign, lest signing might result in revocations of delegate or alternate credentials by the Texas Democratic Party.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

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amendment, Endean speculated that H. R. 6386, the Legal Services Corporation Act, would be the likely candidate. That amendment passed by a vote of 230-133, but failed to come up in the Senate and subsequently was dropped in conference committee. GRNL cautioned, "That was before the creation of the Christian Voice lobby, Moral Majority, Americans Against H. R. 2074 (the gay civil rights bill), and the American Family Institute." Endean suggests, "We can't expect such luck this year."

The lobby stresses it needs the immediate action of gay Americans to stop these movements. For \$3.55, gay men and lesbians can send the following mailgram to their elected representatives in Washington by dialing 1-800-325-5300 (in Texas). Charges can be billed to your home phone.

Address mailgrams or letters to The Honorable Representative \_\_\_\_\_, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515. Below is the content of a sample

REGISTER TO VOTE! THE NATIONAL elections may be crucial to our progress. MOVED? You must reregister contact DGPC for details.

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all women and of those men who openly deviate from the heterosexist masculine norm.

Many lesbians are self-nurturing. Self-nurturance is sought through intimate friendships. These friendships may or may not happen in a sexual context. Such friendships provide reciprocal emotional support for the women involved and make for her a world in which she does not feel like an alien in a "hate woman" society. In this "world" she can be untrue to her socialized femininity. Within the context of the relationships, women exchange thoughts, emotions, and personal experiences which help to build a tradition of female-based values in the presence of a society which depreciates many female values.

The building of a tradition based on self-creation and self-expression is only possible if one's thoughts and feeling are not constantly forced to cope with a vast range of institutionalized behavior. The intimate sharing in female friendships encourages strength. It may seem contradictory to define self-nurturance in terms of another person but (1) the woman receives as well as gives the kind of gratification that she seeks and (2) the nurturing comes from another woman--one like herself--and not from a man who in all likelihood has been convinced by society's conditioning that he cannot nurture another.

A woman's choice of lesbian sexuality involves a number of factors. The heterosexual politics of society provides for some women an incentive to look for alternative sexual expression. The leisurely, whole body experience characteristic of lesbian sexuality lends itself to the expression of unguarded tenderness, trust, and passion. This expression is

mailgram.

"As a voter, I urge opposition to expected amendments to bills such as H. R. 6386, Legal Services Corporation Act, that would write into law discrimination against homosexual/lesbian Americans. The issue is not approval or disapproval of homosexuality but basic fairness. Don't pick and choose which citizens can have the protection of law. To persecute one group sets dangerous precedent for all of us.

"Don't let some exploit fear and misunderstanding of this issue to debase the legislative process. I would like to learn your views on this issue."

Targeted Texas Congressmen who absolutely must hear from constituents are: Charles Wilson, Lufkin; Jim Mattox, Dallas; Bob Eckhardt, Houston; Jack Brooks, Beaumont; Jake Pickle, Austin; Jim Wright, Fort Worth; Henry B. Gonzales, San Antonio; and Martin Frost, Dallas/Grand Prairie.

HELP SEND GAY ALTERNATES TO the Democratic National Convention in New York City. Louise Young and Al Calkin will be the first gay people from Texas to attend; they need financial aid to cover their expenses. Send donations to DGPC, POBox 35011, 75235.

very much enhanced by the fact of women's bodily likeness and empathy which opens up to a woman the chance of exploring her own physical sensations in another woman. In some heterosexual relationships, a woman does not get a chance to explore her own physical sensations. When a woman chooses lesbian sexual relations, she takes control of her sexuality and her reproductive capacity. Doing so, she makes a significant move away from patriarchal control and use of women's bodies.

These are some of the aspects of lesbianism, and this article does not mean to imply that there is a clear division between the aspects. The aspects of lesbian identification may or may not lead into the others. This process depends on the woman's understanding of her lesbian identification.

There are many women who are committed emotionally and sexually to other women, but who do not have political or radical lesbian, feminist consciousness. Also, some women identify politically as lesbians who have no sexual experiences with other women. There are women who have intimate bonds with other women, yet who do not carry these bonds into sexual expression or political consciousness. Finally, there are women who choose to be celibate.

Lesbianism is a complex issue, but it is a rich experience for some women and allows them to grow into "whole" individuals.

(Alfreda Wright, although not presently a member of DGPC, is a legislative coordinator for the Dallas County Chapter of NOW--the National Organization of Woman.)

# GAY CUBANS NEED SPONSORS

Based on estimates supplied by the U.S. State Department and on sources inside the refugee camps, a minimum of 2,000 and as many as 10,000 Gay men and Lesbians are among the Cuban refugees in the U.S.

Existing resettlement agencies are either unable or unwilling to work with the homosexual refugees. In response to this, The National Gay Task Force and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches called for a meeting of representatives of numerous organizations, both Gay and non-Gay, in Washington, D.C. to coordinate a nationwide effort for the resettlement of Gay and Lesbian Cuban refugees.

Participating organizations in this meeting, which was held in the Metropolitan Community Church of Washington, D.C., were: The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, National Gay Task Force, Gay Rights

National Lobby, National Association of Business Councils, Dade County Coalition for Human Rights, Parents and Friends of Gays, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Gay Rights Advocates, National Organization for Women, Integrity, Inc., Dignity, Inc., Amercian Council for Nationalities Services, and the Illinois Gay Task Force.

Resettlement efforts already underway are being coordinated by the UFMCC Lesbian/Gay Cuban Task Force under the direction of the Rev. Bob Arthur. Needed are sponsors to house refugees, jobs, clothing, health care, educational opportunities (English classes), and legal assistance. Money is also being raised for the coordinated inter-organizational national effort. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the UFMCC Cuban Refugee Relief Fund, c/o UFMCC, Suite 304, 5300 Sanata Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90029.

On a local level, the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church is collecting funds to send to the UFMCC Cuban Refugee Relief Fund, while Dallas' United Community Church is presently sponsoring 8 refugees in the local area, with 3 more to come. Reverend Fred Wright of U.C.C. said his church will accept more refugees when sponsors are located. He stressed that sponsors need not be bilingual, as English classes are being held Monday and Wednesday nights at U.C.C.

The D.G.P.C. Social Concern Committee has selected Jerry Diggin to promote the Cuban cause in Dallas. He hopes to see a "community of coordinated efforts" dedicated to helping a maximum number of refugees settle in Dallas. His committee's plans are to work with U.C.C. and other independent sponsors, maintaining regular contact with the refugees themselves to alleviate any difficulties that may arise and to encourage the refugees' rapid adjustment to American customs. Anyone interested in contributing to this effort can contact the Caucus office, (528-4233) or Mr. Jerry Diggin at 522-2556.

A packet is being prepared to assist local organizations and individuals who want to sponsor and otherwise assist Lesbian and Gay Cubans. The packets will be distributed through the UFMCC.

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## PLATFORM PLANK FOR GAYS

1980 marks the first time a majority report favoring the civil rights of gays/lesbians has been included in a major party's platform. The Democratic Party, through its platform process, has unanimously chosen to address the rights of gay Americans. The party's platform will now be presented to the National Democratic Convention in August in New York City. Texans have played a significant role in helping the National Convention Project directors achieve this goal.

In October, 1979, during the first National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, the Gay Rights National Lobby announced the formation of the National Convention Project, to coordinate the "first nationwide attempt to build an effective gay voice in grassroots American politics." It had as its major goal "a national platform plank committing the Democratic and Republican parties for the first time to defend the basic rights of American men and women who are gay." It also would work to assist local lesbian and gay organizations to influence the gay rights stands of presidential candidates, to elect open lesbian and gay delegates to the national party conventions, and to establish a gay presence at the national conventions. Gay Texans attending the national march were made aware of the project.

Shortly after the October announcement, the Democratic National Committee held its regular meeting in San Antonio. A meeting of interested persons statewide was called to meet with the directors to discuss Texas' plan for input. In December, National Convention Project (NCP) board member Carolyn Handy visited Dallas, meeting with Texas Republicans

who had expressed interest in organizing and working with the convention project.

Beginning in November, Bettie Naylor, 66th session lobbyist for gay rights in the Texas Legislature, launched the important job of lobbying the party's platform process. Offering testimony and communicating with individual Temporary Platform Committee members from Texas was a major part of the plan.

At the May regional Democratic platform hearing in Houston, former state Senator Joe Bernal appeared with Naylor to offer testimony supporting an unequivocal gay rights plank. Both Naylor and Bernal were Carter supporters. Bernal was appointed by President Carter in 1977 to direct the regional ACTION office in Dallas.

After the Houston hearing, Naylor and Bernal continued to work with the seven Texas platform committee members. As they met in Washington D.C. during mid-June, the possibility of a gay rights plank became stronger. On June 16, Naylor enlisted the support of Dr. Judith Zaffirini of Laredo, an appointee to the subcommittee assigned to draft the final platform document. Zaffirini had earlier been named as Carter's issues person for Texas. She serves on the State Democratic Executive Committee and is a national convention delegate from the 21st senatorial district. Zaffirini's input was highly significant in that she presented and offered final arguments to include a gay rights plank in the party's platform.

Naylor observed, "It is rare to find an individual like Dr. Zaffirini who will carry an issue because it is right. She took a lot of heat from (See POLITICS on Page 4)

Several weeks ago a survey was passed out regarding Aging Gays during a DGPC meeting. Many have been returned, but we still need more in order to have an adequate sample. If you have not yet returned yours, please send it immediately to:

Jerry Miller  
304 La Salle  
Richardson, TX  
75081

The results of the survey could provide significant information, benefiting all of us..

## GAY ACADEMIC UNION SPONSORS BOOK REVIEWS

The Gay Academic Union of North Texas will sponsor book discussions in Denton August 10 and 24 at 3:30 pm. The first will be at 1820 Ruddell, #205, and will deal with Abbott & Love's Sappho Was a Right-on Woman.

Homosexual Desire by Guy Hocquenghem will be discussed Aug. 24 at 201 Peach St., Denton. Edra Bogle of GAU/NT may be able to supply copies of these books during the discussions.

3rd MONDAY, August 18:  
"COMING OUT: When, Who, Why"  
A co-sexual panel & dialogue.  
7:30 pm, First Unitarian Church,  
Preston Rd. at Normandy. \$1 at  
the door or at DGPC meeting.  
Wine & cheese follows discussion.

## COMMENT

### BAR TALK

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in regard to discrimination in the gay bars. We hear the word of discrimination, when the police come into the bars and arrest our brothers or sisters, or whenever the police are involved in anything dealing with the gay world, but I've hardly ever heard of it in the bars except from women, blacks or Spanish-Americans. Bar owners and managers, when confronted, say "there's no discrimination in this bar." I know better. I have observed first-hand the discrimination of our gay brothers and sisters. How in the world can we yell "we want our rights," when we don't even give our own brothers and sisters their own rights. We can't expect to get ours until we give our own brothers and sisters their rights. We tell the straight world to look at the first ten amendments of the Constitution, but do we really look at them ourselves. Apparently not.

When I started observing in the bars, I was told to keep the "niggers and broads" out. I was to ask for two photo ID's from anybody I thought should not come in, especially the blacks, Mexicans and women. I don't like to do this but, when I'm told to do this or lose my job I have to do this. I am very ashamed about this, but everyone must do something they don't like every once in a while. I hope the brothers and sisters who I have discriminated against will forgive me for doing this.

(Name withheld by request)

# Ennis at 3rd Monday

Seeing the ongoing struggle for gay rights as "easily the most innovative, powerful political force in America today," journalist Michael Ennis defended both the writing and research for his recent examination of the gay lifestyle in Texas Monthly at the July Third Monday meeting.

Ennis, an associate editor of the award-winning magazine (and a non-gay), detailed the evolution of the June article from the presentation of an idea to his editor to the publication of the piece, prompting vehement protests and subscription cancellations as well as strong letters of support primarily from the gay community.

After reading a representative sampling of these letters, Ennis said, "We're dealing with a very emotional subject, and I was aware of it even before the article was printed. We tend to think of our own social interaction between homosexuals and heterosexuals, which in general is rather benign. But when you offer something of this sort to others, you get all kinds of reactions."

The author said he made many compromises with his editors so that he could relate to as many readers as possible. "The story as it was originally written contained considerably more about gay politics than about the social life," Ennis said. "Overall, I think the text was pretty positive. Had it been any more so it would have looked like puffery and an apology for

gay culture. This made it far more credible to a mass audience. It became virtually a balancing act that had to cover both sides of the issue."

Defending his article in terms of being closed to the lesbian community, Ennis said, "There's no doubt that women were slighted, but so were representatives of some other gay factions. There was no gay male couple pictured, and we pretty much ignored the gay person who doesn't go out and is not involved in politics, even though he might be successful and fulfilled.

"My intention in writing the piece was not to campaign for gays, or apologize for gays, but only to say, 'Hey, this exists!' The mention of some of the bizarre sexuality was only to cover all angles of the lifestyle."

In terms of the future, Ennis warned that "so many gays have been so well assimilated in so many areas that many of them just don't give a damn about gay politics because they don't feel oppressed. Gay politics excites me greatly, but gays have to realize that sometimes they are their own worst enemies."

Areas of concentration for the eighties? Ennis believes "gay people need to stress the economic clout of the community. When market research shows that 19% of the disposable income of this country is controlled by gays, that's pretty formidable. Use this in collaboration with the vote and it would be unbeatable."

## HEALTH: What You Should Know About UVL

by Dr. Ed Wendt

Ah, the deep, dark tan that palefaces aspire to. The lure of turning and maintaining the mellow brown seems irresistible. Quick-tanning salons are popping up all over the place, and people are flocking to them.

The salon itself consists of changing rooms and three-or-four square foot booths rigged with ultraviolet lamps and reflective wallpaper. The "taneer" changes into a bathing suit, dons protective goggles, sets the timer, and steps into the booth for a 1-15 minute bath in the eerie purple glow.

Aside from the potential danger of overexposure (sunburn), or temporary eye damage (if you forget your goggles), what are the long-term effects of regular ultraviolet light? The Food & Drug Administration has determined that one minute of UVL equals one hour of natural sunlight. One can collect a lot of UVL in a very short time.

Dermatologists warn that excessive natural sun exposure leads to premature aging (i.e., crows feet, eyespots, leathery skin, etc.), and is a major cause of skin cancers.

Since salons have only been around a relatively short time, the actual long-term effects are unknown. However, UVL has been used for several years to treat various types of psoriasis in a National Institute's health survey. One of the results found was a 20-30% increase in the number of skin cancers developed in those treated versus the population at large. This implies that UVL tanning treatments are just as dangerous as natural sunlight... if not more so.

Now, about that tan...

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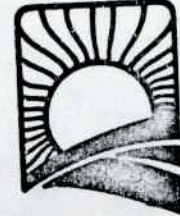
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SQUARE DANCERS! Men and women (beginner, intermediate, advance) need a place to dance. Any suggestions? Call Doug at 522-7785.

SOCIAL CONCERNS AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, DGPC office. Call 528-4233 for date and time.

FINANCIAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE. Call Jay for time, date and place. 328-5559.

### AUGUST



- 2 "Violence Against Women" workshop. 1 - 6 p.m. YWCA, 4621 Ross.  
March Against Rape. Meet at Lee Park. 8 p.m.
- 3 Agape! Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Service at 11 a.m. Pot Luck Supper at 6 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page).  
The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Sunday at noon. Samuel/Grand Tennis Center. Everyone welcome. 522-7785.  
The Oak Lawn Volleyball Association meet every Sunday. 2 p.m. Turtle Creek near the spillway. 823-1093.  
Dallas Motorcycle Club meets every Sunday. 1 p.m. Hidden Door. 5025 Bowser. 526-9211.  
GAU/NT (Gay Academic Union of North Texas) Program: CBS's controversial documentary "Gay Political Power in San Francisco". 5:30 p.m. Call 821-1653 for details.
- 5 Turtle Creek Chorale rehearses every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. P.O. Box 19806; Dallas, Texas 75219 or call 821-3086.  
PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. 528-8945.  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday, DGPC office. 9 p.m. 522-5389.
- 6 Pot Luck Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church. 6:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan (at Brown) 526-6221.  
GLAD (Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton) meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at UMC - Maple & Avenue B. Newcomers welcome --students, townspeople, county residents. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.  
The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. Instruments, music, rehearsal space and donations needed. Call Mike at 526-3197.  
Metroplex Young Adults (17 and up) meet every Thursday. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan.  
Back Gammon every Thursday in August. Conference Room. 4548 McKinney. 526-9291.  
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- 8 Cliff Dwellers Social Club meets every Friday from 8 - 11 p.m. No drugs, grass or alcohol. 321 N. Zangs (at 8th). 748-6790.
- 9 Dallas County National Organization of Women Educational Forum. 7:30 p.m. NOW office, 3107 Routh, upstairs. Program: Religion. 742-6918.  
Dallas Gay Political Caucus' Bicycle Club will meet at Lee Park parking lot to ride to Bachman Lake. 10 a.m. An evening ride, later in the month, will be announced at the August 11th DGPC meeting. Call Mike at 826-2362.
- 10 GAU/NT meeting in Denton. Program: Sappho Was a Right-on Woman. 3:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.
- 11 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. Everyone welcome. Social after the meeting. 528-4233.
- 12 Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) mass held at MCC every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m. 233-3100.
- 13 OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.  
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, DGPC office. 8 p.m. 528-4233.



# AUGUST



- 15 Dignity/Dallas meeting and social. 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m. 526-3231.  
Formation meeting of TARRANT COUNTY POLITICAL CAUCUS. Don Baker, DGPC president presiding. 7:30 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page) (817) 926-2976.  
Spiritual Renewal with the Reverend Elder Troy D. Perry preaching. MCC Dallas. 2701 Regan. 7:30 p.m. 526-6221.
  - 16 Spiritual Renewal with Reverend Perry. 7:30 p.m.
  - 17 Spiritual Renewal with Reverend Perry. 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. The MCC Concert Choir and Orchestra will perform. 526-6221.  
CRC Gayline meeting. 7:30 p.m. 2503 N. Wycliff. 748-6790.
  - 18 THIRD MONDAY Program: Co-sexual panel on "Coming Out". 7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Church. 4015 Normandy (at Preston).  
Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meet every third Monday. 7:30 p.m. YWCA, 4621 Ross.
  - 20 DIALOG deadline. Comments and letters welcome. P.O. Box 5094; Richardson, Texas or Union Jack, 3918 Cedar Springs.  
The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas, 2616 Swiss. 9 p.m. 821-1900.
  - 21 FEMINIST TASK FORCE (Women's issues) meeting, DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
  - 22 Dignity Region VII Retreat hosted by Dignity/Dallas. 526-3231.
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STATES OF DESIRE: TRAVELS IN GAY AMERICA, Edmund White. 336 pages. Dutton. \$12.95.

Edmund White's delicious new book, "States of Desire," is subtitled "Travels through Gay America," and it is the postcards from the road that keep this book thumping along.

They are not necessarily of the picture variety, however. San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge is replaced by dispatches from the leather bars. Fort Lauderdale's scorching sands are cooled by details of the male hustlers who suck up to the shriveled carcasses searching for lost youth and virility. Even Dallas' electric skyline is scaled down by White's observation that it's all neon facade masking conservatism and cliquishness at its most cloying.

Not that "States of Desire" is all cynicism, and not all negative. White presents the key cities in every major region for us to dissect and pass judgments on ourselves. Though he perceives Kansas City as "the Fifties in a deep freeze," most of the observations are written as just that, allowing the reader to determine what each section of the country can offer.

Along the way, White, perhaps best known as the co-author of "The Joy of Gay Sex," makes some astute valuations on the gay subculture and lifestyle that may make some of us wince and others nod in agreement. The book, though amusing and consistently entertaining, is written from a militant's perspective, and White is not about to let us forget it.

While making us smile at the macho mentality of San Francisco's S&M bar, the Black and Blue ("customers are so butch they swill their Perrier right out of the bottles") he manages to keep us ruffled by references to the city's laid-back stance on gay issues. Too many of the city's gays, he says, have a too-narrow view of their own sexuality. They forget that their public kissing and fondling, accepted throughout the gay ghetto and in most of the city's more conservative sections, is not de rigueur in any of the Midwest's metropolitan areas.

And White laments the attitude of the city's gays that their acceptance would be complete if not for the vile element; the leathermen and the drag queens. In almost an apologia for the transvestites, White notes that they have become the outcasts of gay life, the real "queers" among the gay population. "Our old fears about our sissiness are still with us, though masked by the new macho fascism. We decide for others what is 'too much sex' in the same way we are ready to brand others as 'too gay.' Fear of transvestism is fear of homosexuality, and until we have accepted drag queens we have not accepted ourselves."

White covers the waterfront in areas of sexual deviance. Much of it is strong medicine, and White uses this horsepill to convert some of the more moderate gays to the militant faction. Only by looking at these subjects can "gays and straights imagine other lives," White believes.

By using travel as a theme, White is able to point out some of the deeper illnesses in the society, saying that only after a diagnosis can a cure be administered.

The book is available at Lobo Bookstore.  
-- Charles Decker

## BIOGRAPHICAL Lorena & Eleanor

By Frank Rossiter

Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part article on the relationship between Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok. See last month's *Dialog* for background on Hickok. This installment concentrates on Mrs. Roosevelt's upbringing and the social forces which brought Roosevelt and Hickok together.

Was Eleanor Roosevelt a lesbian? Here some background is necessary. Eleanor Roosevelt had an unhappy, lonely childhood. Her unhappiness was that of a "poor little rich girl." The courtship by her handsome cousin Franklin, a man who had the social graces and the self-confidence that she lacked, seems to have swept her off her feet. During the first 13 years of their marriage, she was devoted to her husband and bore him six children, but already there was in her character the possibility of a more independent development.

Eleanor Roosevelt's discovery of her husband's affair with Lucy Mercer in 1918 marked a major turning point in her life. After that, she no longer felt that she could really love Franklin. During the 1920s, although she nursed him back to health after his attack of polio and helped to keep his name as a politician before the public, she also led an increasingly separate political and social life and built up her own circle of friends and associates. She plunged into the relationship with Lorena Hickok, whom she felt to be a refuge and a source of strength, when she could find no solace in her husband and children.

Some believe that Mrs. Roosevelt's behavior toward Hickok was part of a powerful 19th century, Victorian tradition of close, emotional friendships between women. Today we can see that such friendships were based in part upon sexual feelings, yet the Victorians could not tolerate homosexuality. Besides not talking about homosexual feelings and behavior, they also refused even to think about them.

Mrs. Roosevelt, with her strict, Victorian upbringing, also probably regarded them as unthinkable. It is doubtful that she was consciously lesbian, and therefore unlikely that her relationship with Lorena Hickok was sexually fulfilled. In fact, she lamented that Hickok had never found a man. We should also note that the intensely emotional phase of Eleanor Roosevelt's friendship with Hickok lasted for a relatively short time and that apparently none of her many friendships with other women was of a similar character. In conclusion, then, it would be misleading to call Mrs. Roosevelt a lesbian in the present-day social sense of the term.

What determined the outcome of this friendship was that Eleanor Roosevelt did not, of course, have to give up her independent life after her husband became president. As she became ever more active and famous in the 1930s, the emotion in her letters to Hickok steadily diminished, and Hickok felt increasingly shunted aside. In 1938 Eleanor Roosevelt confessed that she had treated Lorena Hickok cruelly by leading her on emotionally. Hickok

## JULY MEETING SYNOPSIS

Meeting called to order by Director Bill Nelson. Minutes from the June meeting were unavailable. Treasurer's report was accepted by a show of hands.

Dr. Frank Rossiter delivered the historical biography presentation. The Lone Star Transit Authority, and the Citizen's Coalition for Sound Transportation and Rapid Transit each gave arguments concerning the upcoming (August 9) referendum. The general body voted to make no endorsement regarding the Lone Star Transit Authority referendum. Information of the August 2 MARCH AGAINST RAPE and Take Back the Night seminar was presented by Amme Hogan.

### Old Business:

Director Ann Brown reported the DGPC will soon join the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. Louise Young, co-chair of the Political Action Committee, reported on the successful efforts of gay women and men at the Texas Democratic Convention, June 20-21. John LaBella reported on activities sponsored by the Caucus during Gay Pride Week, June 21-29.

### New Business:

The general body voted to endorse unanimously the August 2 MARCH AGAINST RAPE, sponsored by the Take Back the Night Committee. The general body voted to assign DIALOG an in-depth article for the August issue providing additional information about the Lone Star Transit Authority referendum. Jack Borden requested a detailed financial report from the DGPC treasurer at the July 28 open board meeting.

Announcements preceded adjournment at 9:30 pm by Director Nelson.

had also quit her job, at the high point of their relationship, in order not to embarrass the First Lady, and although her friend secured for her various government and party positions, she became increasingly dependent on the charity of others from the 1940s on. Mrs. Roosevelt's attitude toward her became largely one of pity, and by the latter 1950s, Lorena Hickok was just an ill eccentric "character" on the fringes of Eleanor Roosevelt's social circle at Hyde Park, New York.

There were still the letters. Most of Hickok's own earlier letters, in Mrs. Roosevelt's possession, were somehow destroyed. Apparently, Eleanor Roosevelt also arranged that the more personal passages in her letters to Hickok would be removed by Hickok; but for some reason, Lorena Hickok did not complete very much of this project. Instead, she donated more than 2,300 of her letters from Eleanor Roosevelt, along with many of her own letters to Mrs. Roosevelt that she had retrieved, to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park. In 1978, ten years after Hickok's death, these letters were made public. The result was last year's sensational new disclosure about the history of the fascinating Roosevelt family.

## Feminist Perspective

# Morality looms at Reunion

Dallas Reunion Arena will be the site of a "National Affairs Briefing" for an estimated 20,000 pastors and individuals from across the country. The August 21, 22 event will be sponsored by the Religious Roundtable- James Robison's new political organization. Their purpose will be to motivate "Christians" to elect candidates who are opposed to the Equal Rights Amendment, reproductive freedom, child care, lesbian/gay rights, the Department of Health, Education, & Welfare, separation of church and state (if the church is theirs), and, generally, many of the freedoms we already enjoy.

The strength of this right-winged group (usurping the name of Christianity for their own purposes) was evident in the recent Republican Convention, where members of the Moral Majority, Jerry Falwell's group, were present in practically every delegation and conferred privately with Governor Reagan. In addition to Phyllis Schlafly and Ronald Reagan, they have invited Senators Laxalt and Helms. Governor Clements and John Connally are also included in the list of prominent speakers. There are many issues to be brought in contention to this type of political activity disguised as rel-

igion; Freedom of Religion, ethics and legality of fund raising, broadcasting permits, and ties with anti-labor forces. Most important is how much power they will attain before we join forces against them.

Many members of D. G. P. C. and the National Organization for Women, in coalition with other groups, are planning positive efforts to counter this particular event. The group which has developed to counter these extremists, politically and religiously, has adopted the name of the Thinking Majority. This group meets every Saturday at 10:00 am at the N. O. W. offices. (The offices can be reached by entering the parking lot behind 3107 Routh Street and going up the bright yellow stairs to the second floor.) Events and demonstrations have been carefully planned. Talk to ministers and people you know about this threat to the Freedoms of Religion & Speech. Please contact Ann Brown (DGPC Director: Outreach), Jim Jenkins (DGPC Public Relations Committee), or Kay Artemis (N. O. W. ) if you wish to join the Thinking Majority or would like more information.

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the Carter campaign and other committee members for her outfront actions."

By June 22, it was evident a gay plank would be a part of the civil rights section of the Democratic platform. Three openly gay persons served on the 150+ member Temporary Platform Committee. That number increased to six gays and lesbians who now serve on the Permanent Platform Committee, which met in Washington, D. C. to ratify the temporary committee's work.

Delegates to the National Democratic Convention will amend and finally adopt the platform, which the presidential nominee will use as the Democratic Party's statement of principle for the 1980 general election in November. Texas gays have several delegates and alternates to the national convention.

Asked why Texans had offered such significant input, Naylor said, "The Texas persons selected by the National Convention Project and myself were committed to President Carter and the gay rights plank is strongly supported by the administration. We worked closely with significant Texans who have clout and input with the President and his administration."

Naylor added, "It is the culmination of much hard work and long-time quiet, behind-the-scenes activity in the party process."

She concluded, "It is not any different in the legislature, proving again that continually identifying supporters and working to find ways they can work with you is the name of the game. It begins to break down, however, when you ask them to vote openly on issues we cannot win. Winning takes time and it only occurs after you have done a good education job."

# JIMMY CARTER: DEFENDING HIS GAY RIGHTS EFFORTS

by Dr. Thomas R. Marshall

Jimmy Carter is as much a puzzle for Gays as Gays are for Jimmy Carter.

Carter's presidency has brought many gains for Gay people, yet Carter lost many Gay votes to Senator Edward Kennedy, and will lose more to John Anderson in November.

\*The Carter Administration arranged two White House meetings with Gay leaders soon after the President's inauguration.

\*Carter has forbidden government employers from discriminating against Gays.

\*Carter came out publically in 1978 against Proposition Six, joining Governor Jerry Brown in California.

\*Under the Carter Administration, CETA funds have become available to Gay agencies and groups.

\*Since 1977 the IRS has allowed tax-exempt status to numerous Gay groups, including the Texas Human Rights Foundation.

\*Carter is supporting Senator Allen Cranston's efforts to force the Immigration and Naturalization Service to admit Gays into the U.S. without harassment.

\*Carter has appointed Gay Rights supporters to top federal posts, including Abner Mikva, and the new FBI Director, William Webster.

Three reasons help to explain Carter's problems with the Gay population: Carter's own vision of the Presidency, his personal style, and the naivete of many Gay leaders.

Carter apparently views the Presidency in terms of managing and defusing crises. He shuns divisive, highly symbolic issues. Carter's handling of Gay issues shows the same style. Favorable decisions by the FCC, IRS, and INS may help Gay groups enormously, but these are not very dramatic issues. As a result, Carter's positive record has been little noticed (and poorly reported) in the Gay community.

Carter's personal style holds little appeal for many Gays. Since his support of Gay issues is low key, and since his personal style defuses controversies, Carter himself wins little enthusiasm from Gays.

Finally, many Gay leaders are often

guilty of political naivete. They seek highly emotional battles, forgetting that Gay issues are still not popular with many voters. Simply put:

Gay Rights is not yet a popular issue.

Some Gay leaders also show a limited understanding of the American political system and its slow-changing ways. At the national level it is difficult to change or control policy in institutions with long-established customs of their own. Forcing them to end discrimination requires steady efforts.

Gay voters should realize that, barring accident, the choice in November will be between Carter and Reagan. The Carter-Mondale ticket, whatever its flaws, has supported Gay rights. On the other hand is a Republican who has no use even for the Equal Rights Amendment, let alone Gay rights. Gay voters would be well-advised to examine more closely the Carter record.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Marshall is an assistant professor of political behavior at the University of Texas at Arlington.)

# 'SPY' INFILTRATES AFFAIRS BRIEFING

by Charles Decker

There is hardly a trace of the people who normally inhabit Dallas' Reunion Arena: the rock groupies, searching for a fleeting glimpse of Fleetwood Mac or the Commodores. There's no dope, no curly hairstyles, no jeans, no roach clips, no blacks, no bizarre costumes. All of this is replaced by beer bellies, polyester suits, vertical hairdos and the overpowering smell of popcorn.

It is the two-day National Affairs Briefing, uniting 20,000 God-fearing Christians with their spiritual and political leaders. Their goal? To mobilize the pro-family forces enough to get their beliefs as well as their candidates into Congress and the State Houses in November.

It is a foreign environment. There is also no cruising, not even the faintest hint of disco or New Wave, no Perrier, no Calvin Kleins or Ralph Laurens, and not a sign that anyone is remotely conscious of this representative of the sinful world around them, a world that they are so fervently or rabidly, trying to cleanse, or eradicate, depending on one's point of view.

They appear harmless enough, these good old boys and dustmop jockeys, exchanging resounding backslaps and carrot cake recipes. They chomp french fries and adjust garter belts. They are praying, clapping, chanting, and "clanging the death knell for America's gays and other minorities," proclaims one semi-shrill protestor who takes up with me. "They are not only anti-gay, they are anti-everything. If they get their way, all minorities and any woman who wants more than a home and family will be endangered species. They are dangerous."

A superstar lineup has been arranged: Ronald Reagan, Jesse Helms, Bill Clements, James Robison, Phyllis Schlafly, all members of the Moral Majority,

the ultra-conservative group that claims as their theme the protection and continuation of the American family.

It looks like a Channel 39 telethon. Humming and strumming, hymning and hawing, applauding and Amen-ing. "They have the clap," my activist cohort tells me, in a not-too-subtle stage whisper.

The agenda includes a veritable Who's Who of right-wing preachers, ministers, tent evangelists and just plain simple folk-- born-againers who are more than willing to share their testimony with anyone willing to listen. Like elevator music it sounds repetitive, banal.

The moderator sweats. They are already 15 minutes behind

schedule. For preachers accustomed to the pressures of Sunday morning cameras at their services, this is major. The drums roll, the honky-tonk piano tinkles, the spotlight hits Old Glory. "Would everyone please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag," the baritone booms, with more quivering vibrato than a Stradivarius.

They congratulate themselves, for they have snared a black preacher from Los Angeles, E.V. Hill, to dignify the dais, and he's allowed five minutes to speak. He is indignant that Christian Americans are allowing bad things to happen to them. "When a woman sailor is given an honorable discharge for practicing See DGPC, page four

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## Sons, Daughter Suggest Caution in Coming Out

A gay son, a lesbian daughter, another gay son and his mother supplied most of the dialogue at the Education Committee's Third Monday panel discussion on "Coming Out" August 18th.

Though much of the discussion centered on being open with parents about one's homosexuality, the conversation also covered the areas of coming out professionally and to friends.

Jack Wilkinson, North Texas Coordinator for the National Gay Task Force, began the discussion with his frank narrative of coming out to his mother, Celia, who sat by his side. "I knew my parents would be worrying about my lack of girlfriends in high school," Wilkinson said, "but it was only when I marched in last year's Gay Pride Parade that I thought I'd better tell them before they saw me on the news. So I wrote out a script and told my mother."

"Both my parents accepted it," Wilkinson explained, "and they didn't put me down for it. Since I came out, I don't have to tell those little white lies -- 'I was working until midnight and that's why I wasn't home when you called' -- and remember to switch gender when talking about my dates."

Wilkinson said he felt timing was very important to him, and, indeed, all panel members agreed on this point. "Working on the Gayline, people ask me, 'How do I come out?' And I reply, 'Very carefully,'" Wilkinson said.

Mrs. Wilkinson, a Mesquite resident and Church of Christ member, told the audience of about 50 that she had suspected her son's homosexuality but told him she would always love him. See "IT, page three

## Changes Due Next Season For Theatre 3 Preview Parties

by Jay Stankiewicz

The DGPC Champagne Previews at Theatre Three have for a long time been very popular events. So, it is only a matter of time before an entire season of comedies, musicals and dramas is offered to the gay community of Dallas.

The Financial Resources Committee will issue Series Subscription Letters in September listing the shows and explaining the prices. What I'd like to do now, though, is let you know what you can expect from this new theatre season.

First off, our shows will now be on Sunday. That's right,

Sunday! And they'll be early in the evening. No more of those "Tuesday mornings" to worry about. We'll also be offering, in addition to our "Champagne Preview" evenings, "Margarita Madness" and "Bloody Mary Sunday" evenings. We certainly don't want anyone to O.D. on champagne! And if all of this -- along with great savings on Series prices -- isn't enough, there are romantic musicals, rare and wonderful comedies, and dramas both bold and sensitive.

So look for your Series Subscription Letter and plan to enjoy the DGPC '80-'81 Theatre Three Season.

# ROBISON STEALS REAGAN LIMELIGHT

by Charles Decker

Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan was the big drawing card the closing evening of last weekend's National Affairs Briefing at Reunion Arena, but it was evangelist James Robison who provided the sparks to ignite the fires of the 20,000 Christians gathered to learn the fine art of grass roots politics.

Reagan, surrounded by American flags, addressed the assembly with a moderate, low-key speech designed to anger no one while arousing the patriotic spirit in each Christian, many of them pastors and preachers from every state.

"Religious America is awakening for the great campaign," Reagan said. "After making more than 500 billion laws since the dawn of civilization, we find we haven't improved one iota on the Ten Commandments."

Reagan lambasted the liberals and their offshoots for undermining the moral values of this country, and was rewarded with numerous rounds of applause and whoops of approval. "In recent years we have seen traditional American values come under attack," he said. "This is something that transcends party

politics. The very foundation of our freedom is being threatened."

Though Reagan never mentioned gay and lesbian rights, and also ignored the gigantic pro-ERA banner which greeted him upon arrival pornography peddlers and

**'Christians have been  
enslaved too long'  
Robison**

pro-abortion feminists were deemed targets for his wrath.

"We do not have to tolerate the pornography or the permissiveness in our streets, thanks to some recent court decisions. If I'm successful the next administration will base its policies on parental rights and responsibilities. We must respect the integrity of the family and keep big government out of the schools, the neighborhoods and most of all the homes," Reagan said.

Reagan's appearance was advertised as non-partisan and non-political, but that did not deter

him from mentioning some of the key issues of his campaign: foreign policy, the economy and military supremacy.

Reagan said that our first domestic task is "to remedy the national malaise, the pessimism that has infected this country. About the only thing on a dollar bill that is worth more today than four years ago are the words 'In God We Trust.'"

Reagan followed the controversial Robison and though he told the crowd that if he only had one book to take to a desert island it would be the Bible, he couldn't match the electric excitement Robison had generated.

Outspoken and oblivious to the storm he was creating, Robison too spoke of the decay in the moral fiber in this country and called on the gathering to become involved in the political process.

"America must not be allowed to die because Christians are too complacent and indifferent to get concerned and get informed about their country," Robison said. "America is in trouble and if it is to be saved, Christians must not only be inspired and informed, they must also be involved."

But Robison does see some good in the country. He is especially proud of our First Amendment to the Constitution. "I am proud that these people of the press can write what they want about our meeting," he said. "I am proud that these moral perverts can parade outside this arena, rather than hide in their closets. I don't want to look at them, but I'll go talk to them anytime they ask me."

The Constitution also gives women control over their bodies, but Robison blasted the "widespread massacre of the innocent unborn, more than eight million this very year, more than the Nazis killed during their entire regime. People scream about murdering baby seals and baby whales but nobody comes forward to protect the rights of these defenseless little babies."

Robison as vice-president of the Roundtable and a member of the Board of Directors of Moral Majority was one of the driving forces in organizing the two-day conference. "We Christians have been first ignored, then enslaved by those who pull our strings," Robison said. "That time is over."

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Radio station KLIF 1190 AM disc jockeys have been reprimanded by station management for their continuous jokes about gay men. The reprimand came after a female member of the DGPC and the Metropolitan Community Church called the radio station to complain. The woman pointed out to Dean Taylor of KLIF that many of her gay friends listen to the station.

Spirits were so high during the August 23-24 canoe trip down the Brazos River that participants plan to do it again in the very near future. Fourteen men and women attended the two-day event which included swimming, rafting, camping, and campfire conversation. "Chuckles" Colison kept everyone laughing while gourmet recipes were prepared atop a wood fire.

DGPC members staffed the phone banks during the KERA-TV membership drive, August 27. The Dallas area Public Broadcasting Service affiliate has recognized the DGPC in previous fund-raising efforts.

Television evangelist James Robison, organizer of the Religious Roundtable and a Crusader for Homophobia, has sent an urgent appeal to his subscribers, requesting that they each send a "sacrificial gift" of \$25.00 to help pay for the television debts he has accumulated. Robison reported, "I'm even behind on my bills to your TV station, and others." Yet, Robison continued to promise that he will never give up and to insist that he will "bring America to her knees before God."

An open meeting to discuss Gay Pride Week '80 is slated for Friday, September 7, 7:00 pm at Metropolitan Community Church.

The Dallas gay community is invited to attend to share complaints, suggestions, criticisms, and compliments.

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# Defendant Convicted after Forum Shopping Spree

A third defendant in the sequence of trials resulting from the raid on the Village Station last October 25 was found guilty of public lewdness by Dallas County Criminal Court Judge Berland Brashear on Friday, August 22. The trial started at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 21 and judgement was delivered at 2:10 p.m. the following day.

Three police officers gave testimony during the trial --Lt. Eddie Walt, and Officers O.K. Griffith and Larry Cadena. The officers agreed basically on the arrest report they had written, but according to defense counsel, "About everything else they have been very vague." The defense put on several witnesses, including two men already declared not guilty in earlier trials in Judge Chuck Miller's court last February. Character witnesses, including three women, also testified.

There was no substantial difference between the content of evidence presented in this trial and that presented in the two earlier trials before District Attorney Henry Wade went "forum shopping" --shopping for judges in order to maximize the chances of getting a conviction.

Closing remarks by prosecutor Winfield Scott included the following:

"After the raid, the word got out, and the fondling ceased and came to a screeching halt."

(Referring to two women who gave character testimony and said they had been out socially with the defendants to the Village Station): "These women may think it's campy to hang around with homosexuals; well, that's their problem and not mine."

(Referring to the defense counsel's closing remarks): "This man and these other defendants come down here, get on the stand, and admit to the world that they are homosexuals, owing to being castigated by society... I submit to the court that I can't explain why they want to do that either. except that it seems to be vogue to come out of the closet, and that seems to be some type of folk hero type thing, to get up there and tell the world that 'I'm gay and I'm proud of it.' I don't know whether they get some type of warped kick out of these trials or not..."

"These women, some of them, and some of the men, call these defendants gentlemen. And I submit to you Your Honor, that they are nothing more than perverts engaged in repulsive, disgusting, outrageous, obscene behavior in public."

On Thursday afternoon, a confrontation between friends of the defendant and some assistant district attorneys resulted in Assistant D.A. David Lewis putting up his fists and challenging friends of the defendant to a fight.

Judge Brashear sentenced the defendant to a probated fine of \$1,000, to be paid only if the defendant is charged with a similar offense during the probation period. In the November 1978 election, Judge Brashear sought and received the endorsement of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus after pledging to be as fair to gays as to other citizens coming to trial in his court.

After the trial, the defense counsel said, "Everybody here knows the defendant is innocent of the crime with which he was charged. What this trial proves is that forum shopping works, that the police can go into a gay bar and arrest people who are innocent of any crime, because they can come down to this courthouse and testify as we have heard them do today. The only thing of which the defendant was guilty, if one can use that word, is that he is gay."

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- 2 SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday, DGPC office. 7 p.m. 528-4233.  
Turtle Creek Chorale rehearses every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., P.O. Box 19806; Dallas, Texas 75219 or call 821-3086.  
Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 233-3100 for location.  
PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. 528-8945.  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday, DGPC office. 9 p.m. 522-5389.
- 3 Pot Luck Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church. 6:30 p.m., 2701 Reagan (at Brown). 526-6221.  
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, DGPC office. 7 p.m. 528-4233.  
"Decide For Yourself" classes. Every Wednesday in September. 7:30 p.m. United Community Church, 4402 Roseland. 827-5088.  
GLAD (Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton) meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at UMC - Maple & Avenue B.  
Program: Democratic Convention Delegate. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.  
Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force meets the first and third Wednesday of every month. 7:30 p.m.  
NOW office, 3107 Routh, upstairs. 742-6918.  
FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday, DGPC front office. 8 p.m. 328-5559.  
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, DGPC back office. 8 p.m. 528-4233.
- 4 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. Musicians, instruments and donations needed. Call Mike, 526-3197.  
Metroplex Young Adults (17 and up) meets every Thursday. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan.  
RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE meets every Thursday, DGPC office. 8 p.m. 528-4233.
- 5 Cliff Dwellers Social Club meets every Friday from 8 - 11 p.m. No drugs, grass or alcohol. 321 N. Zangs (at 8th). 748-6790.  
TARRANT COUNTY GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page). (817) 926-2976.
- 6 Dallas Gay Political Caucus' Bicycle Club meets at 10 a.m. Call Mike, 826-2362.  
Pot Luck Picnic Supper at the United Community Church, 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.
- 7 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Service at 11 a.m. Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page).  
The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Sunday at noon. Samuel/Grand Tennis Center. Everyone welcome. 522-7785.  
Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the first Sunday of every month. 1 p.m. Hidden Door. 5025 Bowser. 526-9211.  
The Oak Lawn Volleyball Association meets every Sunday. 2 p.m. Turtle Creek near the spillway. 823-1093.  
GAU/NT (Gay Academic Union of North Texas) Program: Summer Vacation. 5:30 p.m. 526-2365 or 691-0043.
- 8 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. Candidates Night. Political candidates will seek DGPC's endorsement for the November 4th national elections. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. Everyone welcome. 528-4233.
- 13 THE THINKING MAJORITY (tentative meeting). 10 a.m. NOW office. 742-6918.  
Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force Education Forum. Program: Famous Lesbians. NOW office. 742-6918.





# SEPTEMBER



- 15 **THIRD MONDAY.** Program: Feminism - Is There a Place for it in the Gay Movement? Panel Discussion and audience dialogue. 7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Church. 4015 Normandy (at Preston). Wine and Cheese. 521-5395.  
Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meet every third Monday. 7:30 p.m. YWCA, 4621 Ross.
  - 17 **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** meeting. 8 p.m. DGPC office, 528-4233.  
The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas. 2616 Swiss. 9 p.m. 821-1900.  
GLAD meeting in Denton. UMC, Maple & Avenue B. Program: Gay Local History - What it was like being gay in the old days. Speaker, Phil Johnson. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.
  - 18 **FEMINIST TASK FORCE** (Women's issues) meeting, DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
  - 19 Dignity/Dallas (Gay Catholics) meeting and social. 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m. 526-3231.
  - 20 "Gertie, Gertie, Gertie Stein is Back, Back, Back" with the wonderful Pat Bond. Channel XIII. 7 p.m. (and 4 a.m. Sept. 21st).
  - 21 CRC Gayline meeting. 7:30 p.m. 2503 N. Wycliff. All welcome. 748-6790.
  - 22 **DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS** open board of directors and committee heads meeting. Everyone welcome. DGPC office. 7:30.  
"Gertie, Gertie, Gertie Stein is Back, Back, Back" is back on Channel XIII. 9:30 p.m.  
The Oak Lawn Tennis Association general meeting every 4th Monday. 7:30 p.m. Call 522-7785 for location.
  - 24 **DIALOG** deadline (4th Wednesday of every month). Send your comments, letters and articles to DIALOG (DGPC), Box 35011; Dallas, Texas 75235.
  - 26 State Democratic Convention in Houston. Friday night and all day Saturday. Call 528-4233 for information.
  - 28 **TEXAS GAY TASK FORCE** Board Meeting. All TGTF members welcome. 11 a.m. 4600 Main; Houston, Texas (following Democratic Convention). Call (214) 528-9079 for details.  
DIALOG production day. 2 p.m. till... 528-4233. Help needed.
  - 29 Skating Party at Josey Skateland in Farmers Branch. Take the Josey Lane/Webb Chapel exit on LBJ. 8 p.m. \$4.00 donation includes skates. United Community Church. 827-5088 or 526-6221 for tickets and details.
- OCTOBER 2 - MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's place. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Bring an appetitel 821-1653. (Send all DGPC membership applications and renewals to 6146 St. Moritz; Dallas, Texas 75214).



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For the last in my series on important lesbians and gay men in history, I have chosen the French writer André Gide, who was one of the giants of modern French literature.

## BIOGRAPHY

# Gide develops gay literature

by Dr. Frank Rossiter

André Gide was born in Paris in 1869. The wealth of his mother and her family gave him the leisure to pursue a literary career. Through his teens and into his early twenties, Gide was intellectually precocious, but sexually inexperienced (in large part because of a rather puritanical Protestant upbringing). The turning point came for him at about the time he turned twenty-four, when he made his first trip to North Africa. There he had his first sexual experience - a homosexual experience with an Arab boy. When he returned to North Africa in 1895, he was initiated further into the mysteries of Arab homosexuality by none other than Oscar Wilde and Wilde's friend Lord Alfred Douglas. Gide incorporated a number of these incidents and characters, including a seductive Arab boy, into his first novel The Immoralist.

Yet in that same year of his second North African trip, 1895, Gide married his cousin

Madeleine. He had for a long time felt a kind of "pure", disembodied love for Madeleine, but this marriage was not physically consummated. Gide came to believe that homosexuality was "normal" for him; but his homosexual activities which were directed mainly toward adolescent males, were not allowed to become entangling and were kept strictly separate from his "higher" love for his wife.

By the 1920's, Gide had become a leading literary figure through such novels as Strait Is The Gate and The Pastoral Symphony, as well as through his other writings. The homosexual theme, if present, was usually secondary in these works. Deciding to speak out more directly about homosexuality, Gide published in 1924 a book called Corydon, which used a wide variety of arguments, from science to history, to prove that homosexuality was natural and that it was not a social or moral evil.

These courageous books brought down upon Gide's head a storm of denunciation, coming from sources ranging from his close literary friends to the Catholic Church. During the second quarter of the twentieth century, he was probably the best-known out-of-the-closet homosexual in the world. He did more than anyone else to make homosexuality an acceptable theme in modern literature. In 1947 he received the ultimate honor when he was awarded the Nobel prize for literature. André Gide died in 1951 at the age of eighty-one.

## BOARD SYNOPSIS

The meeting embraced a number of committee reports and projects concerns. Political Action will send a letter to Congress protesting anti-gay votes. Social Concerns will present a Christmas tree to the new branch of the Oak Lawn Library. Outreach will raise \$500.00 to appear on the local Muscular Dystrophy Telethon at 1:15 A.M. September 31st.

The following motions were considered. The Board passed a motion to copy our brochure on Homosexuality and distribute it around Reunion Arena. In addition, Marcus Lerro recommended the Caucus send a representative to the National Affairs Briefing, and cover his registration fees and additional expenses up to \$25.00. Funding for the Muscular Dystrophy program is not realized, but a motion was passed to continue with the plan to make the contribution/appearance. Measures to further organize the Caucus office were discussed. The Lesbian Task Force Meeting and the Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas will have representatives from the Caucus attending or assisting with child care services. Voter registration posters and signs advising bargoers to adopt safety measures in traversing the Oak Lawn area will be posted in the bars.

Varied and informative announcements rounded out the meeting.

## "IT WAS ACTUALLY A GREAT RELIEF" —WILKINSON

"It was actually a great relief when Jack told me," Mrs. Wilkinson noted. "It's not something you can really hide, and it's not something a mother feels comfortable asking her son. We're a much closer family now. We talk more, and we're far more comfortable talking now."

Another panel member, Bill Howie, spoke of coming out to a girlfriend who had placed some emotional demands upon him. "I decided if someone was really important to me, they should be aware of my sexuality," he said. Howie told the woman, who replied, "If I didn't know you so well, I'd probably never speak to you again."

"I'll never forget it," Howie explained, "because it meant that we had built a relationship apart from a sexual one, and it proved that she saw me as a person separate from my sexual identity."

Howie reported that he had told his father of his homosexuality, but regretted that he had not broached the subject with his mother, who is now terminally ill. He reiterated the point that timing is crucial in coming out and feels that no one should take that step until he or she feels

comfortable with himself or herself as well as the relationships forged with one's parents, and friends.

"My father and I are close, and I wanted to share more of my life with him," Howie confessed. "I was afraid he would interpret my not telling him as a sign of guilt, and I didn't want that to happen. He was very supportive, and I no longer have any guilt about my lifestyle."

Social worker Carol Duncan completed the panel and emphasized that coming out to herself before she could reach sufficient acceptance of her lesbianism to tell someone else about it was encouraging.

"I went through a long process of denying it all until I realized it wasn't working," she noted. "I decided to allow my feelings for women to open up."

Though she has yet to come out to her parents, Duncan has told selected friends, who have been mostly supportive. "It's been a process of making them more sensitive to certain issues," she said. "I've not come out to my parents mainly because of their religious beliefs, but I do feel like some kind of coming out is coming up."

"Professionally, I've been open with some of the people I work with, and in many cases it has opened lines of communication that were closed before. So, it does help," Duncan reported.

After the discussion was opened to the audience, there was much debate about the need for understanding individual parents before telling them. "You've got to be prepared for some questions they'll have for you," one participant remembered.

Another said, "There's a certain irony about the fact that we all come from families, yet so many of us are not accepted by that same family because we're not heterosexual. We need to point out that we use the same methods of affection they do. We touch each other; we kiss each other."

One participant confessed, "I knew my parents had love and respect for me, so nothing anyone says about queers and faggots can hurt me because I know my parents are supportive. If nothing else, that's reason enough to tell your parents you're gay."

The next Third Monday meeting will focus on "Woman: Lesbian/Gay." All Third Monday meetings are held at the First Unitarian Church, Preston Road at Normandy.

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lesbianism, something ought to be said," he says. "When the teachers look and smell worse than the children they're supposed to be teaching, something ought to be said."

Evangelist James Robison, whose idea this confab was, is introduced after a stirring rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee." He speaks for 40 minutes, railing against everything from Soviet supremacy to abortion to big government. He claims not to be taking sides, only to be wanting change by Godly people.

"I wish the critics of the Bible would read it sometime," he says. "It says much about the home, and much about the family, but 100 times more about the government. They say 'Jesus didn't get involved in politics' and I say, 'Who crucified Him?'"

He has a catch phrase for homosexuals and lesbians: the morally perverted. "I do not think the lovely ladies of this land should be used as pawns of the morally perverted special interest groups to get their own way," he proclaims to wild applause. "We should not have to pay our tax dollars to ensure the rights of the morally perverted. The answer to cancer is not to cure it but to eliminate it." My ally smirks and says, "Nobody mentions the tax dollars gay people pay for

educating the children most of them don't have," over the din.

Another chorus of "God Bless America," which my friend and I conspicuously sit out. "Every oppressor throughout history has invoked the Lord's name to sanction that oppression," she says. "Hush, now. Here comes one of those lovely ladies of the land this very minute."

Comic Robin Tyler says it better than anyone: "Phyllis Schlafly is to womanhood what the Hindenburg was to flying." Schlafly walks demurely to the podium. "She's about as demure as Mata Hari," my friend says, a bit too loudly. She's right. Schlafly thanks her husband, Fred, for letting her come to Dallas, and then launches into a brazen attack on the feminists who are trying to get this "sex amendment" passed.

"It's the radical women who have dusted off these throwbacks to the women's suffrage movement and forced their beliefs on the law-makers of this country," she says. "This amendment would take away the rights of wives and give them to homosexuals. It advocates a unisex, gender-free society that would allow homosexual marriage and adoption."

Calling the International Women's Year conference in Houston a "federally financed fracas for frustrated feminists," Schlafly

says, "God gave men and women different functions, different roles, separate and not interchangeable. He made men physically stronger so they can be the protectors, the providers."

For my friend, who refers to God as "She," this was too much. Schlafly leaves the podium amid shouts and whistles, choruses of "Hallelujah!" and "Amen" and one isolated catcall from too-nearby. "Buy a vibrator, bitch!"

The lynch mentality begins to envelope us. As a former film reviewer who has sat through some true turkeys as a matter of professional discipline, I am accustomed to spending more time than I like at places I don't like, but this is beyond discipline and dedication. The fact that our lives may be in danger has nothing to do with it.

"If we could only talk to these people, tell them we're not perverts and child molesters, only humans wanting our rights," I plead as my friend ushers me out cautiously. "It's no use," she says. "They nod their heads and say, 'Yes, but the Bible says...' and then go back to threatening us. All we can do is be aware of these people and what they can do to us. They're fervent and they're tireless and they have money. We have to fight them tooth and nail."

Hallelujah! Amen.

## Feminist Perspective

by Marcus Lerro

Perhaps the greatest contributing factor in the resistance of gay male society to the ideals of feminism is the dogmatism espoused by radical feminists.

I doubt a gay man can be found who feels that women should not have equal rights. For the most part, the gay male community in Dallas is well-educated and at least somewhat conscious of the ugly realities of discrimination. Many men, especially the white and upwardly mobile, have rarely been personally restricted due to their skin color or status in the socioeconomic world. However, because of the gentle conditioning of the heterosexual molds, gay men begin the process of cutting through the lies of our American culture only when they begin understanding their sexuality. And gradually, gay men come to see a bit more clearly than most non-gay men. Fertile ground for the seeds of feminism evolves!

Understandably, women are ultimately responsible for the women's rights movement, as gay women and men are responsible for the gay rights movement. To expect a migration between causes would be to denounce accountability, but the concerted effort to educate our partners in the total movement toward human rights is not only

desired, but necessary for our common survival.

For too long, gay men in our area have been assumed homogeneous in ignorance about feminist ideology. The most frequent image is that of clean-cut, fashionable young gents who wear IZOD shirts and spend their time and money at discos. These stereotypes are complete with narrow-mindedness and insensitivity.

An equally unattractive stereotype of feminist women and men is that of extremists completely oblivious to the necessities of systems and working within them. Feminists cannot be anything but the ultra-left, and they must not understand the meaning of compromise or sensitivity outside their own feminist circles. The feminist stereotype is complete with an underprivileged status and education, an underlying socialist philosophy, and a wardrobe of faded blue jeans and t-shirts.

It would be a mistake to claim that all gay men are uninterested in feminism or that all feminists are radical, bleeding-heart liberals. The reality of the Dallas scene, however, might lend itself to these myths since there are few gay men actively working for women's rights, and the visible feminists appear far less moderate

than the city would like. It looks as if we have polarized.

Our enemy is common, yet we waste valuable energy debating whether or not to invite men to our coffeehouses or change our name to "lesbian/gay". Should our petty arguments not stop, then we certainly deserve our fate.

If there is no tolerance for the radical feminists or the conservative gay men, then we are doomed to burn together in the flames of the Moral Majority. If there is so little respect for the difference between ourselves, then we will perish as we have before.

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October, 1980

**T**he great American poet, Walt Whitman- known vaguely to high school students and undergraduate college students as the poet par excellence of American democracy, human equality, and the healthiness of the body- was a tender celebrator of the love of comrades. in an age when homosexuality was "the love that dare not speak its name." Modern readers (if they are awake at all) who come upon the "Calamus"

Of a crowd of workmen and drivers in a bar-room around the stove late of a winter night, and I unremark'd seated in a corner,

Of a youth who loves me and whom I love, silently approaching and seating himself near, that he may hold me by the hand,

A long while amid the noises of coming and going, of drinking and oath and smutty jest,

Perhaps because of the shaded and coded expression of the poems offered by Whitman, critics have often missed the real, underlying meaning of "Calamus." In some cases, hostile critics have actually misread and misinterpreted deliberately in order to deny what can scarcely be denied any longer-that Whitman must be recognized as a poet of homosexual consciousness. Robert K. Martin's recent book, The Homosexual Tradition in American Poetry, castigates critics of this sort who have hidden the genuine Whitman from the schools and from the general public.

Walt Whitman lived an active life on Long Island, in New York, in Washington, D.C., in New Orleans for a brief period, and in Camden, New Jersey. He was at various periods a school teacher, a journalist, a volunteer nurse in the Civil War hospitals, and even a writer of a temperance novel! At all times he was a powerful poet. "The good gray poet" is only now being recognized as the "good gay poet."

## Biography

by James T. F. Tanner, Ph. D.

section of *Leaves of Grass* are struck by the undeniably homoerotic sentiments expressed in language intended to partly conceal, partly reveal the feelings associated with the longings for his comrades and lovers. Intended to express the love of man for man (as the "Children of Adam" section deals with the love of man for woman), the "Calamus" poems reveal an intensely personal side of the poet:

Here the frailest leaves of me  
and yet my strongest lasting,  
Here I shade and hide my thoughts,  
I myself do not expose them,  
And yet they expose me more  
than all my other poems.

The 39 poems of this grouping alternately "confess," cruise, celebrate, exhort, and philosophize; all are unified by the sentiment of "adhesiveness" (the phrenological code-word which Whitman used to designate the love of man for man).

The following brief poem, entitled "A Glimpse," will give the reader some notion of Whitman's power to evoke a "gay scene":

A glimpse through an interstice  
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## WALT WHITMAN

There we two, content, happy in  
being together, speaking little,  
perhaps not a word.

Thus the poet in 1860 imagined how it must have appeared to a passerby who looked into the bar-room and saw a middle-aged man holding the hand of a youth; it is significant that the poet sees himself in the poem. Such poems as this are rarely anthologized.

## The Gavel Raps

by Don Baker

Over the years, I have often heard members of the Caucus express a desire to help advance the gay rights movement in Dallas. They want to contribute their talents, skills, and money as well as time to the DGPC. We are always grateful to receive their support. While most of these 'tangible' types of participation are noble and needed, there is one 'intangible' yet important contribution which can literally make or break our organization. This contribution is learning to control our tongues. This inconspicuous member of our anatomy can bring more harm or good than any amount of money or time.

One helpful use of our tongues is in communicating good things the Caucus is doing in Dallas for gay women and men. If our members were to include a line or two about various ongoing projects within the Caucus while out with friends, we could influence more people to join in our efforts. We could also compliment one another whenever someone does something commendable. Sometimes we forget that DGPC is a totally voluntary organization. Most people put

in what they can when they can. Things get done because somebody cares, not because they are getting paid.

Our tongues can serve in destructive capacities through careless and insensitive comments. This harm can come about under various circumstances. This is not to say that disagreement is bad or unnecessary. The real issue, though, is how we control our tongues during outbursts of dissatisfaction and disagreement. We should stop and think before we lash out in righteous indignation. Before we put 'the enemy' in his or her place we should consider what we are about to say and how it is going to advance or stifle our movement in Dallas. We should always ask ourselves, "Is what I have to say going to bring confidence and support to another fellow member, or is it going to belittle and upset someone?"

In conclusion, I hope we can continue to contribute as much as we can to the Caucus. Our cause is right and just. It is something we can be proud of. I also hope that, if we give nothing more, we will always use our tongues in a positive way, thereby advancing gay rights in Dallas.

# NEWS

## DEMOCRATS VOTE NO ON 21.06

The Texas Democratic Party Platform adopted October 27 in Houston includes a plank calling for the repeal of section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas, a coalition of the convention delegates and alternates, was successful in its fight (which was narrowly lost in San Antonio earlier this year) to place the state Democratic party on record opposing the law prohibiting sexual conduct between consenting adults of the same sex. A majority of the delegates present during the platform adoption proceedings agreed with the gay leaders that private sexual conduct should not be a matter of the state.

## Matlovich to be Reinstated

In 1975 Air Force T. Sgt. Leonard Matlovich was discharged from the service after he openly proclaimed his homosexuality. But on Sept. 19, a federal court in Washington, D. C., ruled that the decorated Vietnam veteran should be reinstated with full back pay. District Court Judge Gerhard Gesell based his decision on the ill-defined Air Force rule which bars homosexuals "under certain circumstances." The rule's vagueness effectively was held to guarantee Matlovich over \$50,000 in back pay.

### POSITION OPEN

The resignation of DGPC Secretary Jerry Diggin requires the Board of Directors to interview and appoint a new secretary within the next month. If you have experience as a recording secretary and wish to serve the Board, please leave your name and number with the DGPC service, 528-4233.

## INS Stops Gay Screenings

The United States Department of Justice recently announced that Immigration and Naturalization Service inspectors will no longer attempt to screen "obvious" homosexuals. Only those aliens voluntarily declaring their homosexuality will be deported, still required by law.

Last year the U.S. Public Health Service announced that it would no longer certify suspected homosexuals for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. INS officials then began a policy of randomly questioning visitors from abroad or immigrants they suspected were homosexually oriented.

## European Body Votes For Gays

The European Parliament, holding congress in Paris earlier this year, adopted a motion to widen an antidiscrimination clause to include "sexual orientation" in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

A large majority of member delegations voted for the provision, an initiative spearheaded by liberal members of the largely symbolic trans-European Parliament. Some members of the French and Belgian delegations were opposed to the provision. One opponent maintained the move for equal protection for gay men and women undermines the state's duty to protect families. (Reprinted from International Lesbian/Gay Association LATTITUDES.)

## GUYS Operators Indicted

Two men who have operated the Gay Unwanted Youth Services (GUYS), a halfway house for gay runaways, for more than two years were indicted by the Dallas County grand jury for the felony offense of sexual abuse of a child. Both Edwin Scott Helber and Melvin Mitchell were accused of sodomy with a 16-year-old boy in the

## Halloween Party Offers Cash Prizes

On Saturday night, November 1, the DGPC will present LA NUIT CHAUDE (the hot night) to benefit the educational and social programs of the Caucus. The evening will be a combination costume contest and disco dance.

The costume contest will be the culmination of the Halloween festivities with all the winners of other local contests coming together. The costumes should be as extravagant and creative as possible. Cash prizes will be awarded. Entry fees for contestants will be \$30 for organizational and business representatives and \$15 for individuals. Entries will not be limited to one person. Cost for individual admission will be \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Jay Stankiewicz at 328-5559 or Bill Nelson at 826-7467.

## Mother Victorious In Custody Battle

A superior court judge in Trenton, N. J. has ruled in favor of a gay woman whose custody of her two children was challenged by her estranged husband last March. Rosemary Dempsey, 35, has been active in the lesbian-feminist movement and has lived for five years with her lover, Margaret Wales, and Wales' three children. Judge William D'Annunzio established a precedent in New Jersey by ruling that neither her cohabitation with her lover nor her activism are detrimental to Dempsey's children.

court of Justice of the Peace Pat McDowell, who set bond at \$5,000 for each of the men. Both Helber and Mitchell were charged for illegal acts with a minor on numerous occasions between November 1979 and June 1980, and both face a possible maximum punishment of 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

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# Perversion of the Criminal Justice System

EDITORIAL

Sometimes in the history of a nation or of a community laboring under oppression, a small number of persons is called upon to carry on its shoulders the burdens of the suffering of the whole. In this regard, four of those persons arrested in the Village Station on that October night in 1979, together with their defense counsel, must always be remembered and their names be honored as long as the story of the struggles of gays and lesbians of Dallas against tyranny is told. For those four men could have given in, pleaded guilty, and in so doing have been spared the fear of loss of jobs and of months of harrowing anxiety leading up to trial in court.

These four men have persisted in asserting that they are innocent and are victims of false arrests by Dallas vice squad officers, a pattern with which gays were becoming familiar as the fall of 1979 turned into a long, dark winter. Two of the victims were acquitted in Judge Chuck Miller's court at the beginning of 1980, largely because witnesses stepped forward to testify to what they saw. Following District Attorney Henry Wade's "forum-shopping" spree, which finally took the remaining cases out of the court to which they had first been assigned, the other two defendants were found guilty by Judges Berlaind Brashear and John J. Orvis in August.

Wade's freedom to assign cases to any court of his choice has come to an end, partly because of the courage and integrity of these four gay defendants. Professional misconduct by public prosecutors was brought to the light of day, and our community became the target in these trials of attacks by arrogant, boorish, and self-righteous assistant district attorneys.

Our community now needs to rally behind Jim and Richard, who are appealing their convictions. It is only appropriate that our prosecutors and judges should answer for their misdeeds to the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin. The least we can do for Jim and Richard is to raise the money which will be needed for these appeals, just as we must raise the money to get Doug Greeson's felony conviction retried and overturned.

But we must go beyond that. Tyranny is out of place in a democracy, and it is particularly obnoxious when it is practised by those who are charged with enforcing and upholding the law. One of our criminal court judges in Dallas recently suggested that he could not give a ruling in favor of a homosexual because his political career would thereby be ruined. This may be a reflection on the judge in question, but it is really a reflection on the credibility of the entire criminal justice system in Dallas County.

The problem lies with Henry Wade and the power he wields, far in excess of what the justice system was ever designed to give to a district attorney. Wade has abused his power, violating his own code of professional ethics by seeking convictions rather than justice and by forum shopping. Add to that the bias of judges and juries against us, and the proneness of some police officers to harass us, and it can soon be seen that those in authority have perverted the criminal justice system to make of us the scapegoats that societies have always needed.

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But they may have gone too far. The police have enforced the public-lewdness statute selectively, and the district attorney has withheld equal protection under the law from those charged under the statute by exorbitant punishment recommendations. Since Wade is bound to provide such protection, he may be open to an injunction suit and possibly to certain other charges. Our community needs to pursue these matters and not to rest until federal suits have been filed against these so-called champions of the law. But whatever the final outcome, the courage and resolution of Dave, Ron, Jim and Richard must stand as an example for us all, and will be needed by more of us before justice is finally seen to be done.

Social Justice Committee - DGPC

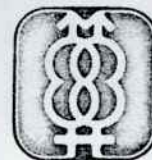
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- 1 DGPC's Bicycle Club will ride to Oak Cliff, leaving Lee Park at 10 a.m. 826-2362 or 522-3124.
- "La Nuit Chaude" Costume Ball. Braniff Rotunda Bldg. at Love Field. 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. Tickets, \$5.00 in advance - \$7.00 at the door. Free beer and prizes galore! Submit costume entries by Monday, October 27th. Entree blanks at DGPC meetings. 528-4233 for information.
- 4 VOTE! Your vote can make a difference. See DGPC's Voter Recommendation Guide.
- 15 "Lesbian Images in Photography, 1850-1980" Historic photographs of and by lesbians. 826-3692.

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F R I E N D S :

Each year the Texas Gay Task Force sponsors the Texas Gay Conference. This year the seventh of these annual conferences will be held in Denton at the Denton Civic Center Community Building on October 18 and 19, with registration and a get acquainted party and film showing at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17 at La Quinta Motor Inn. Denton is 35 miles north-west of Dallas, north-east of Fort Worth, and about 25 miles from the DFW airport.

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."



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SCHEDULE OF FEES:

Advance Registration	(before October 11)	\$15.00
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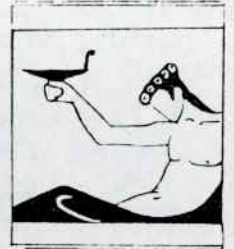


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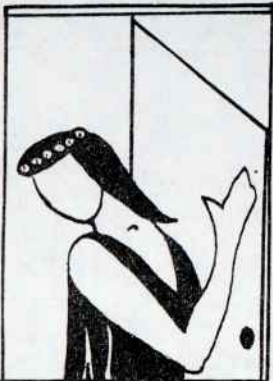
FRIDAY OCTOBER 17 La Quinta Motor Inn, 700 Fort Worth Drive:  
7:00-11:00 p.m. Registration; No-host cocktail party; Films

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18 Civic Center Community Building, 215 E. McKinney:  
8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration, Lobby (continues all day); Coffee and donuts  
9:00-10:45 a.m. Opening session: Welcome; State of T.G.T.F.; Keynote address  
by a prominent political figure (tba); Announcements  
11:00-12:30 Workshops: Gay history (Frank Rossiter); Legal harassment  
(Campbell Read, DGPC Social Justice Comm.); Lesbians and the  
feminist movement; TGTF reorganization (Steve Caldwell)  
12:30-1:15 p.m. Lunch (Inexpensive sandwiches, etc., will be available)  
1:30-3:00 p.m. Workshops: Coming out; Organizing gay telephone services  
(Dallas CRC); Politicians' panel: Effects of gay support  
3:15-4:45 p.m. Workshops: The Far right wing; Feminism for gay men (Bill  
Beauchamp); The Gay image in the media (Susan Caudill of  
Channel 13); Relationships (Kathie Beckman Smallwood)  
5:00-6:00 p.m. People's assembly--everybody welcome  
8:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Party sponsored by the Gay/Lesbian Association  
of Denton (place tba) \$3.00 admission



SUNDAY OCTOBER 19 Civic Center Community Building  
9:00-9:45 a.m. Chapel; Caucuses (Blacks, Chicanos, Physically  
Challenged, Professional, Rural, Women, etc.;  
HRA fund-raising ideas  
10:00-11:00 a.m. General session: Speaker, Morris Kight, Organizer  
of Gay Community Services Center of Los Angeles  
11:15-12:45 Texas Gay Task Force Business Meeting--only members can vote  
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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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



# OCTOBER 1980

- 4 The Turtle Creek Chorale. This brilliant male chorus will present a diverse program of music at Caruth Auditorium on the campus of Southern Methodist University. 8:15 p.m. Tickets \$5.00. 821-3086.
- "The Children's Hour". Lillian Hellman's play about two young female teachers whose lives are destroyed by accusations that they are lesbians. The film points out that the depravity is that of the accusers rather than the accused. Channel XIII. 8 p.m.
- Pot Luck Supper at the United Community Church, 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.
- 5 DGPC's fabulous "Theatre III-Margarita Madness" party. Preshow madness begins at 6 p.m. "Strider", a captivating theatre piece that eloquently combines music, dance and mime will begin at 7. Tickets can be purchased at the door. 328-5559.
- Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Service at 11 a.m. Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page).
- "The Pinks and the Blues", a look at contemporary boys and girls after a decade of sex role redefinition. Channel XIII. 9 p.m.
- The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Sunday at noon. Samuel/Grand Tennis Center. Everyone welcome. 522-7785.
- Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the first Sunday of every month. 1 p.m. Hidden Door. 5025 Bowser. 526-9211.
- GAU/NT (Gay Academic Union of North Texas) Program: Social Injustice in the Courts. 5:30 p.m. Refreshments. 526-2365.
- 6 "Potpourri" Auditions. All kinds of live talent needed for the second Benefit for Pat Cherry. Bring your own music or records if needed. Reflections. 4916 McKinney. 8 p.m. Call 827-5088 for more information.
- 7 The Turtle Creek Chorale in concert at Caruth Auditorium on the SMU campus. 8:15 p.m. Tickets \$5.00. 821-3086.
- SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday, DGPC office. 7 p.m. 528-4233.
- Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 233-3100 for location.
- PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. 528-8945.
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday, DGPC office. 9 p.m. 522-5389.
- 8 "Celebrating God's Gifts" Educational Workshops at the United Community Church. 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088. Continuing workshops on the 15th and 22nd of October.
- "The Children's Hour" on Channel XIII. 10 p.m.
- POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, DGPC office. 7 p.m. 528-4233.
- FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday, DGPC front office. 8 p.m. 328-5559.
- SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, DGPC back office. 8 p.m. 528-4233.
- 9 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. Musicians, instruments and donations needed. Call Mike, 526-3197.
- OUTREACH COMMITTEE meets every Thursday, DGPC office. 7 p.m. 528-4233.
- Metroplex Young Adults (17 and up) meets every Thursday at 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Texas-Oklahoma weekend! Every gay bar in town is planning a big bash to celebrate. Check with your favorite. Also grab a copy of TWT (This Week in Texas) which lists all the events, dates, times, addresses and telephone numbers of every gay bar in Texas. The Texas-Oklahoma celebration continues all day Saturday and Sunday!
- Cliff Dwellers Social Club meets every Friday from 8 - 11 p.m. No drugs, grass or alcohol. 321 N. Zangs (at 8th). 748-6790.
- TARRANT COUNTY GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page). (817) 926-2976.



# OCTOBER



- 11 DGPC's Bicycle Club leaves from the office at 10 a.m. Bicycle in the Trinity River Parks of Ft. Worth. 826-2362 or 522-3124.  
THE THINKING MAJORITY meets every Saturday at 10 a.m. NOW office. 3107 Routh, upstairs in back. 742-6918.  
Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force Education Forum. Interesting program. NOW office. 742-6918.
- 12 GAU/NT (Gay Academic Union of North Texas). Discussion, "Homosexuality; a History" by Vern Bullough. Refreshments. 522-7408.
- 13 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. Program: Helping You Find Your Place in the Gay Rights Movement. Help plan the Christmas Tree Celebration, the Gay Blood Drive and the November Elections. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. Everyone welcome.  
"Voices" on Channel XIII. This program presents local fundamentalist pastors and church leaders, who actively support the conservative Christian movement's legislative goals, discussing their political involvement and the reasons why they have become activists. Susan Caudill moderates. 7:30 p.m.
- 14 The Turtle Creek Chorale rehearses every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., P.O. Box 19806; Dallas, Texas 75219. 821-3086.
- 15 GLAD (Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton) meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall. 1111 Cordell. Students, faculty, townspeople and county residents welcome. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.  
Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force meets the first and third Wednesday of every month. 7:30 p.m. NOW office, 3107 Routh, upstairs in back. 742-6918.  
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE meeting. 8 p.m. DGPC office, 528-4233.  
The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas. 2616 Swiss. 9 p.m. 821-1900.
- 16 FEMINIST TASK FORCE (Women's issues) meeting, DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.  
"A Special Day" A realistic, award winning film concerning an aging homosexual in fascist Italy. Sophia Loren and Mastroianni star. Granada Theatre. 3524 Greenville Ave. 9:30 p.m. 823-9610.
- 17 Spiritual Renewal at the Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. 2701 Reagan (at Brown) Reverend Elder Senior Jerri Ann Harvey, Pastor of the mother church in Los Angeles will speak at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Also at the 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. services Sunday. The MCC concert choir will perform. 526-6221.  
TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE VII. Registration, No-hosts Cocktail Party and films. La Quinta Motor Inn, 7000 Ft. Worth Drive in Denton. 7 to 11 p.m. In Dallas call 528-9079. In Denton call 387-8216.
- 18 TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE VII continues with parties, films, speakers. Workshops on Gay History, Legal Harassment, Lesbians and Feminism, Coming Out, The Far Right Wing, Gay Images in the Media, Gay Relationships and much more. Conference begins at 8 a.m. Denton Civic Center Community Building, 215 E. McKinney.  
DGPC's two day canoeing and camping trip on the Brazos river. Sign up early. 826-2362 or 522-3124.  
Womanfair. Third Annual Conference of South Central Women's Studies Assn. Films, exhibits and workshops. Child care provided. Free! (817) 273-2219. University of Texas at Arlington campus. "Alive" the all woman jazz quintet will perform. Tickets \$3.00.
- 19 TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE VII. Chapel at 9 a.m. Morris Kight, Gay Crusader (since 1949) and historian will speak at 10 a.m.  
CRC Gayline meeting. 7:30 p.m. Discussion: Gender Identity. 2503 N. Wycliff. All welcome. 748-6790.
- 20 THIRD MONDAY. Program: Alcoholism, Drugs and Being Gay. Panel Discussion and audience dialogue. 7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Church. 4015 Normandy (at Preston). Refreshments served. 521-5395.  
Dallas Gay Political Caucus and Little Feather Productions present "Alive" the all woman jazz quintet. Also the fantastic Mary Margaret Marble, woman comedian. Granny's Dinner Playhouse. 8 p.m. Tickets \$6.00. Call 528-4233 for information.  
Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meet every third Monday. 7:30 p.m. YWCA, 4621 Ross.
- 22 DIALOG deadline (4th Wednesday of every month). Send your comments, letters and articles to DIALOG (DGPC) Box 35011; Dallas, Texas 75235.
- 26 DIALOG production day. 2 p.m. till... DGPC office. Help needed. 528-4233.
- 27 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS open board of directors and committee heads meeting. Everyone welcome. DGPC office. 7:30  
The Oak Lawn Tennis Association general meeting every 4th Monday. 7:30 p.m. Call 522-7785 for location.
- 30 MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's place. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Bring an appetite! 821-1653.

# INNER VIEW:

# PAT BOND

(Editor's Note: Pat Bond, the funny former WAC from the film "Word Is Out," entertained at Texas Gay Conference VI last year in Austin. During her stay, she talked with reporters about growing up gay during the McCarthy years, about her career as a gay entertainer, and about the gay movement today.)

DIALOG: You're Pat Bond, the artist, the actress... even the playwright. You write all your stuff yourself.

BOND: Sure--write, produce, direct... (laughs)

DIALOG: You have several shows worked up already?

BOND: Two. The Gertrude Stein show and "Conversations with Pat Bond." I'm going to rewrite "Conversations" because after I do it for a year or so I get bored with it. And if I'm bored, the audience is bored, too. And, also, you want to go back and play the places you've been before, and you can't go back with the same old crap.

DIALOG: Perhaps you can shed some light on what it was like to be gay in the 40's and 50's. In "Word Is Out" you spoke almost glowingly of those times, of the secret, special lives you led.

BOND: In a sense. The adversity tore us apart emotionally. There were gay people turning other gay people in on their jobs because they were mad at you or at an ex-lover who was pissed or whatever.

But you also have that "Little Orphan Annie Secret Society." And all of our signals to let somebody else in the office know you were gay. We used to have matches from gay bars and when you took them to work you always tore the covers off. BUT--you could take the cover out of your purse for just a minute and the other person would know right away where they were from.

Or you could say "Sweetie" in a certain tone of voice. Or, "Mary, my beads!" That would do it.

DIALOG: You didn't depend on vibes or a certain instinctual feeling?

BOND: Sure, but it's always been the ones I didn't know about. Like when I was a kid someone gave a party for the Olympic team. I have never gotten over it. There were about six of them dancing together. The Olympic team! Men! Muscles. What? That had never entered my head. I came up in the era of the "Holy Church of Noel Coward." "Pretty boys, witty boys, tu-tu-tu. They all wear a green carnation." (Laughs)

DIALOG: And now it's reversing. They all look like off-duty cops.

BOND: Yeah, those kinds of times I miss. And I miss faggots and dykes being more together than they are now.

Of course, I know-- for me, too-- women had to fall back and regroup. Because we had to see where our brainwashing was coming from and we hadn't seen that at all. It's something cultural that's developed over the generations.

DIALOG: Straight or gay, the basic differences between men and women remain.

BOND: Yeah. My lover has been bisexual for a long time, and when I first met her she told me I was much more male-oriented. She's very woman-oriented and has mostly women friends. I feel safer with faggots because women have hurt me a lot, I'm 54 and I came up during the McCarthy witch hunt and that crap. But, knowing a gay man, sooner or later you get to that spot in him-- no matter how much you care about each other-- that doesn't like women. That infinitesimal spot that they're not even aware of. That always hurt me a lot, and we have to jump that hurdle in order to stay friends.

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## ...WE MIGHT JUST GO LIKE THE DINOSAURS IF THEY DECIDE TO APPROVE OF US!

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DIALOG: You poke a lot of fun at being gay. What do you think of the eventual assimilation of gays and lesbians into mainstream American culture?

BOND: We are not the same. Oh, I hate it-- everybody says we're very much like everybody else. We're not, we're weird. And I like our difference. It's a strong difference.

DIALOG: Lately I've been challenged with the question: How are we different? Take away the sex crime laws and the discrimination, and what separates us from everybody else?

BOND: Peter Adair, who produced "Word Is Out," said that before he did the film, he thought he was gay because he preferred men to women. But, as he listened to the videos, he got more and more convinced that we're all different at an early age and we all feel very different. And, we find a place to put the difference. I think it's very interesting, because we might just go like the dinosaurs if they decide to approve of us!

DIALOG: Getting back to your career as a performer-- have you done any more films?

BOND: Yes. Maryland PBS did a pilot film of me as Gertrude Stein and hopes to sell it to the whole PBS network. (PBS recently aired "Gerty, Gerty, Gerty Stein Is Back, Back, Back"-- Ed.)

DIALOG: So then you'll become "that

woman who does Gertrude Stein!"

BOND: Hopefully!

DIALOG: Do you ad lib a lot?

BOND: I try. In a way, the whole performance is ad lib. When it comes off well, it's sheer heaven.

DIALOG: Does it happen often for you?

BOND: Not as often as I'd like. But, what I am with now is a gay audience that is totally supportive. So, I can't always tell if what I'm doing is really that good.

DIALOG: You have trouble getting on talk shows as an "upfront gay." They don't want a real gay. What they want apparently is a straight-acting gay.

BOND: Right on. A performer can't, because if they do, they'll lose their careers. Lily does everything but say it. I don't have to name them-- you probably know them already-- performers whose careers have taken a nosedive because it started to come out. Even in the off-Broadway play "Gertrude Stein, Gertrude Stein, Gertrude Stein" the homosexual references were all cut from the script.

Whereas, in my version, I say, "I think my love affair with Alice (Toklas) was one of the great affairs of the century, don't you?" Jesus Christ, the women were one person! You can't separate them. And it infuriates me that they don't confront it, but I can understand why.

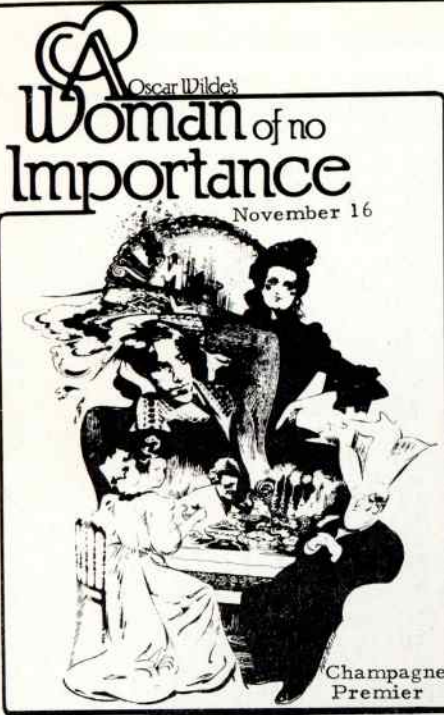
DIALOG: There's always that fear of being labeled.

BOND: Sure, but that's all right with me. I'm 54, and I don't give a damn. I'll play gay audiences for the rest of my life. There's enough of us, honey. I'll play the gay bards in the Swiss Alps-- the Swiss Alps, as they call them. As I've said, I could go on camping until the cows come home!

Well, when "Word Is Out" came out, we were in Newsweek and The New York Times, everywhere. Anyone else who had had that kind of exposure would have been on every talk show in America the next day. 'Cause they're hard up for folks. They get people who build their yachts, brush their teeth, tell what they and their dogs did yesterday. Bor-ing. None of us were on one single talk show. They will use lesbian mothers because now you're talking about problems. Phil Donahue uses a lot of problem gays. He will not use a gay entertainer or a gay artist of any kind.

Now, Nerd Griffin-- that's my great dream of life to say to Nerd on the air sometime, "Why, Nerd, we always thought you were gay-- aren't you?" I would just love it. If I figured there was any way, I might as well!

DIALOG: That's the way Pat Bond will go out-- with a bang on the "Nerd Griffin Show"?!  
BOND: You got it!



### Wilderness Trips Set

The Sports Planning Committee has organized a two day canoeing/camping trip along the Brazos, October 18 and 19. On November 8 and 9 the SPC is conducting an overnight camping/bicycling/hiking trip in the Arbuckle Mountains in southern Oklahoma. For more details see the calendar or call the DGPC at 528-4233.

### OTLA Hosts Tournament

The Oak Lawn Tennis Association is joining the Texas-OU Weekend celebration by hosting a cosexual tournament October 11 and 12. There will be two singles divisions and an open doubles division. Entry fees are \$7 per person for each event. For information call Bill Nelson at 750-8041 or 748-8000, or write: OTLA, 3703 Travis #204, Dallas, TX., 75204.

### DGPC Starts Membership Drive

The DGPC Membership Committee began a Membership Drive on Sept. 9 which will end Dec. 9. "The goal of the drive is 1,000 DGPC members," reported Committee Cochairperson Ken Pyles, "which will make the Caucus self-sustaining." Those who join the DGPC during the Membership Drive will receive a packet of information regarding the DGPC and a coupon booklet entitling the bearer to discounts at businesses throughout Dallas.

The Membership Drive also consists of a contest for present DGPC members, who will earn one point for each new member recruited during the drive, \$100 and \$50 gift certificates to Neiman-Marcus will be awarded to those members with the most points. In addition, the Membership Committee is encouraging DGPC members to have private parties for membership recruitment purposes.

## Feminist Perspective

## NETWORKING

by Cynthia Rutledge

Usually, people who become politically active tend to get involved over an issue that is important to them. Then they branch out into related issues and, after a time, can see that a myriad of other areas they never considered at first are all related to an overall political and social ideology.

This is why feminists in Dallas have, in recent months, been active in the questions of a civilian review board for our police department, nuclear energy, and the housing shortage, among others.

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus and the Dallas chapters of the National Organization for Women recently worked together, with other groups, in a counter rally to the Reagan political rally (masquerading as a religious seminar) in Reunion Arena. The National Affairs Briefing, larger than both the Democratic and Republican conventions combined, publicized opposition to such basic needs as freedom of choice, day

care for children, equal civil rights under the law for women and gays, and separation of church and state.

Both the "Moral Majority" convention and Reagan's popularity are symptomatic of our country's shift to the right. Many people think this is because we are in times of stress--threats of war, high rates of unemployment and inflation, and dwindling natural resources--and the gains won in easier times are now being taken away under pressure from mostly a WASP-male type of mentality which believes that there is simply not enough to go around, and, by God, they are not the group that is going to suffer. When there are not enough jobs, not enough houses, not enough money to go around, it is the minorities which suffer--the racial minorities, the minorities of labor union members, and the minorities of oppressed classes such as women; all added together actually form majorities. Should we all, as minority groups, unite, we may be able

to resist the "take-backs" we see nibbling at our gains.

We need to unite now.

We need to network so that we can inform each other of our actions and concerns, and support each other. When we form coalitions, our base of power is more diverse and solid, and larger. When one group can put out a call to another that they trust and have worked with, all parties benefit.

If a few people go to the trouble of organizing a public display of something we all believe in, surely it is very little trouble for the rest of us to turn out for a couple of hours to increase our numbers and show our support. The recent Thinking Majority rally at Lee Park is a case in point. Although the coalition included many groups, those in attendance were primarily DGPC or NOW people. If either group had meant to go and never got there, or just had not gotten the word out to their members, the number of people at the rally would have been at least a third smaller. Both groups can be proud of our collective turn-out there.

This is not merely a tactic, it is a sharing of interests and learning experiences and support. The broadening of outlooks and perspectives will lead to personal and political growth. With an open mind and a will to work, members of many different groups in Dallas can coalesce into the broad base of a network with enormous power.

(Editor's Note: Cynthia Rutledge is the president of the Dallas County chapter of the National Organization for Women.)

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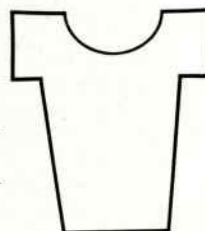
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## DGPC, HGPC, L/GDT ENDORSE CARTER FOR RE-ELECTION



In unprecedented actions, both the DGPC's P. A. C. (United for Equal Rights), and the Houston GPC have endorsed the president for re-election on November 4. The Carter endorsements came in the October meetings of the organizations. President Carter has also been endorsed by the Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas. L/GDT leaders credited the Texas Carter campaign staff as being instrumental in allowing gay rights issues to be heard on the floor of the Democratic Convention in Houston where delegates voted to urge for the repeal of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code.

DGPC's P. A. C. voted 65-15 to endorse President Carter, while Houston's vote was even more one-sided. The major arguments cited for endorsement were the extremely close nature of the race in Texas, the negative implication of Supreme Court Justice appointments by Reagan, and the supportive actions of the Carter campaign staff at the Texas Democratic Convention. L/GDT is planning a major publicity campaign to get the gay vote for Carter.

Chip Carter talks with Dr. Louise Young, Co-chair of United for Equal Rights, regarding campaign strategy for his father's re-election.

## PRESIDENTIAL OPINION

by Frank Rossiter

The question of appointment of judges to the federal courts is a crucial one to gays in the upcoming presidential election, and they should not allow it to be obscured by more ephemeral issues.

Gay people can--and certainly do--disagree among themselves over questions of economic policy, foreign policy, and presidential leadership. But they must remain united in support of civil rights under the Constitution--their own rights and the rights of other minorities in America. Of the three branches of the federal government, it is the judicial branch that is most concerned with deciding questions of civil rights; thus the federal courts played a crucial role in the process by which American blacks gained their civil and political

rights during the 1950s and 1960s. It is a matter of vital importance for gays, therefore, whether those who are appointed to the federal bench are believers in equal rights for gays and other minorities or are right-wing opponents of such rights. For example, the case brought by Don Baker, president of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, against Texas' antihomosexual law will be decided in large part by the personal interpretation of the Constitution held by the federal judges who hear the case.

The president, of course, appoints all federal judges, and President Carter has a good record for appointing supporters of equal rights to federal judgeships. For instance, he appointed Abner Mikva--who, as a member of Congress from Illinois, had cosponsored a

national gay rights bill--to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, which will be a crucial forum for the decision of future gay rights cases. But it is the Supreme Court that is the ultimate determiner of constitutional rights, and President Carter has, unfortunately, not yet had an opportunity to appoint a justice to the highest court. Five of the nine justices on the present Supreme Court, however, are between 72 and 74 years old this year; two of the five, Justices Brennan and Marshall, the two staunchest proponents of constitutional rights on the present Court have not been in good health. It is practically inevitable that whoever is elected president in 1980 will be able to make four or five  
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# NEWS

## McCoy Indicted For Paez Shooting

Kevin M. McCoy has been indicted on a charge of negligent homicide in the shooting death of Fred Paez, secretary of the Houston Gay Political Caucus. The indictment charges that the four-year police veteran acted negligently while arresting Paez June 28 in an alley. The officer was intoxicated when he "placed a loaded, cocked pistol against the head of (Paez) and as a result thereof said pistol discharged."

## National News Council Finds CBS Unfair

The National News Council, a board of professional and non-professional news people charged with the review of news stories which may have distorted truth, has decided that CBS was unfair in part of the CBS REPORTS documentary "Gay Power, Gay Politics" which aired in April. Narrated by Harry Reasoner, the documentary displayed San Francisco gays using the political system in manipulating politicians to favor issues such as public sex, sadomasochism, and the recruitment of children in public schools.

The Council found that CBS doctored the tapes in order to promote the show's theme. Applause was dubbed into parts of a speech by Mayor Diane Feinstein where there was originally no audience reaction. Some shots of adult "toys" and leather goods were filmed in heterosexual hangouts.

The Council has no punitive powers but serves as a strong barometer within the news fields for justice in reporting.

Lynn Trout needs your thoughts, prayers, and letters. Time will pass much faster for him if he has caring individuals to write. You may write him at this address:

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77340

## 5 Board Positions To Be Elected Dec. 8

Five of the nine positions on the Board of Directors of DGPC will be open for election at the December 8 meeting. Directors Anglin, Lerro, Nelson, Read, and Weaver will have served full terms. Nominees for election or re-election will run in a pack, and the top five names will assume Board positions. Directors serve terms of one year, and must have been members of DGPC at least six months immediately prior to the election. To appear on the printed ballot, nominees must present their names to the Board of Directors no later than December 1.

## Write Carter To Support Gay Rights

If you think your vote will go unnoticed, try this: Vote for Jimmy Carter on Tuesday, Nov. 4, and then send a letter, post card, or telegram to the White House which says:

Dear President Carter:

I voted for you today in anticipation of your issuing an executive order banning discrimination against lesbians and gays in all Federal jobs and the military early in your second term as President.

(Sign your name and address, and send to President Jimmy Carter, the White House, Washington, D.C.)

Thousands of gay men and women around the U.S. will be sending similar messages, according to Ginny Apuzzo, co-chair of the Lesbian/Gay Caucus at the National Democratic Convention. Apuzzo spoke at TGC 7 in Denton during her nationwide tour to "get out the gay vote."

## Help Needed

The Graphic Arts Committee needs your help to continue producing the unique and attractive posters announcing upcoming events. Artists and non-artists alike may contact Dick Weaver at 528-8945 or Jim Jenkins at 386-3994.

## Court Rules Navy May Discharge Gays

The U.S. Navy may discharge men and women for homosexual activity according to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The Court held that the Navy regulation providing for such discharges does not violate the rights of individuals to due process under the constitution, but represents a reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the government with the interests of the individual. The Court, however, said there is substantial opinion that homosexual acts of individuals are protected by the right to privacy.

## Valeska Of NGTF At Board Meeting

Lucia Valeska, Co-executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, attended the October 6 DGPC board meeting. She commented on issues of endorsing the president and on DGPC policy changes regarding the use of the term "lesbian" in Caucus publications. It was the second time this year that the Caucus has hosted an executive director of NGTF. A reception for Ms. Valeska was held at Director Campbell Read's home the following night.

## Baker To Address Conference

Don Baker, president of DGPC, has been asked to present a paper at the 1981 Conference of the American Educational Research Association in Los Angeles, April 13-17. The paper, "A Study of Preservice Teacher Perceptions of Homosexuality", is a summary of Baker's thesis prepared for Southern Methodist University. Baker documents the level of knowledge and attitudes about homosexuality among certain preservice secondary school teachers in the North Texas area. This will be the first time that the nation's most prestigious forum for educators will have confronted and discussed gay issues in a positive way.

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# NOVEMBER

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Sat 1 DGPC's Bicycle Club will ride to Oak Cliff, leaving Lee Park at 10 a.m. 826-2362 or 522-3124.
- Dallas Women's Rugby Football Club will play a team from Texas A&M at 1 p.m. Merrimen Field (off Skillman & Abrams Road).
- Pot Luck Supper at the United Community Church, 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.
- "La Nuit Chaude" Costume Ball. Braniff Rotunda Bldg. at Love Field. 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. Tickets, \$5.00 in advance. \$7.00 at the door. Submit costume entries by 10:30 p.m. that night. Entree blanks available at the ball. Free beer and prizes galore! Call 328-5559 or 528-4233 for information.
- Phyllis Diller at Granny's Dinner Theatre benefitting the Metropolitan Community Church's building fund. 10:30 p.m. Tickets of \$11.50 can be purchased in advance or at the door. 526-6221.
- Sun 2 Agape' Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Service at 11 a.m. Pot Luck Supper at 5:30 p.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page).
- The Oak Lawn Tennis Association meets every Sunday at noon. Samuel/Grand Tennis Center. Everyone welcome. 522-7785.
- Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the first Sunday of every month. 1 p.m. Hidden Door. 5025 Bowser. 526-9211.
- GAU/NT (Gay Academic Union of North Texas) meeting. 5:30 p.m. Refreshments. Everyone welcome. 691-0043.
- Mon 3 Dallas Women's Rugby Football Club works out every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Merrimen Field. Get together afterwards.
- Tue 4 VOTE! Your vote can make a difference. See DGPC's Voter Recommendation Guide. "If you don't decide your future, others will."
- SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday, DGPC office. 7 p.m. 528-4233.
- Turtle Creek Chorale rehearses every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. P.O. Box 19806; Dallas, Texas 75219. Call 821-3086.
- Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 233-3100 for information.
- PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. 528-8945.
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE meeting. 9 p.m. Call 522-5389 for location.
- Wed 5 Pot Luck Dinner at the Metropolitan Community Church. 6:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan (at Brown). 526-6221. Good food, good friends!
- POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, DGPC office. 7 p.m. 528-4233.
- "Celebrating God's Gifts" Educational Workshop at the United Community Church. 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.
- GLAD (Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton) meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 1111 Cordell. Guest speaker will be Doug Greeson, defendant in case involving police brutality against gay people. Students, faculty, townspeople and county residents welcome. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.
- Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. 7:30 p.m. NOW office. 3107 Routh, upstairs in back. 742-6918.
- FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday, DGPC office. 8 p.m. 328-5559.
- Thr 6 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. Musicians, instruments and donations needed. Call 521-0432.
- OUTREACH COMMITTEE meets every Thursday, DGPC office. 7 p.m. 528-4233.
- Dallas Alternative (young adults 17 and up) meets every Thursday at 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m.
- Fri 7 Cliff Dwellers Social Club meets every Friday from 8 - 11 p.m. No drugs, grass or alcohol. 321 N. Zangs (at 8th). 528-5253.
- Sat 8 Crossroads Sale! Cedar Springs at Throckmorton. A multi-gay organization garage sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call your favorite organization to volunteer your help and contribute "useful items you can live without". The sale continues all day Sunday.
- DGPC's Bicycle Club leaves the DGPC office at noon by car caravan for a two day bicycle and camping trip in the Arbuckle Mountains of Oklahoma. 826-2362 or 522-3124.



## NOVEMBER

- Sun 9 Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force Education Forum meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. Program: Racism. Also Pot Luck Supper. NOW office. 742-6918.
- Mon 10 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. Program: Project 80 update. Help plan the Christmas Tree Celebration, the Gay Blood Drive and your future! 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. Everyone welcome. Social after. 528-4233.
- Wed 12 SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE meeting. Orientation for data collection project. DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- Fri 14 TARRANT COUNTY GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at 2336 Hemphill. (817) 926-2976.
- Sat 15 DGPC's Bicycle Club will meet at the White Rock Spillway at noon. 826-2362 or 522-3124.
- Rugby Tournament. Women and men's teams, both gay and non-gay. 522-0275. Tournament continues all day Sunday.
- "Lesbian Images in Photography, 1850-1980" Historic photographs of and by lesbians. 826-3692.
- "Toys for Tots" and "Food for Friends" will be collected at Butler's Pantry, Off the Street, and the Union Jack. The collection drive will run through Thursday, November 20.
- Sun 16 DGPC's "Theatre III-Sparkling Champagne Party!" The party begins at 6 p.m. Oscar Wilde's comedy, "A Woman of No Importance" begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 and can be purchased at the November 10 DGPC meeting or at the door.
- CRC Gayline meeting. 7:30 p.m. 2505 N. Wycliff. Everyone welcome. 528-5253.
- Mon 17 THIRD MONDAY. Program: Friendships, Relationships, Lovers and Being Gay. Co-sexual panel discussion and audience dialogue. 7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Church. 4015 Normandy (at Preston). Refreshments served. 521-5395.
- Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meet every 3rd Monday. 7:30 p.m. YWCA, 4621 Ross.
- Tue 18 EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. DGPC office. 9 p.m. 528-4233.
- "Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo", the only ballet company in the world in which every member is a ballerina, and every ballerina is a man. North Texas State University in Denton. Call (817) 788-2611 for information.
- Wed 19 The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Club Dallas. 2616 Swiss. 9 p.m. 821-1900.
- GLAD meeting in Denton. 1111 Cordell. Carousel for people to get acquainted with committees in GLAD.
- Thr 20 FEMINIST TASK FORCE (Women's issues) meeting. DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- Sun 23 Dignity/Outreach Dallas Pot Luck Dinner. 233-3100.
- GAU/NT Reading Group. Book, "The Immoralist" by Andre Gide. 5:30 p.m. 691-0043.
- The Oak Lawn Tennis Association general meeting every 4th Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Call 522-7785 for location.
- Mon 24 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS open board meeting. Everyone welcome. Your input is needed. DGPC office. 7:30 p.m.
- Wed 26 DIALOG deadline, the 4th Wednesday of every month. Send your comments, letters and articles to DIALOG, DGPC Box 35011; Dallas, Texas 75235.
- Thr 27 DGPC wishes you, and those you love, a very Happy Thanksgiving.
- Sat 29 Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force Coffee House. 8 p.m. \$1.25 donation requested. Call 742-6918 for information.
- DIALOG production day. 2 p.m. till... DGPC office. Help needed. 528-4233.

## DECEMBER

- Wed 3 SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE will meet at the DGPC office at 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's place. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Bring an appetite! 821-1653.
- Fri 5 Special Services at the Metropolitan Community Church. Freda Smith of the Sacramento MCC will speak at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, also at the 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. services Sunday. The MCC Concert Choir will perform. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.
- Sat 6 GAY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY! Oak Lawn Public Library. A Blue Atlas Cedar will be dedicated and food and toys will be presented to "Santa Clause" to represent the recipients of "Toys for Tots" and "Food for Friends". City Councilman Richardo Medrano will speak and the Turtle Creek Chorale and the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band will perform. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.
- Mon 8 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. The Blood Mobile will be in the Metropolitan Community Church parking lot from 6 to 8 p.m. The blood will be available to anyone in need of it. Everyone is urged to give. 528-4233.

## Christmas Events Planned By DOSCA

The Department of Social Concerns and Activities has have planned three major events for the coming Christmas season. Food for Friends will help provide food for needy Oak Lawn residents while Toys for Tots will enlighten the season for children by distribution of donated toys. Contributions to either drive may be made at Butler's Pantry Too, Off the Street, and Union Jack. The drives begin November 15 and will culminate in the Oak Lawn Christmas Gathering at the new Oak Lawn Library. The library will be sporting a Blue Atlas Cedar--to be permanently planted-- and a large Christmas tree, both donated by Dallas Gay Political Caucus.

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appointments to the Supreme Court within the next few years.

We all know what kind of appointments Ronald Reagan--with his close ties to the Moral Majority and other groups that oppose rights for gays and women--would make. If Reagan should appoint people sufficiently young--as Richard Nixon appointed William Rehnquist, the most conservative member of the present Court, when Rehnquist was only 47--then he would give a Reaganite character and philosophy to the Supreme Court that would last well into the 21st century. In fact, there is in this year's Republican national platform an ominous section that calls for "the appointment of judges at all levels of the judiciary who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life"; that passage is almost as threatening

to gay rights as it is to the rights of women. By contrast, this year's Democratic national platform endorses the protection of persons "from discrimination based on... sexual orientation."

Any gay person who stays away from the polls, votes for John Anderson, or in any other way fails to support President Carter will be helping to put Ronald Reagan in the White House. Any gay person who finds it difficult to vote for President Carter this year should ask himself or herself what it will be like to wake up one day four years hence and find that Justice Rehnquist is now the "centrist" member of the Supreme Court because President Reagan has appointed to it four right-wing fanatics. What chance will Don Baker's case have under those circumstances? What will be the future of gay rights then?

Texas Gay Conference 7, held in Denton October 18-19, attracted approximately 100 people from across the state. Keynote speaker Deralyn Davis, Vice-Chair of the Democratic Party of Texas, stressed the importance of informing elected officials of our interest and support, of organization, and of coalitions of minority groups in politics. These political themes were echoed by an afternoon panel consisting of New Yorker Ginny Apuzzo, most recently co-chair of the Lesbian/Gay Caucus at the Democratic National Convention and member of the Democratic Platform Committee; Richard Solo, State Democratic Party Committeeman from District 8; and Don Baker, president of DGPC. Apuzzo warned the election of Reagan would give credence to the myth that it is political suicide to support gay rights, and suggested reversing the issue to make it political suicide to attack gay rights. (A very encouraging survey published by the Gay Rights National Lobby on this topic is available from TGTF, P. O. Box AK, Denton, Texas 76201, for \$1.50 + 75¢ postage.) Workshops on political topics included Legal Harassment (Dr. Campbell Read), The Far Right Wing (Steve Henley), and the Gay Image in the Media (Susan Caudill of Channel 13).

A more personal and historical note was struck on Sunday by Morris Kight, telling what it was like growing up gay in Comanche, Texas, in the early 1930s, and of the progress gay people have made since that time, especially in connection with his work with many aspects of the Los Angeles gay community. Workshops on social and psychological topics included Gay History (Frank Rossiter and Phil Johnson), Coming Out (Steve Wilkins), Organizing Gay Telephone Crisis Lines (Dallas CRC), Relationships (Kathie Beckman Smallwood), Feminism for (Gay) Men (Bill Beauchamp), and Lesbians and the Feminist Movement (Amme Hogan).

On Friday early social activities included a cash bar and film showings, of which "The Naked Civil Servant" proved most popular. A party Saturday night sponsored by GLAD, the Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton, was attended by 160 people who danced, drank beer and soft drinks, and enjoyed themselves until 1:30 a. m.

The meeting ended Sunday with a Texas Gay Task Force business meeting. Jack Wilkinson resigned as Moderator in order to assume a new job in San Francisco. John Nix will serve out the term as northern district male board member. Steve Caldwell of Houston will handle the election of the new board. Under the by-laws, nominations of others or oneself for the TGTF board are due by November 2, 1980, at P.O. Box AK, Denton, Texas 76201. It was announced that no TGTF records have yet been received from the former moderator in San Antonio, except the membership list.

Edra Bogle, Conference Chair, would like to thank the many people who made the conference possible, including all the workshop participants and committee members, but particularly the committee heads:

Hal, printed program  
Jerry Diggin, sales table  
Billy and John H., arrangements  
Russ, food  
Raphael, GLAD party  
John S., films  
James Tanner, registration

and three people whose many contributions could never be enumerated but who saved her sanity several times:

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John Sparks  
Jack Wilkinson.

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# TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE

by Edra Bogle

## Feminist Perspective

by Amme Hogan

If the resistance of gay men to feminism is primarily caused by the dogmatism espoused by radical feminists, then there is truly no hope of getting together behind a "humanist" movement.

It is time we stopped treating feminism as if it were a mildly interesting idea to be discussed over coffee in our spare moments. Feminism is radical. And if what you hear sounds like dogma perhaps it's because you haven't been listening.

Our society's heritage is Judeo-Christian. Christ is quoted, "I have come to destroy the works of the female." The whole myth of creation ignores biological fact: How can woman come from man (via the rib) when we all know that, when babies arrive, they are born of woman? Yet how often, how long, has that myth been used to excuse woman's secondary status?

Given the misogynist nature of our backgrounds, who can blame women for our anger? Now that we are no longer

turning it inward, suddenly we are to blame for our not being accepted by men. Now that we are turning to men and saying that each and every one of you is responsible for our continuing oppression UNLESS you are actively working against it, we women are being told how very uncompromising we are.

The gay man is in a unique position in our society. He has taken the male-oriented teachings of our society and carried them to what should be the logical conclusion: greater intimacy with other men. With no family to support, he's in a position to take high-paying jobs, promotions, etc., and keep all the income for his own use.

Any woman is automatically steered toward the lower-paying jobs. Even in San Francisco, lesbians who are working their way up the ladder are closeted. Gay men can be out, whether they're corporate vps or bartenders. Every man who makes more money than a woman doing similar work--and that's just about every man--benefits AT THE EXPENSE

## NO COMPROMISE

OF EVERY WOMAN. If you want to talk compromise, let's talk about compromising your economic advantage; let's talk about your making substantial monetary donations to women's groups. But you don't want to lower your standard of living, do you?

Given the woman-hating bent of our society, any theory or course of action which affirms woman as an important, worthy being with something to say is RADICAL. Any action to restore woman-kind to self-determination is also radical and not to be compromised. Any feminist is radical, whether she admits it or not.

There are times when the constant plea to compromise, to give a little, becomes dogmatic itself. I have been specific here--beyond dogma. And I have compromised, and every woman, every lesbian you know compromises every day of her life just to survive. Don't tell us how to do it.

Join us in ending the necessity.

## NGTF:

## defining your representation

(Editor's Note: Bill Beauchamp of Dallas was recently elected to a three-year term on the board of the National Gay Task Force, the largest gay rights organization in the country.)

by Bill Beauchamp

During my tenure on the board of the National Gay Task Force, I want to be able to accurately represent the variety of points of view in the gay and lesbian communities of North Texas.

To do this I will need lots of help--from organizations and individuals, men and women, older people and younger people, brothers and sisters of all races and economic groups. I need to know what you think, what you would like to see done at a national level.

There are many contested issues. Do we want lesbian/gay rights only, or should we target full gay/lesbian liberation? How do we strengthen our ties with the women's and other civil rights movements? At what point does working within the system become co-optation by the system?

To help clarify some of my own positions, let me reproduce in part the state-

ment I prepared to accompany the recent NGTF ballot:

"There are four reasons why I want to serve on the NGTF board. First, our movement must be genuinely national, not coastal. NGTF needs more grass roots contact. Lesbian and gay rights will finally be won in places like Dallas, not San Francisco. If we can do it in the Bible Belt, it can be done anywhere. Second, we need more awareness of the oppressed minorities within our minority: aging gays and lesbians, the physically challenged, blacks and Hispanics, the very young, the economically disadvantaged. I am an articulate member of two of these sub-minorities. Third, our American movement needs to resist conforming to the status quo as the price of getting our civil rights. For the institutions which oppress us also oppress all women, blacks, Hispanics, native Americans--and for the same reasons. An approach that seeks accommodation, not institutional change, leads nowhere. Finally, as an experienced activist, I already know I can be


effective in the short run; as a thinker, I believe I have the imagination to look beyond immediate goals and thus, in the long run, to endure."

The next (and my first) NGTF board meeting will be in New York in early December. Please, before then, let me hear what you think.

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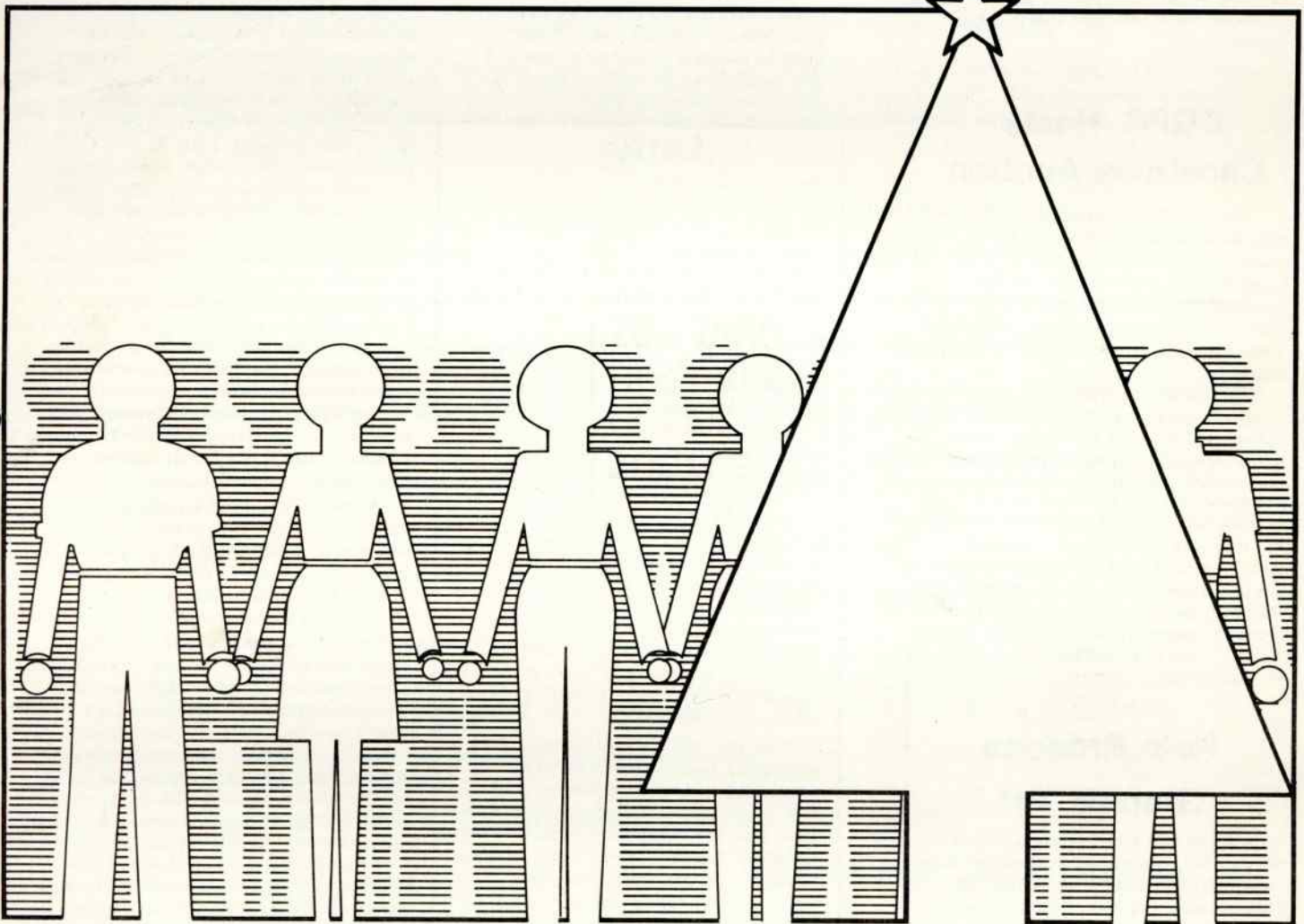


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## The Oak Lawn Christmas Gathering



Saturday December 6 at 7:30 p.m. Oak Lawn Branch Public Library (Oak Lawn & Douglas)

Christmas projects planned by the DGPC include the Oak Lawn Christmas Gathering, Food for Friends, Toys for Tots, and the Christmas Sweepstakes & Gift Auction. Collections from the food and toy drives will be given to Santa Claus at the Christmas Gathering. The auction will benefit the DGPC, and is scheduled for Sunday, December 7 at 2 p. m. The Landing (2609 N. Pearl) is hosting the auction. A \$2 donation is requested at the door. Celebrate Christmas with your kind of people.

### TURTLE CREEK CHORALE TO SING

The Turtle Creek Chorale will present four formal holiday concerts this month. (See the DIALOG Calendar for details.) The programs will include a variety of traditional and contemporary arrangements of both sacred and secular music. The group will also be accompanied by a brass ensemble and tympani. The Chorale's St. Paul concert will be broadcast via closed circuit television to all patients and staff. All concerts will be free.

# NEWS

## Matlovich Drops Appeal Against Air Force

Leonard Matlovich, decorated Vietnam veteran who was dismissed from the Air Force in 1975 after admitting his homosexuality, has settled out of court with the government for dropping his appeal to be reinstated. Matlovich, now a gay activist in California, will receive about \$160,000, which he plans to funnel back into gay and lesbian rights work.

## DGPC Hosts Christmas Auction

The DGPC will present a Christmas Sweepstakes and Las Vegas style auction on December 7, 1980 from 2 p. m. until 6 p. m. at the Landing, located at Pearl and Cedar Springs. Hundreds of free Christmas presents will be given away to those attending.

Free prizes will include electronic watches, luggage, inlaid oriental vases, solid brass artifacts, mens and womens clothing, childrens toys and stuffed animals, self-defense products and much, much more. All merchandise is new and made available by local gay businesses. Mystery gifts and cash will be hidden in many of the auctioned gifts. A \$2.00 door donation will be accepted. (Donation is strictly voluntary due to Texas lottery laws.) You can charge your purchases on MasterCard or Visa.

## Help Produce Graphic Art

Artists and non-artists alike are needed for production of Graphic Arts Committee projects, including the unique and attractive DGPC posters announcing upcoming events. Volunteers may contact Dick Weaver at 528-8945 or Jim Jenkins at 386-3994.

## Special Holiday Giving

In time for Christmas, the DGPC is offering gift membership certificates. Just fill out the enclosed gift membership form and mail it along with \$15 to:

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Dallas, TX 75235

A membership form will be sent to your friend. Should your friend not wish to become a member, the \$15 will be donated in his/her name to the general funds of DGPC.

## Letter

November 29, 1980

To the members of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus:

There are three reasons why I am running for the board of directors of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus. First, I would like the Caucus to participate frequently in community affairs. My work on the Oak Lawn Christmas Gathering has taught me a valuable lesson: not only is it important to add to the community around us, but we must accept our role as part of that community.

Secondly, I would like to offer a listening ear to the individual members of DGPC. Too often I have seen members of an organization voice concerns, simply to be met with defensive counter-arguments. The Caucus, which is nothing if not its members, deserves to have all of its concerns aired and considered without censure by defense.

Thirdly, the Caucus should offer additional nonpolitical events to the community and its members. DGPC has made wonderful advances in this area with the Theater 3 series, Third Monday, Razzle Dazzle, and La Nuit Chaude. These can be the first of many Caucus traditions in the Dallas community.

Thank You  
J. Duane Willis

## DGPC Moves---

To better serve our readership, DIALOG presents a monthly synopsis of motions passed by the DGPC. Asterisks (\*) denote general membership meetings.

Nov. 24 - The plaque for the Oak Lawn Library will be postponed until a more appropriate time, and initials "DGPC" will not be sufficient for the plaque. DGPC will mail announcements for the Turtle Creek Chorale.

Nov. 17 - A card file will be established as a permanent record of all resolutions of DGPC. Matches advertising DGPC will be printed and circulated. The American Civil Liberties Union will be allowed to have a membership table at DGPC general meetings. Fifty new caucus T-shirts will be ordered. The board urges DGPC members to announce their candidacy for directorship two months prior to elections and to submit intentions and qualifications in writing to DIALOG. The Political Action Committee is requested to complete the update project for voter identification information. La Nuit Chaude will be an annual event of DGPC.

Nov. 10 (\*) - The DGPC board will send a letter to Jim McNees who sought endorsement by DGPC before running anti-gay ads in area papers.

Nov. 3 - The board endorsed approaching the Classroom Teachers Association for funding a proposed pamphlet, "What Every Teacher Should Know About Homosexuality." The President should appoint an ad hoc committee to recommend a DGPC appointment for the Dallas Cable Board. The reversal of board decisions shall only take place at board meetings. The board meeting after the December election will be an orientation meeting with old and new directors. The DGPC will establish an open charge account at a local print shop. The board will send special thanks to the Financial Resources Committee for the successful La Nuit Chaude and to the Outreach Department for boosting membership and helping staff La Nuit Chaude. Announcements for general meetings will be turned in at the beginning of the meeting to the chair.

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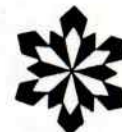
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**DECEMBER**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



- Fri 5 Special services at the Metropolitan Community Church. Reverend Elder Freda Smith of the Sacramento MCC will speak at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, also at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. services Sunday. The MCC Concert Choir and Orchestra will perform. 526-6221.
- Integrity (Gay Episcopalians and friends) meeting and worship, 7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy. 522-5067.
- TARRANT COUNTY GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 8 p.m., 4217 Arden Place, Ft. Worth. 429-6922.
- Sat 6 GAY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY! Oak Lawn Public Library. A Blue Atlas Cedar will be dedicated and food and toys will be presented to "Santa Clause" to represent the recipients of "Toys for Tots" and "Food for Friends". City Councilman Richard Medrano will speak. Julie Gamin, the Turtle Creek Chorale and the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band will perform.
- Pot Luck Supper at the United Community Church, 4402 Roseland. 7:30 p.m. 827-5088.
- Sun 7 Agape! Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth. Service at 11 a.m. 2336 Hemphill (at Page). 926-7000.
- Dallas Motorcycle Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month. 1 p.m. Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser. 526-9211.
- Las Vegas Style Auction! 2 - 6 p.m. Raintree Landing, 2617 N. Pearl. Lots of free prizes. \$2 donation includes auction tickets.
- GAU/NT (Gay Academic Union of North Texas) meeting and party. 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 691-0043.
- Mon 8 Gay Blood! The Blood Mobile will be in the Metropolitan Community Church parking lot from 6 to 8 p.m. The blood will be available to anyone in need of it. Dallas' gay community is united in this effort and everyone is urged to give. 528-4233.
- DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. The Social Justice Committee will give a program which will include guest speaker Tom Mills, attorney for the Dallas chapter of ACLU, who will speak on gay rights and civil liberties in the courts. 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 2701 Reagan. 528-4233.
- Tue 9 SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday, DGPC office. 7 p.m. 528-4233.
- Dignity/Outreach (Gay Catholics) meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 233-3100 for information.
- PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. 528-8945.
- Wed 10 GLAD (Gay/Lesbian Association of Denton) meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall. 1111 Cordell. Students, faculty, townspeople and county residents welcome. 7:30 p.m. (817) 387-8216 or (817) 383-4176.
- Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. 7:30 p.m. NOW office. 3107 Routh, upstairs in back. 742-6918.
- FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday, DGPC office. 8 p.m. 328-5559.
- Thr 11 The Oak Lawn Symphonic Band meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. Musicians, instruments and donations needed. Call 521-0432.
- OUTREACH COMMITTEE meets every Thursday, DGPC office. 7 p.m. 528-4233.
- Dallas Alternative (young adults 17 and up) meets every Thursday at 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m.
- Fri 12 Cliff Dwellers Social Club meets every Friday from 8 - 11 p.m. No drugs, grass or alcohol. 321 N. Zangs (at 8th). 748-6790.
- "La Cage Aux Folles" Comedy of brilliant wit concerning the stuffed shirt head of the Union of Moral Order who finds out that his daughter is marrying the son of two flamboyant homosexuals. Granada Theatre, 3524 Greenville. 823-9610. 7:30 and 9:15 p.m.
- Sun 14 Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force Education Forum meets the 2nd Sunday of every month. NOW office. 742-6918.
- "Christmas Music" an all-orchestra program of the Metropolitan Community Church. Sue Sparks, director. 2701 Reagan. 7:30 p.m.
- The Turtle Creek Chorale in a Christmas concert at the Midway Hills Christian Church, 1101 Midway Road. 7:30 p.m. 821-3086.
- Mon 15 THIRD MONDAY. "Loneliness, Holidays and Asserting Yourself" 7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy. 521-5395.
- Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meet every 3rd Monday at the YWCA, 4621 Ross. 7:30 p.m.

# DECEMBER

Mon 15 Oak Lawn Bowling Association meets every Monday night, Cotton Bowling Palace, Lemmon and Inwood. 8:45 p.m. 589-1936.

"Whatever Happened to the Women's Movement?" Voices moderator Susan Caudill and area feminists discuss the current state of the women's movement on both the national and local levels. Channel XIII 7:30 p.m.

Tue 16 EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. DGPC office. 9 p.m. 528-4233.

The Turtle Creek Chorale in a Christmas concert at St. Paul's Hospital Chapel. 7:30 p.m. 821-3086. P.O. Box 19806; Dallas, 75219

Wed 17 The Dallas Health Department gives free VD examinations, 3rd Wednesday of every month. Club Dallas, 2616 Swiss. 9 p.m. 821-1900.

Thr 18 FEMINIST TASK FORCE (Women's issues) meeting. DGPC office. 7:30 p.m. 528-4233.

DIALOG deadline, 4th Wednesday of most months. Send comments, letters and articles to DIALOG, DGPC Box 35011; Dallas 75235.

Sat 20 Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force Coffee House. 8 p.m. \$1.25 requested. Call 742-6918 for information.

Sun 21 DIALOG production day. 2 p.m. till... DGPC office. Help needed. 528-4233.

The Turtle Creek Chorale in Christmas concert at Thanksgiving Square. Performances at 5 and 6 p.m. 821-3086.

"The Glory of Christmas" program by the MCC Concert Choir. Danny Ray, director. 7:30 p.m. 2701 Reagan. 526-6221.

Mon 22 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS open board of directors meeting. Everyone welcome. 7:30 p.m. Call 528-4233 for location.

Wed 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve service at United Community Church, 4402 Roseland. 8:30 p.m. 827-5088.

Thr 25 Christmas Dinner at MCC. 1 p.m. Anyone interested in bringing something or helping, please see Gladis Townsend or call 528.4583. There is no need for anyone to spend Christmas alone!

DGPC wishes you and those you love, a very Merry Christmas.

Sat 27 "The Children's Hour", Lillian Hellman's play about two young female teachers whose lives are destroyed by accusations that they are lesbians. The film points out that the depravity is that of the accusers rather than the accused. Channel XIII. 12:30 a.m.

Mon 29 MAIL COMMITTEE meets at Phil's place. Help stuff and mail the DIALOG. 7:30 p.m. Bring an appetitel 821-1653.

Wed 31 New Year's Eve parties in every gay bar in town. Check with your favorite. Have a good time --and be careful.



# JANUARY

Sun 4 DGPC's "Theatre III-Fabulous Bloody Mary Sunday Party!" The party begins at 6 p.m. in theatre III's Rehearsal Hall. "Bedroom Farce", a hilariously zany comedy begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the December 8 DGPC meeting or at the door.

Wed 7 Two pot luck dinners! One at Dallas' MCC at 6:30 p.m., 526-6221 - the other at Agape' MCC in Ft. Worth at 7 p.m. 926-7000. Enjoy good food with good friends.



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Yes. A number of members are officially registered under pseudonyms. You are still a full Caucus member.

WHAT AND WHEN IS THE "OPEN BOARD MEETING"?

The Open Board Meeting is held at 7:30 p. m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Caucus office. This is the meeting at which committee chairs make informative reports to the board of directors as to the status of their projects, approval for major expenditures, and guidance in planning. Members of the Caucus are welcome to attend "open board meetings" or any other board meeting. There are no "secret sessions" in the Caucus.

ARE MY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAUCUS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Membership dues and other contributions to the general fund are not tax deductible. Money given to the Political Action Committee (PAC) may be used as a 50% tax credit of up to \$50.00 for a \$100.00 contribution. For example, if you gave \$80.00 to the PAC, your 1980 taxes

would be reduced by \$40.00. Contributions of over \$100.00 (total in one calendar year to one or more political committees or candidates) would be limited to a maximum \$50.00 tax credit.

WHO ALL BELONGS TO THE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE AND WHEN DO THEY MEET?

Membership in the Caucus automatically makes one a member of the PAC of DGPC. So in effect the PAC is comprised of each and every member of the Caucus. All significant political commitments and involvements of the PAC are determined, normally, by the open meeting of the entire PAC during regularly scheduled Caucus general meetings. The Steering Committee of the PAC functions as the leadership group of the PAC and it has two co-chairs and about 20 members who have chosen to work in the political action leadership area. That steering committee is responsible for developing information on the various candidates and political issues. The PAC is, by law, funded and accounted for separately from the general treasury of the Caucus.

# ASK THE BOARD

## Review

by Bill Nelson

## Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality

An assistant professor of medieval history at Yale has created a work of scholarship which progresses through 14 centuries of thought and effectively establishes beyond a reasonable doubt that the original Christian Scriptures did not censure homosexuality. John Boswell's book, Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality, reveals that the interpreters and transcribers of the original Greek in which the Bible was written put their own moral spin on words that did not contain any moral condemnation.

Boswell uses "gay" since his research shows it to be several centuries older than "homosexual." Old Provençal, a Romanesque language still prevalent in Southeastern France, supplies the root word gai.

The Greeks never gave homosexuality a name; it was that common. But certain Greek words were translated into descriptions of homosexual behavior in the Bible.

Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality is not only fascinating; it is also a revolutionary challenge to some of Western culture's most familiar moral assumptions. The book

traces the history of homosexuality from the beginning of the Christian era to the 14th century, when the development of traditional notions about sexuality stopped in the West.

What Boswell makes clear is that Christian dogma did not cause intolerance of homosexuality. Christian beliefs were merely used to justify an oppression which had nonreligious motivations. Indeed, from the birth of Christianity until the 1300s, there was no single negative attitude toward homosexuality. Rather, social tolerance of several minorities, including gay people, Muslims, and Jews, fluctuated widely for hundreds of years. Boswell himself warns readers that while the subject is "ubiquitous in the modern West; after a long, loud noise, a sudden silence may seem deafening."

Boswell begins his historical analysis with Rome in the first two centuries A. D. The tolerance of this urban society contrasts sharply with the restrictive moral notions of the rural society which predominated during the Dark Ages after Rome's fall. Gay culture did flower again among the clergy in the 11th and 12th centuries, but Europe's social order crumbled again in the 13th and 14th

centuries. The anti-gay thought of Chrysostom and Augustine was joined by Aquinas; their dogma reflected the beliefs of the predominant rural society which viewed sex as having but one redeeming value -- procreation.

The idea that sex must be either procreative or immoral has endured to the present, but Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality lays the groundwork for a new probing into the nature and evolution of moral thought. Surely homosexuality is but one piece in the giant puzzle of moral dilemmas with which women and men have had to deal for centuries. What makes this such a fertile inquiry is that other moral assumptions may be proven incorrect.

Surprisingly, Boswell found almost all the evidence for his study in Yale's libraries, but he did go abroad two years to research. Since he majored in Classical Greek, he was able to do a thorough lexical analysis, going back to original sources. He says, "People just haven't assumed there was anything like this in the literature, so they haven't looked." We should all be grateful that Boswell made such a successful effort.



# Health

by Rodger Pettyjohn

Members of the health care profession have demonstrated gross discrimination against homosexually oriented persons. This has ranged from open hostility (Maurer, 1975) to neglect and mistreatment (Juzwiak, 1964). This discrimination, like that of society at large, is based on a tremendous lack of knowledge and the resulting fears. Though certainly a tragedy, it is no wonder that this exists in the health care system considering the abundant lack of training given on sexuality to health care professionals (Wahl, 1967).

## The Client-Practitioner Relationship

Carl Rogers has pointed to several factors he has found important to a "helping relationship" with clients. These include acceptance, warmth, freedom to explore without judgement, and a climate that permits maximum use of the client's

inner resources (Fuerst, 1974). The American Medical Association states that the professional relationship should be "honest, consistent, nonjudgemental, and sensitive to the patient's feelings."

Marianne Zalar, R.N., an assistant professor at the University of California School of Nursing, reminds us: "We are healthcare providers, not theologians, law enforcement officers, or moralists."

It is not enough that members of the health care community simply not talk about their personal opinions. Negative inner feelings can be expressed in non-verbal means: the tone of voice, facial expressions, posture, and the way in which the patient is touched.

Health care personnel are responsible for educating the public with facts. They are also responsible for providing gay clients with the most important health

care need: acceptance. Yes, acceptance. Not tolerance, for as Evelyn Hooker, chair of the National Institute of Mental Health Task Force on Homosexuality, says:

Tolerance is the worst word in the English language. It's condescending; it means putting up with something undesirable. What we need is understanding and acceptance.

Acceptance and understanding of the gay client will only be acquired through knowledge of human sexuality and, specifically, homosexuality.

Until recently our culture has allowed the influence of western religions to insist that the sole purpose of sexual relations was procreation. Today we are realizing that this is only one purpose.

(This is the first in a series on Health Care of the Gay Individual.)

## Feminist Perspective

by Bill Beauchamp

At Texas Gay Conference 7, there was a workshop on Feminism for (Gay) Men. Three men showed up.

To me, this symbolized a critical weakness in the gay (male) community and movement:

- 1) indifference to women's issues, and
- 2) ignorance of the centrality of feminism to gay liberation (in the long run), or even to gay rights (in the short run).

To understand this centrality, we need to examine a few terms: sexism, feminism, homophobia--and to analyze their interrelationship.

**Sexism** refers to the ideology (conscious or not) that men are intrinsically superior to women. In our society all people, including women, are socialized to be sexist. Some suffer more than others from the disease. Recovery demands conscious, sustained effort. As with alcoholism, it is an ongoing process, never complete.

Combating the social disease of sexism is the purpose of **feminism**. Feminism is both a mode of analysis and a strategy for action. As analysis, it systematically exposes the sexist, discriminatory bias--often disguised--of all social institutions, from fashion, etiquette and language, to hiring practices, politics, and law. As action, feminism involves the commitment to genuine root change: equal access to power for all.

Like alcoholics, recovering sexists go through a three-stage process. First, they recognize that there IS a problem; they are seriously dysfunctional, bring-

ing harm both to themselves and others. Second, they decide they don't like themselves the way they are and resolve to change. Third, they take initiative and action: seeking support in consciousness raising groups; educating themselves by reading; changing behavior; supporting women's political action. . .

What's in it for men to become feminists? Everything--from personal growth to practical gain. It frees us from crippling oppressor roles. It fosters power-free relationships--with women, but also with other men. It favors intimacy.

What's in it for gay men in particular?



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Women are our only nationally organized ally, and there are a lot more of them than there are of us. If we support them actively, they will more actively support us. At present, we are in danger of losing their support. Specifically, if gay men expect lesbians to work with them on gay rights, they had better be ready to work themselves for the rights of women. Lesbians are oppressed as women long before they even know they are gay.

Nothing seems more natural than common cause between activist gay men and activist women. **Homophobia**--the irrational fear (and hatred) of gay people--has many of the same roots as sexism. Gay men are disdained because, in the public demonology, they are equated with women. Thus both groups, gay men and all women, are judged inferior by virtue of their sexuality.

Gay men have a special opportunity. More than most men, we have the capacity to empathize with women. As feminists, we have the chance to form the vanguard of a humanizing movement among our non-feminist brothers--the gays, to be sure, but also the nongays.

Let there be no mistake: gay liberation will never be secured so long as sexism remains the law of the land. Oppression of women is the primal model for all other oppressions. If, 20 years from now, everyone in this country were to be feminist, not a single institution would have escaped radical change for the better. Feminism, in pursuing liberation for women, pursues liberation for all.