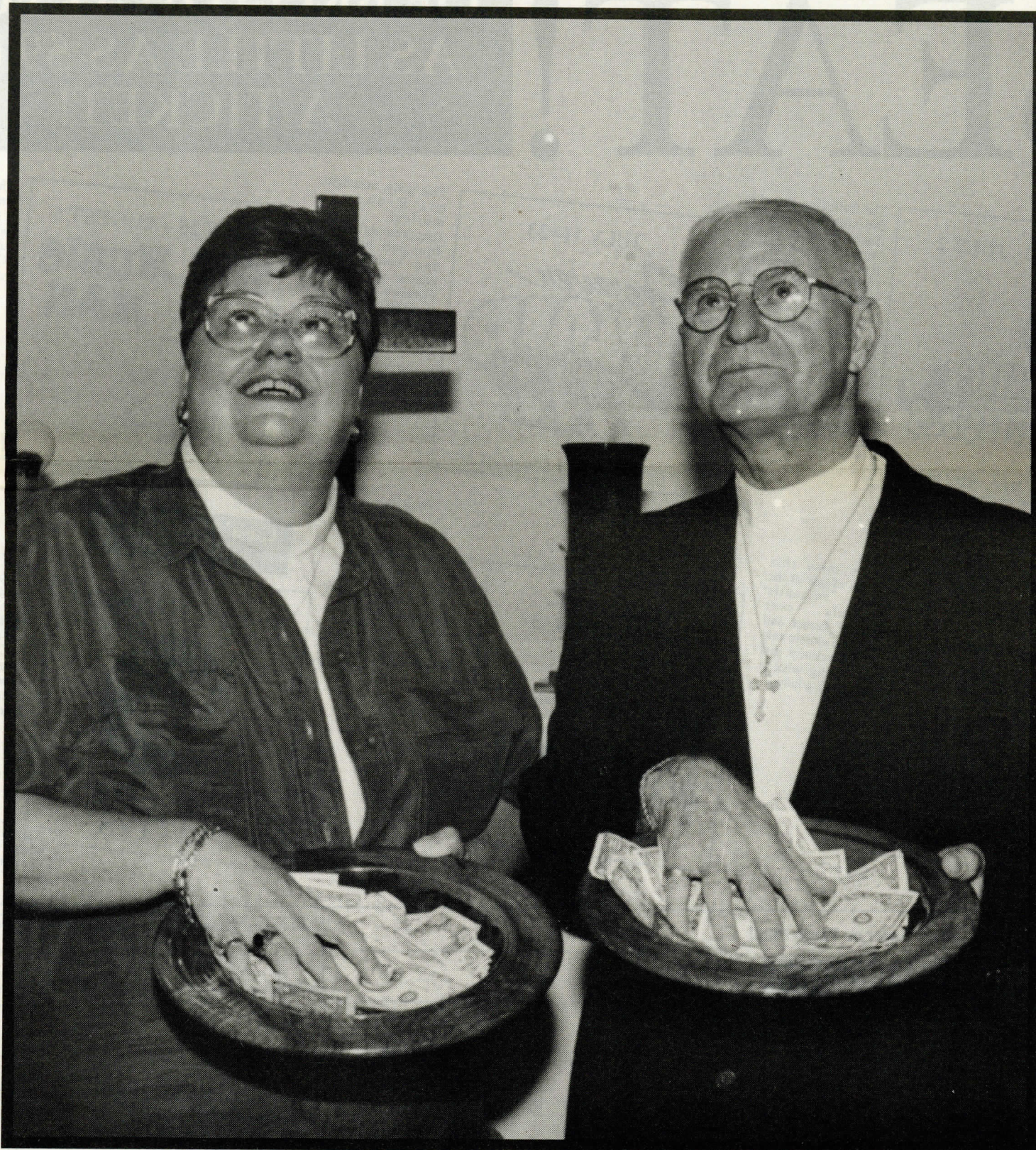


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## PERSPECTIVES

# DIVING IN:

## Louganis debate forces stand-off between empathy and high expectations.

We're all on the same team, swimming with different strokes.

### By SCOTT FORSGREN

In my younger years when I was preteen, about the age of 12, I knew something about me was different – I wasn't quite sure what it was entirely. That was at a time when one of my father's close friends was a regular diving partner of Greg Louganis, in the early '80s. I recall my dad coming home from work one evening with a picture of his friend and Greg on a diving board. That picture hung on our refrigerator for quite some time. Until the recent publicity with Greg's coming out and his announcement that he is HIV positive, I had forgotten what that picture meant to me.

I had heard conversations between my mom and dad when they discussed the fact that Greg "probably" was gay. For so long, that picture symbolized hope. It was then that I thought that even as I knew I was "different," I could still be whatever I dreamed. Greg was my inspiration.

Louganis' just-published book, *Breaking the Surface*, details the many, many struggles in the life of Gregory Efthimios Louganis. From abusive relationships to drug and alcohol addiction, every detail is presented. This is not a book that tries to convince anyone that

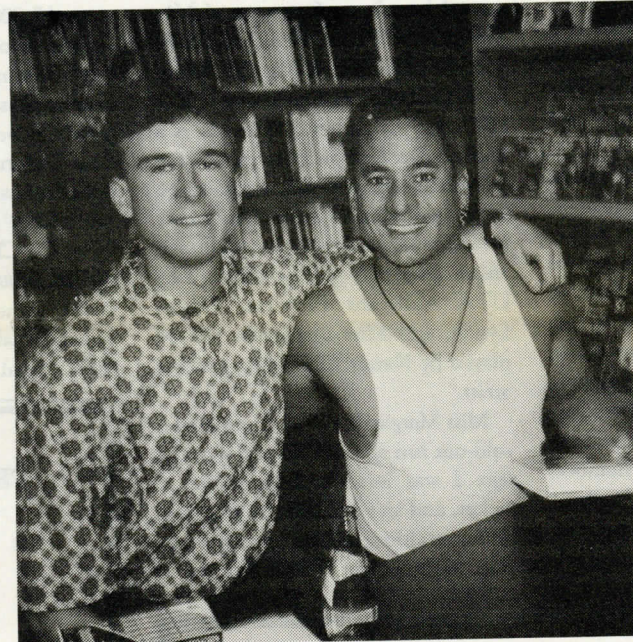
Greg is a role model, a hero, or even a good person. The facts are quite clear. Few will dispute that Greg didn't make all the right choices or that he wasn't perfect. In fact, I think that's the whole point of the book. The book is about sharing the experience we call life, and it is an attempt to keep others from making the same mistakes.

As I read, I felt the pain. I felt the loss, I felt the hurt. We've all been through these emotions all too much. Nevertheless, I felt the perseverance. I felt the drive to win. I felt the strength that is touching, moving and very unifying.

A united point of view is certainly not what our community seems to have on the topic of Greg Louganis. I have previously expressed by disappointment about comments made in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* which indicated that Greg could have had a more favorable effect on the gay community if he hadn't come out and announced he had HIV at the same time. Come on! Isn't what was really meant here was that Greg could have had a more favorable effect on the straight community? It's bad enough that we've got people like

Rev. Fred Phelps protesting at Greg's appearances, but it is even worse that our own community is contributing to the slaughter.

Many have commented that Greg makes the gay community look like we are victims and that many of us are involved in physically and mentally abusive relationships. Personally, I think Greg expressed his life as honestly as possible, and if he was the target of abuse, the story needs to be told. I think those gay and lesbian people who are involved in abusive relationships will benefit from our community's attention now that Greg



Scott Forsgren with Greg Louganis last month in Dallas

has brought the issue out of the closet.

In last month's *Positively Positive*, Robert Webster expressed his opinions of Louganis. I consider Robert a friend; I respect his efforts to educate the public and to make a measurable difference in the lives of many people living with HIV and AIDS. Nonetheless, I have to wonder why he titles his column *Positively Positive*.

Is it excessive honesty or Webster's way of taking out his own frustrations on whoever makes an easy target? The ironic part is that although I disagree with most of Webster's comments about Greg, much of what he says generally is worthy of a second look. I think the problem is how he presents it.

Those of us who know him can laugh at his rude remarks and not think twice, but for those who don't, his comments often come across destructively. If you know Robert, you either take him for what he is and like him or you don't. In either case, it won't make a bit of difference to him.

I wish that he, and others, could see things in a truly positive light. Rather than lash out at Greg for finally setting himself free, this energy could be better directed at society at large. When has society made it easy for us to be honest about anything? We should all be able to relate to the forces which kept Greg in hiding for so long. Yes, he made mistakes, but he has touched numerous lives with his recent revelations, and he has many supporters who appreciate his book, his attempt to edu-

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## GIVE LOUGANIS HIS DUE RESPECT

In response to Robert Webster's column on Greg Louganis, please, let's be realistic and not quite so harsh. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone was as "out" as you and I. If all our friends had not only the courage but the ability to step forward and represent this community, with no repercussion. If everyone could really see all the people of this community and respect everyone of us for who we are and not what we do.

Wouldn't it also be wonderful if people realized, as you and I do, just what this illness of AIDS does, not only to the person infected but to the people who love them. If they could feel as you and I have sitting with these incredible people as they struggle with life. If they witnessed first hand the pain that one goes through as their families cast them away, telling them, without words, that they just aren't important, that

# READERS WRITE

## An open forum for issues, concerns and ideas

their life doesn't mean anything.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if people were as privileged as you and me, being allowed to witness the heroes at John Peter Smith Hospital – you know the ones: people who hold hands, read books, give encouragement and, most importantly, they are the ones who are also HIV positive. They are the ones who still are able to look ahead, realize they are still very much alive and have incredible gifts to give – the real heroes.

Greg Louganis is an incredible athlete, one who achieved success at a level very few people ever even imagine reaching. He was an incredible athlete in 1984 and his accomplishments should not be affected by his announcement of being HIV positive. He struggled with many things in

growing up, dealing with his sexuality, the pressures of being an athlete at that level, drugs, the list could go on and on ... just as for many people you and I know personally.

I don't understand where you get the authority to decide in what capacity Greg should represent this community. Nothing I have ever read about Greg has said that he wants that responsibility. If we are each to judge what value one has in our community, when would it stop – I know a few with the TCLGA whom I would prefer not to have represent me. Does that mean they should be disregarded as valued members of this community ... I do not think so.

Greg, other than his athletic accomplishments, is a person like you and

me – he came out when he felt it was the right time for him, and if he now questions or has concern for the way he handled the situation at the 1988 Olympics, who are you to say it's just whining?

We spend countless hours trying to get the "Straight World" to just respect us for who we are, to understand that not every gay/lesbian person represents who the entire community is – we are all individuals and extremely diverse group at that.

Why can't you just appreciate Greg for his accomplishments, the fact that for at least four years a member of our community was the greatest diver in the world. Maybe there are reasons you don't know that influence the things he talks about during interviews, and unless you read minds...

Wouldn't it be nice if "Positively Positive" meant just that.

—SHAWN MOORE, MANSFIELD

# From the trenches

MONTHLY MESSAGE FROM ALLIANCE DIRECTORS

**W**e are reaching out to explore the landscape nearby and ones national

Mid-Cities areas deserve greater notice and specific focus.

**By JIM MARTIN**

**B**ecause I work in Arlington, and because, until recently, I also lived there, I know that many Tarrant County lesbian and gay residents who live outside of Fort Worth feel that the Alliance does not meet their needs.

Although we call ourselves the Tarrant County Lesbian/Gay Alliance, our activities occur almost entirely in Fort Worth, where most of our active members live. For many residents of Arlington or HEB, it is at least as easy to drive to Dallas for entertainment or involvement in other community activities as it is to come to West Fort Worth. We in the Alliance have done little to reach out to the large numbers of lesbians and gays living in these parts of the county, but we hope to change this situation soon.

Shortly we will be sending a questionnaire to those of you on our mailing list who are Arlington or HEB residents in order to gauge your needs and to learn how we can meet them. If you receive a questionnaire, please take a couple of minutes to fill it out and then return it to us as soon as possible. The *Alliance News* will report what we find out from you.

Meanwhile we are already planning our first event in Arlington, a special benefit performance of *Miss Margarida's Way* at the UTA Studio Theater on Saturday, May 20. Translated from the original Spanish, this 1977 play by Roberto Athayde is a one-woman tour de force in which a schoolteacher and her interactions with her students (the audience) are meant to be a metaphor for totalitarianism. The play will be directed by UTA Assistant Professor Dinah Lynch, and *Miss Margarida* will be played by Nancy Lipschultz, visiting artist.

*Miss Margarida's Way* completed a sold-out run at UTA several months ago. I was lucky enough to get a ticket, and so I can tell you that it is an entertaining and thought-provoking performance. There will be a

reception following the show. The Studio Theater seats only 160 people, so make sure you reserve seats ahead of time by calling 817/273-2677.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

I have recently had the opportunity to be an Alliance representative at the March on Austin and at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Fight the Right seminar. The march was exhilarating, what with being around 7,000 gays, lesbians and other supporters of our issues. There was a large contingent of UTA Gay and Lesbian Association members at the march, as well as several other people from Tarrant County, including Emperor Melissa Flories, Alliance President Daune' Littlefield, Political Coalition Co-Chair John Huffman, and *Alliance News* Editor Beverly Fletcher. People came from all over Texas to demand that our representatives include sexual orientation in the writ-

ing of new hate crimes legislation. At the post-parade rally held on the steps of the Capitol, leaders of lesbian and gay groups from all over our state made their voices heard. Leaders from the Valley, the Panhandle, West Texas and East Texas joined those from the big cities in demanding that our legislators do the right thing. Experiences like these help me to remember that no matter where we are from we have many common goals. When we get out of ourselves and join with others there is so much that we can accomplish.

Speaking of things to accomplish, Fight the Right addressed some very important challenges facing our community. This seminar was a weekend long intensive on the right wing movement and skills-building for those of us who want to resist it. Held at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center in Dallas, it was led by representatives from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. The Alliance was a cosponsor of this seminar, along with the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance and the Lesbian and Gay Political Coalition of Dallas. Other Tarrant County attendees included Daune' Littlefield, Melissa Flories and Beverly Fletcher. Scot Nakagawa's presentation on the right wing movement was very informative, if not frightening. Groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, Skinheads, Christian Identity, Christian Patriots, the Radical Theocratic Right, and the Sagebrush Rebellion are organizing effectively all over the United States, including

right here in Texas. If we are to maintain the individual rights that we do have we will all have to get involved. Since I have no experience as a TV spokesperson, I thought Robert Bray's workshop on using television media effectively was especially helpful. Did you know that when you are interviewed by a reporter you never answer their questions; you respond to them? The idea is that being interviewed is an opportunity to get out the message that you want to communicate. If you don't plan what you want to say it becomes a lost opportunity.

Incidentally, the Alliance is currently an organizational member of NGLTF so we can call them for help in dealing with local issues if we need them. Also, Alliance members can register for the annual Creating Change Conference at a reduced cost. Next fall the conference will be in Detroit.

Remember that we need your support in order to accomplish any of our goals. If you are an Alliance member, thanks for joining. If you have volunteered in any Alliance activities, a thousand thanks. If you are not yet a member, please join. We need your ideas, your energy and your participation. There are always too many things to do and not enough people to do them. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next Alliance meeting and at the Arlington benefit.

*Martin is vice-president of TCLGA and an associate professor at the University of Texas-Arlington.*

**April TCLGA Meeting:**

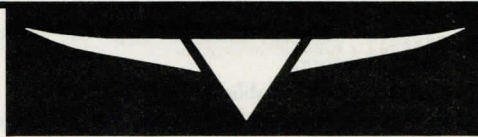
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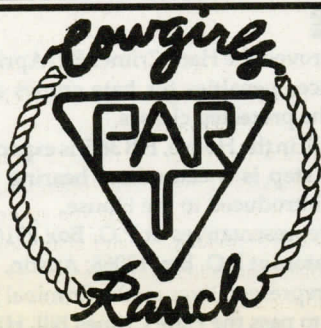
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## CITY BEAT

# Short end of the HORN

### Top journalists frown on UTA newspaper's decision to gig public lewdness offenders

By BEVERLY FLETCHER

**I**n April, Max Raney faced one of the more difficult challenges of his short journalism career. Campus police had reported to *The Shorthorn*, the student newspaper of the University of Texas at Arlington, the results of their weeks-long campaign to "clean out" the men's bathrooms in academic buildings.

At a time when he was interim editor, expecting within several days an official appointment to the editor's position, Raney was charged with the responsibility of deciding how to handle the story.

Over the several weeks, an undercover officer had arrested 16 men whom he allegedly saw masturbating or touching themselves in the restroom. What most captured Raney's attention to the account was that two of the men charged with indecent exposure were faculty at the university, and one was a student activities adviser.

"These were men who deal with students everyday," Raney said later, "and they committed a sex crime."

Raney did his homework before running the story. He consulted the university lawyer on liability. Under Raney's direction, the reporter, April Flanery, checked identifications, contacted the faculty for comments and spoke to whom she thought were their supervisors.

It was at that point that I spoke to Raney, when one of the faculty alerted the Alliance to the staff's intentions to publish the suspects' identities. "I'm not worried about myself," the professor had told me, "because I have lots of resources and lots of support from my department. But I'm concerned for those students who will be named, for how vulnerable they are."

Just a day before the story was scheduled to run, I challenged Raney on his making an exception in this case, when the newspaper did not regularly publish the names of suspects charged with other misdemeanors. By example, he offered that driving while intoxicated was "too common an offense" among the college crowd for his newspaper to cite. Public lewdness, however – in this case, with suspects who had harmed no one else – was a far more serious crime, in his view.

When he published the story, Raney was aware of the case of Ben Hogan, who killed himself when his name was

published similarly in the *San Antonio Express-News*. He was aware of the eight murders of gay men last year, the result of an ominous attitude sweeping our state of "Let us purge them." I had drawn that line of distinction for Raney, of how making exceptions to regular policy can sanction hostilities against those charged and leave them vulnerable to extremists.

"How will you feel," I asked him, "if, after identifying these men, any one of them is assaulted or worse?"

"How could I be responsible for that?" Raney answered. "It's unfortunate that we live in a society that has a violent element," he expounded, "but I'm not responsible for how they're effected by what's in our newspaper."

With that statement he joined the company of Norman Olson, commander of the Michigan Militia, and of J. Gordon Liddy and other hate-radio hosts who, in the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing, said, "We're not responsible for how our words incite others..."

The article published in *The Shorthorn* April 13, front page, top story, identified those charged by name, by age, and by major or affiliation to the university.

**I**n the wake of the article, several journalists at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* wondered why the student newspaper had executed such a "bad judgment call," doing what the majors refuse now to do. After Hogan's death, the *San Antonio Express-News* stopped publishing the names of public lewdness offenders. Just last fall, the *Star-Telegram* turned down advertising by the American Family Association to publicize such names. Ombudsman Phil Record, who referred to *The Shorthorn* article as sensationalist, printed for shock value, said his newspaper doesn't print the names of any misdemeanor offenders unless they are public figures.

That policy applied to the UTA situation, Raney hedged, pointing to the faculty as prominent, public figures within the campus community.

Then why print the names of the students involved? "How could we print some names and not the others?" he asserted.

*Fort Worth Star-Telegram* columnist Sheila Taylor Wells, a UTA alumna who, during her course work, served as

*The Shorthorn's* editorial pages editor, questioned Raney's line of reasoning. She noted that by his "debatable logic" of who's a public figure and who's not, he could have listed the names of the faculty without listing the students.

"He shouldn't have published any of the names though," she judged, because no good comes from it, and the only result is "hurting someone unnecessarily."

**T**odd Camp, an editor of the *Star-Telegram's* *Class Acts* magazine, deflated Raney's insistence that he was merely covering a newsworthy crime story. The undercover operation by itself was newsworthy, Camp agreed. The number of arrests made was newsworthy. "Identifying the people arrested was not newsworthy," he charged. "It was to shame and embarrass them."

Jim Martin, an associate professor in social work at UTA, is alarmed by this type of shaming campaign that transfers loosely to gays and lesbians in general. He sees a dangerous trend on the UTA campus of harassment for behaviors that might be tolerated for heterosexual couples. *The Shorthorn's* singling out of this victimless crime, presenting it as more serious than all others, is a homophobic response, Martin said.

Raney bristled at the accusation. "Saying that I'm homophobic – that makes me very angry," he fumed. He has gay friends, he said. He said that his brother is gay.

In many cases where people are harassing out of prejudice, Martin said they don't see it that way – "And that's the very definition of prejudice – that you hurt other people but you think it's fine."

**R**aney reported to me that he'd received about half a dozen letters to the editor objecting to publishing the names, and one praising the undercover campaign.

"People have accused me of having a motive in this, but I haven't gained anything from it ... except a headache," he groaned.

Columnist Wells, reflecting on the journalistic standard evident at her alma mater, predicted that Raney might regret later having published the names, "when this guy matures a little," she said. ♡

# OUT IN THE STREETS

*The Texas March spoke a compelling concept: we are all too vulnerable when hidden away.*

By R. SCOTT YOUNG-GARRETT

April 2, 1995, is a day I will hold as one of change, a turning point in the way our cities, states and country treat us as gays and lesbians. We came, we saw and we conquered, but will the Texas March at Austin make a difference? I truly believe the answer lies in each one of us and what we continue to do now that the march and rallies are over.

Although neither I nor my partner physically made the walk from Palmer Auditorium to the State Capitol, we were waiting on the lawn for the marchers to arrive. I mingled among the several hundred who were waiting there also.

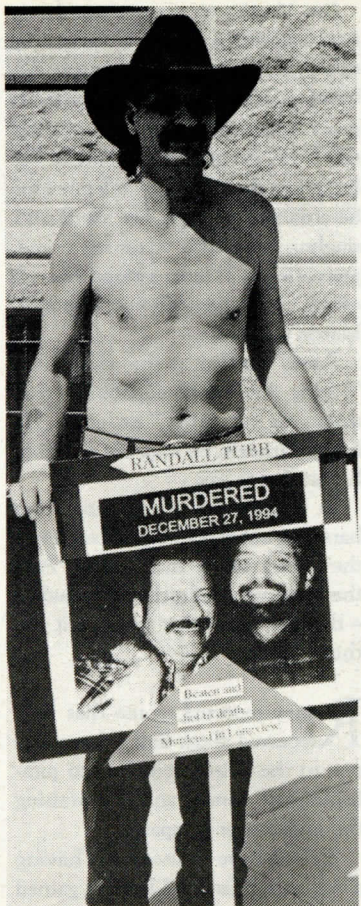


PHOTO BY SCOTT YOUNG-GARRETT

**HATE CRIME VICTIM** Ed Tubb, a shotgun-blasted scar crossing his chest, marched in the shadow of his brother Randall, whom he lost last year in a deadly assault in Lufkin.

One of the people I met was a young man named Phil, originally from California, who was there to be counted. When I asked him if he thought the march would make a difference, his reply was passionate: "It will make a difference. It will put the issue of hate back on the table, that gays are people too, and they need to be treated as such. It's time the people of America treated us as people."

I do not believe I can accurately describe the sense of awe and pride I felt as a gay man when I witnessed the throng of people six lanes wide marching north on Congress Avenue to the steps of the State Capitol. The marchers were not holding back. Within two blocks of them you could hear the chant, "Stop the hate ... stop the violence." I felt my emotions soar as the wall of people hit the walk at the base of the grounds. Those of us there greeted them with cheers and a loving ovation they each deserved.

I had an opportunity to visit one-on-one with several of the speakers. Dr. Mel White, who has become a powerful voice in the gay rights movement, was more than willing to share his feelings on the meaning and outcome of the march. "What we have to do is let the entire state of Texas know that we are the number one victims of hate crimes in the state. That there is a climate of misinformation being created by the Radical Right. Where there is misinformation we have to be there to tell the truth. Where there is hatred we must love. Where there is confusion we must straighten out the issues, and let people know we are part of this state too."

When asked if the march will make a difference he made three valid points: "It will make a difference to every person who is in attendance today. They will be changed by acting up, then they will go back to their communities and make a difference there. The problem is not just here, it is everywhere. Second, the media is here in force and they will show the people of Texas that there are a lot of

us and that we need to be treated humanely. And third, the legislators who are watching will say 'wow - this is a voting bloc. We need to win their votes and save their lives.'"

I asked Rev. White about his recent run-in with Pat Robertson and what effect the march would have on the religious leaders of this state and nation. "On March 29 in the 23rd minute of the 700 Club broadcast, Pat Robertson said he 'abhors violence against gay and lesbian people. Whatever you feel about the Bible and them, you have no right to harass or kill them.'"

Dr. White continued, "When Pat starts talking like that, he begins to affect public policy, and his followers don't want to be killers. At least now he has named us, which will go a long

way toward recognition as real human beings." Dr. White also said, "It's a proud day for gays and lesbians and our allies, and for me as an adopted Texan. I'm very proud to be here."

One of the largest cheers of the day went up to State Representative Glen Maxey of Austin. After he was through speaking at the podium he had these comments: "These marches always have an impact, this one more so because it puts a face on hate and violence. It is important that these people are here and that their voices are heard, and hopefully it will have a major impact." According to Rep. Maxey, "Six years ago you could not get anyone in the Legislature to sign on a hate crimes bill of this stature but now, six years later, a majority of the Senate has done so."

John Huffman of Fort Worth who spoke briefly at the rally hit the heart of the matter when he said, "We stand a real chance of success because

we are putting before the legislation the families of the people who have died, parents of gays who have suffered at the hands of discrimination in the school system. We are making very cogent arguments to legislators who themselves are family people."

Sissy Farenthaul, feminist and gubernatorial candidate from the late '60s and a political icon in Texas, said, "Every effort does make a difference and it could be a turning point in the state of Texas only if we make it a turning point. By seeing all of the people on the lawn of the Capitol it will make a difference to the legislators. It should be our due, but we have to fight for it."

The one event that really brought this march home for me and made me realize the importance of what was going on was the opportunity I had to speak with Ed Tubb. Tubb lost his brother Randall to a hate crime when

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## Call or write

The State Senate approved the Hate Crimes Bill April 18 without amendment. SB 141 enhances penalties for hate crimes and includes sexual orientation among the protected classes.

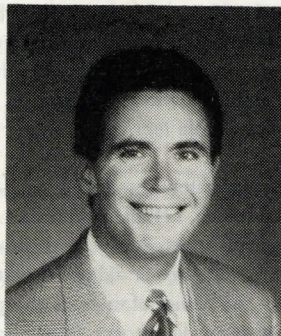
The Hate Crimes Bill in the House, HB 365, is expected to face a tougher challenge. The next step is a committee hearing to decide the bill's wording before it is introduced to the House.

Write to all state representatives at P.O. Box 2910; Austin, TX 78768. Write to all state senators at P.O. Box 12068; Austin, TX 78711.

Call the following representatives on the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee and ask them to pass the Hate Crimes Bill, HB 365, to the House.

Allen Place, chair, Gatesville, 512/463-0628; Robert Talton, vice chair, Pasadena, 512/463-0460; Jessica Farrar, Houston, 512/463-0620; Sherri Greenberg, Austin, 512/463-0700; Sam Hudson, Dallas, 512/463-0586; Joe Nixon, Houston, 512/463-0514; Joe Pickett, El Paso, 512/463-0596; Jim Pitts, Waxahachie, 512/463-0516; Jim Solis, Harlingen, 512/463-0606.

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# dewey's daydreams

by 



Did Skinner give any indication of what we are up against?

Nope. He just said it's not like anything else on Earth.



Skully, I know we've seen some **scary** stuff—giant fluke worms, parasitic flesh-eating spores—but what we're about to see could be worse.

Mulder, since I started on the X-Files I've seen more than my share of gross-outs. I think I can handle myself.



Then brace yourself. Let's go!



My God, Mulder what **is** it?



It's... it's... it's...

...it's hideous!



Your haircut isn't that bad...

## COMMUNITY

### AIDS OUTREACH CENTER OFFERS LEGAL ADVICE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES AT FRIDAY FORUM

AIDS Outreach Center's "Friday Forum" seminar May 5 will address "Legal Issues for Same-Sex Couples." Speakers are B.C. Cornish, JD, and Ellen Pesserillo, JD. Both are volunteer attorneys with AOC's Legal Network.

This forum will discuss legal concerns that, while valuable to anyone, are of particular importance to gay and lesbian couples. These will include estate issues such as wills, powers of attorney, and directives to physicians, as well as family law matters such as child custody. These issues may be of particular urgency for a gay couple who are confronting HIV disease.

The program is appropriate for social service, health care and mental health professionals; persons living with AIDS or HIV and their loved ones; and volunteers. Continuing education credits will be available for social work, LPC and CADAC.

The session will be held at AIDS Outreach Center, 1125 W. Peter Smith in Fort Worth. A light lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the program will be from noon to 2 p.m.

A \$10 fee is requested of professionals to cover the costs of lunch and materials. The program is free to volunteers, people living with AIDS/HIV infection, and their caregivers.

Attendance will be limited to 50 persons. Participants must register before 5 p.m. Thursday, April 6; call 817/335-1994.

Friday Forums are an ongoing monthly educational series offered by AIDS Outreach Center, the primary service organization in Tarrant County for persons with AIDS or HIV, and a

United Way affiliate. Services are also available to residents of Johnson, Erath, Parker, Palo Pinto, Denton, Wise, Hood, Somervell, and Navarro counties.

### CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL IN MAY REVISITS SCENIC ROSE GARDEN

AIDS Outreach Center (AOC) will mount the local observance of the 12th Annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial on Sunday, May 21, in the Rose Garden of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

Participants will gather at 8 p.m. in the Rose Garden. The observance is designed to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and to remember those lost to the disease. Participants are asked to wear white clothing and bring candles.

"As of April 1, more than 1,000 families in Tarrant County have lost a loved one to this disease," Thomas Bruner, AOC executive director, said. "Too many of them have grieved in isolation and silence. This event helps send a message that they are not alone, and that AIDS truly touches all of us."

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial is the single largest annual coordinated event in the world. Since 1985, Mobilization Against AIDS, a nonprofit advocacy and lobbying organization, has worked to assist in the coordination of vigils around the world.

Candlelights have been held in more than 370 cities and towns in 55 countries. Last year in Tarrant County, 700 people gathered at the Tarrant County Courthouse to lend their support to this cause.

### CHORALE DIRECTOR GAINS TOP HONOR AMONG UNT ALUMNI

Dr. Timothy Seelig, artistic director of the Turtle Creek Chorale, a 200-

member male chorus, received the University of North Texas "President's Citation" at the 1995 Annual Alumni Awards Dinner on Friday, April 6, at the university.

Chancellor Alfred Hurley presented the highest award only to Dr. Seelig. The award is given to individuals who have given extraordinary service and support to the University of North Texas either in enhancing its reputation or in helping the university to accomplish its mission.

Seelig was nominated for exemplary service in three different areas: the arts, AIDS awareness and human rights.

Seelig received his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of North Texas. His community activities include being cochair of Partners of the Foundation for Human Understanding; on the Advisory Board for Lifewalk, Oak Lawn Community Services and The Names Project, AIDS Memorial Quilt.

He is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, International Federation for Choral Music, Chorus America, the National Association of Teachers of Singing, the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, Human Rights Campaign Fund, Gay

and Lesbian Political Caucus, Dallas Gay and Lesbian Association, The National Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, Phi Mu Alpha, Pi Kappa Lambda and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Previous awards received include the Crystal Hope Award from the AIDS Interfaith Network, Extra Mile Award, for service to the women's community of Dallas, International Who's Who in Music, Outstanding Young Men of America and Who's Who in Colleges and Universities. Seelig is also the artistic director of The Women's Chorus of Dallas and on the adjunct music faculty of Southern Methodist University.

## OBITUARY

### AIDS activist, humanitarian ministered to others living with AIDS

Jeffrey Clark Sansaver, 43, shaman and man of "a" cloth, and a community volunteer who lived with AIDS for more than 13 years, died March 26. He passed away with family and friends surrounding him.

Jeffrey served on boards of many AIDS organizations, cared for dying friends as well as strangers, and was highly sought as a public speaker through the AIDS Outreach Center's Buddy Program.

He delivered flowers to hospital patients and groceries to shut-ins. He consoled families, taught relatives of AIDS patients how to deliver bedside care, and held many a person's hand as they took their last breath.

A native of Scobey, Montana,

Jeffrey attended Brigham Young University in the early '70s and later moved to the Metroplex where he worked as a bank teller. He operated his own interior design business and

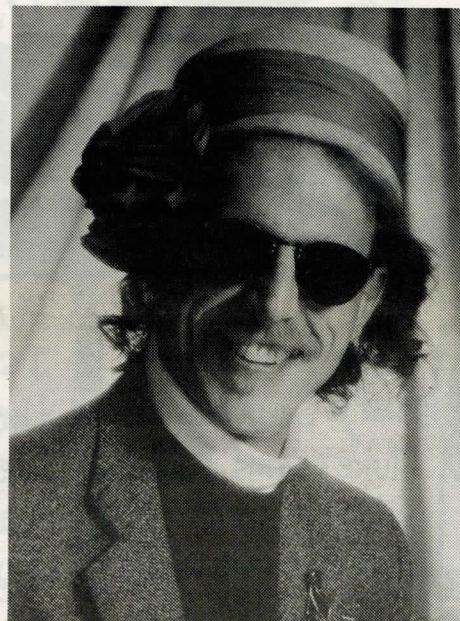
specialized in wall upholstering.

He was a member of the AOC's Board of Directors, Tarrant County AIDS Coordinating Council and the AIDS Interfaith

Network. Jeffrey walked in the AIDS Walk for Life the last two years in Fort Worth.

Memorial services were March 28 in the Rock Garden of the Kimbell Art Museum. Packets of flower seeds were given to all who attended, signifying "to grow flowers is to continue life!" Pink, purple and white balloons were released as the song "Friends" was played at the closing of the memorial.

Memorials can be sent to AIDS Outreach Center, 1125 W. Peter Smith, Fort Worth, TX 76104.



Jeffrey Clark Sansaver

TRINITY AIDS MINISTRY volunteers distributed 50 Easter baskets this year to HIV-impacted clients of Samaritan Housing, Inc., Park Plaza Nursing Home and among the church.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY BENNETT

Glenda Gardner, coordinator, and Sheila Thornburg, above, found unbridled support for the annual project from Pangburn's Candy through manager Michael Cheeves, which donated much of the candy and toys for the baskets. Gardner said the church added stuffed animals that delighted the homebound patients.



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## BENEFITS

### Preview parties introduce changes for fall's Black Tie

The Dallas/Fort Worth Black Tie Dinner Committee has moved this year's dinner from its traditional

September date to Nov. 4 at the Anatole Hotel in Dallas. A Ticket Sales Preview Party Wednesday, May 10, in the hotel's Grand Ballroom will provide information on being a table captain and on individual ticket sales.

The Preview Party will be from 6 to 8 p.m., with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments provided. Call 214/407-6760 for reservations to the party, which is limited to 300.

Fort Worth Table Captain Michael Toole will host an introductory party Sunday, June 11, at his home in Fort Worth. Call 817/731-0122.

Ann Richards will deliver the keynote address at the Black Tie Dinner this fall. Mary Mallory, 1995 cochair, said, "As Governor of Texas, Ann Richards helped make our state government more inclusive than at any other time in its history. She wel-

comed the contributions of people from every walk of life regardless of their sexual orientation. In addition, her wit and outstanding speaking abilities will inspire and empower our dinner guests."

The Black Tie Dinner Committee is implementing several changes this year as a result of a survey conducted of 480 dinner guests. "The survey respondents said they wanted a strong keynote speaker, a more entertaining evening, shorter speeches, a shorter overall dinner and more room to be able to move around to talk with people," Steve Habgood, marketing communications chair, said. "We want to let everyone know that we heard your message and we are creating a dynamic dinner unlike anything we have ever done in Dallas."

Some changes dinner guests can expect include accommodations for more people with more room between tables. Instead of being in the Chantilly and Wedgwood Ballrooms, the dinner will be in the Chantilly and Grand Ballrooms at the Anatole. In addition, the overall length of the dinner will be shortened, speeches will be shorter, visual elements will be much stronger, and new forms of entertainment are being explored.

"The Grand Ballroom is approximately five times larger than the Wedgwood and will enable us to spread out the tables in each ballroom," Habgood said. "The two ballrooms will be connected with a unique tunnel system and we will be able to conduct different parts of the dinner in each room to accommodate all the guests. And with our theme of 'Virtual Reality,' we will be delivering the entertainment, speakers and visual elements to both rooms and the main foyer unlike we've ever done before."

More than 2,400 people attended the 1994 dinner which raised \$272,458 for the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the 13 local beneficiaries. The number of available seats will be increased this year to approximately 3,000 with the addition of the Grand Ballroom. Since its inception in 1982, the dinner has raised more than \$1,300,000. The Dallas/Fort Worth Black Tie Dinner is the largest fundraiser in the nation for HRCF and the largest seated ballroom event in Dallas.

For more information on the Black Tie Dinner or ticket sales, please call 214/407-6760.

### Garage sale directs funds to youth programs

Several groups will combine resources for a mega-garage sale this month to benefit the University of Texas-Arlington Gay/Lesbian Association (GLA) and the Gay/Lesbian Teen Line, a joint project of the Tarrant County Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TCLGA) and Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG).

The garage sale will be on from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at the University of Texas-Arlington campus. Tables will be set up at a parking lot at the Corner of Mitchell and Cooper streets. A rain date is set for the following Saturday, May 20.

GLA's Randy Glenn and Daniel Kerr head the committee to organize the project. To donate items for the sale, contact Glenn at metro 817/794-0964. Donations can also be made the morning of the sale between 8 and 10 a.m. at a table set up for receiving items. Items not sold that day will be given to a local charity.

### Service auction, dinner to benefit advocacy groups

The Lesbian/Gay Political Coalition-Tarrant County (L/GPC-TC), Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) and the Tarrant County Lesbian/Gay Alliance's Teen Project will hold a services auction and spaghetti dinner as a joint fund-raiser for the three organizations.

The event will be Saturday, May 13, at the First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church at 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth. The spaghetti supper will begin at 6 p.m. and the auction will follow at 7.

Tickets are \$3 each and are available from each of the groups or by contacting the L/GPC-TC at 817/370-0460.

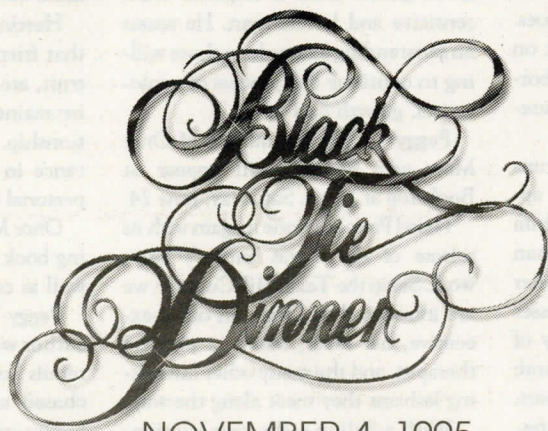
Still accepting donations for the auction, the groups already have collected such items as massage therapy sessions, tickets to the Fort Worth Symphony, memberships to First Time computer bulletin board service, computer consultation, advertising and more. To donate services, contact the L/GPC-TC.

### Court and TCLGA pair for pride dance this spring

The first Spring Out, a Cotillion d' Rainbow Pride, will benefit the Tarrant County Lesbian/Gay Alliance and The Imperial Court de Fort Worth/Arlington, as well as Agape MCC, Healing Wings and Trinity MCC.

The dance, one of the opening events of Gay Pride Week, will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, June 3, at the Horizon Ballroom of the Clarion Hotel, 8-30 and Beach in Fort Worth. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$300 for a reserved table for 10. Call the Alliance office at 817/763-5544 for reservations.

Dress is by individual choice, from casual to black tie. Party fare includes light food, cash bar, dancing and door prizes. Imperial Court candidates will be presented at the event.



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## ENTERTAINMENT

### Pleiades presents perennial favorite, folksy Ann Reed

**A**nn Reed always knew what she wanted to be when she grew up. By junior high she had developed an interest in poetry that eventually evolved into songwriting. In high school, she spent most of her time under the stairwell playing her guitar and studying her classmates.

Now the independent recording artist has produced eight commercial recordings over 12 years on her own label, avoiding the glitz and false pretenses of the major companies.

From contemporary folk music to eclectic acoustics, Reed's style is a widely ranging sound that feeds people of many tastes. She's paved her way as a cultural icon with more

than 700 performances throughout the United States and Canada, including appearances at the Winnipeg Folk Festival, on Garrison Keillor's *Prairie Home Companion*, Public

Radio's *All Things Considered*, and featured several times on ABC's *Good Morning America*.

Reed never did forget her childhood roots – despite the rigors of her independently directed career, she has worked to support youth. Her music is featured on the documentary *Heroes: Growing Up Female and Strong*, which aims to raise self-esteem



**ANN REED**

through physical activity by offering role models. And she has taken special initiative in promoting *New Moon*, a magazine for girls published in Duluth.

Pleiades Productions has recalled the popular songstress for a reunion with her Tarrant County fans. The concert begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Orchestra Hall, 4401 Trail Lake Dr., Fort Worth.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$17 at the door. Ticket locations in Fort Worth are at Connections Bookstore and Agape MCC; and in Dallas, at Crossroads Market.

Opening for Reed is native talent Letty Cruz, a musical powerhouse who has for years wowed crowds here at local fund-raising and social events with her strong, vocal work-outs.

### 'Priest' gives human look at Catholic hierarchy

By DALE McNEILL

**W**hen young Father Greg (Linus Roach) arrives to assist middle-aged Father Matthew (Tom Wilkinson) at a working-class Liverpool parish, he knows all the answers. At least he thinks he does. He takes the senior cleric to task on many issues, from visiting neighborhood families to the live-in housekeeper (Cathy Tyson).

Soon, though, Father Greg runs into problems that his dogmatic approach to the spiritual can't get him out of: a 14-year-old young woman tells him in confession that her father is abusing her; her father confesses and adds that he's made a study of incest and found it perfectly natural; and Greg himself is visiting gay bars. Because of the seal of the confessional he can't talk about what he's learned there. Because of his sanctimonious attitude toward Father Matthew's sexual relationship with the housekeeper, he can't talk about his own secret life.

But that secret life doesn't stay secret. The parish, the bishop and the community find out. The already complex relationships become even more complex.

Antonia Bird has directed an intelligent film, filled with enough issues to sustain months of conversation. The writing by Jimmy McGovern communicates the issues well, although it sometimes seems that the characters are giving speeches instead of talking. With a mix of sensuality, humor and wrenching emotion, *Priest* succeeds.

### Booksignings feature authors of praised releases

By STEVE GARRETT and TRISHA THOMAS

**B**ookstop announces the visit of Scott Peck, author of *All American Boy: A Memoir*. He will sign copies of his book at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, and will discuss his new title that *Out* magazine calls "...an aching description of a gay son's search for his father."

Some may recall that Peck was "outed" by his father, Colonel Fred Peck, before the 1993 Senate hearings on Clinton's proposal to end the ban on gays in the military. The colonel announced that even though his own son was gay, he didn't think there was anyplace for him in the service.

Albeit the book is a mesmerizing tale of child abuse, spouse abuse and parental neglect, Scott Peck seems to have grown into a hopeful, wise, sensitive and lyrical man. He seems an outstanding example to those willing to continue the process of exploration, growth and love.

Peggy J. Herring, author of *Once More with Feeling*, will appear at Bookstop at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 24.

Naiad Press has done it again with its release of the Texas author's latest work. Set in the Texas Hill Country, we are introduced to Laura, an office executive, her lover, Mavis, a physical therapist, and the many other interesting lesbians they meet along the way.

With a failing eight-year relationship, the two decide to call it quits while remaining friends on civil terms.

This becomes a problem as each of them, particularly Mavis, develop a series of relationships. Jealousy rears its ugly head as Laura finds the one woman she feels she cannot live without, much to the dismay of Mavis.

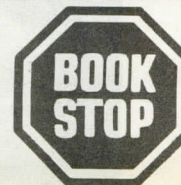
*Once More with Feeling* is a genuine, bittersweet story that anyone, male or female, can relate to. The situations are real and endearing, as are the friendships that develop out of unusual circumstances.

Herring proves, in a powerful way, that friendship and love, along with trust, are the most important factors in maintaining a meaningful relationship. She also stresses the importance in allowing oneself to realize personal faults, and fixing them.

*Once More with Feeling* is an exciting book that will make you laugh as well as cry.

Peggy J. Herring is an exciting author with much to offer. Her book retails for \$10.95 and can be purchased at Bookstop or other local bookstores.

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# GROWTH SPURT

## Pride Week organizers promise bigger, better to match vigorous movement in Tarrant County

A behind-the-scenes look at producing our county's definitive event.

By **JAMES TILLOTSON**

Summer is on the way and so is Tarrant County's annual Gay Pride Week. How excited many in the lesbian/gay community are this year about Pride Week. Several changes are underway to make Pride Week more fun for all and definitely something to be proud of as a community. So much effort and hard work goes into Pride Week and much of it is unseen by those who enjoy the festivities.

This year the Tarrant County lesbian/gay community is coming out of its dormant state and into the eyes of

lesbian/gay communities statewide and nationally. Tony Coronado contacted the International Association of Pride Week Coordinators to list Tarrant County in the International Directory. Amazingly enough, a group from Lake Tahoe in northern California has already responded by contacting Coronado. This group is highly interested in being in our parade and in taking part in our Gay Pride Week. That's great news!

Groups from Austin and Houston have shown great interest as well in participating in Tarrant County's Pride Week and parade. Yeah! Tarrant County is out and visible again.

This year's Gay Pride Week T-shirt also reflects new and exciting changes for Tarrant County. A contest for the logo drew a tie among ballots that was settled by GPW officers and titleholders. The new logo was designed by Kevin Reichenstien. The new shirt is bold, colorful and modern in concept and design. People in Dallas and

as far away as Austin and Corpus Christ are purchasing T-shirts. They are wonderful and continue to promote this year's focus for Gay Pride Week: visibility, pride and change.

By the way, shirts are \$10 each this year and come in Large, XLarge and XXL large sizes. They may be purchased from Gay Pride Week officers and some members.

The parade will be something to see this year. It is anticipated that the parade's size will greatly increase this year. Local organizations are all planning to participate as well as many newcomers from other towns and other states. Some rules have been changed to enhance the appearance of the parade. Trophies will be given out this year for entries that place.

Of course, there will be the annual picnic. This year, Darla Roland and Joyce Raines are the co-chairs of the picnic. These gals are working their

tushies off for sure. There will be free beer, beverages and hot dogs. Darla is trying to get a donation of bottled water for the picnic this year.

A motivational speaker and speech will be provided, as well as live entertainment. This will be provided by the local organizations who attend the monthly leadership forum meeting. Yeah! Thank you! Recorded music is fab and is a must, but live music and entertainment will add all the more to an already festive occasion (as long as it's not the Rush Limbaugh Quartet or the No-Newt-is-Good-Newt groups).

Local area churches are providing a children's area this year with games and entertainment for the little people. Oh, we must not forget that there will be sporting events this year. Yes, there will be sack races, three-legged races, egg toss, drag races, tug of war, a disco dance contest, a country and western dance contest and volleyball. Lastly, there will be some booth space for retail, organizations, etc.

This year's Gay Pride Week will, of course, include the annual Miss, Ms., Mr. and Miss/Mr. Tarrant County Gay Pride Week Pageant (say that 10 times real fast...). This year's theme is "An Evening of Eloquence and Pride." There will be three judges from the straight pageant system, one from within Tarrant County, and one out-

side of Tarrant County from the gay pageant system. So far 12 or more entries are expected. That is a number the pageant hasn't seen in years.

TGRA will hold its annual Gay Pride Carnival on the 651-Fort Worth premises. Booths will offer games, activities and food. A stage with live singers will be provided this year. The interest for this event has grown this year and participation is, expected to exceed that of previous years.

The Corral Club and Patio Bar will hold Fort Worth's first Gay Pride Festival. Booths will offer games, crafts, food, music and shows. Retail sale booths will be available as well.

In a nutshell, this year's Gay Pride Week will be a week when Tarrant County will shine, when all of us who are gay, lesbian or bisexual will show how proud we are to be who we are and that we are proud to claim Tarrant County as our own.

So many people are working so very hard to make this happen. The Gay Pride Week Officers and different organizational officers, members and volunteers in our community are committed to this goal. In fact, if you traipse over to Tony's house or to Darla's or even to Joyce's, you might hear Neal Lindsey groaning about float entries, Chris Toland whining about ads for the GPW booklet, me giving my ever-convincing speech on how to solicit people for bar-sponsored volleyball teams, or Joyce threatening us with the Church Lady's presence at the parade. However, the most important thing emanating from all officers, bar-owners, organizational members and volunteers is whole-hearted dedication with pride.

The Tarrant County gay/lesbian and bisexual community is expanding its horizons and empowering itself for a new, positive visibility status both within and outside of our community. You go, Texas! 🍌

*Tillotson is acting historian of Future Fort Worth/Arlington.*



THE LUCKY 7 CASINO NIGHT Feb. 19 at 651 Fort Worth raised more than \$2,300 for Gay Pride Week activities that start off June. Card sharks Tony Coronado, chair and mayor, bankteller Martin Puller, and Banker Rob Farquhar are betting on an unprecedented turnout for this year's parade, carnival and picnic.

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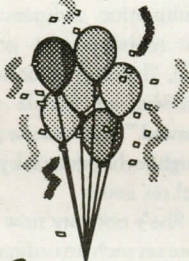
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*Doug*



# Where do they STAND?

## Candidates for May 6 election speak up on law, policy and socialization regarding sexual orientation

A year after its inception, the Lesbian/Gay Political Coalition-Tarrant County (LGPC) has made its first endorsements, for council and mayoral candidates in the May 6 municipal election.

The group mailed questionnaires to 63 candidates in Arlington and Fort Worth, and school districts additionally in Birdville, Crowley, Kennedale and White Settlement. Of those, 11 responded, and seven attended the screening session April 8 for endorsements.

John Huffman, cochair, with Connie Winkle, of the political advocacy group, noted that most responses were from those in multiple-candidate races, "people who figured they needed all the support they could to reach runoffs."

Surveys were largely ignored by unopposed candidates and incumbents, Huffman said, and noticeably overlooked by school district board candidates. "It will take more work to get school boards to consider lesbian/gay issues," he said, "and we'll have to have a presence at school board meetings to do that."

Most of the candidates responding thought lesbians and gays should have a right to fair treatment and equal rights for employment, Huffman reported, but few of them would speak to making supportive laws toward that end.

### CITY ELECTION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you believe gays and lesbians should have the same civil rights as non-gay men and women?

2. Do you support the repeal of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, which criminalizes the private sexual behavior of consenting gay and lesbian adults?

3. What steps would you take to assist in repealing Section 21.06?

4. Have you and/or would you hire qualified gay and/or lesbian applicants for your staff?

5. What steps would you adopt to ensure equal housing, public accommodations and employment opportunity for gays and lesbians?

6. Regarding the issue of abortion, do you support law enforcement actions to protect client and worker unmolested access to abortion clinics?

### LGPC ENDORSEMENTS

The Lesbian/Gay Political Coalition-Tarrant County has endorsed the following three candidates for election.

#### BILL DeNOLF, Mayor, City of Arlington

##### Questionnaire responses:

1. In my country, an American is an American. Of course.

2. In my country, what responsible consenting American adults do consensually is their business. Yes. Adult conduct need not be legislated in a free society.

3. I am a heterosexual with apolitical gay friends. As an elected official I'd be happy to hear your concerns, but I must admit that I've dwelled little on this issue.

4. I would never hire someone because of something inconsequential to the job they aspire to do.

5. Again, I could use a bit more education on these issues.

6. As long as abortion is funded by government I would. However, I do not believe in abortion as a medical procedure except to save the mother,

nor do I believe in public funding of this practice. I believe it lessens me as an American who practices my faith to have tax dollars used in this way. However, I have nothing adverse to say with respect to private funding of such clinics and the protection of clients and workers by officers of the law. Lastly, I believe in the enhancement of life, not the destruction of it. I have more respect for one who supports abortion subsidization as well as the death penalty than I do for one who supports one and not the other. I may not agree, but I respect their consistent views and would die in support of their right to express them.

**Additional comment:** "We are all some mother's child."

DeNolf sought the LGPC endorsement and met with the group's members.

##### Comments at the screening:

DeNolf, a UTA graduate with honors, is running for the first time. He has worked for Tom Vandergriff, "when he was a Democrat," on Capitol Hill. He believes in inclusion and participation. He hopes to make change at the local level, and to develop nonprofit organizations to relieve the city tax burden.

He supports nondiscrimination ordinances in employment: "We can't have exclusion if we are to improve the quality of life." He opposes the Sodomy Law as "archaic."

Initially he was against a Hate Crimes law per se because "any crime should be penalized." Also, as a Franciscan Catholic, he opposes the death penalty on the idea that "any person can be salvaged." He concluded, however, the Hate Crimes Bill would be acceptable "if it makes lesbians and gays feel more included." He offered education of young people as a deterrent to hate crimes, to teach them cause and effect, and the consequences of their actions. "I prefer to act up," he said about the hate crimes issue, "I don't want to leave this in the lap of lawyers." He suggested voting out judges who sentence too lightly in cases of lesbian or gay victims.

#### EUGENE McCRAY, Fort Worth City Council, District 5

##### Questionnaire responses:

1. All citizens are entitled to equal rights and protection.

2. Yes.

3. Communicate with state representatives.

4. An applicant's sexuality is not a question asked on employment interviews or in interview sessions. I would look to hire *qualified* applicants for staff positions.

5. I would be supportive of measures to ensure equality for all of Fort Worth's citizens.

6. Again, all citizens should be afforded equal protection under the law.

McCray sought the LGPC endorsement and met with the group's members.

##### Comments at the screening:

McCray has a master's degree in banking and finance and served as vice president of an insurance company. He has served four years on the Fort Worth City Council previously.

He is opposed to the Sodomy Law: "We don't have to legislate people," he said. "No one has the right to keep people from achieving their dreams."

His experiences of being discriminated against as an African-American man helps him understand the discrimination lesbians and gays face, he said. He thinks the Bible and the constitution allow lesbians and gays too the freedom to choose their lives.

"I would support" adding sexual orientation to the city's antidiscrimination ordinances, he said, but he wavered on being a champion for it unless he knew there was support for it from others on the council. "I'd have to know the motion would be seconded," he said.

#### VIRGINIA NELL WEBBER, Fort Worth City Council, District 8

##### Questionnaire responses:

1. All citizens should have equal rights under the law.

2. Government has no business legislating the bedrooms of consenting adults.

3. Communicate with state representatives.

4. Since sexuality is not a question that can be asked on an employment application or interview, I would look only to hire the most *qualified* applicant.

5. Fair housing should apply equally to all citizens without discrimination on any basis.

6. People in the workplace should not have to fear for their lives to earn a living. People seeking services should not fear when seeking services.

Webber sought the LGPC endorsement and met with the group's members.

##### Comments at the screening:

Webber is the incumbent, elected since 1987, and she wants to finish what she's started, especially in affirmative action programs, housing programs and neighborhood revitalization. She wants to continue working with police to curb the "serious crime problem," and to "help people empower themselves."

She said she supports the liberation community and defended her response to the Human Relations Commission's proposal several years ago to include sexual ordination in the city's antidiscrimination ordinances. In carrying out representative government, she said, "I voted according to what the majority of people in my district wanted." She said she goes around the neighborhoods to ask people how they feel on issues.

She's not sure now how she would vote on such an ordinance, depending on other support from the council on the issue. She said she wants to be part of the education process to help un-

derstanding of lesbian/gay issues. She supports efforts to sensitize police to different values and different cultures.

She thinks book-banning in the libraries is dangerous, leading to the question of who would dictate the moral values of a community.

She has not considered hate crimes legislation since it is not a municipality jurisdiction, but she says she has "no problem with the Hate Crimes bill language" and thinks lesbians and gays should be protected.

Concerning domestic partnership benefits in Tarrant County, she said more education is needed to effect the mind-set of the people.

She suggested that for protecting the jobs of lesbian/gay city employees, a memo from the city manager would effectively institute that employment policy rather than going through council vote.

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## RESPONSES FROM OTHER CANDIDATES

### WEBSTER ARMSTRONG, Fort Worth City Council, District 5

#### Questionnaire responses:

1. Naturally we are all human beings and deserve all human and civil rights.
  2. If Section 21.06 pertains to canceling of the Texas Penal Code item I support it.
  3. Any methods you may ask me to use or duties to perform in assisting you will be welcome.
  4. Yes, my family has a history of gays and lesbians. I own a business at 1509 Berry - have hired gays and lesbians.
  5. By voting for equality on all initiatives, proposals and issues involved.
  6. Law enforcers should protect all citizens, clients and workers.
- Armstrong sought LGPC's endorsement but could not meet with the

group because he was in recovery from dental work.

### THOMAS W. HICKS, Fort Worth City Council, District 7

#### Questionnaire responses:

1. Yes
  2. Yes!
  3. Work along side LG-PAC in helping repeal. People should be able to do as they please in the privacy of his/her home.
  4. I would if elected.
  5. Treat everyone the same. Sexual preference should not play a role.
  6. Yes!
- Hicks sought the LGPC endorsement but failed to show for an appointment with the group.

### BOBBY MILLS, Arlington City Council, District 3

#### Questionnaire responses:

1. Yes, we are all citizens in our society and discrimination against anyone is wrong!

2. Yes, it is not up to the state legislature to depersonalize our own individual rights.

3. To begin, I would publicly declare that this section is a clear violation of individual rights. It's not up to someone else to set values for the nation and states. Every single person is a free and independent thinker. My second aim would be to lobby the key members of the Penal Code Panel to repeal this section. It does not belong. Sexual behavior of consenting adults does not need regulation or criminalization.

4. I would hire qualified applicants for my staff; race, sex, creed, religion or sexual orientation doesn't matter.

5. In Arlington, I would push for an ordinance that makes it illegal to violate our rights in the above instances. I would also lobby my state and national representatives to do the same.

6. Yes, clients have the right to choose their own destiny without harm. As do workers to provide the climate. It's wrong to harm others based on one's own personal sense of values.

Mills met with LGPC members and sought the group's endorsement.

**Comments at the screening:** During his campaign, Mills was outed in the media as having a felony record from when he was 19. "The most serious thing I did was steal a car," he said. He turned his life around, he said, because he "didn't like what he saw in the mirror," and he "didn't want to be part of the decay in our society." He has a "positive, hopeful message" now for youth, that people do change, he said.

With his experiences, he understands the damage of stereotypes, and opposes discrimination in any form. "I'm fully supportive of more lesbian/gay members being on city staff," he said, "to bring different insight and their own productivity."

He supports including sexual orientation in the Hate Crimes Bill. He said

he would like to learn more, become more knowledgeable on sexual orientation issues.

If Mills is elected, he will not be able to serve the term because of his felony conviction; the mayor would appoint someone to the position or a special election would be held. He expects a pardon in 1997 that will allow him to hold office. In the next election, "I expect to win," he said.

The LGPC decided against endorsing Mills, but the group committed to sending him a letter of recommendation.

### MARK NICHOLS, Mayor, City of Arlington

#### Questionnaire responses:

1. Yes - you already have it but it is expensive to get it.

2. Repeal and court challenges - if they are not forced to pay they won't play.

3. Orchestrate litigation to challenge it at local levels - even governments have a budget.

4. I have a partner in the pet grooming business.

5. Directing complaints from the individuals and investigate then negotiate or sue.

Nichols met with LGPC members and sought the group's endorsement.

**Comments at the screening:** Nichols was in the news last year for his opposition to Arlington's smoking ordinances, when he lit up a borrowed cigarette at a council meeting and was subsequently fined. He says he is an "angry, crusading individual."

He said he is shocked by Section 21.06, the Sodomy Law, and thinks it is used to pick on people. "Any type of discrimination makes my blood pressure go up," he said. As for repealing the law, though, he said, "You play their game when you try to repeal something. They're lying to you, they're buying time."

He does not support the Hate Crimes

Bill under consideration in the state legislature because he has "trouble with so many laws on the books" which he thinks are abused. "Those who rely on the law are under a curse," he said.

He is against affirmative action and just wants the job done efficiently no matter black, white or gay.

"We're at war" with the government, he says; he promotes orchestrating litigation for groups and establishing arbitration committees.

### GRADY SHYTLES, Fort Worth City Council, Precinct 4

#### Questionnaire responses:

1. Homosexuals already possess all rights guaranteed to American citizens - sexual determination is not a matter of civil rights as judged by Supreme Court 1989.

2. This penal code is far more extensive than just this issue, a repeal of it would have far reaching concerns for community well being.

3. Assist me in achieving line vote veto and an amendment of this code would be a consideration.

4. No I have not hired homosexuals. I assume both in business and in my theatrical endeavors I have worked with members of that community.

5. None that would impede the constitutional rights to self-determination of property owners and businessmen.

6. If "unmolested" means denying the rights of citizens to protest in lawful manner, no.

Shytles met with LGPC members but did not seek the group's endorsement because, coming from a conservative base, he thought it could be "a death wish."

**Comments at the screening:** Shytles is a Republican, a "social moderate/fiscal conservative," who believes that social programs will have to be held back from expansion, although he doesn't advocate killing them entirely.

He thinks lesbians and gays are already covered against discrimination in employment. He said he would be concerned if the city began to lose several qualified employees a month because of discrimination against sexual orientation.

If Austin approves state marriages for lesbians and gays, he thinks "we should go ahead with it full blown." He is opposed to spousal benefits provided to lesbian/gay couples unless they are legally married.

### DAVID WYLIE, Arlington City Council, District 3

#### Questionnaire responses:

1. I believe all people should have the same rights and opportunities in life.


2. I am personally unfamiliar with that statue, but after asking a few of my friends about it, I find that the statute is primarily used as an excuse or in cases where public lewdness laws are

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# ALL WALKS OF *Life*

More people than ever are touched by HIV. AIDS Outreach Center's most encompassing fund-raising event provided its record crowd a place of healing by doing.

A record number of 2,000 walkers, volunteers and friends participated in the third annual *All Walks of Life*, a walk against AIDS, on Sunday, April 9, at Trinity Park. A truly diverse group of young, old, gay, straight, men, women and children of all races gathered together to raise more than \$150,000 for programs and services of AIDS Outreach Center (AOC).

Volunteer aerobic instructors from the YMCA led walkers in a rousing warm-up before the official start of the walk, with welcome remarks from Rosie Mauk, Walk chair, and Thomas Bruner, AOC executive director. The Fort Worth Men's Chorus sang as the walkers left on the four-mile walk.

Entertainment after the Walk included songs by Letty Cruz, a case manager at AOC. Walkers relaxed and enjoyed refreshments with friends old and new. Many reminisced and shared stories of how HIV/AIDS has personally touched their lives.

Proceeds from this year's *All Walks of Life* help make possible the existing programs and services of AOC, including the Nutrition Center, support groups, counseling, case management, legal network, buddy program, housing assistance, information line, community education and advocacy for persons living with HIV/AIDS. *fa*



A WARM, sharing spirit prevailed at the walk, where people gathered to remember, and to make a difference.

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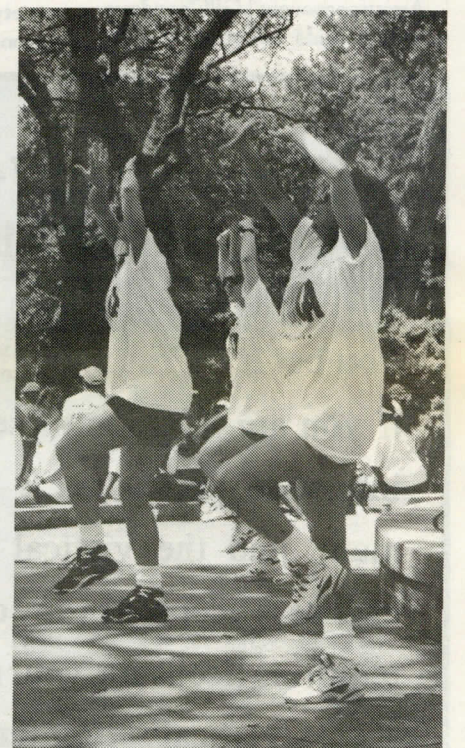
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AIDS OUTREACH CENTER staff carry the results of the day's work into all the other days of the year.



P-FLAG members spread hope and sunny good cheer at every event they attend.



YMCA aerobic instructors got a kick out of the day's exercise.



FIRST JEFFERSON Unitarian Universalist's campaign against prejudice includes that against the HIV-impacted.



NAMES PROJECT volunteers offered for sale colorful T-shirts that broadcast the impact of AIDS on an increasingly larger portion of our society.

The sun always shines when so many gather in a united front against breast cancer.



**W**elshattered down with the sun block provided to us in the registration packet. We donned our coolest shorts and rolled up the sleeves of our new T-shirts in preparation for what surely would be a sweaty undertaking. With sun shades in pocket and iced drink in hand to refresh us, we were well positioned to join the Race for the Cure, the fund-raising event April 22 in downtown Fort Worth for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

At the starting site, though, we found a different scene than what we'd expected. What we presumed was an early morning nip in the air actually was an unseasonable cold front settled in. Our goose bumps formed goose bumps while we waited for the start. Underway, our brisk one-mile walk past the several city blocks only put us more fully in contact with the biting wind.

Such overcast conditions did nothing to dissuade more than 5,000 supporters from participating in what is the second-largest event of its kind in Fort Worth. The street held a crowded mass of mothers, fathers, sons and daughters moving quickly for a cure.

My mother lost a breast to cancer. I expect that in my life I too will grapple with the disease. The notion of that is as chilling as the northern winds that froze our bones that day.

What I found, though, is that when 5,000 people gather together in cause, the menacing bank of clouds seems to lift as the warm front rises up to meet it. ☺



**WE DIDN'T RUN** the race reserved for women; we walked a more decorous trail, a less taxing fun walk open to all. Angela Lansey, coordinator of the Alliance team, front and center, gave thoughtful instructions to Susan Steele, Susan Thielker, Anita Wright and Connie Winkle: "Pace yourselves, drink lots of fluids along the way, and if the going gets rough, let's just pop in for a movie at the Sundance over there..."



**A BEVY OF BABIES** behind us gave stiff competition, dogging our heels, pushing us past our limits. This one felt the agony of defeat when we crossed the finish line in an impressive 23-minute mile—several seconds ahead of the straining tots.



**AS IS CHARACTERISTIC** of men, Alliance pacers John Pratt, Mike McKinney and John Huffman pretended it was a balmy day while they munched nonchalantly on lemon freezes provided to cool down the participants. A shivering Angela Lansey, at right, remains puzzled—how do they do that when it's women who carry the extra layer of fat?

Story and Photos by  
**BEVERLY  
FLETCHER**

**ON OUR WAY** from the parking lot to the race site, U.S. Representative Pete Geren approached us at a traffic signal to ask directions to the line-up. We instructed the much-too-conservative Democrat to take a *HARD LEFT*. Still, I was far too bedazzled to take his picture, even after he pointed with interest to the camera hanging around my neck.

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# Heaven Sent

**WHEN TRINITY MCC'S OFFERING PLATE MADE THE ROUNDS EASTER SUNDAY, IT PASSED FROM THE REALM OF THE EARTHLY TO THE ETHEREAL. THE 102-MEMBER CHURCH COLLECTED A STUNNING \$33,000 FOR ITS BOND INSURANCE CAMPAIGN - CASH AND CHECKS THAT ADDED UP TO A MIRACLE...**

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1, NIV)

**By BEVERLY BENNETT**

**R**ev. Jo Crisco is a woman of great faith. Just six weeks ago she announced one Sunday morning that she was trusting God and her flock of just over 100 members that together they would produce a miracle by Easter. She said they would raise \$24,000 for the building fund by Easter Sunday. In the end, the people of Trinity MCC in Arlington more than met this challenge. Easter Sunday the ushers had a heavy load to bear. They brought back offering plates holding over \$30,000 in cash and checks. The grand total for Miracle Sunday came to \$33,600.

On that fateful Sunday six weeks ago, Rev. Crisco asked each person in attendance to give \$100 beyond their usual tithes to what she designated as Miracle Sunday on Easter morning. She told the congregation that a \$24,000 safety net was the only obstacle standing between Trinity and the opportunity to launch a bond sales campaign to build the new church home at Sanford and Truman in North Arlington.

Rev. Jo believed so thoroughly in the victory of Miracle Sunday that with less than \$4,000 collected in the weeks prior to Easter, she wrote her weekly column in the church newsletter for Easter claiming the success of Miracle Sunday and thanking God for the \$24,000 the congregation raised. Easter morning, much to everyone's amazement, Trinity did more than raise the requested \$24,000. The grand total, with 99 percent of it in cash and checks, not pledges, currently stands at \$33,600.

Trinity MCC demonstrated that big miracles still happen in small places. The congregation is still reeling from the success of Easter Sunday. A new visitor said, "This was my first Sunday here, and I believed."

After the special Miracle Sunday offering was collected, Trinity's board of directors counted the money in front of the congregation. A drum roll of emotions played as the congregation waited with baited breath for the results. The board members called out each donation while adding machines and calculators whirled. Counting a few thousand dollars raised



PHOTO BY GERRI CRAIN

**MANNA FROM ABOVE: THE MIRACLE SUNDAY CAMPAIGN TEAM COLLECTED A DRENCHING SHOWER OF DONATIONS THAT WILL OPEN THE DOORS NOW TO A NEW CHURCH BUILDING.**

during the six-week fund-raising drive, the board of directors shed tears of joy as they announced the final total of \$33,600 for the campaign.

Miracle Sunday was the brain child of Rev. Jo Crisco, senior pastor. The money was needed to pay one year's expenses on the current facility while building Trinity's new church home in North Arlington. Rev. Jo explained that six weeks ago, after meeting with Jerry Terrell of Security Church Finance, the same bond company that financed Cathedral of Hope MCC's multimillion dollar facility, she realized for safety's sake, Trinity needed enough funds to pay for a year's worth of expenses on the current facility while making the transition to the new church home.

Now that the goal of Miracle Sunday is behind them, Rev. Jo said, "Sometime during the next few months, Trinity will launch a bond sales campaign to finance the new church. The interest rates on the bonds will be around 10 percent. So the next time anyone hears that Trinity needs money, it will be to financially benefit both the church and the individual. I don't know too many

places where you can earn that kind of interest on your money with a conservative investment strategy."

Even Rev. Crisco voiced amazement at the results of Miracle Sunday. "I never dreamed I'd do this the way we did it. One Sunday morning I heard myself say from the pulpit that we'd raise \$24,000 by Easter and call it Miracle Sunday. Now, I am Miss Conservative. I don't normally leap out into thin air, so I caught myself thinking, 'Who said that?' Then I realized the voice I heard was my own! In retrospect, I believe the spirit of God moved us to take this next step toward the land," Rev. Crisco said.

Imperial Court Emperor Melissa Flories shared that during the campaign she felt great faith in the potential of Rev. Jo's request. "I really wasn't all that surprised. When Jo Crisco has that much faith in something, it just happens. I'm glad I was there to see it unfold," Flories said.

"I think we just all believed it could happen. The people at Trinity put their hearts and souls into this," reported board member Tom Reddick.

"I think one of the most incredible

things is that this happened just a day before taxes were due," Gerri Crain, director of Worship Personnel Ministries, said. Crain said she knew people in the congregation who took on outside moonlighting jobs so they could contribute to Miracle Sunday.

For some members like Rhonda James, unexpected money came in the mail. "I had no idea where I was going to find \$100 to give to Miracle Sunday. I really wanted to, but I just didn't have the spare funds. Then a few days before Easter, I got a check in the mail I never dreamed I'd get. I decided to give it to Miracle Sunday," James said.

Rev. Crisco acknowledged her own anxious moments during the six-week campaign. "There were points when my heart would stop beating, and I'd imagine how it would be if we didn't make the goal. I'd ask God, 'Surely, God, you're not going to let me make that big a fool of myself!' The consensus from my colleagues from other churches was that I was either incredibly stupid or a person of great faith, and Easter Sunday would tell the tale," Rev. Crisco chuckled.

"Publicly, I kept saying and believ-

ing that God would do a miracle. I believed it, but doubt occasionally crept in as I reviewed the scenario and the funds collected each week. I wouldn't allow myself to give into this doubt," she said. "I'm surprised my arm didn't get permanently stuck to the mailbox. I'm here to tell you, I waited each day for the mail with eager anticipation! Every time a check came in, I'd get so excited I'd about go to heaven!"

Rev. Jo said never in her wildest dreams did she imagine Trinity would exceed the \$24,000 goal. "I was going to be so grateful to God and our congregation if we even came close to \$24,000. To raise over \$30,000 took my breath away. I think I'm still in shock. I'm not sure if the reality has sunk in yet," Rev. Crisco said the morning after Easter. "I can only say that I have the best congregation in the world. Well over 95 percent of this money came from people within the church. I am so proud to know that I have a people of such great faith. I feel very honored to be their pastor," Rev. Jo said.

"I would also like to thank Tarrant County community leaders like Melissa Flories, Imperial Court Emperor; Thomas Bruner, AIDS Outreach Center executive director; Betty Youngman, Samaritan House executive director; Alton and CJ, former owners of Ashburn's; and community entertainer Angela Aaron for contributing to Miracle Sunday out of the goodness of their own hearts and pockets," Rev. Crisco said.

When asked how she raised \$33,600 in six short weeks, Rev. Jo said, "I prayed a lot. We mailed out 600 letters of appeal across the community. We had a strong publicity team. My publicity team helped me write letters and create forms. A number of our folks put together social fundraisers. The choir sponsored a dinner; other members put together a Tupperware party," Rev. Jo said.

In March, Rev. Jo's birthday brought a glimpse of the success to come. "On my birthday, I asked the congregation to give to Miracle Sunday in lieu of any gifts to me. I said that would be the best birthday present they could give me. At my birthday party, the social committee auctioned off items and services from the congregation. The party netted about \$1,000."

At Rev. Jo's birthday party, any visitor quickly learned how much Trinity loves their pastor. One of the

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If I were to take the time to title these little therapy sessions, I would name this one "Demons."

I am one of a few people who truly enjoys the simple things of life. I value friends, family and my dogs. If I have a choice between eating at the Mansion or at Taco Bell, you will find my butt at the Bell, grinning from ear to ear.

I guess that is why I have been having such a rough time lately. I seem to be focused on death and dying, dwelling on death issues. Visiting friends in the hospital only fed the feeling. With this major feeling of uncertainty, I decided to go home and deal with the two biggest demons in my life.

Out of some bizarre S&M fantasy, I want a relationship with my sister. I guess it is because she is the only tie I have to Mom. Having HIV does not allow me the luxury of time; with each passing day I wonder how long my health will remain stable. I want to spend quality time now with my sister and her kids rather than looking at them later through an oxygen tent. Prior to telling my sister to get her act together and act like a sister or get the hell out of my life, I decided to consult Dad.

I see my father age every time I visit him. More brown spots on his face, less hair and, this trip, less weight. He looks tired and it saddens me. When I look back on my life, I never imagined that my father and I would be friends now. We could barely stand to be in the same room with each other while I was growing up. Now I am the only child who spends time with him because I want to, not because I want something.

My father is definitely unique. I love the guy, but I never pictured him as wise. I mean really, he is my parent.

## POSITIVELY POSITIVE

BY ROBERT WEBSTER

### HIV makes urge to wrestle with personal demons all the more immediate, more worthwhile.

I raised him the best I could but he still has flaws. When I told him of my plans for Debbie, he blew me away.

Dad said to let her go, she was not worth the effort. I was surprised. Dad always stressed the family unit crap, so for him to say blow her off was quite out of character. Dad said that she, along with his family, became judgmental when he remarried so soon after Mom died. I viewed it as none of my business if he remarried. His family and my sister thought he was insane.

Then to top it off, he decided to become a part of my life. Strike two. Dad told me that while he never understood why I preferred men, he knows how much my mother suffered and he did not want me to be alone. He was acting like a father and it caught me off guard. Move over Ward, there is a new Father of the Year on the block. I still find it amazing that my father would ignore the pressures of family and stand by the gay son. I feel guilty for arguing with him for being such a lousy tipper. I guess those huge old nose hairs do not seem so bad after all.

The other Demon was a bit more personal. I have not seen my ex since we broke up over six years ago. Let's clear the air - he left me for a woman and now he wants me back. Just like a man.

When he left, he took everything we had. I do mean *everything*. The

only reason I still have my dog Sally is because she bit him. He even took the toilet paper from both bathrooms. Cold, hard split. Have to admire him for that. He even switched jobs so I would not be able to locate him.

I decided to meet with him to clear the air between us. No, I wanted to tell him off. Besides, I was looking pretty damn hot and I wanted to make him jealous. We all have our little idiosyncrasies. Truth is, I really wanted revenge. My background prior to E.J. was one of non-trust. He was the first person I ever let inside and he just broke my little coal heart. I wanted to get even. Besides, he had called me. Our relationship had not been as healthy as my current relationship, but still, we were together four years and I wanted to know why he left. It had been so out of the blue. I had come home to an empty apartment with my clothes, my dog and a new can of whipped cream with a post-it note that said, "Have fun." I was sooooo ready to rip his eyes out it was not even funny. Of course, nothing *ever* goes my way.

When I opened the door to the room to let E.J. in, I was startled. Maybe I should rephrase that: I was frightened by what I saw. Last time I saw him, he was this strong Greek God. What I let into my hotel room was a thin, frail old man. It was really

weird. I must know hundreds of AIDS survivors, but none affected me the way that seeing my ex-lover did.

I learned a valuable lesson: Be very, very careful what you ask for in this life. Looking at my ex made me realize that most of my curses on him came true - at least from what I could tell with his clothes on. Since most of my prayers had been answered, I would be a bit frightened to look below the belt. Based on the evidence it has either shrunk and fallen off or he had a terrible accident with a weed whacker.

I felt horrible. Here I was all ready to rip out his heart and shove it down his throat for all the crap he put me through and it was all I could do not to cry while I hugged him. He just started crying and he must have cried for an hour. Pity was not even close to what I felt for him. It scared me to see someone who used to be so strong become so frail. It made me feel human. I may be simple, but I do know one simple thing - fear. Seeing my past so painfully helped me focus on the present. As I sat on the bed stroking E.J.'s hair in comfort, I realized how blessed and how lucky I am.

There are so many nights I watch Steve sleep and wish we could be closer, wishing to the night that HIV was not a constant part of our lives. But every morning I wake up, there it is again in the vitamins and herbs I must take to get through the day. Because of past mistakes, Steve and I will always have a barrier and a time clock in our lives. HIV is the one demon that will never let go, but my vitamins and sick sense of humor keep me fighting.

I realize that without the people in

my life and strength I found inside myself, I might not have been able to heal my relationship with my Dad and E.J. I sit here on the plane home and look out, the lady next to me may not realize that the tears I am shedding are from fear. Fear that I saw me in that frail old man who used to be my Greek Adonis. Major Reality Check.

I guess some things I keep to myself I should share with Steve, but the fear that HIV may be too much for him keeps me silent. Do not get me wrong, I believe in love, but I just spent some quality time with fear. Fear is very convincing when you see your past fading from your present. Death is the sidekick of HIV and another demon we must face every time we look in the mirror. But like they say, death is the only guarantee that your work here on Earth is done. So I guess it is better not to worry about when I might die, but focus more on achieving something today. Valid point!

Until next month, think positive, act positive and live your life with passion! ✨



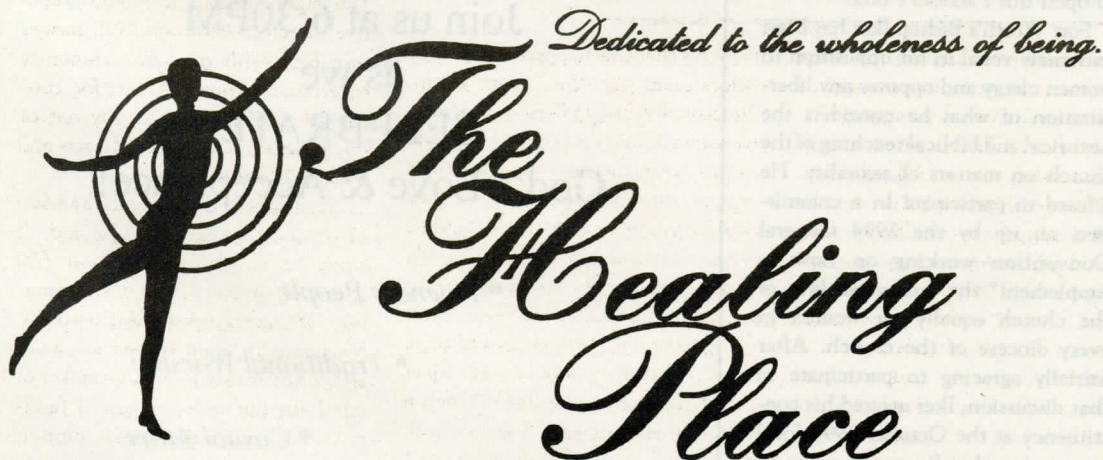
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# HEROIC HERETIC

Fallout from bishop's ordainment of gay deacon may be forcing a conservative split from the Episcopal Church

By BRYAN TAYLOR

In early March, 10 of the Episcopal Church's most conservative bishops filed a presentment, a formal charge, of heresy against the Right Reverend Walter Righter. Righter, 71 and now retired, was accused of heresy for ordaining Barry Stopfel, an openly gay man in a committed, long-term relationship, as a deacon. Righter performed the ordination in 1990 when he served as assistant bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, New Jersey.

Deacon Stopfel was later ordained to the Episcopal priesthood by Bishop John Shelby Spong, the current Bishop of Newark. Since that time at least four other Episcopal bishops have ordained non-celibate gay men or lesbians.

At issue is whether a 1979 resolution of the Church's General Convention, the ultimate decision-making authority of the Episcopal Church, has the same weight as canon law. That resolution recommended that bishops of the Episcopal Church refrain from ordaining openly gay and lesbian people as deacons or priests, pending the outcome of Church study on the subject of ordination and gender issues.

In a related matter, a committee of bishops concluded that such resolutions are advisory rather than mandatory. According to Kim Byham, communications director for Integrity, Inc. (the Episcopal Church's justice ministry for lesbian/gay Episcopalians), Integrity has always taken the position that the 1979 resolution is not binding. Coupled with the fact that General Convention has refused repeatedly to pass an amendment to canon law prohibiting the ordination of non-celibate lesbian/gay priests (a process requiring the approval of two consecutive conventions, which meet every three years), Integrity believes bishops like Righter and Spong and the dioceses they represent are at liberty to ordain anyone they believe to be demonstrably "a wholesome example to the Body of Christ."

The process of bringing charges and proceeding to a trial for

heresy is designed to be difficult, and has seldom been invoked at all. Only bishops may bring a presentment against another bishop when the charge is heresy. (Clergy and lay people can bring charges of misconduct, but not of heresy.) This triggers a process which involves all of more than 100 bishops in the U.S. church. In fact, no bishop has been deposed for heresy since Bishop Paul Jones of Utah, whose pacifist teachings got him in trouble during World War I. The church in recent years has decided to honor Bishop Jones for his prophetic witness and commitment to nonviolence.

The House of Bishops has been sharply divided over women's ministries and sexuality issues for a number of years. Since a particularly difficult General Convention in 1991, they have been trying to use a process of group study, prayer and small-group discussions to attempt to achieve a consensus. According to many observers, significant progress has been made, but in the short term that progress has led to a more polarized situation between the progressive bishops, on the one hand, and the ultra-conservative bishops on the other.

Presiding Bishop Browning began his term in 1985 with a bold proclamation that "this church of ours is open to all. There will be no outcasts." He has personally supported Integrity to the point of even appearing at a recent Integrity national convention, and is widely loved throughout the church.

In his address to the House of Bishops concerning the presentment against Bishop Righter, Browning said that "this presentment is not the way to go deeper into the truths of one another." Speaking, he said, not to the specifics and merits (or lack thereof) of the charges against Righter, but to the adversarial process as a means of resolving conflict, he said, "It will resolve nothing. Yes, we are hungry for resolution, for clarity, but I think we have to stay hungry, as we are always hungry for the word of God. This presentment can only dis-

rupt us and divert us from the path we are on. Yes, it is a difficult path, but it is faithful, and productive. God is with us, and I do not expect God to fail." At the conclusion of his address, Browning said he would vote against allowing the matter to proceed to trial.

There is no dispute that Bishop Righter did exactly what he is accused of doing. He ordained an openly gay man to the diaconate. What is in dispute is whether his actions violate church law and constitute heresy. With such a difficult case to make and the reluctance of the House of Bishops to use adversarial methods against each other (sometimes to the great frustration of progressives in the Church), it seems highly unlikely that the matter will go to a trial at all. And yet, conservative groups in the church have vowed to bring presentments against the other bishops who have ordained non-celibate lesbians or gay men. Righter was first to be the subject of a presentment only because a five-year statute of limitations was about to run out. Other presentments are sure to follow unless Presiding Bishop Browning's pleas for restraint are heeded.

It is difficult to see what conservatives hope to achieve, given their complete failure to make any headway against the movement of the rest of the church. Several of the bishops who signed the presentment against Righter are themselves likely to be brought up on charges for their failure to ordain or license female clergy – a violation of existing church law, not merely of an advisory resolution. Why then would these bishops be willing to open this Pandora's Box?

Fort Worth's Bishop Iker has been extremely vocal in his opposition to women clergy and opposes any liberalization of what he considers the historical and biblical teaching of the church on matters of sexuality. He refused to participate in a commission set up by the 1994 General Convention working on how to "implement" the ordination laws of the church equally for women in every diocese of the church. After initially agreeing to participate in that discussion, Iker assured his constituency at the October 1994 local convention that he would never license women to serve as priests in this diocese.

In that regard he is following in the footsteps of Clarence Pope, Iker's immediate predecessor, who became a Roman Catholic upon his retirement in January. It is widely believed that Pope intended to lead the diocese to secede from the Episcopal Church and take it with him to Rome. Under his leadership and that of Clarence Davies, the diocese's first bishop, Fort Worth became internationally notorious for its regressive policies and as a "theological refuge"

for like-minded priests. A majority of the clergy of the diocese belong to the radically conservative Catholic Clerical Union and effectively ensured the election of an archconservative like Iker upon Clarence Pope's retirement.

The Episcopal Women's Caucus (a national organization whose largest chapter is in Fort Worth), feeling extremely frustrated with the House of Bishops' persistence in holding women hostage to the consciences of a handful of bishops like Iker, has promised to use the ecclesiastical complaint process against Iker and the other bishops, if significant progress is not made by the commission established at last year's General Convention.

The church's law clearly states that all rules about ordination are "equally applicable" to women and men – a clearly established canon, or law of the church, since 1976. The Church's House of Deputies, made up of priests and laypeople elected from the approximately 100 dioceses of the Epis-

copal Church, has also expressed growing impatience with the Bishops over this matter.

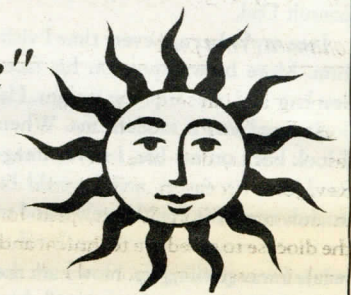
Even conservatives, such as recently retired Bishop Maurice Benitez of the Diocese of Texas (which includes Houston, Austin and most of East Texas) acknowledged after General Convention of 1994 that the few remaining bishops opposed to women's ordination to the priesthood, same-sex blessings, and the ordination of non-celibate lesbian and gay priests and deacons will lose on all three issues at the next General Convention in 1997.

Bishop Iker did not respond to requests for comments on his involvement in the heresy complaint against Bishop Righter. Others in the local diocese, as well as representatives of conservative Episcopalians, have made statements to the effect that conscience requires them to pursue punishment of bishops who have, in their judgment, violated scriptural teachings by or-

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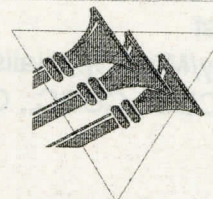
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# OUTLAWS WITH INLAWS

By Rev. JO CRISCO, TRINITY MCC

One of the books I use for my devotional time is Chris Glaser's *The Word Is Out*. The language is inclusive, the examples are applicable to our culture, and the inspiration is based on valid exegesis of scripture.

Here is the April 12 devotional (from *The Word is Out - The Bible Reclaimed for Lesbians and Gay Men*,

by Glaser, Chris, San Francisco-Harper San Francisco, 1994):

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." (Jeremiah 31:33)

"What amazes me about our commu-

nity is how a bunch of supposed 'out-laws' have 'inlaws' - laws within ourselves that govern our behavior. Yes, there are exceptions, but for people who are 'criminals' in half the United States and considered 'heretics' in much of Christianity, we behave pretty well.

"There are the politically self-righteous who may 'out' a public figure, but most of us are caringly discreet

about disclosures of another's sexuality. There is less violence among us than the general population. We become the best of friends, and befriend the friendless. Our breakups with lovers often end in lifelong friendships. We readily offer hospitality by opening an ear or our homes to those in need. And, in terms of compassion, we were the best-equipped segment

of the population to deal with a crisis like AIDS, caring for our community and warning mainstream society.

"God's law got written inside our hearts, I believe, because like the Hebrews, we suffered and escaped oppression and had to find organizing principles for our journey; and, like Jesus, we elevated love over love-inhibiting laws.

"We have been your people, God. Help us know you are our god."

Nothing needs to be added to Mr. Glaser's articulate message. Except, perhaps, "Thanks" and "What a difference it would make in our individual and our community lives, if we would digest a steady diet of this kind of affirming material."

We are on our way, Beloved, but we aren't there yet. So let's keep on keepin' on. ✠

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daining lesbian and gay clergy.

At Fort Worth's local convention last October, delegates such as the Rev. John Steenson of St. Andrew's in downtown Fort Worth, pled for the diocese to secede (a technical and legal impossibility) from the "corrupt" national church in obedience to St. Paul's charge in First Corinthians "to have nothing to do with the evildoer." Although secessionist measures were defeated by local delegates,

most of them vilified Integrity, the Episcopal Women's Caucus, the Presiding Bishop, Bishop Spong and others. A conservative "Affirmation" of traditional teaching on sexuality was adopted as diocesan policy by an overwhelming majority.

Even among those who voted to stay in the national church, many did so for the worst possible reasons, and made clear their intention to maintain the siege mentality the diocese has fostered since its creation. Shortly after the local convention, Bishop Pope announced his intent to join the Roman Catholic Church (to the great annoyance of many of its own clergy and religious). A handful of local Episcopal priests have fol-

lowed, and a church in Wichita Falls recently affiliated with a denomination of Eastern Orthodoxy. A Church in Arlington joined the Roman Catholic church last year, and another Arlington church, Holy Apostles, affiliated with the Western Orthodox Church. The diocese and members of the parish who want to remain loyal to the Episcopal Church are suing to regain the Holy Apostles property.

Also, there have been several efforts by the radically conservative segment to force the Church to take a clear stand on issues that would force them to quit the church. One of the resolutions at last year's General Convention, which was defeated, would have required anyone ordained

in the Church to accept the validity of anyone else ordained in the church. In other words, they tried to create a prohibition against ordaining anyone who might object to women priests or bishops, in effect forcing the rest of the church to drive them out for their opposition to women's ordination. It may be that this element of the church will use the failure of the Church to discipline bishops such as

Righter and Spong to provoke a split.

Or, they may actually believe that a silent majority of Episcopalians will rise up in anger to bring the Episcopal Church back into line with what they regard as orthodox teaching on these issues. ✠

Taylor, founder of the local Integrity/Fort Worth chapter, compiled this article from resources including a report by Louie Crew, The Voice of Integrity.

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items auctioned was lunch with the Rev. Jo. She was modest about the bidding war that ensued. Rev. Jo said, "I don't know if I'm worth a \$300 lunch, but two of my parishioners ended up in a bidding contest for that dinner, and finally agreed to split me for \$150 a piece! If these two women think I'm worth \$300 for lunch, we're going to make it an all-day affair with our spouses and go do Dallas on Cedar Springs!"

Rev. Jo said, "A lot of people gave \$100 each. We had a number of large checks donated anonymously, ranging from \$2,000 to \$8,000. This came from people in the church who have confidence in the leadership at Trin-

ity and who believed in the vision of Miracle Sunday." Rev. Jo said.

Longtime charter member Naomi Coleman said, "This is no more of a miracle than God moving on the hearts of a small group of gays/lesbians 11 years ago to form Trinity MCC, and it further proves what we've known all along. God not only owns the cattle on a thousand hills, but God owns the gold under those hills." Coleman added, "The only restriction we have in accessing God's riches is the limitation of our own faith."

Rev. Jo said, "This whole campaign has been a wonderful exercise in faith development and has kick-started a surge of energy and excitement these last few weeks as we got closer to the big day. It's one of the best things that ever happened to this church. As my director of worship personnel, Gerri Crain, said, 'After seeing us do this, I believe we can do anything!'" ✠

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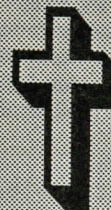
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**CATHEDRAL OF HOPE MCC-DALLAS** services, 9 and 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. (available on video). Rev. Michael S. Piazza, senior pastor. Nursery and children's Sunday school at 9 and 11 a.m. services. See guide for address.

**CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH** services, 6:30 p.m., 1959 Sandy Lane in East Fort Worth, located between Meadowbrook Drive and Brentwood Stair Road. For more information call Rev. Bill Prickett at 817/275-0443.

**DIGNITY DALLAS**, 6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Inwood at Mockingbird, Dallas. Support and advocacy group for Catholics.

**FELLOWSHIP OF LOVE OUTREACH** services: Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; Kid's Church at 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Live! evening service at 6 p.m., 711 W. Gambrell St., Fort Worth. 817/921-LOVE.

**FIRST JEFFERSON UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST** services, 11 a.m. at 1959 Sandy Lane in East Fort Worth.

**HARVEST MCC** worship service, 10:30 a.m. at 5900 S. Stemmons (I35E at exit 460, just south of Denton).

**TRINITY MCC: Children's Sunday School**, 10:45-11:30 a.m.; *Church services*, 10:45 a.m. *Evening services* at 7 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month, focus on praise and healing. 331 Aaron Ave., Suite 125, Arlington.

### TUESDAYS

**TRINITY MCC**, Sanctuary Choir practice, 7 p.m. at the church.

### WEDNESDAYS:

**CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH** Bible Study, 7 p.m., 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth. Weekly series by Rev. Bill Prickett. Call 817/275-0443.

**FELLOWSHIP OF LOVE OUTREACH** Heart Group, Home Bible study, Bedford. Call Sandy at metro 817/267-8644.

**HARVEST MCC** Community Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.; at 5900 S. Stemmons (I35E at exit 460, just south of Denton).

### THURSDAYS:

**AGAPE MCC** choirs: Carillon Bells and Children's choir, 6 p.m., Sanctuary Choir, 7 p.m., 4615 SE Loop 820.

**FELLOWSHIP OF LOVE OUTREACH** Heart Group, Home Bible study, Fort Worth. Call Ric at metro 817/429-2140.

**TRINITY MCC Open House series**, small intimate groups meet in individual homes to study and dialog with UFMCC-produced material; meets the second and fourth Thursdays. This month: "Celebrating our Lives Together: Building a Community of Faith." Call the church office, 817/265-5454.

### FRIDAYS:

**AGAPE MCC's Nite Life**, weekly social/support meetings for lesbian/gay young adults, Agape MCC, 4615 SW Loop 820. Call 817/535-5002.

**BETH EL BINAH** Shabbat services, second and fourth Fridays, 8:15 p.m.,

Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan, Dallas.

### MAY 2, 16:

**AGAPE MCC'S Seekers and Believers**, 7 p.m. at the church. A new group for those new to Christianity or interested in learning more.

### MAY 3:

**AGAPE MCC'S District Conference Forum**, 7 p.m. at the church. Church delegates will discuss upcoming topics for South Central District business meetings.

### MAY 6:

**AGAPE MCC'S Annual Miniature Golf Tournament**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hidden Valley Miniature Golf on Jacksboro Highway. Celebrating Agape's 25th anniversary; prizes for low/high scores. Picnic grills and tables available. Entry fee is \$25 for teams of four. Call 817/535-5002 to register.

**TRINITY MCC Miracle Sunday Celebration Banquet**. Call the church at 817/265-5454.

### MAY 7:

**AGAPE MCC'S 25th Anniversary Sunday**, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the church. UFMCC Elder Larry Rodriguez is special guest speaker during the celebration services.

**TRINITY MCC Consecration Service**, 10:45 a.m. at the church. Consecration of student clergy and TCU Brite Divinity School student Beverly Bennett, during regular worship service.

### MAY 13:

**AGAPE MCC'S Supper Club Leaders Training**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. Small-group leadership training.

**AGAPE MCC'S Progressive Dinner**, 5:30 p.m. at the church. Fund-raiser for church delegates' expenses. Each course - appetizers, entre and dessert - served at a different home. Cost: \$15 per person. Call 817/535-5002 for tickets.

### MAY 14:

**AGAPE MCC'S Sunday School Teacher Training**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the church. Training for those interested in teaching Sunday School.

### MAY 21:

**CATHEDRAL OF HOPE MCC Monthly Jubilee Service**, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Service in the African-American tradition.

**HONESTY AND AFFIRMATION** monthly meeting, 3-4:30 p.m., Wesley Foundation Building on the TCU campus, Fort Worth. Meeting open to all regardless of religious or organizational affiliation.

### MAY 27:

**INTEGRITY** advocacy group for Episcopalians, monthly meeting. All welcome. Call Bryan Taylor, 817/738-2902.

### MAY 28:

**AGAPE MCC'S Anniversary All-Church Picnic**, 12:30 p.m. at the church grounds. Following 11 a.m. services, in celebration of 25th year.

### JUNE 6:

**DISCIPLES OF CHRIST GAY, LESBIAN AND AFFIRMING DISCIPLES (GLAD)** monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Midway Hills Christian Church, 11001 Midway Rd., Dallas. Meets first Tuesday monthly.

## ORGANIZATIONS

### SUNDAYS:

**TCU TRIANGLE MEETINGS**, weekly meetings of Texas Christian University student group, advocates for lesbians and gays, 5 p.m. Call Dr. Priscilla Tate, faculty adviser, 817/921-7160.

### MONDAYS:

**TWU'S SALGA**, Student Advocates for Lesbian/Gay Affirmation, meets every other Monday 6:30-8 p.m. at the TWU Student Center, Room 110.

### WEDNESDAYS:

**FORT WORTH MEN'S CHORUS** practice, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Texas Wesleyan University Fine Arts Building. Call 817/731-0122.

**UTA GAY/LESBIAN ASSOCIATION** student meeting, noon, Room 115, Social Work Complex on campus.

### MAY 5:

**IMPERIAL COURT DE FORT WORTH/ARLINGTON** benefit show, "To Broadway with Love," 10 p.m. at Across the Street, Fort Worth. Benefits Trinity MCC Building Fund.

### MAY 6:

**LESBIAN PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP**, 5 p.m. at Harvest MCC, Denton. Call 817/382-7456.

### MAY 7:

**IMPERIAL COURT DE FORT WORTH/ARLINGTON** benefit show and barbecue, 6 p.m. at The Corral, Fort Worth. Benefits TCLGA Teen Project.

### MAY 8:

**NAMES PROJECT** monthly meeting, 7 p.m. at 665 S. Jennings. Education Committee meeting at 6:15 p.m. Call 817/33-NAMES for information.

### MAY 10:

**TCLGA BOARD** meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the TCLGA office.

### MAY 11:

**WOMEN'S BUSINESS NETWORK** monthly meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. at Southland Center Harvey Hotel, 400 N. Oliver in downtown Dallas. Meets the second Thursday each month. Members \$6; non-members \$10. Free underground parking. Call 214/443-0300 or 214/712-8976.

### MAY 12:

**IMPERIAL COURT DE FORT WORTH/ARLINGTON Ladies Night Out**, all-girl benefit show, 11 p.m. at DJ's, Fort Worth. Benefits Fort Worth Women's Haven.

**WOMEN'S SINGLES** meeting, social group for lesbians, an off-shoot of First Thursday Lesbian Social. Meets at 7 p.m. the second Friday of each month at varying locations. Bring your own food and drinks. For more information call Dana at 817/249-1622.

### MAY 13:

**IMPERIAL COURT DE FORT WORTH/ARLINGTON** benefit show, Tribute to the Grand Ole Opry with Miss IGRA., 10 p.m. at The Corral, Fort Worth. Benefits TGRA.

**LEADERSHIP FORUM LUNCHEON**, 12:15 p.m. at Dos Gringos in Fort Worth. Representatives from community organizations meet the second Saturday of each month for networking.

**SECOND SATURDAY SOCIAL** monthly meeting, a social networking

group for men, 7-10 p.m. Call Alvin at 817/795-1376 for directions.

### MAY 14:

**IMPERIAL COURT DE FORT WORTH/ARLINGTON** business meeting, 3 p.m. at 651 Club, Fort Worth.

**UJIMA: AFRICAN-AMERICAN LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL COALITION** general meeting, 3-5 p.m. at the Cathedral of Hope MCC, 5910 Cedar Springs, Dallas. Call 214/521-5342, ext. 828.

### MAY 15:

**P-FLAG DENTON** meeting, 7 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 633 Hobson Lane at Denton. Support group that meets on the third Monday of each month. Contact 817/387-1491.

**TEEN PROJECT** monthly meeting for volunteers, 7 p.m. at the Sexuality Education Center, 901 Lake St., Fort Worth. Planning and work session for the Lesbian/Gay Teen Talkline.

### MAY 16:

**LESBIAN/GAY POLITICAL COALITION - TARRANT COUNTY**, 7:30 p.m., First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth. For information write to L/GPC, P.O. Box 17437, Fort Worth, TX 76102, or call 817/370-0460.

### MAY 17:

**IMPERIAL COURT DE FORT WORTH/ARLINGTON** Red Ribbon benefit show, 8 p.m. at the 651, Fort Worth. Benefits Healing Wings.

### MAY 18:

**TCLGA** membership meeting, 6 p.m. at Luby's Cafeteria on University in Fort Worth. Program: Doug Rich, nurse practitioner, on "Healing our Internalized Oppression." Meets the third Thursday of every month.

### MAY 19:

**LAMBDA MERMAIDS** for scuba divers, 7 p.m., Texas Aquatics in Dallas at Central Expressway and Beltline. Meets the third Friday of every month. Call 214/669-5SEA.

### MAY 21:

**GAY PRIDE WEEK ASSOCIATION** Meeting, 3 p.m. at Across the Street, Fort Worth.

### JUNE 1:

**FIRST THURSDAY LESBIAN SOCIAL** meets 6-9 p.m. at Downtown Java at 6th Street and Houston Street near Sundance Square, downtown Fort Worth. Monthly social networking group for lesbians. Admission: \$1. Food, coffee and beverages available. BYOB if desired.

**P-FLAG/FORT WORTH** meeting, 7 p.m., at First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth. Program: Ray Wofford, director of Lambda Community Outreach and Counseling Center, gives advice for parents of gay children. For more information call 817/498-5607 or 817/498-4855.

## EDUCATION

### MAY 5:

**AOC FRIDAY FORUM: "Legal Issues for Same-Sex Couples,"** by B.C. Comish, JD; and Ellen Pesserillo, JD; at AIDS Outreach Center, 1125 W. Peter Smith, Fort Worth. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.; program noon to 2 p.m. \$10 donation requested; free to volunteers, persons living with HIV/AIDS infection or their caregivers. LPC, social work and TAADAC credits available. Reservations required by the preceding Thursday: 817/335-1994.

### MAY 14, 28:

**AGAPE MCC Dance Lessons**, 2-4 p.m. at the 651 Club on South Jennings, Fort Worth. Learn the basics of CW dancing, polish your skills or learn new steps. Wear boots and bring quarters for the juke box.

### MAY 19, 20:

**AOC AIDS AWARENESS WEEKEND, BASIC TRACK**, at Advent Lutheran Church, 3232 S. Cooper at Mayfield at Arlington. Intro to AIDS/HIV issues. Free for volunteers, people living with AIDS/HIV infection, and their caregivers. \$50 for professionals. Reservations required; call 817/335-1994.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### SUNDAYS:

**KNON RADIO: Lambda Weekly**, radio programming for lesbians and gays. 89.3 FM, 2-4 p.m.

### MONDAYS

**7TH STREET CAFE MONDAY NIGHT MIXERS**, for the lesbian/gay community. 6:30-8 p.m.; food and drink specials.

### SATURDAYS:

**KGBS RADIO: Out Spoken**, radio programming for lesbians and gays. 1190 AM, 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Discussions of issues and events from the lesbian/gay perspective.

### MAY 6:

**PLEIADES PRODUCTIONS** presents Ann Reed in concert, 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 4401 Trail Lake Dr., Fort Worth. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. Opening act by Letty Cruz. Call 817/923-4625.

### THRU MAY 6:

**STAGE WEST "The Crucible"** by Arthur Miller, at Stage West Theatre, 3055 S. University Dr., Fort Worth. Set in 1692, the play chronicles the madness that consumes the Puritan town of Salem when a group of girls accuses an ever-widening circle of townspeople of conspiring with Satan. Co-production with TCU Theatre Department. Contact metro 817/784-9378.

### MAY 20:

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS-ARLINGTON** presents benefit performance of "Miss Margarida's Way," at the UTA Studio Theater. Portion of proceeds benefits the Tarrant County Lesbian/Gay Alliance. Call 817/273-2677.

### THRU MAY 20:

**FORT WORTH THEATRE'S "Smoke and Mirrors,"** by Will Osborne and Anthony Herrera, at Casa on the Square, 110 E. 3rd St., Fort Worth. A Hollywood director plots to get rid of the macho film star during a rehearsal. Call 817/738-6509.

## HEALTH & FITNESS

### WEEKDAYS:

**FREE, ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING**, Planned Parenthood. Call 817/882-1155.

### MONDAYS:

**FREE HIV TESTING**, Weatherford HIV-AIDS Support Group, Inc., on first and third Mondays of each month. Call for appointment, 817/596-3022.

### SATURDAYS,

### SUNDAYS:

**OAK LAWN SOCCER CLUB PRACTICE**, 10 a.m. Saturdays, 11 a.m. Sundays. For location and information, call Michael, 214/942-9537.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### DAILY:

**LAMBDA AA**, 8 p.m., call 817/921-2871.

### MONDAYS:

**POSITIVE HEALING** (diagnosed HIV/AIDS), 6-7:30 p.m. AOC Arlington/Mid-Cities.

**LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS**, Arlington/Mid-Cities AOC office, 6-7:30 p.m.

**HARVEST MCC'S HIV SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP**, 6:30 p.m. at the church. For persons with HIV, their spouses and/or caregivers.

**CARE PARTNER SUPPORT GROUP**, St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 1 p.m.

# COMMUNITY GUIDE

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR INCEST SURVIVORS**, 6 p.m. Call Kathy or Crickett at 817/335-4330 for location.

## TUESDAYS:

**WEATHERFORD HIV-AIDS PEER SUPPORT GROUP**, meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month, 7 p.m. at 904 S. Main St., Weatherford. Call 817/596-3022.

**POSITIVE WOMEN**, AOC Fort Worth, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**SUPPORT ARLINGTON**, Arlington/Mid-Cities AOC office, 6-7:30 p.m.

**FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES**, 6:45-8 p.m., AOC Fort Worth.

**LAMBDA GROUP CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS**, 8 p.m., 5316 Wooten.

## WEDNESDAYS:

**POSITIVE HEALING** (diagnosed HIV/AIDS), 1-2:30 p.m. AOC Fort Worth office.

**POSITIVE WOMEN**, 6-7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Room 359, 300 South Center, Arlington.

**EL SOL: THE SOURCE OF LIFE**, HIV Wellness program, AIDS Interfaith Network, 5:30 p.m., 603 W. Magnolia, Suite 207. Call 817/927-2437.

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR INCEST SURVIVORS**, 6 p.m. Call Kathy or Crickett at 817/335-4330 for location.

## THURSDAYS:

**MAN TALK**, support and fellowship for gays in the age of AIDS, AOC Fort Worth, 6:30-8 p.m.

**AOC BEREAVEMENT GROUP**, 7-8:30 p.m., meets at the Family Service Central Office, 1424 Hemphill, Fort Worth.

## FRIDAYS:

**EL SOL: THE SOURCE OF LIFE**, HIV Wellness program, Samaritan House, 1 p.m. Call 817/927-2437.

**LAMBDA ALANON**, 6 p.m., 817/737-7861.

## BARS/CLUBS

**Across the Street**, 700 S. Jennings, Fort Worth, (817) 332-0192

**Ashburn's**, 3012 E. Rosedale, Fort Worth, (817) 534-6630

**Corral Club**, 621 Hemphill, Fort Worth, (817) 335-0196

**D.J.'s**, 1308 St. Louis, Fort Worth, (817) 927-7321

**Magnolia Station**, 600 Magnolia, Fort Worth, (817) 332-0415

**651 Arlington**, 1851 W. Division, Arlington, (817) 275-9651

**651 Club**, 651 S. Jennings, Fort Worth, (817) 332-0745

## BUSINESSES, SERVICES

**Alpha and Omega Printers**, (817) 921-3670

**Bill's A#1 Movers**, metro (817) 588-0908

**Book Stop**, 4801 S. Hulen, Fort Worth, (817) 346-9055

**B.C. Cornish**, attorney, (817) 870-9159

**Casey's, coins** (817) 831-0074

**Country Day Travel**, (817) 731-8551

**Cowgirls ParT Ranch hotline**, (817) 355-4817

**Darwin and Associates**, bookkeeping, (817) 589-1666

**Drake's Tax Service**, (817) 535-5658

**An Elegant Touch Limousine Service**, (214) 218-6404

**Hayes Pharmacy**, (800) 258-9897

**Hawke Torris Associates**, office ser-

vices, metro (817) 261-9691

**Houts Private Investigation**, (817) 265-1354, Fax (817) 860-7379

**Hutton House Hairdressers**, (817) 731-6801

**J3 Photographics**, (817) 923-4625

**Kindred Spirits**, gifts, metro (817) 332-2553

**Lambda Pages**, (214) 880-7577

**The Lemon Tree Antiques and Art**, (817) 332-5519

**Omega Properties**, real estate services, (817) 354-7201

**Ellen J. Pesserillo**, attorney, (817) 283-6693

**Chris Phillips**, attorney, (817) 339-1139

**Pleiades Productions**, (817) 923-4625

**Primerica Financial Services**, Robert J. Palmer, (817) 265-1442

**Rizzo and Schaaf**, attorneys, (817) 877-0388, fax (817) 877-0380

**S&S Minor Home Repairs**, (817) 294-8548

**7th Street Cafe**, (817) 870-1672

**Speck's Sparkle and Shine**, cleaning services (817) 530-0300

**Cheryl Strange**, Realtor, (817) 732-3294

**Two Pearls Bed and Breakfast**, (817) 596-9316

**Vertu**, gifts, (214) 520-7817

## CHURCHES/RELIGIOUS

**Affirmation/Tarrant County** (Methodist), (817) 656-8056

**Agape MCC**, 4615 SE Loop 820, Fort

Worth, (817) 535-5002

**Cathedral of Hope MCC-Dallas**, 5910 Cedar Springs (Behind Ruth Chris' Steak House), Dallas (214) 351-1901

**Celebration Community Church**, 1959 Sandy Lane, Fort Worth, (817) 275-0443

**Congregation Beth El Binah** (Jewish), P.O. Box 191188, Dallas, TX 75219, (214) 497-1591

**E.C./Christian Gays in Fellowship**, (817) 446-1555

**Fellowship of Love Outreach**, 711 W. Gambrell, Fort Worth (817) 921-LOVE

**First Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church**, 1959 Sandy Ln., Fort Worth, (817) 451-1505

**GLAD** (Disciples of Christ gays/lesbians), (214) 357-1660

**Harvest MCC**, Denton, (817) 321-2332

**Honesty** (Baptist), (817) 923-8487

**Integrity Fort Worth**, (Episcopalian lesbians and gays), P.O. Box 470986, Fort Worth, 76147; (817) 738-2902

**Jubilee**, (African-American) meets at Cathedral of Hope MCC, Dallas (214) 351-1901 ext. 299

**Trinity MCC**, 331 Aaron Ave., Suite 125, Arlington, (817) 265-5454

## COMPUTER BBS'S

**Bare Facts Computer BBS**, (817) 429-2667

**DAL BBS**, (817) 261-2933

**Gay Matchmaker Computer BBS**, (817) 355-6600

## HEALTH, AIDS,

## COUNSELING

**AIDS Information Line**, (817) 336-0066

**AIDS Interfaith Network**, (817) 927-2437

**AIDS Outreach Center**, (817) 335-1994

**AIDS Services of Denton County**, P.O. Box 13427, Denton, TX 76203, (817) 381-1501

**Sherry Brewer**, lmsw-acsw, lmft, lcdc, (817) 560-2390, (817) 478-0095

**Dr. George T. Carpenter III**, DO, Center for Change, Development and Support, (817) 429-4769

**Crisis/Suicide Line**, (817) 927-5544

**The Healing Place**, counseling and massage, (817) 336-8044

**HIV Anonymous Group**, (817) 292-9494

**Incest Survivors Support Group**, (817) 335-4330

**Lambda AA**, (817) 921-2871

**Lambda Alanon**, (817) 737-7861

**Lambda Group Co-Dependents Anonymous**, (817) 370-7473

**Lesbian Resource Center's Domestic Violence Task Force Hotline**, (214) 432-2683

**Cathy McGinnis**, psychotherapist, metro (817) 461-4063

**John McNutt**, licensed massage therapist, (817) 429-4769

**Over The Hill**, HIV testing, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., no appointment necessary, 2001 S. Freeway, Fort Worth, (817) 922-9955.

**Planned Parenthood**, free anonymous HIV testing, (817) 882-1155

**Samaritan Housing Center for HIV+ homeless**, (817) 626-9398

**Sexuality Education Center**, (817) 338-4551

**Spiritual AIDS Ministry (SAM)**, (817) 535-5002

**Tarrant County Public Health Department**, Preventive Medicine Clinic, (817) 871-7357; Testing and Counseling, (817) 871-8920; AIDS helpline, (817) 871-7346

**TCMERF AIDS Awareness Clinic**, (817) 534-CARE or (817) 534-2273

**Weatherford HIV-AIDS Support Group, Inc.**, (817) 596-3022

**Ray Wofford**, lmsw, lpc, (817) 457-2673

**Jan Wynn**, lmsw-acp, lcdc, therapist, (817) 331-1881

**Atique Khan**, md, psychiatrist, (817) 461-5454

## ORGANIZATIONS

**African American Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Coalition (UJIMA)** P.O. Box 190712, Dallas 75219, (214) 521-5342 ext. 828

**Association of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Educators**, (817) 329-3415

**Federal Club of Dallas/Fort Worth**, (214) 699-5889

**Federal Globe**, lesbian/gay advocacy group of government and school district employees, P.O. Box 50961, Dallas, TX 75250, (214) 264-2800

**Fort Worth Men's Chorus**, (817) 731-0122

**Future Fort Worth/Arlington**, 5736 Pershing, Fort Worth, 76107 (817) 294-0649

**Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)**, (214) 521-5342, ext. 816

**Gay and Lesbian Gardeners**, (214) 339-0787

**Gay/Lesbian Youth**, (817) 338-4551

**Imperial Court de Fort Worth/Arlington**, (817) 870-1555; hotline: (817) 292-1750

**Leadership Forum Luncheon**, (817) 763-5544

**Lesbian/Gay Political Coalition of Tarrant County**, (817) 370-0480

**Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas**, (512) 474-5475

**Metroplex Republicans/Log Cabin**, (214) 520-6655

**NAMES Project**, 665 S. Jennings, (817) 33-NAMES

**Parents, Families, Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Denton County**, (817) 387-1491

**Parents, Families, Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Fort Worth**, (817) 498-5607

**Rice Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association**, DFW chapter, (214) 942-9537

**Second Tuesday Fort Worth (Lesbian)**, (817) 485-0134

**Women's Singles, lesbian socializing**, (817) 249-1622

**Second Saturday Social for men**, (817) 795-1376

**Tarrant County Lesbian/Gay Alliance**, (817) 763-5544; E-Mail address: 72127.1057@COMPUSERVE.COM

**Texas Gay Veterans**, (817) 763-5544

**Texas Human Rights Foundation**, (512) 479-8473

**Umoja Hermanas**, (support group for lesbian, bisexual women of color), (214) 943-8750

**U.T. Arlington Gay/Lesbian Assoc.**, (817) 794-5140

**Women's Business Network**, (214) 880-7577

**Women's Community Association**, (214) 319-6696 or (214) 31WOMYN

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK

**PROGRAM SERVICES ASSISTANT**: Immediate part-time opening. Minimum requirements: Word processing, 65 wpm; database management; statistical reports; program support.

Send resume and cover letter to **AIDS Interfaith Network**, 603 W. Magnolia, Suite 207, Fort Worth, TX 76104. No walk-ins or phone calls.

### AIDS OUTREACH CENTER

Tarrant County's premiere AIDS services organization seeks two proven fund-raising professionals for immediate full-time employment. Both positions will enjoy a generous vacation policy, health and dental insurance, and the option of a flex-time schedule. Salary for both positions is commensurate with experience.

**DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**: Reporting to the executive director, staff will develop, coordinate and implement a volunteer-based campaign to raise \$500,000 annually through corporate and foundation solicitation, federal and state grant writing, major donor program, direct mail, telephone solicitation, honorarium/memorial giving and annual walkathon. At least five years professional fund-raising experience, excellent writing ability, strong knowledge of community resources, volunteer management experience, and strong verbal communication skills required.

**WALK COORDINATOR**: Reporting to the development director, staff will plan, coordinate and implement the annual All Walks of Life, with 2,500 walkers raising \$200,000 in spring 1996. Staff will manage, motivate and provide support to some 50 volunteers working in the areas of corporate sponsorship, team recruitment, marketing, logistics and administration. Experience in large event planning, strong volunteer management experience, excellent organizational skills,

and strong written and verbal communication skills required.

SEND RESUME, cover letter and salary requirements by May 15 to **AIDS Outreach Center**, 1125 W. Peter Smith, Fort Worth, TX 76104.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PLAYERS SOUGHT FOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The Oak Lawn Soccer Club of Dallas is seeking players from all over Texas to join in the Atlanta Armory Classic Memorial Day weekend.

The tournament is part of a gay-oriented sports festival, and the Dallas team is inviting men and women from other cities throughout Texas to join them in the games in Atlanta.

Games will be played on Saturday and Sunday, May 27 and 28. Transportation, lodging, entry fee and uniform are at the player's expense. Costs will depend on the player's departure city and travel dates.

Anyone interested in playing in this tournament should contact Michael Moore at 214/942-9537.

## CANDIDATES

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hard to enforce. I would be in favor of enforcing public lewdness laws equally among all people when that is really what the issue is and repealing any law conflicting with personal privacy.

3. As a member of the City Council I do not believe that I could have much effect on the Texas Penal Code, but if the issue came up, I would not want it used as an excuse.

4. In the past I have knowingly worked with gay and lesbian individuals and would not let that affect any hiring qualifications for any position I had available.

5. By not entertaining the use of bigoted excuses in the implementation of programs I believe that we could avoid having the issue of orientation be a factor in decisions.

6. I believe that clinics have a right to operate unencumbered and that the freedom of expression of protesters should not be encumbered. Mutual respect of positions, tolerance, is the paramount issue.

Wylie met with L/GPC members and sought the group's endorsement.

**Comments at the screening:** Wylie has been active in council politics in the area of citizen input. He is in private business in accounting.

On including sexual orientation in city protection ordinances, he said he doesn't believe in codifying protections for behaviors and that he is a "no-ordinance kind of guy." He prefers instead to include in city policy that sexual orientation is not grounds for dismissal. "Home life shouldn't come into the workplace," he said.

He thinks there's no place for the Hate Crimes Bill, either, noting that he, as a white male, remains an unprotected class under the legislation. A hate crimes designation would mini-

mize other crimes, he said, and "drive a wedge further in our society." He proposes instead to strengthen penalties for all crimes. He added that he would find cause for removal of any municipal judges - who are appointed by the council - who discriminated in their judgments based on sexual orientation.

He opposes protecting lesbians and gays in housing in the private sector because it's a free realm. "If [a landlord] is bigoted, it's their own loss [in income], so it's self-correcting."

### ISD BOARD CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Gays and lesbians are subject to unequal treatment and discrimination, particularly in employment. Will you support a change in the ISD employment policies that would protect gays and lesbians from discrimination? If not, why not?

2. Gay and lesbian youth frequently

receive little emotional support from their families. This lack of support has led to abnormally high rates of suicide within this group.

2(a). Will you encourage teachers and counselors in your ISD system to receive adequate training in working with gay and lesbian youth?

2(b). Would you be supportive of efforts to provide community resources to help gay and lesbian youth?

### RESPONSES FROM ISD BOARD CANDIDATES

#### ED WARREN, Birdville ISD, Position 6

Questionnaire responses:

1. No comment.

2(a). For the sanctity of life, yes.

2(b). No comment.

**Additional comments:** "You are raising very complex issues, of which I am rather uninformed. I agree with Barry Goldwater concerning the armed forces.

"The Bible teaches us that sex, outside of marriage, is sin. I think that gays and lesbians have a right to be treated equally to those who are living together without benefit of marriage.

"Life is sacred. Your sexual preference is something you are going to have to settle with God, not society. God made certain laws, but he did not command me to judge you or condemn you.

"I know many Christians who are engaged in immoral sexual conduct but who honestly know and love the Lord. There is a lot of 'gray' in this world and we all need a lot of 'grace.'"

Warren did not seek LGPC's en-

dorsement and added; "It probably won't help. I am a long shot against the incumbent."

#### WILL E. WILLIAMS, Crowley School Board Candidate, Place 6

Questionnaire responses:

1. Gays and lesbians like many other minority groups are subject to unequal treatment in the area of employment. I see change in this as they get into upper management in the future. In many school systems we already have many gay and lesbian teachers. I think the old Trojan horse concept is needed in this area until the numbers are high enough to help force the policies of discrimination to change. No one member on any school board could make this happen without the teachers being in the system in high numbers to back that board member.

2(a). This is already taking place in many districts. It is called critical thinking skills. Under this many different things can be covered.

2(b). As you already know any time the government gets into any type of community resource project it gets off track. Groups like yours need to have an alliance with many other contacts with the same goal in mind.

**Additional Comments:** "Thank you for your taking time to get my thoughts on this matter. I don't know that I will be looking for any endorsement from any group. I'm in this for change, not a career. If your group thinks that I would make a difference in this district then we working together can win a place at the table."

Williams did not seek LGPC's endorsement and did not meet with the group. ♪

## MARCH

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they were attacked on Dec. 27 last year. As Tubb addressed the crowd, he showed the 10-inch scar that runs across the right side of his chest. I was amazed when he said that five lives were lost the night his brother was killed: his brother's, and the four youths responsible for his death who will now lose their lives to prison. "Hatred starts at home. Had the system at some point got a hold of these kids and shook them and told them that gay people are human beings and a crime against them is just like a crime against any other person, those

four boys might still be walking the street and my brother might still be alive. All those four boys were doing was queer hunting and that is why I am here, to make a difference."

Of all the people I spoke with, Ed Tubb made the biggest impact. He put a face on hate crime, a senseless crime that is taught in the home, schools and churches. Will our legislators be the ones to say that hate crimes against gays and lesbians are wrong and that the violence must stop?

I ask again, will the march make a difference? More than showing up is needed! More than marching down the street on a glorious Sunday afternoon is needed! Murder is not acceptable. Beatings, kickings and slurs deni-

grating us to second-class citizen status is not acceptable. It is up to each one of us to put a face on our gayness, our lesbianism, and speak up. Speaking up at home, at work, at church or at the grocery might seem unimportant or threatening, but it will educate our neighbors and change the way they view us. We can further the process by writing letters. We are not the new silent minority. We are people - we work, play, love, have families and desire nothing more than the rights that are afforded to every other citizen of this great land.

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness free from fear! Texas - stop the hate, stop the violence! Tell your lawmakers! ♪

## FUND-TASTIC

### AIDS Interfaith work applauded by gala turnout

By DAUNE' LITTLEFIELD

For years the AIDS Interfaith Network has been the organizing force for the religious community's response to the growing challenge of HIV/AIDS in Tarrant, Denton and surrounding counties. As executive director from 1991 to 1994, Duane R. Bidwell provided vision, courage and compassion to the AIDS Interfaith Network. Because of his efforts, the AIN Board of Directors established the Duane R. Bidwell Fund that will help secure the current and future needs of the Network.

"An Evening of Hope: Embracing the Future," a benefit for the Duane R. Bidwell Fund, raised a net profit of \$18,000 in contributions for AIN services Saturday, April 1, at Texas Christian University's Student Center Ballroom.

Rose-Mary Rumbley, Mistress of

Ceremonies, set the atmosphere for the evening. Mrs. Rumbley is an accomplished playwright and actress, an historian, and humorist. She enticed and hypnotized her audience with excerpts from stage and screen.

Ms. Rumbley gave a brief historical account of how theater came to be in America. She related that because of puritanical root in our heritage, theater was frowned upon. To get around such judgment calls, the theater was billed as moral dialogue. "Something about changing the name of sin and it just disappears." In these moral dialogues a scripture was read and the performers acted it out. The combination of scripture and acting led to comedy, or farce, thus allowing us to have some humor and levity in our life situations.

She ended the evening with a quote: "Ninety percent of the world is

made up of fools and the rest of us are in danger of contracting it; some people are waiting for the big moment in their lives and it will never come."

The evening included performers such as Brazos Baroque, a group sponsored by the Fort Worth Early Music company; and the Fort Worth Men's Chorus, who provided a variety of selections from stage and spirituals.

Currently more than 450 volunteers are organized into 31 care teams of the network. These teams of volunteers serve individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS by providing bedside care, doing housekeeping and shopping, arranging transportation, and being receptive, listening ears and loving hearts. Volunteer chaplains and the director of spiritual services help meet the needs of persons living with AIDS, their families and friends. ♪

## LOUGANIS

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cate, and his newly found personal freedom.

At last month's book signing at Crossroads Market in Dallas, over 2,000 people turned out to have their books autographed. I waited in line for almost four hours, and it was worth every second, including the worst sunburn I've had in years! Small groups were escorted in and given ample time to talk with Greg and even take a picture with him. And by the way, I told him about the picture that had been such an inspiration to

me during my younger years.

If he had never had cramps before, he certainly had them after he finished that day. When all was said and done, Greg signed books for over five hours. Maybe now he could get an endorsement from Midol?

After he signed my book and I took a picture with him, I knew one thing for certain. I was proud to say that Greg is part of our community. I'm equally proud to say that Robert Webster is part of our community as well. Though I've attacked his persona here, it was nothing personal. For in the end, when all is said and done, aren't we really all on the same team anyway? Let's make it a medal-winning performance! ♪

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# Alliance News

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### EYE ON THE RACES:

We have a good picture of where candidates stand as elections approach. See story p. 12.

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•**THE NAMING GAME:** College newspaper paints a target on public lewdness suspects

•**MILES TO GO:** Spring brings walks for life, for AIDS, for cancer

•**HERESY ON THE HIGH SEE:** Bishop faces ousting over ordainment of gay deacon

•**THE GAY AGENDA:** Pages and pages of things to do, people to see

•**PERSPECTIVES ON:** reaching out to Louganis, to the Mid-Cities area and into our souls and fine character

•**AND MUCH MORE!**



**C**ONNIE WINKLE, cochair of the Lesbian/Gay Political Coalition-Tarrant County, moderated the screening for the group's first endorsements.

Benefits:  
Healing Wings

# Red RIBBON Show

May 17, 1995

at the



FORT WORTH