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Texas Gay Task Force Now Open to Individual Memberships

(Dallas) Membership in the Texas Gay Task Force is now open to individuals as a result of action taken by the House of Delegates and Coordinating Council of the TGTF at their winter conference here last month.

The first session of the House of Delegates became an open rap with calls from delegates, coordinators and observers for reform and a reaffirmation of the original purposes of the TGTF. This discussion produced one of the most productive sessions of the Task Force since its organizational meeting last year in San Antonio.

The delegates heard calls for more unity and commitment and pleas to be more aware of the needs of gay people. The House of Delegates, after much debate, finally issued two directives for the Coordinating Council to implement:

1) To open the TGTF to individual memberships and to collect dues from individual members and from organizational members. This would bring much needed revenue into the Task Force and solve the problem of the status of organi-

zations such as the Metropolitan Community Churches and San Antonio Gay Community Center which, because of their constitutions, had encountered difficulty in officially joining the Task Force as members;

2) To establish the roles, rights and privileges of the new individual members and better define the roles of the Coordinating Council and the House of Delegates.

The Coordinating Council then recommended that membership in the Task Force be open to individuals who would pay one of the following annual dues:

- \$5 — low income
- \$10 — basic membership
- \$25 — contributing membership
- \$100 — supporter
- \$_____ — patron

Individual members will elect the regional representatives who comprise the Coordinating Council and will receive a quarterly publication of the Task Force.

Organizations may join the Task Force for \$10 annual dues, will nominate the regional representatives and will elect one

delegate and one alternate from that organization to sit in the House of Delegates. The member organizations will also participate in a monthly exchange of reports to be maintained by the state secretary, Bill Buie of Integrity/Houston.

The Council directed that the moderator of the Council, Ken Cyr of AURA (Fort Worth), would collect the dues and maintain and keep confidential the membership rolls.

The Council defined its responsibilities as to maintain and administer all funds of the TGTF and to be responsible for implementing the purposes of the TGTF.

It defined the role of the House of Delegates as the policy makers of TGTF with the responsibility of choosing the priorities of the Task Force.

A membership brochure for potential individual members is being prepared. Membership inquiries may be directed to Texas Gay Task Force, P.O. Box 7318, Fort Worth, TX 76111. Checks may be made payable to either TGTF or Texas Gay Task Force.

OLDEST GAY GROUP IN TEXAS OKAYS NEW NAME

Circle of Friends Is Now Gay Organization of Dallas

(Dallas) Circle of Friends, the oldest gay organization in Texas, has changed its name, along with its approach and priorities. Now the Gay Organization of Dallas, its members hope its new name will be consistent with a more active role in working toward gay rights and legal reform.

The C.O.F. was created 10 years ago primarily as an alternative to the bars. However, over the years its focus has changed, and the group has taken on a more active role. The C.O.F. has organized Gay Pride parades and group representatives have spoken on homosexuality to local churches, clubs, schools and on the media.

As one of its immediate projects, G.O.O.D. plans to confront the candidates

for mayor in the approaching Dallas city election. The group hopes to determine the positions of the candidates concerning anti-gay discrimination.

The name change simply reflects an image that a majority of the group wished to project. Members hope that the new name will reflect the groups political, social and educational commitments. Said one member: "An upfront name will tell people who we are — it will show everyone that we are not afraid to stand up and that we are proud to be gay."

Gay Movement Loses Leader

(New York) Dr. Howard J. Brown, founder of the National Gay Task Force, died February 1 of a heart ailment at his home in Greenwich Village. In October 1973, Dr. Brown made the front page of the *New York Times* when he announced that he was a homosexual. The former Health Service Administrator in Mayor John Lindsey's administration made the announcement in an attempt to end the prejudices that homosexuals face in obtaining jobs. In the same month he helped found and became board chairman of the National Gay Task Force, a civil rights clearing house for gay groups and individuals.

When Dr. Brown announced that he was a homosexual, he expressed the hope that others in high positions would follow his example.

Dr. Brown's background and reputation lent a legitimacy to the new National Gay Task Force that it otherwise would have had to develop on its own. The Task Force has since gone on to attract most of the well-known names in the movement to its support.

Born in Peoria, Illinois, on April 15, 1924, Dr. Brown served as an enlisted man during World War II and received his M.D. from Western Reserve Medical School in 1954. He came to New York that year to serve as director of professional services for the Health Insurance Plan. Seven years later he took over the ambulatory care unit at Grouverneur.

In 1966 he was chosen by Mayor John Lindsay to serve as New York's first

Health Services Administrator. He envisioned a complete reordering of public health care, putting the patients' interests first.

Ill health was a factor in Brown's resignation from the City Health Service. In 1968 he became director of community medicine at Fordham Hospital and later taught full-time at New York University's School of Public Administration and School of Medicine. He held professorships at both schools at the time of his death.

Mrs. John Sibley, his sister and only surviving relative, has requested that any memorials be in the form of contributions to the newly created Fund for Human Dignity/Howard Brown Memorial Fund. Robert L. Livingston, chairman of the fund, asks that donations be mailed to Room 506, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10011. The fund will be used to carry on the work which Dr. Brown in his lifetime began.

REPEAL EFFORT IS LAUNCHED

(Dallas) At its winter meeting in Dallas, the Texas Gay Task Force launched its drive to have Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code repealed by the Legislature.

Acting in the belief that the repeal of 21.06 is the most important concern for gay people in Texas, the Coordinating Council of TGTF established its Legal Committee whose current sole purpose is to organize a statewide campaign against 21.06.

Section 21.06 of the Penal Code reads:

§21.06. Homosexual Conduct

(a) A person commits an offense if he engages in deviate sexual intercourse with another individual of the same sex.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

This law makes private consensual sex between gays illegal. It is the basis of

much of the harassment and legal discrimination against gay people. Private consensual sex acts between adults of the opposite sex is legal.

Randy Beitel of Dallas and Neil Parker of Austin were appointed co-chairpersons of the Legal Committee. More information may be obtained by writing the Texas Gay Task Force, P.O. Box 7318, Fort Worth, TX 76111, or by calling (817) 838-2095.

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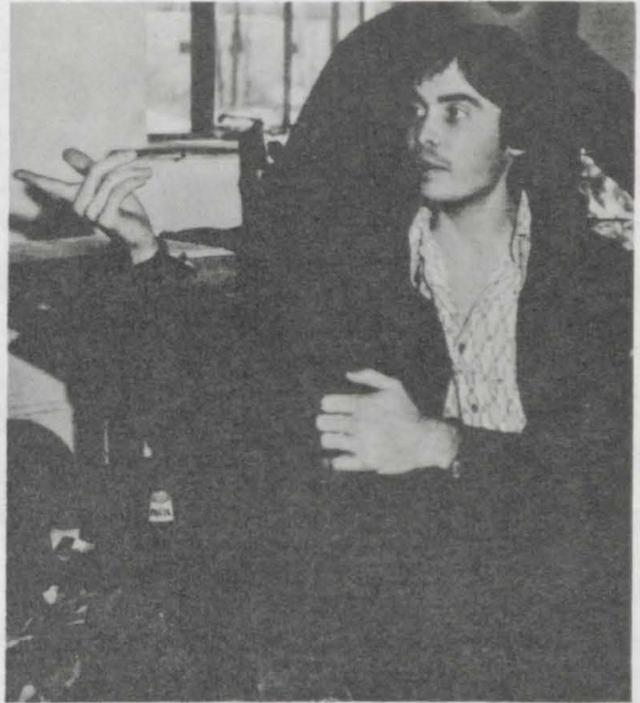
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Conferees at the winter session of the Texas Gay Task Force in Dallas January 25 included Gene Leggett, San Antonio, House of the Covenant representative and coordinator of the 1975 Texas Gay Conference; Rob Shivers, Dallas, Northern Region member of the TGTF Coordinating Council; and Ken Cyr, Fort Worth, also representing the Northern Region on the Council.

Elaine Noble, Morris Kight Planned for Conference

(Dallas) Rousing applause greeted the announcement by Gene Leggett, coordinator of the 1975 Texas Gay Conference, that Elaine Noble and Morris Kight are tentatively scheduled as featured speakers at the conference to be held June 20-22 in San Antonio.

In his report to the TGTF House of Delegates at their winter meeting, Leggett stated that Kight had already accepted and he felt confident that Noble's acceptance would become definite shortly.

Elaine Noble is a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and is the first person running openly as a Lesbian to be elected to a position in any state legislature.

Morris Kight, sometimes referred to as the "dean of gay liberation," is the director of the famed Los Angeles Gay Community Service Center which recently was the recipient of a million dollar government grant for its free clinic program.

Leggett also announced that a site has been selected for the conference and will be announced soon.

Preparations are being made to open registration soon for the conference

which will draw people from throughout Texas and across the nation.

This will be the second annual Texas Gay Conference, the first being held last June in Fort Worth. The 1974 Texas Gay Conference featured Barbara Gittings and Dr. Franklin Kameny and gave birth to the Texas Gay Task Force which now sponsors the annual event.

COUNSELING CONFERENCE SET FOR MARCH 1

(Dallas) On Saturday, March 1, Dallas-Fort Worth area psychotherapists and counselors will have an opportunity to meet for a workshop on "Counseling and Homosexuality," a program of continuing professional education designed to sharpen counselors' awareness of the special problems of homosexuals and their families.

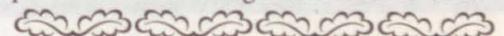
The workshop is designed for participation of psychologists, psychiatrists, coun-

selors, student personnel workers, social workers, health educators, sex educators and clergy. The conference, sponsored by the *Homosexual Counseling Journal*, will be held at Mountainview Junior College, 4849 West Illinois, Dallas, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In addition to the keynote address by Dr. Ralph Blair of New York City, the workshop will include panel presentations and discussion by local mental health professionals and representatives of the gay community. There will also be an opportunity for small group discussions and dialog.

Additional information about the Dallas conference may be obtained from the Homosexual Community Counseling Center, Inc., 45 East 74th Street, New York, New York 10021, or by contacting the local conference coordinator, Charles Weis, at (214) 688-2031 or 521-8244.

Registration fee is \$20 per person (including lunch), but this fee can be reduced to \$15 per person for personnel of any organization registering three or more persons. Student registration fee is \$10.





BIFF, LINDA & HAP as portrayed in Dallas Repertory Theatre's production of "Death of a Salesman" by B.J. Theus, Joan Foy and Steven Linn.

Review by Alexander Langham

DEATH OF A SALESMAN

Take a trip up Preston Road to St. Mark's School where the Dallas Repertory Theatre is performing *Death of a Salesman*. Forget that Arthur Miller's play is regarded as a "classic of our times," is required high-school reading, and deals not only with a death in a family but with the death of The Family. If all this sounds depressing or dull, be assured that the events enacted onstage at the new Dechard Arts Center are neither. Even adequately performed, *Death of a Salesman* would be deeply moving; given

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It is in the acting that this production glows. From Cal Duggan's wordless Busboy to *The Salesman* himself, beautifully played by Bob Magruder, this cast acts, reacts, and interacts with the selfless conviction of a company of stars — for which we may thank DeLatta.

Bob Magruder's Willy Loman is exhausted "to the death" before the play begins, a shuffling hulk vivified into flickering life by the ever-increasing visitation of past dreams. Dreadful as it is to see him moved to rage, it is when hope visits

the sagging face that we want to avert our eyes in pity and horror.

Joan Foy's fine-boned beauty and plangent voice make Willy's devoted wife Linda a thoroughbred too good for the man whose life's fate she tragically chooses to share.

As son Biff, the object of Willy's fanatic devotion, B.J. Theus is the image of Corrupted All-American Boy, his firm-chinned, short-nosed handsomeness flawed by the self-doubt that haunts the wide blue eyes. Like Jon Voight in *Midnight Cowboy*, Theus displays a teddybear sweetness all the more poignant for being embodied in a loser's personality.

On the other hand, Steven Linn as the oversexed younger brother Happy displays a tacky charm as insidious as it is amusing — until the sweep of events reveals the spite beneath the cocky grin, and beneath that, naked vulnerability. Linn's campily explicit pickup of "Miss Forsythe" in the restaurant scene, handsomely assisted by Mary Durall and Clifford Samuelson's Waiter, is genuine comic relief.

Riley Austin, Miles Mutchler, and

Lynne Roots also provide lighter moments: the two men as Bernard and Charley, the son and father who, unlike Willy, don't need to talk about it because they can do it; Miss Roots as the Other Woman, younger and sexier than Miller's inspiredly dowdy Miss Frances, and with a distinct touch of professionalism.

Will leVison's Uncle Ben, Willy's dream-image of material success, is a monstrous old bastard, heroic in scale, all the more terrifying for his joviality. Rod Blaydes as Howard, the boss's son, is a bastard neat, with no scale whatever — which is just what the playwright ordered. Paula Gilbert as Jenny the secretary doesn't have much in the way of a part, but she looks spiffy in platform heels and Rosalind Russell pinstripes.

It's always difficult to assign credit for a production as well-meshed as this; all theatre is collaboration. So let me end simply by saying *Death of a Salesman* will run through February 16 with Friday and Saturday performances and a Sunday matinee. After that you can prove your faith in fairies at DRT's *Peter Pan* (the musical version) at North Park Community Hall.

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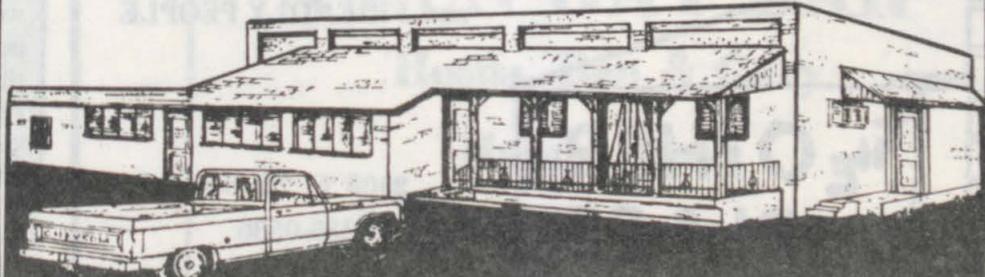
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CYR TO APPEAR ON RADIO TALK SHOW

(Fort Worth) Ken Cyr, director of AURA, local gay organization, will be the guest on the Sunday, February 23 edition of "Sidetrack," KFJZ radio talk show (9 to 11 p.m.).

Additionally, AURA representatives are scheduled to speak during the month before groups at Texas Christian University, Weatherford College, Southern Methodist University and Tarrant County Junior College (Northeast campus), as well as at the Human Potential Institute's Alternate Lifestyles group.

GAY FREEDOM THEME OF RUTGERS MEETING

(New Brunswick, NJ) Rutgers University Homophile League will hold its fifth annual conference on Gay Freedom April 18-20. The conference will bring together scholars, movement activists and gay people from many parts of the United States and Canada for a series of lectures, seminars and group discussions as well as exhibits and various social events.

Further information is available from Rutgers University Homophile League, R.P.O. 2901, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

BELLA'S GAY RIGHTS BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

(Washington) A Gay Rights bill designed to outlaw discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual preference has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill seeks to amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act to protect gay people against discrimination in employment, public accommodations, public education and federally funded programs. The bill (HR-166) was introduced by Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY) and at last word had acquired at least 10 cosponsors.

GAY ACADEMIC CONFERENCE SET FOR APRIL 12 IN AUSTIN

(Austin) The South Central Region of the Gay Academic Union will hold a one-day conference in Austin on Saturday, April 12. Purpose of the meeting is to create an opportunity for gay and lesbian academics — teachers, researchers, scholars, administrators, professionals and students — to meet one another to discuss problems and issues of mutual interest.

Gay Academic Union is a national organization of lesbian and gay male academics and scholars. At the second annual conference of GAU last year in New York, conference participants elected a

national board of directors, composed of one woman and one man from each of five geographic regions. The South Central Region currently comprises membership in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Attendance at the conference is open to all gay academics whether or not they are members of GAU. More information can be obtained from Art Addington, conference chairperson, 900 West Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.

Houston Police Probe Ordered

(Houston) Mayor Fred Hofheinz has appointed three jurists to a special commission to investigate activities in the Houston Police Department.

Officials have discovered evidence of widespread improper surveillance of individual citizens. It is not known yet whether surveillance reports were made on gay people, but sources in Integrity/Houston, local gay organization, say local gay leaders will not be surprised to find their names in the reports.

New Gay Male Adult Theater Is Now Open in Dallas

(Dallas) The manager of the Coronet Theater, which recently opened at 2420 North Fitzhugh, has told Community News he plans to show quality gay male adult films at the theater.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Ft. Worth Police Are at It Again (Still?)

Has the Fort Worth Police Department reverted to a late 50's, early 60's strategy in its dealings with gay men and women? Recent events in the city (discussed in accompanying articles) seem to indicate that the F.W.P.D. has abandoned any attempt at a reconciliation with gay citizens and has instead launched a repressive drive against gays in the city, reflecting a homophobic mentality that, thankfully, is disappearing in most other progressive cities.

The vice and intelligence division, under the direction of Capt. C.E. Hogue, seems intent upon clinging to the ridiculous myths of the past—that homosexuals are somehow a threat to society . . . that gay people force their attentions on unwilling and innocent bystanders . . . that homosexuals are violent people . . . that they are

all child molesters . . . that they are psychologically unstable and morally corrupt . . . and so on, ad nauseam. RIDICULOUS! And the facts from numerous scientific reports speak for themselves — if only the police would take the opportunity to educate themselves away from emotionalism and into reality.

How many rapes, murders and robberies take place on the streets of Fort Worth while cunning vice cops while away hours with suspected gays, saying all the right things, playing the perfect part, using every trick in the book, ENCOURAGING them to commit what is called a "crime."

What a waste of manpower, time and taxpayer money!

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three on charges of "exposing person," Disorderly Conduct No. 10.

During the interrogation, officers were repeatedly verbally abusive to the four, using such terms as "fuckin' queers." At another point, one of the officers reportedly ripped an MCC poster off the wall and said, "Can you believe this goddam shit — a fucking church advertising in a queer bar!"

Witnesses told CN that there was no more "exposure" than one is likely to find at any public swimming pool or beach. ("Tarzan wore less than any of these did.") The "auction" which involves only play money and no actual sale is an entertainment gimmick in which customers "bid" on young men as they stand on the auction block. The "auctioneer" gives a campy dialogue as the "slaves" are stripped down to their briefs. Similar gimmicks are used in gay bars in many other cities without there having been any question of their legality, and much more risque entertainment may be found in numerous Fort Worth "straight" bars.

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WAS THE RAWHIDE RAID HARASSMENT?

POLICE PRESSURE CLOSES RAWHIDE

(Fort Worth) It was a Tuesday night and the Rawhide was packed to see the "Slave Auction," a weekly entertainment.

Among the spectators was a medium-built stranger with medium-length dark hair and a sparse beard. The six-footer, in his late twenties, seemed to enjoy the show, but at intermission got up and left.

A short time later, Vice Officer David King returned with three other officers, I.D.'s were checked, the bar was cleared except for the owner and three others, who were detained for questioning by the officers and by officers of the Texas Al-

coholic Beverage Commission. The four were arrested: the owner, according to police reports, on suspicion of violating Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, "Homosexual Conduct," and the other

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STAR-TELEGRAM ARTICLE EXPOSES VICE SQUAD HOMOPHOBIA

"Vice officers say the homosexuals they arrest are creating a public nuisance," wrote John MaKeig in a feature article about vice activity as related to victimless crimes in the December 29, 1974, issue of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"It's gotten so bad in the last year that you can stand on some of these corners for an hour, say, and you'll get a few offers," one officer was quoted as saying.

"Also," the story continues, "officers point to the savage murders in Houston last year and

a few here and say homosexuals are not entirely the peaceful persons many feel they are.

"Officers say that making such arrests intermittently is a way of making their presence felt."

In the article, MaKeig reports on a typical arrest by Officer John Ladd, who "stood looking like Jon Voight in a scent from 'Midnight Cowboy' waiting for his victim to be tempted enough to approach him. After circling by five or six times, a car stopped and Ladd got in.

"From 10:20 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. the three vice units followed the car around north Fort Worth . . . wondering all the while why the driver hadn't . . . done something overt enough to justify Ladd arresting him.

"At 11:25 p.m., the radio in (Officer) Carter's car crackled out the message that Ladd had arrested the driver" when he had finally made a move of a "homosexual nature."

"This just isn't your night, is it?" one of the officers was quoted as saying to the man as he was hauled off to jail.

Unitarian Minister Responds to Star-Telegram Article

(Excerpts reprinted from an article in the FIRST UNITARIAN ADVANCE with the permission of the author, Rev. Walter Baese, who at the time was pastor of the First Unitarian Church of Fort Worth)

The article ought to have aroused the indignation and concern of all, who, if they don't understand the Bill of Rights nor the principles underlying concepts of personal freedom and individual rights, at least suspect there may be something wrong with tax money used to support young plainclothes police officers standing on street corners "looking like Jon Voight," as the article referred to them, for hours on end waiting for those terrible threats to public morals to pass them a number of times in their cars and finally ask one if he wants a ride (with the intent admittedly of something other than simply giving them a ride, at least the hope). All the while this little charade is being observed by a second police officer in a darkened car who

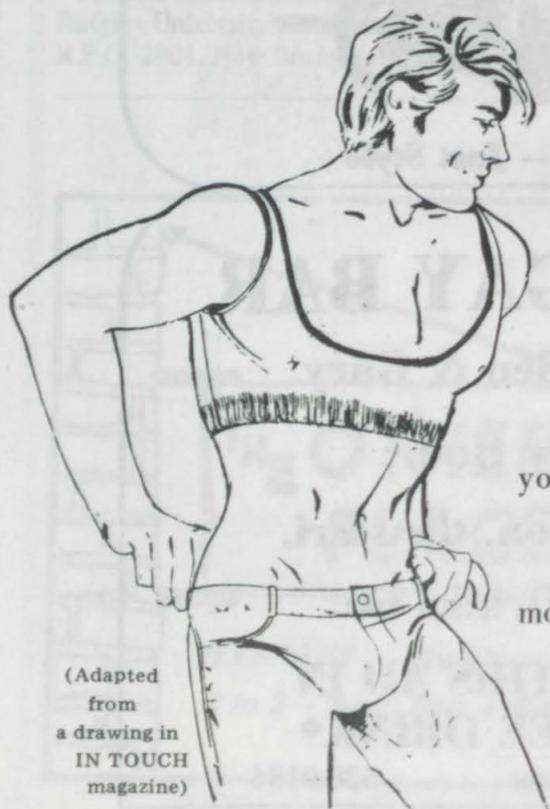
has binoculars. Then, in what presumably is a typical situation, the young officer may drive around as much as an hour or more with the man who has picked him up waiting (inviting) the overt gesture that assures the arrest of this dangerous deviant (since it may not be entirely clear, I refer to the driver, not the vice officer).

One legitimately might wonder what the government is doing legislating laws concerning matters of personal choice that it takes such "trolling" to ferret out "offenders" and authorizing a considerable amount of taxpayers money to pay for the operation, particularly while real crime rates soar: robberies, rape, not to speak of other real and far-reaching crimes against society such as those labeled "white collar." How curious it is that the stigma attached to so many real crimes does not compare to that which would fall on the man in the car whose career is virtually over if it becomes known.

Could it be clearer than if one is approached, he (or she) has only to say "no," or say nothing at all. I remember years ago in Miami Beach when a prostitute approached me and asked how I'd like a good time! Apart from the obvious fact that she surely misjudged in my own situation, I scarcely became unglued by this "outrage"! And why should anyone who is not terribly threatened (or tempted) already?

I do think that "street cruising" is an unattractive behavior, though I understand the motives of loneliness that might cause it. Or the

"It's got so bad in downtown Fort Worth that a goodlooking young vice cop can't stand on the corner rubbing the bulging crotch of his tight fitting pants for more than an hour without getting propositioned!"



(Adapted from a drawing in IN TOUCH magazine)

motive of those married men who most frequently engage in it who are fearful to be seen at gay bars or other places where gays would be together, thinking there is more of a risk in going there. That they sometimes are woefully mistaken is sadly the case: for instance when the hustler turns out to be a plainclothes vice officer.

But what percentage of homosexuals — and I refer to those of us who are gay and know it and within ourselves live comfortably, or as comfortably as anyone lives with himself — what percentage do you think engage in nightly street cruising? .001 maybe. And the deliberately misleading, intentionally deceptive statement from the vice officers that we are not "peaceful persons" is so absurd and disgustingly untrue as almost to defy any other comment. Something on a par with the notion that all black men are likely to rob 7-Eleven stores . . .

I think about a friend of mine who had left a gay bar with a friend of his. They were stopped by the police as they were getting into the friend's car. One of the two officers used the most abusive and derisive language against the two young men as he tore the car apart looking for and saying he would find "something" to be able to take those two "perverts" in. He didn't find anything, of course, but obviously did he neither apologize but left them to straighten out the damage with a string of the usual obscenities hurled at homosexuals by ignorant (and themselves threatened?) persons in or outside uniforms.

It eludes me how any sexual relationships between persons mutually participating by their own choice and volition — be those between the same or both sexes — can be called "vice" except by standards or criteria born of ignorance, superstition, hypocrisy, or, perhaps, envy.

The vice squad is probably well named. But for the wrong reasons. The wrong "vices." At least where their "commando tactics," "trolling," standing around on street corners, waiting in darkened cars not for any crime with a victim to happen, or to investigate one that has happened, but to catch, punish, humiliate offenders to what are basically personal or private, conventional or parochial standards of morality. In this, it is they who are vicious. "Vicious" meaning, as in its Latin origin, *vitiōsus*, indicates, full of faults, ruined by defects, flaws or errors, having bad habits, malicious, spiteful, mean. And they are not many who have had any contact with the "vice" who unlikely think the word doesn't apply to them.

You don't have to answer these questions! . . .

THIS IS AN AUTHENTIC reproduction of a questionnaire currently being used by the Fort Worth Police Department to compile information on gay men, the gay community and the local gay movement. Suspected homosexuals are pressured to provide answers to the questions by officers, who, if asked, will admit that a person is not legally required to provide this information but is advised to cooperate.

FORT WORTH POLICE ON RAMPAGE

- Increased downtown surveillance and arrests which smell suspiciously like entrapment

- Increased police visibility around bars and other gay gathering places in an obvious attempt at "making their presence felt." Squad cars have been observed many times slowly cruising through parking lots of gay establishments "routinely" checking inspection stickers. (Police tend to forget that gays spend most of their time in "straight" settings . . . and there they see no such concerted actions and feel no such heavy police presence.) Routine?

- In addition to the raid on the Rawhide, CN has received reports of mass I.D. checks at another Fort Worth bar

- Continued use of an "information" sheet on suspected homosexuals which is degrading, insulting, is an invasion of privacy and has an over-all tone designed to intimidate the accused person.

NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT: Fewer gay people are being intimidated. More and more are fighting back . . . and more and more of those who challenge their arrests and harassment are winning their rights legally in court. Also, a more liberal-minded public is lending its support to those gays who are fighting against police harassment, entrapment and invasion of privacy.

IF YOU HAVE a problem with ANY law enforcement officer which involves a gay activity or in which your gayness plays any part in police conduct toward you -- please report the incident in writing to COMMUNITY NEWS.

Even if you do not wish to file an official complaint, the information can be most helpful in compiling a statistical record of police activity against gays.

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At least two of those arrested have pledged to challenge the arrests in court.

Following the arrests, a further pattern of harassment emerged. Although the ABC officers did not remove the bar's li-

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Sex Deviates if Applicable

1. Does subject admit to homosexual tendencies? _____
2. Does he have normal sexual relations with the opposite sex? _____
3. At what age did subject first notice homosexual tendencies? _____
Relate circumstances surrounding first unnatural sex act _____

4. Was subject introduced to homosexuality by someone else? _____
5. Name of other person involved in first homosexual act _____
6. Does subject belong to a homosexual group? _____
7. Types of sodomy practiced _____
8. Has subject had a lasting affair with another homosexual _____
If so, how long did it last? _____
9. Has subject ever attempted to obtain psychiatric treatment? _____
10. Does he have any desire for psychiatric treatment? _____
11. Vocational preference _____
12. Religious denomination _____ Name of Church _____
Frequency of attendance _____ Date last attended _____
13. Names and addresses of persons subject knows to be homosexual:

14. Subject's ideas on why he is a homosexual, briefly explain _____

15. Memoranda the subject has in his possession, i. e., names, addresses, and telephone numbers _____

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quor license during the incident (as is the usual procedure if there is any cause), several days later, the ABC requested that the license be signed over to them and threatened retaliation in the form of "legal, non-provable harassment" of the bar and its customers if the request was not honored. Next, the bar's dance license

was revoked by the city, although the owner had merely been charged and not yet convicted of anything.

Facing certain continued harassment from the city and the ABC, the owner gave away his beer supply and closed his doors, pending final settlement of the charges against him.

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 824-9227
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 528-9184
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 Dallas, 823-0432
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 (rear) 624-0630

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 762-1165

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Agape Metropolitan Community Church, 528-8369, meetings second and fourth
 P.O. Box 4589, Ft. Worth TX 76106, Fridays
 Services at 2800 Purington, office
 (817) 534-9406
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 las, 3834 Ross Avenue, Dallas TX
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the CALENDAR

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday - MCC-Dallas Worship, 11 a.m.
 & 7:30 p.m.
 MCC-Ft. Worth Worship, 7:30 p.m.
 Monday - MCC-Ft. Worth, Bible Study
 (pastor's office), 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday - MCC-Ft. Worth, Sign Langu-
 age Class (pastor's office), 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday - MCC-Ft. Worth Worship,
 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday - MCC-Ft. Worth, Open Rap
 (discussion) (pastor's office), 7:30 p.m.
 Friday - MCC-Dallas, "Experimental
 Worship Service," 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Friday, Feb. 14 - Agape MCC Valentine
 Party, 9:00 p.m., 2800 Purington, Ft.
 Worth, \$2 at the door
 Monday, Feb. 17 - Agape MCC "Gay
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 door, \$1 in advance, at Holiday Roller
 Rink, 2920 Carson, Haltom City, 7:30
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MARCH

"Hello, Dolly" - March production at
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BOOK REVIEW By Scott Stebelman

The Front Runner

Warren, Patricia Nell. *The Front Runner*.
 New York: William Morrow & Company, 1974.

What is so amazing about *The Front Runner* is that it was written by a woman. The novel is a celebration, almost a deification, of gay macho — of the young gay runner who strives for physical perfection on the track and for emotional fulfillment off it. It chronicles the love of Billy Sive and Harlan Brown, how they train rigorously for the 1976 Olympics, how they struggle to love each other with tenderness and respect, and how they are eventually crushed by America's homophobia.

The plot is quite simple in many respects. Three University of Oregon track stars, dropped from the team for being openly gay, seek refuge with Harlan Brown, a gay track coach at Prescott College. Two of the boys are lovers, but the third, Billy Sive, is unattached. Harlan and Billy quickly fall for each other, but Harlan, still feeling the effects of a homosexual scandal which cost him his last job, refuses to give in to his emotions. Sexual tension builds: Billy can't study, he becomes depressed, he overtrains — all of which affect his running. Seeing that he

is destroying his runner, and himself as well, Harlan relents, confesses his love to Billy, and the two begin a very serious love affair.

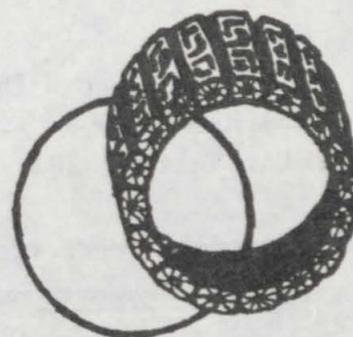
As Billy's running times decrease, the rumors about his affair with Harlan increase. Finally, at an interview after a meet a reporter asks him point blank if he is gay and Harlan's lover; always honest, Billy answers yes, which causes an avalanche of criticism from the American public. As the 1976 Olympics approach, the AAU tries to disqualify him on technicalities, but Billy's father, a gay activist lawyer, and some sympathetic runners intervene, forcing the committee to relent. Ironically, this causes Billy's death, for he is assassinated during one of the races.

As good as *The Front Runner* is, it does have some serious flaws. Characters are often portrayed as heroes (the Prescotts, Mike Stella, Armas Sepponan) or villains (Mike Dellinger, Gus Lindquist, the AAU). This problem is particularly noticeable in Billy Sives, who is more ethereal than earthly: he never lies or deceives, he never cruises, he charms everybody wherever he goes, and he runs with impeccable grace. Even Harlan says: "He had the most beautiful natural form I had ever seen — no wasted effort anywhere. He was almost unreal. He was that idea of a runner that haunts the minds of track people." Harlan is probably the most believable character in the book. He, too, has a beautiful body, but he is incapable of showing grief or, initially, softness. If anybody grows in the novel, it is he.

Another minor irritation is the digressive lectures on gay law and the workings of the athletic organizations. These are all very interesting, but they retard plot development.

Criticism aside, this is quite a good novel. It treats gay relationships sympathetically, honestly, and with a good deal of taste and dignity. Moreover, it is moving: plan on a box of Kleenex for the last 30 pages.

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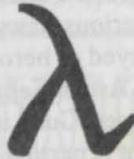
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