Saturday June 24th, 1972 was a historic day for Dallas. This conservative town had seen many parades before—but never a parade like this one. This was the day gay citizens “kicked down the closet door and let the lavender smoke come pouring out.” The day we told the world, “We are no longer afraid.”

But it almost didn’t happen. Two days before, a frantic Dallas City Councilman, Doug Fain, asked City Attorney Alex Bickley to rescind the Circle of Friends’ parade permit. Most City Council members were in agreement with Fain. But Bickley reminded them that his office had researched the law to see if there was any legal grounds on which to deny a parade permit. But it seems the Constitution grants gays the same rights to freedom of speech as it does straights. So the parade was still on! And because of the publicity given to this effort to halt the parade at the last minute, thousands, who otherwise might not have heard of the parade, came downtown to see what all the fuss was about.

They saw plenty. There were seventeen floats and gaily decorated cars. There were large banners and signs — “I’m not prejudiced. I like heterosexuals.” “Someone you love is gay.” “This car is sponsored by professionals and others who, if they were known to be gay, would lose their jobs.” The Dallas Metropolitan Community Church had an elaborate float telling the world, “God Loves His Gay Children Too.” “Gay is As American As The Flag and Apple Pie,” proclaimed the beautiful Circle of Friends’ float. The Gay Liberation of Houston’s float carried the legend, “They gave me a medal for killing many men, and a dishonorable discharge for loving one.”

Police Sergeant J. R. Cody estimated the crowd at 3,000. Either he didn’t bother to make an accurate estimate, or he tried to play down the importance of the parade. Terry of Tyler walked along the parade route while the parade was in progress. He chose not the most crowded block but a block that seemed to be about in between crowd-wise. Counting
all the people on the sunnyside of the street and doubling that number, he then multiplied that by the number of blocks the parade covered. His estimate was 14,146.

The Dallas ACLU was there. Their members wore tags giving their names, identifying them as members of the ACLU and noting they were there as "observers." Presumably this was to see that gay citizens were not harassed by the police, or that the police would not allow paraders to be attacked by the crowd. Fortunately this was unnecessary. There were no arrests, nor was there any violence.

And if there were any catcalls, the happy, singing, clapping marchers never heard it. The crowd reaction? Many watched in stunned silence. But most smiled, waved, applauded, and cheered! Even the 25 police assigned to cover the parade seemed to have a good time. One officer was heard to remark: "I don't approve of it, but I can't see anything wrong with it."

About 250 to 300 started the parade. But a funny thing happened on the way to City Hall. Many Closet Queens who were standing on the sidewalks suddenly found their guts and joined our ranks. The delegation from Houston provided live music as we marched and shouts of "2-4-6-8, Gay is just as good as straight" filled the air.

Although Chris McKee, who served as parade committee chairman, expected marchers from Houston, Ft Worth, Oklahoma City, Denton, and San Antonio, she was pleasantly surprised to find that some came from as far away as Miami, New York City, New Orleans, Atlanta, the Rio Grande Valley, and Chicago.

Also interesting to note was the many straights who joined our ranks. Originally they were to have their own platoon. But the straights insisted they wanted to march shoulder to shoulder with their gay brothers and sisters even if they might be mistaken for queers by their friends and neighbors.

One more detail: At the end of the parade a poor grandmotherly type struggled to keep up with the younger crowd. She too carried a sign: "God's World Demands Legal Execution of Homosexuals." Her name is Mrs. Addie Barlow Fratler. Many think she goes under the name Dixie Leber (Rebel spelled backwards). Dixie is a member of the Klu Klux Klan. The world, like the parade, left her behind.

Next year the parade will be even bigger and better. Plans are already being made. Dallas ain't seen nothing, yet!

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**GAY PRIDE RALLY held at Flag Pole Hill**

After the parade, about 200 gay and straight friends gathered at Flag Pole Hill to enjoy sandwiches, cokes, lemonade, and each other's company. Speeches were made by representatives of the Circle of Friends, the Nuntius-Our Community, Dallas MCC, the Purple Star Tribe, the Houston Gay Liberation Front, and anyone who had something to say.

Myke and Jo sang gay and traditional folk songs and led us in "dancing-in-the-street" type dancing.

An unmarked car with two men in it slowly made its way into our area. The car stopped and took down license plate numbers of cars parked there. (This writer looked in the side window and saw the numbers on the shorthand pad). The license plate number of this white car was LRF 163. There were no arrests, nor did the men speak to anyone in our crowd.

(The ACLU told us this was probably a police car and would check out the number, but they would probably find that the car was one confiscated by the police, but not registered to them. The taking of license plate numbers was merely to feed to a computer of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) to see if any of the cars belonged to known criminals. Since straights were at the picnic as well as gays, there is no way the Police could determine who was what. Nor did they care).

A couple of years ago, the queens would have fled the scene in screaming panic. But this time we just ignored them, and the happy party continued into late afternoon.
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MORE PICTURES OF PARADE & RALLY
churches struggling with the fact of homosexuality turned out to be a dialogue of two Christians still parading their ignorance and superstitions regarding the subject under the guise of responsible journalism.

DuBay went on to point out that nearly every major denomination is currently involved in a re-evaluation of the ancient church doctrines on personal relationships, sexuality, and homosexuality. He mentioned that the United Church of Christ ordained an admitted homosexual as a minister recently and that a Gay student from Seattle is studying for the Congregational ministry in the University of Chicago. "Secondly," DuBay wrote, "the remarks of Dr. Pattison fail to reflect any of the scientific study and research done in the last 50 years" which had led "many psychiatrists to conclude that there is no connection between homosexuality and mental disorder or "social disability."

DuBay emphasized that "one does not label the largest minority in the country as 'sick,' "disabled," or "bizarre" without offering some shred of evidence to support such an outlandish position, evidence which was entirely lacking in your article.

"The attitudes towards homosexuality expressed in your article are the same attitudes responsible for the burnings, castrations, murders, trials, torturings, exiles, firings, suicides, and mental disabilties of homosexuals that have filled the pages of Christian history.

"As one professionally involved with the mental and emotional health of homosexual persons, I have to indict you for the perpetuation of those attitudes," DuBay concluded.

DuBay's letter came on the heel of another action against the Times by Rev. Robert Sirico, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, which accepts homosexuality. Rev. Sirico led a demonstration against the Times last week for refusing to run an ad for the church in the religion section on the grounds that the words "Gay" and "homosexual" were not suitable for printing. The picketing of the homes of Times officials was scheduled as a continuation of the protest this week.

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AUSTIN HAS NEW BAR

Cheryl and Jimmy, former operators of the "Apartment Lounge" in Austin have opened the "Cruise Inn" Out near Lake Travis.

It is much larger than the old Apartment Lounge. They also will have a restaurant and pool room and the large dance floor. The restaurant will be open "after-hours."

There are plans for Patio Bar-quees and many other activities. Any readers in the Austin area stop in and see what is in the offering at the new Cruise Inn.

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The nine sodomy indictments stem from three cases involving older inmates who forced prisoners aged 17, 18 and 20, to perform unnatural sex acts.

"If the jail population can be lowered to its designed maximum, then ideal procedures can be utilized, such as separating first offenders from hardened criminals and homosexuals from all other prisoners," the report said.

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FIRST NATIONAL GAY ACTION

The first national Gay action is about to happen. This will be the final mailing of N.C.G.O.-Campaign '72. Please read it carefully and pass the information on to as many Gays in your area as possible. Things are happening fast and changes occur every day in the details of what will be happening at the Convention site. You may call us anytime (collect) at the N.C.G.O. headquarters in Washington at (202) 462-8729 for current information and to keep us informed of your plans so that we can maintain a national-wide picture of how things are shaping up.

As you no doubt are already aware, the Democratic National Platform Committee meeting in Washington, D. C. this week finally adopted the N.C.G.O. platform on Gay rights as a minority report. In addition the Majority Platform includes one sentence which is unacceptable, really, but is a victory nonetheless which declares some support of homosexual rights, but without mentioning the word. It deals with freedom of Americans "to make their own choice of life styles and private habits." The minority report, however, is very strong. It is the platform written by the N.C.G.O. convention in Chicago last February.

Perhaps some of you can fathom the significance of this move on the national scene. Many of you may not. It all was made possible because you and your organization has successfully changed the mood of the American public toward homosexual rights. You may not think that the work you have put into Gay liberation has had much effect, but if you ever only once stood up for your rights as a Gay person, you are a part of this move on the national scene. Many of you may not.

At the time of this writing, Chuck Lamont in Miami passes on this final word regarding the campsites: On Thursday, the 29th, the city council of Miami Beach will reverse its decision on campsites on the Beach. We will have a campsite and probably the 21st St. Beach as requested. Watch your local press (straight press) for this reversal on the part of the city council.

Food: Those demonstrators who absolutely cannot afford to feed themselves will be able to participate in the MCC soup kitchen and in the breakfast being offered by one of the local Miami Beach Gay bars and the lunch being offered by another Beach Gay bar. MCC will truck the food to the campsites. The bars are located within two blocks of the campsite.

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Tuesday night: A march beginning the 21st St. Beach down Collins Ave. and following a route through downtown Miami Beach to end at the South Demonstration Area at the Convention Hall.

Wednesday night: Celebration of the court decision ending discrimination against cross-dressing. This was the test case set up by N.C.G.O. and Miami GAA to have the city ordinance struck down before the convention. (6-10 pm) After the nomination for President, the time this night has been left open for reaction.

Thursday: Workshops and guerrilla theatre at Flamingo Park.

Friday night: "End of Convention" party. (This could happen on Thursday).

□ Individual groups and/or busses will decide for themselves on a time for returning to their home states.


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2. an army (or boy scout) mess kit
3. rain protection (raincoat, plastic sheet, tent, etc.)
4. identification (name, address, age, who to contact, etc.)
5. personal toilet kit (toothbrush, towel, soap, K.Y., etc.)
6. personal first aid kit (including any prescription medicines you need)
The NUNTIUS has been asked to announce that Kathy Anderson, Wayde Frey, Andi Kaplan, and John Rawls want to establish a club to be called The Montrose Gaze. It will be a membership organization for gay men and women of all ages in Houston, with the prime purpose being to provide the members with services, with recreation, and with social contact in a community center setting.

The Montrose Gaze Community Center could offer YOU: a gay coffee house, gay dances, gay counseling services, meeting rooms for clubs, discussion groups, study groups, gay switchboard to be answered 24 hours a day, gay library and resource materials, and ultimately, much, much more...craft classes, legal assistance, employment placement services, medical treatment facilities, venereal disease clinic, child daycare, gay therapy groups and so forth.

If you are interested, want to contribute funds, donate some time, give some materials or supplies... contact one of the above at (713) 522-5226, Houston, Texas.

Judge dismisses transvestite case

County Criminal Court at Law Judge Jack Trendway dismissed a charge of wearing clothes of the opposite sex against Richard Anthony Meyes, Friday.

Meyes, 25, was appealing a March conviction in a municipal court on the constitutionality of the city ordinance which forbids persons from wearing clothes of the opposite sex.

He says he is undergoing hormone treatments for a pending sex change operation and wants to be Gerald Flinton, assistant district attorney, said the charge was dismissed because the city ordinance under which Meyes was charged has been replaced with a new ordinance.

Larry Sauer, Meyes’ attorney said the City Council charged the ordinance June 2 to a new law which is more specific.

Sauer said Meyes has been arrested three or four times under the old ordinance. “Two of the cases against Meyes were dismissed Wednesday by Municipal Court Judge C. Raymond Judice, Sauer said.

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MOTORCYCLE GANG INVADES QUEEN'S POINT -

Dallas

Nobody wanted the beach. It was not particularly scenic, it was difficult to find and almost impossible to get to. So the gays claimed it and named it Queen's Point. Gay men and women had been gathering there on weekends for almost a decade.

Then at 5:20, Sunday June 4th, all hell broke loose. It started when about 20 to 30 members of the motorcycle gang. The Paisanos suddenly appeared at the entrance of Queen's Point. Obscenities were hurled: faggots, cocksuckers! One man unbuttoned his pants, took out his cock, plased and yelled to the startled gay men and women who had been swimming, sunbathing, and picnicing.

"Sure would like for some queer to lick the head of my dick for about an hour."

The Paisanos were "flying their colors" - a rectangular black patch with red lettering and yellow trim on the back of sleeveless denim shirts.

The startled gays were unprepared for a fight and were defenseless. Most quickly took down their jeans, jumped into their cars and fled. When about half the crowd had left, the Paisanos moved onto the beach, telling everyone to get off the beach and not come back. They hit some of the guys with belts and kicked a few butts. One motorcyclist pulled a knife, but no one was seriously injured.

As the cars were leaving the area, motorcyclists lined both sides of the dirt road and hit the passing cars with their belt buckles. Some windshield was smashed. Upholstery was slashed with knives in two cars, and a small Honda stationwagon had the wiring torn out so that it could not be moved. The trunk lid of another car was almost torn off.

One man attempted to stop the gay flight by parking his car across the road and urging gays to stand and fight. His efforts were in vain.

A Lincoln-Continental tried to quickly leave the area, but was harassed by a gang member who swerved in and out of the path of the car. The driver, trying to miss the motorcyclist but unable to do so, ran over the cycle and the rider suffered two broken ribs and concussion. Backing up, the Lincoln-Continental backed into a fence post and smashed into the rear of his car. The motorcyclist was taken to a hospital, but refused to press charges.

Several gays appealed for help to the Denton Police officer whose squad car was parked at the entrance to the Point. The officer became angry and yelled at them. "Don't you tell me how to run my job. Get your ass out of here."

Many gays heard this remark. Later two Denton police officers were seen drinking beer with a couple of the gang members.

Seeing they could get no help from the Denton County police, the State Police were called, but they too refused to do anything for the gays being attacked on the Point.

Later that afternoon, some of the gays asked Dennis Sisk, the owner of Dallas' largest gay bar The Bayou Landing if he would help them organize, so that the following Sunday, gays could retake their beach. Battle plans were made.

In the meantime, Bob Jones of the Dallas Free Church met with the leader of the Paisanos and got his consent that the motorcycle gang would not return to the beach. To make sure there would be no confrontation the following Sunday, the motorcycle gang organized a run to Lake Texoma, and later a party was held for them at their favorite hangout The Hussler.

Three Sundays have passed since that event and there has been no more trouble. Peace has returned to Queen's Point.

If you were not at Margaret's party at Queen's Point, you missed something. The place was packed. Gay people have been gathering on this tiny, sandy, peninsula on warm weekends for almost a decade. But this time it was different. It was the end of GAY PRIDE WEEK and the Dallas Free Church met with the leader of the Paisanos and got his consent that the motorcycle gang would not return to the beach.

The crowd talked enthusiastically about the success of the parade and everyone anticipated a much larger parade next year. Many said they were afraid to join the parade this year, but would never be afraid again.

It was a good thing to say, because at that moment two police cars entered the point. One was a Denton County Sheriff car; the other was the Lake Dallas Police car. No arrests were made, nor did anyone run. As a goodwill gesture, some wanted to offer the police a hot dog and beer, but before we could get them ready, the police cars drove away.

The gay community owes Margaret's a special "thanks" for the time, money, and effort she spent in our behalf.

Yes, this was a historic weekend - a time when gays came together.

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Gary Shannon, 25 years old, has come a long way to be so young. He has worked in several of the top night-spots such as the Play Boy Plaza in Miami Beach doing his discotique. Gary also does dancing and modelling in his spare time.

Gary has appeared on several top TV shows such as "Mod Squad", "Hollywood Squares" and many more. Three years ago he had his own TV show from Los Angeles called "Shindig" which was on ABC.

Mr. Shannon is now preparing to do a new TV series for one of the major networks.

This reporter asked Gary what brought him to Houston and he replies: I always wanted to come to the Texas area. I had been told that the people were very friendly and nice, and they sure are!

The Red Room and Houston is fortunate to have this showbiz-personality. His popularity is ever increasing with the crowd at the Red Room where he is appearing. Plan to visit Gary Shannon soon and enjoy the "Fun" evenings he is hosting at "Houston’s Showbar" at 612 Hadley.
Ex-Houston Homosexual Now Minister of UCC

San Carlos, California -- A former Houston paper boy has made world-wide church history by becoming the first known homosexual ordained to the ministry by a major religious group.

William Reagan Johnson, 26, was ordained by the Golden Gate Assn. of the United Church of Christ (UCC) on the 15th anniversary of the two-million member denomination.

The ordination took place Sunday night in the Community United Church of Christ in San Carlos, twenty miles south of San Francisco.

Among the 150 in attendance were the Rev. Mr. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Minnie Johnson, and his twin brother, Wayne Johnson, from Houston.

As a youth in Houston's East End, Bill Johnson attended Henderson Elementary School and Jackson Junior High and graduated in the top quarter of the class of 1964 at Stephen F. Austin Senior High.

In high school, he was president of the Youth Fellowship at First Evangelical Church and president of the Christian Youth Council of Houston.

He delivered The Chronicle throughout his junior and senior high school years.

After winning the Stephen F. Austin Senior High PTA scholar-

ship at his high school graduation (given annually to a graduate whose life exemplifies strong character and commitment), Johnson graduated from Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Ill., and Pacific School of Religion in Berkley, Cal.

For the summer (1964-1966) he worked for Cameron Iron Works, Inc., in Houston.

Johnson's ordination service included a modern dance interpretation of "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," the presentation of a cream-colored rose and gold butterfly-designed stole symbolizing the resurrection, and the whole congregation sharing in the laying-on-of-hands, the official act which symbolizes the ordaining of a candidate.

Reference to Johnson's homosexuality was made by the Rev. William Eichhorn in his charge to the new minister.

"In being honest, you have chosen authenticity," he said, "and risked sharing yourself with the rest of us. That risk is not only liberating you, it is liberating many of us as well."

Johnson is now serving with the Tentmaker Ministry in Southern California. A Hollywood bank teller by day, he spends evenings and weekends helping to establish new religious communities among those disillusioned by the church.

(The Houston Chronicle 6-26-72)
GAY

GADFLY

I claim to be no expert on trends. Specifically, trends in the publication of periodicals. More specifically, in the publication of summer issues, e.g. June-July or July-August. Most specifically, the insertion of items, merely for the record, in such summer issues.

But I do have several suspicions. The first rather resembles a conviction. It is this: that summertime issues are not read with a high degree of avidity.

My second suspicion is completely dependent upon the first. Quite conceivably, editors approve for publication in summertime issues items that deserve to get in print, if only "for the record." They may or may not be controversial. They may or may not be newsworthy. But, at least, due note has been taken of them. And if, at some future date, they happen to catch the eye of a more careful and critical reader, they can be shrugged off as being no longer relevant.

My third suspicion is much more certain than the other two. Also, it is completely independent of them. It is this: that what I say will be ignored. And precisely by those people who should call for action. For too long have they suffered an indignity to their physical person, a degree of disruption in the ordering of their leisure, and an unconscionable strain upon their finances.

Specifically, I should, if for nothing else but the record, like to demand, in the July issue of NUNTUS, that Houston's only gay movie theatre exercise itself in some self-improvement. And I have already suggested three distinct areas in which this self-improvement might be accomplished.

First, respect for the physical persons of the patrons. One should not have to squirm his way into his seat, only to entertain the possibility that said seat might soon collapse forward on the floor together with its cash customer.

Secondly, there is a courtesy to which all cinemad dictics have grown accustomed and which here is honored by the breach rather than in the observance. It just may be that certain patrons are interested only in viewing the feature and not in sitting through a series of featurettes. So why not a schedule of showings in the morning Post ad? Surely the celluloid does not so frequently sizzle or come apart as to render such a schedule ridiculous!

Finally, there is the most important item of all: the utterly outlandish price of admission. So far as I can recall, only one explanation has ever been offered for the high cost of the movie ticket at such a theatre. Owing to the nature of the material being shown, there was the everpresent possibility of court cases and consequent legal fees. So the management had to fortify itself with a fat roll of bills. But that was several years ago. Now, "everything goes"—except the uniform high price of admission, weekday matinees included.

Now, I am not so naive as to suppose that my demands will be met. As I have already suggested, what I have written is merely for the record. Since we enjoy freedom of speech, someone should speak out. And since there is freedom of the press, what he has written deserves to be recorded.

But may I confess in conclusion to a degree of misgiving? If my demands are not met, may it not be owing—at least in some degree—to the fact that many more of us feel we "never had it so good." And so, "why rock the boat?"
San Francisco's Christopher Street West Parade, held Sunday, June 26, was marred by two incidents of violent conflict between parade organizers and a group of lesbians from San Jose. The first incident took place before the start of the march near Pine and Montgomery Street in the city's financial district. The women, members of the San Jose Radical Lesbians, reported that they approached Rev. Raymond Broshears and an unidentified man in a grey suit. Broshears, a G.A.A. member of the parade organizing committee, argued loudly with the women that the sign they were carrying ("Off Prick Power") was obscene and that they would not be permitted to carry it in the parade. After verbal altercation, the women walked away.

Later, as the women were standing on the sidewalk deciding what to do, Broshears and the grey-suited man came up to them and warned them not to carry their sign in the parade. When they attempted to discuss the matter, the two men grabbed the sign and tore it to shreds, shoving one of the women in the process. Broshears then called over four policemen who confirmed his opinion on the sign's obscenity and told the women they would not be permitted to carry the sign. One of the women reported that the grey-suited man told her that his briefcase contained a knife which he was prepared to use on troublemakers if necessary. The women did later make a second sign on their own which they carried in the parade.

The second incident occurred on the steps of City Hall after the parade, when dignitaries were being introduced and awards given out. One of the lesbians, Chris Nunez, attempted to gain access to the microphone to ask why the women had been shoved previously. She was prevented access by Broshears in spite of demands by many in the crowd that she be permitted to speak.

After the completion of the ceremonies, Broshears was approached by several of the San Jose women who wanted to discuss the question of their treatment. Broshears attempted to evade the questioning by leaving the area. But a large crowd had pressed around to see what was happening thus hindering his departure. To the Gay Sunshine reporter who witnessed this incident Broshears appeared extremely agitated. He shouted stridently that the women had not participated in the planning stages of the parade and knew nothing of the rules laid down. Suddenly, without provocation he sprang himself forward, launching himself bodily into the midst of the women, striking out furiously in all directions.

Members of the crowd rushed forward to pull Broshears and the women apart, but not before two of the women had sustained minor bruises. Broshears did not stay for any further discussion but was quickly ushered through the crowd by a little group of henchmen.

Crowd reaction was divided. Some of those present called the women "sick bitches" and accused them of "spoiling our parade." Most of the bystanders seemed shocked, however, and many called him a "fascist pig."

Afterwards, one of the San Jose women was quoted as saying that "we only came up here to develop some solidarity with our gay brothers." Asked if the parade seemed male-dominated, one woman replied, "Oh God, is it ever!"

The Gay Sunshine Collective, which editorially criticized the parade as sexist and male-chauvinist in our June issue, has issued the following statement:

"Never has the distance between the so-called leadership of the Bay Area gay movement and the rank and file been more apparent than in this incident. The male chauvinism demonstrated by the parade organizers and by many participants is too obvious to require detailed analysis. We are disgusted by the Rev. Broshears' conduct and would remind him that all the parades in the world will produce no sexual liberation as long as men persist in this sort of behavior toward women. We have long believed that the parade was dominated by a bankrupt 'leadership' thoroughly out of touch with its constituency. This physical assault on gay women confirms our opinion. Broshears reminds us of a character in Oscar Wilde's play, Lady Windermere's Fan, of whom another character remarks, 'He thinks like a Tory and talks like a Radical, and that's so important nowadays.'

'We call upon the sponsoring organizations to repudiate Broshears' sexist behavior (as well as to examine their own behavior toward women) and to issue an immediate apology to the San Jose women. We also call upon our gay women and men to stop acquiescing in the state of affairs which presently exists in the Bay Area gay liberation struggle. If we continue to remain passive, we deserve to be under the leadership of this bunch of male-chauvinist Machiavellians with their paper organizations and authoritarian neuroses.'"
DALLAS GAY BAR OWNER LIKES GAY $$-- CAN'T SUPPORT GAY'S?

"I have a business to run. I can't afford to be in the parade. Those who marched in the parade didn't have anything to lose." This statement was made by a gay bar owner in Dallas following Dallas' first GAY PRIDE PARADE.

The people who had the courage to march down Main Street last June 24th laid their jobs on the line. People marched who had worked years building a career. They marched so that they could gain their legal and moral rights, and hold their heads up with dignity. And yet this bar owner claims she had more to lose. "I'm afraid to have the name of my bar in the parade because straight people might come in my place and tear it up." The Parade Chairman suggested to the bar owner that she need not have the name of her bar in the parade if she did not wish, but she need only support the rights of gay people by participating in the parade. The bar owner refused.

One of the marchers had this to say, "I can't find it in myself to support those who will not support our community. Those who make their living from us should support the community -- other wise they are exploiting us." One of the patrons of the bar remarked, "I've been to her bar for the last time." And someone who overheard said, "That goes for me too. We had as much to lose as she did -- our jobs and our homes were at stake."

The long struggle to gain civil, moral, and legal rights for the gay community must be fought by all gay citizens in whatever way they can. Those who can march, time, money, or talents, should do so. We are extremely proud of all those who had the courage to walk down Main Street June 24. We do not appreciate the attitude displayed by this bar owner. If a business caters to gay people, the owner must stand with those gay people in their struggle for equality and not merely take the gay community's money.

Chris McKee
Parade Chairman

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Gay Pride Weekend in Dallas was a tremendous success. We of Houston Gay Liberation wish to thank the following people for their help:

Ron, for the use of his home, his tools, and his pickup truck, in preparing our float for the parade.

Phil Jansen and the Circle of Friends, for feeding us, housing us, hosting the parade, and serving as our friends and guides in Dallas.

Five gay guys in Dallas on Friday night who led some of us Houston GL guys to the Bayou Landing. We never would have found it without you.

The Bayou Landing management and staff, for admitting Houston Gay Lib members free!

TJ's for feeding us Coors beer and hot dogs free at Queen's Point on Lake Dallas Sunday afternoon.

Gene Leggett of the Purple Star Tribe, for leading the whole group at Flag Pole Hill in a huge circle, arm-in-arm, in singing together, “We Shall Overcome,” and “We are Gay and Proud Today.”

Chris McKee and Rob Shivers for diligent, hard work as parade chairman.

The Dallas Police Department for friendly, efficient help. You guys were really nice!

All the many other people, who worked hard on the parade and on Gay Pride festivities in Dallas, or who merely came to watch the parade on Saturday. All of us together shared in a meaningful, joyous event in Dallas.

We would like for the man who helped clean the Leviticus poster at Dallas City Hall to tell us what “N.Y.A.” means . . . .

Thank you.
Houston Gay Liberation

VISITS PERKINS

After the picnic at Flag Pole Hill, White Rock Lake Park, Dallas on Saturday, June 24, I visited Perkins School of Theology on the Southern Methodist University campus. I am a former Perkins student, having withdrawn from the seminary in 1968.

I wore my Gay Liberation T-shirt and carried several copies of the NUNTIUS with me. I spoke with two Perkins students and one Perkins professor. All of them were aware that we had held a Gay Pride Parade downtown that morning. The Perkins professor with whom I visited had just returned to the Perkins faculty from three years with the University of Chicago faculty. He is a former systematic theology professor of mine, Dr. Shubert Ogden.

Mr. Ogden asked me if I had talked to Gene Leggett, and I told him, yes, I had. Ogden seemed glad to see me. He was genial and friendly. I gave him a hug with one arm as we left.

I also stopped by Highland Park United Methodist Church, whose 9,000-member congregation is the largest in United Methodism. Pulling off a gentle “zap,” I neatly folded a June issue of the NUNTIUS so that the editorial on page 12 showed up clearly, with the headline “Methodists Anti-Gay, Anti-Sex!” and inserted this gentle reminder on the edge of the pulpit of the church, with the hope that the preacher would see it and read it on Sunday morning.

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