Gay Pride Parade

(Join the Ranks of Hundreds of Straights and Gays Marching in Dallas’ Second Annual GAY PRIDE PARADE!)

The Gay Event of the Year will take place the last Friday and Saturday of this month, then spill over into the first Sunday of July. Hordes of people, both straight and gay, will be streaming in from all over the Southwest to participate in the many gay-fun events planned for that weekend. The national holiday will be celebrated all over America and parts of Europe.

Those from out of the city will be housed by members of Dallas’ Metropolitan Community Church, the Circle of Friends and The Daughters of Bilitis. Anyone needing a place to stay should call 824-9770 upon arrival.

BIG BANG FRIDAY NIGHT --

Things will get off to a big bang Friday night as several of the local gay bars are planning special entertainment to honor those marching for Gay Civil Rights. The gay bars have been enjoying cooperative this year in allowing posters advertising the parade to be displayed in their establishments and permitting flyers to be distributed to their patrons. Those new to Big D will want to patronize more than a few of Dallas’ famous gay bars, both large and small.

GAY PRIDE PARADE SATURDAY MORNING --

It is hoped our guests won’t be too fatigued from the fun, but as they stay out too late Friday night, as next morning at 10:00, straights alongside gays will start assembling at Main and Market, ready to step off at 11:00 on the dot.

This year’s parade is expected to be a considerably larger affair than last year’s success, and the parade route is twice as long. There will be floats, decorated cars, streamers, banners, confetti, colorful balloons and hundreds of people carrying signs to show the world that we ARE human and should be able to exercise the same civil rights and enjoy the very same freedoms as all other citizens. Organizers, an individual or as part of a group, are invited to march shoulder to shoulder with our Gay brothers and sisters. Organizations marching beside you will be the Circle of Friends, the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church, Agape Metropolitan Community Church of Ft. Worth, the Dallas Chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis, AURA of Ft. Worth, the Gay Liberation Front of the University of Texas, the Metropolitan Community Church of Oklahoma City, the Gay Community Alliance of the University of Oklahoma, the Montrose Gaze of Houston, The Texas Gay Coalition, Dignity, the Gay Liberation Front of Houston, SUNDIES / OUR COMMUNITY of Houston/Dallas, the Gay Women’s Liberation of Kansas, the Family of Othanes, the Family of Killeen and Integrity from Houston. Groups of students from El Centro, SMU, Eastfield as individuals are also planning to march.

Last year, some members of the Dallas City Council tried to stop the GAY PRIDE PARADE. Their efforts were in vain, and the publicity received, from the faxes they kicked up, aided us. There were no arrests, violence or harassment last year and Dallas police were helpful and cooperative. As a matter-of-fact, they seemed to enjoy the parade.

As last year, the Dallas Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has volunteered to help the gay community be serving as impartial observers along the parade route.

There are those who feel they can’t “come out” because of job, newspaper and personal reasons. This is understandable. But EVERYONE can help. Money is needed, and volunteers are asked to help decorate cars and floats and carry banners. Never again will we merely wring our hands and cry, ‘Ain’t it ashamed, Why doesn’t somebody DO something?’

PICNIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Immediately following the parade, there will be a picnic at Flag Pole Hill overlooking White Rock Lake. Everyone is invited, but please bring food and drink for yourself and for a friend. Transportation will be provided for those needing it.

After the picnic everyone will have time to dink home and rest a bit before attending the TEDDY BEAR’S FOLLIES, the premiere performance of The Thespian Players of the Metropolitan Community Church. This gay romp, in the style of a turn-of-the-century vaudeville comedy, will be a marvelous sight on the beautiful stage of the Encore, starting at 10:00pm.

MORE ON SUNDAY --

Again at last year, the following day will be crammed with activity. In the morning and early evening, there will be a swim and picnic at Dallas’ famous Queen’s Point at Lake Dallas. Afterwards, all are invited to the Metropolitan Community Church’s monthly Covered Dish Party starting at 5:30 pm. The church is located at 3834 Ross Avenue. Here one can eat all (she) wants for only $1.50 and with the price of food nowadays, this is surely Dallas’ best bargain. Well, you know very well what damn good cooks we gay people are!

PEACEFUL END

After the fun-filled weekend, why not plan to stay for evening service at MCC? With gay love, warmth and peace, the joyous, frantic activities will come to an end. Don’t miss us. --

Steve Jansson

GAY PRIDE WEEK

Rey Ramirez

Montrose Gaze is kicking off Gay Pride Week June 24-30 with open house Sunday June 24. Among many events planned will be an appearance by Minneapolis Representative Ron Waters, guest speaker of the day. Folk singer Son Sandefur and Marc Wilson will perform and there will be a display of arts and crafts by Gay artists. There will be food and refreshments, a drawing, a high heel race and free pool entrance for a VD booth for information and testimony. Montrose Gaze is also sponsoring a float in the Dallas parade. We expect heavy support from the Gay Community here in Dallas. No admission and everyone is welcome.

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GAYS BOYCOTT HOUSTON CHRONICLE

On or about May 1, 1973 Chuck Berger and Billy Walker went down to the special features division of the Houston Chronicle and applied for an ad. The copy read:

"Montrose Gaze Community Center serving the gay community 584 Fairview, 528-9899 - open 24 hours a day"

Miss Vera Coffin, head of special features division took a personal check for payment of the ad and stated "It (the ad) will be in the Chronicle. It will be put in the Zest, in the Houston Chronicle."

The ad did not appear the following Sunday, nor the following Sunday nor the following Sunday. After three weeks of inquiry as to why the ad was not appearing Mr. Walker tried of the reply the Chronicle was giving; i.e., "the ad was lost in composition", and we misplaced it and it will be in next Sundays edition."

Mr. Walker asked to speak to higher authority and was told ultimately (after three weeks of being put off by the Chronicle management) that the ad would not be put in the paper. The chronicle management refused to give a reason for not printing the copy.

Mr. Walker called the president of the Chronicle, Mr. D. Johnson, and explained the previous three weeks of business dealings with the Chronicle. The president of the Chronicle then recommended that Mr. Walker take his issue to the advertising director, Mr. Jack Johnson.

Mr. Walker talked to Jack John­son who said, "I have never seen my name in the Chronicle, but I will look into it."

Mr. Walker at this time informed Mr. Johnson that the Houston Gay Political Coalition was beginning a boycott of the Chronicle and was encouraging all gay subscribers and gay businesses to cancel their respective contracts with the Chronicle. "That, if the Chronicle could not accept money and print an ad for the gay organizations, then it shouldn't expect to make money from gay business owners and gay subscribers."

Mr. Walker, after talking to the advertising director of the Chronicle, called the mayor, radio stations and TV networks and related the business transaction with the paper and encouraged the media that there was a boycott in effect.

Mr. Walker then contacted the special feature department of Houston Post and proceeded to place the same ad in that newspaper but the ad was accepted and much praise goes to that paper for continuing the oppressive position that the Houston Chronicle has taken against the Homosexual Community.

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Don't give him anything
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The Health Department is going out of their way to help the Gay Community and there is no discrimination whatsoever toward Gays.

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GAY ACTIVISTS CONFRONT
HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL

by Wade Frey

The Gay Coalition appeared before the Houston City Council on two separate occasions May 23 and May 30, 1973 presenting the city fathers with several demands, one of which was to declare June 24 -- June 30 as Houston Gay Pride Week. Walker, Berger and Osborne each spoke before the council. Walker and Osborne appeared before City Council a second time on May 30. The Houston Cit Council and Mayor Louie Welch refused to act on the Gay Coalition's demands for an official Gay Pride Week in Houston; for an end to job discrimination in city employment; for an end to police harassment of gay people; for a Citizen panel to review charges of police harassment; and for the city's Human Relations Council to recognize the gay minority in Houston and to include them in its activities.

At the Gay Coalition's second appearance before City Council, Mayor Welch walked out of the Chamber Room, ostensibly to greet some visiting Japanese mayors who happened to be touring City Hall at the time. Walker remarked into the microphone that Mayor Welch ought at least to have the courtesy to listen to the Gay Coalition's demands. Walker then challenged individual city councilmen to speak up on the gay issues he and Osborne had presented to them. Councilman Frank Mann refused to speak and shouted, "You're abnormal. You need to see a psychiatrist instead of city council," Bob Osborne replied that he could recommend a doctor to cure Mann's homophobia. Osborne pointed out that approximately 300,000 homosexual men and women live in Houston and again asked City Council to act on the list of five demands presented by the Houston Gay Coalition.

After the groups second city council visit, Walker was contacted by a US congressman from Houston, who complimented the group for taking a stand. Walker was interviewed by Linda Lovell of KPFT-FM (Pacific) radio. Wire services carried Councilman Mann's remarks to Billy Walker. Houston's two newspapers and several radio and television stations carried reports of the City Council's reaction to the Houston Gay Political Coalition.

Billy Walker has stated that he feels that the City Council appearances by the gay group have helped awaken the Houston Gay Community. He also hopes that Gay Pride Week will promote unity among Houston gays and that it will encourage them to stand up and fight for their rights.

In a related action, Walker contacted The Houston Chronicle about running a small advertisement concerning The Montrose Gaze Community Center, the place where the Houston Gay Coalition holds its meetings.

The Montrose Gaze had voted to spend eighteen dollars to run a small advertisement for one issue of the Sunday Houston Chronicle. The newspaper accepted the group's money, but the ad failed to appear in the paper on the following Sunday. Billy Walker called the newspaper to inquire why the ad had not been run. He was told it was an oversight by the paper and that the ad would be run the next Sunday. The next Sunday came, and still no ad appeared. Walker called again and got the same results.

After the ad failed to appear for the third Sunday in a row, Walker called and was told that The Houston Chronicle's management had refused to run the advertisement for the gay community center. The paper gave Walker no reason for its refusal to run the ad. He was told, "Your copy and your check will be mailed to you and you can cram it up you..."

Walker promised the paper that some recourse of action will be taken against it. He suggests that Houston gays cancel their Chronicle subscriptions and their business advertisements in the Chronicle.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA AND NEARBY

June 23 - "Broadway Our Way" show at OFPM/A in Beaumont.
June 26 - "Mr. Gay Pride" at the Red Room in Houston
July 4 - Contest at C'est La Guerre in Lafayette, La.
July 7 - "Girls Will Be Girls" CORRECTION
July 7 - "Girls Will Be Boys" All Girls Show at "MOTHERS" in Lake Charles, La.

"MR. BAYOU LANDING 73-74" - Bill Kaylor

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P. O. Box 26063, Ft. Worth, Tx 76116
Sunday Services: 2800 Purlington, Ft. Worth
7:30 PM
Interim Pastor: Rev. David Carden

For information regarding other areas, contact the nearest MCC office.
The Emergence of a Gay Culture?

Gays need their own music. Negroes working on river levees, breaking rocks in prison chains, creaking endless rows of cotton had their songs. Without these songs could they have found release in their lives? Jews, subject to hate and abuse for centuries had their folks songs to help keep them united. The poor Irish and Swedes labored in the hot Texas sun to build the state's first railroads, and their work songs helped them. Hobos, hopping freight trains during the depression had nothing, but their music. All oppressed people have had their own special music -- except one. Why not Gays?

Many of the world's greatest composers were gay. These men wrote from the deepest emotions of their hearts. Then they gave their music to a straight world that did not understand nor cared.

But our music need not be a mighty symphony. Better it is a simple melody. A melody that can bring us together, something that comes from one heart, and reaches another. Such a song has now been written, STONEWALL NATION.

May it be only the first of a flood of songs proudly and openly expressing gay love and concern. Gay folks Madeline Davis, one of our own, took one step for her brothers and sisters when she addressed the Democratic National Convention last summer on behalf of the Gay Liberation issue. Now, she has taken yet another step by writing and singing the song that will bring about the becoming a gay liberation anthem.

I don't want to see my brothers kicked into the dust no more. Their dreams all turned to dust no more. Their loving called a sin no more. No more -- no more.

I don't want to see my sisters having to give in no more. Their loving called a sin no more. No more -- no more.

And the Stonewall Nation's Gonna have its liberation. Wait and see, just wait and see.

You can take your tolerance and dish it back.

We're gonna write our own ticket.

The Stonewall Nation, is gonna be free.

Stonewall was the name of a tiny, insignificant bar the police raided that historic night in June, 1969. After years and years of police harassment, gay people finally could take no more. They barricaded the police in the bar -- and that was the gay shot heard round the world. It touched off a riot involving hundreds. And that in turn gave birth to gay pride and the Gay Liberation Movement.

The lyrics of STONEWALL NATION are beautiful. The simple melody is almost haunting, and easily memorized.

This 45 rpm can be purchased from Mattachine Society of the Democratic National Committee, 1725 E. Illinois Street, Buffalo, NY 14205. All proceeds from the sale of this record will help fund the new Gay Community Center in Buffalo.

Sisters take me by the hand
We're gonna build our promised land
Right now -- right now.

And the Stonewall Nation's Gonna have its liberation
Wait and see -- just wait and see
You can take your tolerance and dish it back.
We're gonna write our own ticket.

The Stonewall Nation is gonna be free!

CLUB HOUSTON

Club Houston is the newest member of the Club Chain. The New Bath is located at 2205 Fannin, and is open 24 hours, seven days a week.

Club Houston features a gigantic 8 foot square whirlpool; a beautifully tiled steamroom; a see thru pencil-glass shower (you've got to see it to believe it); a sun deck-patio; an exercise equipment room; a canopy area; a color TV lounge; and both private rooms and dormitory.

Club Houston's members are taking advantage of several discounts being offered. Discount cards can be purchased for $20. (good for 8 visits); the youth rate ($2.00) is honored on Monday thru Thursday, the Businessmen's special is from 10AM to 2PM, Monday thru Friday; and members can earn free passes by introducing new members. Another savings in the free bar-b-que every Sunday from 4PM to 8PM.

This month in Dallas? Never a dull moment! Everyone should live some fun filled existence. But finally found Miss Tinesley in Donnie Mae, will you get your LUB lep pink purse for Flame Fleming antique! There's Mike's Things at the lady of the Lake, and we didn't locate a living soul, Thanks for everyone who the real Mother was Wilm, Alice, Tessie, Yancy, my big daughter Bob - Wally. Thanks for a lovely visit, and you know about our Dallas hospitality -- it's flimsy.

Mother was accompanied by the Lady of the Lake, and we didn't draw sabers (or sabers) one time during the visit. We visited the friendly Greyhound Bus Station and picked up a few souvenirs -- a little pink purse for Flame Fleming and a butch lighter for Brenda Starr.

The first night we were there we didn't look up a living soul, But finally found Miss Tinesley in the Downtown Don called the Mirror -- There we imbibed a few cirrus, talked to good old Wally. After a few hours we grew weary and stopped for a real Weinie at the Detour, I repeat, DOES NOT, deal specifically with OLD WORN OUT FEMALEs.

The first night mother was barmidressing and cocktail waitressing at different gay establishments. The Villa, The Entire Night of course and good old Ronsue's. Ronsue, it's a yes.

The Madam Fertilizer is out of hospital and doing well. It was touch and go for awhile, but you can't keep an old pass down! The many benefits done for her were tremendous, and I'm sure that when she gets herself in gear, she'll try to thank everyone personally. The turnout for the events at the Encore, Bayou Landing and Rosie's were the greatest, and would bring tears to the most lecherous eyes.

New management at the Bon Sor. Miss Joe McCloud manages.

Then if you're in the market for antiques? There's Mike's Things at the Villa Maple. Mike does not, and I repeat, DOES NOT, deal specifically with OLD WORN OUT FEMALEs.

Donnie Mae, will you get your whatever together? Reserve me a table next week please?

Then there's Big David -- Honey got a new batch of paper for my little red book, so you can move again!

Monica, I miss you -- have a citrus for me. Samantha, good to have you in from the ranch on Mother's Day. Miss Millison, I'll be expecting something from you in the mail, while you're doing your thing away from home. We'll shell peas next trip.

Missed the MCC Dedication, but heard good things. They had a packed hour and great reviews from Roy. Trey Perry.

Well -- in closing - We hope to rebuild the Detour -- course that takes time.

Minnie, if you should happen to read this -- Zola May was in town last week from Baltimore. Your name came up!!

This is it for this month, and please no ad-libs this issue! Mother tries to keep peace, not start war!

Mother of Dallas
HETEROSEXUAL OUTRAGES

ALL OVER

--- AGAIN!

In Washington, D.C. it's John Dean III, Jeb Magruder, James McCord, John Calfield, Bernard L. Barker and John Mitchell. All of them involved in a scandal of monumental proportions bringing serious embarrassment to the President of the United States himself. A senate committee is now formally investigating the whole sordid mess with the intention of bringing some of the most important men in the US Government to trial on criminal charges. The long range effects of this remarkable episode in American political history are yet to be fully appreciated and the damage done may be irreparable to American society. And the congress, the US judiciary and municipal municipal governments are not immune from corruption either; to date former Senator Daniel Brewster, D. Maryland, has been sent to prison for taking bribes; Federal Judge and Former Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois has been sentenced on a series of charges; and Hon. Hugh Addonizio, former Mayor of Newark, N.J., is serving a ten-year prison term for a million dollar extortion caper.

Daily the news media presents the American public with more and more sexual revelations about elected and appointed government officials. And they all have one basic thing in common: They are all publicly admitted, practicing, see no prominent heterosexuals.

In England today another scandal involving high government ministers is being popularly spread for the titilation of the world. Lord Lambton, until very recently the Air Force Minister, has been caught out consortig with a group of prostitutes over a long period of time. Lord Jellicoe, the government leader in the House of Lords has resigned after having been identified as another of the government leaders deeply involved with the doxies. More revelations seem imminent and again the persons involved are all dedicated heterosexuals.

Pick up any of our local Houston or Dallas newspapers and read the police report pages and you will find an incredible fact: The overwhelming majority of all the crimes reported are being committed by the same sort of people: Heterosexuals.

One side of these animals are fit to roam the streets! Obviously there is something about their nature which precludes their living among civilized men and women without some kind of restraint. And yet they presume to dictate to the homosexual minority their morals and mores! Traipsing through the red light districts of the nation they find an incredible fact: The American public is now ready for change. Please read below.

Meantime, right here in Houston a civic leader in the Houston chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis, has delivered the judgment that Homosexuals are "abnormal" and should not attempt to petition city council for redress of grievances, but should instead seek out "help" from the most biased professionals known, psychiatrists. Mayor Welch simply walks out rather than hear the petition from these tax paying registered voters. The opinion of these elected representatives seems to be, "Why not have any other name . . . ."

And the worthy sitting in the Senate of Texas and the Texas House of Representatives, in their arcane wisdom, have seem fit to relieve the heterosexual majority of all criminal prosecution for their sexual rites (with just about any creature afoot!) while retaining criminal charges for homosexuals enjoying their natural rights and needs to express love with another human being. You are all asses, gentlemen, if you think you have done the will of God and man by this retrograde legal performance. Your hidden lives are showing. Your heterosexual roles are really not threatened by us and you should stop being afraid and you should stop being scared silly by your own neurotic rhetoric.

Now obviously heterosexual behavior is not the root of all criminality, and neither is homosexual sexual behavior. Both are quite normal human sexual modes -- and not especially limited to the human animal. Neither is abnormal. Heterosexuality is not symptomatic of a driving hatred of one's own sex; and Homosexuality is not a driving hatred of the opposite sex. Homosexuality is the capability of loving one's own gender kind, just as heterosexuality is the capability of loving the other gender kind. But possibly this is too simple for the sexually fear-ridden to understand? It would seem so. However, it is certain that eventually the state of Texas will join with other human societies and remove the psychiatrist from the courtroom and the court room from citizens' bedrooms in the area of human sexuality. The tide of human affairs is running that way.

But then, where the homosexual citizens and the enlightened professionals when the Senate and the House when debating the revised Texas Penal Code? Voters always get the government they deserve, and their corrupt public officials usually reflect the electorate.
LETTERS to the EDITOR

Results of a survey conducted by Integrity Houston, a homophile organization in this city in which they asked the legislators of the State of Texas their opinion on civil rights in general and homosexual rights in particular pointed out the attitude of our representatives far beyond the question asked. These people, elected by you, the voters of the State of Texas, hold you in such total contempt that they did not even bother, for the most part, to answer the questionnaire. Indeed, the vast majority didn’t bother to return it, even though a stamped return envelope was enclosed. This is a situation which goes far beyond the issue of homosexual rights. It should be the concern of every thinking citizen in this state. For these men to totally and contemptuously ignore our legitimate questions, is a situation beyond belief. It is their right and duty to vote in the legislature as their conscience directs, if they have one, which at this point I believe we have good reason to question. It was also their right to answer the questionnaire either in the affirmative or the negative. But to not answer at all or to totally ignore it was a gross breach of the trust the people have placed in them. We on our part did everything possible to protect their rights. The questionnaires were completely anonymous, so we have no way of knowing who did and who did not answer, or if they did answer, how. For them to have held the rights of homosexuals in contempt by replying in the negative would be a thing that others could perhaps ignore. But to show this kind of contempt for the voting public is a gross negligence of their duties. Simply because they do not agree with a position, mine or yours, does not give them the right to ignore it. I sincerely hope the next time the citizens of Texas go to the polls they will take a much longer look at the people for whom they vote and seriously question whether or not the people we elect will represent us as they should, or simply go to Austin and collect the money they draw from our pockets, while ignoring us completely.

R. Francis Thompson
3957 Kirby Drive
Houston, Texas 77006

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Below is the questionnaire sent to our Legislators to help our readers understand what your letter is about.

Editor

Dear Legislator:

The enclosed questionnaire is intended to explore your attitude toward the right of privacy and freedom of conscience for adults. We write in the belief that human law is meant to protect life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—that it is not the property or the benefactor of the rich, the few or an instrument for the religious or moral convictions of one segment of society as against those of another. We hold that, while actions involving injury to person or property must be regulated for the protection of all, morality is a private matter and not the legitimate province of the State.

Nine States: Illinois, Colorado, Oregon, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, District of Columbia, Delaware and Ohio have officially recognized this principle and have abandoned the illegitimate, pointless and profitless regulation of private sexual behavior among consenting adults, and as a result, their crime rate is lower, not higher. Such laws against victimless acts are, at best, unenforceable and, at worst, subject to the most arbitrary application. They undermine respect for the law in general because they make felons or miscreants of people whose only offense is their participation in alternative in their enjoyment of conjugal relations or a harmless difference in their choice of partners.

The overwhelming majority of citizens affected by these laws are in all respects responsible and productive members of their community. Those who pursue a different lifestyle often do so more
The current law makes oral or anal intercourse a felony whether performed by persons of the same or different sexes, whether the couple is married or not. Clearly no less absurd. It still turns the State into a peeping Tom, exhibiting a perverse prurient interest in the private conduct of its citizens. It reflects a self-righteous moral bigotry unworthy of the respect for person required of a free society.

We urge you to vote for deletion of the section on homosexual activity in the revised penal code and to vote for repeal of the current sodomy statute. Are you not asking for a favor or a privilege; we are asking for our civil rights and we are prepared to pursue the same course as other minorities to obtain them should it become necessary.

May we ask your assistance in completing the attached brief questionnaire, which information and compilation will be held in strict confidence and will be disseminated in working with other State Legislators to achieve our ends. No public statement will be made regarding the specific replies from individual legislators.

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ONE MAN'S OPINION

by R. Francis Thompson
Traveled north over the Memori­al Day weekend to one of the State's smaller cow towns, Dallas, I think they call it. I went for the purpose of attending the dedication of the MCC Church building. Rather strange, I thought, to find these goings on up there instead of here in this metropolis. I can't find a superlative large enough to express what I found there, so I will just say it was great, inadequate, but it will have to do.

I want to thank the beautiful people of Dallas in general and my Host, Arthur D., in particular, for a weekend I shall treasure in my memory forever.

I fell in love with Arthur immediately as I was introduced to him. He thinks much along the same lines I do and it is always gratifying to meet someone who shares one's thoughts. It is a great ego booster. And now to the main event of the whole affair... the Reverend Troy Perry. I first heard about this man a few years back when his name came on a TV news broadcast, seems that he had been busted for allowing his body to litter the sacred streets of Holly­wood. Subsequently, I have read about him in various places and when his book "The Lord is My Shepherd" came out I bought a copy and read it and went for him, or perhaps for myself. When he talked about his separation from his wife and family I had just gone through the same experience and I knew full well the pain he had suffered. What about the man? Well, just this one sum him up in one phrase...Troy Perry is a man. Any­one who believes that being Gay makes one somewhat less than a man just hasn't met Troy Perry. He is powerful. He has charisma and all the other things he has been accused of having, includ­ing good looks. The instant he walks into a room you feel him, even if you don't see him you know he is there. The thing that impressed me most about him is the way he eats. As I stood in the buffet line I glanced over to the table at him and believe me he was really putting it away. He eats like he does everything else, with a direct frontal attack. But its small things a man unconsciously does that really reveal his char­acter. Had I observed him taking dainty bits, dabbing his lips after each one, I would have immed­iately mistrusted him. But watch­ing him attack that plate of food was sure this man is for real. But of course he had good reason to attack it this way he did. It was superb! Being a professional cook myself, I feel that I am well qualified to judge it thus. A large bouquet of the finest lavendar orchids to those who prepared it.

I would like to share a few of Peery's remarks with you. "In the State of California the sex laws are so strict that anything other than the heterosexual, married man on top missionary position is illegal and if he should fall out of bed he would break 50 laws before he hit the floor."

"MCC is not a Gay church, it is the Christian church serving the Gay Community.

Made the rounds of the Gay businesses in Dallas; notice I didn't say Gay bars, but that's what they were. —J-O-Y... Jesus first, others second, yourself last.

Those thousands of Houstonians who missed it did themselves out of a great weekend. The three of us that went up had a real good time.

This is, of course, ONE MAN'S OPINION.
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that from a high structure dictated relationships, humanity to alive; to the extent that power relationships are chosen over those of mutual feel- like we are dead.

It would seem, then, that the Vice Officer was the only person "disordered" by our conduct, and it is outrageous that Gay persons in Birmingham are at the mercy of this man who has willingly stolen his own personal growth, and yet has the power necessary to imprison us, and who in fact uses this power mercilessly, conscioulsy ignoring the fact that he does have an alternative which would be beneficial to him -- that of learning from us. On the day of our trial, we witnessed the trial of another woman this same Vice Officer had arrested for prostitution, who had had a heart attack upon being taken to jail and was hospitalized at the cost of her $2,100.00. We heard the judge tell her, "We'll forget it if you will." She and her grandchildren have now returned to their home in Texas.

The Gay persons in Birmingham feel that Officers of the Law should be available to us in the event of aggressive behavior on the part of one person toward another if we ourselves were unable to equalize the situation, and the Gay community would willingly contribute money to aid in the growth of a fair, just city called Birmingham, but we can only consider this method of making money for the city via the Vice Squad’s continual harassing theft totally despicable. In this country, money is blood, and the arrests of Gay persons at $100.00 a head is nothing less than genocide.

This letter has been written in the hope of promoting a communication system among Gay persons, and for the purpose of requesting advice and comments. Our next trial date has not yet been set, but it will be trial by jury. Due to the political and socioeconomic oppression of homosexual women and men, we expect the jury to be heterosexual. It seems to me that it would be a miracle to be found to be Lesbian AND not guilty by a heterosexual jury, but I intend to use this opportunity for the purpose of speaking as many words as I can relating to homosexual oppression and philosophy. Please help us by sending your thoughts to:

Freddie Creed 1827 - 16th Avenue So. Birmingham, Alabama 35205

In Gay love,
Freddie Creed

The San Francisco Mental Health Advisory Board has noted that of 505 valid charges of rape reported in 1972, none were classified as homosexual. It goes on to say that 95% of child molestation is heterosexual. Furthermore, two-thirds of all arrests for "soliciting a lewd and lascivious act" were obviously the result of enticement. The board made this recommendation: "Pending appeal of laws defining "unlawful lewdness," we recommend that the law enforcement agencies not attempt to vigorously enforce these laws, except where the sexual activity is a true public nuisance."

(We can’t help but wonder where the “Mental Health” people have been all this time. We could have told them that years ago.)

The goal of laws defining ‘unnaturalness’ is a true public nuisance. Too many are content to sit back and “let George do it”. They are the losers. They sit on their collective bar stools rolling from body to body, and too frequently being rolled in the process. Asking why doesn’t someone do something. Why don’t you live their lives in fear. Fear of the neighbors finding out they are Gay; fear of losing their jobs; fear of being busted by the police and wonder why something isn’t done. If nothing is done it’s because it you who didn’t do it. Gay is our right, guaranteed under the Constitution of this nation—the right to the pursuit of happiness. We will never have that right until we are willing to assume the responsibility of working for it. No one is going to give it to us until we get out and work to show society that we will no longer be pushi pushed into a Gay ghetto, denied the right to love in the manner we choose. How good is Gay? A lot better than it used to be. A lot worse than it can be. It is and will be as good as your or as bad as each of us makes it.
HOW DID IT START?

For hours, there was a full scale riot. But defenseless gays were no match for armed police, and many were busted.

One arrested gay brother, fearing public exposure, jumped out of a police station window and was impaled on an ironspiked fence below. Police response? The brother was charged for resisting arrest!

When news of this street action and martyrdom got out, Gays did what they had never done before. Thousands marched in protest - old as well as young, conservative as well as radical. From this, Gay Pride and the Gay Liberation Front was born.

Gay brothers and sisters are oppressed in Texas too...
...by churches...
...by the police...
...by psychiatrists...
...by almost everyone.

So in Dallas, as all over America and parts of Europe, Gays are marching again. We call for a repeal of anti-gay laws and for an end to job and housing discrimination.

It was "the straw that broke the camel's back."
Gays fought back,
Proclaiming an "injustice to one is an injustice to all."
straights are joining hands with us in solidarity. You don't have to be gay to march against gay oppression.

REMEMBER: June 30th --- Main & Market --- 11:00 AM, BE THERE!

Interesting Activities for June and July --Everyone welcome!

June 15th and 16th, 8:00 PM, MOVIE NIGHTS AT MCC, "The Gay Deciever"
June 29th, Evening, Beginning of GAY PRIDE WEEKEND, Bar Tours, Special Entertainment
June 30th, 11:00 AM, GAY PRIDE PARADE, and PICNIC at FLAG POLE HILL
10:00 PM, TEDDY BEAR'S FOLLIES at the Encore
July 1st, morning and early afternoon, SWIM and PICNIC, Queen's Point
5:30 PM, MCC'S COVERED DISH PARTY and EVENING SERVICE
July 20th and 21st, 8:00 PM, MOVIE NIGHTS AT MCC, "To be Announced"

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DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS meetings: 1st and 3rd Fridays at Bryan Towers and MCC
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In mid-May we went to see the Lafayette, Louisiana Little Theatre presentation of "Boys in the Band." (The movie had been banned in Beaumont), we enjoyed the play and later the cast and director were very cordial.

Since seeing the play we have been informed that Joe Demoruelle who played Michael so very well was selected best actor, Harris Setty Jr., best supporting actor, Namo Sims, USL Cheerleader, Miss Houston representative, and Toni, co-master of ceremonies entertained with "Maybe." Audience demand brought her back for a second number. Sherry Brown, Miss Louisiana Little Theatre, was selected best supporting actor.

An encore was necessary for Miss Gay America performance of "I Do Take Thee." Other musical renditions brought rapturous applause form an appreciative audience. Rita Robin, Miss Gay La., assisted Toni, Queen Zues, in sharing master of ceremonies and pageant production duties. Toni, co-master of ceremonies entertained with "What two well known female impersonators will perform in a 'straight' style show in your area?" -- If you can't guess or don't know - watch next month ----pictures yet.

Wes and Glen

P.S. - Next month be sure to catch our review of the real honest to goodness "all girl" show with pictures. We would like also any information concerning your area.

NOTE: Any photo shown in the Nuntius may be had by contacting Wes & Glen, P. O. Box 146, Nederland, Texas 77627. We also have many more that are not shown here, contact us if interested.

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Requests for the contestants was a walk/on, model sportswear and pantomime a musical composition. The five finalists answered questions related to gay life. Persons competing were: Misses Ruby Begonia, Carla, Charity St. James, Tatana La Reenii, Lucretia, Sandy Beach, Marlena Milies, Myra Monclaire, Queenie Cooke, Miss Flowers and Miss Peaches.

Fourth Runner-up for the title of Miss Lake Charles proved to be the bartender at Mothers. Stage name for this contestant is Sandy Beach. In the sportswear contest a pair of white hot pants and blouse with a long dark coat was worn. A former Beaumont resident making his first appearance as an impersonator showed talent which might promote him to one of the areas top entertainers.

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Billy Graham continues his degeneration from a religious junk peddler into a Nazi psychopath. At a "rally for Christ" in racist South Africa recently, Graham stated, "We ought to pass a law in the US making rape punishable by castration."

Unfortunately, Graham's suggestion to make castration a legal punishment is not just the fantasy of one mentally ill man of god. A judge in California has already sentenced over 400 people in that state to be castrated, a punishment that is legal under California law. Over 90% of the men the judge has had castrated are gay and have been convicted of violating the state's medieval laws against homosexuality. All anti-gay laws should be immediately repealed, and the people who have committed these atrocities against gays should be tried for their crimes. [Workers' World]

from THE GAY LIBERATOR, June 1973
Dear Gay persons and friends,

On March 4, 1973, I went with two friends, Don McFalt and Mike Martinez, to The Matador, a Gay bar in Birmingham, Alabama. After we were seated, I played some songs on the juke box and returned to my chair, in which, at this time, a dear friend named Nora Kennedy was sitting. I leaned toward her and touched her shoulder in greeting. She called my name, put her arms around me, and began crying as she asked if I were mad at her as we had been out of contact with each other, and went on to describe personal traumatic experiences she had undergone since we had last met. My response was to embrace her in return and to kiss her lips when she indicated that this act on my part was desired. During this exchange, I knelt beside her chair and rocked her in my arms. As she became more calm, I got up and sat on the edge of her chair. We then went to the dance floor and danced to slow rhythm music and returned to our table at which time she explained that she had to meet someone who was expecting her. About 15 minutes later, an Officer of the Vice Squad came to my table, showed me his badge, and told me to come out with him . As we walked down the street, he informed me that I was under arrest, and in answer to my inquiry as to the charge, he replied, "It's Indecency Conduct". Nora was sitting in the police car, and as he opened the door, saying, "Now ya'll finish what you were doing inside," Nora was crying again and hysterical with fear and panic - reciting passages from the Bible and pleading with the Vice Officer for a show of mercy and human compassion. Her reaction was that of a person whose head is in a guillotine, which, indeed, it was. The Vice Officer responded with "Shut up, bitch" and other derogatory remarks.

Our trial was held on March 14, 1973. The Vice Officer testified that in this dimly lit Gay bar, he could see clearly that each of us was caressing the other's genital areas and breasts and that he could see both our "crotches" (sic) from where he was sitting, even though my back was toward him. Nora, myself, and the two witnesses present at the trial testified that no "sexual" touching occurred during this encounter, and for my part this omission was due to the fact that Nora did not indicate to me that such an action was needed in the immediate situation. Despite the fact that the Vice Officer, whose name is Orville Jerome Webster, contradicted himself in his testimony as regards to our position in space in relation to him and his later saying that his view of us was of our respective fronts, the judge found us guilty, fining us $100.00 each. We are presently on Appeal.

What would a representative of the Establishment consider to be "wrong" in our actions on this occasion? One of the numerous reasons that Gay persons are considered to be "wrong" by the heterosexual power structure is that we hold true to experience reality rather than taught reality, and this becomes a threat to the Establishment when the experience reality that we act on is in opposition to taught reality. We are taught to limit our overt behavior to that which is simplistically "reasonable" to the outside observer, and, under this norm rule, the outside observer is allowed to judge us only on the basis of what is apparent to him and subject to the limitations of his interpretational understanding. In this case I comforted another woman rather than reprimanding her for showing human feeling in the presence of others, and without regard to how it might look to a person who would fail to attribute intelligence and interpersonal caring to our relationship.

Secondly, due to my conviction that sexual role expectations place severe limits on our human and humane growth potential, and particularly on that of women, I dress in such a way as to appear neither distinctively male nor distinctively female. This might be correctly acknowledged as a threat to the hierarchical power structure in which the male power group benefits from the subjugation of the female group, including those who identify with women. This sex rolelessness appearance might also indicate to a representative of the Establishment that I am, quite assuredly, Lesbian, allowing my self to women rather than to men, and allowing my behavior to be influenced exclusively by the needs of women rather than those of men.
 Nights gets back to basics, but it's a good movie, too

Nights in Black Leather, a new male film being released by Jaguar Productions, defies all progressive steps taken by gay films in the past year. Its story is weepy to the point of non-existence, at least 95 per cent of the 108-minute running time is devoted to sex, and these interludes are absolutely end-

ing. It is primarily because of the high admission price charged for gay films that audiences are buying, so they can evaluate for themselves whether it is worth the money to be spent. The films are judged by those that preceded them in the particular genre; naturally some will be better and some will not, but again, that will be only one opinion.

The producers 'seriously' intend that the movies return a profit to justify the investment, so audiences should also be allowed to 'seriously' select the one they want to see, and this selective process will (or should) be on the basis of quality. This is why we will continue to take the films 'too seriously', only if as a service to our readers.

In the instant case, of Nights in Black Leather, audiences can be entertained without any involvement and will have gotten their money's worth, but the fact remains that it is a superficial movie. The surfaces are visually glossy, beautiful, or-
nate, and it is all designed to divert attention from the emptiness under-
neath. Perhaps that's why I'm furious with myself for liking it so much for what it does achieve, In-
stead of disliking it from an awareness of the film it could have been.

Both Peter Burian and Ignacio Rutkowski have a talent for making good movies, but they have used only a fraction of these talents in their current efforts. Two artists with the capability wo working in male are instead sculpting with papier mache. We hope their next projects exercises all their obvious talents, not just a small portion. The movie article was taken from "THE ADVOCATE" of the re-
quest of our audience.

Judge in Miss Gay Lake Charles - Ginger, Jerry Clark, Charlene Barbara, Harris Settly and - ?

King & Queen Zues, George & Rita

Mother Pat and Famly
Beaumont's first annual King & Queen Sabine Contest was held on April 27th and 28th at the golden triangle only gay bar, the Off Main. The contest was in conjunction with the Nuches River Festival. Contestants for King and Queen Sabine were from the Golden triangle area. The triangle area includes Beaumont, Orange and Port Arthur, Texas. Awards for Queen, Grand Duchess, 1st runner ups and Good Will Ambassador were given.

The first evening's events were for King and Queen Sabine plus selection of the Good Will Ambassador by Patton designations. Good Will Ambassador was for her outgoing friendliness and kindness. Who was honored as King Sabine? A select panel of judges designated Sarah Dionne as King prior to Friday's show. The panel of judges considered several previous residents in the triangle.

Miss Lanis Love, Cinnamon Cherri, Vickie, Marcellano and Rita Rinestone were the five local personalities vying for Queen Sabine. Talent, beauty, charm and personality were elements used by judges to select the Queen. The well known former Houston resident, Miss Lanis Love, participated in the contest. She has given performances in the bars of Lake Charles, La., Galveston and Houston plus her home town of Beaumont. Miss Love's awards include Miss Valentine and several others from other appearances. She was additionally honored by being named "1st runner up" in the Queen Sabine Contest doing the number "Champagne Taste."

Miss Cinnamon Cherri, a local favorite, entertained musically by performing "Mammy" and "You Came A Long Way From St. Louie." This entry has also competed in Lake Charles, La. Miss Cherri has the distinction of being the only remaining personality who entertained in Beaumont's first impersonation in October 1971, and she placed in the 1973 Miss Valentine contest. "I Am the Greatest Star" proved to be the evening's outstanding performance for Rita Rinestone. Rita was named Queen Sabine on the following night. A year's versatile experience led to her being selected the Triangle's highest award as the Queen.

Two new entries, Miss Vickie and Miss Marcellano are new-comers to the entertainment field. Miss Marcellano performed "A Letter To Michael" while Miss Vickie entertained with "Bosallie."

The Grand Duchess Award was given to contestants who reside outside the Golden Triangle. Miss Tatonia of Lake Charles, La., was awarded this honor. She gave her rendition of Melba Moore medley. Another honor for Miss Tatonia is being the winner of the Misty "Miss Halloween."

Miss Ginger of Lafayette, La., was named first runner up in the Grand Duchess Award. She has received awards before in many contests. Awaiting next year when the pageant will be bigger and better but not more fun than what was had this year.

Would you believe this is in the Merchant Marine?

Miss Lanis Love - First Runner-up
Rita Rinestone - Queen Sabine
Sarah Dionne - King Sabine
Miss Tatonia - Grand Duchess
Miss Ginger - First Runner-up
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**ACROSS**
1. picture
2. standard golf score
3. large stream
4. amusing
5. passenger vehicle
6. tell; speak
7. blood vessel
8. eight (prefix)
9. male organ
10. negative
11. assemble
12. toward
13. (diag) short step
14. youth; not old
15. wink; bat the eye
16. (diag) yes (Spanish)
17. small child
18. flat; plane
19. blunt
20. race of Mex, Indian
21. very large person
22. melt; join
23. bend in arm
24. (diag) frozen water

**DOWN**
1. stopper
2. above
3. United Press (abbr)
4. house top
5. blood vessel
6. tale
7. pecan, almond, etc
8. obtain; fetch
9. -- top of
10. -- negative
11. lies; garbage (abbr)
12. dessert
13. small child
14. common insect
15. end; point
16. homo sapiens
17. weapon
18. tear cloth
19. sight organ
20. dual; twice
21. charged particle

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Most of life is take for granted the gender of our birth. We grow from baby girls into young women and from boy boys into young men. Some, however, are not so lucky, as Toni Mayes can tell you. The tall attractive brunette, whose dark blue eyes are fringed with long lashes, speaks in a husky voice, perhaps, one might think, the result of too much smoking. cheerfulness, an engaging and friendly smile an easy going personality, and a wonderful sense of humor -- all belie untold agonies. Ms. Mayes is suffering from what the medical profession calls Gender Dysphoria syndrome. She is a transsexual. There are several different forms of gender dysphoria syndrome, ranging from homosexuality to the extremely rare case of transsexuality. There is the homosexual who dresses in the clothes of the opposite sex (drag queens) to reassure his own sexuality and masculinity, and we next find the transvestite who by definition is not homosexual and does however dress in the clothes of the opposite sex. On the extreme end of the scale of gender problems we will find Ms. Mayes, she is a transsexual, that is, her mind is totally female while her body is that of a normal biological male.

The happiest period of Toni's life has been the past 18 months, living and working as a woman in preparation for sex reassignment surgery. "By the time I was five years old, I knew I was a girl." Toni related during the first of a series of nine interviews.
Toni vividly remembers the first time Richard Anthony Mayes of Corpus Christi, Texas, told her about his childhood. "I was about five years old and I had slipped into the bathroom and put on my sister’s clothes because I had been told not to wear them. I had to hide to do it. My sister had put my shoes on and put mine back on. By the end of the day, my mother found me with my sister’s clothes and my mouth was hanging open." Toni was discouraging her following this line of punishment any further.

As a boy, Toni moved with her childhood parents often. In her autobiography, "Sexual Identity in Adolescence: A Study of Childhood Gender Reversal," she recalls, "I was living with my father and sister-in-law and their six children. I believed that I could not dress during the day because there were too many people around. I had to wait until bedtime. Each night, as I was getting ready for bed, my mother and my cousin were just beginning to wear a bra and a skirt. I had joined in and added another bra and a skirt. I didn’t properly so I had to adjust it every night and after about two weeks my aunt had put on a two-piece suit for me. She never used it, I don’t think she knew about it." The fact that one was changing the adjustments on the bra but I decided not to readjust it after that..."

Despite the inner turmoil, Toni did well in school, skipping a term in the fourth grade and another in the fifth. But Toni failed the seventh grade. (Toni, as with most true transfeminists, has a very high IQ. Her IQ is 125 on Army General Classification Scale, where 19.9% is above average.)

In her early thirties, Toni was subjected to much trauma of the most traumatic times of her life and in the fifth grade. She voiced her desire to change into a skirt and blouse in a grade school restroom when no one else was home. "I was crying out for someone to realize it and help me..."

At age 14 Toni was two weeks into the eighth grade and still hadn’t adjusted to having a male body. She ran away with a cousin in Corpus Christi, Texas. "Why? I was born with this deformity? I was a fate worse than death — a living hell. I had not friends and I had long since learned I couldn’t tell anyone what is going wrong with me. I didn’t have to date."

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After boot camp Toni was assigned to sea duty. Toni couldn’t take being aboard ship with 3500 men, and went absent without leave, returning to Iowa to stay with the girl she had met and corresponded during boot leave there. This girl later became Toni’s first wife. Although they infrequently had intercourse, they had a daughter in years and one month after they married. (Toni has said the child will never see her father again.) "I loved my daughter very much, more than I have ever loved any other woman. I would like to be her mother, of course I know that could never be..."

Toni fell in love for the first time..."
During this period Toni came across a magazine written by psychiatrists which told of Transsexualism. Until this time she had never known that someone with her problem could actually change their physical sex. 

"I had thought I was cursed with the male body for the rest of my life, a woman in a man's body." 

"When I read the story I knew I had to have the operation to change my sex. I knew that this was the only solution for me."

Toni began searching libraries for more information on the subject, she didn't sleep well, was argumentative, nervous, continually upset, she lost her friends rapidly, and was miserable for her wife to live with. She left Iowa and came back to Houston to learn more of the surgery. When she got here she began looking for an apartment, if she could find one she would help her to get the hormones she needed to start the change. "My all consuming obsession was to get that operation, I lost two jobs and even my home because I had ever had while trying to get started."

During that time take hormones. Toni had done enough study on the subject by this time to be thoroughly at ease in conversations with medical doctors and psychiatrists concerning the technical aspects and treatment procedure for transsexuals. Knowing the requirements for surgery and not being able to get the necessary hormonal therapy to begin almost caused Toni to again have a nervous breakdown. She finally convinced her psychiatrist to give her the female hormones she needed the first week in December of 1971.

December 1, 1971 is officially the day Toni began her life as a woman. As far as I am concerned Richard Anthony Mayes no longer exists, there are those of the police department here in Houston who would disagree with me but then they don't or won't or can't understand the problem."

A quarter of the American population experiences gender dysphoria syndrome - confusion about sexual identity - either personally or through close association with someone else. That startling estimate comes from Patrick Gandy, Chief of Stanford University's Gender Identity Program. The term, he explained, encompasses the transsexual, the transvestite and the homophile. Each one considered distinct from the other. Recent studies have shown, however, that there is very little difference among them as far as gender identity is concerned, Gandy said.

Since Stanford opened its Gender Identity Program in 1967, about 69 persons, mostly men, have undergone sex-reassignment surgery, Gandy said. All the operations are done at Chope Community Hospital, which is a county hospital in San Mateo County, California, and are performed by or under the supervision of Dr. Donald Laub, Chief of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Rehabilitative Surgery at Stanford. The surgery is done at a county hospital to help keep down expenses for the transsexual. The surgery costs between $2000 and $3500, depending on how much time each person needs to be off work.

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