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## THE YEAR 1977: A COLLATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS

by: brian halliday, lee knapp, norman lowery

This issue marks the First Anniversary of the DGPC NEWSLETTER. All its elements--editorial, circulation, production, promotion and research-- are reflected in each issue, a direct result of the intelligence and dedication of the exceptional people who compose the DGPC Board, the members of DGPC and we who publish the NEWSLETTER. We recognize in Dallas a significant number of sophisticated, literate and intellectually curious--about-the-city-they-live-in Gays who are capable of appreciating journalism of some high order. The demands of our readers have been as integral to our success as our own efforts. Thanks.

In 1977 DGPC was active in the local, state and national levels devoting time, talent and manpower to fund raising and political consciousness-raising. DGPC followed and contributed to our cause in the Dade County Gay Rights controversy. We marched peacefully with 8,000 Gays and friends-of-Gays in Houston protesting Anita's appearance at the convention of the Texas State Bar Association. Fort Worth MCC members appeared on WFAA-TV in response to the attacks of a homophobic minister. Dallas-Fort Worth Gays picketed the offices of the Fort Worth STAR-TELEGRAM. Dallas Gays joined the national Gay community in a highly successful boycott of Coors beer (protesting discriminatory hiring practices and personal contributions to homophobic organizations) and the highly publicized but unsuccessful boycott of the Florida citrus industry. DGPC and the Gay community raised funds and manpower for political campaigns, screening and endorsing candidates and bringing votes to candidates who offered support for Gay rights.

DGPC sent representatives to the National Gay Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado. Members of DGPC's Political Action Committee attended open meetings of U.S. Representatives Jim Mattox and Jim Collins and to those of other local and state political incumbents and hopefuls. We were honored to have as the keynote speaker for DGPC WEEK Massachusetts State Representative Elaine Noble (the first openly Gay person elected at the state level.)

One of the best happenings in 1977 was the International Women's Year's Houston conference which endorsed support of Gay/Lesbian rights and repeal of state sodomy laws where they still exist. This proved that despite differences Gay and straight can work together harmoniously.

Despite all that we have done this past year, DGPC plans to become a more active and aware part of the Gay movement and hopes that you, our constituency, will join us on the local, state and national levels in bringing Gays to the equality we deserve as an integral part of the HUMAN race. Happy Anniversary!

## THE LINES ARE DRAWN!

a personal opinion by michael stevenson

While we have made excellent progress in our first year, we have a long, difficult road to travel in the future. This article will devote itself to the strengths and weaknesses of the local and national Gay community. It will also look at where we have been and where we may be going as we focus attention on the Gay city life where the major problems of law enforcement, health care, education, housing, jobs and poverty that the Dallas-Fort Worth Gays face are centered.

The important issues are the QUALITY of Gay life in the Metroplex offers its Gay citizens today and what the future holds in that regard. Regardless of income or status, many Gays feel it is not as "nice" as it once was in our cities. "Nice" is indefinable but it clearly means that something basic Gays want their cities to provide simply is not there. Every Gay citizen should make some personal assessment of municipal services, especially during local elections when candidates can best be brought to task on these issues. It is imperative that we Gays address ourselves to the needs, issues, problems and concerns we all share.

Among American cities, Dallas, in spite of pervasive city political demagoguery and extreme left and right-wing rhetoric, succeeds in maintaining a professional city management trying to wring every ounce of quality from its human and economic resources to provide services. An example is the emphasis on higher education for the Dallas police officers (58% of the Dallas police force hold Masters degrees), the value of which is seen in the great qualitative gulf between the Dallas and Houston police forces. Whereas Houston police have recently carried out massive Gay vice crackdowns, the Vice Control division in Dallas has been stripped (by the promotion of five police captains to other posts) leaving a single lieutenant--Captain James Everett, the special liaison to the Dallas Gay community. There are no anticipated re-placements.

We Dallas Gays need to set some short-term and long-term goals to achieve for the future.

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### SWEETHEART DANCE

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**DISTRICT ELECTIONS:** (long term) An upfront Gay city council representative who can be a 24-hour/7 day-a-week ombudsman representing our particular community to deliver our concerns to the Mayor and city council.

**GAYS IN CITY GOVERNMENT:** (long term) Three upfront Gays, one each on the Dallas Police Commission, the City Board of Permit Appeals, and the City Planning Commission by appointment is saying, "Here is someone who is sensitive to our needs and who shares that with city council and county commissioners, and who will talk publicly and privately about Gay community needs."

**HOUSING:** (Soon) A Dallas city ordinance making it illegal to discriminate against Gays in housing by adding Gays as an affected minority class to the present Dallas Open Housing ordinance.

**JOBS:** (Again, Soon) A Dallas city ordinance making it illegal to discriminate against Gays in municipal jobs, the police department and fire department. Those public and private companies doing business with the City of Dallas should publish written policies that they expressly do not discriminate against Gays in hiring policies.

**POLICE HARASSMENT:** (P. D. Q.) The Dallas Police work on a "complaint basis" only and excepting its raids on the Club Baths-Dallas, they have been considerate and responsible in dealing with "problems," patrolling areas around Gay bars to discourage marauders and gangs as much as possible in what would otherwise be high-crime "jungles" for everyone. The Dallas Police Department needs our reinforcement from time to time to inform that there is a Gay community who wants to see a decent police department. However, Police harassment, enticement and entrapment of Gays must stop entirely. DGPC needs specific WRITTEN details in regard to complaints of alleged Police harassment of Gay citizens. In any complaint involving a specific officer, that officer's name and/or correct badge number must be provided before DGPC can do any follow up.

**FUTURE GAY CENTER:** (Long Term) Decent, sound and comprehensive facilities (give it any name you wish) should be a major goal of our community. Specific monies should be raised initially from the Dallas Gay community. But eventually monies can and will come from a community development program funded by the government. The Dallas Gay community can help the city by pursuing a plan to get eventual ratification from the Dallas City Council.

**COMMUNICATION:** Future public forums and meetings between the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, Police Chief and Vice Control Director Everett and the Dallas Gay community-at-large to discuss in "upfront" fashion problems plaguing the city and those problems which specifically affect the Gay community. A need exists for a Dallas Gay community newspaper to focus on general interest items, happenings and entertainment events, apart from the DGPC NEWSLETTER which reflects political interest items primarily.

**GAY UNITY:** Most important of all. Without UNITY Gays can achieve nothing. There must be no divisive squabbling among ourselves. When the chips are down, one must put aside petty political rivalries to fight for the life of the Gay community. On certain basic issues, we must speak with one voice without discension. This is the greatest service we Gays can offer ourselves.

**NOW WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD:** We can expect continuance of the Gay era with Gay rights continuing to embroil, inflame and infuriate the nation. As Gay rights will be the burning issue into the 1980's

more communities will pass Gay rights ordinances--and there will be more "Miami's". We will see more prominent Americans taking sides in the Gay rights fracas. Big names will continue to come out of the closet. Anita will find new friends in the Vatican, Beverly Hills and in the Pentagon.

Major national advertisers will make a pitch for Gay dollars in a glut of schemes to woo the "just discovered" Gay market. Fame and dollars will motivate both academics and market analysts to examine us with a fine tooth comb. Research is BIG business, no matter who's doing it. Gays happen to be hot and virgin territory.

Brace yourself for more sex revelations involving children. Outside solving murders, the police never look so good as when exposing juvenile sex scandals. The nation's curiosity is lately turning to juvenile sex and pornography and the police with the media will provide plenty to feed the fever of moral outrage. Homophobes have discovered "kiddie litter" as the most effective way to spike Gay Liberation. "Save Our Children" and "Remember the Maine" win wars. Many Dallas-Fort Worth Gays still lack the political awareness and sophistication to realize the value and influence we Gays can have in assuring our liberation. It remains our fate, you the reader and DGPC, that we must liberate not only ourselves and other Gays, but also the straights as well. Can we interest anyone in a lot of hard work with DGPC and the rest of the Gay movement over the coming years?

#### WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN HERE

by: phil johnson

Before there were any Gay bars in all of Texas, before there were Gay baths and Gay organizations, Gay churches and Gay beaches, what was it like in Dallas? In the depression 30's and wartime 40's most heterosexuals had never heard the word homosexual. Indeed many homosexuals hadn't either, thinking themselves "the only ones in the world".

Others believed what they had been told by "authorities": that they were abnormal, doomed to lives of unhappiness, never to be loved--not even by God!

Yet there was a tiny Gay society in Dallas. More than anywhere else it centered around the downtown YMCA, which consists of 13 floors, six of them residential. Many, though not all or even most, of these residents were Gay. In those days there was no air-conditioning, so in the evenings we used to congregate on the sun porch of the 7th floor to "dish the dirt" and camp. On cold winter nights there was always an informal party in someone's room. Of course the pool was always popular, what with all those nude men diving and splashing around, and the showers--Mercy Mary, as we used to say. (But all that is changed now. In recent years the "Y" has made a big effort to get rid of the Gay people and in so doing they have destroyed it--in my opinion.)

Because there were no Gay bars in those days, people threw big parties in their homes. Dallas Gay society was small so everyone and their friends came as a matter of course. One very, very regal Queen owned a big three-story home overlooking the Trinity, from the top floor you could see the Flying Red Horse above the Dallas skyline (population - 350,000). Being so well-to-do in those depression days, her soirees were looked upon as THE event. With her chauffeur-driven Cadillac and harem of young men, she reigned for many years in royal splendor.

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The corner of Akard and Commerce was called Maggie's Corner, for the Magnolia (now Mobil) Building. Across the street was the cozy, elegant Adolphus Bar, not officially Gay, but many Gay people met there. This was the center of the cruising area. Although it's hard to imagine, downtown Dallas used to be alive and crowded, especially on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Like a small village square where everyone comes to socialize, it was a parade without music. One walked up Commerce to Ervay, stopping at every display window (especially Nieman's) then back down Main Street. If you saw someone interesting, you casually paused at the same window, standing a bit too close and made a friendly comment as to the display. From there is was--my place or yours? Kinda' like today. There was a rooming house in Oak Cliff famous across the land--The Lavender Shingle. There never was a "for rent" sign out front, unlike other places in those hard-time days this rooming house had a waiting list.

Then came Pearl Harbor and all the handsome young men went off to war. But Texas was dotted with training camps and many a soldier spent his 3-day pass in Dallas. To entertain them, the Y has free movies every Friday night, other nights there was always someone to play the piano in the lobby while civilians and service men gathered around to sing. One end of the second floor of the Y was turned into a dormitory for service men, but they didn't always sleep there.

The Fair Park Midway was open all year round to accomodate the service men, Rosie the riveters and tired war plant workers. Favorite places for meeting were the skating rink or by the lagoon before show-time of the Starlight Operettas.

Any of us could have gotten out of service duty merely by "checking the box", but very few of us did. Although there always was a medical "authority" to screen out undesirable homosexuals, we were there too, marching shoulder to shoulder, digging trenches and throwing hand grenades.

When the war was over, we came home and enrolled under the G.I. Bill or Rights. The universities were swamped with returning vets, old army barracks were moved onto campuses to house all the ex-G.I.'s. When a bunch of young healthy men live so closely together, it was inevitable that the inevitable would inevitably happen, but we were very, very careful. Living so fearfully in the closet all those years--we knew how. Shortly after the war, in the summer of 1947, the first Gay bar--The Club Reno--opened in Texas. It was located at Ervay and Wood streets and lasted only about one year, but the closet door was opened a tiny crack and continued to swing open further each year since.

#### CHANNEL 13 PRESENTS GAY RIGHTS DIALOG

On 17 January the KERA-TV (Channel 13) show "Voices" featured a dialog between the pro-Gay and anti-Gay rights advocates in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. DGPC members Steve Wilkins, Vivienne Armstrong and Louise Young participated in the lively interchange. Other pro-Gay panelists included Dallas City Council woman Juanita Craft, Soicilogist Ruthe Weingarten, and Gay student Tom Sime. Gay-rights antagonists were Texas State Legislature Representative Bill Ceverha (Richardson), Ms Paulette Standifer (pro-life, pro-family advocate), Rev. Henery Malone (Baptist minister) and Fort Worth Police Sgt. S. C. Hill.

The Pro-Gay rights group parried the usual myth and

#### THE NEWS IN BRIEF

with commentary by michael stevenson

San Francisco has become the Belfast of North America with the increasing frequency of bombings, fires and "death threats" by an anarchist/radical group, the "New World Gay People's World Liberation". . . . . Dallas Mayor Robert Folsom not seeking the Mayoral re-election in 1979? . . . Police Chief Don Byrd retiring before Dallas hosts the International Benevolent Order of Police Chiefs in 1979? . . . New York City Police have been conducting Gay vice crackdowns, especially on "call boy" operations, that promises to be embarrassing to a lot of big names. . . . Los Angeles: a second BIG Gay vice crackdown by the notoriously anti-Gay arch-homophobic LAPD. The last crackdown closed nine Gay bars in Hollywood, this one promises to close another 25. Hollywood Division Vice commanders apprised Mayor Tom Bradley the "mission is accomplished. The streets of Hollywood are dead." Since Police Chief Ed Davis retired (25 January 1979) to campaign for the upcoming California gubernatorial race, the LAPD is searching nationally for a new chief, local notable Fort Worth Police Chief Brown has been invited to apply. The LAPD is pressuring heavily for a big increase in police vice personnel and restoration of monies from previous vice budget cuts. . . . Chicago: not wanting to be left out, the Police are patrolling, harrassing and surveilling Gay bookstores, which are now noticeably empty, while they are leaving the bars and baths alone. . . . The Houston Police Department's criminal intelligence division is keeping some 1000 personal files on that city's liberal community leaders including Barbara Jordan and ex-Mayor Fred Hofheinz. According to Texas state legislature sources in Austin, the Houston Police keeps records, referred to as "Fag Files", containing photographs of local Houston Gays in various sexual positions. The Houston Police still take Gays they have arrested to a certain warehouse, forcing them to pose and. . . . The Houston Police Department still wiretaps at will. . . . ANITA IS BACK ON THE WARPATh with her 'Revive America Crusade' in San Antonio 18 February, 7-00 PM, Blossom Athletic Center under the auspices of Town East Baptist Church. (Did anyone catch her very recent "act" at the Farm Bureau Convention in Houston?). . . . Meanwhile, the Canadian Immigration Authority/ Canadian Ministry of Affairs have granted Anita authority to bring her "Revive Christianity Crusade" to Quebec, Montreal and Toronto. . . . there can be little doubt that Anita is returning to the Martyr Circuit for God, Country and book sales.

WATCH CHANNEL 8 WFAA-TV STARTING MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY 1978 FOR THE SERIES ON HOMOSEXUALITY TITLED "THE OPEN CLOSET" the series will be aired as a part of the regular news programming at six and ten daily. Be sure to watch, and then be sure to let Channel 8 News know how you felt about the handling of the subject.

stereotype based thrusts of their antagonists to refute time-honored arguments against Gay rights. All in all the Pro-Gay rights panelists clearly emerged as the most sensible, responsible and professional.

Those of you who saw the show are encouraged to let Channel 13 know you appreciate their airing this particular show. Write: Station Manager, KERA-TV, 3000 Harry Hines Blvd. Dallas, Texas 75202 or call the station at 748-1300.



Since its creation the Education Committee has been extremely industrious and productive. For research purposes it has been subdivided into two areas or sub-committees: Psycho-socio-anthropological and Medical, Religion and Life.

The Psycho-socio-anthropological and Medical group has done extensive research which thus far has provided two 20 minute special presentations at DGPC general meetings. Final touches are now being put to an informational brochure to be published soon. They maintain, through Roger Pettijohn, an effective liaison with the local health department's venereal disease treatment center and they have helped and will help any Gays with problems in this area.

Through exhaustive research the Religion and Life group has provided three extremely informative presentations at DGPC general meetings. Their efforts have revealed that most of the regious homophobic rhetoric is based on personal and socio-cultural bias and bigotry. A thorough examination reveals that the often cited Biblical proscriptions against homosexual behavior offer only the flimsiest support for homophobic views. A feeling is emerging that "the Church has never really come to grips with the social phenomenon

#### GAYLINE IS ALIVE AND WELL

by dr. charles weis

\*\*A 26 year old man has never told anyone about his homosexual feelings; he has never met or talked with a gay person before; he is isolated, lonely, uninformed and depressed.

\*\*A 17 year old man calls from a friend's house after his parents have kicked him out of the home: they had just discovered that he was in love with another man by reading his mail.

\*\*Two Lesbian lovers are concerned about their rocky relationship and wonder where they can find professional counseling by someone who is educated about Gay issues and who is comfortable with Gay clients.

\*\*A 52 year old woman has just lost her lover of 20 years after a long illness. She is deeply grieved and needs emotional support from an understanding listener.

These are just a few examples of the more than 500 calls the Gayline receives each month. Our years of records on Gayline calls can attest to the great need for this kind of service in our community.

The Gayline is a volunteer, non-profit organization chartered by the State of Texas under the name Community Resource Center, Inc.. Over 30 Gay Men and Lesbians currently staff the telephone in the evenings from 6 PM until midnight. The staff is trained by local

#### THE LAW IN 77: HOW WE FARED

In October of 1977 the United States Supreme Court refused to review the decisions of two state courts involving questions in the area of homosexual rights. In one case, the New Jersey Supreme court had ruled that homosexual teachers may automatically be classified as immoral and be required to submit to psychiatric examinations without their constitutional rights being violated. In the other case, the Washington State Supreme Court upheld the decision of a local school board which discharged a teacher of twelve years on the grounds of "immorality" where the only consideration was that the teacher acknowledged being a homosexual. He had not been charged with committing any homosexual acts. In each of these two cases, the United States Supreme Court merely decided that it did not wish to review the actions taken by the lower courts. It did not in any way rule on the merit of those actions. While the national Gay community was disap-

of homosexuality as a life-style. This group is preparing a brochure which will be of immense help to those of us who are wrestling with this aspect of their Gay Lifestyle.

The Speaker's Bureau, made up of volunteers, is the Education Committee's primary liaison to the Dallas-Fort Worth community to inform the citizens as to the truths of the Gay and Lesbian lifestyle. Within the past two months a major education campaign has begun to materialize, particularly in the form of speaking engagements at churches and colleges in the area. The most exciting of these is the four Sunday seminar on homosexuality now in progress at Midway Hills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 11001 Midway Road. Session 1 began 22 January and others are set for 29 Jan., 5 and 12 February. Call DGPC answering service phone (528-4233) for further information. Scholarship is being emphasized: all speakers are being asked to read at least three source books before entering the fray. They can always use volunteers.

The combined Education Committee is also producing educational tools such as film strips and slide presentations. The future looks extremely bright for this branch of the Caucus.

mental health professionals in crisis intervention and helping skills. In addition to crisis intervention, many of our callers need information on the activities (organizations, churches, bars) available in the Gay community or need referrals for medical, legal or mental health services.

Our organization is designed to operate as simply, efficiently and inexpensively as possible. With the "call-forwarding" service, our counselors can take calls from any telephone in the metroplex. Our expenses are paid by service-minded individuals: the Union Jack store pays the telephone bill and a Gay social organization pays for our daily ad in the Dallas Morning News. Additional contributions will enable us to improve our advertising, continue our record-keeping and in time expand our services. Specifically we would like to engage an answering service to house the Gayline and transfer the calls to the counselors each evening. We always need and welcome new volunteers to help share in handling the calls and, of course, we welcome any other contributions. You may write to: Gayline/ Community Resource Center, Inc., P.O. Box 64417, Dallas, Texas 75206. For more information call the Gayline at 748-6790 between 6 PM and midnight.

pointed that the Supreme Court did not choose to consider the issues raised by these cases, it could take heart in the fact that in several other lower court cases, the Gays were victorious. Several of these cases ruled that a person could not be discharged from employment by a school district merely because of his or her homosexuality. Discharge must be based on performance in the job involved. In several other cases Gay groups which had been denied recognition by state universities obtained court orders directing the universities to recognize the groups.

In Congress several Anti-Gay amendments were added to pending legislation. One such amendment (the McDonald amendment) would have prohibited the Legal Services Corporation from assisting any person in a Gay-Rights type of suit. Fortunately, this repressive amendment, passed by the House of Representatives, was removed from the bill in the conference committee.





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## LESBIANS: AN UPDATE

Lesbians have been faced with discrimination on the basis of both sex and sexual preference. In fact, Lesbians historically have suffered from discrimination politically as well as in other areas much beyond that encountered by Gay males. You will remember that women were not given the vote until 1919.

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), passed by Congress in 1972, will address and rectify the discrimination in other areas, but primarily those in employment. The ERA reads: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." Unfortunately ERA has yet to be ratified by the required thirty-eight states. It faces serious opposition in the three states needed.

Early Lesbian organizations were mainly social in nature. The Daughters of Bilitis organized by Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon in San Francisco (1955) was primarily for social support. In time it also functioned to promote legal rights for homosexuals.

Lesbians have been active participants in both the Women's Movement and the Gay Movement. In both

by louise young

movements, however, there have been problems in accepting the Lesbian as a "first class citizen". In the 1960's feminists referred to Lesbians in the women's movement as the "Lavender Menace" illustrating the fear that their presence would tarnish the image of the feminists.

There have been problems in establishing a harmonious working relationship between Gay men and Lesbians in the Gay Movement. Differences arise to some degree because of the differences in lifestyles. And also the emergence of feminism in the Women's movement caused many Lesbians to "choose" the movement to which they could devote time and energy. Today, Lesbians are participating in both movements and holding key offices in both. The IWY -- National Women's Conference in Houston produced a resolution urging Congress, and State and local legislatures to pass legislation eliminating discrimination on the basis of sexual and affectional preference. The overwhelming approval of this resolution signaled a new acceptance of Lesbians in the Women's Movement.

## LEGISLATIVE BODIES CONSIDER CHANGES

by michael c stevenson

Proposals for changes in issues affecting the rights of Gay people currently are being debated from coast to coast:

**ALASKA:** The Alaskan legislature is considering a reformed penal code, making no reference to homosexuality or gender in its provisions, and eliminating any sanctions against sex acts between consenting adults, as well as previous statutes against adultery, cohabitation and sodomy.

**CHICAGO:** Chicago Alderman Clifford Kelly, 44th Ward, of the Chicago City Council has introduced, for a third time, an amendment to existing civil rights protection for Chicagoans that would add "sexual orientation" to Chicago municipal codes covering jobs, housing and public accommodation rights. The Chicago City Council has taken action on an issue affecting discrimination against Gay people by passing an amendment banning discrimination in condominium sales on the basis of "sexual preference" which provides greater consumer protection for renters and prospective buyers. An extremely favorable development in Chicago is the selection of Cook County Board President George Dunne as chairperson of the POWERFUL Cook County Democratic Organization. He is very favorably disposed to Gay rights and lives in a heavily Gay district.

**HAWAII:** A bill to add "sexual orientation" to Hawaii's civil rights statutes is before the House and Senate of the Hawaiian legislature.

**NEW YORK:** Two bills affecting Gay rights have been carried over from the NY legislature's last session: (1) Repeal of New York's sodomy law; (2) A bill to add "sexual or affectional preference" to New York's Executive Law which prohibits discrimination in jobs, housing, credit, public accommodations and education. New York City Mayor Ed Koch issued an executive order banning discrimination against Gay people in city agencies, jobs, housing, credit, contracting and provision of services by all agencies, including the NY Police and Fire Departments.

**OKLAHOMA:** State Senator Mary Helm (R-Oklahoma City) has introduced a bill permitting school districts to refuse employment, dismiss, suspend or fail to hire a teacher, student teacher, teacher's aide who has engaged in "homosexual conduct" and "has been rendered unfit to continue teaching because of such conduct or activity."

**TEXAS:** The next session of the Texas legislature will take up the complete revision of the Texas penal code and codes of criminal procedures. In news flashes on Dallas radio stations KKDA and KNOK, Texas State Attorney General John Hill, campaigning for Texas Governor, has taken a position of favoring the adoption of the Model Reform Penal Code, "decriminalize" homosexual conduct, marijuana, gambling, pornography, and prostitution, and focus the concentration on violent crimes of murder, rape, armed robbery.



## POTPOURRI

by michael stevenson

Pressure mounts behind recall referendums for Gay rights bills passed in Eugene, Oregon; St. Paul, Minnesota; Wichita, Kansas. The executive committee of National Gay Task Force has turned down requests that NGTF organize a national "referendum fund" to raise monies for cities facing referendum battles. Gay publications that raised war chests for Miami are refusing to lend support for raising monies for Midwestern Gay groups. The scores of Gay activists who streamed in and out of Miami last summer are not going to Eugene, St. Paul or Wichita...Bonwit Teller's Fur Salon, Chicago, held a Gay Fur Fashion Show. This is the first time a prestige firm has catered to the Gay community. Bonwit's is making its Texas appearance in Dallas along with I. Magnin, Marshall Field, Bergdorf-Goodman, Henri Bendel, another Neiman's, Gucci, Mark Cross, Saks Fifth Ave and others at MAZZA GALLERIA...A story of Mary Jo Risher's struggle to retain custody of her child will be dramatized by ABC-TV this winter in an adaptation of her book, By Her Own Admission...THE WITTENBURG DOOR, a magazine for youth workers in churches, has published an interview with Anita Bryant who expands on her ideas for deprogramming centers for Gay people...LAPD Confidential Report reports and recommends these items: (1) The LAPD must continue to oppose the hiring of homosexual police officers;(2) LA area vice units are vigorously to enforce laws against homosexual activity and provide intelligence on homosexual activists;(3) The LAPD is to keep the community informed that "victimless" crimes is a myth;(4) The LAPD should continue its position of refusing to recognize homosexuals as an "official" minority;(5)The LAPD should vigorously oppose the elimination of laws pertaining to homosexuals...S.274/HR.120, already passed in the U.S. Senate is to prevent the unionization of armed services and to forbid members of the armed services from joining any organization "which engages in or has as one of its objectives...negotiating or bargaining with the U.S. Government on behalf of members of the armed services concerning the terms and conditions of military service." The bill, due before the U.S. House in February, threatens Gay activism because of its flat denial and prohibition of associational rights guaranteed by the First Amendment...The General Assembly of the United Nations has begun to draft A Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, and its completion is not expected until the next session in September, 1978. It is the first legally binding instrument aiming at the elimination of discriminatory practices against women throughout the world; enforcement procedures are built into the document...The Dallas Police are critically short on manpower by 300 men out of its total 2,000-member force. Many vulnerable areas of the city are going unpatrolled.

## DGPC-THEATRE 3 CHAMPAGNE GALA

by gary brock

"The Ladies of the Alamo" cordially invite you to sip champagne and enjoy their company and talents, Monday, March 27 at 7:15 P.M., Theatre Three in the Quadrangle. The first D. G. P. C. champagne premiere benefit was the opening of a musical "Candide" last fall, a most enjoyable, and more important, a positive experience for the Dallas Gay community. We shared an evening of exceptional theatre with many Gay friends from other community sectors. Contrary to myths to myths and stereotypes we've visualized for years, those of our herosexual friends who came to support us dressed well, looked normal and could carry on intelligent conversations without asking "how we do it".

The Ladies request \$10 per person for the evening. To make reservations, send a check or money order made payable to DGPC or Gary Brock to "Ladies", P.O.Box 22333, Dallas, Texas 75222, or call 214/528-3639 or 528-4233 or contact any DGPC Board member. Make your reservation early to be assured of a seat.

## WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN

by gary brock

Back by popular demand, the DGPC skating Party at Josey Skateland, 2711 Cooks Creek Lane in Carrollton (just off Josey Lane and Belt Line Road), March 15 at 8:00PM. For \$2.50 (includes skates-not necessarily in your size) you get to roll around for two incredible hours. As many of you know, the skating parties have always been an enjoyable change of pace and a challenge to one's grace, dignity and posterior. If you don't skate, consider the possibilities in finding someone to help you around the floor while you get the hang-of-it. Beats trying to get someone to light your cigarette at a bar. Need a ride? Like to car pool? Call 214/528-4233 and we will try to arrange transportation.

Our annual February Valentine's Dance fundraiser was a success and a lot of fun. Our thanks to the Service Station for their hospitality, Robert Jenkins for the decorations and hors d'oeuvres and all of you who came. The event made between \$180 and \$200 for DGPC. The nominees to the Board of Directors discovered that they too could socialize and smile non-stop for hours. By the end of the evening, they had learned a major asset to any organizational leader: how to appear to remember the myriad persons they have just met.

## CONGRESS PASSES CHILD PORN BILL

by michael c stevenson

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed unanimously a bill making the production of **pornographic movies and publications** involving males and females under 16 years or to entice a child to participate in "sexually explicit conduct" or to transport such material involving children a crime. Parents or guardians who approve the use of their children for any of these purposes are criminally liable. Punishment of these crimes provides fines up to \$10,000 or 10 years in prison or both for first offenses with enhancements for subsequent offenses



## FAMED THEOLOGIAN TO SPEAK ON HOMOSEXUALITY

by don baker

The Education Department of the Caucus is finalizing its plans for the April 1 conference "Homosexuality: Questions for Church and Society". This conference is designed to initiate a dialogue between homosexuals and the mainline religious community, to stimulate those who attend to pursue further study within their own groups and eventually to be supportive of all Gay people in our fight for our civil rights. This will be the first major conference of this type in the state of Texas and probably the entire Southwest. Its primary emphasis will be on workshops dealing with homosexuality and related issues. These workshops will be headed by personnel exceptionally

qualified to address the designated topics, many from Perkins School of Theology at S.M.U. and U.T. Health Science Center. The keynote speaker is Dr. Norman Pittenger, noted Anglican theologian from Kings College of Cambridge University.

While this conference will be directed to those outside of the Dallas Gay community, primarily those associated with the churches and other religious organizations, all Gay people including members of DGPC will be welcomed. The registration fee is \$3.00. Further information can be obtained from Don Baker at 521-9528 or 528-4233.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

by steve wilkins

It was great to see so many people at the February meeting. Attendance was up 35 percent. There has been a lot of talk about the length of that meeting--at three hours, one of the longest--but we had a lot of ground to cover. I didn't see anyone leave early and most of the people felt the time was well spent. Although we try to hold the agenda to two hours (with the social afterwards), sometimes it just can't be done. All parts of the meeting have purpose, keep in mind a month's activities have to be reported as well as the plans for the upcoming months. I cut all my jokes from the monologue. What more could you ask?

One item which greatly concerned me was the rumor that DGPC was boycotting the Old Plantation. Some members apparently have been involved in trouble there and have vocalized that they would not go back. The DGPC Board is investigating the situation, but the Caucus certainly is not

boycotting the OP. We all must make the effort to stop this destructive kind of rumor.

We have had many comments on recent programs aired by both Channel 8 and Channel 13. Most comments have been favorable. Thanks for the moral support. The Channel 13 program "Voices" was definitely the better. We were able to get into the issues and the editing was favorable. We taped two hours for a thirty minute program, so you know they took out lots of nail-biting and teeth-gnashing. The Channel 8 series "The Open Closet" being a five part documentary was a much different situation, but again I feel the overall result was positive and it had wider coverage.

My biggest criticism is that there was only one woman shown and the Lesbian aspect was largely ignored. As soon as we can produce our own shows--and that time is not far off--we will solve these problems. We will be showing both programs at the March 13 meeting with discussion afterward. See you then.

## ONE THOUSAND FLOWERS

personal opinion by michael c. stevenson

From collective bargaining to women's suffrage, from the 1964 Civil Rights Act to the eventual end of the VietNam war, successful human rights oriented struggles have always been variegated affairs. Each has had its "establishment" of mainstream advocates pursuing social change and, at the same time, its "anti-establishment" visage. Neither alone sufficed; both are inter-dependent.

In those societies where a radical segment alone has won significant social change [the Soviet Union], totalitarianism has not been long in corrupting the character of human ideals which sparked the change. Mid-20's Germany, fraught with blood and violence, typified the moral addication by so-called "respectable" (establishment) social elements. Consequently, the movement for social change was fought only on the streets and in alleys, isolated from the mainstream. Germany got Hitler; it could as well have been Stalin. American history offers the same social catechism. Democracy was established by revolutionaries. American slaves were freed by war and revolutionary acts. Women's suffrage was won by demonstrations and riots and imprisonment. The principal of collective bargaining was real-

ized after another bloody civil war. The victories of collective bargaining advocates were negotiated into power, later codified by legislators and put into practice by yet another elite. Those are the lessons of our history.

American social change has never been an "either-or" phenomenon. Social change within the fabric of democracy is possible only when all other fabric threads participate. To say that because America appears "conservative," "repressive," to argue from fear of "backlash" and to conclude from this that radicals should don the robes of establishment is short-sighted. To say that American senescence can be forestalled by radical protest is equally naive. It is perhaps true that stereotypical Gay people cannot lobby Congress, but history also demonstrates that suits, ties, skirts and dresses will not create lasting change nor will it gestate basic human rights for Gay people.

Diversity is the life-blood of democracy. Let those who are radical create radical protest. Let those who are less radical finance lobbies and elections. Let one thousand flowers bloom.

There is room for all. If all are not allowed to blossom, there is room for none.



## "TROCKS" WOW' EM AT MACFARLIN

a review by phil johnson

Les Ballet Trocadero de Monte Carlo is unique -- although every member of the company is a ballerina, the entire company is male. Last year, John Ardoin, critic-somewhat of the MORNING NEWS, urged dance lovers to drive to Houston or Austin to catch this hilarious ballet troupe in their premiere performance in Texas. "Would that they were coming to Dallas, but that requires a sense of humor and adventure which at present is lacking in our dance scene." Critic Ardoin would be hard-pressed to explain the throng that trooped into McFarlin Auditorium to see the beloved "TrockS" play to a near-capacity house. The programme opened with the company's signature work, "Swan Lake". Prima ballerina assoluta Olga Tchikaboumskaya danced the tragic Odette, a beautiful princess turned into a swan with hairy armpits. On pointe, Madame Tchikaboumskaya towered almost a foot over her over-worked prince elegante. The corps de ballet, in tutus donated by Shirley MacLaine, gave an inspiring performance of almost ragged lines and painful bourrees. The choreography and story-line closely follow that of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo of the 1930's. And that's what makes it work. At no time does the company resort to slapstick; instead, the dancers work hard to maintain a sensitive parody of the original.

The 11-man company has a large repertoire. After the "white" ballet, they lovingly presented a Martha Graham-cracker like "Phaedra/Montonus" and the Dying (foul) Swan. In a campy take-off on Balanchine's style, "Go For Barocco", the dancers formed interweaving lines that soon became riotously entangled.

For the grande finale, the Trocks presented a satire of all those dreadful ballet school recitals that grandparents so love -- tacky glitter costumes and clumsy ballet hopefuls.

The audience brought the company back for numerous curtain calls, pelting them with plastic flowers and demanding more. But (sigh), we must wait till next year, when they promise to give us an "Edwardian" Nutcracker. So if you missed this season's presentation, plan ahead...and save your plastic flowers!

## POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE GEARS UP FOR THE MAY PRIMARIES

by viv armstrong

As the May primary nears, DGPC prepares to participate in various aspects of the election. You, too, must become involved in our planned activities. Much work is needed behind the scenes and "up-front" participation is not required. Most of our members seem to be Democrats, and we are zeroing in on those candidates, but we want to know more about Republican candidates as well. Can you help, DGPC Republicans?

We are devoting more attention to the Oak Lawn area races where a large concentration of Gay people live. Incumbent State Rep. David Cain (Dist. 33-K) has no primary opponent while incumbent Sam Hudson (Dist. 33-C) has four Democratic opponents. U.S. Rep. Jim Mattox (District 5) has no Democratic opponent but faces a tough race in November against Republican Tom Pauken, a staunch conservative.

We will, as in the past, send questionnaires to candidates for State Representative districts in Dallas to determine their attitudes on Gay rights issues. The results will be provided to you in a special mail out in time to vote on Saturday 6 May 1978.

Our "up-front" participation in some races could be a disadvantage to some friendly candidates. In those cases, we will work behind the scenes. Want to help yourself and your community? Call 214/528-4233 and leave a message for Viv Armstrong or Louise Young. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Voter registration continues until 30 days before the election. You should register at DGPC monthly meetings and take cards to your friends. You should have received your new yellow voter registration card by mail. If not, call the County at 214/749-8871 to inquire. Also, plan to participate in your local precinct conventions after the polls close, on election night in May. Several DGPC members are running for precinct chairs. Call 528-4233 to find out who these people are so you can support them. Politics IS power to Gay people. Get political.

## GAY PSYCHOLOGISTS CAUSE CHANGES

by dr. charles weis

In 1973 a group of concerned Gay Male and Lesbian psychologist formed the Association of Gay Psychologists (AGP) in the realization that mental health professionals, particularly psychologists have been perpetrators of myths and false stereotypes of Gays. The objectives were clear: AGP believes that psychologists should "take the lead in removing the stigma of mental illness that has long been associated with homosexual orientations." In moving toward their objectives, AGP has been immensely successful in persuading the American Psychological Association (APA) with over 40,000 members to adopt "pro-gay" position statements on de-criminalization of sexual activity between consenting adults in private, guarantees of civil rights in employment, housing, public accommodation, immigration, licensure of gay profession-

als, and rights of gay parents and foster parents. In addition, AGP was instrumental in the establishment of an official APA Task Force on the Status of Lesbian and Gay Male Psychologists, which has conducted surveys documenting the professional standing and lifestyles of Gay and bisexual psychologists, as well as the pressures on many to remain closeted professionally.

AGP meets annually in conjunction with the convention of the APA. Last September in San Francisco over 400 psychologists attended five days of AGP discussion groups, workshops, business meetings, and social gatherings. Each year research reports, workshops and continuing professional education continues to appear on APA programs sponsored by members of AGP. For more information or for copies of the Newsletter, write: AGP, P.O. Box 29527, Atlanta, Ga. 30359.



6146 St. Moritz  
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1 March 1978

Dear Doctor,

According to the February 20th, 1978 issue of Time (page 102), the first 2,500 returned questionnaires sent to 10,000 psychiatrists by the American Psychiatric Association (and reported in the journal Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality) responded:

1. "Homosexuality is usually a pathological adaptation, as opposed to a normal variation." 69%
2. "Homosexuals are generally less happy than heterosexuals." 73%
3. "...less capable of mature, loving relationships." 60%
4. "Homosexuals' problems have more to do with their own inner conflicts than with stigmatization by society at large." 70%
5. "Are homosexuals generally a greater risk than heterosexuals to hold positions of great responsibility?" 43% answered yes.

While I have not read the above mentioned journal, I strongly suspect that the psychiatrists' opinions are based on gay men and women seeking psychiatric help, and consequently are no more representative of the homosexual community than disturbed heterosexuals are representative of non-gays.

In contrast, a survey by the Advocate (Issue 236, March 8th, 1978, page 35) with 16,000 gay people responding found that:

1. 22% were college graduates; 15% have some graduate work; 19% have a master's degree and 9% have a doctorate.
2. Gay households have high incomes: 66% bring home \$15,000 or more a year.
3. Only 2% are unemployed. Of course we span the occupation spectrum.
4. 83% voted in the last election.
5. 80% had visited an art museum in the last three months, while 74% had gone to live theatre. Nearly half (49%) exercise regularly.
6. One-third own income-producing real estate; and 89% have savings accounts.

(Admittedly the Advocate survey is selective too --subscribers and those buying single issues from the newsstand.)

While the Advocate survey doesn't directly contradict the opinions of 2,500 psychiatrists, it surely indicates that homosexuals can be just as happy as heterosexuals and equally as capable of holding responsible positions.

It is my belief that your profession's response to the APA survey was inaccurate, unscientific and a dis-service to the public, both gay and non-gay.

Sincerely,





MARCH

- 9 Political Action Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM, 2606 Reagan #210
- 13 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting; 2701 Reagan, 7:30 PM. Recent channel 13 & channel 8 films of the gay movement will be shown. BELL PEPPER catered social afterwards. Everyone invited - bring a friend.
- 15 "Ides of March" Skating Party. Josey Skateland, 2711 Cooks Creek Lane. \$2.50, skates included. Help raise money for DGPC.
- 17 DIGNITY (Gay Catholics) meet at MCC church. 7:30 PM.
- 17 MCC St. Patrick's Day dance 'a wearin of the green' - Saracen Club, call 526-6221
- 18 "Aurora's Wedding" from the SLEEPING BEAUTY plus "Les Sylphides" Ballet Jeunesse classical ballet at its best. McFarlin Auditorium, 8:00 PM, \$5.00 (DGPC gets 20%).
- 26 Special EASTER service at MCC. Meet the new pastor, Reverend Don Eastman.
- 27 THEATRE THREE, Opening Champagne Party, "The Ladies Of The Alamo" \$10.00 Our very own performance, benefiting DGPC.

APRIL

- 1 "Homosexuality: Questions for the Church and Society" - Northaven United Methodist Church; 11211 Preston Road, \$3.00 - Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Dr. Norman Pettinger.
- 2 Hear Dr. Norman Pettinger at the 7:30 PM service at MCC, 2701 Reagan.
- 8 TEXAS GAY TASK FORCE meeting in San Antonio.
- 7, 8, 9 Spiritual Revival at MCC, Reverend Troy D. Perry.
- 10 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting, 7:30 PM - 2701 Reagan, social afterwards.
- 15, 16 Flea Market and Garage Sale. (Fund raiser for the DGPC).
- 20 "Fellowship Follies" Dimension III, 8:30 PM - \$2.00 (Fund raiser for MCC).
- 21 DEADLINE for workshop proposals for TEXAS GAY TASK FORCE V in Dallas.
- 21 DIGNITY (Gay Catholics) MCC church, 7:30 PM

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7:30 p. m.  
2707 Reagan

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This Month's Pittenger Conference  
A Success!

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## HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE CHURCH

by don baker

The conference "Homosexuality: Questions for Church and Society" held April 1 will be history by the time this article is printed. However, it is significant to inform the Caucus members that pre-registration has been substantial, and it appears that the Conference will be well attended by close to 300.

Perhaps the key to the success of the Conference is the tremendous amount of cooperation and help from Caucus and non-Caucus members in organizing it.

A great deal of praise is to be extended to Dennis Plemmons and his staff for their excellent work with publicity, to Gary Brock and David Eaves for their catering services, to Dick Stewart for arranging the registration, and to the following Caucus members for sharing a good deal of responsibility the day of the conference performing various important tasks: Gary Springer, Norman White, Judy Baker, Tom Hogue, Richard Saiser, Frank Rosseter, Steve Henley, Neil McKenzie, Ralph Blackburn, Campbell Read, Jay Stankiewicz, Kevin Dvorak, Brad Sisk, Leonard Woods, Roger Wilson, Roger Pettijohn, Freya Camp, and Carlos Olvera.

It has been especially gratifying to see the contributions come in to help finance the Conference. Individuals and organizations have made substantial contributions which have helped make the Conference a success. A million thanks to all of them.

## WHAT IS TGC V?

by steve wilkins

The answer is on those clever flyers that you hopefully have seen all over Texas. In case you missed them: TGC V stands for **Texas Gay Conference Five in Dallas.**

Each year Texas Gay Task Force sponsors a statewide working conference with panels and workshops covering every aspect of Gay lifestyles and the movement. We learn more effective ways of securing our rights in Texas with unifying plans to use next year. Attendance will mostly be from Texas cities and towns, and the list of potential speakers includes people like Harvey Milk, Carol Bellamy, Norman Lear, Shirley MacLaine and others.

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus is the host organization with community participation from Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights, MCC-Dallas, Dallas Community Resource Center (GAYLINE) and many individuals

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## APRIL MEETING IS "CANDIDATES NIGHT"

by viv armstrong

The DGPC April 10 General Meeting is the Chance for you to meet and hear the Candidates for State Representative District 33-C (Oak Lawn Area) speak.

The DGPC Political Action Committee has invited State Representative Sam Hudson and challengers Wes Pool, Dr. Emerson Emory, Curtis Shelby and Rudy Longoria to answer political questions on Gay rights. We will have a moderator allowing a limited amount of time for each candidate to answer questions.

Political Action Committee members will take notes for the Thursday, April 13 meeting to make recommendations for all Texas State Representative, Texas Governor and U.S. Senate races. All candidates have had the opportunity to respond to DGPC's questionnaire on Gay rights issues, although this is not to be our only basis for making endorsements. DGPC Political Action Committee members have been tracking many important races over the past several months. Our recommendations and endorsements will be available in time to vote on Saturday, May 6. WATCH FOR IT!

Another new political tool, approved by the DGPC membership in March, is a political action committee, United For Equal Rights (UFER), through which DGPC will be able to make direct contributions to candidates. Many thanks to Dick Stewart for his work on this project.

If you attended either the February or March general meetings, you know we are doing direct "behind the scenes" campaign work, and we need more campaign workers. Please contact Viv Armstrong or Louise Young for further details.

## VICE ENTICEMENT INCREASE

from gayline

There are a reported 12 cases of recent Dallas vice squad enticement of Gays in adult theatres and public parks in Dallas. The modus operandi is similar: a young blonde attractive, well-built vice officer named "Charley" initiates conversation with smiles, nods, comments about "cruising" and enticing gestures to approach him. Early in the conversation, he asks if the potential arrestee would like to go to his "nearby apartment." When asked if he is a Dallas vice officer, he denies it. Those who follow him to his car are arrested in the parking lot and charged with public lewdness, or those who choose not to go to his "apartment" are invited to "mess around" in the private booths and are arrested and charged with public lewdness.



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contributing time and effort to plan this state conference.

The TGC V conference dates are June 10 and 11 in Dallas. We do need volunteers, and you need not be a member of any organization to attend or work in the conference. For further information contact Lee Knapp or Steve Wilkins, co-chairpersons by calling 214/528-4233 or write TGC V, Post Office Box 20254, Dallas 75220.

### THE GAY TAPES

a book review by david farrar

Published late in 1977, The Gay Tapes is a must for a couple evenings' reading. Presenting the underside of Gay social/sexual experience (which many prefer to keep sealed up) through taped one-to-one interviews with three male homosexuals, psychiatrist Gottlieb approaches each topic with honest inquiry, leaving the reader with interpretations rather than absolutes. Concentrating on Gay self-adjustment, the author introduces each subject and then lets the discussion follow in a flowing dialog format--with all the inconsistencies, rationalization and emotion which are humanly inherent. Avoiding any clinical dryness, the book is as "straight-forward" and revealing as this morning's mirror.

The discussions cover such topics as fantasies, compulsive sex, impotence, bitch queens, narcissism ("A thing of beauty is not always a joy forever"), medical problems, coupling and faithfulness. Inasmuch as these are three individual cases, there is still the common bond of homosexuality to relate to: "There are just so many things that humans can think and do and they usually fall into patterns." This book hurts, it reinforces; but above all, it informs.

### CAUCUS MEDIA COMMITTEE FORMING

by dennis plemmons

Forming a new and effective Mass Media Committee is my major commitment as a new DGPC Board person. Too many times the board receives calls and letters from people asking why certain important Gay items never make any publications. The answer, most often, is simple and invariably the same--no one told us.

That's the main reason for the formation of this new committee--to establish an effective working relations with local media. The local news and programming staffs won't know what is happening in the Gay community unless we take the time and effort to inform them. Don't give the local media the chance to ignore us!

If interested in helping to assemble this new committee, contact Dennis Plemmons or any Board member personally or call 528-4233. Don't give the DGPC the chance to ignore YOU.

### THE ANITA BRYANT STORY

a book review by louise young

Anita's book provides an interesting (?) perspective into the Dade County battle which many observers feel was responsible for the upsurge of the gay rights movement. Anita's book also provides lots of sick humor, although I doubt that she intended this. For example, her supporters are pictured as "crusaders for decency," whereas the gays are always referred to as "militant homosexuals," a reference which creates a ludicrous image of gays armed to the teeth, ready to overthrow America.

Amazing, too, is that these "militant homosexuals" are perceived by Anita to be men only. Obviously, Anita has not read Kinsey lately. Lesbians are rarely mentioned, with only an occasional slam at NGTF's Jean O'Leary or Rep. Elaine Noble.

In brief, Anita takes the reader on a grand tour of the Dade County referendum battle--before, during and after. She describes her dismay upon discovering that her ex-good friend Dade County Commissioner Ruth Schack had successfully introduced a gay rights ordinance. She recounts her huddle over banana sandwiches with her pastor and coach, Brother Bill, to plan battle strategies. Poignant moments abound, such as her reaction to the loss of her TV series to have been sponsored by the Singer Sewing Company.

Hubby Bob tried to break the news gently, but our heroine was "stunned." She remarked, "But, Bob, Grandma Berry made all my clothes on her old treadle Singer!" On another moving occasion, she was serenaded by a local police group, "Cops for Christ," singing in their uniforms. Whew!

The chapters recounting her victory last June make us all wish she would become a very silent part of her "silent majority," to whom she gives credit for victory. To top it all, she constantly harps on how "dearly" she has paid for taking a stand. She even has the nerve to insist that the stand she took was not a popular one. One wishes it were not! The final kick is a roundup of the worst examples (proudly presented) of malicious and downright inflammatory anti-gay media coverage.

Anita emerges both as an incredibly naive bigot and as a dangerous voice for the "normal majority," as she terms it. Gays really should know our enemy as well as we can; therefore, The Anita Bryant Story should be required reading for all informed Gays.

### WE NEED YOUR RECIPES

The cookbook committee has received only three dozen recipes for inclusion in the cookbook. We need all categories of recipes, such as entrees, desserts, casseroles, drinks, etc. Please send your favorites to Vena Jenkins at the DGPC postal box as soon as possible.



# CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS!

## APRIL

- 7, 8, 9 Spiritual Revival, Metropolitan Community Church. Reagan & Brown. Reverend Troy D. Perry, dynamic speaker and charismatic leader of the gay movement.
- 10 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. Meet your political candidates. 7:30 PM - Reagan & Brown. Social afterwards.
- 12 WFAA - Ed Bush Radio Talk Show. Theme: Dallas Gay Political Caucus Steve Wilkins, guest.
- 14 National Blue Genes Day. Gay people all over the nation are asked to wear blue genes as a symbol of unity. Sponsored by the National Gay Task Force.
- 20 "Fellowship Follies" Dimension III - \$2.00. Fund raiser for MCC.
- 21 Deadline for workshop proposals for TEXAS GAY TASK FORCE V to be held in Dallas in June.
- 21 DIGNITY (Gay Catholics) meet at the MCC. 7:30 PM.
- 23 Important Congregational Meeting at MCC. 1:30 PM.

## MAY

- 5 DIGNITY (Gay Catholics) MCC - 7:30 PM
- 8 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS MEETING.

With political candidates speaking before DGPC members in April, Anita Bryant coming to Dallas in May, and the Texas Gay Task Force V conference in Dallas in June - a lot of important events (not listed above) will be taking place. Events that will affect your life. Plan to attend all DGPC meetings and keep informed. Find out how you can help.

## NOTICE

To save money, the board is considering a policy in which the Newsletter will be mailed to all members First Rate. Non-members will receive the Newsletter Second Rate or Bulk Rate. (A member is one who has paid membership dues.) This policy is proposed to take effect with the June issue.

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## NEWSLINES

by michael c stevenson

Chicago Police Superintendent Michael Spiotto says, "Yes, qualified Gays are welcome on the Chicago police force."... U.S. Representative John Anderson of Rockford, "friend" of Gays, won his bid to re-election over ultra-right opposition in the recent Illinois primary..... DALLASBEAT: It is ELECTION time; the city is focusing on "public morality" crusades against Gays, pornography and prostitution. Do exercise caution in your public activities in Gay bars - NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO BE FLAMBOYANT AND OUTRAGEOUS. Gays can feel safe on Sundays when the vice squad is off... Dallas City Council recently passed a city ordinance allowing police almost unlimited authority to enter and survey at will any Dallas dance hall to "curb prostitution and solicitation of sex acts for money"... Dallas police manpower shortage worsens while Dallas violent crime sharply increases... Drug Enforcement Administration's Dallas headquarters will focus its thrust on Texas, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, Wyoming, headed by Irwin Swank... recent appellate court decision affirms the constitutionality of Texas "public nuisance" law permitting police to seek injunctions against establishments with a history of arrests and convictions. Dallas police have filed suits for local courts to issue permanent injunctions against the Paris Bookstore and Continental Theatre. Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade says similar cases will be made should the "nuisance" approach prove successful. Wade's office insists on full-scale jury trials and maximum penalties for marijuana possession, homosexual conduct and prostitution cases while bringing less than 5% of Dallas murder, rape and armed robbery, assault cases to jury trial and conviction... The Parents Alliance League (PAL) is a new Dallas organization to promote better understanding between parents and their Gay children... LES BALLET DE TROCKADERO will revisit Dallas in November... The Schubert Theatre people in NYC have proposed building a Schubert Theatre complex in Dallas to mount new Broadway musicals... Celanese Corporation's NYC corporate offices are relocating to Dallas with the American Stock Exchange and New York Stock Exchange, CBS-TV, CBS Radio Network, NBC-TV eyeing Dallas for possible relocation in 1 to 3 years... MET OPERA, NYC BALLET, JOFFREY BALLET, ARTHUR MITCHELL have established new secondary performing groups in Dallas... A possible prelude to a Gay affirmative action plan is the EEOC and Office of Federal Procurement Policy seeking approval to gather data on Gay and women's businesses which contract with federal agencies, using Dallas as a test city... Don't forget TGC V, LONESTAR TWO and MCC-Dallas FELLOWSHIP FOLLIES in Dallas... Warm and hearty congratulations to the Fort Worth SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS' First Imperial Coronation Ball at Sheraton-Fort Worth's Crystal Room. Here's hoping that Fort Worth SIR does for Gay Fort Worth what SIR has done for Gay San Francis-

co... Houston police have been staging mass raids, arrests and roundups of Houston Gays. Newly-elected Houston mayor Jim McConn, Houston's leading conservative voice, assured activist Ray Hill that his office has NOT ordered the raids and would investigate. Recent Page One stories in the Houston CHRONICLE and POST report that Mayor McConn approved hiring an additional 500 Houston police officers and helped appropriate \$338,000,000 for Houston police vice budgets, although McConn pledged during his mayoral campaign that he would "not tolerate anyone in his administration harassing the Houston Gay community."... The Oklahoma legislature unanimously passed a state bill denying Oklahoma's Gay teachers the right to teach... Gay Academic Union (GAU) announces the moving of its national headquarters to 8560 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90069. Plans are being made to hold GAU V national conference in LA in November 1978 to launch a vigorous national outreach program to start new chapters in as many communities as possible during 1978. Betty Berzon, a Los Angeles Gay psychologist in private practice, is GAU's new president for 1978. GAU publishes "Gai Saber" with scholarly articles and monographs on homosexuality and Gay life and will launch a new quarterly newsletter on funding opportunities, research, proposals under consideration by foundations and government agencies, GAU chapter activities, GAU caucus events, Gay syllabi, availability of papers and tapes of conferences plus ideas in need of collaboration. Obtain membership information and "chapter starter" packets by writing to GAU's Los Angeles national headquarters. "Gai Saber" subscription information is available from Post Office Box 480, Lenox Hill Station, New York 10021... San Antonio's FIESTA is the place to be during the third week of April... San Francisco Deputy District Attorney John Dwyer immediately refused to prosecute 3 men charged with sexual activity in the Liberty Baths on January 4, 1978. SF Chief Assistant District Attorney Daniel Weinstein commented, in the temporary absence of SF District Attorney Joseph Freitas: "Patrons of a public bath house have a reasonable expectation of privacy. The patron pays for that privacy... There can be private places within a public place... Gay bath houses and bars are recognized as being at least semi-private because they do not cater to a general straight public... Consenting adult activity in private with no minors involved will be respected."... A \$500,000 grant for a 3-year project to study civil liberties and sexual orientation has been awarded to the Center for Homosexual Education and Evaluation Research (CHEER) at SF State University by the National Institute of Mental Health of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Interviews will be conducted in the NYC and SF metro areas to document discrimination cases based on sexual orientation and social sex-role stereotyping in public and private institutions. CHEER has received \$1,200,000 in the past year with this grant award, establishing its stature as a major research center on sexual

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orientation in America with this level of funding... Washington, D. C.: Health Education and Welfare Secretary Joseph Califano is detailing a new program intended to eliminate homosexuals from the nation's teaching force. All elementary and secondary school teachers would be required to sign an anti-Gay pledge to keep their jobs. Califano explained that recent PTA studies had shown that homosexual teachers could easily abuse many children, causing them tremendous psychological trauma.

LATE NEWSFLASH: Anita Bryant will be appearing in Dallas on May 13. DGPC is making and coordinating plans in conjunction with Bryant's visit. We strongly urge no individual action be taken without consulting DGPC who will recommend plans at a later date.

### ADVISE AND DISSENT

#### OPINION

by michael c stevenson

#### GAY POWER: COMMUNITY

The energy level of the Old Plantation, most popular Gay disco in town, is shattering. Gays feel at home here; this is our turf.

Gays have power, too - buying and voting power. Our sheer numbers in Dallas, if organized, would give Gays great clout in business and politics. Yet, we do not yet see ourselves as a bloc.

We Gays can elect the next mayor of Dallas and at least one up-front Gay politician to the Dallas City Council in 1979. The upcoming May 6 Primary and the following 1978 November general election is IMPORTANT to set the stage. We must vote for endorsed candidates and work behind the scenes in one race--IF we register, IF we vote and IF we work for the candidates.

There are roughly 1,088,171 registered voters in the Dallas area; yet, in the April 2, 1977 city election, only 26,000 registered voters went to the polls. Apply the conservative standard that 10% of any population is Gay and there is a potential Gay voter bloc of 108,000. If all Gay Dallasites voted, estimating 300,000 to 400,000 Dallas Gays, the potential voting power is staggering and spells VICTORY.

Dallas Gays must learn the art of political self-defense. If Gay caucuses with politically divergent membership agree on endorsed candidates; if professional Gay caucuses demand that Dallas take their contributions seriously; if more voices back the Dallas Gay Political Caucus; if prominent Dallas Gays COME OUT; if Dallas Gays who segregate themselves from blacks and women make a connection between their rights as a minority and the rights of others; if Gays choose and elect a city leader or two, we would have city, state and national legislation.

The most effective way to make this city's reactions less negative to Dallas Gays is to change those institutions sustaining Gay discrimination: laws, law enforcement, city government, private business, religion, the media and other professional public support - a long, slow process. WE COULD HAVE ANYTHING WE WANT FOR THIS CITY - Dallas!

### NEW EASIER VOTER REGISTRATION by michael c stevenson

Texas has the simplest voter registration procedures in the country, and a recent new law makes registering to vote even more convenient. Voter registration forms may be obtained by calling the voter registration office at 214/749-8871 which will mail you the postage paid postcard registration form.

There are numerous local city council, school district and bond proposal elections scheduled in addition to the upcoming May 6 Primary and the November general election.

There is no waiting period for new Dallas city, Dallas county and Texas residents to register, but after the registration form is received by the county offices, there is a 30-day waiting period before one actually may vote in any election. Unless one is moving from one city or county to another, the 30-day waiting period is waived if one is registered already and simply is changing voter registration address.

To make certain one is registered to vote in Dallas, visit the voter registration office in the downtown Records Building (across from the Dallas County Courthouse) or call 214/749-8871.

### GAYLINE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS from gayline

GAYLINE is a telephone counseling, information and referral service that will begin a 6-week training program for new volunteers interested in telephone counseling on April 16. Counselors staff the telephone in the evenings, working from any Metroplex telephone, and automatic call-forwarding is used. Working for GAYLINE is emotionally rewarding and satisfying. For information on how you can volunteer, call 214/748-6790 between 7:00 and 11:00 P. M.

### NEWSLETTER TO INITIATE NEW COLUMN

With the April issue, the DGPC NEWSLETTER will include a regular column for opinion, entitled "FROM WHERE I STAND", from DGPC membership and the Dallas Gay community and outside sources.

The column may be used to rebutt previous commentary articles, to respond to problems facing the Dallas Gay community, or to comment on other interests, facets and developments in the Gay community.

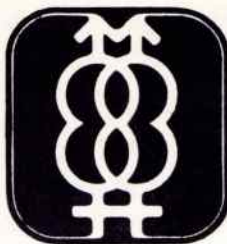
Those wishing to submit written comment to this column, send copy to DGPC NEWSLETTER, Post Office Box 5094, Richardson, Texas 75080 or personally deliver copy to the Union Jack, 3961 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas before 6:30 P. M. on the deadline date, which is April 21 for the April issue, in an envelope marked "NEWSLETTER".



Next Meeting

7:30 p.m., May 8

2707 Reagan



Voter's Guide

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# Dallas Gay Political Caucus News

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The NEWSLETTER accepts opinion and commentary articles on a space available basis. The opinions and/or comments stated therein are solely those of the signed authors and do not imply agreement by the NEWSLETTER, nor should readers construe any such article as a policy statement of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus.

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## DGPC ENDORSES SAM HUDSON IN STATE RACE FOR 33-C

by viv armstrong

The April DGPC general meeting marked a political coming of age for DGPC when 4 of 5 candidates for State Representative District 33-C (Oak Lawn area) answered questions at a "meet the candidate" session.

Attending were Democratic incumbent Sam Hudson, and Democratic challengers Wes Pool, Curtis Shelby and Dr. Emerson Emory.

Candidates answered questions on Gay rights issues submitted by the Political Action Committee and other DGPC members. In addition, the members had the opportunity to give feedback to the Political Action Committee via comment sheets.

The Political Action Committee voted to recommend Sam Hudson in the May 6 Primary. This was a particularly difficult decision because all four candidates were quite positive on the issue of Gay rights. However, the committee felt that Hudson's position as a 4th-term legislator returning to his seat on the powerful Criminal Jurisprudence Committee merited our recommendation. Hudson also had the most "votes" from members' comment sheets collected at the April meeting. The margin, however, was close.

Hudson expressed his commitment to repeal Texas Penal Code 21.06 which deals with homosexual conduct in private. Last term, the repeal of 21.06 was referred to the aforementioned Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

Hudson readily admitted a switch on the Gay issue from his position in the last legislative session. Hudson explained that his contacts with the Dallas Gay community made him realize the necessity of repealing 21.06.

DGPC received a copy of a letter Hudson had written to Rep. Craig Washington (D-Houston),

sponsor of the bill to repeal 21.06. Hudson offered to co-sponsor the bill and to help Washington in any way possible.

In addition, Hudson requested an "endorsement" rather than just a "recommendation." Recommended candidates have the option. DGPC uses "recommendation" unless requested otherwise since our use of the term "endorsement" might hurt candidates in some instances.

"I welcome the support of the Gay community," said Hudson.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE

by don baker

The Education Committees are now in the process of distributing our recently published brochure, "Questions and Answers about Homosexuality." This is a most comprehensive and impressive publication that was eight months in the making. We are quite proud of it.

We believe this is the most complete brochure compiled and distributed in this part of the country. We attempted to address questions of a psychological, sociological and religious nature.

All DGPC members are to receive one of these free. Any member who did not receive a copy should contact Phil Johnson or Don Baker and one will be mailed. Non-members may purchase them at monthly meetings for 75¢ each, or 60¢ each in lots of 20 or more.

## Gay Mormons Based in Dallas

Affirmation/Gay Mormons United, a new international organization, has its headquarters in Dallas (P.O. Box 210895, zip 75211). The organization has grown from a very small group to several hundred members nationwide with members in several foreign countries.



## DAIR Initiates Pre-Election Open House

by ray hardin

On April 9, the Dallas Alliance for Individual Rights initiated what they hope will be a yearly tradition: a spring, pre-election open house, honoring community leaders and aspiring elected officials.

Approximately 100 persons were in attendance at the Regency Ball Room of the Stoneleigh Hotel. The purpose of the D.A.I.R. function was to honor those Dallas civic leaders who give unselfishly of their time and talents, and to acquaint these influential people with D.A.I.R. and the principles they support.

The reception was very gratifying! Representatives or candidates were present from the Dallas City Council, school board, community college district board, Texas legislature, judicial offices, District Attorney, and the Texas Governor's race.

Positive correspondence was received from state and federal representatives, the Governor of Texas, and the Vice-President of the United States. In addition to D.A.I.R. members, the following organizations and companies were represented: the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, United Community Church, Metropolitan Community Church, the Olitas, Gay Line, Coors, Schlitz, and Miller breweries.

The special guest of honor was the Rev. Troy Perry, founder of M.C.C. D.A.I.R. also enjoyed the opportunity to welcome Rev. Don Eastman of M.C.C. Dallas, following his installation earlier in the day.

As is always the case, worthwhile endeavors require time, work, money, and creativity. This reception was no exception. Credit is due to the following people: Gary Monier, Bill Hargis, Richard Longstaff, Jim Roberts, Iva Doran, John Ehrhardt, Si Hott, Betty Smith, Lynda Baccus, Terry Faulker, Jim Norwood, and Phil Barnett. Also due thanks are Siegels and Goody-Goody Liquor stores for their donation of the liquid refreshments.

Perhaps the most important measure of the success of the Sunday gala was the positive interaction between the Gay and straight communities, and the support given to this endeavor by the various components of our Gay community. For the active role each of you played, D.A.I.R. extends sincere appreciation.

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### COMING ATTRACTIONS

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The Dallas Summer Musicals are bringing in some hot shows worth your interest. A taste of things to come ... The Wiz, South Pacific, Fiddler on the Roof, California Suite and A Chorus Line! Also, St. Elmo's Fire will flare this summer in our area along with the

## Gay Weekly Judged Valuable

by louise young

The Gay Community News (GCN), a weekly newspaper out of Boston, probably offers the most up-to-date news of interest to the Gay community. Even though some stories are of primary interest to Boston and the northeast, most news stories are national in scope.

The GCN appeals equally to Gay men and lesbians, with none of the sex-oriented ads which are found in some national publications.

Its regular features include: "News Notes," a full page of Gay news from around the country in short summary form, updates on legislation, lawsuits, etc.; "Community Voices," a full page of letters to the editor; reviews of the latest in books, theater and movies.

With a 3-month subscription for only \$4, GCN provides interesting reading and good information. Interested? Write Gay Community News, Dept. A, 22 Bromfield Street, Boston, MA 02108.

## Briefly Noted

by michael c. stevenson

ESQUIRE magazine will publish an all Gay Issue early this summer... Christopher Isherwood's major works will be released in seven books soon with cover sketches by his lover, Don Bachardy... CHRISTOPHER STREET magazine's cartoons will be released by Avon paperbacks in April.

Charles Reich's THE SORCERER OF BOLINAS REEF is now out in paperback at \$2.25. Coasting on the success of his book, THE GREENING OF AMERICA, which examines the new consciousness eruption of the late 60's, Reich now attempts to "come out" at 43, referring to himself as Gay and a Gay spokesperson [Ed. note: Hardly!]... Catholic Gays will be happy to know that THE CHURCH AND THE HOMOSEXUAL by Father John McNeill appeared in paperback this March by Pocket Books at \$1.95.

A study of San Francisco Bay Area Gay men conducted by the Institute for Sex Research with an analysis by Dr. Alan Bell and his associates several years ago may be incorporated into a forthcoming book, HOMOSEXUALITIES: A STUDY OF DIVERSITY AMONG MEN AND WOMEN, to be published by Simon and Schuster in August.

rock fantasy ballet, Rasputin. Future issues to watch for will include Phil's memoirs, the primary election results, and TGC 5 news.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

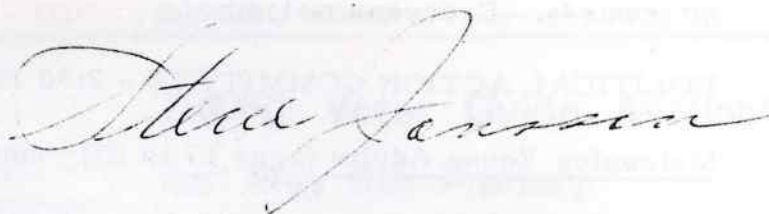


## NOTICE:

The Mail Committee has investigated the possibility of sending the DGPC Newsletter to non-members (those who have not paid dues) at a reduced rate. But 3rd class is even more expensive and bulk-rate would entail so much extra work it would not be feasonable.

Even though envelopes have been generously donated, the expense of stamps and printing are such that each issue is a drain on the treasury. Therefore, after next month's issue, we must limit our Newsletter to members only.

Please help us fight oppression, harassment and bigotry. Otherwise, what happened in Dade County and St. Paul can and WILL happen in Dallas. Won't you join us in the fight? You can do so anonymously.



## NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 8th, 7:30 PM  
MCC - REAGAN & BROWN STREETS

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

Limited Income	5.00
Active Member	15.00
Contributing Member	25.00
Sustaining Member	50.00
Organizational Member	100.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Skills: \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you want to be on our mailing list? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it alright to call you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you be interested in working on any of the following committees:

- |               |                      |                          |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Poster     | 4. Women's Awareness | 7. Political Action      |
| 2. Telephone  | 5. Fund Raising      | 8. Public Service        |
| 3. Newsletter | 6. Fellowship        | 9. Pamphlets & Brochures |
| Other _____   |                      | 10. Legal Action         |

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS!

### May

- 5 DIGNITY (Gay Catholics) meets at MCC - 7:30 PM.
- 6 VOTE! See DGPC Voter's Guide for details. Also PRECINCT CONVENTIONS starting at 7:00 PM.
- 7, 14, 21, 28 DGPC Volley Ball Team practice. Those interested in playing or enjoy watching are invited to meet at Bachman Lake Near Steak and Ale.
- 8 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS Meeting - 7:30 PM Corner of Reagan and Brown. Nominations for Board Members. Social afterwards. Everyone welcome!
- 11 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE - 7:30 PM, 2620 Reagan #210.
- 11 Metroplex Young Adults (ages 17 to 27) meet at MCC - 7:30 PM.
- 12 "Homosexual Rights" Channel 13, 11:30 PM. Debate between Anita Bryant supporters and the National Gay Task Force.
- 13 "Homosexual Rights, Part II" Channel 13, 10:30 PM.
- 13 State Senatorial District Conventions.
- 18 "Mr. Gay Dallas", DAIR's fund raiser for the National Gay Leadership Convention to be held in Dallas in August. Dimension III at 10:00 PM.
- 19 DIGNITY, MCC - 7:30 PM.
- 21 The party of the year! DGPC members will receive invitations in the mail soon!

### June

- 3 Runoff Elections. VOTE again!
- 4, 11, 18, 25 "The Bible and Homosexuals" MCC - 7:30 PM.
- 9 TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE V, Pre-registration and get-acquainted party. 8:00 PM - Royal Coach Inn.
- 10, 11 TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE V. 8:30 AM - Royal Coach Inn. Interesting workshops and speeches.
- 12 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting, 7:30 PM. Reagan and Brown. Election of Board Members. Social afterwards.



# Legislative Update...

by michael c. stevenson

**San Francisco:** The Human Relations and Welfare Commission voted unanimously to hold public hearings this month on a proposed ordinance to eliminate discrimination against Gay people in private employment, housing and public accommodations.

**Elyria (Ohio):** On again, off again, on again, off again for a proposal to ban discrimination against Gay people applying for city jobs. An amendment to the 1978 Affirmative Action Ordinance was withdrawn after a flood of negative criticism.

**Richmond:** Eleven local religious leaders signed a letter endorsing a proposed anti-discrimination ordinance protecting Gay people to the Richmond Human Relations Commission.

**San Francisco:** The Fire, Safety and Police Committee of the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a proposed ordinance to eliminate discrimination based on sexual orientation covering private employment, employment agencies, labor organizations, housing and public accommodations. The ordinance was passed by the full Board of Supervisors on a 10-1 vote and Mayor Eugene Moscone signed the ordinance to take effect immediately.

**Woodstock (New York):** The Town Board has received a petition signed by 1,300 people requesting a Gay rights ordinance. Testimony at a public hearing ran 10-1 in favor of its adoption. The Board voted 3-2 to hire an attorney to draft the Gay rights initiative.

## You Owe It To Yourself !

personal opinion by gary brock

The success of the Pittenger Conference held on April 1 and the critical acclaim which our brochure "Questions and Answers on Homosexuality" received from the Gay and straight organizations and leaders from across Texas and the nation are two perfect examples of the philosophy and goals of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus at work.

The fact that our Political Action Committee has accepted the almost impossible task of educating politicians to an understanding of Gay problems and needs was unimaginable two years ago. That they are succeeding is proof that the effort was worth it.

It is all too easy for us to applaud each other and revel in past glories forgetting the very thing that made these projects possible--MONEY! It becomes increasingly more difficult to raise money. Too often we depend on the same people and organizations to help us time and time again.

We have not yet been able to support ourselves with fundraising activities alone. We must have the help of the business community. Of course, this brings us back to individual responsibility to support not only DGPC but Gay businesses, especially those which continue to be so generous to us.

There are very few things that are certain in life, but, if we are to succeed, you can be certain that you will be asked many times to attend functions, to donate your time and services, to dig into your pockets and to generate interest and support among your friends and in the community.

All of these responsibilities are made less burdensome when we share them. To promote education and legislation, to reach your goals and gain your civil rights through your organization requires your giving support. Next time you are asked to help or give, remember--you owe it to yourself!

## DGPC Voter Guide Available for May 6th Primary

by louise young

The May 6 election is just around the corner and the DGPC's Political Action Committee has produced a Voter's Guide to help inform our members and the Dallas Gay community.

This guide lists recommended candidates, information about polling places and a "how-to" sheet on precinct convention participation. These guides were mailed to those receiving our newsletter and are also available at Gay bars and businesses. If you can't find one, call DGPC (528-4233).

Highlights of the recommendations: U.S. Senate- Joe Christie (D); Governor-John Hill (D); Atty. Gen.-Price Daniel, Jr.(D); State Rep.Dist.33-C-Sam Hudson (D); Dist.33-E-Will Hartnett (R); Dist. 33-K-Roger Durham (R); Democratic Precinct Chair (Oak Lawn area):

3301 - Lawrence E. Baker

3302 - John R. Calhoun

3303 - Ricardo Medrano

3304 - David Amidon

3306 - Gary Brock

3311 - Craig Murphy

3323 - L. Sarah Edwards

County Party Chairperson (D) - Ron Kessler

Judicial Races: 256th Dist.- Linda Thomas (D), 305th Dist.- Theo Bedard (D), County Court At Law #5 - Bob Moss (D).

Vote on Saturday, May 6!!!! Exercise your power at the polls.

Call Dallas County Democratic or Republican Headquarters if you're not sure where to vote, then vote between 7 A.M. and 7 P.M.



## New Gay Counseling Discovered

by bill mcdougall

The Pastoral Counseling and Educational Center at 2727 Oak Lawn Avenue (near Maple) is showing Dallas Gays that it concurs with the resolutions of the American Psychiatric Association: Homosexual behavior is a social preference and not a mental illness.

Recently, a 21-year-old Gay was advised by his probation officer to seek professional counseling because he could not stick to the rehabilitation program agreed on. His P.O. strongly urged the young Gay to contact the Pastoral Counseling and Education Center specifically.

The young Gay was terrified that this organization which is principally staffed Protestant ministers would try to alter his chosen life style. He had to sign a release which allowed his counselor to talk to his P.O. about the interviews.

At the end of the first 50-minute interview, his counselor turned off the tape recorder and asked the young probationer if he was "Gay." Probably it was the use of the term "Gay" that caught him off guard and he admitted to it, saying that he preferred that his P.O. not be told.

His counselor, a Methodist minister, said that was why he turned off the tape recorder, and then said, "Now that we've gotten that problem (hiding his Gay lifestyle) out of the way, we can get down to solving the real problems."

In the ensuing 35 minutes of overtime, our Gay opened up to his counselor and the initial interview ended on a positive note of shared confidence, "full of good vibes," as the young Gay tells about the interview.

It later developed that this Methodist minister, who is fully qualified by educational background and by field experience, had attended the DGPC sponsored Homosexuality Conference on April 1.

## Newslines

by michael c. stevenson

**Boston:** Elaine Noble, Lesbian state representative from Massachusetts, has announced her candidacy for the U.S. Senate against Republican incumbent Edward Brooke. Her first challenge is to win the state's Democratic primary in September.

**Miami:** The Florida State Supreme Court has issued a landmark ruling by deciding that an openly Gay attorney may practice law in Florida in its 6-1 decision. It declared that a direct relationship must be shown that an attorney's revelation that (s)he is Gay has bearing on the ability to practice law.

## New MCC Pastor Installed

by bill mcdougall

The Rev. Donald M. Eastman was installed as the new pastor of Metropolitan Community Church 2701 Reagan, Dallas, at the morning worship service on Sunday, April 9.

The ten-year-old Church's founder, the Rev. Troy Perry, officiated at the installation with assistance of Rev. Jeri Harvey of Houston, South Central District Coordinator, and the Rev. Alvis Strickland, pastor of the United Community Church in Dallas.

Rev. Eastman, a former minister of Assemblies of God, received theological training at the Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, and served six years in Wisconsin with the Assembly of God.

In January 1975, Rev. Eastman resigned from the Assemblies of God and affiliated with Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Church, and in May 1975 he became the pastor of the MCC in Des Moines, Iowa.

Unfortunately, Rev. Eastman had to be out of town as this Newsletter goes to press and we will have to wait for his message to the members of the DGPC.

As a group, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus welcomes Rev. Eastman to Dallas and to the very important Gay leadership post he has accepted.

## LOCAL GAU CHAPTER FORMING

The Gay Academic Union, a national organization headquartered in Los Angeles, is comprised mostly of Gay college teachers and professionals.

A Dallas-Fort Worth chapter will be established. The local organizer is Frank Rossiter. He is hoping to stimulate local interest in GAU.

The organizational meeting was held on April 27. Anyone interested should contact Frank at 239-9244.

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## T G C 5

Each year the Texas Gay Task Force sponsors the Texas Gay Conference. This year, the fifth of these annual conferences will be held in Dallas at the Royal Coach Inn on June 10 and 11, with a pre-registration and get-acquainted party at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 9.

The scheduled activities will revolve around the Conference theme--"Education Before Legislation." Workshops will be practical and informative. Each covers a different aspect of the Gay life style and how these aspects apply to the human rights issues we are all working for.

Harvey Milk, a Gay San Francisco City Supervisor (City Council Member) will be one of the featured speakers at TGC 5.

You do not have to belong to or join any organization to attend TGC 5.

The Conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 10. The registration fee is \$10, with child care and local housing available on a limited basis.

For further information, contact the co-chairpersons Steve Wilkins or Lee Knapp, at TGC 5, P. O. Box 20254, Dallas 75220.

## The Conference

by steve wilkins

As I am sure you know by now, the Texas Gay Conference is June 10 and 11, at the Royal Coach Inn. Everyone should attend, but I am aware that many cannot for one reason or another. Remember you can register as "John or Jane Doe," and you can register at any time during the Conference. Also, there will be no press allowed to photograph during the Conference.

There is going to be something for everyone during the Conference, from workshops to films to great speakers. It is really a chance to find out what the movement is about and meet some of the people involved. You do not have to join or become involved to attend the Conference. For starters, there is a party and reception for our guest speakers Harvey Milk and Ginny Apuzzo, on Friday, June 9, from 8 to 11 p.m., in the Top of the Castle Club at the Royal Coach Inn. There will be entertainment and a cash bar. Everyone is welcome whether or not he is attending the Conference.

On Saturday evening, June 10, at 8, the film "Gay U.S.A." will be shown, and Harvey Milk will be the featured speaker. This, too, is open to everyone, so bring a friend. Even if you cannot attend Saturday's sessions, plan on attending Sunday's.

Remember, the purpose of the Conference is to raise consciousness and money for the Texas Gay Task Force's 1979 legislative lobbying efforts. We hope to have a full-time lobbyist in Austin next year helping to secure our rights.

These are your rights, so we need your help.

## Power At The Polls

by viv armstrong

The Dallas Gay community did get involved in the political process by voting in the May 6th primary and indications are that the DGPC Voter's Guides were used by a large number of people.

Here's how our recommended candidates fared: John Hill won the Democratic governor's race, Sam Hudson is in a runoff in District 33-C (D), and Roger Duriam won the Republican slot for 33-K.

All of our recommendees won in their Democratic precinct chair races: Larry Baker in 3301, John Calhoun 3302 (runoff, June 3rd), Ricardo Medrano 3303, David Amidon 3304, Gary Brock 3306, Craig Murphy 3311, and Sarah Edwards 3323. Also, Linda Thomas (D) is in a runoff in the Family Law Court, 256th District, and Ron Kessler won the Democratic Party County Chair.

Recommended candidates who did not win were: Joe Christie (D), U.S. Senate, Price Daniel, Jr. (D) Attorney General, Wil Hartnett (R) District 33-E, and Bob Moss (D) County Court At-Law #5. Theo Bedard (D) lost in her bid for the Family Law Court, 305th District, after a computer error had initially declared her the winner.

The Gay community earned another victory on May 6th in the precinct conventions held after the polls closed. Between 40 and 50 members of DGPC and other Gay organizations were elected delegates to the Democratic and Republican Senatorial District conventions (see SENATORIAL DISTRICT... in this issue for details.)

## Throwing Roses ... Beware of Thorns

a personal opinion

by bill medougall

The apparent change in the long standing policy of THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS toward the Gay community seems to have commenced on Sunday, March 12, 1978, with pro-Gay articles: "Support of gays starts political nightmare" and "Whatever Dallasites desire...Porn operators offer variety of goods for wealthy or poor" and the following week the nearly full page story by Kathleen Hast: "Gays fight for acceptance on state college campuses."

The article by Elna Christopher "Gays deal with dilemma...Should they tell parents?" would seem the last time that the editors allowed an opposing view to be published in Letters to the Editor, in spite of intensification of major Gay articles.

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## ELECTIONS

by dick peeples

At the June meeting elections will be held to fill five positions on the Board of Directors of the DGPC. Although persons currently holding four of the five places are officers, as well as directors, the June election will be to elect directors only.

The bylaws provide that the Board of Directors determines which of its members will hold the offices of the Caucus. However, at the July meeting, the Board will present to the membership the person it has elected as President. The voting members of the Caucus will vote to affirm or reject the choice. If the President-designate is rejected by the Caucus, an election will be held at the July meeting to elect another Board member as President.

Any member of the Caucus is eligible to run for election to the Board. A member may nominate him/herself or may be nominated by another member. The person nominated must accept the nomination and select which of the five places (s)he is running for.

As of May 26, the following people are running for the places indicated:

Steve Wilkins (Place 1), Louise Young (Place 2), Dick Peeples (Place 3), Dennis Plemmons and Nathan Wyll (Place 4), and Dick Stewart (Place 5).

Nominations may be telephoned to the Caucus (528-4233) or communicated to any Board member. Nominations will be taken through the June meeting. After nominations cease, each candidate will be given three minutes to speak. Members may present questions to the candidates.

Election will be by a majority of the eligible voting members at the meeting. Ballots will be handed out to members so be sure to bring your membership card.

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## District Conventions

### Consider 21.06 Repeal

by louise young

Senatorial District Conventions, held across Texas on Saturday, May 13, provided the stage for excitement and enthusiasm as a resolution to repeal Texas Penal Code 21.06 (which makes homosexual acts in private a crime) was introduced and considered by both Democrats and Republicans. The resolution calls for the Texas Legislature to "repeal 21.06 at its next meeting," based on the fact that "enforcement of Section 21.06 is impossible without violating a person's privacy."

The resolution was drafted by the DGPC's Political Action Committee and distributed to many Gay organizations in Texas with instructions on how to introduce resolutions at the precinct level. In the precinct conventions, this resolution was passed more often than any other single resolution in Dallas County.

Eleven Democratic and two Republican precincts passed it on Saturday, May 6, in the traditional party meetings held after primary elections. The resolutions were submitted in the Republican 16th District, and the Democratic 8th and 16th Districts. The Resolutions Committee killed the resolution in both the Republican 16th (9-2) and the Democratic 8th (5-1), but it passed in the Democratic 16th (East Dallas area) by a vote of 7-6, and advanced to a vote before the entire convention. It passed on a voice vote, despite last-minute tactics by anti-Gay forces. The victory was short-lived; however, because a roll-call vote was demanded immediately, and suspense heightened as each precinct reported their delegation's vote. The resolution was defeated by only 7 votes (422-415)!

Although many Gay delegates and their supporters were extremely disappointed by the results, the close vote was a victory in itself, not to mention the tremendous support received from virtually hundreds of delegates who had never been in contact with the DGPC.

Elsewhere in Texas, the resolution passed the 14th and 16th Districts (Austin and San Antonio respectively) and a modified version of DGPC's original passed in Houston's 15th (Montrose area).

The resolution will most certainly be reintroduced at the State Democratic Convention in Ft. Worth in September. Gay delegates and alternates were elected from all the abovementioned districts (including six DGPC members). Watch for further news as the convention nears in September!

#### DIGNITY newlines

Rev. Ronald D. Wesner, President of the National Office of Integrity, an organization of Gay Episcopalians, has resigned his office for personal reasons. John Cd. Lawrence of Boston takes over the reins for effective change for Gays within the Episcopal Church.

DIGNITY Chapters in Canada held their first Conference April 1. This was a step toward unifying the effort in North America to educate Canadians and assist in Gay struggles.

National Dignity officers issued a statement in March, supporting the ERA boycott of conventions and meetings in anti-ERA states.

DIGNITY is sponsoring an ecumenical conference re being Gay and Christian in Kirkridge, Penna., June 8-11. Speakers will include Malcolm Boyd, Jeannine Gramick, Ronald Wesner and Barbara Gittings.

An excellent pamphlet, "Sexual Child Abuse - A Contemporary Family Problem," authoritatively debunks the myth about Gays being child molesters. For a copy write to Gay Rights Chapter, American Civil Liberties Union, P. O. Box 480029, Los Angeles 90048; send 25¢ and a stamped, self-addressed, business-sized envelope.

## Coors Boycott to Continue

California and Texas sales of Coors beer have been reduced by over 20% and are slowing down as the Dallas Gay Political Caucus membership voted its overwhelming approval on May 8 to continue the boycott. Boycott supporters have aligned around the issues of the Adolph Coors Company's mandatory use of lie detectors to screen job applicants and present employees for promotion and the use of Coors profits to support America's most ultra-conservative right-wing, repressive movement against human civil rights.

Millions of dollars in financial contributions have been funneled through the Richard A. Viguerie "machine" [Tidewater, Virginia] both to individual political candidates and organizations: John Birch Society, former California Governor Ronald Reagan, U.S. Senators John Tower, Orrin B. Hatch (R-UT), S.I. Hayakawa (R-CA), Jesse Helms (R-NC), New Hampshire Governor Meldrim Thompson, U.S. Representatives Lawrence McDonald (R-GA), Jack Cunningham (R-WA), Robert Dornan (D-CA), California Senator H. L. Richardson, former Los Angeles Police Department Chief Edward Davis (currently a California gubernatorial candidate), Phyllis Schlafly, Stop-ERA, ANITA BRYANT, The National Committee to Protect America's Children, The Conservative Caucus (Howard Phillips), American Conservative Union, The Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress, Americans for a Constitutional Convention, Citizens for the Republic, Law and Order Campaign, Ku Klux Klan, National Conservative Political Action Committee, Americans for Democratic Action, Public Service Action Committee, Committee for Responsible Youth Politics, DAR, Defenders of American Liberties, Young Americans for Freedom, America Wake Up Foundation, Young Republican National Federation, Heritage Foundation, Conservative Society of America, Gun Owners of America, Conservative National Committee, American Legislative Exchange Council, National Organization of State Conservative Parties et al.

Widespread boycott support has come from the Black and Chicano communities and the women's movement where Coors' discriminatory hiring practices are well known.

Coors management, stunned by the toll of the boycott and the overwhelming pro-union sentiment of its workers, agreed to end its queries of applicants' sexual preference. A commendable gesture but until a union contract is ratified and signed, Coors is not bound by its agreement to stop prying into peoples' sex lives. Eliminating certain sexually-oriented questions is not enough. The lie detector practice as an employment condition of Coors violates fundamental rights of privacy as an affront to human dignity. There is no justification for such a requirement, and lie detector results are not conclusive.

The Coors strike and its issues go beyond a labor-management economic dispute over higher wages. Striking workers are asking Coors management to recognize its union and its right to collective bargaining and to end its degrading employment practices. Coors management is sensitive only to increasing profit losses from a continued boycott, and nothing short of the boycott has brought Coors management to the side of struggling workers and the Gay community.

#### FLEA MARKET SOON

The Gay community is reminded that the DGPC Flea Market (formerly Garage Sale) will be held on June 24 and 25. Contributions are welcome. Details at the next meeting.

Also more recipes of all types are needed for the DGPC cookbook, now in preparation. Please send favorite recipes to Vena Jenkins at the DGPC postal box without delay.

#### THROWING ROSES (continued from page 1)

The Philip Wuntch week-long review of Patricia Bosworth's book; MONTGOMERY CLIFF, even put the entertainment columns into Gay sympathy and Bill Kenyon's "Theologians meet with gays" got the religious columns into the act.

By the end of April, two weeks before primary elections, Peter Applebome's "Ol' gay bar ain't what it used to be" and the news reporting of "St. Paul factions lock horns over gay rights law repeal" and "Gay rights law stirs showdown" had reached quarter-and-half-page length.

Then, shocked by the Gay success at the polls, Peter Applebome's "Local homosexuals try political tack" reverted the paper's labeling of Gays back to "homosexuals" which always attracts attention from anti-Gay fanatics. Almost daily now we are seeing articles such as "Court sidesteps homosexual issue," "Presbyterians to join debate on homosexuality" and "Homosexuals lose on ballot in Wichita" or "Democrats to tackle homosexuality issue."

Should we assume THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS is stirring up lunatic fringe into a serious backlash movement against Gay rights? Without the "pressure safety valve" of Letters to the Editor, we can look forward to an explosion!

#### Monty Revisited

a book review by d.f.

A vicarious benefit of biography is the discovery of another's value system and what he did with his life; the reader may wish to emulate that life or reject it. Unfortunately, Montgomery Cliff was not exactly a man to admire. Yet his story is important and provocative reading. Well-researched and feeling rather than exploitive, Patricia Bosworth's definitive biography is a vivid and intimate journey into another man's hell.

Cliff never accepted his homosexuality, the center of his real tragedy. Trapped within his own unacknowledged truth, he identified with guilt-ridden dualistic movie roles; this association was no accident. In every movie he seemed to be looking for himself. And because of his ambiguous life style, he became addicted to alcohol and pills.

Repressing the conflict within his sexual identity, he used his countless affairs and friendships to forget his loneliness and fear: "Any man or woman who got close to Monty fell into a trap. They all thought he or she was the most important person in his life--but nobody knew how Monty felt--because he never really committed himself."

Though his work had always held him together, there was a limit. His tendency to self-destruction led to an auto accident, after which his life turned in on itself: "Montgomery Cliff survived that night and lived for ten more years, but his real death occurred as he lay bleeding and half-conscious in Elizabeth Taylor's arms. Nothing would ever be the same for him after that."

Obviously, Cliff really did not like himself. Apart from his talent, he had limited or untapped inner resources. Drawing on his inner anxieties, Montgomery Cliff created some of the most tense and sensitive hours on celluloid, but was it worth an entire life?

#### Gay Foundation Now Tax Exempt

The Houston Human Rights Defense Foundation is a non-profit Texas corporation, chartered as a public litigating organization.

Its purpose is to combat discrimination based on race, religion, sex, age, handicapped status and sexual preference in state and federal courts.

The I.R.S. has granted the foundation a tax-exempt status to pursue its litigation in the area of protecting the constitutional rights of sexual minorities.



## Bryant Taking Anti-Gay Campaign to Australia

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (Gazette, April 24) - After months of speculation, Anita Bryant will visit Australia to appear on a nationally televised talk show. The show which has no current sponsor will be made and sold to TV stations throughout the country. CAMPAIGN, Australia's national Gay magazine has discovered that bookings for the Bryant party have been confirmed on Qantas Airlines, the current target of a travel boycott by Australian Gays following its anti-Gay pronouncements by the company's spokespeople and its financial and moral support to anti-Gay crusader Malcolm Muggeridge during his last year's tour on behalf of the British and Australian Festival of Light organizations.

The news has been greeted with shock and dismay by the Australian Gay community and is the heated topic of discussion. Dennis Altman, senior lecturer in American Politics at Sydney University and author of *HOMOSEXUAL: OPPRESSION AND LIBERATION*, said, "It seems that to import someone who has no claim to any sort of expert knowledge on any subject at all, with her only reason for being notorious being that she has contributed, to a very high degree of anti-homosexual feelings in America, and who has been arraigned before a court in California on the grounds of inciting people to commit murder, is a very strange person to bring to Australia... clearly Anita Bryant has absolutely no qualifications to discuss that [homosexuality]... Anita Bryant, by her own admission, is totally incompetent to talk... and the only reason to bring her here is to make money by appealing to the worst instincts of people."

## Civil Liberties Research

by norman lowery

CHEER, a research organization at San Francisco State University, has received a grant to study the abridgement of individuals' rights in public and private institutions and businesses.

The confidential interviews will seek to establish proof of discrimination against homosexual men and women, and the findings of the research project will help strengthen the protection of civil liberties for Gays.

If you have a conflict in your present or past work experience, contact CHEER at San Francisco State University, San Francisco 94132, or call 415/333-6117.

## Gay Academic Union to Meet

On April 27, 1978, eight people (including faculty members from four local universities) met to discuss the formation of a Dallas area chapter of the Gay Academic Union. The G.A.U. is a national organization of Gay college-level academics and academically oriented professional people.

The G.A.U. chapter could make private representations to local college and university administrators on behalf of better treatment for Gay faculty and students and greater respect for their human rights. Members of a G.A.U. chapter, possessing the proper "credentials" and speaking for the organization, might well improve the climate for Gays at local academic institutions in this way.

No formal organization of the G.A.U. chapter will be attempted until the fall, but another meeting is planned on Sunday, June 25, at 7.

We hope to spread the word and get more Gay academics or academically oriented people to this second meeting. For further information, call Frank Rossiter at 214/239-9244, or Edra Bogle at 817/387-8216.

## Battle Hymn of the Repugnant

a personal opinion

by mike gianoplos

Three decades ago, the House Un-American Activities Committee, whipped into a frenzy by one obsessed congressman and by national paranoia, engaged in a communist witch-hunt.

Today, Anita Bryant succeeds only in catalyzing man's very worst instincts and primal fears devoid of reason. The Gay rights defeats in Miami, St. Paul, Wichita and Eugene are inevitably a Bible Belt backlash against increasing Gay visibility that reflects a genuinely more permissive society that frightens society's more conservative elements. Only supremely rational approaches will continue to further Gay rights: Washington, D.C. caucuses and lobbies, responsible public statements, political clout in city, state and federal government and educating others about our life-styles.

Anita Bryant's slight, insignificant talent has never merited much attention; only her obsessional hatred of Gays, blind to the point of irrationality, could catapult her into the national spotlight. She has accomplished a goal her limited perspective on reality could not foresee: unifying the national Gay communities, just as Nazi purges united Jews in the 30's and 40's and racial prejudice catalyzed Blacks into discovering their racial identity. Bryant's hate campaign insults not only Gay people but all people of conscience. Her bigotry is based on selective fundamentalism and untruths, bolstering her arguments with Biblical passages that back her position while ignoring those that do not and alleging that Gay people must recruit because they cannot procreate.

The precise cause of homosexuality is yet to be determined. Gay is something we ARE, as intrinsically as some are black or white, short or tall. The only thing unnatural about homosexuality is repressing it. Clearly, society must stop pressuring some of us into bizarre, defiant behavior by its cruel, repressive actions against Gay people. To live homosexually is the choice to acknowledge openly and freely what one is, a sexual identity formed since one drew the first breath. A sexual orientation so formed cannot be induced to change its direction and deny its nature. Homosexuality is part of the story of man and woman, and it is a contemporary option for a healthy, satisfying relational life. Patterns of homosexuality parallel patterns of heterosexuality, and our concern should be how to guide all people into constructive, loving relationships rather than destructive, hurtful ones. If the ability to love and be loved plus the ability to lead a full, rewarding life are major goals in emotional development, it should make no difference whether love is found in a heterosexual or homosexual context. Gay people who understand and accept themselves live as happily as anyone else and we are valuable contributors to society.

Privately, every Gay person must feel a sense of sadness and outrage that the simple desire to be oneself cannot be realized without hurtful opposition when warmth, tenderness and love in sexual fulfillment are God's constantly renewable gifts to every man and woman, whether ultimately Gay or straight. Yet, harassment, persecution and social ostracism of Gays are so severe that the more sensitive will submit to blackmail or choose suicide to prevent exposure.

The irrational crusade against homosexuality is given an aura of justification by primitive religious prejudice. When the tyranny of social conformity wants the sexual deprivation, impoverishment of everyone not involved in a monogamous heterosexual union, there is a long way to go before establishing the universal sexual right of all to mutual consent.

Theological categories of religious prejudice forming the basis for legal statutes against homosexuality cannot be constitutionally justified. In

our pluralistic society, the stand of one religion should not be forced on all citizens through civil and criminal law. The mark of viable religion is its ability to promote and to adjust to man's psychological growth and socio-political change, not its tenacity to religious and social traditions.

Passage of bills guaranteeing Gay people the right of consensual sex activities in private and civil rights protections in jobs, housing, education, credit, insurance and public accommodations test whether our moral revolution is alive and healthy and whether christian commitment to liberty, privacy and separation of church and state is serious. By trying to impose a sectarian morality on all, right-wing zealots endanger the religious and general freedom of all, defaming the name of Christ by advancing the phony moralism he denounced while making Gay people a convenient scapegoat to hide the sins of a heterosexual majority. What is needed is a climate in which homophobia, racism, classism and sexism is frowned upon, so the free choice of all to live their lives as they choose is preserved.

After the Nazi holocaust, the Jews regained Israel and their identity. After decades of racial upheaval, Blacks gained both psychological identity and legal rights.

NOW IT IS OUR TURN!

## Gay Handicapped Club?

The Psycho-Medical Committee, in exploring the needs of the Gay Handicapped, is soliciting information regarding interest in forming organizations to serve those needs. If you are or know a handicapped Gay person contact Rodger Pettyjohn at 521-3217 or through the DGPC answering service/P.O. Box.

## NOW Marches for Funds

The National Organization of Women (NOW) is coordinating a national ERA March in Washington, D.C. on Sunday 9 July to demonstrate for funds and ratification of the ERA. On Sunday 4 June the Dallas County NOW sponsored a local walk-a-thon at White Rock Lake to raise funds. According to spokespeople funds are URGENTLY needed.

If you missed the march and would like to contribute to the ERA campaign phone NOW at 748-1171.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

by mike gianoplos

**Hawaii:** Members of a House committee voted 5-2 against giving HB41, the Hawaiian Gay rights bill, a hearing before the full House, effectively killing the bill for this year.

**New York:** The New York City Gay rights bill has been introduced for a seventh (and hopefully final) time. When the bill comes to the full New York Council, it immediately goes to the General Welfare Committee under Aileen Ryan, whose committee has strangled five previous Gay rights bills.

**Norman (OK):** The Norman Human Rights Commission has taken the first step in a long process to amend Norman's human rights ordinance by approving a resolution reaffirming civil rights for all citizens, including Gay people. The resolution was prompted by a survey which revealed a large potential for discrimination of the city's Gay people.



## Where Did We Come From?

by phil johnson

I suppose you could say we were conceived in Houston in early June of 1976 during the Texas Gay Task Force III conference. It was there that Neil met members of the Houston Gay Political Caucus which was new, yet doing great things. Why can't there be something like that in Dallas?

A few nights later, Neil organized a few people to pass out flyers at the entrances of Gay bars and place on car windshields to announce the formation of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus.

The first meeting was held at the Metropolitan Community Church (then on Ross Avenue) at 2:00 PM, Sunday, June 13. About 70 people attended. Chance West was our founding President. A bylaws committee was selected and Gary Van Ooteghem from the Houston Gay Political Caucus told us how they organized.

But let's go back a few years. Traditionally, Gay Pride Day is celebrated on the last Saturday in June to commemorate the day in 1969 when Gay people, after years of police harassment, finally fought back and precipitated the Christopher Street riots, ...but that's another story.

The Circle of Friends (Texas' first Gay group) celebrated Gay Pride Day by having a camp-out in 1971. In 1972, they sponsored a parade down Main Street, despite opposition from our City Council. We marched again in 1973. Many of us went to Fort Worth in 1974 to help found the Texas Gay Task Force.

Although the Fort Worth police had assured the organizers of the Texas Gay Task Force that they would stay away, they came and took down license plate numbers and made the list available to the press, ...but that's another story.

In 1975, there had been no celebration of Gay Pride Day in Dallas, so in 1976 many people in the Gay community felt it was time to do so, but no one wanted another parade. Although the DGPC was a mere 2 weeks old, an ol' fashion "Rally" was planned for Exall Park, across the street from the Villa Fontana, America's oldest Gay bar.

That day was Saturday, June 26, and beautiful. At first only a few brave people showed up. Others were fearful of violence by neighborhood toughs or, more likely, the police. Indeed, police cars cruised the area heavily, but gradually more and more people refused to be intimidated and about 300 joined the celebration.

There were hot dogs, overcooked on the outside and raw in the center, and plenty of cold beer. Colorful Frizbees filled the air as did the music from a live, and loud band. There were speeches by representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union and by our President. We had no money, so a hat was passed. The feature speaker was Mary Jo Risher, who told of her efforts to keep from losing custody of her son.

After three hours or so, the band put away their instruments, volunteers cleaned the park and people drifted away. As the last to leave, I noticed the park looked as if nothing had happened there. I was mistaken. It had been our birth. The DGPC was born in fun and comradeship. The pain was to come later, ...but that's another story.

Happy 2nd birthday, DGPC!

### Anal Hygiene Paper Available

Recently products have appeared on the Gay market advocating the practice of anal hygiene before and after anal sex.

There are no medical indications to do so, and there are numerous dangers.

As a part of the DGPC's commitment to education of the Gay community, Rodger D. Pettyjohn, chairperson of the Psycho-Medical Committee, has prepared a paper on the practice of anal hygiene. Copies will be available free at the next DGPC meeting.

## DGPC Answers Minister

by scott macgregor

"...Negative preaching by [the Church's] ministers contributes in no small way to maintaining the sense of inferiority and guilt both by parents and homosexual children, and, in turn, to a consequent lack of communication in such families."

"...It is hard to believe that all homosexuals arrive at their present position via an idolatrous route, while some heterosexuals have not."

"...Preaching...which emphasizes homosexuals as diseased, depraved persons, can only encourage the police in their continued oppression of gays, and will give employers the impression that the Church supports them in firing homosexual employees without cause."

"We question whether a Church which withhold its ministry from homosexuals until they seek... change is fulfilling a Christlike ministry at all..."

These extracts from "The Church and Homosexuality: a response to Dr. Clayton Bell" are highlights of a DGPC Religion and Life Committee publication. Fifty copies were recently mailed to ministers of all Presbyterian churches in the Dallas area.

It followed a television sermon last February by Dr. Clayton Bell, pastor of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, which presented traditional, negative views on homosexuality. The DGPC reply contains a challenge to the kind of unsubstantiated assertions that some preachers are prone to make, and quotes chapter and verse from findings of respected scholars in their fields.

Copies are available to DGPC members at 25¢ each and to others for 50¢ each, plus postage.

This is the first time that the Dallas Gay community has responded to a preacher in such detail. The essay is based on responsible Biblical and scientific scholarship and brought favorable reaction from several in the Presbyterian churches who have seen it, as well as requests for more copies.

Dr. Bell declined to meet with members of the Religion and Life Committee. The DALLAS TIMES HERALD did get Dr. Bell to comment that while homosexuals "felt (the sermon) was oppressive, that was not my intention, not my spirit..."

Religion and Life Committee members met a deadline to present copies of the essay to two Dallas area commissioners to the United Presbyterian Church Assembly in San Diego, May 16-23. The meeting with the commissioners was informal and provided a useful exchange of views.

Eventually, the issue of ordaining homosexuals into the ministry met with resounding defeat for gays in San Diego, but this was not surprising since local congregations had done little to meet

### Immigrations Drops Anti-Gay Policy

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) has succeeded in reversing a long-standing policy which excludes "sexual deviants" and "psychopathic personalities" from entering the United States. David Crossland, Immigration and Naturalization Service's (INS) General Counsel, has agreed to serve as liaison in resolving discrimination complaints of Gay aliens and immigrants.

Jean O'Leary and Bruce Voeller, NGTF Co-Directors, were joined in the negotiations by Dr. John Spiegel, past president of the American Psychiatric Association; David Carliner, General Counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); Surgeon General Julius Richmond; Margaret "Midge" Costanza, Assistant to President Jimmy Carter for Public Liaison, who was instrumental in arranging the meetings.

In earlier sessions, INS officials agreed to court rulings that "good moral character" was not a proper issue in determining Gay people's eligibility for U.S. citizenship.

or get to know Gays in their own parishes.

This is the first time that a major denomination has gone on record as permitting homosexuals to be ordained, providing that they give up sexual acts or become heterosexuals.

The magnitude of our educational task becomes apparent when resolutions, based upon ignorance of this kind, are passed. The courage and patience of the majority of the United Presbyterian Task Force who endorsed the ordination of avowed homosexuals was noteworthy during the debate. Their support will be needed for some time to come.

## A Mother's Day Present To Her Gay Son

by bill mcdougall

The following letter was received by a Dallas Gay male on Mother's Day in answer to his six page, painstakingly written revelation of his Gay life style.

"Dear Son,

Your letter telling us you are Gay came as neither a surprise or shock to me, as I've known in my heart for a long time that you were. We have had discussions on the subject & I still say now, as I told you when we talked about it, that I feel it is each individual person's right to decide that for themselves & I still feel that way. If that is the life you want to live, then no one has the right to tell you that it is wrong or try to make you ashamed of it. You are my son & I will always love you & of course I understand about you & your lover.

Of course, it was easy enough to see that you both were Gay when you both were here. It has made no difference in my feeling toward you & never will.

I would have been glad to have been there during your surgery & I wouldn't have been shocked, as you thought I would be. I guess you don't know me as well as you thought you did, if you have been so upset about my finding out. Feelings of guilt tend to make situations seem much worse than they are & you have no reason to have feelings of guilt. Each person on earth has the right to choose how he will live his life and should not feel guilty at his choice.

You have a very special place in my heart & I love you.

Love,  
Mother"

Read LOVING SOMEONE GAY by Don Clark, Ph.D. (experienced Gay clinical psychologist) and if your reasons for telling your family are right, do it. You may find your mother loves you as much as this one loves her son.

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## Impressions of TGC 5

by nathan wyll

Exhilaration '78! That's what I would have called it.

I am referring, of course, to TGC V--comfortably held June 9-11 at Dallas' Royal Coach Inn. About 400 men and women attended the exciting and informative weekend events.

Heading the list of delights were window-opening speeches by Ginny Apuzzo, the Gay and feminist rights activist and candidate for the New York State Assembly; Harvey Milk, San Francisco City Board of Supervisors member; and Don Amador, assistant to the Mayor of Los Angeles and liaison to the Gays.

Yankee firebrand Apuzzo called upon the assemblage to support all Gay and feminist causes and to be proud in doing so.

The opening cocktail party was indeed festive, with songster Allen Tripp entertaining in his usual melting style.

Conference attendants had the opportunity to sit in on as many as three seminars of such divergent topics as "The Bible and Homosexuality," "Gay Physical Health Care," "How the Law Affects the Homosexual" and "Long Term Relationships."

With sparkling sprinklings of wit, Harvey related his everyday experiences in the daily world of government in America's largest Gay metropolis. He also introduced "Gay USA"--a rather spectacular color filming of last year's Gay Pride Day in San Francisco.

Mr. Amador with bold strokes sketched the history of Gay America and its special historical and biblical roots. Especially touching was his reading of the story of the flaming affair of Jonathan and the future king David from the Douay version of the Bible.

The Texas Gay Task Force in its meeting approved a number of resolutions advancing (please turn to page 2, column 1)

## ANITA -- ADOLF

New York--Asked in a survey to choose a man and a woman who "have done the most damage in the world" junior and senior high school students picked Adolf Hitler and Anita Bryant. Ladies Home Journal has reported.

The poll of 800 students in schools in Clearwater, Fla.; Montrose, Colo.; Bloomington, Ind.; Kirkwood, Mo.; and New York City, found Abraham Lincoln and Eleanor Roosevelt were admired as having "done the most good for the world."

Anita Bryant also was matched with Richard Nixon as the top two who "make you angriest," according to the survey in the Journal's July edition.

## WILKINS RESIGNS

The Board of Directors of the DGPC received this letter on 16 June 1978 and we print the letter in its entirety for the edification of DGPC members.

Dear Board Members,

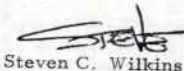
Effective July 10, 1978, I wish to officially resign my position on the Board of Directors of the Caucus.

I have been struggling with this decision for several months and I can assure you it is well thought out. Wavering on this has come from a conflict between my personal commitment to the Caucus and my business. I have been so committed to this that I have neglected my business and personal life to the point that they both need my full time attention. Having my own business it has been too easy to take time for the Caucus, and I have not paced it well. That has cost me greatly and must now be repaired. Peoples' encouragement and love made it impossible for me to follow my better judgement. Several times before last weeks elections I had made the same decision, but before no one wanted my position, unless forced into it. That made me feel an obligation to the Caucus and I again ignored my other responsibilities. The situation has now changed and others interested in my position are quite capable of handling it. I also know that for an organization to grow its leadership must grow, now is the time for that growth.

In my year and a half of Presidency I have come to know and respect all of you and the tremendous job you are doing. I am proud to have worked with and for you. This is a hard personal decision and is no reflection of dissatisfaction of conflict with you. I have been and will continue to be proud of what we have accomplished together.

I will continue to be an active member of the Caucus and will serve on a limited basis if needed.

I leave you with my deepest love and respect,

  
Steven C. Wilkins

## Board Elects

### New Officers

The Board of Directors of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus elected new officers at their regular board meeting on June 19.

The new officers include: Louise Young, president; Gary Brock, vice president; Dennis Plemmons, secretary; Dick Stewart, treasurer; and Dick P. Armstrong, parliamentarian.

As specified in the By-Laws, the board's choice for President must be ratified at the July 10 general meeting. All other officers assume their duties immediately.

### Political Action Planned for November

by viv armstrong

In our June meeting, the Political Action Committee analyzed the results of the May Primaries (and June runoff) and discussed what directions should be taken for the November elections.

Emphasis will be placed on overall member involvement and input into candidate recommendations.

We hope our candidates' night (tentatively scheduled for the September general meeting) will draw more candidates, especially in light of our successful Primary efforts and our growing political influence.

During the summer months, we'll be trying to register several thousand voters. Be sure you are registered to vote and encourage your friends to register too. Cards will be available at each general meeting.

Interested in the political system? Want to work in a campaign? Join our committee! Our next meeting is Thursday, July 13, at 7:30 P.M. The location will be announced at the July general meeting, or call the DGPC number.

### Victory in Volleyball and Tennis

Dallas' Turtle Creek Park was the setting and host for the Turtle Creek Athletic Club's First Annual Volleyball and Tennis Tournament. Teams from Austin and Houston competed for top honors on Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11 against two Dallas teams.

The Dallas Jocks took first place honors in volleyball defeating the Houston team that had defeated Dallas in the Houston finals last (please turn to page 4, column 1)

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## The Dallas News Replies

by bill mcdougall

In answer to the personal opinion article, "Throwing Roses ... Beware of Thorns", which appeared in our last issue (May/June 1978). The Dallas Morning News has replied:

Dear Sir:

In the absence of Executive Editor Tom Simmons this is to respond to your letter of June 12.

This news department has no "pro-gay" or "anti-gay" policy, any more than it has a pro- or anti-unwed mother policy.

What it does have is a pro-precision in language policy.

The use of "homosexual" rather than "gay" in our news columns represents an effort to be precise.

The infiltration of "gay" as a noun and a synonym for "homosexual" has been helped along, I suspect, by headline writers who find a 3-letter word much easier to use than an unwieldy 10-letter one.

I have long resented the corruption of the word "gay" and was finally spurred by John Simon's article, enclosed, to mount a small campaign to salvage it.

In those instances where "gay" is part of the formal title of an organization of homosexuals we will continue to use it. Otherwise, in referring to homosexuals we will call them homosexuals.

Surely no "gay" will deny that he is homosexual, so how can there be any stigma in that?

And how can a writer or editor be faulted for his desire to use language with precision?

Sincerely,  
Terry Walsh  
Managing Editor

Okay, Mr. Walsh, we'll accept your "crusade" for precision in language even if it seems rather pedantic to us.

We of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus hope that you pursue the intentions of our ancestors who wrote The Bill of Rights with equal fervor.

We too have mounted our small but growing campaign to salvage equal human rights for all citizens.

As I understand the meaning of our Constitution and Bill of Rights, the founders of this country were trying to guarantee everyone's "pursuit of happiness" regardless of their assets or beliefs, and as long as their "activities" did not interfere with others doing the same.

We Gays (homosexuals) and many of you Straights (heterosexuals) seem to spend an excessive amount of time and print trying to moralize our different sexual preferences.

A "consenting adults law" seems to me to protect everyone's Constitutional rights to the "pursuit of sexual happiness" without jeopardizing anyone.

As newspapermen, can we agree that we both should support and fight for that document which preserves "Freedom of the Press" in all its particulars?

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the general cause before mid-afternoon adjournment.

Visitors from Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Lubbock, Denton, Waco and other localities attended the Conference. They went home hopefully as well rewarded for the time spent at the Conference as was I.

I came away with a heady sense of well-being--thanks to the major efforts of Steve Wilkins, Lee Knapp and their staff. I salute them and I salute everyone who came and gloried.

## Ageing Study Begins

by leonard woods

The Sociological Research Committee of the Education Department of DGPC has begun a study on the ageing of Lesbians and Gay men. This three-part study was introduced at the June membership meeting.

The first part of the study is an attitude survey of the gay community to document the extent of commonly held negative stereotypes about ageing and being Gay. This survey was given at the June meeting of DGPC and at two services at MCC. It is soon to be given to the Lesbian Caucus of NOW and other interested Gay groups.

The second part will consist of a series of taped group interview/discussion sessions with young Lesbians and Gay men (18 to 30 years) to further understand and document fears and questions younger Gays have about growing older.

The third part will consist of a series of taped group interview/discussion sessions with older Lesbians and Gay men (40 years and up). These interviews will attempt to answer the younger Gay's questions and will also attempt to provide positive role models of older Gay people who have made successful adjustments within a hostile society.

The final product of this study will be a 20-30 minute tape/slide presentation of the edited interviews. This presentation will then be available for consciousness-raising groups and other interested groups wishing to begin a dialogue on this subject.

Persons interested in participating in anonymous taped interviews should send a card with his/her name, address, phone number, occupation and date of birth to Leonard Woods, 4040 Travis, Apt. 109 75204 or attend the July meeting of DGPC.

## The Arts Go Begging

The arts go begging once more in America. Fund-raising ads for eight major opera companies have appeared in the BAY AREA REPORTER--a San Francisco Gay newspaper.

The performing arts, opera in particular, are currently nailed to the wall in a financial crisis, and this is a special appeal relevant to Gay audiences (many of us work in the arts industry as performers, administration, of support staff in makeup and sets and costuming).

"Many Gays have a great amount of disposable income that is spent on entertainment," says spokesperson Beverly Sills. "Certainly Gays are more in tune with happenings in the performing arts than most other Americans."

Help is desperately needed for these performing arts institutions. You can help with (1) a contribution with your subscription order, (2) a direct gift--cash, securities, real estate, etc.--which is tax deductible as provided by law, (3) indirect or deferred gifts--including bequests by will or life insurance gifts naming an opera company as beneficiary, (4) revocable or irrevocable trusts, (5) pledges, or (6) a request to your company to "match" your contribution to a performing arts institution.

Send your check to our own Dallas Civic Opera or Dallas Civic Ballet or to any of the other companies noted. Show your support. While doing that, enclose a short note stating that these are Gay dollars supporting the arts. Let them know you care--they, in return, will acknowledge with their appreciation.

## NEWSLINES

by michael c. gianoplos

According to an article in the Detroit Free Press, Anita Bryant will share top billing with President Jimmy Carter at the Southern Baptist Annual Convention in Atlanta in June. Mr. Carter will deliver the closing address and Bryant will speak on the resolutions of homosexuality, abortion, ordination of women and tuition tax credits to be considered. A new Gay caucus has formed within the American Anthropological Association to encourage research on homosexuality. Those interested should contact Anthropologists Gay Caucus, Post Office Box 53508, Chicago IL 60653. In the Cincinnati First District Court of Appeals ruling, Ohio's only remaining law specifically dealing with Gay people is now unconstitutional: "The law which prohibits Gays from soliciting for sex is unconstitutionally vague and violates First Amendment freedoms because of its overbroad restriction on speech," says Judge Robert Black, who cited that Ohio law no longer prohibits homosexual acts in private since 1971 between consenting adults. "If persons are permitted to engage in consensual acts, reason and consistency say that they shall be allowed to communicate with each other to determine whether or not both consent." ... Dallas Federal Judge William O. Taylor has issued a temporary injunction restraining the Dallas police from making daily arrests of Elwest Stereo Theatre's employees and patrons pending approval of a permanent injunction based on the constitutionality of a Dallas city ordinance prohibiting the operation of adult bookstores and theatres within 1000 feet of a church, school or residential area, but police may still issue citations. Meanwhile, according to Leroy Gatlin, Personnel Director of the Dallas Police Department, the department may consider loosening some of its employment requirements for new police recruits but it will not waive its minimum education requirement of 45 college hours to meet minority hiring quotas. ... Los Angeles' new police chief, Daryl Gates, admits that there is nothing about sexual orientation or preference that would disqualify an LAPD officer but stated that the psychological atmosphere would be very difficult for an openly Gay LAPD officer. Mr. Gates recognizes the considerable political clout of the Los Angeles Gay community and says he is open to communication but so far has declined to establish any special liaison. ... The U.S. Supreme Court recently allowed North Carolina sodomy laws to stand by its refusal to hear argument that the law violates Gay persons constitutional right to privacy. The action is a significant setback for civil liberties advocates who urged the justices to use the case in reaching a major decision on the right of sexual privacy. ... In Washington, D.C., Presidential Assistant for Public Liaison Margaret "Midge" Costanza stated the chances for ERA passage appear very slim; "It looks very bad. You'd better know the truth and what it means to the conservative new right wing when they claim it as a victory... They did it to the consumer rights bill... The White House has not been idle waiting for the IWY Convention resolution report; every agency is being asked to look at it to see what has already been done." Meetings have been held between NGTF, the White House, Civil Rights Commission, the Justice Department, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service with only one major change as a result: ACCESS. Ms. Costanza's office will be moved to a basement location in the West Wing of the White House and stripped of some of its responsibilities in which Ms. Costanza contends her eviction spells diminished presidential interest in women's rights. ... In Eugene, St. Paul and Wichita, WE LOST by large margins in the repeal of Gay rights ordinances, and Seattle may soon join other U.S. cities to repeal its Gay rights ordinance. [Ed. note: 1978 IS THE YEAR OF THE ANTI-GAY BACKLASH VOTE AT THE POLLS.]



## We've Always Been Here!

by phil johnson

I was 16. My best friend was 15--that Sunday when Japanese planes bombed Pearl Harbor and forced our nation into World War II. Thousands of furious young men all over America were waiting at the doors of Army, Navy and Marine recruiting stations next morning, anxious to get those sneaky bastards. Within weeks one could walk down any street to see stars displayed in front windows indicating that someone from that home had gone to war. Radios played "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition."

My friend didn't much like junior high school and wasn't making good grades. He quit to join the Navy, and his mother signed a statement saying he was 18. Radios played "God Bless America."

Ken had never shaved, didn't know where Pearl Harbor was, didn't look anywhere near 18 and didn't know what the war was all about. We had been pals since our family moved into the neighborhood years before, and we felt comfortable walking down the street with our arms flung over each other's shoulders.

Often, we spent the night in each other's homes. But the last night was different. We cried before we went to sleep, in each other's arms, childishly unaware that we had committed a crime against nature. Next day he left home to fight for his country.

Ken served on the USS Saratoga, at that time the only aircraft carrier in the whole Pacific Ocean. His ship was torpedoed before his 16th birthday, again before he was 17. He never saw 18. The radio s played "This Is The G.I. Jive, Man Alive."

Mine was the Class of '43. We marched off the stage of our graduation ceremonies into the ranks of the armed services. I was luckier than most of my friends.

I didn't try to avoid going overseas, but because I could type and take shorthand, I was told to get my ass over to headquarters company--on the double.

Later I was to "entertain" our boys while serving with Special Services, a theatrical troupe. The Radios played "He's the Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B."

But how did I and thousands of Gay men and women get into "this man's Army" in the first place? Didn't they have experts to screen out "that kind" so they wouldn't contaminate our brave, clean-cut healthy boys? Listen, if they had been able to keep Gay men and women out of the fight, we very well might have lost the war.

We were in every branch of the services. We were officers, non-coms and lowly privates. We dug trenches, did K.P., stood guard duty on cold rainy nights. We parachuted into enemy territory, threw hand grenades, fought and died. Even as radios played "This is the Army, Mr. Jones."

Sex? Plenty! What would you expect of many healthy young men thrown together with few available women? But we were always very careful, knowing that despite how well we served, if caught (or even accused) we would have been given a dishonorable discharge.

But I choose not to write of sex but of affection. No man is an island. You always wanted a friend to go on a three-day pass with. Someone to drink beer with at the P.X. Someone to see a show with or talk to, especially when everyone else got mail from home but you. Someone to share both the bad and the good. So most everyone paired-up--only they called it having a good buddy.

But service life is a nomadic life. Every

few months some sergeant would call you out of ranks and tell you, in colorful words, to pack your barracks bag and be prepared to ship out--on the double. The pair was inevitably severed.

I often thought how hard most G.I.'s worked to give an extreme masculine image. They never cried--at least not so anyone could see. They often talked about how they were going to kill a dirty "Jap". They seldom spoke of women, only of cunts. Fist-fights in the barracks and chowlines were common. It went without saying that everyone hated queers. Yet when it came time to say goodbye to your buddy, it was always tender and sad. We stood there, shaking hands a bit too long, afraid to say what we really wanted to.

"When this fuckin' war is over, I'll come and visit you in Kentucky." Deep inside we knew it was a promise we'd most likely never keep.

That was many years ago. What ever happened to Patterson who loved to drink beer and fight? And Smith, always having to borrow money because he had lost next month's pay in a barracks crap game? And Hawkins who knocked up this girl in Denver and ran away to the Army? And Stevenson who had a mighty physique and loved showing it to anyone who would admire it? And all the others, their names erased by time. (We promised to remember, remember?)

Together we marched, ate, slept and showered. Together we grieved about "this lousy chicken-shit Army" suffered from the G.I. runs and argued over which of the 48 was the best damned state in the Union.

We loved each other. We did, didn't we? If not, why the hurt inside when we parted? And the radios played "When the Lights Go on Again All Over the World And Our Boys Come Home Again All Over the World."

### "Bryant Ministries" Goes National

SAN DIEGO (Metro Gay News, March 1) - Anita Bryant, anti-Gay activist, has announced her intention to establish a number of "Anita Bryant Ministries" around the country where "drug addicts, homosexuals, pregnant girls and lesbians" can come to have their spiritual needs met.

Interviewed in the WITTENBURG DOOR, a bimonthly publication from San Diego, Bryant said, "God will lift the burden from my heart that I feel after encountering 'sinful homosexuals.'" Families who would not normally to church would come to Anita Bryant Centers to have their needs met." Asked about associating her name with the centers, Bryant said she was doing it "because I feel that this may be one reason that the Lord allowed all this to happen to us . . . I think that people in trouble would be drawn to something with my name on it by the very fact that I did stand up for my beliefs."

Bryant has sent out unsolicited mailings across the country asking for donations to a massive educational campaign by stating she urgently needs the opinions of Americans on "issues of homosexuality, child pornography, sex and violence on TV and prayer taken out of school." Referring to her educational program, Bryant further stated, "Our motive is to educate parents in particular and to get people concerned across the nation. They have been so apathetic and have had their heads in the sand for so long. They haven't seen that if parents fail to set standards for their children, militant radicals will. That is the danger . . ."

## National Gay Health Conference

by dr. charles weis

Representatives of ten national Gay health organizations met in Washington, D.C. for the first Annual National Gay Health Conference, May 19-21. The meeting, sponsored by the National Gay Health Coalition (NGHC), drew 180 participants from over the nation, some coming from as far away as Hawaii.

Workshop topics included mental and physical health for Gays, counseling and sex education needs of adolescents. Federal impact on gay health needs, services for ageing Gay men and women, and Gay patients in the straight health care system.

A highlight of the Conference was the presentation of the First Annual Jane Addams-Howard Brown Award for outstanding contributions to the health and welfare of the Gay community to Dr. Evelyn Hooker of Los Angeles. Dr. Hooker has been involved in research in the area of homosexuality for more than 30 years; in the early 1960's she was appointed to chair the National Institute of Mental Health's Task Force on Homosexuality as a direct result of her pioneering and now classic research studies of Gay men in 1956. Her strong and continuing support of the gay community and of gay rights are well deserving of our highest tribute.

In addition to the workshops, panels discussions and the award presentations, the Conference heard Dr. Paul Wiesner of the Federal Center for Disease Control in Atlanta speak on gay health concerns and particularly on the positive aspects and potentialities of the gay health movement.

Attending from Dallas was Dr. Charles Weis, chairperson of the Association of Gay Psychologists, one of the member organizations of the NGHC.

The other national groups belonging to the NGHC include the Gay and Bisexual Caucus of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists, the National Caucus of Gay and Lesbian Counselors, the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Caucus of the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association Task Force on the Status of Lesbian and Gay Male Psychologists, Gay Public Health Workers, Gay Social Workers, Gay Nurses Alliance, Gay People in Medicine, and Gay Substance Abuse Workers Caucus.

### P.S. Your Cat Is Dead!

a drama review by d.f.

If you journey to New York City this summer, be sure to catch James Kirkwood's play, "P.S. Your Cat Is Dead!" Kirkwood, the co-author of "A Chorus Line," will have you laughing throughout his very urbane drama.

The plot: An actor/writer returns home on New Year's Eve after being fired only to catch a burglar about to rob him a third time. Driven a little mad by circumstances, he hurls himself on the burglar, knocks him out, strips off his pants, and ties him to the kitchen sink! Setting out to avenge himself for all of life's breaks, he taunts and teases his captive Italian macho Gay "cat". But during the games a special friendship forms.

Improbable? That word is hardly applicable in Gay society. With all the professionalism of the New York stage, "P.S." is enormous fun, full of outrageously bitchy lines but warm and identifiable, too.



## VOLLEYBALL

by coach wilkins

After much deliberation a name has been selected for our newly formed volleyball team -- 21.06ers. Anyone who does not know what 21.06 stands for by now has not been paying attention. What we lack in playing ability, we make up in verbal abuse and sheer energy. Our navy blue and white uniforms have raised an eyebrow or two, but so far that's all.

Although we have been practicing for a couple of months our first "official" game was Sunday, June 18. The match was for the best three out of five games; however, the opposing team OLITA had temporarily drafted members of the Turtle Creek Athletic Association to aid their sparse team.

While we made a valiant effort, we lost the first two, won the third, and lost the fourth. Interestingly, the third game was the only one played against actual OLITA members. We do not then consider it an official match and have written a letter of complaint to the Sexual Preference Athletic Council Incorporated (S.P.A.C.E.).

We have a lot of fun and welcome your participation. Practice is at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings and 2:00 on Sundays. Temporarily we practice at Bachman Lake, near Steak and Ale, but we will soon be at Turtle Creek, between Fairmount and Gillespie. Come on out!

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year. The Houston Gold team won Second Place and the Houston Blue team took third defeating the Dallas Disruptions.

At the victory party given for all the teams and supporters the Volleyball Awards were presented by John Knight, president of the Turtle Creek Athletic Club of Dallas (TCAC).

An All-Tournament Team, consisting of 3 spikers and 3 setters was selected as best players of the tournament voted by all teams participating--team captains voting for any athlete except members of their own teams.

Dallas placed three players on the All-Tournament Team. Coy Esquivel was the top voted spiker of the tournament followed by teammate Roy Mendoza (who travels every Sunday from Waco to play with the Dallas team.) John Knight of the Dallas Jocks received most votes for All-Tournament Setter.

The other All-Tournament players were Javier Lozano of Houston (setter) Gabriel Borrego and Mike Gonzales (tie) as Spikers. Austin placed two setters: Gilbert Gonzales and Bennie Gonzales (tie) on the All-Tournament team. Austin was voted the Best Sportsmanship Award.

Dallas swept the Tennis Awards in Singles and Doubles. Rudie Esquivel won First Place in Singles with John Knight placing second. The doubles team of Ed Moscone and Rudie Esquivel won first in Doubles and the team of Joe York and John Knight won second place. Jim Goodwin and Dale Young won the third place trophy.

The next major tournament will be held in Austin on August 5 and 6. We encourage everyone to join us and travel to Austin to cheer our Dallas teams on to another victory. Anyone wishing to make arrangements to travel to Austin (a bus is being chartered) may contact Jim Goodwin (526-6433) or John Knight (528-7314).

The biggest tournament of the year will again be the Houston tournament in late September. Houston always presents a big weekend, and Dallas will be there in strength and in number. This is the one we lost last year, but we intend to win this year. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join.

## Texas Gay Conference 5

by Steve Wilkins

TGIO--Thank God It's Over! The Conference was a success and everyone who attended can verify that. We raised a lot of consciousness and money for the Task Force. It could not have been done without all of the great volunteers that gave time and money. So once again, we wish to thank everyone.

Royal Coach Inn has also asked us to express their "thank you" and has welcomed us back. That is not so of the fraternity that gave us trouble during the Conference; in fact they have been "blackballed" from the hotel. (Nice to see the shoe on the other foot.)

We have already started work on next year's Conference in Houston so start thinking about TEXAS GAY CONFERENCE SIX!

HAVE A HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

## A Gay Perspective

by norman lowery

Gay magazines have come and gone as have straight periodicals: each has had its own appeal. Blueboy has given us some beautiful, creative photography, Hustler stimulates us with fantasies, Mandate meets the need for looking at "hunks", After Dark titillates our curiosity about celebrities and the New York scene. All of these gay magazines direct their advertising to gay interests--travel, rejuvenators, and sexual paraphernalia.

There is, however, a gay magazine with a new perspective and a broader dimension than those mentioned thus far. Christopher Street gives us cogent articles from the gay perspective on poetry, theatre, psychology, fashion, letters, and dance as well as on many other areas. Charles Ortleb and his staff of writers have put together articles with zest, humor, and perceptiveness.

Some of my favorite articles, or series of articles have been these in recent issues: Tennessee Williams' letters to amant Donald Windham, where the creative struggles of an artist are shared with a confidant who lends support to the creative spirit; the portraiture of Félix Nadar who in the 1830's brought photography to the fine art of portraying luminaries such as Sarah Bernhardt and the Goncourt brothers.

"The Anatomy of a Love Affair" focuses on a poignant dialogue between lovers about aspects of their lives together and apart; "Where Have All the Sissies Gone?" delves into the machomania we are seeing these days and the masks it forces on otherwise honest, open Gays; a delightfully nostalgic series of articles in this year's April issue brings back memories of coming out in high school.

"Do You Have Every Night Fever?" explores motivations and methods for seeking the activity and mating grounds of the bars; and finally the June issue's interviews with gay playwrights capsulizes where gay theatre is where it came from in its progress to the footlights and where these playwrights see it coursing.

Many other areas of interest fall into the bailiwick of Christopher Street where I have found stimulating, thoughtful writing as well as interesting advertisements, news, lesbian contributions, and new discoveries. All these make for staying power in the periodical business. I believe that Christopher Street is fortunately here for a long while.

## Call for Constitutional Convention

NEW YORK--Nine states have quietly passed a calling resolution to convene a second Constitutional Convention [Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, Rhode Island, South Dakota and Utah]. Five additional states have passed the call in one house of the legislature, and resolutions calling for a convention have been introduced in a dozen more. Constitutional convention advocates have set up a national office in New York City to carry on the business of legislative support for the additional 25 states needed to pass the call.

In the view of many political analysts, this country could be a few short votes away from the conservative's concept of "perfection". "In order to form a more perfect union" is taking on a new meaning among conservative forces mounting a major campaign to convene a second constitutional convention. The call is to pass an amendment banning abortion -- the new union will be heterosexual and very pro-creative -- but it takes little imagination to see the new framers moving on to the right-wing vision of busing, civil rights, gun control, separation of church and state and the rights of families, most dangerous to Gays and Lesbians. [There are two methods of amending the U.S. Constitution. One is by a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress, plus ratification by three-fourths of the states. The second is by the request for a Constitutional Convention from two-thirds of the state legislatures. That is now 34 states -- 9 have passed, 5 are half-way there, and 12 more are considering resolutions. All told that is 26, only 9 away from the required 34.]

In 1967, 32 states passed a call to overturn the U.S. Supreme Court's "one man, one vote" decision. Now, two other conservative movements besides the National Right to Life Movement are working on their states to pass convention calls, the anti-busing people and the movement to reinstate prayer in schools movement. The right wing can win an important victory even if they fall short of the call. If it appears that a Constitutional convention is on the horizon, many legislators will push for anti-abortion and other conservative legislation or propose a Constitutional amendment prohibiting abortion to avoid the chaos of a convention. Predictably, both conservative and liberal legislators will ally to circumvent any right-wing momentum.

A Los Angeles attorney remarked, "If we put freedom of speech to a vote tomorrow, we'd lose." It would be politically expedient to sell women down the river to avoid a rewrite of the Bill of Rights which would not be exempt from consideration by such a Constitutional Convention. In Mr. William F. Buckley's letters to supporters, "the rights of family and the life of the unborn" are the reasons for the convention call. The phrase "rights of family" opens a plethora of conservative causes and ideas. For those of us concerned with the Gay movement, it is well to consider what "rights of the family" means to Anita Bryant.

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## CALENDAR OF INTERESTING EVENTS!

### JULY

- 2 LIBERATION DAY SUNDAY at MCC. All DGPC members are encouraged to attend as this will be a special service to honor DGPC!
- 3 WFAA - "Ed Bush Talk Show" Louise Young Ph D, Vice President of DGPC, will speak on gay issues. Listeners are encouraged to call in. 1:00 PM.
- 10 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 PM. Reagan and Brown. Social afterwards.
- 12 Those interested in working with the FUND RAISING committee are invited to meet at 4015 Cole Avenue, 7:00 PM. 528-3639.
- 13 POLITICAL ACTION committee meets at 5818 E. University Blvd. at 7:30 PM. #133

### AUGUST

- 13 "Homosexuality and Christian Responsibility" MCC - 7:30 PM.
- 14 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 PM. Reagan and Brown.
- 20 "Homosexuality and Christian Responsibility" MCC - 7:30 PM.

With the current issue of THE ADVOCATE, there begins the first of a three-part series by gay historian Sal J. Licata entitled, The Emerging Gay Presence: A Legacy of Pride, A Heritage of Hope. It is very important that we become familiar with our roots. From where did we come - where are we going?

Think of the courage our gay ancestors must have had to face the oppression of state and church. Although you and I are unlikely to be burned at the stake, we are a continuation of that courage. We must deserve it.

There must be a reason for living on this earth. Something more valid than disco-dancing, beer bursts and drag shows. Most of us will never have children, yet we must leave something. By being good citizens, doing our jobs well and uniting to work for the equality of everyone --women, minorities, the handicapped, the aged, as well as for gays, we can leave this world a little bit better than it was when we entered. If we can do this, we will have lived up to our heritage.

*Phil Johnson*, membership

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(Due to lack of space in the Newsletter, this article is printed separately.)

## Dallas Gays Fight Back Against DPD Entrapment

(Section 21.07, Texas Penal Code)

The Dallas Police Vice Squad is still up to their old but tried-and-true tactics of enticing (entrapping) unsuspecting individuals (patrons) in the area's adult bookstores and arcades. These theatres are visited by both Gays and straights and yet the Gays are the only patrons being harassed except for the so-called straight person in search of a momentary diversion.

By now they have the system down to routine assignments. All they have to do is stand around fondling themselves or otherwise appearing to be "on the make", and one unauthorized touch below the waist can cost a guy upwards of \$1,500 in bail, attorney's fees, and possibly a prison sentence.

Many of these arrests are made outside the establishment to avoid being witnessed by other patrons. (Shades of "Holocaust"?) Is this a just system or a rip-off?

To those of us who have been analysing the situation, this is a discriminatory policy in the enforcement of Texas statute 21.07 because:

1. There are no female vice-officers standing around to entice unsuspecting hetero males into a similar action. (The state calls it public lewdness.)
2. This is a strong indication that no crime would have been committed had the vice officer not been there.
3. Gay individuals are the target in this case thus not receiving equal protection under the law.

Most of these cases are classified as a class A misdemeanor punishable by up to \$2,000 in fines and/or up to one year in the county jail.

Because of either embarrassment of public exposure or the more basic fear of losing one's job (if you're a city employee, you're immediately terminated), most people decide to "cop a plea" and indeed might get out of it the easy way. This obviously perpetuates the system, right? It makes it easier for them the next time.

On the other hand, the ones who are concerned or indignant enough to plead "not guilty" and go for a trial by either judge or a jury better hope to win their case because, if they don't, they stand to get the wrath of the court thrown at them ... meaning possibly the maximum penalty. It appears to this writer that this is done to discourage others who might be facing that decision.

One doesn't like to call the DPD-Gay Community Liason Officer arrangement ineffective, but there has been little change since this person was installed, in this particular area of police harassment. This person is also the chief of the Dallas Police Vice Squad, and he told me in a telephone conversation that "enticement practices were necessary and they planned to continue using them."

The state or county levels in the justice system don't tend to be as cooperative as one might hope. The usual come-back to arguments such as this is, "We're just enforcing the law and intend to use any means possible." However, at either the state or Federal level, it is conceivable that we can contest the constitutionality of the enforcement policies. To accomplish this legal position is our present objective.

To begin, our attorneys need documentation on many cases of this type which have occurred during the past year. Pertinent information must include the name of the arresting officer, the attorney who defended the case, the judge, and any other significant factors. If any one in this readership has any facts such as these relating to his own case or that of an acquaintance, he may be of great help in this investigative effort.

Helping in this does not imply that you as a individual, the DGPC or anyone involved is condoning "public sex". This grievance is directed primarily at the enticement tactics employed by the local vice squad.

Other states or cities have developed agreements to the effect that, in a case such as this, the arresting officer cannot have been one of the persons involved. In other words he must be the observer who is theoretically offended. This is certainly a giant step up from entrapment.

The writer of this article is not a lawyer, but he has experienced the sickening feeling of being arrested in this manner and his thoughts are that he is the one who has been abused and discriminated against.

I feel that it's wrong to make criminals out of innocent people. There is no moral purpose served by this kind of law enforcement.

If I may answer any questions (in layman's terms) and/or record any of this documentation needed, please call me at home evenings at 691-8016.

It is my gut feeling that a situation such as this should not exist here or anywhere and that no one will correct this wrong except us ourselves.

Let's do it!

JIM CHUMLEY



1978 GENERAL ELECTION

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF CANDIDATES IN CONTESTED RACES IN THE  
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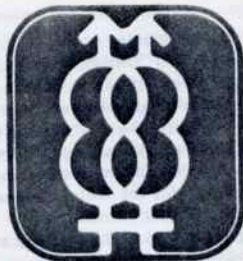
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Next general meeting

August 14, 7:30 p.m.

MCC 2707 Reagan Street



Louise Young Ratified

As President of

Dallas Gay Political Caucus

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## AFFIRMATION SPEECH BY PRESIDENT

I sincerely appreciate the Board's confidence in selecting me unanimously as their choice for President.

I want all of you here to know that I am ready, willing, and able to assume the duties and responsibilities which come with this office.

One reason I feel I am able to understand the duties of the office is that our outgoing President, Steve Wilkins, has made me aware of the extent of the president's duties. I'm grateful to Steve for sharing those responsibilities with me these 16 months we have served together on the Board.

Many of you may be asking yourselves, "How will the Caucus be different with Louise Young as President?" There are bound to be slight differences because Steve and I are two different people. The office may reflect those minor differences, but that's to be expected and is no cause for concern.

Beyond those differences, the Caucus will be business-as-usual. During Steve's presidency, and with his and the Board's leadership, we have achieved great things. We will continue to set goals and reach them.

On a personal note, I pledge to be the representative I always have been. You know me and how I function as a Board member. I will continue to listen to you, and act on your suggestions. As President, I must take more time, whenever possible, to be out in the Gay community--businesses, bars, and meeting with other organizations--listening and taking notes.

I am conscious of being a woman president of a predominately male organization, and I will insure that a male spokesperson receives media visibility whenever possible. Also, I will rotate chairing the monthly meetings with other board members.

My highest priority is facilitating DGPC's being the organization the members want it to be.

I know that if I am ratified, the "buck stops here." I'm ready for that responsibility. The buck will be in capable hands. I ask you to ratify me as your President tonight. Thank you!

Editor's Note: DGPC general membership ratified President Young without dissent at the July 10 meeting.

## California MCC Organizes Drive To Defeat Briggs Bill

The weekend of August 18-20, Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the MCC, will lead a fund raising for concerned voters of California to defeat the Briggs Amendment which would destroy certain Gay rights in teaching and housing in that state.

Special services on Saturday night, Sunday morning and night will be held at the MCC with Rev. Perry's topic: "The Lord is my Shepherd."

## Illegal Search and Seizure: Latest Chapter in Dallas Police Harassment

by bill mcdougall

An hour before closing on Friday morning, 28 July 1978, two of the popular Gay bars in Dallas were set up for harassment by the vice squad of the Dallas Police Department (DPD).

Using the ruse of serving a Citation for a civil law suit on the owner of both bars, the stratagem included undercover agents from the Sheriff's Department to "pull" the owner out of his newest bar to another one of his bars some distance away.

During his absence, five people in the bar were busted and hauled off, but only one was identified as a customer and it is suspected that the rest were undercover police officers who were busted to protect their identity.

Meanwhile, at the bar he was called to, he was served with the Citation and the deputy constable threatened him to respond by 3:00 P.M. the next day or he would see to it that his bars were closed.

He took the deputy constable seriously and was ready by 2:00 P.M. but tried in vain with the help of the officer's secretary to locate the deputy constable past 5:00 P.M.

Before he arrived at this bar, two male and one female sheriff's deputies restrained the bartender behind the bar and searched the bar and seized a small supply of "Bullet" and the money in a bank bag with them. Bullet is a product of Bullet Enterprises Inc. of Houston, Texas, and (please turn to page 3, column 3)

## Think About This

by jack patterson

We belong to DGPC because we believe it is good and worthwhile, RIGHT!

Then let's all be a membership salesperson. Talk about it to your friends. Let them know the many things we are doing and want to do for the benefit of all of us. Invite them, better yet, bring a carload of them with you to the next meeting.

This is SERIOUS BUSINESS! We are all in this together fighting for our human rights! We must continue bringing as many new members each month as we can in order to do the many things ahead that must be done. We are limited only by our numbers and our bank balance.

This is your organization. Each one of us must take the responsibility to add members and money, as often as we can, to further our causes. Do it! You'll feel proud, and your friends will thank you for getting them involved.

## FROM THE BOARD

### Police/Firemen Invited To Attend August Meeting

Over the next 40 days we will see the Dallas Police and Firemen's Association hitting the streets in an effort to obtain 40,000 signatures or more on petitions for a referendum to be on a January ballot for a 15% salary increase and other benefits.

The Association has launched a somewhat professional political campaign to get the referendum on the ballot, including the services of Bruce Barreck, a professional political advisor. Police and firepersons have been on the agenda of most every civic and political organization seeking support and workers.

Some members of the Political Action Committee and Board of Directors of DGPC have met with Barreck to give insight to the needs and concerns of the Dallas Gay Community. The pros and cons of the project as it affects our Community have been discussed, and we have decided to invite Police and Fire Department officials to our August 14 meeting to present their case and to answer questions just as they have for other minority and special interest groups.

This is an excellent opportunity for DGPC to have dialogue with shared interest groups to insure that all of our voices will be heard and that we expect equal access to and protection under the law.

If the Police and Firemen's Association accepts our invitation, we will have an opportunity to raise consciousness and open lines of communication between law enforcement and the Gay Community. We are sure everyone will attend the August 14 meeting to voice an opinion, ask questions and help us decide whether we will become involved in this campaign.

We have earned a solid political reputation in the past year, and it is very important for DGPC to address issues to keep our status growing. No group should be so naive as to ignore the Dallas Gay Community.

## NEA Votes Support of Gay Teachers

DALLAS, July 6-The National Education Association reaffirmed its position of supporting Gay teachers by overwhelmingly passing a measure which voices its strong opposition to Proposition 6-Briggs Initiative (on the California November election ballot) and the recently passed Oklahoma "Briggs Bill" allowing local school boards to fire teachers for involvement in Gay rights activities and to discriminate in the hiring and dismissal of teachers on the basis of sexual orientation and preference.

Robert Chanin, NEA General Counsel, stated, "Local school boards have to show that if a teacher is homosexual, his homosexuality will affect performance in a classroom."



## DallaSpectacle

a review by norman lowery

It's been so hot this summer in Dallas that finding cool entertainment has been a major preoccupation for all of us. Poolside socializing and chilly movie theaters have been pleasant, routine escapes from the heat, but my favorite diversion (now, we're talking about *cool* entertainment!) is the theater in Dallas during the summer.

Although not as cool as indoor theater, the Dallas Shakespeare Festival brought up the footlights at sunset on two scintillating plays by the Bard. With wine and cheese at hand, friends and I enjoyed the Mafiosi-style staging of "Comedy of Errors"; the Italian songs and accents interspersed through the tangled comedy provided a true spark of new life for the play, time-worn with traditional staging. "The Tempest" was heavier; the subtleties of Shakespeare's dialogue required more attention than I could give amid the airplane roars, baby cries, and emergency vehicle klaxons.

Dinner theaters never have provided us with much to speak of in bill of fare and the playbill on stage this season hasn't been much better, with one delightfully nostalgic exception--Myrna Loy in "Relatively Speaking". Ah, fond memories of "The Rains Came" and "After the Thin Man"...

Musicals have always been a favorite part of summer entertainment for me. Already, the hum-alongs of "South Pacific" and "Fiddler on the Roof" have wafted cool tropical breezes and cold Russian winters across our fevered senses. "The Wiz" is absolutely invigorating with all the energy and "bad" music you can stand in an evening at the Music Hall. The national touring company puts on a slick, syno-pated production that's easy to pat your foot to.

The meat of Dallas theater is its resident and repertory theaters where this summer has brought the wit, the surrealism, the comedy and the terror

## Orange Ball Now In Hope's Court

by nathan wyll

Bob Hope, America's supreme gift of comedy to the world, "exercises the basic responsibility for the contents of his TV specials," according to a letter dated May 17, from P. B. Hicks, Jr., Vice-President of Texaco, Inc. to DGPC member Jack Patterson.

Hicks' letter was written in response to Patterson's letter to Texaco in April after a story appeared in the Dallas Times Herald stating that Texaco was asking the comedian to stop using Anita Bryant jokes because some Texaco customers complained and some cut up their Texaco credit cards.

Patterson's letter to Texaco pointed out that if the company would dictate to Hope to stop Bryant jokes he should also be told to stop Gay jokes.

"Fair is fair and right is right, anywhere, anytime, so unless you are taking sides with Anita Bryant, I hope you will issue a statement now that there will be no more Gay jokes told either by Mr. Hope," wrote Patterson.

Patterson threatened a Texaco credit-card cutting campaign if the Texaco organization condoned a one-sided censorship of Hope's TV material.

Hicks in his letter also stated that it was Texaco's policy to keep the comedian "informed of any comments concerning his shows--whether pro or con--that we receive by mail or otherwise from the general public and from Texaco customers."

Editor's Note: Frankly we've always enjoyed Hope's Gay jokes. It's great to be poked fun at publicly by a master. What's the matter with the humorless Florida orange juice saleslady and her bigoted supporters?

of fine dramatic spectacles to the local stage.

"Porter, Please" and "Otherwise Engaged" came out of Theatre Three with all the wit and social satire the creators intended. Jac, your vivacious rendition of "Anything Goes" strikes to the heart of Cole Porter's life and philosophy. O'Dwyer's interpretation of the liberal bon vivant leaves a bitter taste in my mouth for the social awareness and altruism we see flagrant around us.

"Firekeeper" provoked my sense of reality and Castaneda surreal. What a striking exploration of the family unit and the Church's role in resolving emotional traumas. Brighter, lighter still is "The Royal Family"; the Barrymores come alive with their egotisms and idiosyncracies. Randy Moore flames across continents to make his mark on the Dallas Theater Center stage as the family crazy who titillates the audience with "What next!"

The small repertory companies have offered two remarkable productions this summer, "The Mikado" and "Dracula". Such wonderful costumes and subtlety of expression! Thank you, Dallas Repertory Theater, for the fine effort. Gothic and chilling, the New Arts Theatre's "Dracula" sweeps into the European Crossroads like a ~~blender~~ over the Number Three Lift. No camp, just class...

But the summer is only half over. Dallas Rep is planning a "Pippin" which should enliven the late summer blahs. And "A Chorus Line" is coming. Bob Fosse won't be here to oversee the moves, but we'll have moves of our own during the production and during the Fair--Texas-OU, you know... There's much to do and see on stage and off in Dallas. Have a nice summer!

## New Safety Plans Guard Bar Areas

by bill mcdougall

In the parking lot at the corner of Travis and North Fitzhugh, on the night after the patrol ceased, a regular patron of the Gay bars faced a young black in a white shirt and red pants with a pistol who demanded his money and his car.

Fortunately, the bar patron had his foot on the accelerator and sped away to get the police. The gunman escaped on foot, running between parked cars on Travis.

The next day when Tom and Mike, owners of The Patio Eatery, heard of the attempted robbery, they invited the other owners of the Gay bars to a dinner meeting with Jim Wilson and Don Oats of North American Security Group at their place. Wilson's security guards now protect the patrons of Old Plantation, Dimension III, Throckmorton Mining Company and Wild Crowd.

At this meeting was Ernie, who owns Ram Rod and Single Shot, Dale of the Crews Inn, Delbert of the Fraternity House, plus Tom and Mike, and Jim and Don.

Now the Fitzhugh and Travis area has total protection for its patrons and staff from dusk until dawn, seven days of the week. These Gay customers of the 5 Gay businesses at the corner of North Fitzhugh and Travis are probably safer than at their own homes, thanks to concerned Gay business owners.

## NOW Task Force To Present Films

Dallas County NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force presents an evening of films from Moonforce Media, a women's film company. The package of films will be shown 8:00 p.m., August 19, at 2001 McKinney, Suite 230 for an admission price of \$2.00.

The films to be shown include "Getting Ready" by Janet Meyer, 1977; "Friends" by Sharon Madden, 1976; "Would I ever Like to Work" by Kathleen Shannon, 1974; and "Healthcare: From Our End of the Spectrum" by Denise Bostrom and Jane Warrenbrand, 1976. The NOW Lesbian Rights Taskforce hopes you will join us for an evening of women's culture.

## TRUTH

by jerry diggin

When I die, the inscription of my headstone will be: He used to tell the truth. Honesty is a two-edged sword, and if you don't watch out, someone's liable to grab it out of your hand and stab you with it. Witness the events of the past few days.

It all started with the little old lady with the pink hair. She had just come out of a beauty parlor as I was passing. Tingling with joy she tapped me on the shoulder and said those awful words: What do you think? I just had it done today.

My reply was simply, Bathe it twice a day with some hydrogen peroxide and it should heal in about six months. She really could have gotten the same effect by sticking her head in a Waring blender, with a little food coloring, and it would have been a lot cheaper. She followed me the rest of that day, making all kinds of obscene gestures and then tried to run me over in the parking lot on my way home from work. Every once in a while I still see her behind me.

Don't ever answer any question that begins with, What do you think of... or I really want your truthful opinion... or Do you think I should... or any variations thereon. Your only going to create enemies or worse get yourself killed. Well, back to my story.

A few weeks ago, a former friend (who now sends poison-pen letters signed Carving Knife--I recognize his handwriting) asked me what I thought of his girlfriend. I simply told him he could possibly paper-train her in a week or so and to stay away from fire hydrants. The dentist gave me a great deal on the crowns and the back brace comes off in another month.

The pay-off for honesty is pain. Read on.

Velma Simpson, my manicurist, was showing me pictures of her grandson. Isn't he cute, she says. Yes, I say, for a mongoloid with hydrocephalus. Anyway, the doctor said my nails will grow out in eight weeks and the stitches in my finger-pads come out tomorrow.

Sunny Denton, our bookkeeper, started a new diet program about a week ago. Yesterday, she asked me what I thought of the new, slim and trim her (after a weight loss of four pounds). I suggested that she should put in her application for a job as ballast on a supertanker. My hernia operation is scheduled for next Monday; and if I breathe shallowly my ribs don't hurt too much.

Anyway, I have barricaded my door so I could write this for you. They'll be breaking through at any moment, Carving Knife and the rest. Honest.

## LIBERTARIAN PARTY PETITIONS DUE

by mike gianofris

Austin--Petitions to place Libertarian Party candidates on the Texas November election ballot were to be filed on July 17 in Austin. As the Nation's third-largest political party, the conservative party group plans to file Houston candidates Alan Vogel for Governor and Sharon Lucas for U.S. Senator.

Twenty Libertarian Party candidates will seek places on the Texas ballot, and more than 200 candidates are expected in 32 states. Texas candidates advocate repealing the state sales tax, property tax cuts, reduced funds for highway construction and reorganization of the Texas criminal justice system to include "decriminalization" of marijuana, gambling, prostitution and repeal of homosexual conduct laws.



## Rev. Eastman Details Expansion Plans for Dallas Metropolitan Community Church

by bill mcdougall

(follow-up to article in April 1978 issue of the DGPC NEWS on the installation as pastor of MCC)

DGPC NEWS: "What is the MCC contribution to the Gay community since your installation as the pastor of the Dallas MCC on 9 April 1978?"

REV. EASTMAN: "MCC continues to provide many sources of personal ministry to individuals who feel the need of such ministry."

"In addition to a place of worship where Gays can feel comfortable and accepted, it provides counselling and referral services such as attorneys, physicians, professional counsellors, psychologists, psychiatrists, public health clinic and civil rights organizations, all sympathetic to Gays. There is a high frequency of inquiries from out of town visitors because the MCC is perhaps the most visible national Gay organization even though it is open to all, not just Gay persons."

"Founded by Troy Perry, MCC is just 10 years old and has 125 congregations with 25,000 members. It is 7 years old in Dallas with a record of constant growth and increased activity."

"Currently the attendance on Sunday averages over 300 in two services, in the morning at 11:00 A.M. and in the evening at 7:15 P.M. (Capacity of the sanctuary is 310 and this past Easter, there were 307 in the morning service.)"

"Planned expansion includes a social hall and community center with ground breaking in the fall. It will be covered by a \$40,000 fund raising drive, of which \$11,000 has already been raised. In addition to special drag shows and other

benefit fund-raisers, the fund will depend on personal financial support from its members and donation of services and labor, such as the architectural services donated by former DGPC President Steve Wilkins.

"There is adequate sanctuary space for the present; an extra service on Sunday morning could accommodate future growth. The progress of the MCC in Dallas reflects a trend in the national MCC fellowship and serves as a positive image for the Gay community."

"The Dallas MCC provides a meeting place for other than worship services, such as the DGPC. It is a meeting place where Gay people can feel accepted in a supportive environment."

"In addition to the traditional Sunday morning worship service, there is an informal, evangelical service on Sunday night and Wednesday night at 7:30 P.M. On the 2nd and 4th Thursday in each month, the Metroplex Young Adults (MYA) meet at the MCC. Although there are no age restrictions, it is primarily comprised of young single persons between the ages of 17 and 27."

"Periodically there are special programs such as *The Bible and Homosexuality* presented in June, the just completed adventure in personal development, *How to Pull Your Own Strings* with Russel M. Myers, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communications at Iowa State University, and the coming program in August, *Liberty and Love* which will deal with moral and ethical questions concerning Gay lifestyles."

Rev. Eastman sees the MCC taking the lead in the development of the Gay community by providing counselling and guidance in Christian ethic for the Gay family in taking its rightful place alongside of its heterosexual counterpart in the Dallas community.

## PAC Questionnaire For Candidates

by viv armstrong

Questionnaires are in the mail to candidates in all Dallas County and Statewide races. The questionnaires are but one step in the process of recommending candidates to the Gay community for November elections.

Questions are tailored to the particular race, with questions regarding a candidate's stand on federal Gay civil rights legislation going to Congressional candidates, and questions regarding 21.06 for State legislative and judicial races. The Political Action Committee (PAC) is responsible for collecting and analyzing the replies, but the committee welcomes participation and input from any DGPC member. Final recommendations will be made at the regular political action committee meeting on September 14th, with place and time to be announced.

At the September general meeting, candidates will have the opportunity to answer questions from DGPC members and to state their views on Gay-related issues. This time, all candidates in all races will be invited, instead of just one race as was the case in the spring.

Start thinking about the fall elections! It's not too early to get involved by getting Gays registered to vote. The time and place of the next Political Action Committee meeting are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

We must register hundreds of Gays. Watch for our voter registration posters in bars and businesses. They will be appearing soon, with pockets of registration cards attached. Please encourage your friends to register because the single most powerful political tool is your vote.

## Dallas State Rep. Hudson to Co-sponsor Repeal of 21.06

by mike gianoplos

Dallas State Representative Samuel Hudson told the Texas Gay Conference Five meeting in Dallas recently that he would co-sponsor legislation to repeal Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code which punishes homosexual activity as a Class C misdemeanor by a \$200 fine, with Houston State Representative Craig Washington.

Hudson added, "I serve on the jurisprudence committee, which will probably handle something of this nature. I am optimistic of getting something out of committee and onto the floor. I want you to know that I will do my level best to see that this repeal will be a reality."

The Texas Gay Task Force (TGTF) which sponsored the Conference revealed a five-point lobbying plan to include a search for persons sympathetic to Gay rights, a continuation of organizing Gay rights coalitions, an information telephone communications network, the establishment of an Austin office and lobbying team for the upcoming 1979 legislative session and a campaign to raise \$25,000 for these efforts.

Delegates from other Texas cities and towns passed several resolutions to redraft governmental rules to prohibit initiatives and referendums which would limit the rights of minorities if passed, to extend the Equal Rights Amendment ratification deadline, back all feminist issues, include all minorities in activities of the TGTF and a prohibition on any discriminatory practices by Gay businesses such as dress codes.

## United for Equal Rights Channels Political Money

by dick stewart

Last spring, DGPC wrote a check for a contribution to a prominent local congressperson for an extravaganza that would attract local, state and national political figures. The contribution would have permitted the entire Board to attend this function. Although this congressperson has received us most cordially and been very supportive, our check was returned. Why?

The federal government and the state of Texas have specific laws dictating the manner in which corporations can make political contributions. Our contribution to the congressperson referred to above would have subjected his campaign and the DGPC to possible fines and jail sentences.

The DGPC Board made the major decision: to form a Political Action Committee (PAC) that would conform to federal and state laws. This was a major decision in that it set the direction of the DGPC for the future. We would be active by supporting political issues and candidates through contributions and we had abandoned the idea of being recognized as a "Non-profit Tax Exempt Organization."

"United for Equal Rights" (UFER) is the recognized PAC of the DGPC. The exclusive purpose of UFER is to encourage financial contributions to political candidates. UFER derives its income from contributions and from fund raising drives which are designated for the PAC. No funds from the general treasury of DGPC can be transferred.

Properly used, UFER can further our efforts for Gay recognition and make us a strong political power. A political candidate receiving a check from UFER will know that it is *Gay money*. Your check to "United for Equal Rights" will further the movement and you can remain anonymous. You may also specify the candidate to receive your contribution on your check.

Your contribution to UFER is a legitimate tax deduction. You can take a tax credit up to \$25.00, reducing a tax liability of \$2000 to \$1975.00. If you itemize, you can take a deduction up to \$200.00.

The DGPC has promised you the vehicle to contribute to the political system. The speed "United for Equal Rights" will travel is strictly up to you. If you are inclined to make a political contribution, why not make it through UFER. Show Dallas what Gay power is! Make your check payable to United for Equal Rights, P.O. Box 50171, Dallas, TX 75250.

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is legally sold as a room deodorizer throughout Texas.

The owner and his bartender were forced to remove their shoes and empty their pockets, at the bar and in front of the customers. There are plenty of witnesses to this humiliating incident.

The owner was given a receipt for the Bullet confiscated and permitted to leave about 1:50 A.M. He made his way back to the first bar just as it was 2:00 A.M. and found the lights on and all customers clear from the bar.

There is a clear cut case of illegal search and seizure without a search warrant and his Constitutional Rights to "a reasonable time" to respond to the civil law suit Citation has been breached.

Are we on the verge of another "Stonewall" in Dallas?



## Board Planning Session Termed Successful

by Louise Young

Sunday, July 16, was a working day for the DGPC Board, as we conducted the first in a series of all-day planning meetings. We covered such items as new division of Board responsibilities and tasks, quarterly financial forecast, and committee and monthly meeting plans.

Responsibilities of individual Board members were assigned as follows: Louise Young (Pres.) official spokesperson, keeping files, meeting agenda preparation, Newsletter Committee; Gary Brock (V.-P.) public service projects and relations with Gay and non-Gay organizations; Dennis Plemmons (Sec.) correspondence, Media Committee, media contacts and press releases; Dick Stewart (Treas.) comptroller, budget, funding, "United for Equal Rights"; Dick P. Armstrong (Parl.) parliamentary procedures, elections, Legal Research Committee, official representative to DAIR; Floyd Baker--Education Committee, Speakers' Bureau; Jack R.--Financial Resources Committee (formerly Fund Raising); Viv Armstrong--Political Action Committee, Women's Concerns; Phil Johnson--Membership Committee, Poster Committee, internal communication and publicity within the Gay community.

If you are interested in a particular task or committee, contact the Board member or committee chair in your area of interest.

Other articles in future issues will cover committee plans in depth. We'll print a complete list of committees and chairpersons in next month's newsletter. Until then, look for the committee chairpersons at the August meeting. They'll have yellow name badges on.

The Board is attempting to incorporate your helpful suggestions into our planning procedures and goals for the next year. For example, several members have suggested having more than one monthly meeting in order to shorten the overall meeting time. The Board decided to use the "open board meeting" (the fourth Monday of each month) as a means of discussing committee plans in depth.

This will shorten considerably the report time during the regular monthly meetings. Please come to our next open board meeting August 28, 7:30 p.m., MCC Social Hall. All Board members hope you will let us know your thoughts and ideas on present and future DGPC business. Talk to us... WE LISTEN!

## St. Paul Gays Receive CETA Funds

ST. PAUL, June 13--The Lesbian Resource Center (LRC) and the St. Paul Gay Community Center (GCC) are receiving \$21,000 in CETA aid. The federal job grant follows approval in New York City of five new CETA employees with the National Gay Task Force.

The St. Paul funding comes from a recent Hennepin County Commissioners meeting where it was learned that CETA funds would be withdrawn if the county did not hire more people for allotted positions. The commissioners voted to hire 97 people in 31 different organizations including Gay groups.

GCC's CETA funds will allow a study of the needs of aging Gay people, Gay youth and families. The LRC CETA grant will establish support groups for isolated Lesbians and provide both information and counseling services for Lesbian mothers and children in Lesbian households.

San Francisco has one CETA position for a Gay person, Jo Daly, liaison staffer of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. A number of other openly Gay people hold CETA-funded jobs in San Francisco and other cities, although not in specific Gay service positions.

## Call for Constitutional Convention

(Continued from previous issue, col. 3, page 4)

The Executive Director of the National Women's Political Caucus, Jane McMichael, feels that "these people who are successful in getting a convention called will be the ones best established to get the delegates selected and elected. You can be sure they won't be sending any James Madisons."

The convention's most prominent and vocal backers are Daniel G. Buckley, James P. McFadden and Edward A. Capano, respectively publisher, associate publisher and assistant publisher of the NATIONAL REVIEW whose major stockholder and editor is William F. Buckley, Jr. Their attorney is Thomas A. Bolan, law partner of Roy Cohn, former aide to Senator Joseph McCarthy.

While many conservatives do not acknowledge their open support for the Constitutional convention, informal gatherings and social events have helped to broaden the scope of involvement. A few leaders invite like-minded conservatives to an informal social meeting, unpublicized to discuss an upcoming problem. There is no structure to the meeting nor votes, but there is volunteering for assignments and discussion of possible allies.

Some legislators realized what was happening in the Massachusetts Senate, for example, and introduced an amendment to delete the Bill of Rights from consideration in the convention. That amendment was defeated by one of the most progressive, liberal legislatures in America. Overburdened legislators are the strongest weapon the conservatives have. Until those who realize the danger take a stand and be heard in our states on a local level, our legislators will continue to think it is a small concession to make to conservative interests, continuing to think the conservatives will never get enough support. The legislators who voted for the call on a voice vote did not know what they were doing; it was almost a bone thrown at conservative interests to shut them up.

Janet Benshoof, Counsel to the ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project, predicts that resolutions will be introduced in every state that has not yet voted on a call in the very near future. Once again, the group that feels its values challenged on all sides will sneak through the political process, while the liberals keep playing by the rules.

## Federal Agency Redefines Gays

by Mike Gianoplos

New York (AP), June 24--The U.S. Public Health Agency has adopted the position of the American Psychiatric Association and will no longer define Gay persons as "sex deviants" or "psychopathic personalities" as a result of the meetings between the National Gay Task Force (NGTF), the United States Surgeon General and top representatives of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

This meeting was the third held between NGTF and INS officials when it became apparent that a key factor was the INS statute's specific exclusion of "sex deviants" and "psychopathic personalities" from admission to the United States, and the Public Health Service's continued inclusion of Gay persons under these categories.

Jean O'Leary and Bruce Voeller, NGTF Co-Executive Directors, said, "We believe that this far-reaching policy change will go a long way toward ending this country's exclusion of Gay visitors and immigrants. We are also hopeful that any remaining problems will be resolved since INS General Counsel David Crossland personally has agreed to serve as liaison between his agency and NGTF, encouraging us to bring any complaints by Gay aliens or prospective Gay immigrants directly to his attention."

## FCC Opens Door to Gays as a Minority

by Mike Gianoplos

In other NGTF negotiations, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) said that Gay persons can be considered a specific minority group entitled under communications law to special access to radio and television time.

Commission rules now list 19 categories of minorities to include Blacks, agricultural, business, cultural, civic, labor and religious organizations if they are significant in a broadcaster's area. NGTF sought to have Gay persons designated specifically as one of these groups and pressed the case because the FCC decided to study possible language for an amendment to its rules.

Final language was not agreed upon, after several commission members suggested that where the rules refer to "other minorities", language should be added to say the rule applies where such groups are reasonably accessible or identifiable. FCC rules require broadcasters to ascertain the needs of their communities and provide access to any significant minority groups.

Where homophobic statements by newscasters, stereotyping of Gay people on feature programs and anti-Gay religious broadcasting have been a concern to Gay people, local Gay groups should confront TV and radio executives with their concerns and demands, previously held questionable under formerly vague FCC policies.

## DGPC Sets Membership Goal of 1000

Following the philosophy that new ideas and new people make an organization grow, the membership committee has set a goal of 1000 members by Gay Pride Week 1979. Present membership in DGPC is 254.

All members will be needed to help achieve such tremendous growth if we are to be successful. Although ambitious, the goal is achievable. Each member need only bring in three new people.

The first project to help reach our goal, to be introduced at the regular August meeting, is a packet of five invitations to the regular September meeting. Each person at the August meeting will be asked to give an invitation personally to a friend or acquaintance.

Other projects to boost membership will be introduced in the near future. Anyone who has ideas about increasing membership or who would like to work with the membership committee should contact Phil Johnson, Board Director coordinating the membership drive, through the DGPC phone answering service or P. O. Box listed on page 4.

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Don't feel left out. Join a committee. Call 528-4233 as to time and place.

## CALENDAR OF INTERESTING EVENTS!

### AUGUST

- 6 DGPC VOLLEYBALL team practice. Players needed! Our team works out every Wednesday and Sunday afternoon.
- 14 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 PM Reagan and Brown Social afterwards
- 16 FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
- 17 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
- 17 Giant Fund Raising DINNER PARTY at the BELL PEPPER to raise money to fight the Briggs Initiative (to fire gay school teachers in California). \$25.00 a plate. Call MCC 9526-6221 for information and reservations. This is important. If school teachers can be fired, merely for being gay, who will be next?
- 19 WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL. 8:00 PM at 2001 McKinney, Second floor.
- 19 SWIMMING PARTY for members only. Bring your membership card, in addition to your bathing suit.
- 19 TROY PERRY! speaking on "The Lord Is My Shephard And He Knows I'm Gay" First of a three-part series. Metropolitan Community Church.
- 20 TROY PERRY! continuing "The Lord Is My Shephard And He Knows I'm Gay" At both 11:00 AM and 7:15 PM services. Be sure and hear this great man, one of our most up-front leaders.
- 22 Benefit DRAG SHOW for the United Christian Community. Old Plantation, 10 PM.
- 24 MEDIA COMMITTEE
- 27 LIBERTY AND LOVE, the gay lifestyle and christian responsibility. MCC 7:30 PM.
- 28 DGPC Open Board Meeting, MCC. Starts at 7:30 PM sharp. Everyone is invited to give input into the direction of the gay movement in Dallas.

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 & 10 LIBERTY AND LOVE, the gay lifestyle and christian responsibility. Parts II & III. 7:30 PM.
- 3 DGPC VOLLEYBALL team practice. Every Sunday and Wednesday. Everyone is welcome!



- 6 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. Our goal: 1000 members by Gay Pride Day '79. (Traditionally Gay Pride Day is celebrated the last Saturday in June). We are especially interested in getting more minorities, women and young people.
- 7 MAIL COMMITTEE. Stuff Newsletters, lick stamps, eat cheese, drink wine.
- 11 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 PM. Reagan and Brown Social afterwards.
- 12 Consciousness Raising I for Men. 7 weeks.
- 14 Consciousness Raising I for Women. 7 weeks.
- 14 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE - Candidates Recommendation.
- 20 FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
- 21 MEDIA COMMITTEE
- 22 "Word Is Out" gay movie at the Granada. Join us in a mass turn-out.
- 25 DGPC Open Board Meeting at MCC. 7:30 PM. Don't just complain. Do something!

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The DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS has a Blood Account at the Wadley Blood Bank. There is a dire need for blood --all types. Help promote the image that gay people are a responsible part of society. Give blood so that everyone - gay or straight, women or men, young or old, black or white - everyone may benefit.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

Limited Income	5.00
Active Member	15.00
Contributing Member	25.00
Sustaining Member	50.00
Organizational Member	100.00

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How did you learn of the DGPC: Friends \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Bar Poster \_\_\_\_\_ Gayline \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_


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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Dallas Gay Political Caucus is offering a series of three Consciousness Raising Seminars. The first (CR-I) consists of separate sessions for men and women. Running for seven weeks and beginning the week of September 10, CR-I will offer information on and provide for in depth discussion of the various aspects of being gay.

The second part (CR-II) of the series will be a mixed group for four sessions and the final seminar (CR-III) will be training sessions for leaders of new CR groups. (To participate in CR-II and III you must have attended the previous seminars. However, you do not have to participate in CR-II and III in order to register for CR-I.)

THE PURPOSE OF CR-I IS FIVE FOLD:

1. To inform as to the historical and other aspects of gays in America.
2. To increase awareness of the factors influencing the lives of gays.
3. To involve gays in their own personal lives, giving a sense of wholeness and purpose.
4. To develop candidates for more advanced seminars.
5. To begin training qualified seminar facilitators.

CR-I SESSIONS\*TOPICS AND DATES

<u>MEN</u>			<u>WOMEN</u>		
September	12	Orientation Session/Historical Aspects of Gay Life	September	14	
	19	Homophobia in Gays and Straights		21	
	26	Psychological/Sociological Issues		28	
October	3	Religious/Moral Issues	October	5	
	10	Legal Aspects and Problems		12	
	17	Medical Problems		19	
	24	Exploration of alternate Gay Relationships		26	

Each session is two hours long (7:30 PM - 9:30 PM) and will consist of a 55 minute presentation by an expert in the topic and 55 minute discussion and personal exploration time with a ten-minute break. Participants will be notified of the location of the first session. Following sessions will be held in participants homes.

Participants must attend all seven sessions. Only 14 men and 14 women can be accepted for CR-I so registration is on a first come, first served basis. The total charge for CR-I is \$35.00. A \$20.00 non-refundable registration fee must accompany registration. The \$15.00 balance is due by the third session.

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR CR-I

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must attend all session seminars as outlined above. My \$20.00 non-refundable registration fee is enclosed and I will pay the balance of \$15.00 by the third session. (The total \$35.00 may be enclosed, if desired.)

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

The DGPC will notify you of the location for the first session. Mail registration forms to: CR Seminar, DGPC, P.O. Box 50171, Dallas, Texas 75250



# Consciousness Raising Seminar

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Our next meeting is September 11 at 7:30 p.m., 2707 Reagan-- Deaf Interpreter available

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by louise young

As we near the end of the summer of 1978 and look forward to fall, I feel it's a good time to inventory our recent successes.

In the June Primary Runoff, all of our recommended candidates were elected. Also, our own elections for DGPC Board were held in June.

Many DGPC members participated in and benefitted from the very successful Texas Gay Conference Five, held in Dallas. Our primary fundraising event of the summer was the flea market, co-sponsored with the Gayline.

Attendance at the general meetings continued to be about 150 to 200 a month--an outstanding accomplishment. These meetings were "events" in their own right; for example, the presentation by the Dallas Police Association on their pay raise petition. At least 50 signatures were obtained that night, with some members taking petitions with them to get more signatures.

Letter-writing to area Congressmen on behalf of the ERA extension produced over 200 letters and telegrams. (By the way, the House passed the ERA extension, without a rescission amendment.)

DGPC members joined many other Dallas gays in attending a series of lectures by Rev. Troy Perry. Sponsored by the Dallas MCC, Perry raised almost \$10,000 to fight the upcoming Briggs Amendment in California.

Last (and certainly least) was the non-event of the summer, a visit to Dallas by Anita Bryant, to receive a V.F.W. Citizenship Award.

One event which, unfortunately, did not take place, was a small group discussion period planned by the Board for the August general meeting. The agenda was so crowded, however, that we were not able to have the small-group discussion. Board members were to have presented a series of questions on various topics relating to DGPC policies and practices for member responses and input. This activity can hopefully be rescheduled for fall.

In the meantime, please attend the open board meetings held at the MCC on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

Speaking of fall, DGPC already has several important events lined up in the months ahead. Among these are: our "Candidates Night" at the September general meeting, the benefit showing of the movie "The Word Is Out" at the Granada Theater on Friday, Sept. 22, a fall version of the flea market (including a book sale), and intensive voter registration drive, and more.

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## ERA Extension Bill Faces Tough Congressional Battle

by mike gianoplos

WASHINGTON, D.C. --With Congress hoping to adjourn by early October, time is rapidly running short for individual state ERA ratification. The Senate must approve the legislation that the House recently approved by a narrow margin. The ratification deadline would be extended until June 30, 1982--a compromise 39-month extension.

Sen. Birch Bayh, D-IN, chairman of the ratification deadline extension legislation committee, has 31-co-sponsors for the legislation. These 31 senators are considered firm votes for cloture to end debate and the expected filibuster by opponents of the measure, although three-fifths vote of the Senate, 60 out of 100, is required to invoke cloture.

Under present law, 38 states must ratify ERA by March 22, 1979, and only 35 states have done so. The Illinois State Assembly will vote a third time on ratification but not until after the November 7 general election.

Proponents of ERA need an extension of the ratification deadline or the amendment will fail. The extension bill is competing for attention with other important pieces of legislation, including labor reform, federal criminal code revision, energy, taxes, aid to New York City, and defense budgets.

## a tv film review

### Sergeant Matlovich vs. the U.S. Air Force

by frank ceal

Sergeant Matlovich vs. the U.S. Air Force which was aired on NBC Monday evening, August 21, is a biographical film based on the decision of Sgt. Leonard Matlovich to cease hiding in his closet, reveal his sexuality to the U.S. Air Force, and his resulting attempt to win the right to remain in service to his nation.

Although Matlovich fails in the latter--a fact well publicized--we are left with a film which is meaningful in its enlightenment of the folly and resulting waste of oppressive attitudes toward gays, sensitive in its portrayal of Matlovich as member of the human race, and probing toward the prejudiced attitudes which resulted in his expulsion from the Air Force, while simultaneously avoiding fast action and sensationalism.

The trial itself is made secondary and underplayed, sparing the viewer the drudgery of cut-and-dried military court procedure. The trial is made a kaleidoscope through which the viewer witnesses the changing attitudes of Matlovich

## Channel 13 "Voices" to Debate 21:06

by dennis plemmons

The controversial Texas Penal Code 21:06 which deals with homosexual acts between consenting adults in private will be the subject of "Voices", TV Channel 13's debate-discussion show, when it airs on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Susan Caudill, the articulate moderator and producer of the television series, contacted DGPC earlier in the summer requesting its assistance in helping with the preparation of this special show.

The 21:06 topic will coincide with the Democratic State Convention to be held in Fort Worth on Sept. 14-16. The format of the show will be styled to focus on the views of six selected delegates of the Democratic Convention allowing three pro and three con speakers with Ms. Caudill moderating.

Since a resolution to repeal 21:06 has been submitted to the convention, it is appropriate to hear the arguments of both sides.

It is an accolade for the gay community when the media has reached out for our assistance and DGPC hopes its members will watch the show as well as write thank-you notes to Channel 13 expressing appreciation for allowing this controversial topic to be discussed.

as he grows from inner fears, guilt, shame, loneliness, and silent despair to the culmination of self-pride, self-respect, and the quiet joy being at peace with himself through self-acceptance of who and what he is.

The acting is good and the script excellent, but the film is not without faults. Editing is often poor, the cinematography strictly stock technique, and the musical score immediately forgettable. If any awards are forthcoming from this film, this reviewer will be joyfully surprised.

In spite of its obvious faults, the film is without question among the best TV presentations on a gay theme to date, and well worth a second viewing should NBC choose to air it again at some later date.

Editor's Note: Comments on the show may be addressed to: Fred Silverman, President, NBC-TV, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York N 10019.



## GAY RIGHTS THREATENED IN WASHINGTON DC

by mike gianoplos

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16--The Senate has given final passage to the DC Referendum, Initiative and Recall Act of 1978 which now becomes law for the District of Columbia.

DC City Councilmember, Douglas Moore, has threatened to use the new initiative process to remove Gay rights provisions from the 1977 DC Human Rights Act. The DC City Council must now enact guidelines and procedures to implement the new law. According to Washington Gay activist, Franklin Kameny, the Gay Activists Alliance seeks input into that process to protect Gay rights provisions.

In an unconventional move, the Washington Gay Activists Alliance asked and received a reaffirmation of the DC Human Rights Act on a 12-1 vote which passed the 30-day requirement period for U.S. Congress objections. Councilmember Moore again reiterated his argument that the law "endangers children" and was "supported by fascist faggots."

Similarly, Texas State Senator Walter "Mad Dog" Mengden, R-Houston, announced he will reintroduce a proposed Texas Constitutional amendment to establish and authorize the initiative and referendum method of legislation in Texas where questions may be presented for popular election by voter petition. The proposed law would require 15 percent of qualified voter signatures to qualify for balloting; constitutional amendments--20 percent.

Mengden's plan would establish a 9-member review committee, representing sponsors, legislators and major political parties, to hold public hearings and propose changes before an initiative question is placed on the ballot. Bill Clements, Texas Republican gubernatorial candidate endorsed Mengden's Texas initiative/referendum proposal.

### Personal Opinion:

#### are there any concerned Gays out there?

by dennis plemmons and jerry west

At the close of the meeting between TIMES HERALD's Bert Holmes and DGPC president Louise Young and MCC's Rev. Don Eastman, Dr. Young asked if the paper had received many calls and/or letters regarding Mr. Porterfield's editorial. Mr. Holmes replied that although there had been calls and letters, the response had been not as large as anticipated. He said they had printed nearly every letter received.

I have talked to many people since the printing of Mr. Porterfield's infamous editorial and all of them seemed uneasy by his abusive language. When asked if they had replied to the HERALD voicing their complaints, all responded, "No."

This brings a puzzling question to mind which I am sure others share. How can we mingle at parties and in bars with Porterfield's article the center of conversation, without taking that energy to let the newspaper know how we feel?

Mr. Holmes stated that the HERALD received a low volume of mail pertaining to this editorial. How can the Gay community let Mr. Porterfield know of our revulsion at such insulting printed treatment of Gays in our local newspapers, if we do not respond to such articles with letters to the editor for print? We must support Mr. Holmes and our Gay community by writing letters of complaint or at the very least by phoning the TIMES HERALD to voice complaints.

Apathy changes nothing. We must rise from our posteriors and give voice to our deep-seated convictions whenever similar events occur. If we do not, Gays will continue to be considered merely a handful of people hardly worth considering.

## Join a DGPC Committee Today!

by phil johnson

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus meets the second Monday of every month. Although the DGPC is not affiliated with the Metropolitan Community Church, the meetings are held at the church, 2701 Reagan (at Brown). Meetings begin at 7:30 P. M. promptly and end at 9:30. A social is held afterwards in the Social Hall.

Everyone is urged to become active in at least one of the committees. Call 528-4233 as to time and place.

**Membership Committee:** A welcome table is set up at all general meetings, socials and fundraisers. As members and guests enter, they are greeted and given a "get-acquainted" badge. Membership committee members are there to answer questions about the DGPC and the gay community. They also sell memberships and distribute ballots when there is an important issue to be voted on. At present, they are writing a "Welcome New Members" packet.

### ADVICE & DISSENT:

#### Let's Return Sex To The Bedroom

by mike gianoplos

The worst consequence of the growing conflict over Gay rights forces one to focus attention on other people's sexual preferences. What a waste! There are too many other things that need doing, too many other groups whose fundamental rights are endangered, too many mouths that need feeding and minds that need enlightening for one to devote energy, attention, intelligence to one's sleepmate preferences.

Without question, Anita Bryant is an evil force. She has inflamed irrational prejudice and fostered fear and hate. Her assertion of the danger Gay people present to society are patent nonsense. I have had Gay teachers who inspired me and straight ones who bored me, and vice versa. Sexual proclivities are irrelevant.

True, if you place a Gay teacher in a classroom with a same sex student, there is a chance of seduction, just as there is if you place a straight teacher in a classroom with an opposite sex student. To suggest that there is a likelihood of seduction, as Anita Bryant suggests about Gay teachers, is doing the devil's work, not God's.

Gay people should have their rights guaranteed to them by the Bill of Rights. These rights exist. If they are denied, the courts must see they are enforced. The issue, I know, is more complex than that. Gay people are forced to hide their affections, fearful of being hounded out of jobs and social groups. Gay men and women are pressured by families into unfortunate marriages. The anguish associated with the "dark secret" stunts innumerable lives.

Gradually, sex has become more than a subject about which one can talk freely. It is a preoccupation. In fact, the real interest of human relations, the complexity of passion has been lost in a jabberwocky of antiseptic terminology. One is instructed to maximize sexual enjoyment the same way one is taught to bake a pie. "Vaginal orgasm" and "penile sensation"! What on earth do such terms have to do with true sexual pleasure?

I look forward to the day when ALL sex returns to the privacy of one's home, and we can concentrate on more immediate, more important concerns. That day is far off. Anita Bryant must fight her holy war to some kind of finish. We of the press just report from the sidelines, while more significant issues are slighted or ignored.

Our goal: 1,000 DGPC members by Gay Pride Day 1979 -- to commemorate the day in 1969 (on Christopher Street) when gay citizens said "no more" and fought back. Meetings: First Wednesday of each month, 7:30 P. M., David Dennis, head.

**House Committee:** Works closely with the Membership and Mail committees. They get the meeting hall ready for the monthly general meetings and hand out reprinted articles and sell DGPC buttons as members and guests enter. They have arranged for the Bell Pepper Restaurant to cater the after-the-meeting socials. They also distribute DGPC posters and Newsletters to the gay businesses of Dallas. Meetings: Second Monday of each month, 6 P. M., Jack Patterson, head.

**Mail Committee:** Folds Newsletters, stuffs envelopes, affixes stamps, eats cheese, drinks wine and dishes the dirt. Meetings: First Thursday of each month, 7:30 P. M., Phil Johnson, head.

**Media Committee:** Arranges for press conferences and writes press releases for newspapers, TV and radio. Meetings: Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 P. M., Norman Lowery, head.

**Financial Resources Committee:** Plans events that raise money! Meetings: Third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 P. M., Mike Williamson, head.

**Sports Committee:** Now organizing. Those interested in volleyball, softball, bowling, tennis, bicycling, jogging or other activities should call 528-4233. Jack P., head.

**DGPC Newsletter Staff:** Anyone interested in writing an article for the Newsletter, or commenting on anything pertaining to the gay community, or in participating in the production of the Newsletter should send copy to P. O. Box 5094, Richardson TX 75080 or contact Jerry West, editor.

**Poster Committee:** Creates those striking posters located in all the gay businesses of Dallas. These posters announce our next general meetings, socials and fundraisers. Don Essmiller, head.

**Political Action Committee:** Making this a better world -- that's what DGPC is all about. And this important committee is busy doing political research, screening local and state political candidates, publishing voter recommendations, registering voters and keeping the gay community aware of the political situation in Texas. Meetings: First Thursday after every general meeting, 7:30 P. M., Steve Henley head.

**Legal Research and Action Committee:** Researches legal matters of interest to the gay community and handles the legal problems of the Caucus. (Not a legal clinic for individual cases.) Meetings are called when needed. Dick Armstrong, head.

**Women's Awareness:** Addresses the differences between the sexes and promotes communication within the gay community. Meetings will be announced later. Viv Armstrong, head.

**Education Committees:** Are involved in research and study to prepare literature and presentations to gay and non-gay groups or individuals. They provide a variety of speakers for the Speaker's Bureau and publish informative brochures and pamphlets. Meetings are called when needed. Psycho-Medical, Rodger Pettyjohn, head; Religion and Life, Scott MacGregor, head; Socio-Anthropological, George K., head.



If you don't know how to strike up a conversation in a bar, why not join a DGPC committee? Meet people who care. (We can't publish home phone numbers and addresses, so call 528-4233 as to time and place.)

## CALENDAR OF INTERESTING EVENTS!

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Dallas County Democratic FUN FEST Carnival. Lee Park, 1:00 PM. Free!
- 3 LIBERTY AND LOVE, the gay lifestyle and Christian responsibility. MCC, 7:30 PM.
- 3 DGPC VOLLEYBALL team practice. Every Sunday and Wednesday. Players needed!
- 5 "Voices" Channel 13. Debate concerning Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. Please watch. Also call or write Channel 13 and express your opinion!
- 6 Membership Committee. Our goal: 1000 members by Gay Pride Day '79. We need your help!
- 10 LIBERTY AND LOVE, the gay lifestyle and Christian responsibility. MCC, 7:30 PM.
- 11 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. Reagan and Brown, 7:30 PM. You need not be a member to attend. Social (catered by the BELL PEPPER) afterwards.
- 12 Consciousness Raising I for Men. 7 weeks.
- 14 Consciousness Raising I for Women. 7 weeks.
- 14 Political Action Committee - Candidates Recommendation. 7:30 PM.
- 15 & 16 Democratic State Convention, Ft. Worth Convention Center. Volunteers needed to help in the Texas Gay Task Force Hospitality Suite. Call: 528-4233.
- 20 Financial Resources Committee
- 21 Media Committee
- 22 "Word Is Out" gay movie at the Granada. 9:30 PM. Tickets may be purchased at the September 11th DGPC meeting or at the Granada. We hope to have a turn-away all-gay audience. Join the happy throng!
- 23 & 24 Olita's GARAGE SALE. 5324 Farquhar. 9:00 AM
- 24 "The Witness" A dramatic musical presented by the excellent choir of MCC. 7:15 PM.
- 25 DGPC Open Board Meeting at MCC. 7:30 PM. Don't just complain. Give direction to the movement.
- 28 MACHO-MAN contest. 10:00 PM, Dimension III.



## OCTOBER

- 4 Membership Committee Everyone is welcome.
- 5 Mail Committee Stuff envelopes, lick stamps, cheese & wine, fellowship.
- 6 This is the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the Metropolitan Community Church by Troy Perry. (There are now about 120 churches in six countries.)
- 7 & 8 State Volleyball Tournament sponsored by the Montrose Sport Association at Houston's Memorial Park. Teams from Dallas, Houston, Austin, Lubbock and San Antonio will be playing.
- 9 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS meeting. 7:30 PM. Social afterwards.
- 12 Political Action Committee.
- 18 Financial Resources Committee.
- 19 Media Committee.

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### AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE:

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus Volleyball team consists of about 15 players. So far, in this their inaugural season, they've not been too successful. As a matter of fact, our team has only won one game. (But let's not talk about that.) The point is, some of our players have enrolled at Eastfield College to learn fundamentals --first you inflate the ball. Then you try to get it over the net, but not so far that it rolls into Turtle Creek. Anyway Coach Steve Wilkins (like the Marines) is looking for a few good men. (Disabled Spanish-American War Vets need not apply.) If you can tie your own shoes and do two or more pushups, Call 528-4233. (Incidentally, our team recently won the Good Sportsmanship award in Austin. Three cheers everybody, hip, hip ....)

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## NORMAN IS PRESENTED WITH GAY RIGHTS BILL

NORMAN, OK., May 28 (Oklahoma DAILY)--The Norman Human Rights Commission has sent its recent resolution backing Gay rights to the Norman City Council. Also on its consent docket was its authorization to publish a report of a 1977 survey of community attitudes toward Gay people.

Greg Shinert, Director of the Southwest Center for Human Relations, asked the commission about the possibility of forming an associate committee on sexual preference. The commission did accept Shinert's request to co-sponsor a series of three evening seminars on human sexuality held in July.

One audience member asked if the formation of such a committee would amend Norman's Human Rights Ordinance to extend protection to Gay people, as such an action would both violate his religious convictions and force him to hire and associate with homosexuals, "You're denying my rights as an employer."

Commissioner Helen DeBolt angrily explained that it is not the commissions' position that employers must hire Gay people but simply that they should not use sexual orientation and preference as a criterion for hiring or dismissal, "Your rights as an employer are not absolute rights."

## NGTF Seats New Board

by mike gianoplos

NEW YORK, June 20--Charles Brydon of Seattle and Kay Whitlock of Philadelphia are the newly-elected co-chairpersons of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF). Brydon, an insurance executive, is a former US Army career officer, founder and former president of the Dorian Group in Seattle and chair of Citizens to Retain Fair Employment, a group formed to oppose Seattle's Anti-Gay Initiative 13. Whitlock is co-chair of the NOW Lesbian Rights Committee and program coordinator for the Unitarian Church of Germantown in Philadelphia.

The NGTF Board of Directors also elected Richard Cash as Secretary and Meryl Friedman as Treasurer. Cash is active in the United Methodist Gay Caucus and Women's Division. Friedman is co-spokesperson of the New York City Gay Teachers Association.

Newly elected to the NGTF Board of Directors are Roan Conrad, national political analyst for NBC News and chair of the NGTF Media Committee; Carlton Hadden, a civil rights investigator for the Wichita Civil Rights Commission and former co-director of the Homophile Alliance of Sedgwick County; Kathy McCabe, Director of Women Against Rape and downstate coordinator of the Illinois Gay Rights Task Force and Kerry Woodward, former campaign manager of the St. Paul Citizens for Human Rights and current administrator of the Minnesota Committee for Gay Rights.

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## Gay Leaders Meet With TIMES HERALD Editor

by dennis plemmons

By now I am sure most of you have read or heard about Bill Porterfield's "grand entrance" column in The Dallas TIMES HERALD.

The Board of Directors of the DGPC wrote a formal letter of concern which appeared on the newspaper's editorial page on Saturday, August 26, denouncing Porterfield's abusive and unprofessional inflammatory and insulting language towards the gay community.

On Tuesday, August 22, President Louise Young of DGPC and Rev. Don Eastman of MCC had a meeting with Bert Holmes, Associate Editor of the TIMES HERALD, and expressed their views of the article. Dr. Young asked Mr. Holmes would the language and "loose" supervision of writer's content represent the policy and establish a precedent for the Times Herald's using slang toward Gays. Mr. Holmes assured Dr. Young and Rev. Eastman it was not a precedent or a policy of the paper toward any group.

Mr. Holmes revealed he was truly concerned and stated he was taken by surprise by adverse response to this unfortunate article. He also stated he could not remember any time in the past the use of such slur language toward Gays and assured Dr. Young and Rev. Eastman that it would not happen again.

Rev. Eastman and Dr. Young also questioned Mr. Holmes if the paper has taken a definite stand toward Gays. Mr. Holmes calmly replied that the TIMES HERALD has not had to address itself toward any issue concerning Gays because there has not been any pending regulation or blatant discrimination against Gays in Dallas.

## NYC City Council Considers Gay Rights Bill

NEW YORK, August 24--A bill to ban discrimination on the basis of "sexual orientation" in such areas as employment, housing, credit, contracts and public accommodation, has again been presented to the New York City council. The bill, the sixth presented in the past seven years, promises to set off a fierce battle between the opposing factions.

Newly elected city council President Carol Bellamy said, "This is a law whose time has come.... New York should join the many other cities in the country that no longer allow discrimination on the basis of a person's private sexual behavior."

Municipal employees are already protected against job discrimination under an order issued by Mayor Edward Koch less than four weeks after he took office January 1.

Both sides in the dispute claim added support in this round. Backers of the law point to increased Gay activism and the help of Mayor Koch and council President Bellamy.

Opposing the bill are the Roman Catholic Church and the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada among others. Opponents have two powerful allies on the council: Bronx Councilwoman Aileen Ryan, director of the General Welfare Committee, and council Vice Chairperson Thomas Cuite.

Defeat of the bill may occur in Mrs. Ryan's committee. Votes at this reporting stand at: 3 in favor, 5 against with 1 undecided.

If the measure survives committee, it faces a tough fight before the full 43-member council. A 22-vote majority is required for passage which could be difficult even with 15 council members sponsoring the bill.

## DETERIORATION

humorous comment by jerry digging

A friend of mine has an ingenious way of telling a person's age. He counts the creases on their elbows and multiplies by 7.65. According to Jim, it's accurate to within 2 or 3 years.

I'm calling my plastic surgeon tomorrow for an appointment to have my elbows lifted. Until the operation, I plan to wear long sleeved shirts and to shower alone.

Until eight months ago I had taken good care of my Bod. Now I have a spare tire, which has Goodyear and Goodrich clamoring for the excess. I'm only eighteen pounds overweight, but I feel fat! My clothes are thin. The zipper on my pants has popped too many times to count. When I sit down the creases in the front panels of my trousers count up the excess poundage.

Being in a new city and not too close to a gym I have resorted to some neutral calisthenics, Yoga and jogging. My first day of exercising was a total disaster. My calisthenics came first followed by the Yoga. I started at 5:00 p.m., doing three sets of each exercise. Accomplishing about an hour and a quarter of exercising, I finished at 11:00 p.m. My legs were so stiff, that I couldn't walk down the three flights to do my jogging. So, I called my neighbor Bill to carry me down the stairs and give me a push to get me started. Well, I made it to the second car from the front door and collapsed. Bill, watching all this with a jaundiced eye, came over, picked me up and deposited me in my apartment to fend for myself.

I'm into my third week of dieting and exercise. I am now making it to the twelfth car and Bill assists me only up the stairs. The big weigh-in was this morning, and I showed a loss of 2 pounds. What's really frustrating is the fact that Bill lost 10.

## Temperance speaker warns homosexuals, TV don't mix

ATLANTA (UPI) August 27--Mrs. Herman Stanley, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, speaking before the union's annual convention, warned that a trend among television programs to depict homosexuality as normal could have grave consequences. Just as drinking and driving don't mix, neither do homosexual rights and television.

"Some have switched from crime and violence to illicit sex programs and are depicting homosexual living as normal, thus minimizing the importance of marital relationships," she said. "The same type of material is also finding its way to children's bookshelves and among children's stories, thus making it difficult to provide children with the aspects of social and Christian behavior," Mrs. Herman went on to say.

Television commercials and programs that depict beer parties as a healthy form of recreation also came under attack by the union's president. "The moral depravity of programs on television is creating a swelling tide of crime and violence, immoral behavior and a breakdown of family life."

(From The President from page 1, column 1)

The success of DGPC depends on the interest and participation of each and every member. We could never have achieved our latest successes without the efforts of members working within our committees.

If you are not yet a member of DGPC, why not join? It's an investment in your rights as a citizen.



## Stories of Some of Our Lives

### **WORD IS OUT**

"In one sense, seeing "WORD IS OUT" is like being at a really terrific party... It celebrates being Gay."

---CHRISTOPHER STREET

"... affectionate, stirring and surprisingly witty... a remarkably coherent chronicle of what it is like to grow up 'different' in America..."

---NEWSWEEK

"... a facinating and intelligent documentary."

---VARIETY

"See 'WORD IS OUT'... It isn't often that a group of people can watch their own evolution in progress."

---THE ADVOCATE

### **Granada Theatre**

**September 22      9:30 p.m.**

**3524 Greenville Avenue      Regular Admission \$2.50**

### DGPC Benefit Showing

## **WATCH KERA-TV**

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## The Dallas Gay Political Caucus News

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### Progress in Fort Worth

by louise young

The Gay rights movement in Texas took a giant step forward at the recent Democratic State Convention held in Fort Worth (see another article in this issue). Hours and hours of work over the past 14 months went into efforts in laying the groundwork for last weekend's political success. DGPC members who had a part in any of our political undertakings should be proud of their contributions! Our thanks must also go to our political friends for their support.

The political arena is "where the action is" between now and November and we need your help in the campaigns of our recommended candidates. You don't have to "know" anything about politics to stuff envelopes or put up yard signs or other necessary tasks in a campaign. It doesn't take a vast amount of time either. Even a couple of hours donated is valuable. Glamorous? Perhaps not, but DGPC has political power in being able to "deliver" campaign workers.

Interested? The Political Action Committee is coordinating the effort. If you wish to volunteer, call the DGPC number and leave a message that you want to work on campaigns.

The above emphasis on our political work isn't intended to overlook the fact that we have other active committees and members who have contributed to DGPC's success by their efforts. The most important thing you can do as a DGPC member or potential member is to participate in a committee. Why not get involved today! We need your help. See you at the October meeting!

### Register To Vote

Through October 7, 1978

Look for registration cards on DGPC's posters in Gay bars and businesses.

### Texas Demos Set Platform

by norman lowery

Texas Democrats met in Fort Worth on September 15 and 16 to establish a platform for gubernatorial candidate John Hill. Gay delegates representing over 500,000 Texas voters garnered their forces to make a real impression on the convention of Democrats and Mr. Hill. One of the delegates, Gary Brock, termed the Gay efforts a "tremendous victory."

Brock and other delegates saw the Convention as a forum for making an impact on the policies and platform of the Texas Democratic Party. Although the resolution to repeal 21.06 from the Texas Penal Code was tabled, the obvious organization and dedicated hard work of the Gay supporters much impressed both delegates and the candidate. "We played by the rules and we played fair, which caused many Straight friends to rally with us... We did not lose... We gained friends and supporters," noted Brock.

Many of these friends were gained through the efforts of DGPC hosts in the Gay Task Force hospitality suite in the Fort Worth Sheraton Hotel where delegates could gather to discuss issues, exchange viewpoints and gain insights into the Gay political perspective. Other leaders among the pro-Gay delegates included Cathy Dietsch, Floyd Baker, Art Morris and Steve Thomas (Austin) and Betty Naylor (San Antonio); Brock indicated that these delegates and leaders worked out strategies for a full hearing on the Gay issues prior to the Convention and regrouped at each turn of events in the bustle of the committee meetings themselves.

Speakers with prepared texts were lined up for any opportunity to voice support for the repeal of 21.06 and for bona fide minority status for Gays in the Party. Ann Lee Roy (State Committee Chairperson) and Ed Cogburn (National Committeeman), pro-Gay speakers, appealed to the full Convention for the same rights to be guaranteed for Gays as were recently accorded Chicanos and Blacks within the Party. The Gay minority report failed on a standing vote late Saturday.

John Hill had been quoted as opposing the repeal of 21.06, but his campaign staff insisted that his statements and present opposition to the repeal are part and parcel of the position and responsibilities he now holds as an elected Attorney General for Texas, i.e. enforcing (not changing) the laws of Texas. His staff was optimistic and affirmative about his future role as Governor of Texas, i.e. lobby-

ing for change in the laws of Texas (and 21.06). Brock stated that Gays have a choice in voting for gubernatorial candidates between a man who has listened to and allowed pro-Gay leaders to speak on the Gay issues and a man who has supported a platform which promotes legislation prohibiting Gay Teachers in Texas.

Some observations from delegates, both Gay and Straight, attested to the strides made for the Gay cause; Brock heard compliments from delegates and Hill's staff about the "astute" political maneuvering of Gay delegates, the visibility of non-stereotypical Gay supporters, the determination of Gays and their supporters, and the Gay delegates' respect for and interest in representing all of the voters in their areas.

Dennis Plemmons and Floyd Baker, Board members who were at the Convention, said we had made quite a few inroads for future lobbying efforts for Gays via the friendships which the Gay delegates and hosts in the Gay Task Force suite developed during the Democratic Convention.

### Gala Benefit

Sponsored by DGPC

MEET AND HEAR:

Leonard Matlovich  
Rev. Troy Perry

David Kopay  
Del Martin

Friday, Oct. 13th

KXAS-TV

### Explores Gay Politics

by dennis plemmons

Starting Monday, Oct. 16, KXAS-TV (Channel 5) will air, during its late news broadcast, a five night series on "Gays in Politics" with Willie Monroe as moderator.

The series will be explaining Gay's involvement in politics. The segments will show the Gays registering voters, canvassing candidates, and interviewing various Gays as well as Straights.

Willie Monroe is extremely excited with this project and expresses thanks to DGPC and to the Media Committee for offering their ideas as technical advisors.

Things are changing for the Gay community in regards to media exposure. It's nice to know that the media came to us and asked for our assistance - - - with a smile!



## Committees in Action

by norman lowery

This first article marks the inauguration of a column in our Newsletter, in which committees speak to issues within their area of expertise for the benefit of the membership and community. The Legal Research committee is our first contributor, answering a series of pertinent legal questions for the Gay community.

If I'm approached by a police officer in a bar and if I'm not engaged in intercourse, what are my legal rights regarding answering the officer's questions, accompanying him (her) outside to the squad car or "patty" wagon, and going through the booking process? -- Any time you're legally stopped, you are obliged to give your name and residence address; beyond that you have the right to remain silent (the legality of the officer's action can only be judged by a court of law--even if you think the officer is wrong, don't resist--that compounds the "offense").

Jack Pruitt, an attorney, says that many of the protections we have lie in the court rather than on the scene. With such offenses as 21.06 violations and public intoxication, the officer is not even required by law to read you your rights.

How can I find an attorney who specializes in Gay legal issues, including criminal, probate and partnerships? --The Dallas Gay Hot Line (748-6790) has a list of attorneys who are willing to deal with Gay issues, says a lawyer/member of the Legal Research committee. If you have an issue, any attorney will refer you elsewhere if he cannot or does not wish to handle the case. The Dallas Criminal Bar (745-1227) can also refer you to lawyers with experience in your case area.

What legally constitutes entrapment in Texas? --The Texas Penal Code states, "It is a defense to prosecution that the actor engaged in the conduct charged because he was induced to do so by a law enforcement agent using persuasion or other means likely to cause persons to commit the offense... Conduct merely affording the person an opportunity to commit the offense does not constitute entrapment." Our DGPC attorneys say that you cannot deny a charge and then use entrapment as a defense--you either did it because of entrapment, or you didn't do it! They go on to say that it is a defense more often in drug cases rather than 21.06 cases and that it is a strictly situational or case-based defense rather than a statute-based defense.

Is there a legal alternative to the Texas law against homosexual marriage for couples who wish to show a legal commitment to one another (viz property issues, purchasing and support)? --There is, of course, no blanket coverage such as Straights have by way of the marriage contract, but there is the recourse of contracts on specific areas of property, trusts, joint title, and co-signed notes, as well as wills. Although this writer thought that partnerships were a viable alternative, the Texas Uniform Partnership Code states that a partnership is "an association of two or more persons... to carry on as coowners a business for profit." So, it would appear, according to Dick Armstrong and Jack Pruitt of the Legal Research committee, partnerships are strictly business propositions and not social contacts per se.

What does the law say that keeps us from counting our contributions to DGPC as legal political contributions and therefore tax deductions? --The Internal Revenue Code defines a

## Local News Briefs

by jerry west

Morning NEWS (September 3)--In response to a question in the column "Line One", a city personnel spokesman replies, "...Supervisors who do the hiring for city departments do not ask job applicants about their sexual preference. We try to train our supervisors to stick to job-related questions during hiring interviews. And as long as a person's sexual activities do not adversely threaten or affect his or her job performance or the reputation of the city there is no reason to bring the issue up."

Society news--John and Carol Nix threw a smashing pool party at their home last month for all DGPC members. The fifty or so who attended extend their thanks for a marvelous time.

September 12--Although the women's group did not meet the registration quota, the DGPC sponsored men's Consciousness Raising I group began its seven weekly sessions with capacity registrations. Initial reactions from the participants are positive.

## PUBLIC SEX BURGEONS

by jerry west

There has been an upsurge of public sex and displays to the point that things are getting out of hand. Many of the Gay community are taking too much for granted.

The Dallas police and the District Attorney's office are forewarning the Gay community to clean up our act or they will do it for us. Referring to numerous citizen complaints, some from Gays, these departments appeal to our good sense to bring the problem under control. Suggested alternatives are: 1. go to private clubs (e.g. the baths), 2. go home and invite friend(s), 3. stay out of parks and parking lots, 4. stay out of public restrooms except to attend to functional needs, 5. stay off private property and 6. stay away from the "circuit". People, we advocate discretion.

## THRF Fights for Gays

by jerry diggin

The Texas Human Rights Foundation is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the educating and fighting against discrimination based on sexual or affectional preference, but not limited solely to that.

The organization was founded by Mort Schwab, former president of the Houston Gay Political Caucus and member of the board of the National Gay Task Force.

Any person who attends three meetings or contributes \$15.00 during any year shall be entitled to membership.

The local Legal Committee of Dallas is now collecting discrimination complaints. If something significant is found, funds can be collected and litigation pursued, subject to trustee approval. All donations to the organization are tax deductible.

Dick Armstrong, DGPC parliamentarian and Ray Hardin, president of DAIR and a DGPC member, are officers of the Foundation and may be contacted if you wish to join.

The IRS has approved litigation, by the Human Rights Foundation, of Section 21.06 and Tax deductible contributions are now being collected. Copies of the IRS letter are available.

## And the Word Is Happiness

a film review by gary decker

Almost 600 people filled the Granada Theater Sept. 22 for the benefit showing of the movie "Word Is Out."

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus raised around \$500 from a percentage of the theater profits at the benefit showing.

"Word Is Out" has been described as a "Gay film for Straight people" because of the revealing look into the lives of 26 Gay men and women.

The movie is a random collection taken from interviews with Gay college students, former wives and husbands, community leaders, effeminate males, and a 77-year-old lesbian.

Interspersed with the interview segments are pictures of the man or woman as a child or as a high-schooler. Performances from little-known, but good Gay recording artists singing are used to tie the movie's three sections together.

The point brought out by all the interviews is that these people fought through many problems and private agonies until they finally found how to be happy with who and what they were.

As a movie, "Word Is Out" is shaky in parts; the beginning is the worst part and the end is very, very good. The photography could have been better in places and the editing was sloppy.

The people and the story, however, make it a movie that everyone should see at least once if they have the chance. KERA-TV (Channel 13) will air this provocative film on Oct. 10 (9 P.M.), 13 (9 P.M.) and 14 (3:30 A.M.); don't forget to let the station know you appreciate these Gay programs by writing -- KERA, 3000 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas 75201.

## 16 Candidates Respond

by steve henley

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus held a Candidates Night at the September meeting. Approximately 200 persons attended to hear 7 candidates address the group.

Candidates and their representatives attending were Steve Hall, representing incumbent Jim Mattox for the Fifth Congressional District; James Monroe, candidate for State Representative, District 33-E; Ken Benson, representing David Cain, candidate for State Representative, District 33-K; Wes Baggett, candidate for State Representative, District 33-M; Don Maison, representing Joe B. Brown, candidate for the 265th District Court; Joe Ovard, another candidate for the 265th District Court and Berlaund Brashear, candidate for County Criminal Court No. 6.

DGPC's Political Action Committee received 9 questionnaires from candidates who were unable to attend.

Total responses were received from 16 candidates. The DGPC Political Action Committee met after the general meeting to review the candidates' responses and to make recommendations in contested races.

The Caucus voter's guide with this information will be made available shortly before the November election and will be announced at the October general meeting of the DGPC.



## Hepatitis Revisited

(Copied from UPFRONT, Sept. 1)--Not too many years ago hepatitis was not included on lists of sexually transmitted diseases by the medical community even though it had become obvious to most Gay people that it should be. Sexually active urban gay males have a one in two chance of becoming infected with hepatitis. In recent studies in New York markers for type B hepatitis were found in 50% of gay men examined in contrast to 30% in the general population.

There are essentially two kinds of hepatitis, Type A or "infectious" and Type B generally called "serum". Recent evidence suggests that there may be still a third type known as "non A/non B". Although it is generally assumed that the risk of contracting Type A is greatest among gay men recent studies indicate that is not entirely true. Dr. Dan Williams, director of research and analysis for New York City's Bureau of V. D. Control has noted that Type B poses the greatest problem for gay men followed by non A/non B and more distantly by Type A.

Type A is the mildest form of hepatitis and persons having it are infectious for only a brief time just before and after the onset of symptoms. However, intimate contact with an infected person during that period can result in transmission. The incubation period for Type A may run from two weeks to a month after contact.

Type B hepatitis is a severe disease and can frequently be fatal. The incubation period can be as long as six months after exposure and people can carry the disease without symptoms for years. Type B can be transmitted via serum, saliva, semen and urine and possibly through droplets in the air. The risk of infection is extremely high for anyone having intimate contact with an infected person. Frequently hospital personnel and doctors contract the disease through patient contact. Almost 30% of the general population are carriers. Someone being the recipient in anal intercourse with an infected person runs a very high risk of contracting the disease. Recent evidence has shown that the non A/non B strain can be transmitted during blood transfusions as well as venereally.

The initial symptoms of hepatitis are vague and non-specific and include loss of appetite, extreme fatigue, fever, muscular aches and pains and frequently severe depression. Eventually jaundice or yellowing of the whites of the eyes and the skin appears. A bilirubin count which is a measure of the amount of bile in the blood confirms the diagnosis and gives an indication of the severity of the disease.

Proper sanitation may protect to some extent against Type A hepatitis and exposed persons should have a gamma globulin shot. The shot may help prevent development of the disease or at least lessen the severity of it if it does develop. Avoiding contact with fecal matter also is protective of Type A. Although there is a program underway to develop a vaccine for Type B so far there is no definite preventive measures that can be taken short of never having any intimate contact with anyone.

There are no drugs which can cure hepatitis. One simply has to have complete bed rest for a long time depending on the severity of the case. High protein diet and avoidance of any medications or alcohol are essential. The liver is seriously damaged by the disease and therapy is aimed at restoring normal liver function. A person with Type A may be instructed to give up alcohol for a year while after B one may have to give up drinking altogether.

Blood tests can be done to determine if you are a carrier. Such tests are more complicated and expensive than routine screening for syphilis but are available at public health centers or through your physician.

## Emergency Alert

by jerry west

New York (September)--The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) has issued an Emergency Alert regarding the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) policy change with reference to minorities.

Presently Gays are included in the phrase "and other minority groups", a situation which allows local broadcasters the option of ignoring Gays when considering local programming. NGTF is requesting that Gays write to the commission requesting that Gays be listed as a separate specified minority. This change would require local area broadcasters to seek out concerns of Gay people when considering programming under emphatic guidelines as part of the mandatory "community ascertainment process."

The FCC needs input from the Gay community before considering the proposed change. Write in reference to: BC Docket No. 78-237 and encourage them to list Gays as a specified minority. Write to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, DC 20554.

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## Caucus Distributes Two New Brochures

by carl allen

The Education Committees have completed and are now distributing 2 DGPC brochures, Chairperson Floyd Baker said.

A general brochure tells what the Caucus is all about, the purpose of its existence and the various committees which are available for participation. It also includes a membership application.

The Speakers Bureau brochure will be distributed to area colleges and universities and religious institutions during October. It is designed to make people aware of DGPC's existence and its willingness to make speakers available to anyone who wants to discuss the homosexual question further.

Persons interested in the Speakers Bureau should contact Baker through the DGPC answering service at 214/528-4233.

## National Gay Switchboard

by charles adler

The Gay National Education Switchboard, a 24-hour WATS-line service staffed by 75 highly trained volunteers, opened October 1st.

A project of the Human Rights Foundation in San Francisco, the switchboard will give free, accurate, non-judgmental and confidential information about the sexuality and lifestyles of Lesbians and Gay men.

The switchboard will concentrate on resources in areas which do not have their own Gay switchboard. Callers will be referred to resources in their own communities by switchboard volunteers.

Call National Gay Switchboard at 800/227-0888.

## Gay World Series Ejects Team

by bo davis

A case of reverse discrimination was experienced by a San Francisco softball team at the Second Annual Gay World Series. It was thrown out of the tournament because it had too many Straights on its squad.

Jerry Pritikin, spokesman for Oil Can Harry's Oilers, a predominantly Straight ballclub, said, "This just proves that Gays can be just as bigoted as the people they claim have been holding them down. I guess there's a thin line between Gay bigotry and Gay pride."

Pritikin, who is Gay, continued, "When you play for Oil Can Harry's, you hate to think of people as Gay or Straight. We play softball." He said team members had flown to the competition with "their kids, fans, cheerleaders, wives and lovers of both sexes."

Manager of the host Eagles Nest team, Rich Diez, said the Oil Can Harry's team, sponsored by a Gay disco by that name, was challenged because word had traveled across the country, apparently from disgruntled members of a losing Gay club. Diez said, "We asked them and they admitted it."

With the rumors confirmed, managers of the other teams voted not to play the Oil Can Squad. That left representatives from New York, Milwaukee, Toronto and Los Angeles to battle out the round-robin series.

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charitable (and tax deductible) organization as one in which "no substantial part of the activities... is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for political office." Needless to say, DGPC is engaged in many of these activities and cannot be tax deductible, but we can support our cause by membership in DGPC and by contributions to the "United For Equal Rights" (P.O. Box 50171, Dallas 75250).

If you have topics you would like to see discussed in this committee column, let us know here at the Newsletter. We want to respond to your needs through the avenues of competence and know-how which our committees can provide directly or seek out for DGPC members. Write to us and let us know your needs!



## Advise and Consent: Right to Privacy

by mike gianoplos

Challenges to laws criminalizing homosexual acts between consenting adults are based on different theories, the most common being denial of equal protection of the laws and violation of our rights to due process by inequitable enforcement policies. A recent New Jersey Supreme Court decision and opinion dealing with a constitutional challenge to its fornication law [STATE OF NEW JERSEY v. SAUNDERS] demonstrates a challenge based on a right of privacy may be the most effective victory route.

The constitutional right of privacy is an elusive concept, identified and employed in the past few years by the U.S. Supreme Court as a limit on governmental regulation of citizen's private lives, which exists by implication from the guarantees listed in the Bill of Rights. First clearly enunciated in an early wiretapping decision, Judge Brandeis characterized the individual's right to be left alone by government as most precious and fundamental. Justice Douglas spoke frequently of a penumbra of rights, the Penumbra Theory, which has proven a powerful tool.

By simplification, the Bill of Rights contains provisions indicating our Founders' concerns with governmental intrusion in our private lives: The First Amendment bars regulation of speech and association; the Fourth Amendment limits the power of police investigation and surveillance; the Fifth Amendment guarantees our right to refuse to incriminate ourselves in criminal trials; the Ninth Amendment states, in summary: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." Because the right of privacy is not specifically listed does not mean it is not as precious and fundamental as any other right.

The right of privacy was employed in the sexual arena during the battle waged by birth control advocates to legalize contraceptive sales (GRISWOLD v. CONNECTICUT, 1965). The Supreme Court led by Justices Douglas and Goldberg embraced the "penumbral right", declaring state laws prohibiting contraceptive sales to married adults unconstitutional and invaded the privacy of a relationship. The Supreme Court expanded its ruling to unmarried adults in EISENSTADT v. BAIRD: "If the right of privacy means anything, it is the right of the INDIVIDUAL [Court's emphasis], married or single, to be free from unwarranted governmental intrusion into matters so fundamentally affecting a person." The right of privacy extended to all private consensual sexual activity.

The Burger Court embraced the "penumbral right" in ROE v. WADE to invalidate abortion laws and rule the decision of a woman whether or not to terminate her pregnancy was within the protection of the right of privacy and could be interfered with only when government could show "compelling state interest".

Although Justice Harlan [GRISWOLD] specifically denied protection of privacy to "adultery, fornication and homosexual practices," U.S. Federal Judges Sarah T. Hughes, William M. Taylor and Circuit Court Judge Irving Goldberg embraced the "penumbral right" in BUCHANAN v. BATCHELOR [1970] to declare Article 524, Texas Penal Code

(Sodomy) unconstitutional: "Sodomy is probably offensive to the vast majority [of the people], but such opinion is not sufficient reason for the state to encroach upon the liberty of the people. Absent some demonstrable necessity, matter of taste [good or bad] are to be protected from regulation. Article 524 sweeps unnecessarily broad and invades the privacy and private acts of the [married] couple and private acts of sodomy between homosexuals, who are protected under the First Amendment." [Ed. note: Once the constitutional issue of the Texas sodomy law was completed, Alvin Leon Buchanan, a Dallas Gay man, attacked his sodomy conviction in BUCHANAN v. TEXAS before the Texas Criminal Court of Appeals in July, 1971: "Where men's restrooms in department stores have commode stalls with doors which lock from the inside, a person inside such stall with the door locked has reasonable expectation of privacy and clandestine surveillance by police of a person who engages in active oral sodomy within the stall violates a person's right of privacy. What people seek to preserve as private, even in areas accessible to the public, may be constitutionally protected as the Fourth Amendment protects people, not places. People in transient areas where commode stalls lack doors and who presume no expectation of privacy, such privacy is not protected." Buchanan's conviction was reversed and remanded.

Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe signed Section 21.06, Texas Penal Code (Homosexual Conduct) into law on June 14, 1973, replacing Article 524 and "recriminalizing" only Gay sex acts to become effective January 1, 1974.]

Once the government recognizes the right of privacy and forbids the police and prosecutors to enter the bedroom to regulate the sexual conduct enjoyed there, it makes no difference whether consenting adults are married, single, Gay or Straight. Yet, the Warren Court summarily affirmed the challenges to North Carolina's and Virginia's sodomy laws, known as DOE v. COMMONWEALTH.

Reacting to the Supreme Court's new conservatism, state supreme courts are emerging as new, progressive forums for civil rights claims. The New Jersey Supreme [STATE OF NEW JERSEY v. SAUNDERS] joined the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court by ruling that consensual sexual activity is beyond government's reach and interest when conducted in private [Massachusetts and Florida invalidated their sodomy laws in 1974 and 1971 on similar theories.]: "Private personal acts between two consenting adults are not to be lightly meddled with by the State. The right of personal autonomy is fundamental to a free society. Persons who view fornication as opprobrious conduct may dissuade people from engaging in it. They may not inhibit such conduct through the coercive power of criminal law. As aptly stated by Sir Francis Bacon, 'The sum of behavior is to retain a man's own dignity without intruding on the liberty of others.' The fornication statute mocks the dignity of both offenders and enforcers. Surely police have more pressing duties than to search out adults who live a so-called 'wayward' life. Surely the dignity of the law is undermined when an intimate personal activity between consenting adults can be dragged into court and 'exposed'. More importantly, the liberty which is the birthright of every individual suffers dearly when the State can so grossly intrude on personal autonomy."

Since Section 21.06, Texas Penal Code criminalizes only homosexual sodomy and not heterosexual sodomy, the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment expressly forbids states to treat their citizens unequally under the law.

One's choice of sexual partners is a matter of private taste. In any case, sexual activity of any kind is neither right nor wrong. It is.

## Liedecker's Syndrome

### Cakes and Sympathy

by jerry diggin

The other night I had a severe attack of hypochondria and had my neighbor, Bill, rush me to the emergency room at a local hospital. When you live alone, it is sometimes the only way to get to go some place and visit. True, it's expensive. The last episode cost me \$65.00 to discover the rash I thought was skin cancer was simply heat rash. That was disappointing, not that I wanted to have cancer, but it could have been something interesting, like Walsingham's Prepax or Liedecker's Syndrome. It's impossible to go to work and garner any sympathy for heat rash. Nobody bakes cakes for heat rash.

When I got to the hospital the nurse at the reception desk looked up and said: "Oh, Jerry, what is it this time, a hangnail?" We're old friends. I hate her. This time I knew I had leprosy. My skin had been peeling abnormally, like after a sunburn. Only, I hadn't been out in the sun. Now I had her. She noted down on her pad that I was, I believe the word she used was, excoriating or exfoliating. It looked like the start of an interesting evening.

My neighbor, Bill, has the patience of Job. My attacks usually come around midnight, about once, sometimes twice a month. I don't have a car, and about that time the buses stop running, and I can't afford a cab. Bill has taken me to the hospital for my heat rash, hives (which I knew were tumors), and cold sores (I won't tell you what I thought that was).

Bill usually sleeps in the car, having stored pillow and blanket in the trunk for my, as he calls them, "sick-outs." He really cares. That night he decided to come in. He wanted to see if they had a ward they could put me in. He really was concerned. Anyway, he sat down in the nearest chair. The night nurse was checking my vitals, you know, temperature and blood pressure, when all of a sudden she put her hand to her mouth and ran out of the room. This was it. I had hit the jackpot. My blood pressure must be up in the stratosphere. All these trips had not been in vain. Putting on my best oh-my-this-is-awful face, I turned to Bill for vindication. There was Bill, eyes closed, leaning up against the wall, yellow.

Well, I took Bill's car home. He has hepatitis and is expected to be in the hospital for two weeks, maybe more. I hate him. The doctor told me to buy some Jergens Lotion and change my bath soap, and my "leprosy" would clear up in a few days. I'm not going to tell a soul at the office, and I'll bake my own goddamn cake!!!



Happy Halloween!

### Gay Mormons

Like to meet others who believe as you do? A chapter of Affirmation/GMU is being formed to meet the special needs of Gay Mormons. Contact them at: 214/528-1974 or write Affirmation/GMU, 3957 Travis Street, No. 2, Dallas, Texas 75204.



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NOVEMBER 7th



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Power at the Polls

by louise young

Tuesday, November 7 is Election Day, and you will have the opportunity to contribute to the success of our get-out-the-vote effort in the Gay community. If you've ever wondered how you could contribute to the Gay civil rights movement, then wonder no more. Go to the polls and vote, and be responsible for getting several friends there, too.

In this election, officeholders, candidates, and even our political friends will be watching the Gay community carefully to determine our political power. Our "block vote" as Gay citizens has the potential for a significant impact in Dallas county. That potential, however, can only be reached through your participation and support.

The DGPC voter's guide, which is being distributed by mail and available in Gay bars and businesses, provides useful voter information, plus our slate of recommended candidates. Use it to increase our "block vote" power. Exercise your rights as citizens on November 7 and do something to help yourself, too... VOTE!

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## PRESIDENT YOUNG ADDRESSES BROADCASTERS

DGPC President Louise Young pointed out some of the problems experienced by the Gay community to about twenty area television and radio station managers Oct. 10 at the new Dallas City Hall.

The meeting was sponsored by the Minority Affairs Department of Channel 4 to fulfill Federal Communications Commission requirements for broadcasters to talk with local minority groups.

Ms. Young talked about the way in which gay-related stories are reported to the public and distributed information packets containing selection of DGPC brochures.

This was the first time that DGPC was invited to participate in meetings of this type.

## Toward A Guide For Gay Votes

by steve henley

For the first time, the DGPC has extended our voter's guide of recommended candidates to all candidates, state and county-wide in a general election. The method for candidate selection was primarily based on a comprehensive questionnaire concerning Gays, that was tailored to the office being sought by the candidate.

The Legal Research Committee aided the Political Action Committee in question preparation, particularly concerning judicial races. Questions ranged from co-sponsorship of federal civil rights legislation for Gays in the U.S. Senate (highest office) to sexual orientation affecting a landlord-tenant lease dispute in Justice of the Peace Court (lowest office). Every contested race was polled.

Decision for recommendation by the Political Action Committee was based on the following criteria in order of importance:

1. Return of our questionnaire and the number of answers given--bonus points were awarded for added supportive statements;
2. Attendance at or providing a representative to our Candidates' Night and supportive answers and statements given;
3. Issuance of a supportive or pro-Gay statement to the Texas Gay Task Force (state-wide only);
4. Candidate's past conduct and voting record concerning Gay issues while in legislative or judicial positions;
5. Consideration was given to membership in and endorsement by other organizations which are supportive of the Gay community, such as the Dallas County Women's Political Caucus. Conversely, consideration was given to membership in or endorsement by organizations which work against the Gay community, such as the Conservative Caucus.
6. Also weighed was legislative or judicial support of non-Gay issues but issues of concern to our community, such as right of privacy and tenant's rights. All of the recommended candidates support the Equal Rights Amendment, feminist legislation and judicial rulings;
7. Qualifications of the candidate for the office sought were scrutinized. The recommendations should not imply that a candidate is "pro-Gay" but rather that the candidate is committed to furthering equal treatment under the law for all people.

We did not recommend in all races because in many races we heard from neither candidate. Gay women and men may choose not to vote in these unrecom-

mended races.

The Political Action Committee has heard from several Gay Republicans that they were disappointed that only one of our recommended candidates is Republican. As stated earlier, we polled all candidates of every contested race and got very little response from Republicans. The DGPC Political Action Committee welcomes ideas from Gay Republicans interested in our issues, as they are largely ignoring us.

We also welcome ideas from Gay Democrats about ways to involve their party and candidates to a greater degree, as well as input from independent Gay voters.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

## ACTIVIST DEL MARTIN TO SPEAK HERE NOV. 16

by kay artimas

Gay rights activist Del Martin, co-founder of the Daughters of Bilitis, author of Lesbian Woman and the recently published Battered Wives, will be the keynote speaker at a forum co-sponsored by Dallas NOW Lesbian Task Force and the DGPC on Thursday, November 16, 7:30 P.M., in Channing Hall of the First Unitarian Church, located at Normandy and Preston Road.

In Dallas to speak to the American Gerontological Association on the needs of older Lesbians on Friday evening, Del Martin is known for her ability to be a catalyst for change. The research and personal reflections in Lesbian Woman encouraged Lesbians to come to terms with their sexuality and their relation to society as a whole; the book has become a primer for understanding Gay lifestyles. Putting the same dedication and research into the subject of domestic violence, Battered Wives, is on the way to becoming "the reference book" for examining both the statistics and personal experiences of battered women.

Ms. Martin is now lending her unique abilities to the National March on Washington scheduled for July 4, 1979--the goals of the march being education, unity and a political call to action. Dallas Lesbians and interested women and men are invited to meet with Ms. Martin on November 16, to discuss the political realities of Lesbians in Dallas and across the nation.

Other speakers will be Christine Jarosz of Dallas NOW, Dr. Louise Young of DGPC, and Kathy Dietsch of TGTF. There will be a question and answer period for input on local concerns and mobilizing for the national march. In order to offset travel expenses incurred by Ms. Martin, donations will be requested. Refreshments and Women's Music to follow the forum.

**V-DAY! VOTE FOR VICTORY! NOV. 7!**



## D-DAY

by jerry diggin

Put me in a dentist's chair, and I would trade away any state secrets to which I might have access, surrender my apartment, with contents, and upon request: grovel, cringe, quiver and/or any variations of the same. In fact, the government has me registered as a DDD, Priority I. That is a Definite Dental Defector. The Priority I means that in case of a National Emergency, I am to be anesthetized for the duration.

This time I had neglected to go to the dentist for about four years. The doctor said my tooth (he's a real joker) was in remarkable condition, considering the length of time between visits.

After X-rays and a prophylaxis, a cleaning of the molars, not to be confused with the birth control devices, it was determined that I needed some cosmetic work and repairs on four teeth. The doctor recommended a plastic surgeon for the first, and said he would take care of the teeth. My dentist thinks he's a humorist. An appointment for the repairs was slated for two weeks after the cleaning. That was yesterday.

My dentist has the latest in equipment. Most of it resembling the furnishings of a medieval dungeon. The ride in his motorized chair was my first and only treat. Injections came next, three of them. He used a topical anesthetic before he gave me the needle. Bless him. Have you ever noticed how big that silver hypodermic is? With the liquid that thing holds, I could do a week's wash. We waited for the anesthetic to take hold and discussed my X-rays and the work to be done.

One tooth had some decay below a previous filling, or above it, depending upon your position in the chair. A black spot showed up that had the doctor's head shaking while saying, "That shouldn't be there." I told him I had

pizza for lunch that day and perhaps it showed up on the other set of X-rays. Perhaps, I said, it's the same piece of pepperoni. No dice, said he. These X-rays were taken after your prophylaxis. Thoughts of cancer and other diseases too horrible to mention raced through my head. Especially, after another head-shaking session and some more "It shouldn't be there."

The drilling began. Doctor and his assistant, Miss Now, Now, It's Going to Be All Right, began their tender ministrations. Miss Miss Now, Now, with the Hoover, vacuuming out the debris and the doctor drilling for China.

After a period of intense drilling, the doctor looked up and said, "There's a 25 percent chance of a root canal." "Oh," said I, out of my daze, "Do you irrigate your garden?" More drilling and then another pause: "There is a 50 percent chance of a root canal." "You really don't want to drown them," quote I. Then he said that the root canal was for me. "Thank you," I replied, "I live in an apartment and really don't have room for one."

Five more minutes of drilling and doctor looked up at Miss Now, Now, "75 percent chance of a root canal on this tooth." MY TOOTH!!!! Visions of Panama and hundreds of little men rooting around (pardon my pun) my mouth, digging a canal, were calmed by my doctor's explanations.

Well, I have a temporary filling in that tooth and have to go back in two weeks for the root canal. As for the black spot, the doctor is still shaking his head since Miss Now, Now vacuumed out the pepperoni.

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## Speakers Bureau Touts Talents

by carl allen

A group of Speakers Bureau Committee members and volunteers met October 12 at the Panhandler Pizza on Lemmon Avenue, where they addressed and stamped 1,000 copies of the new DGPC Speakers Bureau brochure.

The brochure, which was prepared by the Caucus's Education Committees, was then distributed to area colleges and universities and religious institutions. Chairperson Floyd Baker said the Speakers Bureau brochure is designed to make people aware of DGPC's existence and its willingness to make speakers available to anyone who wants to discuss the homosexual question further.

Persons interested in the Speakers Bureau should contact Baker through the DGPC answering service at 214/528-4233.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

## Roller Skating Party Slated

It's party time again with a Dallas Gay Political Caucus skating party Wednesday, November 15, at the Josey Skateland.

The rink is located at 2711 Cooks Creek Lane in Farmers Branch, and the party will begin at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a friend.

Admission and skate rental is \$3.30.

## TGTF Mounts Lobbying Project

(Reprinted in part from TGTF Notes)

Texas still has a law on its books which makes "homosexual conduct" a criminal offense, thus justifying continual discrimination against Gays. Lesbians and Gay men have lost their jobs and been prevented from seeking further employment due to sexual orientation. Protection under the law does not exist. Neither does it exist in cases where Lesbians and Gay men are denied a place to live because they are Gay.

The 65th legislative session in Texas was a forewarning to those of us concerned with preserving human dignity. The discriminatory amendment which passed this last session singled out Gay student groups. Certainly the attitudes of many Texas lawmakers is frightening to the cause of human rights. Some of these same legislators in the next session (the 66th convening in January 1979) may very well introduce bills, amendments and riders aimed at pushing us further back into the closet.

We cannot sit back and allow others to decide how we will be treated. We must not tolerate lawmakers who choose to enhance their political selves at the expense of over one million Gay Texans.

With this in mind the Texas Gay Task Force has developed a five-point legislative program for the 66th legislative session. It calls for: 1) continual identification of human rights supporters in all regions of Texas, 2) building coalitions with groups traditionally underrepresented persons and with persons who support our push for equality, 3) setting up a comprehensive communications network aimed at grass roots involvement with local lawmakers, 4) establishment of an Austin office with a paid lobbyist, and 5) a \$25,000 price tag to implement the plan.

At the September meeting of the TGTF Board of Directors held in Fort Worth, it was determined that a fund would need to be established so that individuals could contribute directly to the lobbying effort. The Texas Advocacy Fund was established as that vehicle.

For those who don't want to be identified with a solely Gay effort The Texas Advocacy Fund makes it considerably more practical to contribute to the legislative lobbying effort. Individuals wishing to contribute may do so by check or cash directly to The Texas Advocacy Fund or to TGTF (notating for the lobbying fund). The Texas Advocacy Fund address is P.O. Box 39406, San Antonio, Texas 78239.

V-DAY! NOV. 7!

## Free Drink On V-Day

In an effort to encourage voting in the local election on Nov. 7, several Gay bars will be offering a free drink that evening to each person who voted in the election that day upon presentation of his stamped voter's registration certificate.

You are asked to check your favorite bar to determine if it is participating in this unique get-out-the-vote promotion.

## ACADEMIC UNION FORMED

by jerry west

North Texas is now formally constituted as a chapter of the national Gay Academic Union (GAU). Founding members include teachers from four area universities: UT Arlington, UT Dallas, Southern Methodist University and North Texas State University.

General goals of the organization include promotion of Gay studies courses and research in Gay history and literature. The local chapter is currently designing a Gay studies course which it hopes to offer in the spring semester.

Teachers, graduate students and interested professionals without academic affiliation are invited to call President Bill Beauchamp (214/369-5635) for further information.

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# TGTF Delegates Meet with Hill

by gary brock

Ten delegates of the Texas Gay Task Force from Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, and Lubbock met with Attorney General John Hill, Democratic candidate for Governor of Texas, in Austin on October 21.

The delegates had planned to discuss the repeal of section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, the possibility of anti-Gay school workers legislation, the creation of a Commission on Human Rights and a Commission on the Status of Women and the strength of the Gay vote in urban areas of Texas.

The delegation was to have met for at least an hour with Hill, but due to increased air and ground traffic during the home game between Texas and Arkansas, the meeting was limited to 20 minutes. Hill expressed his regrets requesting a future meeting, if possible before November 7, but certainly after the election.

He said that he is willing to work with TGTF on certain issues and welcomed the opportunity to be educated about issues of concern to the Gay community. The delegates quickly redefined priority questions, realizing that time was not going to permit discussion and education about complex and emotional issues, such as Gay school workers and the repeal of 21.06. Hill was well aware of the 7,000 to 10,000 voters registered by Gay organizations since January 1978.

The establishment of the Commissions on the Status of Women and Human Rights is a goal of Attorney General Hill. He stated that a proper place for Gay issues would be the Human Rights Commission. When asked if he would accept input from Lesbian and Gay male political leaders in creating these key Commissions, Hill said he will seek advice from all minorities and welcomes input from TGTF. He encourages

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## New Kinsey Report

by buzz tucker

The latest report from the Kinsey Institute is both timely and of importance to the Gay community. Homosexualities: A Study of Human Diversity, by Alan P. Bell and Martin S. Weinberg (Simon & Schuster) presents the findings of a study commissioned by the National Institute of Mental Health and begun in 1967. About 1,500 persons, both black and white, living in the San Francisco Bay area were investigated and the findings now published should make a significant contribution to scientific and sociological data on homosexuals.

Because of the technical format of the book, it will no doubt be read primarily by professionals. Indeed, it should be required reading for educators, legislators, academicians, as well as for members of the so-called helping professions. But there appeared in Psychology Today of August an excellent review and analysis of Homosexualities by Ashley Montagu, and laymen who do not wish to tackle the work in its entirety are urged to read it. Even if you caught the brief and superficial - but nonetheless welcome - article, "Kinsey Report Disputes Homosexual Stereotype", which appeared in the local press August 9, don't miss Montagu's review.

Here you will find not only confirmation of previous positive findings on homosexuals and their essential normality in studies done by Brooker and other investigators but also interesting new data: Homosexuals are neither more nor less sexually active than are heterosexuals. A steady relationship with a love partner is a very meaningful event in the lives of homosexual men and women. Homosexual men change their jobs no more frequently than heterosexual men.

women to be the force and voice in developing a Commission on the Status of Women.

As Hill was leaving to board his helicopter for Houston, he said he looks forward to the next meeting and indicated he would appoint people to these two Commissions because of their qualifications and abilities, regardless of sexual orientation.

Although there was some disappointment because of the time limitations, the important process of education about Gay concerns and lifestyle has taken steps forward with a promise to continue if Hill is elected.

In all fairness to Hill, the original meeting was scheduled for October 14 in Houston. An agreement was made with the Hill office to withhold all publicity until after the meeting. Due to a breach of this agreement, TGTF was forced to reschedule. The Hill office agreed with TGTF's decision and did their best to find time on the Attorney General's busy agenda.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

## Lesbian Needs Awareness Promoted

by norman lowery

DGPC and the Women's Awareness Committee are striving to discover the views of a major part of the Gay community, the views of Lesbians regarding their needs and interests as they relate to the efforts of DGPC. We want to promote an awareness of Lesbian needs and try to meet those needs in the Caucus.

Representatives of the Women's Awareness Committee, Viv Armstrong and Morgana Mayo, are working on projects to canvas the Lesbian segment of our Gay community. A major goal is to clarify misconceptions about women and Lesbians in particular, among the general membership of the Caucus, and in doing this, to promote active membership of Lesbians in the Caucus. We need women's input and energy to succeed in helping our Gay community.

Other goals of the Women's Awareness Committee and DGPC are to sponsor programs on sexuality for both men and women and to promote the participation of Gay men in the Committee's efforts. Some of the outreach efforts include speaking engagements through the DGPC Speaker's Bureau, research by the Education Committees re women's contributions, interests and needs in the Gay community, and information and referral services for Lesbians through the Gay Hot Line and the DGPC phone number.

If you have suggestions or input for the Women's Awareness Committee, address them to the DGPC postal box and/or come to the November 13 general meeting. We need the whole community's help to grow into a powerful structure which the straight community will see as viable and representative of Gays, both women and men.

V-DAY! NOV. 7!

## California Loitering Law Endures

by mike gianoplos

SACRAMENTO--California State Sen. Alan Sieroty's (D-Los Angeles) SB-2192 to void Sections 647 (a, b) of the California Penal Code, concerning loitering and solicitation, failed in the California State Senate recently by a 13-22 vote after the measure had passed the California Senate Judiciary Committee, 5-2, earlier.

Over 95 percent of convictions obtained under the two sections are obtained by vice squad officers operating enticement/entrapment situations. The loitering, solicitation and sex offender registration statutes are being challenged currently in the California courts by California Human Rights Advocates.



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## Gay Leaders Attend Dallas Fund Raiser

Five prominent gay leaders attended activities in Dallas October 13 as part of a four-city tour fund raiser for California's anti-Briggs drive and the Texas Gay Task Force.

Leonard Matlovich, David Kopay, Del Martin, the Rev. Elder Troy Perry and Kathy Deitsch opened with a press conference and attended an auction at the Melrose Hotel.

Proceeds of the event, which included speeches from the celebrities, were more than \$3,500.

Del Martin, author of Battered Women, and Rev. Perry, founder of Metropolitan Community Church, visited other Texas cities in the afternoon while the others attended a dinner which was filmed for Channel 5 news for a recent weeklong series on gay politics.

After leaving Dallas, the five completed the tour with a weekend in Houston.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

## Caucus Membership - a Gift of Love

by david dennis

The best gift you can give someone is a gift on which you yourself place a high value. Membership in Dallas Gay Political Caucus is something most of us value highly.

Working in the Gay rights movement, whether quietly or openly, by attending the monthly meeting and giving some time to committees and projects, is something of pleasure and importance to most of us. As a worker on the Membership Committee, I want to urge each of you to do your part in bringing potential new members to Caucus meetings.

People love to be invited places. Invite your friends and acquaintances to come to our monthly meetings. Tell them they will meet people they will enjoy. Or better still give the gift that goes on showing your love for a Gay friend--give a membership in the DGPC.

Reassure your friends as to what sort of people are active in the Caucus. Some may have misconceptions about what Caucus members are like. Some may even feel our meetings are purely political and, therefore, probably boring.

Tell them our meetings are interesting, even when (and sometimes especially when) they are political. Do say, however, that our meetings are more than just political. They are highly people-oriented.

A growing Gay rights movement is vital to all of us. So, let's all bring a friend with us to the next meetings before the end of the year or plan your Christmas giving list, keeping in mind that a gift membership to DGPC is a true gift of Gay love and friendship.



# I Wonder What He Meant by That?

by david s. groleau

Terry spoke on and on about absolutely nothing, but it didn't matter much anyway. I wasn't really paying attention to what he said. I was absorbed in his presence, in his personality, in his experience of life that was so carefree and exciting, yet lonely and miserable.

He wore nothing very different than what anyone else ever wore, but it was the way he wore his clothes--slightly better than anyone else--that indicated his individuality. Sensing more than listening to his words, I heard him weave sheer nonsense with wise insights to form the fabric of his philosophy of life.

We rested in his small, tastefully furnished apartment that reflected both his ingenuity and his income. A glass-topped orange crate, gaily decorated and painted to match the red carpeting, served as a coffee table. Surrounding it was a red plastic bean bag chair, which I occupied, and two generously padded park benches. Ivy hung heavily on the walls of the room and was pushed aside in places to expose frameless charcoal sketches of nudes.

Terry's tongue moved ceaselessly, asking questions occasionally but never pausing long enough for an answer. Rising from his seat, he put a hand on my shoulder, declaring, "Oh, my dear, here I've been talking all this while and not giving you a chance to get a word in edgewise. Would you like some ice tea?"

Before I could answer, he was pouring tea into large glass containers which had once been altar candles at our church.

Returning with the drinks, Terry spoke of the time he had worked as a female impersonator. "I'll tell you what, honey, I had the time of my life getting up on stage. But the pace almost wore my tits off! I'm not kidding! Two shows a night, six days a week, and daily rehearsals on top of that. And the men--Darling, you've never laid eyes on such hunky numbers in all your born days! I had so many men coming to my dressing room that I had to start locking them out! It was simply divine! But nowadays I have to lock the door to keep my tricks from running out on me."

His facial expressions betrayed the moments of ecstasy he had relived in his mind. Sipping his tea daintily, he sighed and returned his thoughts to the present.

"Anyways, the seventh day was by no stretch of the imagination a day of rest. We'd have to pack up everything, and I had seven steamer trunks full of costumes, mind you, and we'd have to move from one town to the next and have everything ready for the Tuesday night show. This girl got tired of that in a hurry. Nine months of that and I said, 'No more of this, I've had it, I quit!' So I packed up and lived in sin for a while with Jackie. When we split up, I had to get a job. I thought about standing on the corner of Cedar Springs in drag, and Lord knows I would have been the best-looking bitch out there, but my reputation would have been ruined!"

He laughed at himself, knowing he didn't particularly care what happened to his reputation. Terry primped his red hair, smiled and continued. "So George got me a job at the newspaper answering phones. And do you realize that I'm a man?"

"What? You're kidding. You don't mean to say that you go to work in drag?" I asked incredulously.

"Hell, yes, sweetie. All my best clothes are dresses." His eyes twinkled, exuding confi-

dence. "That closet there is just full of them."

I remembered what Terry looked like the last time he went to church in drag. He wore a flowing blonde wig, a black dress with lots of frilly lace, white gloves, white spiked heel shoes, and enough jewelry to redecorate the Taj Mahal. His escort for the evening was just as exotic. He stood six feet four inches tall, weighed at least two hundred and twenty-five pounds, and wore a tight-fitting black leather outfit studded with rhinestones. The two of them together were quite a sight.

After gossiping about some of the people we knew for a while longer, time had come for me to leave. Before I opened the door, he said something which still gnaws at me today. He said, "Girl, I've been through heaven, and I've been through hell--but for all my problems, no one tells me how to run my life. There was a time that I tried to fit in with the rest of the world, but my tits couldn't take it. I realized I wasn't like the rest of the world, so I said, 'The hell with it!' and I was reborn. Did wonders for me. Blew my parents' minds when I started wearing dresses and had a boyfriend, but it was either my mind or theirs, and I damn well wasn't about to lose mine. They finally threw me out of the house and told me never to come back. That hurt, still hurts deep, but that's the price I had to pay to, to, to, be me."

His eyes gripped mine as his voice became more serious. "And one of these days you'll go through the same thing and discover you have to be the person you really are deep inside."

He winked, I smiled, and we exchanged goodbyes. The door to his apartment closed behind me, and I felt a bit of resentment rise within me. "Ridiculous! I do everything pretty much as I like!" I mumbled to myself. "Maybe not as much as he does, but then Terry borders on the bizarre, even if he is a friend."

His words flit through my consciousness from time to time, and when they do, I seem to catch

a glimmer of the truth they're trying to convey, and I wonder, "If this is so, then that must mean . . ." and the words evaporate, extinguishing the spark of understanding, leaving my mind to drift back to everyday affairs. But I know the words drift about in the back of my mind, slowly pushing the yet undeciphered meaning ever nearer my mind's reaching grasp as if pre-termining the moment in my life when a tiny spark of comprehension erupts into a roaring conflagration.

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## Teacher to Appeal Firing

(AP)--Jenell Ashlie, a 27-year-old transsexual art teacher who has been fired by her school district in Chester, Pa., said she would appeal her dismissal at a school board hearing.

The board, voting 6-0 to dismiss Ms. Ashlie, said her services "are hereby terminated on the grounds of incompetency, immorality and other improper conduct all of which are potentially damaging to students." She would have been the first teaching transsexual in Pennsylvania.

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The Tragic Murders of San Francisco Mayor Moscone and Superintendent Harvey Milk, Nov. 27, Took Two Friends from the Nation's Gays. Harvey Milk Profile in Jan. Issue.



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Election Victories

by louise young

The November elections are over, and I think everyone who took part in DGPC's efforts to promote political awareness with the Gay community should pat themselves on the back! A lot of satisfaction should also come to those who helped our recommended candidates. Countless hours were spent working at candidates' headquarters, election day "get-out-the-vote" efforts, and assembling and distributing C Voter Guides. Thanks to everyone.

Our hours of work paid off, too! I just wish everyone could have been at the victory party which I attended for one of our candidates to feel the exhilaration of winning.

In the last issue of DGPC NEWS I said that our political friends would be watching our efforts to see if we could deliver a Gay "block vote" in many Oak Lawn precincts. And deliver it we did, everyone watching agreed we had done our homework. The Dallas Gay community is rapidly "coming of age" politically and that is significant!

Finally, the Dallas Gay organizations should be congratulated for pulling together to increase the impact of the Gay vote. Both churches, MCC and UCC, urged their members to vote. Members of DAIR and other Gay businesses offered free drinks or purchase discounts with presentation of a stamped voters card. In short, everyone did their part and we all benefited! See you at the December meeting.

## Caucus Christmas Project

The DGPC will be working again this year for needy people in the Dallas community. Last year the Caucus gave toys and canned goods to four needy families to make their Christmas more joyful.

Everyone has food they can donate and even old toys somewhere which could make a child very happy.

Another reason to contribute is to show that DGPC is interested in the problems of the community and wants to help.

For information about a toy and food pick-up service, contact the DGPC answering service. The phone number is 528-4233 and is answered 24 hours a day.

## Gays Celebrate Defeat Of Briggs Initiative

reprinted in part from Gay Community News

San Francisco--Over 3,000 Gays gathered here election evening to celebrate the defeat of Proposition 6. The so-called Briggs Initiative, probably the most threatening referendum on Gay civil rights to date, was overwhelmingly rejected by California voters in the November 7 statewide election.

The measure would have prohibited local school boards from hiring and would have required the firing of teachers and other personnel who "engaged in advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging or promoting private or public homosexual acts." Gays nationwide feared that passage would have triggered a wholesale "witchhunt" of California's Gay teachers and lead to a rash of similar measures in other states.

Proposition 6 was solidly defeated throughout the state by 75% of San Francisco voters, 59% of Los Angeles voters and a majority of San Diego voters opposing it. Orange County--hotbed of political conservatism and home county of State Sen. John Briggs who introduced the measure--voted it down by a 53-47% margin.

"The reason we won so big in San Francisco," said activist Leonard Matlovich feeling the flush of victory, "is that we are out of the closet and people here have been able to experience that to know a Gay person is to love one."

Speaking to the cheering crowd at the victory rally San Francisco's pro-Gay Mayor George Moscone said the resounding defeat of Prop. 6 was "a victory of intelligence over ignorance... The largest state in the union has made a clear pronouncement that whatever the reason people hang you in effigy--be it the color of your skin, the way you adore your God or reject your God, the role in which you respect or don't respect your neighbor--it is your business." In a clear reference to Sen. Briggs, who hoped to propel himself to the governor's chair by use of the Gay issue, Moscone warned, "Anyone in the future who attempts to make political advance on the backs of those who it appears are at the bottom of the spectrum will be repudiated."

Los Angeles--Mayor Tom Bradley spoke to a similar victory rally saying, "Proposition 6 was an evil, pernicious and dangerous measure. May this be a lesson to Briggs."

Boston--About 500 people gathered at City Hall Plaza here on the evening of November 8 to celebrate Gay rights victories in California and Seattle. The celebrants met at the Plaza to hear a number of speeches and then marched around the Boston Common to the front of the State House to hear more speeches and musical entertainment. The march and rally were organized as a celebration by the Boston Lesbians and Gay Men Against the Right.

## 1978 Political Climate Assessed

by david dennis

Will the 96th Congress seated in January, 1979, lean toward protection of gay rights or against? What is the future of the gay rights movement given the atmosphere created by the results of the 1978 general election throughout the country?

Gone from the Congress are Ed Koch, now mayor of New York, Bella Abzug, and a few of the other original sponsors of the Gay Rights bill introduced in an earlier Congress. The sponsors were almost all Democrats and most of these Jewish, black, or other liberals.

Still, some of the original sponsors will return to Capitol Hill, although to a climate perhaps slightly more conservative than the 94th or 95th Congresses. A nearly two-to-one margin of Democrats in the Senate do not add up to a conservative Congress, however.

In truth only in fiscal matters has there been much of a conservative tendency in the 95th Congress, and the trend should hold in the 96th. President Carter's campaign for human rights has reasonably broad-based support. The 95th Congress passed progressive measures such as the Panama Canal treaties, the ERA extension, and Civil Service Reform.

So, Gays need not now worry that the 96th Congress is likely to pass any repressive measure. President Carter would not sign such a bill anyway given his support in California for the "No on 6" campaign. A great many more liberals or progressives are needed in Washington, if there is to be much hope of a national Gay Rights bill, and in Austin for a repeal of 2106.

It is difficult to determine how many liberals or progressives sit in the Congress, and it is a good bet precious few sit in Austin. Certainly, the Governor-elect would not be accused of being one. It is easier to count Democrats and Republicans, and it may be useful to do so.

The 96th Congress will be composed of 59 Democrats and 41 Republicans (a gain of 3) in the Senate and 275 Democrats and 160 Republicans (a gain of 13) in the House of Representatives.

It is interesting to look at these scores to see something of the political atmosphere in the United States in 1978. The "No on 6" win in California gives a substantial boost to the Gay rights cause. Future success may depend on the political atmosphere, the efforts we make to create the climate we want, and the allies we gain.



## Gays Make Advances In November Elections

by steve henley

The outcome of the November 7 general election had both good news and bad news for the Gay community.

The bad news is that many DGPC-recommended candidates lost in their respective races: Bob Krueger in his bid for US Senate, John Hill for Governor, Jim Monroe for State Rep. 33-E, Roger Durham for State Rep. 33-M, Janice Kaufman for State Rep. 33-Q, Bill Cole for 254th District Court, Joe B. Brown for 265th District Court and Bob McGuire for County Court at Law #5.

The good news starts with the DGPC recommended candidates that won: Jim Mattox for 5th US Congressional District, Bill Hobby for Lt. Governor, Linda Thomas for 256th District Court and Berlaund Bra-shear for County Criminal Court #6.

The truly good news is that the Gay community got out and voted in large numbers. One losing candidate listed the Gay block vote for his opponent as one of the principal reasons for his defeat. The greatly increased Gay voting block has garnered the Gay community potential for many more delegate seats to the 1980 political party conventions. This will aid us greatly in making Gay civil rights part of the platform of the major political parties.

We have now become a political force to be reckoned with in Dallas County. In this our first time venturing into the statewide general election, we have done an excellent job. There is even more to be done in the future. Although many of the recommended candidates lost, DGPC is now definitely ahead.

The political action committee is currently taking a well deserved rest, but will be active again soon in preparation for the spring city council and school board elections.

DGPC members who are available to serve on the search committee should contact Steve Henley.

## National Black Gay Conference Planned

An organization which hopes to serve the special needs of black Lesbians and Gay men plans to hold a conference in Washington, D. C., next year.

The group will be called the National Coalition of Black Gays and is scheduled to meet in September, 1979. The conference will be hosted by the D. C. Coalition of Black Gay Women and Men.

Individuals and groups interested in the conference or plans for the new organization should write or call NGTF board member Billy Jones. The address is P. O. Box 548, Columbia MD 21043. The telephone number is area code 301/997-3541 or 301/596-5865.

## Bureau Engagements Noted

by floyd baker

The Speakers' Bureau Division of the Education Committee has participated in several speaking engagements at area colleges and churches recently. Presentations have been made at First Methodist Church (Dallas), and at Texas Christian University (TCU), Texas Women's University and TCU's Brite School of Theology and El Centro College by Steve Wilkins, Campbell Read, Floyd Baker, Louise Young and Rodger Pettyjohn.

Presently members of the Bureau are meeting to discuss ways to make presentations even more effective. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 5 at 7:30 p. m. at MCC.

Persons interested in this type of educational effort should be in contact with Floyd Baker or any of the Education Committee heads.



## Decker to Chair Media Committee

Gary Decker, the new head of the Media Committee, says that his committee will probably become one of the most active in the DGPC.

"I really have two major goals," he explained, "protecting our public image and finding new ways to get important information about the Caucus to the people who need it."

Decker feels that before the committee can reach either goal, it will have to find out what opinions different people have about DGPC. To find out, he intends to make liberal use of questionnaires.

One idea he has had is to get committee heads together every now and then so each knows what the other is doing.

"Since I want to be concerned with public image, I can't be confined by the boundaries of just my committee," he says, "Media (committee) might come up with good ideas for other committees, and they might help us out."

Decker worked for a year in radio and another year for an Indianapolis television station. While in Indiana, he was in charge of the media-oriented Communications Commission at the Metropolitan Community Church.

## Nominations Sought

The Board of Directors is now accepting nominations for the unexpired term of the board position recently vacated by the resignation of Vivienne Armstrong. According to the By-laws, the vacancy is to be filled by the Board subject to ratification by the membership of the Caucus. The Board plans a decision on December 4. Thus nominations should be submitted by that date by contacting any Board member or by calling the DGPC phone number. No nomination should be submitted without the approval of the nominee.

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## Martin Urges Unity

by phil johnson

Despite an unusually cold autumn night, than 100 people, mostly women, assembled at the First Unitarian Church on November 16 to hear the brilliant Lesbian leader-writer-lecturer Del Martin. The event was sponsored by the Dallas NOW Lesbian Task Force, the Dallas Gay Political Caucus and the Texas Gay Task Force. Two tables heavily laden with delicious food were generously donated by The Bell Pepper.

Ms. Martin, along with her mate Phyllis Lynn, founded the Daughters of Bilitis, the nation's first Lesbian organization in October 1955. They did so because there was a need for Gay women to have a place to meet each other, other than a Gay bar. Also because they felt the Gay movement was "male-dominated" and women needed their own organization.

Some of the highlights of Ms. Martin's speech included:

1. The National March on Washington planned for July 4, 1979, may be postponed. If Gays from all over the nation are to converge on the capital to make visible our numbers to our elected officials (who often pretend we don't exist), then we must do so at the most politically opportune time. It is important what we do, but equally important is when we do it.
2. Sen. Briggs of California contributed to his own defeat by attacking not only Gay teachers, but any teacher who came out in support of Gay teachers. Since Briggs' Proposition 6 was so soundly defeated, the senator has announced his intention of bringing the "gay" issue to the voters again in 1980. We must not relax. We dare not.
3. Young Gays think progress is very slow. Older gays (Ms. Martin was born in 1921) have seen a lot of progress in just a few years. In the 1950's it was often said, "Maybe some day, but not in our lifetime." Recent events belie this.
4. Anita Bryant is the best thing we have going for us. She has given us media attention. She has united us. (Has anyone noticed, Anita has been strangely quiet lately?)
5. Perhaps the big victories in California and Seattle are the beginning of the turning point in the battle for Gay equal rights. Or maybe the turning point came with our defeat in Dade County last year. Why? Even though we received only 33% of the vote, had the "Gay issue" been put to the voters in the 1950's, Ms. Martin believes we would not have had ANY votes. The Dade County defeat represented a backlash--a valid proof of our progress.
6. Ms. Martin cautioned us there would be more defeats. She advised us not to become complacent. Above all, we must not be devious. Gay women and men need each other. We must work together.

Although Del Martin didn't say this, the thought occurs, "Not some day, but today. Yes, in our lifetime." These are interesting times. Gay history is being made.

## Training Sessions Planned

A weekly training session for prospective trainees will begin in February and continue for six weeks. Interested persons are urged to attend the Gayline general meeting on Sunday, January 21, 7:30 p. m., at 3702 Fairmount, at Welborn. Women, minorities and bilingual persons are especially needed--no professional background is required.

Lesbian and Gay men interested in becoming telephone counsellors for the Dallas Gayline are invited to contact Bill Beauchamp (369-5635) or to call Gayline (748-6790) any evening--7:30 p. m. to 12 midnight--for information.



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### *The Spirit Remains*

ology for Harvey Milk, delivered at a Memorial Service at the M. C. C. Nov. 29, 1978

elouise young

It goes without saying that the Gay movement is lost a leader and a friend. Many of us have lost a personal friend. Harvey Milk was in Dallas June for Texas Gay Conference 5, and many of us had the pleasure of getting to know him. Because we all feel a profound loss, I'm not going to dwell on his death.

Instead, I'd like to share some thoughts about Harvey as a person, as a politician, and as a leader in our civil rights movement.

Harvey was an incredibly warm and sensitive human being, and fortunately Dallas had the opportunity to experience his warmth.

He had a tremendous sense of humor and an infectious smile. He loved life and enjoyed being with people.

As I watched him meet people last summer, especially noticed Harvey's being sincerely delighted in each person he met.

Harvey exuded a sense of self-confidence and pride in being Gay. That self-confidence lifted us all to new heights. I'm sure many of us remember those feelings of pride which Harvey evoked last summer in his address to GPC 5 when he told us of the thrill of his inauguration as a San Francisco City Supervisor and what it meant to have an openly Gay person elected to office.

I read a quote of Harvey's in an interview after his election in November 1977 in which he said, "The responsibility as a Gay liberationist is incredible. I knew it. I knew what was getting into."

Although Harvey was a Gay community leader and Gay business organizer before being elected to public office, we knew him first as a San Francisco City Supervisor.

For Harvey, the third time was a charm. He had run for Supervisor in 1973 and 1975, and his year of victory was 1977. He easily distanced his opponents due to his genuine appeal to a wide variety of voters, and to his political astuteness.

Harvey was a master political strategist who knew politics. He gladly shared his political knowledge, too. For example, the model for posters we used in our voter registration drive in Dallas this fall was sent to us by Harvey.

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## *The Man From Castro Street*

by jerry west

November 27, 1978 will be remembered as a tragedy for Gays but for humankind as well. A Gay man named Harvey Milk, who stated publicly that he represented all minorities in his city, was brutally assassinated after serving only 11 months as Supervisor on the City and County Board of San Francisco.

Who was this man who inspired 5,000 Gays to march from Castro Street to San Francisco City Hall in somber candlelight procession on the evening of his death.

Harvey Milk was born in upper New York State 48 years ago. In 1951 he obtained his Bachelor's degree from Albany State College for Teachers. For the next 8 years he worked as a research analyst for several firms on the New York Stock Exchange. Quitting this job, he travelled for several years living in San Francisco, Dallas and producing plays and musicals in New York City over a two year period.

Harvey settled permanently in San Francisco in 1972 when he opened the Castro Street Camera Shop. During the ensuing years this shop and Harvey's upstairs flat were to become famous as a gathering spot for area Gays. Harvey always seemed to have time to talk to and to help those who came to him.

Harvey Milk entered politics when he ran for city supervisor in 1973... and lost. Undaunted he ran again for supervisor in 1975 and lost again. The year 1975 is more significant because it was then that Harvey organized the Castro Street Fair which only 3 years later drew over 50,000 people in attendance.

Aiming higher politically Harvey ran for state assembly man for the 16th District and tasted again of defeat. After this his third political defeat Harvey was heard to remark to a reporter, "We Gays play baseball differently... three strikes don't make you out. We keep on playing."

Shortly after the defeat in 1976, San Francisco Mayor George Moscone (later also to be a victim of Harvey's assailant) appointed Harvey to the City Board of Permit Appeals where he served until mid-1977 when he again filed for the 5th District supervisors.

The campaign for the 5th District seat was particularly bitter. Among the usual candidates arrayed against him, the Gay establishment, in the persons of David Goodstein (Advocate publisher) and Troy Perry (Rev. Elder of United Fellowship of MCC) fielded and supported another Gay candidate--Richard Stokes.

Harvey waged a vigorous campaign and was elected by a landslide. An interesting fact was observed later. Although Harvey's District 5 was heavily Gay (30--50%), only 20% of the votes cast for Harvey Milk were "Gay Votes". The majority came from the broad based community votes.

During his 11 months in office, Harvey found himself espousing a myriad of minority causes. He had told friends often that there was too much for him,

or any one person, to do, yet he never refused any cause.

We will never know just how good a leader Harvey Milk would have been, but we do know that he had 3 dreams toward which he was working:

That we Gays finally put aside our petty fighting which divides us, that we Gays end discrimination among ourselves and join with other minorities to end discrimination everywhere in America,

That we Gays come out (of the closet) to our friends, to our employers, associates and relatives so that those who know us and love us will know not to hurt us,

That there be a march and rally in Washington, DC for Gay rights and the rights of all humans to be different on July 4, 1979 when more than 1 million people gather to celebrate a National Day of Freedom. The message of the National Day of Freedom would be, in Harvey's words, "Wake up... wake up America. No more racism, no more sexism, no more ageism, no more hatred. No more!"

## TEXAS ADVOCACY FUND PLANS LOBBY WORKSHOP

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by kathy deitsch

With the November 7 elections behind us, the legislative outlook is not very rosy for progressive social change an enactment of human rights legislation. Many Austin veterans are taking a wait-and-see approach to the upcoming 66th session of the Texas Legislature.

Clearly Governor-elect Clements will use the "Proposition 13" issue to his full advantage and gain mileage with Texas voters. One must not lose sight either of his commitment of support to the Republican Party Platform (which includes a prohibition of Gay teachers in Texas). Although no piece of legislation has been pre-filed that is discriminatory in and of itself, there does exist legislation which will need to be watched carefully through committees, etc., as discriminatory amendments could very well be "slipped in."

Too, it is no surprise that outright discriminatory bills have not been pre-filed as we believe anti-Gay legislation may very well be introduced at the latest possible time. We must be prepared to be watchful the entire session since the strategy against us could very well be one of riders and amendments coming out of committee and/or offered from the House floor. Also, there is a strong move

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## HARVEY MILK:

## The Embodiment of Don Quixote

by don amador  
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Supervisor Harvey Milk, who was the first upfront openly Gay person in American history to be elected to a city and county office, paralleled his own impossible dream and that of Don Quixote. In his inaugural address, given on January 10, 1978, Supervisor Milk closed with: "I'm riding into the future and frankly I don't know if I'm wearing the fabled helmet on my head or if I'm wearing a barber's basin."

"I guess we wear what we want to wear. We fight what we want to fight."

"Maybe I see dragons where there are only windmills. But something tells me the Dragons are for real and if I shatter a lance or two on a whirling blade, maybe I'll catch a dragon in the bargain."

"So I'm asking you to take a chance and ride with me against the windmills . . . and against the dragons too. To make the quality

of life what it should be, to help our city set the example, to set the style, to show the rest of the country what a city can really be. To prove that Miami's vote was a step backwards and that San Francisco's was two steps forward."

"Yesterday, my esteemed colleague on the Board said we cannot live on hope alone. But I know my colleague missed the point."

"The important thing is not that we cannot live on hope alone, but that life is not worth living without it. If the story of Don Quixote means anything, it means that the spirit of life is just as important as the substance."

"What others may see as a barber's basin, you and I know is that glittering, legendary helmet."

Harvey hoped to change lives--he changed the course of my career--he would have wanted to change all of your lives. Hopefully the legend and martyrdom of Harvey Milk will live on through all of you.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

people in small towns across the country, who upon reading the headline "Homosexual Elected S.F. City Supervisor" would have hope for themselves.

Yet, on the other hand, he also wanted to be known for his representative abilities and as a candidate who just happened to be Gay.

Without a doubt, Harvey was not elected merely because he was Gay, since his district was only about 20% Gay. He was a voice of the people--many different kinds of people.

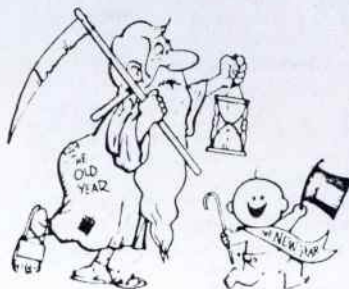
When I think about Harvey's tremendous accomplishments and his contributions to the Gay community, I wonder what we can do in memory of him and as a tribute to him. Three things have occurred to me:

First, we can be sure every Gay person we know is registered to vote. I don't think there's anything Harvey would have wanted more.

Second, Harvey firmly believed that openly Gay people should be elected to public office. When he was here in June, I asked him if he didn't think it was too soon for a Gay person in Texas to be elected. He replied, "Oh, no! Someone should try in 1980. You'll never get there if you don't start trying."

Finally, Harvey left a taped message to us in the Gay community which would only be released upon his death in office. In it he urged us to turn our anger at his death into constructive pursuits. He asked all Gay people to come out and acknowledge being Gay.

Tonight, all we can say is: "Thanks, Harvey, for your wisdom and courage and for representing us so well. We will not let the work you were doing for our movement die with you."



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aford to add initiative and referendum powers to the Texas Constitution.

At the Texas Gay Task Force Board of Directors and legislative/lobby meeting January 6, 1979, in Austin, a position will be put forth on this issue that our lobby will carry through the 66th session.

During the months of January and February, lobby workshops will be held in the major cities of Texas. These sessions will be free and held on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. followed by a cash bar social hour. In these workshops we will discuss our lobby plan, legislative position, the process of lawmaking, examples of how lawmakers "bait us," how to present yourself to your legislators and a detailed look at the statewide communications network, how it works and the individual's role overall in effecting change in the Texas Legislature.

The first workshop session is planned for the Southern Region on Saturday, January 13, in San Antonio. Further information on location can be secured by contacting the Texas Advocacy Fund, P. O. Box 39406, San Antonio TX 78239, (512) 655-3724.

## Christmas Donations Given

What if you had 14 children, Christmas was coming, and you didn't have the money for toys?

Thanks to DGPC and other gay organizations, this mother and seven other parents won't have this problem.

Gay people have donated over \$90 and several sacks of toys and food to help these families have a happier holiday season. The Patio Eatery restaurant also helped by donating to each of the families a turkey.

## Gay Studies Course Planned

The Gay Academic Union of North Texas will sponsor an adult education course "Being Gay in Contemporary America" early next year.

The sessions to be held at First Unitarian Church on Normandy at Preston Road will focus on psychology and sex research, history and anthropology, religion, literature, sociology and Gay life in Dallas.

Each session will be led by a group of professionals in that field. Leaders will include both women and men, Gay and non-gay. Professors Edra Bogle of North Texas State University and Bill Beauchamp of Southern Methodist University, Co-ordinators of the program state the course will address a general audience.

The course will begin on Wednesday, February 14 and will continue for six consecutive Wednesday evenings. Spring semester catalog and registration forms for the course will be available from the church (528-3990) in January.

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One of these posters is still on the church bulletin board in the hall.

Voter registration was all-important to Harvey. He once said his strongest political act was registering people, especially Gay people, to vote.

His last political victory was Nov. 7 with the defeat of Proposition 6 (anti-Gay teacher initiative) in California. He said after the victory: "It is now the responsibility of Gay people to continue the education of society at large."

Harvey ran for office as an openly Gay candidate because he recognized the inspirational effects his being elected would have on Gay

## Write for Rights

by gary decker

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) has learned that as a result of a new campaign led by Anita Bryant, letters are being received by the Federal Communications Commission at a ratio of 25 to 1 against a "Proposal for Rulemaking" issued recently by the FCC that would benefit the Gay community.

NGTF and DGPC urge all individuals who haven't written to express support for the proposal, to do so as soon as possible.

Forty letters were written by Caucus members at the December general meeting.

Letters supporting the proposal should refer to "BC Docket No. 78-237," and should be addressed to: Secretary, FCC, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington DC 20054.

The proposal recommends that leaders of all significant community groups in a broadcast area (including leaders of the Lesbian and Gay community) must be interviewed by local broadcasters to determine their needs and interests. The purpose of such interviews is to assist stations in fulfilling their legal obligation to create programming that is in the public interest.

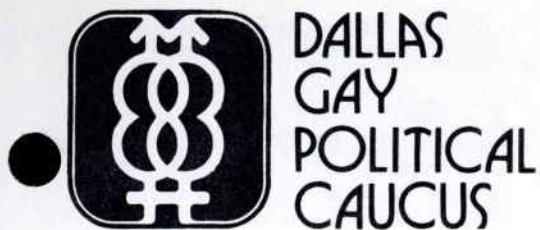
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# PROGRAMS

*January - Gay, Proud and Healthy!*

*February - City Government: What is it?*

● *March - A Look at the Candidates.*

*April - Gay Books & Rap Sessions.*

*May - Gay Roots: A Commemorative!*

*June - Talk by a Gay Author.*

*And More...*

AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LESBIANS AND GAY MALES - MOVIES - GAYS AND MENTAL HEAL

● GAYS AND THE MEDIA. DGPC MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7:30 PM - 2701 REAGAN (AT BROWN).

SOCIALS AFTER THE MEETINGS!

WELCOME!



If there are any events that you would like to see listed in the FEBRUARY CALENDAR, please get in touch with Phil Johnson, 528-4233. Our calendar tries to be more than just a DGPC calendar. We want our readers to know what is happening in the Dallas-Denton-Ft. Worth area in politics, religion, theatre, news, tv, sports, art and education. Share your knowledge with others!

### JANUARY CALENDAR OF INTERESTING EVENTS

- 4 METROPLEX YOUNG ADULTS meet at 7:30 PM every Thursday, MCC. 17 years old and up.
- 6 "The Talking Walls of Pompeii" and "Frozen In Fire" 8:00 PM - Channel 13. Two excellent films as a preview to the Pompeii exhibit opening at the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts.
- 8 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS general meeting. 7:30 prompt. Everyone welcome. Social afterwards. Reagan & Brown.
- 9 "Life and Death of Malcolm Lowry" documentary. 9:30 PM. Channel 13. (Also January 12th.)
- 17 Financial Resources Committee 7:30 PM. Call 528-4233 as to place.
- 20 Special Election! Are you for or against Police and Firemen pay raise? Polls open 7 to 7. VOTE!!
- 21 GAYLINE. Meeting for those who might want to become counselors. 7:30 PM. Call 748-6790.
- 22 DALLAS GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS open meeting. You are invited to meet with the Board of Directors and Committee Heads and discuss any idea you think will aid the gay community. This is your organization. Tell us what you want!
- 24 Membership Committee. 7:30 PM. Call 528-4233 as to place.
- 25 Mail Committee. Fold DGPC Newsletters and stuff envelopes. See Phil Johnson.

...and don't forget "Being Gay in Contemporary America" starting February 14th at the First Unitarian Church. Call 528-3990.

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