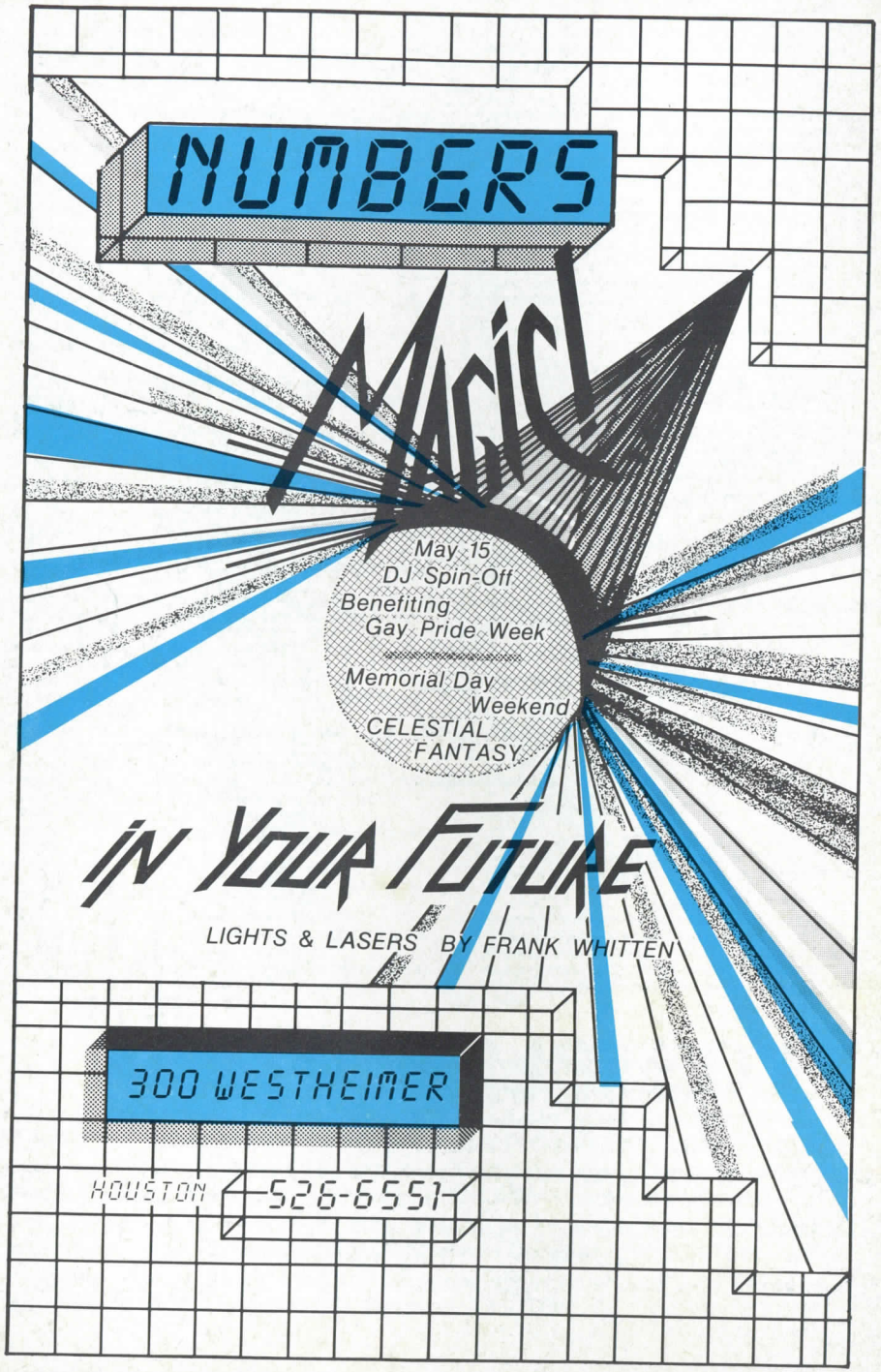


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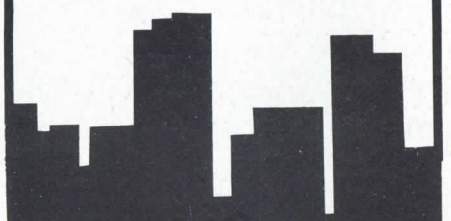
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The Out Magazine 7-Day Party Calendar

for April 28-May 4, 1983

This calender is compiled so you will have a handy excuse (should one be needed) to throw a party

(THURSDAY) April 28: James Monroe was born today in 1758. He became our fifth President.

(FRIDAY) April 29: Rod McKuen was born on this day in 1933.

(SATURDAY) April 30: Congress created the Navy on this day in 1798 just so we could have lots of cute sailors. (Well, that's not really the reason.) And today is Alice B. Toklas birthday (1877), the lover of Gertrude Stein. Gertrude referred to Alice as "Pussy" and she to Gertrude as "Lovey."

(SUNDAY) May 1: The first adhesive postage stamps were issued on this day in 1840—not in the U.S., but in the United Kingdom. Today is also Law Day, Loyalty Day and the start of Be Kind to Animals Week.

(MONDAY) May 2: Lorenz Milton Hart, lyricist and collaborator with composer Richard Rogers, was born today in 1895 in New York. "That's why the lady is a tramp."

(TUESDAY) May 3: It's singer James Brown's birthday. He turns 55.

(WEDNESDAY) May 4: It was a hot time in St. Louis on this day in 1851. That was when the great St. Louis fire started that destroyed most of the city.

THE NEWS FROM **OUT**

- ☐ *AIDS Forum in Dallas*
- ☐ *Possible Breakthrough in California*
- ☐ *Planned AIDS March in Houston*

Major topic in the Texas gay community this week: AIDS, the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome affecting hundreds of gay males and which may be incubating in thousands of others.

At a gathering 1½ weeks back in Dallas, Dr. James Wheeler, speaking at the AIDS Action Project's third information forum, revealed that there are more than 1300 confirmed cases in the U.S. now and approximately 450 deaths have been reported.

There are six to eight known cases in Dallas and 35 in Houston. More than 150 are known in San Francisco.

On the positive side though, a possible AIDS breakthrough was announced last week by researchers at UCLA.

They say they have discovered an alteration in blood cell ratio—call augmentation—that may reflect the onset of AIDS.

If this turns out to be true after further testing, it could give doctors an opportunity to provide preventive treatment, said Dr. Roger Detels of UCLA.

Meanwhile in Houston, Steve Shiflett has announced that Citizens for Human Equality, in conjuction with the Kaposi's Sarcoma Committee of Houston, will stage a "Candlelight Vigil for Public Health" next Monday, May 2, 8:30pm, at Houston City Hall.

It will be a "public plea that funding for AIDS research, education and coordination begin immediately among various levels of government," he said.

AIDS is responsible for damage to an individual's immune mechanism. The disease is characterized by three stages. The first stage is incubation of the disease. The incubation period may last as long as two, possibly three years. Individuals appear to be in good health during incubation, but it appears that they can transmit the disease.

In Dallas, Dr. Wheeler said, "The second stage, or prodromal stage, is when the patient begins to show symptoms. Usually these symptoms are sickness, weight loss, diarrhea and fever. The person begins to 'waste away'."

"The third stage results in the complete loss of immunity and the presence of opportunistic infections or Kaposi's sarcoma," according to Dr. Wheeler.

Dallas Gay Bar Owner Killed

Jim McNabb, owner of The Saint, a popular gay disco at 2609 N. Pearl in Dallas, was shot and killed in the early morning hours of Thursday, April 21.

According to the police report, David Reed, McNabb's roommate, shot McNabb after a fight between the two. Reed was hospitalized.

Dallas police learned of the incident from Reed's lawyer, Rueben Martin.

When they arrived at McNabb's and Reed's home, police forcibly opened the door, entered and found McNabb's body on the floor between the kitchen and dining room. A .38-caliber revolver was found near the body.

McNabb had been shot twice, once in the right upper chest and once in the right lower stomach.

A district judge set bond for Reed at $5000.

Judge Enjoins Navy from Discharging Airman

The ACLU Foundation of Southern California has won a preliminary injunction prohibiting the US Navy from discharging Airman Apprentice William Bruce Pearson for alleged homosexual acts.

The injuction was granted in April by U.S. District Court Judge Judith N. Keep, who found that "serious questions are raised in this case as to the propriety of plaintiff's discharge from the United States Navy based on alleged homosexuality ... and that palintiff is threatened with irreparable injury by the stigmatizing effect of an unjustified discharge...."

It was the second attempt to discharge

Pearson, who joined the Navy in February, 1980, and was charged in August, 1982, with fraudulent enlistment due to alleged failure to disclose homosexual tendencies at the time of his enlistment. The charges stemmed from allegations that Pearson had engaged in homoseuxal conduct with another seaman in November, 1980. Pearson denied the allegations and an administrative discharge board recommended that he be retained in the Navy.

ACLU Foundation volunteer attorneys argued that the second discharge proceeding based on the same evidence constituted a violation of Pearson's due process rights and the Navy's own regulations against double jeopardy.

Committee Hears Testimony on Restoring State Sodomy Law

From MV/DGN's Austin Bureau

Austin spectators in the old superior courtroom in the State Capitol laughed in April as the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence took testimony describing "hand balling" and other sexual acts.

But Richardson, Texas' Republican representative Bill Ceverha's attempt to pass a bill outlawing homosexual acts is no joke.

Several persons appeared in the meeting to face the anti-gay forces who are trying to revive the sodomy law which was struck down by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last fall.

Committee members heard more than two hours of emotion-filled testimony on HB 2138, but took no action saying they needed more time to study the legislation.

A spokesman for Dallas Rep. Sam Hudson, said Hudson has introduced HB 111, which will effectively "do the opposite of HB 2138."

Rep. Debra Danburg (D), Houston, became visibly upset as she raised points of order and disputed testimony of Ceverha's supporters who testified that homosexual activity poses a public health threat.

Those who supported the 2138 bill presented graphic descriptions of homosexual acts to support their contention.

Paul Cameron, a Nebraska psycologist, and Clem Mueller, a doctor, testified that gays are major carriers of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, a rare disorder that strips the body of its disease-fighting capacity. They also testified that gays carry Kaposi sarcoma, a rare form of cancer.

Danburg's biggest problem with 2138 supporters—which included two Dallas policemen—was their lack of expertise.

"None of them have expertise," she said. "The two doctors have never treated anyone with Kaposi sarcoma or an AIDS victim. They have never participated in any research, given any time, expertise or money or worked in any way with any organization for the purpose of treating or preventing Kaposi sarcoma or AIDS."

"I think they are homophobic," she added.

Danburg said she does not think the bill has the five votes needed to make it out of the nine-member committee. But, she said, she is afraid to be confident about something this important.

If the bill makes it to the full house, she predicted, it will pass by a vote of 120-30. "Not because it is rational or of good quality, but because the way the media reports it, it will look like a referendum on homosexuality, and the members will not vote for that."

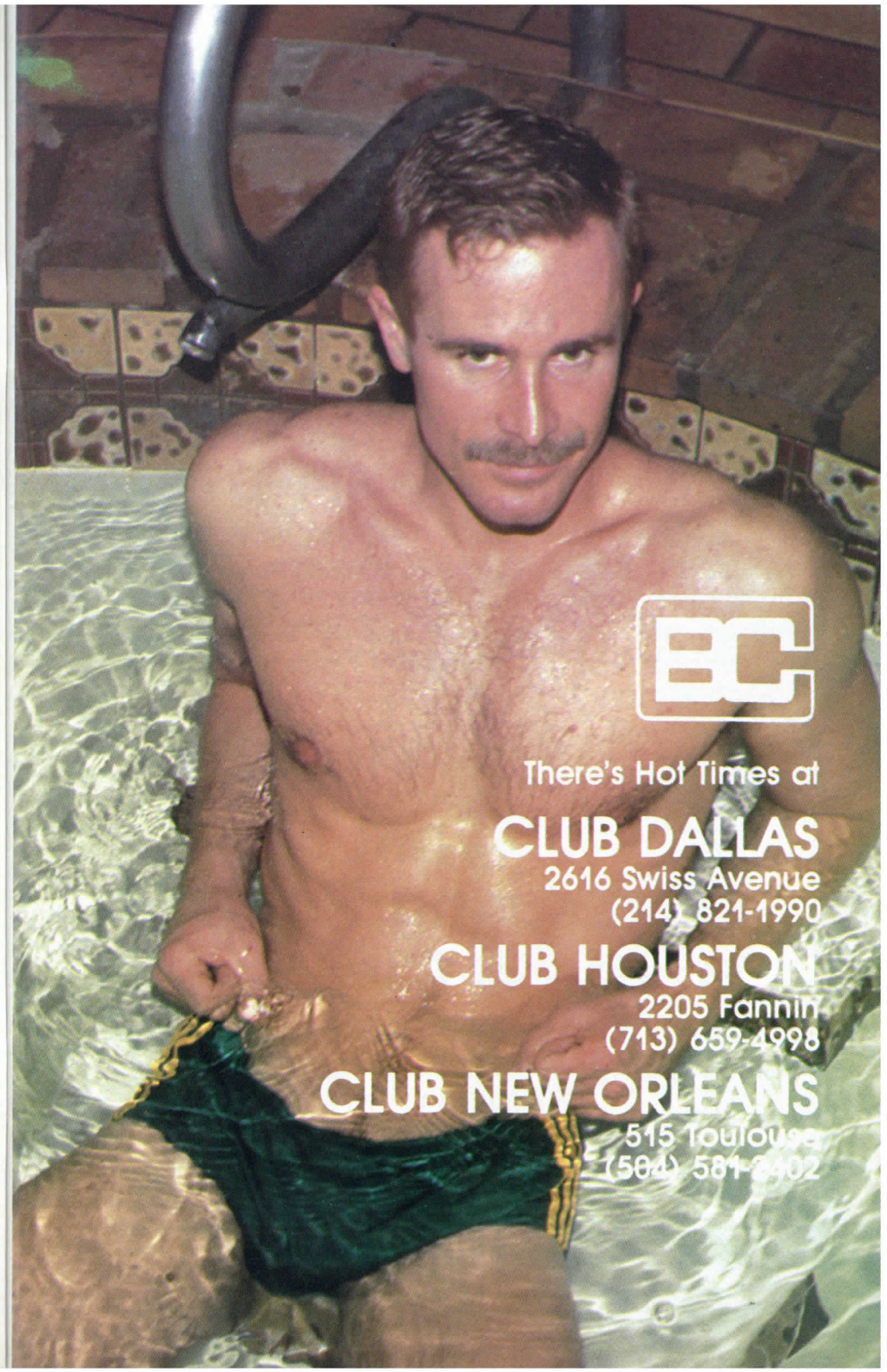
Dallas GPC Contemplates Campaign Loss

By Doug Weatherford

The worst fears of Dallas gay leaders came to pass in April as the defeat of endorsed candidate Ricardo Medrano called into question not only the already tenuous coalition among gays, blacks, and Hispanics, but the very effectiveness of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus itself as more than a marginal influence in city elections.

Other endorsed candidates fared relatively well in their respective races, but no one race can be said to have been won because of DGPC backing.

A mood of grim self-reflection prevailed at the post-runoff gathering in the offices of the Dallas Gay Alliance. But Alliance President Mike Stewart prom-



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to memorialize victims of AIDS and to publicly request that funding for AIDS research, education and coordination among all levels of government begin immediately. You may help to start this process by calling President Reagan at the White House Comment Line, (202) 456-7639.

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ised to make every attempt to work with the victorious candidate for the District 2 Council seat, Paul Fielding, and graciously sent DGA board member John Thomas to Fielding's headquarters to offer the organization's congratulations in person.

Stewart said that the Alliance is going to have to reassess "political coalitions over the next several weeks and month," making reference to the widely held view that many black political leaders deserted Medrano in the face of charges that the councilman had not been a strong enough advocate for minority interest in his district.

By one observer's estimation, the new council makeup includes six members who will be either sympathetic or at least open-minded about gay issues in the city. And despite the loss of Medrano, Alliance members did not consider the election results a setback to the cause of gay rights in Dallas.

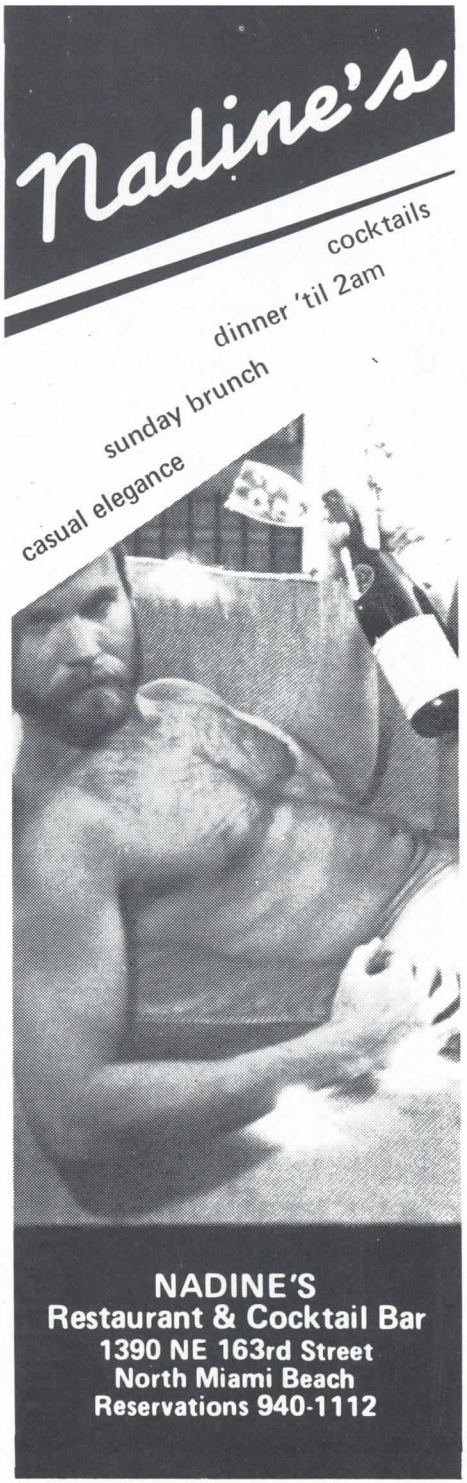
Though the frustration and strain were evident on the faces of those who had worked hard in this particular campaign, the mere fact that there were those who were willing to put forth such effort was a good sign that the potential effectiveness of the DGPC in the future is still there.

Proclaimed President Steward on election night, "The DGA suffered no defeats tonight. We still represent the interests of the gay people of Dallas, and we will continue to do so." Quoting Frederick Douglas, Stewart offered that "without a struggle, there is no progress," and believe me, within the next two years (before the next municipal elections), there's going to be lots of progress, because there'll be lots of struggle."

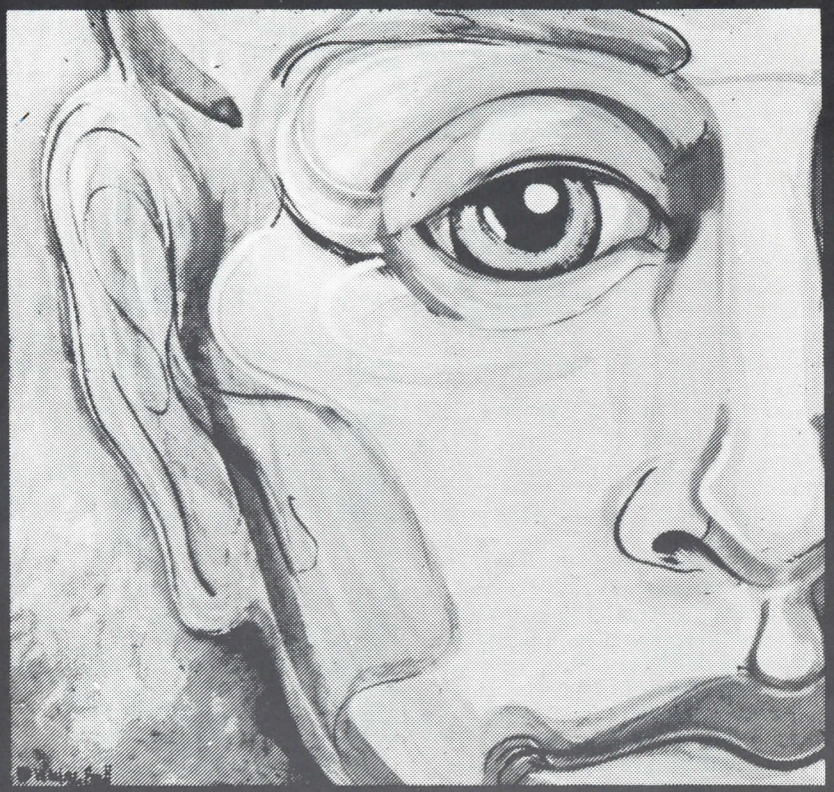
Olympic Ban for Gay Games

The United States Court of Appeals upheld a ban recently on the use of the word "Olympic" in the athletic events sponsored by a San Francisco gay group.

U.S. District Judge Robert F. Peckham last August enjoined San Francisco Arts and Athletics from using the word. The group then changed the name of its sports event from Gay Olympic Games to Gay Games.



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Peckham ruled that the Amateur Sports Act of 1978 gave exclusive use of the word "Olympic" to the American and International Olympic Committtee. These committees sued to halt the local group from using the word.

The group's founder, Dr. Tom Waddell, announced that the Gay Games made a profit of $10,440 and said Gay Games II will be held in 1986.

Next—the March of Dimes

The U.S. Olympic Committee now has taken an uncharitable view of the March of Dimes Foundation's use of the word "Olympics" in its promotional material.

The Olympic Committee is suing the foundation, saying use of the word "Olympics" suggests that the committee authorized or sponsored the March of Dimes' activities.

National AIDS Forum to Plan Long Term Strategy

Taking what gay medical and political leaders called a much needed step towards long term planning, AIDS reserchers, organizations and health care providers will gather in Denver June 9-12 for an intensive strategic summit conference to map out national planning for patient care, organizational cooperation and political strength.

Billed as the Second National AIDS Forum, the workshop-oriented meeting has confirmed workshop chairpeople such as Virginia Apuzzo (National Gay Task Force) and Pat Norman (San Francisco Health Department) for disucssions on public policies; Roger Enlow, M.D., (New York Health Department) on medical developments; and Mel Rosen (Gay Men's Health Crisis of New York) and Jim Geary (Shanti Project of San Francisco) on patient needs.

New York Mayor Declares AIDS Week

New York City Mayor Edward I. Koch has declared this last week in April as "Aid for AIDS Week."

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His statement praised New York medical researchers and the all-volunteer organizations for fund-raising and patient services.

The designated week will culminate in the Gay Men's Health Crisis fundraiser at Madison Square Garden Saturday night, April 30, in a performance of Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus, which is expected to raise more than $250,000.

SMU Students Put Pressure on Gay Campus Group

By Doug Weatherford/DGN

Despite charges of selective oppression, the SMU Senate recognition of Gay and Lesbian Student Support Organization, was defeated in an 11-17 vote in April at a campus meeting.

A scant 10 years ago, Southern Methodist University was still perhaps the primary closeted school of higher education in Texas. Baylor and TCU alumni will argue that this dubious honor should go to their own alma maters, but the fact is that the only thing which seems to have changed in the intervening decade is that there are a few courageous students who have had the gumption (some would say the gall) to defy the establishment at SMU and press for the founding of a gay students' organization.

The purpose of such an organization would be to make the gay students at the university feel they have some place to go to find comradeship, have some cohesive group of leaders who will, when necessary, speak up for their interest.

Unfortunately, for their trouble, the leaders of the movement, headed by Robert Rios and Leslie Cooper, have received little but abuse from their fellow students, and no doubt the entire episode has only succeeded in driving some students who might have been ready to take their first tentative steps toward "coming out" on campus, further into that proverbial closet.

Recently, the campus chapter of Young Americans for Freedom, historically an ultra-conservative group, circulated a petition asking that the Student

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Senate not recognize the Gay and Lesbian Student Support Organization as a legitimate campus organization. This would include giving it the right to apply for Senate funding. Apparently buying the argument that homosexuality conflicts with the university's putative religious orientation, about 2500 students signed this petition, under the influence of either their prejudices or outside pressure.

Though the Young Democrats did circulate their own petition supporting the GLSSO, it is difficult to imagine anywhere near as many students being found who would sign such a document. Some alumni of the school became involved when they approached individual student senators and asked that the gay organization not receive recognition.

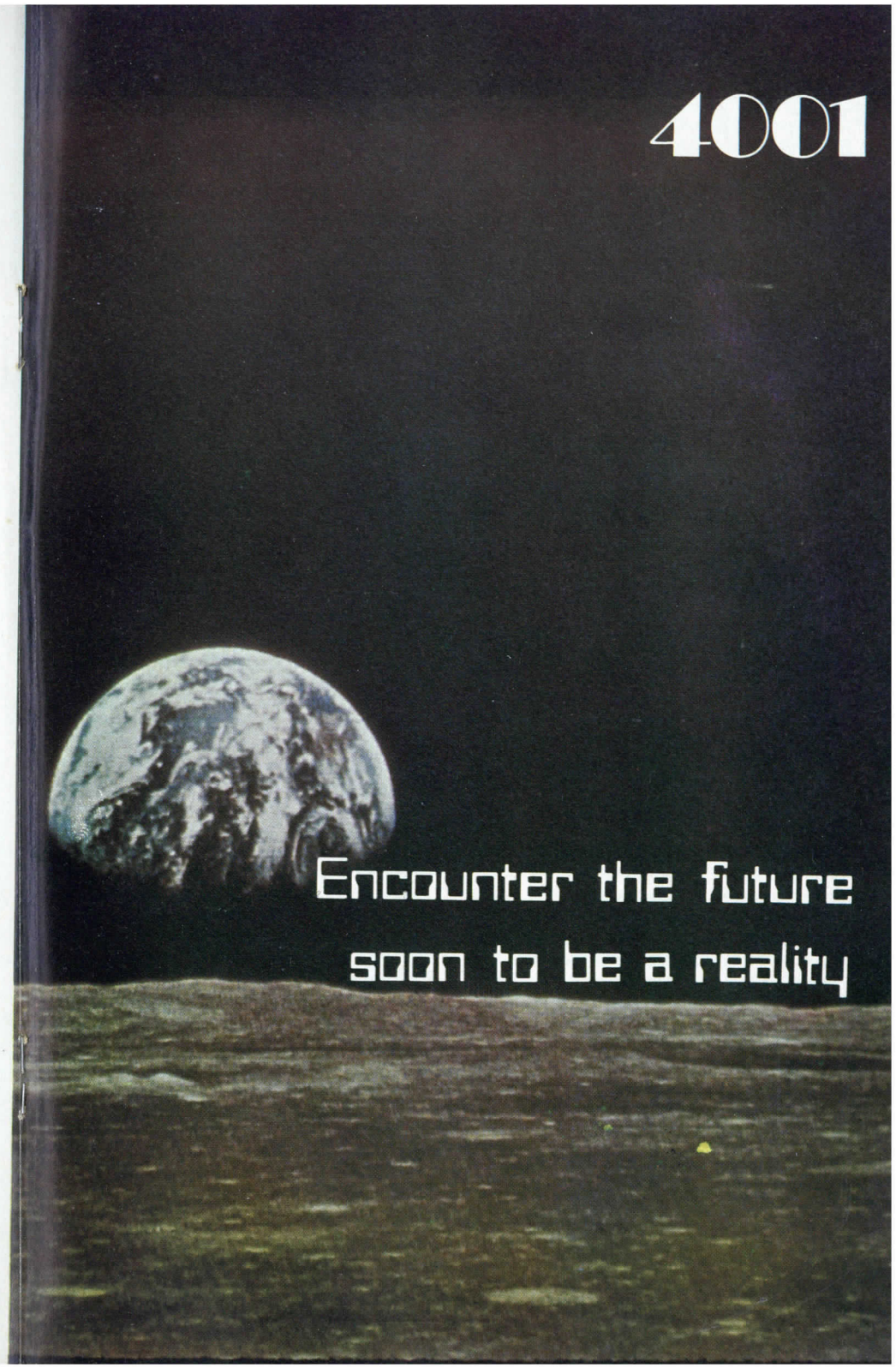
So the stage is set for a conflict, with the power of the establishment set against the dedicated, but relatively meek efforts, of Rios and other gay leaders.

It was into this atmosphere that the meeting of the SMU Student Senate was held April 19, to consider the GLSSO for recognition. Such controversy and emotion has not been seen on the SMU campus for some time, if ever, and in the end, there was no way the budding support group could withstand the forces arrayed against it.

The conduct of the senators was one of businesslike, self-important portentiousness, and it was difficult for an outsider to realize the extent to which emotions had been raised with this issue.

The bill, designated S-4-83-55, was unanimously recommended for ratification by the Senate Organizations Committee. The committee stated the requirements for recognition were: 1. Membership must be open to all members of the student body without respect to sex, race, creed or national origin; 2. Must have a Faculty Advisor; and, 3. The Constitution, By-Laws or Statement of Purpose of an organization must be consistent with the goals and philosophy of Southern Methodist University. The Committee found that the GLSSO met these requirements.

The stated purpose and goals of the GLSSO are: 1. To provide fellowship and a community to alleviate the environment



of fear and isolation experienced by gay students on the SMU campus; and, 2. To provide information and sponsor educational activities for its members and the SMU community, regarding issues of concern to GLSSO. The committee felt these two goals met all requirements, and stated that in abiding by the "Statement of Purposes of Southern Methodist University for the 1980s," published in November of 1982, they found no conflict between the two sets of goals.

City Councilman Addresses Houston GPC

In its regular twice-a-month meeting, the Houston Gay Political Caucus (HGPC) heard remarks by City Councilman George Greanias, held committee meetings, voted to approve funding of the Gay Pride Week Summitt project and voted to support an AIDS victim candlelight vigil this Monday, May 2.

This latest HGPC business meeting was April 20.

Greanias' brief prepared remarks highlighted accomplishments in improving gay-police relations including the formation of the gay-lesbian task force and ticketing rather than arresting for Class C misdemeanors. He said he chaired a Civil Service Committee that reached a compromise with the police on a bill now under consideration in Austin on civil service reform.

Greanias reminded the Caucus that his HGPC endorsement is often questioned in "other parts of the district."

He lavished praise on his staff members and summarized that "I'm having a good time being a councilman."

Answering a series of questions about a fair housing ordinance, Greanias revealed that there was little interest and few complaints among the constituency. A fair housing ordinance would probably be controversial and would need strong documentation of need, nature, scope and intensity of the problem, as well as a large war chest of funds. Greanias said none of the councilpersons were working on a fair housing ordinance, and added that the HGPC had not asked for one.

In a series of questions between Neil Isbin and the councilman, Greanias stated that there is no current effort being made to put gay instructors in the police academy though "progress is being made."

Greanias explained that a new ordinance he thinks will be "defensible and effective" in regulating sexually-oriented businesses is being prepared. It will provide "regulation for neighborhood protection" addressing issues like clustering, signage, qualifications of personnel and customer safety.

The final question from the floor was a quiery of what was "really going on" between City Controller Lance Lalor and Mayor Kathy Whitmire, to which Greanias responded with one word—"politics."

During a recess, the four HGPC committees met.

Reconvening, the voter registration committee chairman stated that 50 voters were registered during April in Montrose on the parking lot next to Mary's, 1022 Westheimer, and some 50 persons were added to the mailing list.

The media committee announced plans for a press packet. The membership voted to send someone to a publicity seminar at Rice this Saturday, April 30.

The community outreach committee plans to have five party-meetings outside Loop 610 to get input from all the community, not just the ones living in Montrose. They also plan a "welcome wagon" for new member orientation.

Larry Bagneris, president, reported that the political action committee is in need of $10,000 immediately to produce its planned Gay Pride Week event at the Summitt.

New York Governor to Address Gay Group

New York State Governor Mario Cuomo has accepted an invitation to address the Human Dignity Fund's Sixth Annual Awards Dinner and National Gay Task Force Tenth Anniversary celebration to be held Monday, May 16, at New York City's Plaza Hotel. This will mark the first time a governor of New York has attended and addressed a major gay event.



Brad Davis stars as Querelle in Fassbinder's final film

OUT AT THE MOVIES

A Sailor's Tail

By Jon Cheetwood

Rainer Werner Fassbiner was a prolific artist (42 films), and the fact that *Querelle* was his "last" film will soon be forgotten in lieu of his earlier works. But this farewell opus is sure to draw many to see the work of this vastly talented homosexual director.

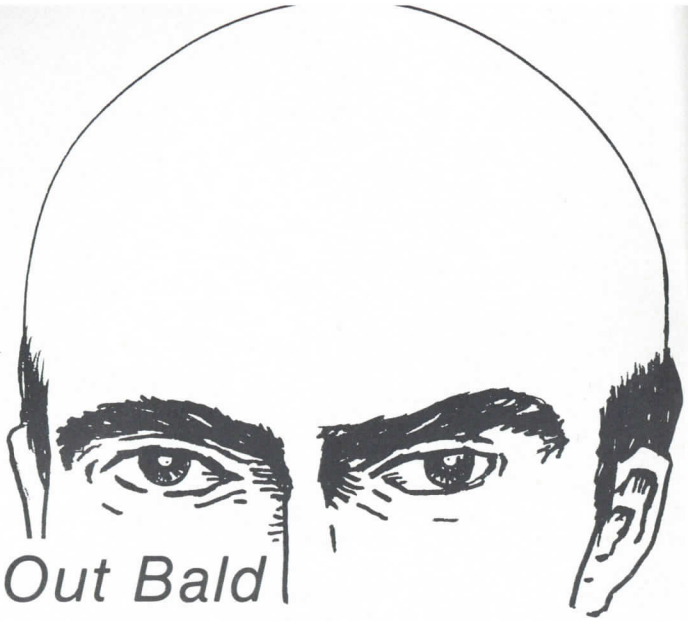
It's a tantilizing idea. A Fassbinder film based on Jean Genet's lauded "Querelle de Brest." One certainly doesn't expect Oscar and Hammerstein with such seamy "outlaw" collaborators. It's a sordid tale involving "real" men loving "real" men and its metaphysical consequences. The kind of fantasy you might expect someone who has spent years in prison to have (as Genet did).

Brad Davis plays the lusted after French seaman Querelle who slits the throat of his opium smuggling partner for reasons not readily clear. (Perhaps as David Letterman would say, "Just to see him die.") From there, Querelle spends much of the film learning to be sodomized. The plot involves Querelle's brother who loves Madame Lysiane (Jeanne Moreau-the French Bette Davis) who is married to the bartender (who brings Querelle out) and Hell's Angelesque chief of police.

The film has the atmosphere of a porno production without the graphics, and Davis has the appropriate looks to be its center. It is a semi-surrealistic stageplay with a murky dark mood as its star, in which the action at times seems almost inconsequential. The cinematography by Xauer Schwargenberger stays true to the star, but is at times affected.

Dubbing in German subtitles results in some rather silly dialogue, such as Madame's description of the difference between Querelle's penis and his brother's. The opening night audience had more than a couple of laughs.

If you are a fast Fassbinder fan, go see Querelle. This is the kind of film that wants us to jump in the deep end. Perhaps those who remember Fassbinder from his Trilogy should not see "Querelle." But if you are a fast Fassbinder fan, go see it—"just to watch him die."



Coming Out Bald

By Allen Young

I'm not bald yet. But I'm getting there.

I forget how bald I am on the back of my head, but then one of my co-workers makes a wisecrack, defending himself perhaps against his own premature gray and paunch, or I find myself in front of one of those three-sided mirrors where I'm suddenly made aware of a part of my head I rarely see. The hairless part.

It been happening for years, actually, this balding—a very gradual process. My self-acceptance as a bald man (or a balding one) has come slow and hard; in some ways it reminds me of coming out as a gay man.

I can vividly remember a moment of truth about ten years ago when my friend Giles told me, gently, that I'd look a lot better if I stopped combing my hair so as to hide my baldness. We've all seen men do that; it's ridiculous, right? Well, yes it is, partly because it doesn't work. But it's no more ridiculous than a closeted gay man talking about his "girlfriend" because society has expectations.

This society has expectations about head hair: it's supposed to be there. Prejudice against bald men is a fact of life in America. Bald men are funny. Bald men are evil. Dozens of movies promote those stereotypes. Bald men are very rarely considered sexy.

True, some think baldness is a sign of masculinity or virility, but there is something vaguely fethishistic about that, sometimes, especially among people into sadomasochism. That appeal of baldness is fine if you're into it, but it's no consolation to me.

I think baldness is tolerated at best, the stuff of trolls at worst. Fortunately, we gay men who are bald or balding find men and boys who appreciate us. I'm not complaining about anyone's sexual preferences—I have my own prejudices—but I am "coming out bald" in this column to make a point that needs to be made.

My point is this: There is nothing wrong about being bald. It is a very natural state of affairs for a considerable number of men, and this baldness can start at a young age, though it is noticeable more as middle age approaches.

There seems to me some racial element in this, too, for baldness is quite common among some people, especially Mediterraneans. I suspect that Anglo-Saxon dominance in North American culture, especially in beauty standards, has reared its ugly head in this anti-bald prejudice.

There are numerous "remedies" for baldness—there have been for years—but medical reserchers have repeatedly warned the public that none of them work. Well, perhaps some people have been helped by such treatments; who am I to say, since I've never tried any? But if they really worked, would such pushy advertisements be necessary? These remedies are pitched to men who are desperate, and I do my best to avoid joining the ranks of the desperate.

Is baldness a gay issue? Yes and no. Non-gay men concerned with their appearance are as likely to be concerned about their baldness. But the fact remains, as George Whitmore pointed out in his enjoyable gay novel *The Confession of Danny Slocum,* commenting on a visit to a non-gay bar frequented by aging hippies, we gays tend as a group to be more concerned with our appearance, and more likely to avoid paunch and other middle-aged maladies.

In our society, baldness is perceived as such a "malady," and that is why, I believe, that the hair-growing emporia advertise in gay publications. Where there's a buck to be made and the produce is slightly disreputble anyway (undeniably true for baldness treatments), our gay money looks good. These people know who their customers are, and they want more.

I suppose there is some chance that a hair transplant—a painful surgical process—might actually work. But the expense is outrageous. And as for hairpieces or toupees, they seem like such indignities to me.

Dignity—that's a key word for me in this issue. In coming out bald, I'm asserting my dignity, chrome dome and all. ("Chrome Dome" was the nickname for a shop teacher in my high school.) I'm all for freedom of choice, and if some wish to try their luck combatting their genes, I won't let my gay money be used to undermine my personal sense of dignity.

Baldness, for the scientific-minded, is defined by biologists as a "sex-linked trait." Books tell me baldness is a gene transmitted from mother to son, manifesting itself only in males. I never quite understood that one; the men in my mother's familiy all have full heads of hair, yet my father, *his* father, and several uncles on that side were bald.

I find it particularly bothersome that among liberal and progressive writers, a man's baldness is frequently used to accentuate evil. (Writers often use homosexuality in precisely this fashion.) Judge Julius Hoffman of the 1969 Chicago Seven Conspiracy Trial was constantly described as "bald." The Blank Panthers' rhetoric snarled at "bald-headed businessmen." In the Whitmore novel I just mentioned, there is only one really nasty character—and he happens to be bald.

Am I being paranoid? I think not. Popular culture heroes such as Allen Ginsberg, Julian Beck, David Dellinger or Jean Genet, all bald or balding, miraculously escape mention of this "defect" when written about.

By the way, did you know that all bald people look alike, especially when they are Jews? I've been told that on several occasions that I look like Allen Ginsberg, Andy Kopkind or Woody Allen, yet I think the resemblance is dubious.

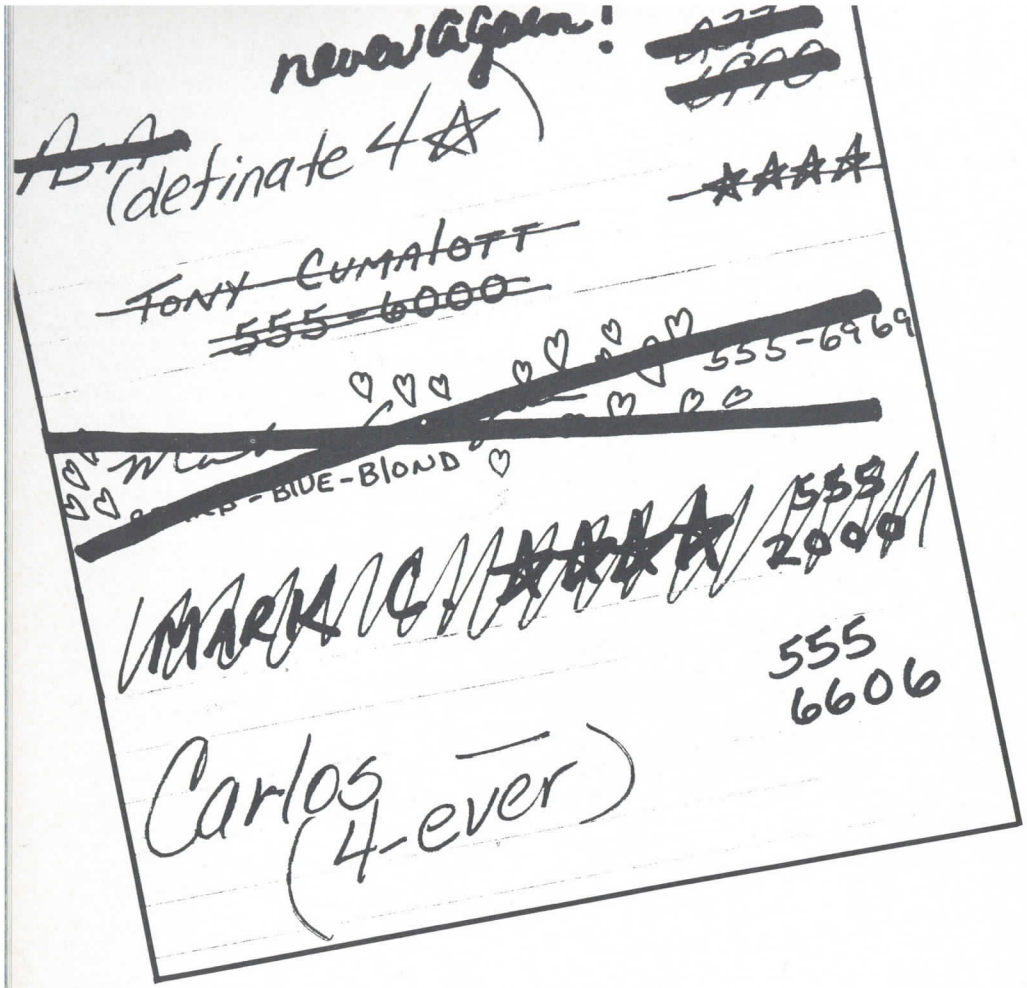
I can anticipate some of the reactions to what I have said so far. Some people will insist, as my friend Bob did, that "bald is hot." (His lover is balding.) Well sure, I'm hot myself under the right circumstances.

Plenty of grandmothers swoon over Telly Savalas, and Yul Brynner is mentioned all too often as being sexy; but I still maintain that in our culture, baldness tends to be a negative feature in someone's appearance. This is a cultural fact, just as it's a cultural fact that this culture views homosexuality in a negative light most of the time.

Others—along with some bald or balding men—might insist that in the light of popular prejudice the best thing a bald man can do is attempt eradicate his baldness. Whether by elaborate hair styling or combing, "treatments," toupees or transplants, such an approach is akin to the "nose job" so popular among assimilationist Jews or the skin lighteners still marketed in the black community (despite "black is beautiful").

I think that a self-respecting gay man who is bald has as much reason to come out bald as to come out gay. Bald may be hot, but it could get hotter.

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Here We Go Again

By Tom Dolan

"Maybe we can't stop living," I tell my friend, "but we can stop fucking! In the face of uncertainty, there's nothing wrong with celibacy."

"There is another option," he tells me.

"What's that?" I ask.

"Are there any guys you have sex with on a more or less regular basis?"

"Sure. What are you driving at?"

"Did I tell you what Carlos and I are doing?" he asks.

"Is he one of the guys you've been seeing off and on?"

"Yeah. Wanno hear about it?"

"Sure," I say.

"You know how scared I've been—of AIDS."

"I'd call it a healthy respect for the unknown," I say.

"Well, Carlos has been scared too. So he wasn't surprised when I told him I was going to stop sleeping around. I told him I enjoyed having sex with him but that it was getting too risky."

"And what about giving it to him?"

"Exactly. I wouldn't want that on my conscience either."

"What did he say?"

"He said he wouldn't have sex with anybody else if I wouldn't."

"Sounds pretty cold."

"It's not."

"But you're not in love."

"I don't think so. And that's okay. I've always gone into relationships blind with infatuation. This time I've got my eyes open."

"Sure you do!"

"It feels like an experiment, which it is. I'm excited and I'm curious. I wonder what it's going to be like."

"It sounds like an arranged marriage, like something they do in India."

"In a way it is. Only we arranged it ourselves. Anyhow, people sometimes fall in love—even in arranged marriages. And they've been know to last."

"What's durability got to do with anything?"

"Not much, except the fact that it's probably not a good idea to change partners too often these days."

"Sounds like you've got limited expectation," I tell him.

"I do. But I think that's healthy, and I could be very pleasantly surprised. Don't misunderstand. My friend Carlos is much more than a convenient lay. He's intelligent, sensitive and considerate."

"In other words you don't have a helluva lot in common."

"We have one very important thing in common. Neither of us wants to be dead within a year."

"It's not that bad."

"I'm told 40% survive the first year."

"Interesting. Are you going to live together?"

"Hell, no. Living together can really be the kiss of death."

"Where did you guys meet in the first place?"

"At the tubs."

"It figures. Lust at first sight."

"I feel okay bout that. I can't think of a better reason to bed down with somebody. Can you?"

"Relationships are sometimes based on mutual interests and values. They can be intellectual or professional..."

"Fine. This one happens to be sexual. I have no problem with that. There's more to it than sex, but sex happens to be the core of the relationship. Does that bother you?"

"I'd hate to see you get hurt."

"Carlos and I are both heartbreakers. We'll get what we deserve."

"Sounds like you're using each other."

"So?"

"And what about trust? If you don't live together, how will you know he's not fucking somebody else on the side?"

"Don't be crude! He'll tell me, of course, and it'll be over."

"I think you're incredibly naive."

"I'm going to enjoy it while it lasts."

"Do you think everybody should do what you guys are doing?"

"Hell, no! I only hope it works for us. I don't know about anybody else."

"I can see the headlines now: PAIRING OFF WORKS FOR MILLIONS. AIDS VANQUISHED!"

"Yeah. Right next to REAGAN AND ANDROPOV REVEAL SECRET LOVE PACT!"

"Carlos and I do have our little differences."

"Like?"

"He's a body builder and..."

"And your assets are less obvious. But just as formidable."

"You should know! Another thing is he likes to stay up late watching MTV."

"While you like to go to bed early with a book, if I remember."

"Right, but I don't want somebody who's just like me. And I like the way he leans against me while he watches MTV and I read my book."

"You can't build a relationship on that."

"It's more than Dante had with Betrice. I'm not romantic, but I like the way he makes me feel. And in a time when the White House and the Kremlin are threatening us with nuclear annihilation, when the spectre of AIDS hangs over the entire community, I'm going to enjoy every minute. I'm not sure I can sustain a relationship with just one man, but I'd like to try. In the absence of certainty, there's nothing wrong with hope."

"How's it working?"

"We're taking it one day at a time."

"How long has it been going on?"

"Three days."

"And they said it wouldn't last!"

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For Friday evening, April 29, 1983, through Friday evening, May 6, 1983:

ARIES—Your sensitivity will take a playful and even humorous turn. Whether you go as far as practical jokes, or simply laugh at the release you're feeling, fun feels like a lot of fun. Jolly good show, you jolly good fellow!

TAURUS—*In your sign this week: Mercury, Mars and the Sun.* When you make up your mind to do something, you do it. You're feeling strong and determined, and the thought of anyone getting in your way is—unthinkable. As long as these directions are positive, go with it. Just make sure it's worthwhile.

GEMINI—*Venus remains in Gemini for one more full week.* The problems you've been having for the past few weeks leave you with a touch of melancholy. The blues may hang around for a while, but by week's end, you'll be courtin' and sparkin' again. What a gimmick, this pale and interesting look!

CANCER—Your parents figure in this week's picture, and if not parents, someone older that you're close to. Get even closer. It could be a very good time for all of you if you can find some important points of understanding. Let hidden love show.

LEO—When you're out and about with your lover or close one, watch out for your jealous streak. Don't play innnocent, either, since you're feeling so sexy. You've been struttin' it out a bit yourself. Talk about it. You can share your excitements, either physically, or in mutual fantasy.

VIRGO—Finally come the answers to the questions you've been asking. At least you're finding out what you need to know. At the same time, someone's giving you a heart attack with a lot of crazy talk. That may give rise to a new question.

LIBRA—*In your sign this week: Pluto.* Flying around up there in the air, you're closer to the stars than I am. How's the view from up there with the wind in your hair and your eyes filled with wonder? A week to accept the good things without worry for the future.

SCORPIO—*In your sign this week: Saturn (leaves next Friday afternoon, May 6).* You may not always be the most practical sort, but practicalities are what concern you right now. Taking care of business can clear the air for a real pleasure trip, so dig in and dig yourself out. There's a proposition coming when you're done.

SAGITTARIUS—*The Moon is in your sign as the weekend opens, and leaves Sunday morning. Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune remain in Sagittarius all week, while Saturn will enter next Friday afternoon, May 6.* Spring's in the air, love's in bloom, and you're taking your share of the good times. As long as that's all there is to it, fine. But don't take anyone too seriously for the moment. Play it (and them) as it falls.

CAPRICORN—*The Moon is in Capricorn from Sunday morning until Tuesday evening.* The best things in life may be free, but right now, you want money. Investigate and decide new ways to make it, or invest it. Don't be afraid or ashamed to reap the rewards of intelligent planning. It's *your* attitude that counts now.

AQUARIUS—*The Moon passes through Aquarius from Tuesday evening until next Friday morning, May 6.* Feeling feisty and impetuous? Want to get things done before you're even started? And you're usually so cool! What do you really want to do? Talk to yourself about what's important, then do it carefully. After all, what are you going to do when you get there?

PISCES—*The Moon enters Pisces next Friday morning, May 6.* You'll know where you're going, Pisces, and in fact, half of your fun will be in planning where that is. It may be a weekend in the country or a month in the Greek Isles, but you'll be enjoying a change of scene. Make your choices and go.

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Bering Memorial United Methodist Church—1440 Hawthorne—526-1017

Black & White Men Together (BWMT)—c/o Gay Switchboard, 529-3211
Choices—c/o Bering Church, 1440 Hawthorne—840-8041
Christian Church of the Good Shepherd—1707 Montrose
(Montrose) Church of Christ—1700 Montrose—777-9286
Church of Christian Faith—413 Westheimer—529-8005
Citizens for Human Equality (CHE)—609 Fannin #1301—236-8666
Colt 45's—c/o Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos—528-9192
Community Gospel Center—1700 Montrose—523-6018
Cong. Aytz Chayim—c/o MCCR, 1919 Decatur—552-1340, 688-8997
Crisis Hotline—228-1505
Dial-a-Gay-Atheist—524-2222
Diana Foundation—2700 Mason—524-5791
Dignity—c/o Catholic Student Center, 1703 Bolsover—520-9269, 528-7644
Families & Friends of Gays—464-6663
1st Unitarian Church—5210 Fannin—526-1571
Frontrunners—520-9258
Greenspoint/FM1960 Area Far-Away Friends—821-9681
Gay & Alive Sharing Experience (GASE)—528-1311, 528-0891
Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas: affiliate of I/H Inc.
Gay Hispanic Caucus—2722 Newman #12—521-0037
Gay Italian Group—526-9844
Gay Nurses Alliance—880-9486
Gay Political Caucus (GPC)—POB 66664, 77266—521-1000
Gay Pride Week Committee—c/o Marion Coleman, House of Coleman, 901 W. Alabama—523-2521
Gay Switchboard—POB 3624—529-3211
Greater Montrose Business Guild—c/o Montrose Voice, 3317 Montrose #306—529-8490
Hepatitus Hotline—521-1000: GPC's Medical Committee project
Homophile Interfaith Alliance—729 Manor—523-6969
Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists—526-7386
Houston Community Clowns—862-8314
Houston Data Professionals——523-6922
Houston Human Rights League—523-6969
Houston Motorcycle Club—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westeimer—528-8851
Houston North Professionals—POB 3840, Humble 77338—Bill at 821-7126 or Lee at 440-0365
I/H Inc.—POB 16041, 77222—694-1732, 529-7014
Integrity/Houston—POB 66008, 77266—526-0555
Interact—POB 16041, 77222—529-7014, 694-1732
KPFT Radio—419 Lovett Blvd.—526-4000
Kaposi's Sarcoma Committee—Box 1115, 3317 Montrose, 77006
Lambda Bicycle Club—David 682-0456, Carol 529-4975
Lesbian/Gay Resource Service—University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun, box 309, 77004—749-1253
Lesbians & Gay People in Medicine—880-9486
Lutherans Concerned—c/o Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh—521-0863, 453-1143
Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR)—1919 Decatur—861-9149
Montrose Art Alliance—521-2461
Montrose Chorale—527-9454
Montrose Cloggers: affiliate of I/H Inc.
Montrose Clinic—104 Westheimer—528-5531
Montrose Counseling Center—900 Lovett #203—529-0037
Montrose Singers—John-Michael Albert at 749-2832 day, 791-9496 evenings
Montrose Sports Association (MSA)—622-3304
Montrose Tennis Club—Jim at 527-9178
MSA/Monday Night Bowling—528-4576 or 499-9036
MSA/Pocket Billiard League—222-0200, 699-3333
MSA/Thursday Night (Mixed League) Bowling—plays at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain—961-1523
MSA/Greater Houston (Men's) Softball League—523-8802 days, 523-0413 eves
MSA/Women's Softball League—728-9371
MSA/Volleyball—880-2930
Montrose Symphonic Band—527-9669
Mustangs—c/o The Barn, 710 Pacific—528-9427
New Freedom Christian Church—912 W. 11th—591-1342
Operation Documentation: GPC project
Paz y Liberacion—POB 600063, 77260—523-9061
Recreational Land Fund Committee—Mustang Club project
Rice Univ. Gay/Lesbian Support Group—524-0724
Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force—869-7231, 868-6901
Texas Human Rights Foundation—1519 Maryland—526-9139
Texas Riders—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—528-8851
Unitarian/Universalist Gay Caucus—c/o 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin—520-9767, 528-5842
Weslayan Fellowship—864-8899
Westheimer Colony Arts Association—908 Westheimer—521-0133

LUBBOCK

Lubbock Gay Alliance—POB 64746 79464

SHREVEPORT

Metropolitan Community Church—1134 Shreveport-Barksdale Hwy.—221-88756

SHOPS, STORES, SERVICES

These are listings of businesses other than gay clubs or organizations which have advertised to the gay community through OUT in the past 4 weeks.

DALLAS

Dallas Gay News—3409 Oak Lawn #109—528-1838, 641-3370
ESP Travel Club—3409 Oak Lawn Ave #212—521-8766
Key West Aloe—100B Turtle Creek Village—559-3133
Out in Texas—3409 Oak Lawn #109—528-1838, 641-3370

HOUSTON

Francisco's Hair Salon—901 Richmond—523-0438
Memorial Park Motel—50 Waugh Dr.—861-1311, 869-0521
Montrose Voice—3317 Montrose #306—529-8490
Out in Texas—3317 Montrose #306—529-8490
Professional Bartenders School—2171 Portsmouth—526-0888

ARE YOU LISTED?

This directory lists *all* gay bars and private clubs in Texas, Oklahoma and western Louisiana—that we know of. We also list all gay community organizations in this area.

Additionally, we list other types of businesses (shops, stores, services) which advertise in OUT at least once a month and which cater to the gay community.

For information on having your club, shop, store or service listed, call Lyt Harris in Houston at (713) 529-8490 or Robert Moore in Dallas at (214) 528-1838.

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