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Organizational Newsletter Issue #2 January 1979

Greetings and Happy New Year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget that Patricia Nell Warren, author of The Front Runner, Fancy Dancer, and The Beauty Queen, will be at Wilde-N-Stein for an autograph reception on Saturday, January 13. The event is co-sponsored by Gay Resource Services of the U. of H....If you haven't seen the ROCKY HORROR SHOW (the stage version, not the movie), be sure to catch it at the Equinox Theater. It is a MUST! It runs through January 27, so it isn't too late. It's guaranteed to be the best \$5 worth of entertainment around....The date for the March On Washington has been set for May 6. This causes problems for college students and teachers. College final exams are during that week and other schools are preparing for finals in coming weeks. May 6 is also an awkward time for many people to get vacation time. If you would like to see this date changed, or if you happen to like this date, please contact Gay Political Caucus, P.O.Box 61587, 77208, 526-2668, or UPFRONT, P.O.Box 66844, 77006, 521-0685. Look for some special

events to take place for our anniversary in February and March. INTEGRITY/Houston will begin its 9th year as a service/fellowship organization in Houston. Plans are being made for a party and possible fund raiser.... Remember that Board elections will be coming up in March. All members are eligible to run for Board positions and the only membership requirement is that you attend three (3) meetings.... Special thanks to all Integrity members that helped with the Christmas Buffet. It was a huge success. About fifty of our brothers and sisters from other groups attended. There was more food than we could have possibly hoped for and everyone had a beautiful time.... An extra special thanks goes to Charles for allowing us to use Wilde-N-Stein, and also to Walter for renting some extra chairs for our use. Thanks guys!....

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January-March

Jan. 11 - Guest Speaker - Hank Renteria, Director of Crisis Hotline, will do a presentation on "Dealing with Crisis", a class he teaches in Sundry School. **This should be a dynamite meeting, so don't miss it!**

Jan. 25 - Guest Speaker - Neil Scott, a Social Psychotherapist and instructor of the Sundry School course "Improving Gay Love Relationships", will do a brief summary of this course. **This should be very interesting and informative. Be there!**

Feb. 8 - ** A brief history of Integrity/Houston. **

Feb. 22 - OPEN FORUM - a chance to bring up topics for discussion that are of interest to you.

March 8 - Guest Speaker - Jim Lloyd, writer of the "Medifacts" column for UPFRONT, will do a presentation on "Gay Health Care". **Got any questions you'd like to bring up? **

For additional information call: 529-7014 or 694-1732.

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CHARLES GILLIS, MGR.

Houston Chronicle

Sunday, December 10, 1978

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GAY ORGANIZATIONS: "I am gay and new in Houston. Are there any gay organizations, preferably non-alcoholic?"
— M.J.

WATCHEM: Carol Maxwell, coordinator of training at Crisis Hotline, says "Gays are well organized and very active in Houston. There are many organizations in Houston which are designed especially with gay interests in mind." Among these organizations is the Houston Gay Political Caucus, 1310 McDuffie. Tom Slimak, a spokesman for the Houston Gay Political Caucus, said, "The GPC is a political group aimed at organizing the gay community and establishing benefits of equality under the law for sexual preferences. Another organization is Integrity Houston, which is a discussion group that adheres to the interests of middle-aged gays." For a religious affiliation, Maxwell suggests that you attend the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection at 1214 Joe Annie. For complete details on gay organizations, Maxwell suggests that you contact Crisis Hotline at 228-1505.

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OTHER NEWS

Our 9th anniversary party will be held in conjunction with a "Boys in the Band" fund raiser at Montrose Activities Center on Saturday, March 31, at 7:30 pm. We will have our party from 7:30-9pm, during which United States Representative Mickey Leland will be presented with Integrity/Houston's annual Community Service Award. The movie will begin at 9 pm. We still need people to be bar tenders (Yes, we will be selling drinks on a donation basis.), ticket sellers at the door, concession people (Popcorn and hot dogs.), and people to help clean up. We also need some liquor, soft drinks, cups, ice, etc. All volunteers are asked to be at M. A. C. on the Friday night prior to the event (March 30th) at about 8:00 to help begin setting up. Finishing touches will be made Saturday. If anyone has access to any lights that could be used for the dance floor (Especially high intensity spots for a mirror ball.), please contact Richard Burckhardt at 694-1732....

..... We will be holding a Garage Sale at Wilde'N'Stein on Saturday, April 28, so get all of your junk (?) together and bring it to Wilde'N'Stein on Friday, April 28....

..... Congratulations to the new Board of Directors which includes Phil Slusser-Chair, Richard M. -co chair, Richard Burckhardt-secretary, Mike C. -historian, Richard M. -treasurer (No dear, I didn't repeat the name, there are two Richard M's), Dick, and Walter..... Look for some fun events to come in the fall. Plans are in the making for a Gay Block Party.....

The Conference for a National Lesbian and Gay People's March on Washington, D. was held in Philadelphia the last weekend in February. Houston had the third largest delegation in attendance. (Greer Price & Richard Burckhardt represented Integrity) A march has been set for the weekend of Oct. 13th. Ray Hill and Steve Shiflett of Houston are on the coordinating Committee of the March. Wilde'N'Stein Radio Program has moved to 10 pm. Sunday nights. This is Houston's own Gay Radio Show, so be sure to tune in and show your support. Also support KPFT which gives us the time and facilities for the show. KPFT is listener sponsored and depends on us for financial support. That's 90.1 FM. Tony Marchese, MSW, ACSW, will be conducting a workshop entitled "Choosing to Grow", a group experience for gay men & women interested in increasing self-awareness and personal growth. The dates are April 7th and 14th and the fee is \$20. For more info call 523-5231

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Schedule of Events

March 22-Guest Speaker-Rev. Charles Larsen of MCC Houston

March 31-Boys in the Band-M. A. C.

April 12-Rap Topic-The Difficulty of Loving.

April 26-Guest Speaker-Mrs. A. Harrison of Families & Friends of Gays (Parents of Gays)

April 29-Garage Sale-Wilde-n-Stein.

May 10-Political Update of Houston-Guest Speakers

May 24-Video Tape Presentation-"Coming Out: An Assertive Traing for Life".

June 14-Open

June 28-Gay Pride Week Activities

Integrity/Houston is a fellowship for Gays & friends and a forum for discussion of related topics. It meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at Wilde-n-Stein, 819 Richmond, at 7:30 pm. Telephone: 694-1732 or 529-7014

Covered Dish Socials announced at meetings prior to event.

Clip AND SAVE

BULLETIN BOARD

Integrity's soon to be office (we hope) is in need of office furniture . If you have access to some that can be donated or can be used by us, please contact us. We are also in need of a window air conditioning unit. If you have information on any of the above, or if you would like to help on the renovating of the office, please call us at 694-1732 or 529-7014. We can always use the help.

Please share this newsletter with a friend and be sure to invite them to our meetings.

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invites you to its
9th anniversary
celebration
plus —
**Boys in the
Band**
at
M.A.C.
1423 HOLMANN
Saturday, March 31st
Party plus the movie
\$2⁰⁰ donation - 7:30 P.M.

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Labor Day weekend in Houston this year will see the city's first Gay Festival on Lovett Blvd. It all takes place Sunday September 2 starting at 1 pm. There will be booths with food, drinks, entertainment and more! It's being sponsored by the "Family", which is a group of Gay business and community leaders that have gotten together to raise funds for different worthy projects for our community. INTEGRITY will have a booth, and we will need help with it, so y'all come! Beginning Sept. 28th, Integrity will begin Friday night COFFEE HOUSES along with another fine organization, the Wesleyan Fellowship for gay Methodists. It will take place at the activity building at 3405 Mulberry from 7 pm-11 pm. We will have ping pong, pool, bridge, free movies, and more! If you would like to help us out with this by serving coffee or whatever, please contact Richard at 694-1732. Our opening night films will be "MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR" and "The BEATLES AT SHEA STADIUM". There will be an INTEGRITY Board and General Business meeting on Sept. 6th at 7:30 pm. at 3405 Mulberry.

INTEGRITY Board meetings are open to all. Gary T. is our new Program Coordinator. We are looking forward to having some great programs in the future. Tony Marchese will be teaching two classes of interest to Gays this fall. "COMING OUT & COPING" and "SELF ACCEPTANCE FOR GAYS" will be offered through the Class Factory in October. The fee for each is \$15. Contact the Class Factory at 721-2230 for information or a catalog. John M. & Bert H. wish to thank INTEGRITY for the flowers that they received during their recent hospital visits. ANYONE interested in working on the NEWSLETTER committee is invited to attend the organizing meeting on Sept. 20, at 3405 Mulberry, 7:30 pm. The National March On Washington, D. C. for Lesbian and Gay Rights is on October 14. If you have not made your reservations yet you had better do so quickly. All reservations are going very fast. We urge EVERYONE to try to attend this historic event. Speaking of the March on the nation's capital, Integrity/Houston will host a pre-march COMMUNITY POT LUCK CELEBRATION DINNER on October 6 at 3405 Mulberry at 7:30 pm. The whole community is invited to attend. (Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish!). Our September covered dish social will be held at the activity hall on September 8 at 7:30 pm. Our FALL FASHION SHOW is scheduled for September 21 st. GAY DAY AT ASTROWORLD is scheduled for September 30. Tickets will be on sale at most bars and businesses. BE SURE to purchase them from a gay business as \$3 from each ticket will go back to the community this way. If you purchase your tickets at the gate, Astroworld gets it all.

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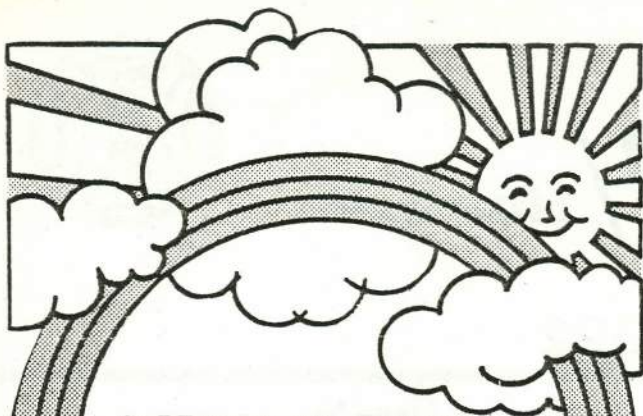
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 2 - GayFest-Gay Block Party on Lovett. 1 pm.
- 6 - INTEGRITY Board & Gen. Business meeting. 7:30 pm. 3405 Mulberry
- 8 - INTEGRITY covered dish social, 7:30 pm., 3405 Mulberry.
- 13- INTEGRITY meeting 7:30 pm., 3405 Mulberry.
- 20- Newsletter Meeting 7:30 pm., 3405 Mulberry. All invited.
- 21- Fashion Show- location to be announced.
- 27- INTEGRITY meeting
- 28- Coffee House begins. Movies-ping pong-pool-bridge. 3405 Mulberry, 7-11
- 30- Gay Day at Astroworld

OCTOBER

- 4 - INTEGRITY Board meeting
- 5 - Coffee House
- 6 - Community Pot Luck

LETTERS

To Whomever Cares,

I was just reading the current issue of TWT and as I browsed through the addresses in the back, I came across yours.

It is my sincere hope that you will be willing to help me in my endeavor to find some friends to correspond with.

I am currently serving time in the Texas Pen. I don't think that it is fair that I am having to do this time, but here I am. I will be here until March 19, 1980, unless I get lucky and obtain a special job here that will allow me to be released sooner.

I don't know if it is your practice to post a letter such as this, but I do hope that you will do it this time. I will answer any and all letters as soon as I possibly can.

I hope to move to Houston as soon as I get out. I only hope that Houston is more fair to Gays than Austin is.

Hope to hear from you a'll soon.

A fellow gay,
Randy P Meiburg
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HOW GAY IS YOUR LIBRARY?

A pamphlet of tips for the non-librarian on how to get gay materials into libraries is now available from the Gay Task Force of the American Library Association.

Called Censored, Ignored, Overlooked, Too Expensive How To Get Gay Materials Into Libraries., the pamphlet explains library selection policies in a general way and tells what an individual or group can do to get a library to buy more gay books and periodicals.

The pamphlet costs \$1 prepaid, checks payable to "Barbara Gittings--GTF" at P. O. Box 2383, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. Bookstore and bulk order discount available.





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HOMOCIDE MEETS WITH GAYS

Recently a special meeting between the H.P.D. Homocide Division and several members of the Gay community was called by Detective John Donovan to begin opening the doors that exist between H.P.D. Homocide and the Gay community.

Not quite knowing what to expect, Carl and I were invited to attend representing INTEGRITY/Houston. Upon entering the meeting, we were greeted by Detective Donovan, a very friendly individual, not at all what we had expected from the H.P.D.

Det. Donovan explained to us that he had been sent to try to get help in solving several Gay murders in the Montrose area, and also to try and prevent more from occurring. He wanted to solicit our aid in developing a "community responsibility" attitude among our people. Too often Gays are unwilling to get involved

because of fear of discovery. Det. Donovan stressed that confidentiality was a part of his work because giving information to the news media would actually defeat his purpose.

We pointed out the difficulty in getting Gays to cooperate because of H.P.D.'s "less than desirable" reputation with our community.
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COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUSE BEGINS

Human nature is such that it is difficult to satisfy everyone's ideas on how to have a good time. For social establishments to be profitable, they must conform to the most popular ideas. Therefore, the bars are currently the leading places to socialize. This leaves many with no means of social interaction.

Some members of the community are too young for the bar scene or simply do not drink. Those who do may like a diversion or a place to go while waiting for the crowds to show.

There is now a new place to get together. It is called the Community Coffee House. It is open Friday evenings from 7-11 pm at 3405 Mulberry, one block south of Westheimer. (Mulberry intersects Westheimer between Mandell and Yupon.) Features include movies, cards, pool, ping pong, freinds, and games.

The sponsors of the Coffee House are INTEGRITY/Houston and Bering Methodist Church. This is Not a religious coffee house. Integrity/Houston is not involved with religion. This is an alternate form of entertainment for the
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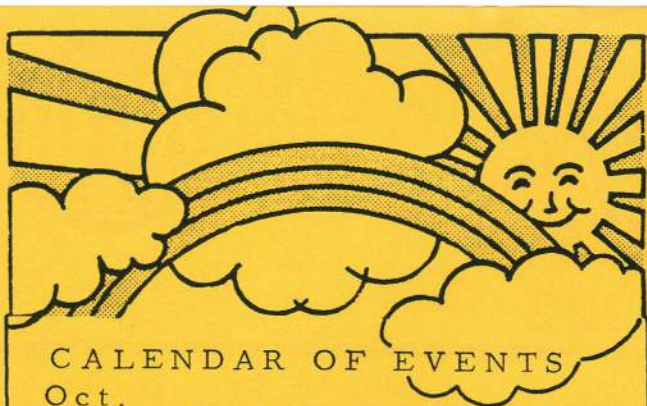
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct.

- 4- Integrity Board & General Business meeting. Several important items will be discussed. Please try to attend. 3405 Mulberry St., 7:30 pm.
 - 5- Community Coffee House, 3405 Mulberry. This can be a great service to our community with your help. Movie-"Things to Come"(science fiction). Hrs. 7-11 pm.
 - 6- Pre-March on Washington Celebration Covered Dish Social, 3405 Mulberry at Hawthorne. Even if you aren't going to the March, you can come celebrate with us. 7:30
 - 11-Integrity Meeting, 7:30 pm, 3405 Mulberry. Guest Speaker: Det. Donovan of HPD Homocide on "Gay Murders."
 - 12-Coffee House again. That's right. It's every Friday!
 - 14-March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights. A very important date in the history of the gay movement.
 - 15-**Constituency Day on Capital Hill.** Gays and Lesbians speak to their senators and representatives.
 - 19-Coffee House-Special Halloween Movie-"Night of the Living Dead"
 - 25-Integrity meeting-Guest Speaker: Travis Peterson, MSW on"I'm O.K., You're O.K., Gay is O.K." Let's have a really fine turnout for this interesting topic and speaker!
 - 26-Coffee House-Laurel & Hardy films.
 - 31-If you don't know what Oct. 31 is, your trick may not even treat.
- Coming up - Star Trek films on Nov. 2nd. Plus more Archives activities.

Homocide-continued

We were assured by Donovan that his division was not interested in a person's sexuality. He was interested in solving some murders that happened to involve gay citizens. In his own words, "This is not a one time thing. I will be here in the future if you need me. This is our city and we need to work together for it."

*****SPECIAL NOTICE*****
Detective Donovan will speak to INTEGRITY on Oct. 11, 7:30 pm at 3405 Mulberry. Call 694-1732 for information!

Coffee House-continued

community to enjoy.

INTEGRITY/Houston would appreciate your doantions (ie games, cards, etc.), your suggestions, and your assistance.

If you are interested, call 529-7014, or better yet, come by on some Friday. The Coffee House will be very important to the community. Let's all support it.

-Mike R.

Random Notes

Our covered dish socials will be held the 2nd Saturday of each month starting in November. We need volunteers to have them at people's homes. Please call Richard at 694-1732 to volunteer your home for November or the next month. Our covered dish for this month will be a PRE-MARCH ON WASHINGTON CELEBRATION on Oct. 6, 7:30 pm, at 3405 Mulberry. Don't forget our fantastic programs for this month. Detective Donovan will speak on Murders in the Gay Community on Oct. 11, and Travis Peterson, MSW will present "I'm O.K., You're O.K., Gay is O.K." on October 25th. Don't miss it!

... MONTROSE ACTIVITY CENTER will hold a Community Meeting on Oct. 24, 7:30 pm, at M. A. C. 1423 Holman. . . There will be an Integrity work session at M. A. C. on Sat., Oct. 27, 11am-3pm to finish the Integrity/Archives office. Call 694-1732 for info. . . . The Gay Archives of Texas needs your help to get things organized. Call 694-1732.



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INTEGRITY DONATES FILMSTRIP TO HOUSTON LIBRARY

Around a year ago, while looking for a substitute program for a cancelled speaker, it was discovered by INTEGRITY/Houston, (A social/service group-not to be confused with the Episcopal organization.) that the Houston Public Library was lacking anything of significance in the way of audio/visuals on the gay life-style. The one item that they did have, a film titled "What About McBride?", is merely a discussion starter for high school students and lacks any "concrete" facts on the gay life-style. The Library's copy of this film is also in very poor condition, with a very annoying scratch down the middle of the picture.

INTEGRITY/Houston immediately began a search for something that could be purchased and donated to Houston's Library.

We first discussed the possibility of donating "Thursday's Child: Homosexuality", a filmstrip purchased by INTEGRITY four years ago for use as an aid for the INTEGRITY Speakers Bureau, and also for use by

other groups. It was decided that although "Thursday's Child" was considered a very positive statement in 1976, it is now considered to be less than so.

We then contacted Barbara Gittings, long time gay activist and head of the American Library Association's Task Force on Gay Liberation. Barbara gave us leads on several possibilities. One in particular, a filmstrip entitled "The Hidden Minority: Homosexuality" caught our attention.

After a trial showing during Gay Pride Week, we purchased the filmstrip and approached the Library about donating it. We received a warm welcome, and presented the film to the Library in October. You should see it on the shelves shortly.

The first half of the "Hidden Minority" makes use of interviews with high school students to study their attitudes on homosexuality, and to bring out and dispel some of the myths that many heterosexuals have of the gay life-style. One interview is of a young black male who is very anti-gay in the beginning of the strip. He is featured at the end of the first half, and a transition in his attitude is very obvious. He states that with more people coming out and challenging the myths and stereotypes, he expects homosexuality to be accepted as a normal part of society.

Part 2 of the program features several gay men and lesbians frankly discussing their lives and the risks and discrimination involved with "coming out". Parents and children of gays also discuss their problems and attitudes towards homosexuality. One elderly woman, Sarah Montgomery, tells of the suicide of her middle aged son

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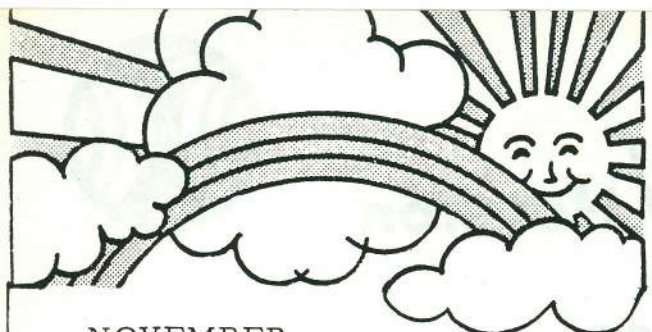
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NOVEMBER

- 2 - Community Coffee House
7-11pm. 3405 Mulberry.
Movie-"Star Trek: City
On the Edge of Forever"
8:30pm.
 - 8 - INTEGRITY meeting.
Symposium on Gay Young
People & Parents of Gays.
3405 Mulberry, 7:30pm.
 - 9 - Coffee House. Movie-
2 Laurel & Hardy films.
 - 10-Covered dish social hosted
by Ken, Gary, and Phil.
1909 Brun #11, 7:30pm
On the patio. (Weather
permitting.) 574-8028
 - 15- Membership orientation
for new members. If
you would like to become
a member of Houston's
oldest gay group. join
us at 7:30pm., 3405
Mulberry for a brief or-
ientation meeting.
 - 16- Coffee House-Movie:
"Brian's Song"! 8:30 pm.
 - 22- Thanksgiving-No Meeting.
 - 23-Coffee House-Movie:
"Woody Allen in American
Comedy" & "Hardware Wars"
-A Spoof of "Star Wars".
 - 29- INTEGRITY/Houston Mem-
bership Orientation. 7:30
at 3405 Mulberry. For new
members and others inter-
ested.
 - 30- Coffee House- Movie: "Star
Trek: Miri" 8:30 pm.
- DECEMBER
- 6 - INTEGRITY Board & Gen-
eral Business Meeting.
7:30 pm., 3405 Mulberry.
Open.
 - 7 - Coffee House-Movie: Abbott
and Costello in "Africa
Screams". 8:30 pm

INTEGRITY/Houston Financial Statement
May 10-Oct. 4, 1979

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Donations	72.81	Rent	227.50
Fundraisers	1411.71	Donations*	185.44
Archives	<u>72.51</u>	Gay Pride	
total	1557.03	Week	59.20
		P. O. Box	28.00
Balance 5/10	<u>560.87</u>	Fundraising	
total	2117.90	Expenses	122.00
		Advertising	533.00
		Free Film	107.00
		(Gay Deceivers)	
		Newsletter &	
		Postage	142.91
		Bank Charges	13.60
		Flowers to	
		ill members	48.55
		Banners	88.25
		Misc.	10.00
		Archives	<u>32.50</u>
		total	1597.95
		Balance 10/4	<u>519.95</u>
	<u>2117.90</u>		2117.90

*Includes donations to KPFT, M. A. C., and the Houston Public Library.

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and his lover after they were demoted at jobs they had held for 15 years because it was discovered that they were gay. Sarah, a founder of Parents of Gays, tells us, "The reason I continue-the world can no longer harm my child-is that I don't want to see other children hurt nor do I want other parents to go through the tragedy that I went through. That is why I am working for gay rights and will continue as long as I am able to continue".

To conclude the program, we hear Barbara Gittings state, "The goal of the gay liberation movement, in my opinion, is to put itself out of business".

INTEGRITY/Houston would like to urge you to judge this filmstrip for yourself. Contact the Houston Public Library Downtown and tell them you are interested in checking it out as soon as possible. You will appreciate the message of the program.

Richard Burckhardt, Jr.