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DPD RECRUIT TRAINING ON GAYS FINALLY DISCLOSED



by Bill Nelson

Representatives of the Dallas Gay Alliance (Nelson, Anthony, Tebedo) recently met with officers of the Dallas Police Department (Martinez, Rodriguez, Dr. Somodevilla) who work in the area of training recruits for the police academy. Also present at the meeting was Asst. City Manager Levi Davis. The meeting consisted of a presentation by the DPD of the portions of the training program that address the issue of homosexuality and then a question/answer session.

The basic philosophy of the human relations part of the training consists

of what the police department calls a "humanistic approach." That approach takes the position that all people should be treated alike. It was pointed out by the representatives of DGA that a truly humanistic approach would also include a discussion of how people are different. In fact, cultural differences are noted in the training. It was revealed in the question period that blacks do address special black issues, hispanics do the same, and women address concerns of particular interest to them. When asked why gays are not allowed to participate in a discussion of their issues, the response was that gays do not represent an ethnic group.

Another portion of the training process contains a film which is part of a series of training exercises on "authority." The film depicts inappropriate behavior by a police officer which hopefully will inspire discussion among the recruits. Specifically, the film depicts a squad car in a park passing a heterosexual couple kissing. The police vehicle moves on and then confronts a car containing two men kissing. The officer makes the men get out of the car and is extremely abusive and insulting. The officer uses words which are obviously unacceptable. The two men who portray the gays are somewhat stereotypical—one carries a purse, both are slightly effeminate. There is supposed to be a discussion following the film which

examines more appropriate behavior in this situation. It was not clear if there is ever any discussion regarding the stereo-typical nature of the two gay men. There was no indication of what appropriate behavior is taught in this situation. An interesting point: the training officer indicated that 98% of the trainees have difficulty dealing with this portion of the training.

Another portion of the training which addresses the homosexual issue is a role-playing exercise conducted at the academy. In this exercise, the recruits are asked to play both police officers and citizens. The specific scenario is that a police officer must deliver a death notice to a loved one. In this case, the loved one is of the same gender. The role-playing is followed by discussion.

The question/answer portion of the meeting was very instructive. Dr. Somodevilla, the police psychologist, was asked what he replied if asked by the recruits what causes homosexuality. He replied that he answers that he does not know the answer. When asked if that meant that the answer was not known by anyone, he responded that he felt that homosexuality was a lifestyle of choice and that he presents that view to the recruits. When pressed, he further stated that anyone in the room could choose to be homosexual the next day if he/she wanted to. He also indicated that a large portion of his experience on the homosexual issue results from an acquaintance with a 37-year-old married man with two children in Garland who has chosen to admit his true orientation and begin to live a gay lifestyle. Other questions revealed similar ignorance on the gay issue in other areas.

There was also considerable discussion about the effect of the police department's hiring policy excluding gays in employment. It was pointed out that the psychological impact on the trainees of this departmental policy must be significant. The police psychologist declined to express an opinion on this issue.

The meeting ended with statements from the DGA that indicated that the training process was inadequate and at times inaccurate. The police department, particularly Dr. Somodevilla, indicated an interest in meeting with representatives of the Alliance to make possible improvements in the training process.

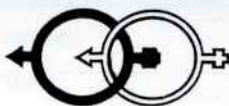
NEW BOARD POSITIONS

Both new and old members of the DGA Board of Directors retreated to the gay dude ranch El Rancho Vista outside of Glen Rose, Texas, January 5th and 6th to discuss the Alliance's future and departmental structure for the next six months.

This is how responsibilities were allocated among the officers and directors at the Board Retreat:

Bill Nelson-- President
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Rick Stubbs--Civic Affairs
Skipper Wilson--Communications

Needless to say, there have been major alterations in old departments and the creation of new ones. But some things never change: each department relies upon volunteer help to effect that department's goals and requirements for a successful six months. This will be the program for the January 1985 general membership meeting. Even if you do not attend, please become active in any department because otherwise, the Alliance cannot grow as an organization.



GAY & LESBIAN YOUNG ADULTS

by Anthony J. P. Newland, Jr.

Young gays and lesbians of Dallas, there is now an alternative to the bar scene! The Dallas Gay Alliance has a special interest group designed just for young men and women of our community between the ages of 18 and 25. The Gay & Lesbian Young Adults (GLYA) meets each Thursday evening at 7:00pm at the Gay Community Center for group discussions, guest speakers, and the planning of such special events as monthly parties, campouts, and many other local outings. For more information, contact us at the Community Center, 214/528-4233.

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NELSON ANNOUNCES FOR DISTRICT 2

On January 8th DGA President Bill Nelson formally announced his intention to run for the Dallas City Council from District 2, which includes much of Oak Lawn and the surrounding areas. The announcement took place at a campaign kick-off rally at Arlington Hall in Lee Park.

Nelson is a life-long Dallas resident and owns the Crossroads Markets at 3930 Cedar Springs and 1929 Greenville Avenue. Prior to entering the world of retailing, Nelson was a school teacher for ten years at W. T. White High School where he taught American Literature and American Humanities. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for both the Texas Human Rights Foundation and the Foundation for Human Understanding. For the past six years, Bill has been especially effective in promoting the city's movement towards equal civil rights for its gay citizens, including his current position as the president of the Dallas Gay Alliance.

Nelson has indicated that he feels the issues of this campaign will revolve around the preservation of inner-city neighborhoods, the need for strong, effective leadership which represents the diverse elements of this district, and the insistence on personal integrity from elected officials.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES:

by Phil Johnson

YUKIO MISHIMA

Fifteen years ago Yukio Mishima (born Kimitake Hirooka on the 14th of January 1925) committed suicide in a spectacular attempt to call Japan back to traditional ideals and away from Western influence. This was in sharp contrast to the fact that Mishima traveled with the gay jet set in Europe, South America and the United States and was reputed to have had an affair with Tennessee Williams. His literary work married traditional Japanese with avant-garde Western styles and themes. Indeed, his home was filled with 18th century European antiques.

A modern Japanese novelist, poet, essayist, dramatist, body builder and open homosexual (despite the fact that he was married), Mishima had a private army numbering several hundred. He was frequently named as a probable recipient of the Nobel Prize.

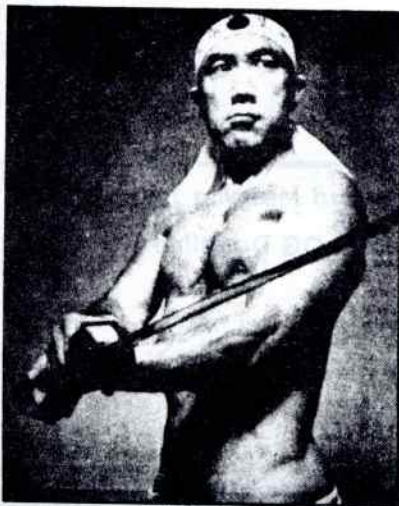
Among his works are *Confessions of a Mask*, his only gay novel; *Five Modern No Plays*; *The Sailor Who Fell From Grace With The Sea*; *Thirst for Love*; *The Sound of Waves*; *After the Banquet*; *The Temple of the Golden Pavilion*; *Death in Midsummer* and *Other Stories*; *Sun & Steele*, a non-fiction work that seemed almost to foretell his bloody death; *Madame de Sade*, a play; and *The Sea of Tranquility*, a tetralogy finished on the morning of his suicide.

Mishima equated the union of two men with the incarnation of Buddha and yearned for a return to "...a time when the passive homosexual was given the seat of honor at the banquet and was the first to receive the Lord Buddha's saki cup. . . The organ of the male that was loved was called the 'Flower of the Law' and the organ of the man loving him was called the

'Fire of Darkness.'" And as the one would penetrate the other, he would chant: "Thy body is the deep seat of holiness, the ancient Tathagata of Buddha; thou art come into the world to save the multitude."

In an effort to sever military ties with the United States, Mishima called the soldiers in the Imperial barracks to rise to his call. When they refused to do so, Mishima committed harakiri in classic Samurai ritual. While kneeling, Mishima took the short sword of the Samurai set and plunged it into the upper left side of his muscular stomach; he cut downward and then to the right. His youthful disciple and probable lover Matakatsu Morita standing over him then severed the writer's head with the long sword.

Morita ended the ritual by killing himself.



Yukio Mishima

APA & GAYS

On December 15, 1973, the influential and prestigious American Psychiatric Association (APA) adopted a resolution which took homosexuality out of the "mental disorder" classification. Following a mail ballot, which drew votes from about half the membership, the APA described homosexuality as sexual deviation. As such, it "...implies no impairment in judgment, stability, reliability or general social or vocational capabilities."

Dr. Judd Marmor of the University of Southern California and a member of the APA Board of Trustees was a leading advocate of the resolution's passage. He wrote, "Homosexual and heterosexual behavior are merely different areas on a broad spectrum of sexual behavior . . . Neither can be assumed to be more or less 'natural' than the other."

Dr. Charles W. Socarides of the State University of New York opposed the resolution, referring to homosexuality as the same as "...a true psychosexual disorder" and added that it is wrong, and confusing to suggest "homosexuality as the same as heterosexuality." However, on the question of the partner, Dr. Socarides stated, "The male homosexual generally is not interested in children" and added that there is no recruiting. "That's the wrong word. There usually is consent by both partners."

The APA vote was: 5,834 to 3,810.

This was a major milestone in the fight for human rights for all.

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The Dallas Gay Historic Archives, housed in the Dallas Gay Alliance Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs, contains all kinds of interesting material concerning gay history--our roots. Books, magazines, newspaper clippings and other gay memorabilia are always welcome, as are visitors. Call 528-4233 or 821-1653.

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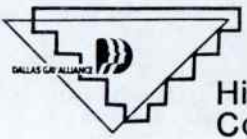
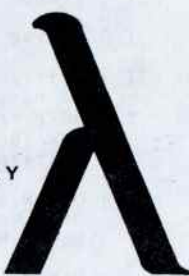
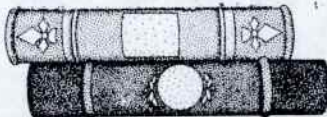
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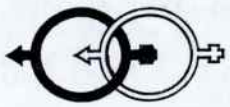
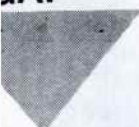
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DEPARTMENT REPORTS



Communications Dept.

by Davie Jones

The month of December proved to be a slow one for the Communications Department. It was a month of changes with myself being re-elected to the Board of Directors, and members of the department, Bob Roberts, Skipper Wilson, and Rick Stubbs, being elected to their first terms on the Board. We have all spent a very merry holiday season wondering who will be the Board member in charge of the Communications Department, but that fate will not be decided until the Board retreat in January.

The above information was presented for a reason. Even though the new Board person in charge of the department is unknown, the Communications Department must go on. We need many volunteers for the many projects that are already underway. These projects include:

- programs for the general membership meetings,
- posters,
- our new series on gay rights,
- press releases,
- brochures, and
- "Lambda Weekly" radio program.

So, as you can see we need writers, thinkers, graphic specialists, word processors, artists, photographers, draftsmen, and anybody else who can help with many other aspects of these projects. Don't forget that at Board retreat there will be many new projects awarded to the department. It should be a very busy six months ahead. So, if you can help, please show up Wednesdays at 8:00pm for our meetings in the Community Center.

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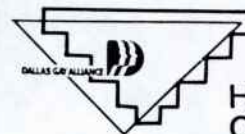


Membership Dept.

by C. Dutton

Our department brings in the new year with two items of good news: the processing of the membership roster into the new in-house computer and a net increase in our numbers. Heretofore, changes in a member's address were cumbersome to make with our previous computer because of a lengthy process involving several volunteers, time delays, and occasional miscommunication despite the best efforts of the Membership Department. The result was numerous difficulties in keeping the flow of information going to our members. Now that the membership is in the new computer that the DGA has purchased, the additions, changes, and deletions can be completed with a single directive from Membership Director William ("Willy") Waybourn to our data processor.

Mr. Waybourn also reports that the Alliance had a net gain of 25 new members in November and December. "It appears that the program we had for November on relationships and the discussion on religion and homosexuality for December motivated people to join. Normally, people are watching their bucks pretty close during that time of year and new memberships drop off," said Waybourn. "We welcome those 25 new members and thank Davie Jones for two stimulating meetings."



Hispanic Coalition

by Jesse Chairez

The Hispanic Coalition of the Dallas Gay Alliance had a wonderful 1984 with such projects as a Gay Hispanic entry in the Texas Freedom Parade, a Thanksgiving Dinner, and a successful Christmas party at Buddies where toy donations were accepted. The toys were later distributed to needy Hispanic children.

The officers and several members of the Hispanic Coalition also met with the officers and several members of the Gay Hispanic Caucus of Houston this past holiday season in Dallas. Future projects and issues of concern were discussed. One of the items discussed was the forming of a Gay Hispanic of Texas Network.

The Hispanic Coalition will meet Sunday, January 13th, at 2:00pm at a member's home in the Oak Lawn area. Items of discussion will be the 1985 projects along with those items discussed with the Gay Hispanic Caucus of Houston. Nominations will also be accepted for officers for 1985. The elections will be held in February.

The Hispanic Coalition wishes everyone a Happy New Year and welcomes everyone to their meeting. Please call 827-9995 for more information and the meeting's location.

GAY CABLE HONORED

by Michael Milliken

The forerunner of the weekly Dallas cable community access program "Lesbian/Gay Focus" received a QUBE Award for excellence in production at the Second Annual Southwest Regional Conference of the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers. Steve (Stevo) Wagner, who has since moved to Chicago, was the producer of the episode "Texas Command Performance" that won the award for an Entertainment Program Using Portable Equipment. Stevo had assembled the program from footage he taped at the event sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance at the Majestic Theatre in September of 1983.

As one of the present producers of "Lesbian/Gay Focus," I was honored recently by being selected to serve on Mayor Starke Taylor's Community Access Task Force. The task force is charged with the responsibility to establish a non-profit corporation to manage and operate the community access functions of the Dallas cable system. The corporation will be ready to assume operations by February 1st.

The nineteen-member task force is chaired by former City Manager George Schrader and includes a diverse mix of interests represented by Dr. Philip Montgomery for the Arts District, Rev. Robert Shortall of the Catholic Diocese of Dallas, Diane Radsprinter of

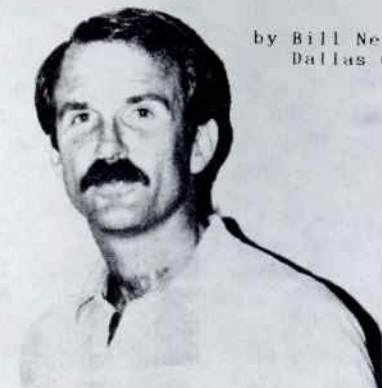
the Dallas Independent School District, Nancy Miller of the Dallas City Cable Board, and others.

For more information about gay cable or community access programs, please contact me at 522-3507.





THE GAVEL RAPS



by Bill Nelson, President of the
Dallas Gay Alliance

There has recently been a high level of interest in the city--particularly in the gay community--regarding three areas of activity which the Dallas Gay Alliance has been pursuing. The three issues often overlap and intersect, but are three different areas of activity with different agendas. The three areas to which I refer are: (1) a city council anti-discrimination ordinance, (2) the discriminatory hiring policy of the Dallas Police Department, and (3) the training program for recruits in the police academy.

The area which I would like to specifically address here is the second area, that of the ban on the hiring of homosexuals by the Dallas Police Department. Several people have questioned why, in the absence of a large number of gay people waiting to be police officers, the Alliance has chosen to address this sensitive and emotional area. The response to that is, of course, complex and involved.

The issue of discrimination is often one that is vague and difficult to document. Bigotry and prejudice can hide behind many other names, but lose no effectiveness by being difficult to pin down. In the case of the Dallas Police Department, it has taken years of meetings and confrontation for the department to finally clarify and document what has always been its policy--the refusal to hire homosexuals. Ironically, the codification of that policy represents progress for the gay rights movement.

The reason that we do not address the hiring issue on a case-by-case basis is because of the nature of discrimination. When individual cases come into play, there are a multitude of issues which can arise to cloud the picture. An individual's past work record, psychological suitability, credit history, household situation and any number of other matters could be called up to exclude a police applicant--when the real reason for exclusion, though unstated, would be a person's homosexuality. The applicant not volunteering the information relating to their sexual orientation is theoretically not possible since that privacy is violated through written and oral questions--in addition to questioning while attached to a lie detector. It is for that reason that the policy must be attacked as policy, not on a case-by-case basis. The individual case approach is a tactic encouraged by those that oppose us, but it is a smokescreen and delaying tactic of the worst kind.

There is also an issue of integrity which must be addressed. The across-the-board discrimination against gay people is morally wrong and counter to the principles of a free society. To address the issue on a moral basis raises it above politics and power plays and elevates it to a matter of principle. Matters of principle are the backbone of the gay rights movement. They are our source of strength and they are our soul. We will never hesitate to stand up for our rights based on principle; in fact, to do less soils the purity of our noble cause.



OLSB Confers Nationally

by Jerome Sims

Two delegates from each of the ten lesbian and gay bands from across the United States attended the fifth semi-annual Lesbian and Gay Bands of America Conference in Minneapolis recently. Representing Dallas were OLSB President J. Jacobs and Librarian Charles Dunnam. Houston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., New York City, Denver, Kansas City, and Minneapolis were also represented. Phoenix and Long Beach, California, were unable to attend.

During the three-day conference, a major expansion plan was discussed and approved in which each band agreed to adopt a city and assist in forming a new band: Dallas--Fort Worth and Austin, Houston--New Orleans, Los Angeles--San Diego, etc. It is expected that by mid-1985 over 20 bands will be in place. A "how to" brochure is being drafted to assist in band-founding, fundraising, 1985-86 projects, and community services.

Charles Dunnam was selected as the group's first national librarian. A historian was also appointed to work with the National Gay Archives in California.

Interested persons from Fort Worth and Austin wishing to form a band should call 214/521-3551 or write the OLSB at P.O. Box 190973, Dallas, Texas 75219.

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The Alliance will present Mart Crowley's play "The Boys in the Band" by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. on Thursday, February 14, 1985 at 7:15pm in the DGA Community Center.

"The Boys in the Band" shocked audiences across the U.S. when William Friedkin presented the screen version in 1970. With all but one of the characters openly gay, the movie opened the topic of homosexuality to discussion as no motion picture had ever done before.

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The issues of the city council, of course, are far more diverse than the unique push for human rights for gay people. I have educated myself on those other issues in order to most effectively represent the people of District 2 and the city of Dallas. I will be a representative who is responsive to all aspects of our community and one who the gay community can point to with pride.

I will follow the same process as any other candidate in attempting to gain the endorsement of the Dallas Gay Political Caucus and will enjoy none of the numerous benefits of that endorsement until it is forthcoming. You may rest assured, however, that the DGPC can look forward to the unique experience of screening a candidate who not only understands the issues, but courts, welcomes, and rejoices in the support of the gay community.

The endorsement process of DGPC comes rather late in this campaign. There is much work to be done prior to that time. If any of you, as individuals, would like to help with this complex and well-organized process, I encourage you to stop by the campaign headquarters in the back of the Crossroads Market at 3930 Cedar Springs and sign up to volunteer your valuable time. Financial contributions would also be most welcome and appreciated.

I anticipate working with many of you over the next three months in this exciting endeavor. The gratitude I have for that interest and support is beyond my ability to express.

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DO NOT TAKE THE TEST

by Mike Richards

As you may have read in local newspapers or seen on television recently, there will be a blood test for exposure to the HTLV-III/LAV virus. It is critical at this time to make everyone aware of what this test means, or does not mean.

With the expected licensing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration of the test for antibodies to HTLV-III/LAV, the virus considered to be associated with AIDS, it is important to state what we believe this test does and does not do, what its potential misuses are, and what risks members of the gay community face if they take this test.

It is our recommendation that, except in rare circumstances, this test should be used ONLY in the context of screening blood donations and as part of research programs that guarantee strict confidentiality. Individuals should be aware that this test will NOT provide answers to such questions as: am I healthy? do I have AIDS? am I a carrier of AIDS? have I been exposed to AIDS? can I give AIDS to someone else?

The HTLV-III antibody test does NOT diagnose AIDS. It simply measures the development of antibodies to the HTLV-III virus. A positive test result showing the presence of antibodies could mean nothing more than exposure to the HTLV-III virus. It is not known whether individuals with positive test results will go on to develop AIDS, whether they will be harmed by additional infection by the virus, whether they are infectious, or whether they are possibly immune.

Similarly, a negative test result does not necessarily mean an individual has not been exposed to the HTLV-III/LAV virus. It could mean there has been no prior exposure or infection by the virus, that the individual is still in an incubation period before development of the antibody, that there may have been a prior infection and the antibody is no longer detectable, that the test was performed incorrectly, or that the test itself was inaccurate.

Irrespective of test results, we underscore the importance of all members of high-risk groups continuing to follow prevention guidelines that have been put forward by AIDS service organizations, including the adoption of safe sex practices. The declining rates of sexually transmitted diseases among gay men in many cities show the success of these efforts. Whether one has tested positive or negative, whether one has been exposed to the HTLV-III virus or not, safe sex practices may help to prevent either new or further exposure to the virus or the transmission of the virus to another party.

While the blood test will be used to screen donations at blood banks, the test will not eliminate all donations that have been exposed to the HTLV-III virus and are therefore potentially infectious. There is evidence that individuals who test negative can, in some cases, be carrying the HTLV-III virus. Therefore, this test is simply an added measure to screen donors and is NOT a substitute for the donor deferral guidelines that recommend that those persons falling into at-risk groups should refrain from donating blood at this time. This includes all males who have had sex with more than one male since 1979, and males whose male partner has had sex with more than one male since 1979.

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AIDS ACTION COUNCIL UPDATE: A CALL FOR POLITICAL ACTION

by Mike Richards, Board Member of
Federation of AIDS-Related
Organizations (FARO)

The U.S. Congress is now working on the 1986 budget, and figures released from the Office of Management and Budget indicate cuts for the Public Health Service are expected. With AIDS cases continuing to increase and with the ever increasing costs of medical care for persons with AIDS, the AIDS Action Council calls on all concerned people to write or call their congresspersons expressing the need for increased and additional funding for research on treatment and cure of AIDS and for funding of support services for Persons With AIDS (PWAs) and educational information concerning all aspects of AIDS.

It is critical that all organizations and, in particular, all persons working directly with PWAs to respond to this call for action. Writing letters can have an influence on legislators and congresspersons to appropriate new funding for AIDS activities.

Who to write to? Key people to write in Congress are those representatives that sit on the budget appropriations committees and subcommittees in both the House and Senate. Lobbying for AIDS related activities is most effective with these legislators and their staffs.

Neither Senator Lloyd Bentsen nor Senator Phil Gramm of Texas sit on any of these committees. But it is important to inform them of your support for increased funding for AIDS research and urge them to contact their colleagues on these committees.

Representatives Charles Wilson and Tom Loeffler of Texas sit on the House Appropriations Committee and Representative Mickey Leland of Houston sits on the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment.

It is recommended that you also contact Representatives John Bryant, Steve Bartlett, and Martin Frost and urge them to support AIDS research.

IMMEDIATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

1.) To secure supplemental funding in the current fiscal year (1985) of at least \$10 million under the "Preventive Health Programs" law (P.L. 98-555), in order to ensure much increased funding for prevention and public education programs on AIDS. This bill was passed last session, and authorized spending on AIDS education equal to as much as 50% of any funds appropriated above \$50 million for the CDC's sexually transmitted disease (STD) prevention program. In other words, according to this formula, if Congress ultimately provided a \$55.5 million appropriation (a realistic figure, in our opinion) for the STD program, about \$2.5 million would become available for AIDS education. The current appropriation of

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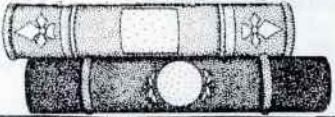
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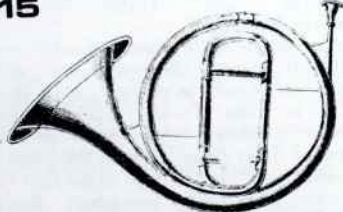
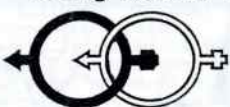
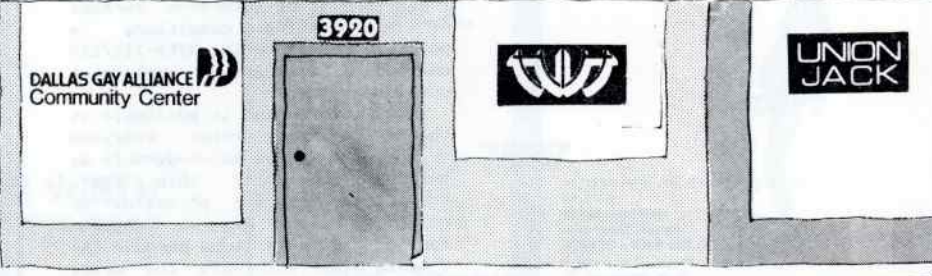
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FEBRUARY / MARCH

Listings on this calendar are on information time. Dates are subject to change.

Unless otherwise listed here, all events are at GAY COMMUNITY CENTER, 3920 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, TX 75219.

10  Hispanic Coalition 2pm Call 827-9995 for location and more information.	11  DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting 7:30 - MCC PROGRAM: GAY CABLE NETWORK	12 Civic Affairs Dept.: Political Action Com. 7:30 NOVA - AIDS: CHAPTER ONE - 8pm, Channel 13. A new report on how modern science has been unraveling the mystery of this disease.	13 Communicat Education D MORMON AFFIRMAT 2nd & 4th Wedne
17 DALLAS GAY BLACK COALITION, 7pm, every Sunday. "To meet the needs and bring forth the voice of the gay black community." GAY UNITARIANS First Unitarian Church - Preston at Normandy - 7:30 AFFIRMATION (Methodist) Call 948-1546 or 528-4913 for info. "THE BOYS IN THE BAND" - 3:30pm & 7:30pm. Admission: \$5 per person at each performance.	18 Open Board Meeting 7:30	19 Civic Affairs Dept.: Political Action Com. 7:30 OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND MCC - Every Tuesday - 7-9 PM Musicians Needed - Call 960-1927. DALLAS AREA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS - 7:30 1st Unitarian Church DIGNITY - 7:30 - Call 330-1063 Meets every other Tuesday.	20 Communica Health De
24 FRONT RUNNER DALLAS - 2 mile run meet every Sunday at Winfrey Point, White Rock Lake - 7 AM HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 4402 Rosedale - Service 11 AM - 827-5088 METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH 2701 Reagan Services: 10:30 AM, 12:30 & 7:15 PM Orch. & Chorus Rehearsal: 9:30 AM "THE BOYS IN THE BAND" - 3:30pm & 7:30pm. Admission: \$5 per person at each performance.	25 Board Meeting 7:30 DIALOG Deadline	26 Civic Affairs Dept.: Political Action Com. 7:30	27 Communicat DISCIPLES OF DE What is it all
3 DIALOG Production NOON GAY ACADEMIC UNION OF NORTH TEXAS 1st Sunday each month - 4:00 Call 821-5833 for location. MARCH PROGRAM: Gary Huddleston presents a program of light, popular music. Havurrah: Gay & Lesbian Jews of the Metroplex. 1st Sun. of each month at 7pm.	4 Board Meeting 7:30	5 Civic Affairs Dept.: Political Action Com. 7:30	6 Communicat Health De LESBIAN RIGHTS 1st & 3rd Wedne
10 LISTEN TO LAMBDA WEEKLY EVERY SUNDAY 12:00 NOON ON KNON 90.9 FM 	11  DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting 7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan	12 GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY OPEN TUESDAYS 2-6 PM SUNDAYS 1-4 PM 	13 WATCH LESBIAN FOCUS EVERY WEDNESD 9:00 - Warner An
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Dept. 7:30 7:30 Call 553-0249 each month.	14 VALENTINE'S DAY  "THE BOYS IN THE BAND" - 7:15pm. Wine and Cheese Reception follows. Admission: \$7 per person.	15  "THE BOYS IN THE BAND" - 8pm. Come meet the cast after the per- formance. Admission: \$5 per person.	16 PRIDE III - 3pm. First organiza- tional committee meeting. Call Alan Ross at 528-4233 for info. "THE BOYS IN THE BAND" - 8pm. Admission: \$5 per person.
s Dept. 7:30 7:00	21 Gay & Lesbian Young Adults 7pm "Where are you now, Gloria?" Fund Raising Dept. 7:30	22  "THE BOYS IN THE BAND" - 8pm. Stay for a wine and cheese reception and meet the cast. Admission: \$7 per person.	23 GAYLINE - 2 to 3pm. Registration for Counselor Training. Call 368-6283 or 661-3111 for info. "THE BOYS IN THE BAND" - 8pm. Admission: \$5 per person.
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Civic Affairs Dept.

by Rick D. Stubbs

Activities are well under way for the April 6th elections. The Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC) faces new challenges and opportunities in these municipal and county elections, and the political action committee will be making every effort to increase the participation and influence of the gay community in this important process.

As the new Director of the Civic Affairs Department, I am excited about this challenge and proud to have so many experienced committee members helping plan our many activities. More members and volunteers are needed for voter registration, phone bank, mailings, distribution of leaflets and cards, and for other special projects.

Candidate questionnaires went out to all City Council candidates and DISD School Board Trustee candidates. The DGPC Steering Committee is holding candidate screenings during the month of February. Unless more screenings are required, the Steering Committee will make its recommendations for endorsements based on the written questionnaires and screening sessions on February 26th.

The Steering Committee's recommendations will be made to the general membership at the Candidates' Night on March 4th at 7:30pm at the Metropolitan Community Church. This is a specially scheduled meeting of the DGPC, and candidates seeking our endorsement will be there to address the general membership.

DGPC activities must be funded only by political contributions, not by any DGA funds. A special fundraiser is planned for Sunday, March 10th, at the First Unitarian Church. We are very pleased that our featured speaker will be Molly Ivins, a popular newspaper columnist in the *Dallas Times Herald* who also covers the Texas State Legislature. This special fundraiser will benefit jointly the Dallas Gay Political Caucus and the Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates.

The last day for registering to vote in the April 6th elections will be March 7th. Please contact me if you are interested in taking part in our voter registration drive. Also, we especially need volunteers for the phone bank. If you have even one or two hours that you could spare to help out, please call. You can make a difference.

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OLSB Confers

by Jerome Sims

J. Jacobs was re-elected President of the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band at the organization's January 1985 meeting. Other officers elected were Dennis Metz, Vice President; Jerome Sims, Secretary; Steve Schirmacher, Treasurer; Charles Dunnam, Librarian; and Chuck Nicholas and Kathy Hennig, Members-at-Large.

The membership unanimously decided to expand the Board to seat three non-band members. Alan Ross will be the first such Board member. Others interested in the work of the Greater Dallas Music Foundation, the parent organization of the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band, should call Jacobs at 960-1927.

The band also voted to attend the Gay Games in San Francisco in 1986.

Those interested in the exciting activities set for 1985 and in the trip in 1986 should call 960-1927 for information, or come to the band's rehearsals which are held Tuesday evenings at 6:45pm at the Metropolitan Community Church, 2701 Reagan, Dallas. All are welcome.



Health Dept.

by Mike Richards

With the increasing awareness in the gay community of the importance of good health the Alliance wishes to expand its role by providing information about health with an emphasis on AIDS.

Starting in the near future (watch for news releases in all gay media), the Health Department will sponsor Health Night on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7pm in the Community Center. The first Health Night will deal with stress and is tentatively scheduled for February 20th.

Currently, the Health Department is posting "Do Not Take The Test" posters in area businesses and bars. This is in response to the HTLV-III/LAV virus antibodies test that will soon be available. The antibodies test does not diagnose AIDS, as many think. Neither does the test tell if one is infectious or immune. No gay male should have the results become part of his medical record. Too much is at stake--like denial of insurance because of pre-existing conditions (a positive result to the HTLV-III/LAV antibodies test) and pre-employment considerations.

More information is available at the Gay Community Center. Everyone is urged to be as knowledgeable as possible concerning this test. This test has the potential of being one of the biggest problems facing gay males today because the results might get into the wrong hands.

Along these same lines, the

Come see

"The Boys..."

"The Boys in the Band," by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., will be presented as a DGA fundraiser on seven nights and two afternoons this month in the auditorium at the rear of the Community Center.

This once-controversial play opens on Valentine's Day at 7:15pm with a wine and cheese reception following the performance. Admission this night is \$7 per person.

On February 15th and 16th, you can meet the cast after the play. Admission is \$5 with the curtain at 8pm. On Sunday, February 17th, the play has a 3:30pm matinee and a 7:30pm evening performance; admission at each is \$5 per person.

"The Boys..." continues on Friday, February 22nd with an 8pm curtain. The cast once again invites you to stay for a wine and cheese reception. Admission is \$7.

The show continues with \$5 performances at 8pm on Saturday, February 23rd, and at 3:30pm and 7:30pm on Sunday, February 24th, when "The Boys..." finally closes.

The seating capacity at each performance is only 50 persons, so don't come late.

Health Department strongly advises no gay male to donate blood. Your blood will be screened for HTLV-III/LAV antibodies with no guarantee of confidentiality.

The Health Department does, however, support the screening of blood by blood banks as to keep the nation's blood supply free from contamination by HTLV-III/LAV. We also support use of the test for research, but again, only when confidentiality is guaranteed.

Remember only we--gay males--can prevent the spread of AIDS. Be responsible not only to yourself, but to others. Do not give blood. Practice safe sex. Educate yourself and your friends. And we will overcome AIDS.



VOLUNTEER FOR GAYLINE

by John Calhoun

"Can you help me?" the caller asks. From bar locations to professional referrals to peer counseling during serious personal crises, Gayline has been helping the Dallas area gay and lesbian community since 1974.

Can you help Gayline? By becoming a

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emergencies such as AIDS but also resources for actual treatment and prevention activities. /The operative part of the Act—a Fund set up to channel resources for these activities to states and localities—is already established, but Congress has not appropriated any money to it.

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HOW TO INFLUENCE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Developing political influence means initiating and maintaining a relationship with legislators. All members of Congress want to know what their constituents think about public issues—but they have no way of measuring your convictions unless you tell them what you think.

The best way to communicate your views to legislators is by personal letter. Emphasis on the personal and individual here. Mailgrams and telephone calls are also effective. Form letters, photocopies or other non-personal communications should be avoided, however, since they have a mass-produced quality which appeals to no one.

volunteer telephone counselor one or two evenings a month? Training begins with orientation on February 23rd (2-3pm) and continues (10am-3pm) on March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th; all sessions are at the DGA Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs. Classes include counseling and listening skills, community information, professional referrals, and telephone operations. Counselors must be gay or lesbian, at least 18 years old, and be able to attend training classes —previous counseling experience is not necessary.

Interested? Please send your name, address, and phone(s) to P.O. Box 190835, Dallas, TX 75219. Please include a short note about why you would like to be a counselor, or just show up at the orientation.

NGTF & GRNL COORDINATE LOBBYING

This month National Gay Task Force (NGTF) Washington representative Jeffrey Levi and Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) executive director Nancy Roth met with Council executive director Gary B. MacDonald to discuss the AIDS legislative agenda for fiscal year 1985. They agreed that the AIDS Action Council would coordinate all lobbying efforts on AIDS in the 99th Session of Congress, so that national gay organizations concerned with AIDS would be "speaking with one voice" on Capitol Hill.



Little Feather Productions, Inc., has announced its 1985 Spring Concert Series. Saturday, March 2nd, Diane Lindsay, author of "Sweet Darlin' Woman," will join Sue Fink in concert. Friday, April 26th, will be an evening hosted by FERRON. June 22nd will bring the season to a close. The evening will begin with Judy Small, folk artist from Australia, and will end with a good old fashioned dance.

All concerts will be presented at the First Unitarian Church, 4015 Normandy (at Preston). Individual tickets can be obtained for these prices: Lindsay & Fink—\$10; Ferron—\$14; Judy Small and dance—\$12 (half price for age 15 and under). For the first time in its history, Little Feather is making a series ticket available for \$30. For more information call 941-9303 or 398-6358 or visit these ticket outlets: Crossroads Market, 3930 Cedar Springs; Paperback Plus, 6344 Gaston or 108 E. Davis in Mesquite; Bookwoman, 324 E. 6th, Austin; Century Books, 2850 W. Berry, Ft. Worth.

Little Feather Productions extends a warm welcome for all to attend: male, female, gay, straight, young, and old—especially those who are interested in supporting artists (primarily women) who have a message of love and peace to all regardless of race, religion, sex, creed, or sexual preference. This might best be exemplified by these Holly Near lyrics: "We are a gentle loving people And we are singing Singing for our lives."

GLYA CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY



by Victor K. Berry

In March of 1984, a group of the younger section of our community went to the DGA Board of Directors and asked for help in forming a new youth group. With a great deal of skepticism, the Board agreed to "support" the group but didn't think the group would last more than a few weeks due to the past history of the Metroplex Young Adults and Dallas Alternative. What happened next was beyond the wildest dreams of anyone involved.

The group was named "Gay & Lesbian Young Adults" (GLYA) and, since March 1984, has served as a support group for more than two hundred and fifty young members of the gay community. The organization was officially "adopted" as a part of the Alliance in June, and their first officers were elected.

Through innovative planning of meetings with rap groups or speakers, the officers supplied the members with a means of opening up to people in a way some never knew they could. Since life undoubtedly carries on beyond Thursday

nights, various outings, dinners, and parties were planned to provide the membership a way to further meet and socialize with their peers and strengthen their new found friendships.

In December new officers were elected. After taking my new office as Chairperson on January 1, 1985, I can't help but think of all the wonderful people that I've met.

But not everything is for everybody... There have been a few people who didn't like our organization, but from the information that I've received, it's usually because they couldn't handle the openness of our members. As an example, I quote one member at his first meeting: "...there are 'real' people here, and they encourage each other to be real people..." What more can we say?

If you can't handle life without inhibitions and you can't handle friendships without strings, then GLYA is definitely not for you. If you can, join us. We are the new generation.

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churches to confront the moral injustice of discrimination. And we must demand that health facilities exercise no judgmental criteria are based on anything other than scientific reality and human compassion.

I believe that the Mayor of Dallas is wrong. I think that the Dallas Gay Alliance does, indeed, represent the feelings of a great majority of our city's gay population. I don't think that our people want to go back into the closet. I think that gay people feel that they have waited long enough for their rights.

Unwise demand, pointless grandstanding, and unattainable goals play no part in the planning or goals of the Alliance. Resolute insistence on the integrity of every gay man and woman in this city is a very real part of our purpose. I encourage you vocal and financial support of those efforts.

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Data Management Dept.

by Joe Desmond

The concept of a department to handle information processing is a new one for the Alliance, and so it might be appropriate to begin with a few basic questions about the department.

Why a Data Management Department?

The department was created by your Board of Directors in an effort to improve efficiency and productivity by consolidating and centralizing the information processing functions of the Alliance.

What will the department do?

The department will perform the

record-keeping functions formerly performed by the Membership and Civic Affairs departments, as well as provide technical assistance to other Alliance departments involved in the production of printed matter.

Recurring tasks will include the production of membership lists for general meetings, voter ID lists for phone banks, routine correspondence with the membership, and labels for mailing lists.

How will the department improve efficiency?

The Alliance computer has enabled the department to establish a consolidated database from which all lists are produced. Now all these

lists can be revised with a single update, which should reduce both the amount of time needed to make changes and the expense of postal charges resulting from incorrect address information.

What type of help is needed in the department?

There is a need for a small staff of volunteers to perform data entry and update functions on a continuing basis. There will also be a periodic need for additional volunteers to handle peak loads during membership and voter registration drives. Interested individuals should contact me at the monthly membership meeting or leave a message at the Community Center.



Social Events Dept.

by Don Doggendorf

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO WHITE WATER RAFTING? Or would a picnic in the park suit you? Would you like to play volleyball or would you settle for sipping coffee at a local coffeehouse with new friends? The newly formed Social Events Committee is planning such activities.

Please join us at 7:30pm Thursdays, beginning February 7th, at the DGA Community Center. If you're unable to attend these planning sessions but have an interest in helping plan department activities or if you have an interest in participating in upcoming events, please take time to fill out the questionnaire below so that your ideas can become a part of what is hoped to be an exciting new alternative.

Circle and/or check which activities most interest you:

- ☐ Outdoors (backpacking, bicycling, canoeing, jogging, etc.)
- ☐ Travel (Grand Canyon, Spain, Colorado skiing, etc.)
- ☐ The Arts (Symphony, plays, museum, opera, concerts, etc.)
- ☐ Social (coffeehouse, rap groups, games, films, etc.)
- ☐ Sports (soccer, volleyball, bowling, etc.)

Other: _____

Suggestions: _____

☐ I prefer to participate and not be involved in planning.

☐ Please put me on your mailing list of upcoming events.

☐ Thursday is not a good meeting time,

_____ is a better day.

☐ Please call me so I may help in the planning.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Best time to call: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Mail to or drop off at DGA, 3920 Cedar Springs, Dallas, TX 75219, Attn: Social Events Committee.

HTLV-III/LAV ANTIBODY TEST Continued from Page 1

Though we advise against individuals being tested, those who desire a test should NOT use the blood banking system as a means for getting the HTLV-III antibody test. Since the test is not 100 percent accurate and does not always detect infectivity, some blood that should not be transfused might pass through the system if the donor deferral guidelines are not followed in addition to the blood test.

Individuals should be aware of the fact that their test results may be requested and obtained by third parties. Before requesting a blood test under any circumstances, we urge all individuals, particularly those in the gay community, to consider the following risks:

o If a positive antibody test becomes part of your medical record, it could become justification for denial of life or health insurance in the future. (We are already aware of cases where individuals considered at risk to AIDS have been denied insurance.)

o A positive antibody test could also become a reason for denying employment. While lacking in medical justification, we are deeply concerned that this test will become a mechanism for screening out individuals who are at-risk to AIDS from jobs in such fields as health care, food handling, or child care. There is no evidence that AIDS is transmitted except through exchange of vital bodily fluids. This has not stopped some from already discriminating against those somehow associated with AIDS or the groups considered to be at risk to AIDS. Given the high level of exposure to the virus—and initial studies that show a high positive test rate—among gay men we are also concerned that potential employers may use the test as an indicator for homosexuality.

o The psychological pressures of knowing that one has tested positive to antibodies is one of deep concern to our community. While a positive test result does not necessarily mean one is going to develop AIDS, there has been sufficient inaccurate publicity suggesting that this is indeed a test for AIDS. Until that link is broken, the mental health impact of receiving a positive test result could be devastating. The misconceptions and general level of hysteria among the general public about AIDS increases the likelihood of a panicked response to a positive test result.

We continue to encourage members of our community to participate in research studies that might help find the answers to the AIDS riddle, including studies using this HTLV-III antibody test in the hope that a clearer meaning to positive and negative results might be developed. However, we continue to urge—particularly in light of the risks outlined above—that participation in research be conditioned on strong guarantees of confidentiality for all research subject participants, including the commitment that identifiers will not be shared with third parties.

National Gay Task Force

of Black Gays, National Coalition of Gay Sexually Transmitted Disease Services, National Gay Rights Advocates, National Lesbian & Gay Health Foundation, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, and the Whitman Walker Clinic (Washington, D.C.).

The DGA urges other Dallas and Texas organizations to add their names to this statement. For more information, call Mike Richards at the Gay Community Center, 528-4233.

The following organizations have endorsed this statement:

The National Gay Task Force, AID Atlanta, AIDS Education Programs (Key West), KS/AIDS Foundation of Houston, American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, Dallas Gay Alliance, Baltimore Health Education Resource Organization, FARO AIDS Action Council, Gay Men's Health Crisis, Gay Rights National Lobby, Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, National Coalition



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March 1985

COME HEAR MOLLY IVINS

by Peter Brooks

The friends of Molly Ivins invite you to "An Evening with Molly Ivins," Dallas' best and brightest columnist. Come hear Molly's first-hand observations on the Texas Lege, and other topics of ill repute. Also appearing will be Shelia Cheaney, lobbyist for LGRA and TARL.

The evening of refreshments and sparkling conversation begins at 6pm on Sunday, March 10th, in Channing Hall at the First Unitarian Church, Preston and Normandy.

A contribution of \$10 is requested at the door. Proceeds will be shared equally by the Lesbian Gay Rights Advocates (LGRA) and the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC).

MARCH MEETING :

by Mike Richards

The March general membership meeting will sponsor an AIDS update. The Gay Community Center has received numerous calls concerning AIDS and the soon-to-be released HTLV-III virus antibodies test.

This meeting's program is an overview of AIDS research, information about the blood test, and safe sex. Dr. James Haley from the Dallas County Health Department will cover the medical aspects of AIDS. The Oak Lawn Counseling Center (OLCC) will focus on the psychological aspects.

Dr. Haley will provide the latest information on the HTLV-III antibody test. The Center for Disease Control (Atlanta)

AIDS UPDATE

and the Texas Department of Health held an HTLV-III Seminar on February 19th which Dr. Haley, Mike Richards, Skipper Wilson, Howie Daire, Bill Appleman, and Vickey Morris, of the OLCC, attended.



The AIDS update meeting is very important at this time because of the release of the HTLV-III test and the increased cases of AIDS in Dallas. Please tell all your friends to attend.

With more knowledge about AIDS and risk reduction, we can stop the spread of AIDS.

MARCH 16th



NO NATURAL FIBERS, PLEASE

by Davie Jones

A Tupperware Party will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, March 16th, at 3pm. Linda Oliver, a sales rep for Tupperware, will make a presentation of the container line. Any sales made at the party or from subsequent catalog orders will be credited to the DGA.

DGA receives this

For Sales	Percent of the Gross:
up to \$150	10%
for \$150 to \$500	15%
for \$500 to \$1,000	20%
for over \$1,000	25%

To make the afternoon a more social and entertaining affair, the party will officially be dubbed a "Tupperware & Polyester Party." A pseudo-suburban atmosphere will be created by encouraging guests to dress in their favorite 100% polyester attire. Authentic suburban snacks like cheezwhiz on a ritz cracker will be served to further the mood.

COMMENT:

WILLIAM WAYBOURN'S PERSPECTIVE

(Editor's Note: This article is a statement made by DGA Director William Waybourn at the Board Retreat in January 1985.)

I would like to use my few minutes in a philosophical vein regarding involving others during the next six months.

We sit here today at the invitation of our peers, either through appointment or by election. Our membership and community look to us for guidance, leadership and responsible action.

We could, as members of this organization, sit in judgment of the past two years and ask where has the movement been? We could, as members of this organization, ask our past leaders why is there no gay rights legislation in Dallas? We could, as members of this organization, ask why are we still considered second-class citizens?

Regardless of the answers and reasons you may get, I have no intention of being asked these same questions one year or two years from now.

The answer is, of course, why not?

It is an answer that requires action. And others.

We are here this weekend to determine many things, among them a course of action, a plan to return to our membership that will guide us and them for the next six months.

What we seek to do is control our own destiny as much as is possible for gay men and lesbians. That requires us to make decisions that may or may not be popular with a majority of our peers.

I firmly believe that we are conscience at a crossroads. We have been promised gay rights legislation or assistance from those whom we have

helped put in office. Now, painfully, we have to face the realization that their help or assistance is not forthcoming. We have only ourselves to blame for believing a lie; we have only ourselves to look forward to in changing the situation. In effect, the answer is at this table.

To accommodate our critics, we would have to simply do nothing, or at worst, admit that we will no longer press for social change and quit demanding acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle. To me, this is a price too high.

To me, continued discrimination, in any form, implies that something is wrong with homosexuality. To allow it to continue means that we are willing to be anything other than what we are. Unfortunately, too, we are our own worst oppressors. We fear change ourselves. We fear that others will not like us for what we are.

There are those who argue that we are pushing our "friends" too hard, that we ask too much. And the question remains: Why not?

How much is too much?

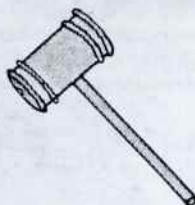
How much is it worth to someone who is struggling with their sexual identity? Coming out can be a way of asking for help. The pain of living a lie too long can take such a toll that body, and mind, are no longer able to withstand such pressure alone; therefore, we seek to "come out" to others to find help. Were we not relieved as individuals when we found out that there were "others"?

You have heard the phrase, "One in ten of you is one of us." Allow me to give you a new phrase, "Four in ten of us

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THE GAVEL RAPS



by Bill Nelson, President of the
Dallas Gay Alliance

As a member of the Dallas Gay Alliance, you should be aware of the extraordinary utilization that our organization has made of the Gay Community Center. Over a year ago when the Alliance acquired the space at 3920 Cedar Springs, the scope of the facility was almost overwhelming. We even made attempts to sub-lease part of the space because we did not imagine that the growth and activity of our organization would expand so rapidly.

The Alliance now has an effective full-strength Board of Directors, a vibrant, functioning committee system, and a network of large special interest groups. That level of activity translates to a Community Center that is busy night and day. We are offering more community services and have more people involved than at any point in our

history.

The Community Center does, of course, take a big bite out of the DGA budget. But due to several grants and the generosity of our members (most of whom renew at a membership rate above \$20 level), we have been able to meet that financial obligation.

I am asking your help to continue that tradition of fiscal security. Without your continuing support, the treasury of the Alliance could rapidly drop to a crisis point. Scrambling for funds and cut-backs in good projects are unbefitting of our professional approach to our Movement. Help us avoid that unpleasant situation in advance by taking this opportunity to make a special contribution for the Community Center. Your generosity is appreciated, and your money will be well spent.

Keep Gay Rights Up Front WRITE!



Write a *Letter to the Editor*
to each of the following:

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Dallas, Texas 75201

This Week In Texas
"Comment"
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Houston, Texas 77006

Dallas Voice
Suite 4450
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Dallas, Texas 75219

Dallas Morning News
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Dallas, Texas 75219

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Jerry Rucker

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Dallas, Texas 75201



FROM OUR MAILBOX

ON THE ROAD REGARDING AIDS

Mike Richards and Phil Gerber spoke to a nursing class at Baylor University on February 5th regarding AIDS problems. Mike received the following letter in response to their presentation:

February 13, 1985

Dear Mr. Richards,
Thank you for sharing information with the Baylor University School of Nursing (BUSON) students. Your presentation gave the nurses an opportunity to see direct and indirect community action brought to bear on a serious public health problem.

In this day it is so easy to fall prey to the assumption that some governmental agency will take care of a problem. I think it is invaluable for young people to see what can be done on a grass root level to solve a problem. In meeting you and Mr. Gerber, the students were able to see people helping people and mobilizing public support. I'm in hopes that their orientation to the problem will now be more concrete and even personal.

I wish you success in your work and thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Farren
Assistant Professor of Nursing

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MEMBER



FROM THE ARCHIVES:

THE STORY OF JONATHAN AND DAVID

by Phil Johnson

If "Romeo and Juliet" is one of the greatest love stories of all time, surely Jonathan and David is its gay equal. This account from Holy Writ has always been an embarrassment to fundamentalists whose attempts to explain away this love are among the most dazzling examples of sophistry, ingenuousness, and wrong-headed mumbo-jumbo in 2,000 years of biblical exegesis.

Because of his love for David, Jonathan more than once turned against his own father, King Saul, and saved David from death. How fortunate for all of us; Jesus is a descendant from the House of David.

The youthful David accepts the challenge from the Philistine champion Goliath and slays him. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

And David went out withersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely. Saul became jealous of David and sought to kill him.

And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to theeward very good.

Jonathan hides David in a field, to



Social Justice Dept.

by William Waybourn

Discrimination is something that always happens to someone else. At least, that's what we would like to believe. When it happens to us, our pride is dented, and it takes some time to work through the anger and frustration left in the wake of another person being unfair.

The Dallas Gay Alliance tries to see that everyone gets treated fairly and in the same manner, but that isn't easily accomplished.

Some complaints the Social Justice Department has received recently include allegations of harassment and discrimination against AIDS patients in a Dallas hospital by a nurse from a religious organization. We have discussed this situation with officials of the hospital and have received complete cooperation. We are in the process of furnishing documentation to the hospital for further action.

Another complaint we received was from a young woman whose husband had encouraged her lesbian relationship and then kidnapped their young daughter to another state where he immediately filed for and received custody of the minor. The reason given by the father which was the basis for the court action was the mother's lesbian relationship.

Two young men were refused an apartment in North Dallas when the apartment manager learned the one-bedroom unit to be leased was for two men rather than a man and woman or two women.

Two other men were arrested in separate incidents for public intoxication outside bars in the Cedar Springs area. Public intoxication is something the police department is using with increasing frequency to arrest people in the Oak Lawn area. It offers a long night in detention and a mention on your record. Once in the detention center, managed by the Salvation Army, there is no way out until the next morning when you make bail and only then if you have the correct amount of cash on you, or if you hire a lawyer to post your bond.

We also received two complaints, separate incidents, of individuals being fired from their jobs because their employers learned that they were homosexuals. One young man's mother called to see what we could do to help and seemed surprised to learn that in Texas it is legal to fire someone because of

homosexuality.

The Alliance is still looking for a few good men and women to seek employment with the Dallas Police Department to further document discrimination against "admitted" homosexuals. If you are interested, please contact me through the Alliance office at 528-4233.

We investigate all reported abuse, harassment or discrimination. If you or someone you know is having problems, please give us a call, and we will attempt to guide you or them in the appropriate direction based on your willingness to participate. It is the policy of the Alliance to stop discrimination or harassment against gay citizens by whatever means available to us.



Education Dept.

by Bob Roberts

We are currently working on three projects and can use any volunteers willing to put in one or two hours a week.

The Speakers Bureau's brochure has been completed and will be mailed to various service organizations and community groups. Our goal is to encourage the use of the Speakers Bureau by groups that traditionally have not solicited its services. We are broadening opportunities to educate people about the needs of gays and lesbians. At the end of March, the Education Department will be publishing the survey of telephone calls received at the Community Center during the first year of operation. This survey will serve as documentation of the needs within the gay community. Volunteers wanting experience in brochure design and development are needed.

In our continuing effort to educate the non-gay community about our needs, we will become free-lance reporters. Our articles will be submitted to local newspapers and magazines. Gay issues are often sensational or provocative subjects, so with our special insight we can produce articles that will be more thought provoking. I need volunteers who can research subjects, but not necessarily write well. Research will consist of interviews, either in person or by telephone, with leads I will provide. It should be a good way to meet other people and groups active in our community.

The next Education Department meeting will be Tuesday, March 12th, at 7:30pm.

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(if changed) _____ SECOND NAME: _____

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Do you want to be on our mailing list? [] YES [] NO

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Mail to: DGA, Box 190712, Dallas, Texas 75219

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE



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[] DIALOG Subscription...\$10

[] ACTIVE INDIVIDUAL....\$20

[] ACTIVE HOUSEHOLD....\$30 (2 People)

[] NGTF "PIGGYBACK".....\$30 (Includes Active DGA)

[] SUSTAINING.....\$50

[] ORGANIZATION.....\$100

[] LIFETIME.....\$1000

[] PLEDGE...../month (Minimum - \$5/month)

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR

1985

MARCH / APRIL

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HEALTH NIGHT
Program:

10  AN EVENING WITH MOLLY IVINS - 6-8pm Channing Hall at 1st Unitarian Church, Normandy at Preston. \$10 donation. Refreshments served. HISPANIC COALITION - 2pm. Call 827-9995 for location.	11  DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting 7:30 - MCC PROGRAM: AIDS FORUM	12 Civic Affairs Dept.: Political Action Com. 7:30 Education Dept. 7:30	13 Member Communica Education Health D MORMON AFFIRM 2nd & 4th Wed
17 DALLAS GAY BLACK COALITION, 7pm, every Sunday. "To meet the needs and bring forth the voice of the gay black community." GAY UNITARIANS - First Unitarian Church - Preston at Normandy - 7:30 AFFIRMATION (Methodist) Call 948-1546 or 528-4913 for info.	18 Board Meeting 7:30 DIALOG Deadline	19 Civic Affairs Dept.: Political Action Com. 7:30 OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND MCC - Every Tuesday - 7-9 PM Musicians Needed - Call 960-1927. DALLAS AREA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS - 7:30 1st Unitarian Church DIGNITY - 7:30 - Call 330-1063 Meets every other Tuesday.	20 Communica Health D Members METROPLEX REPU
24 FRONT RUNNER DALLAS - 2 mile run meet every Sunday at Winfrey Point, White Rock Lake - 7 AM HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 4402 Rosedale - Service 11 AM - 827-5088 METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH 2701 Reagan Services: 10:30 AM, 12:30 & 7:15 PM Orch. & Chorus Rehearsal: 9:30 AM DIALOG Production NOON	25 Open Board Meeting 7:30	26 Civic Affairs Dept.: Political Action Com. 7:30	27 Communica DISCIPLES OF What is it al Membersh Health D
31 LISTEN TO LAMBDA WEEKLY EVERY SUNDAY 12:00 NOON ON KNON 90.9 FM  PICNIC AT LEE PARK - 1pm. Bring lunch and friends and enjoy!	1 Board Meeting 7:30	2 Civic Affairs Dept.: Political Action Com. 7:30	3 Communica Health D Membersh Health De LESBIAN RIGHT 1st & 3rd Wed
7 EASTER SUNDAY PICNIC AT LEE PARK - 1pm. Enjoy the Dallas Symphony. GAY ACADEMIC UNION OF NORTH TEXAS 1st Sunday each month - 4:00 Call 821-5833 for location. HAVURRAH: GAY & LESBIAN JEWS OF THE METROPLEX. 1st Sunday of each month at 7pm.	8  DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE General Meeting 7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan PROGRAM: GLYA SPOTLIGHTED	9 GAY RESEARCH LIBRARY OPEN TUESDAYS 2-6 PM SUNDAYS 1-4 PM 	10 WATCH LESBIA FOCUS EVERY WEDNES 9:00 - Warner
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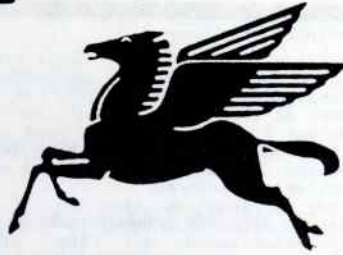
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MCC - Orchestra Rehearsal - 7:15 and
Choir Rehearsal - 8:00 every Thur.

LAMBDA GROUP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
8:00 - Every Thursday - Room 3
Educ. Bldg. - 1st Unitarian Church

NEW MEMBERS RECEPTION - 8-10pm.
2725 Hood St., #1050.
Refreshments served.

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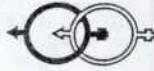
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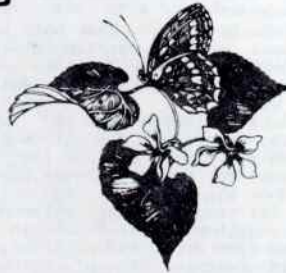
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Call 553-0249
each month.

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GAYLINE - 10am to 3pm. Counselor
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661-3111 for info.

TUPPERWARE & POLYESTER PARTY - 3pm.
Wear 100% unnatural fabrics to
create the suburbia we all miss.
Cheezwhiz on Ritz served.

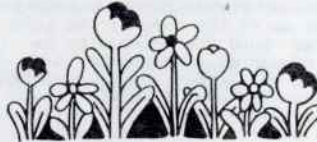
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TURTLE CREEK CHORALE - 7:30
Midway Hills Christian Church
Every Thursday - 368-5500

INTEGRITY D/FW Covered Dish Supper
4008 Wycliff - Call 522-6305
Last Thursday of the month.

DIALOG Mail Committee
Bring an Appetite!
Phi's Place 821-1653 7:00

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Listings on this calendar are based
on information available at press
time. Dates and times are subject
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Unless otherwise noted, all events
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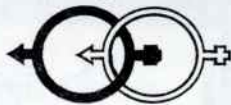
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CITY COUNCIL ELECTION DAY---
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DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE
Community Center



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Civic Affairs Dept.

by Rick D. Stubbs

PAC has been busy in February, working on the upcoming municipal election on April 6th. There have been fewer candidates to screen, but there was a lot to do with voter registration, planning a phone bank and planning a major fundraiser. There was also the DISD bond issue.

Volunteers are needed and will be needed through April 6th (and beyond if there is a runoff) to staff the phones. We are calling our Voter List to verify addresses, remind our voters of the election, and to inform them how they can get involved. Volunteers will also be needed for a mailout of our endorsements.

Be sure to attend the March 10th fundraiser with the featured speaker Molly Ivins. This should prove to be a very successful event, which has been sponsored by over 65 contributors representing a broad cross-section of both the gay community and the community at large. See the article on page one of the *Dialog* and the Calendar listing.

At the February General Membership Meeting, the DGPC endorsed the DISD Bond Proposal which subsequently passed by an overwhelming majority. The DGPC Steering Committee had recommended endorsement. A press release was sent to all media, and a letter of congratulations and notice of endorsement were sent to all members of the DISD School Board and the "Friends of Dallas Public Schools" Committee.

MARCH 7th RECEPTION

by Davie Jones

To give new members the opportunity to meet the leadership of the DGA on a one-to-one basis, New Members Receptions will be held every other month. All Board members will be encouraged to attend these gatherings. This will give the Alliance the opportunity to involve new members in its projects sooner and with more effectiveness.

The first reception will be held on March 7th from 8 until 10pm at James Sulak's home, 2725 Hood, Apartment 1050. Refreshments will be served.

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prevent his father from slaying him.

Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?

For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

And Jonathan answered Saul, his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? What hath he done? And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David,

David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying The Lord be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

That was the last time Jonathan ever saw David. David later becomes king of all the peoples of Israel. The Philistines slay Jonathan, and King Saul is wounded. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

When David learns of Jonathan's death, he laments:

I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.



GOTTA TAP!

by Phil Johnson

Can you tap dance? Would you like to learn how?

There is a new gay organization in Dallas, as yet unnamed, but we envision a tap troop similar to the San Francisco Tap Troop. We hope to give our first performance in five weeks. We intend to dance down the street in the Houston Gay Pride Parade, the Dallas Gay Pride Parade, and next year travel to San Francisco to perform in the Gay Games of 1986. Although we have been rehearsing only two weeks, we already have 15 pretty good tap dancers.

Dancing is fun, and it's good for you. But it's also hard work. If you would like to dance with us, come to the audition this Saturday at 2pm at the Roundup Saloon. If you have no tap shoes, street shoes will do nicely. The tap troop especially wants women.

Again let me emphasize that you do not need to know how to tap dance. But you will need to learn fast, to follow directions, and be willing to work hard. We do not have time, nor am I willing to put up with crap. As I've been engaged as one of the teachers and choreographers, I intend to work your butts off.

For more information, call me at 821-1653 or Richard Sink at 522-6192.

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have seriously considered death as a means to escape the emotional pain that is perceived to be connected with a homosexual lifestyle."

Yet we continue to allow discrimination to taint our lifestyle. We continue to allow others to determine our rights. Lives are lost or damaged forever because of our failure to force change.

By being human beings we are all equal, equal as persons, equal in our humanity. One individual cannot be more or less human than another, more or less of a person. The dignity we attribute to being a person rather than a thing is not subject to a difference in degree. The quality of all human beings is the equality of their dignity as persons.

We have responsibilities to our membership, to our community and to ourselves. We are challenged as active participants of this organization to lead, to set examples. As we go forward, hopefully, we will find that there are "others," and we, too, shall be relieved.

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Health Dept.

by Mike Richards

The Health Department held its first Health Night on February 20th. The program on Stress Management was presented by Dr. Kevin Kariton of the Dallas County Mental Health Association.

Health Nights will continue as an on-going health education forum for the Dallas gay community. The next Health Night will be Wednesday, March 6th, at 7pm. The program will be presented by Dr. James Haley from the Dallas County Health Department. The program will focus on the HTLV-III antibody blood test.

The Health Department meets every Wednesday at 7pm, and anyone interested in planning future programs is encouraged to attend.

The Health Department advises gay men not to donate blood or take the HTLV-III antibody test. The department has posted "Do Not Take the Test" posters in local bars and businesses.

Play safe, and we can stop the spread of AIDS.

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The Foundation for Human Understanding

NEW PRESIDENT

Members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Human Understanding elected William Waybourn as President at their monthly board meeting on February 13th. The Board also welcomed John Thomas as a new director, filling the unexpired term of Mike Stewart, who resigned.

The Foundation funds educational projects of the Dallas Gay Alliance, including the Alliance's Gay Community Center at 3920 Cedar Springs.

Waybourn is a member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Gay Alliance and the Turtle Creek Chorale and a member of the Steering Committee for the Dallas Dinner Committee, which produces the Black-Tie Dinner each year to benefit the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National AIDS Lobby Project and the Foundation for Human Understanding.

Thomas is a member of the Board of the National Human Rights Campaign Fund and Coordinator of the Dallas Dinner Committee and on the Board of Directors for Razzle Dazzle Dallas. He is also a former Director and former Vice President of the Dallas Gay Alliance.

DONATION FROM

WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

Members of the Weekend Experience have made a \$1,000 unrestricted gift to the Foundation for Human Understanding, according to John Sheridan, Coordinator of the Weekend Experience.

The check was presented at the Dallas Gay Alliance's monthly meeting on February 10, 1985.

The money will be directed by the Foundation to fund educational projects of the Dallas Gay Alliance, including the Gay Community Center, located at 3920 Cedar Springs.

The \$1,000 donation is only one of a series of contributions made to the Foundation by the Weekend Experience. In the past year, the Weekend Experience has donated \$3,500 to the Foundation and a total of \$13,000 to the Dallas gay community.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the workshop can call 821-2222 for more information.

BENEFIT THE AGES

by Phil Johnson

Phil Johnson is pushing 60 (My, he doesn't look a day over 16!), senile, decrepit, and needs help with the Dallas Gay Historic Archives.

Books need to be cataloged by author and subject matter. Magazines need to be put in chronological order with an index to historic news items.

But most valuable to gay leaders and scholars, and most in disarray, are the newspaper clippings. Because newspaper clippings yellow and crumble with age, two copies need to be xeroxed—one to be filed chronologically, the other by subject matter.

If, in the community, there are those who can give an hour or two a week to preserve our history, it would be most helpful. The Archives should be neat, orderly, and constantly current, so that present and future generations can benefit.

The Archives is located in the Dallas Gay Alliance Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs, an interesting place to work, indeed. Call 821-1653 if you can help.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

by Davie Jones

As of January 23, 1985, the following statistics were available concerning the geographic make-up of the Alliance's membership:

	Number	Percentage
Members:	525	
Men:	484	92%
Women:	41	8%
Living in Dallas:	448	84%
Out of Dallas:	77	14%
Out of state:	9	2%
Dallas Statistics:		
Oak Lawn	193	44%
East Dallas	77	18%
Walnut Hill/ Forest North to LBJ	39	9%
Love Field	29	7%
Oak Cliff	23	5%
Bachman Lake	20	
The Village	18	
Northeast Dallas	11	
Far North Dallas	11	
Northwest Dallas	4	
Southeast (Pleasant Grove)		
(sans M. Goldblatt)	3	
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JOIN DGBC

by Tony Anthony

As Vice President of the Alliance and the designated Liaison to all special interest groups affiliated with the DGA, I have worked closely with the Gay and Lesbian Young Adults (GLYA), the Hispanic Task Force, and the Dallas Gay Black Coalition (DGBC). GLYA is going strong at present and looks as if it will continue to grow.

The Hispanic Task Force voted last month to end its affiliation with the Alliance as its members believed they could meet the needs of gay Hispanics independently. This was an amicable decision, and the DGA still fully supports the Hispanic Task Force.

The DGBC is still in its initial organizing stages with dedicated charter members who are determined to meet the needs and bring back the voice of the gay black community. Please feel free to attend any DGBC meeting at 7pm every Sunday in the Community Center.

The telephone calls received at the Community Center show that a support group for transsexuals is needed, but only Terry Tebedo, Davie Jones, and I attended the first announced meeting last month. We will hold additional meetings in the future, and these will be publicized.

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Thomas Weinberg wrote in *Gay Men, Gay Selves* that "participation in homophile organizations appears to be strongly related to the reduction of conflicts, increasing acceptance of one's homosexuality, and improvement in feelings about oneself. The mere fact of belonging to a gay organization does not seem to be so important as the extent to which a member participates in an organization. Active participation appears as the crucial element in developing self-acceptance as a homosexual."

Personal involvement must be a part of any plans that are approved here, particularly involving your own personal belief that what we are doing is right. This belief must be the strongest belief within you. We must believe in ourselves and that we are doing. We must believe that our cause is just and that the Alliance is the best vehicle for carrying out our plans. We must believe that what we decide here today will be helpful for others to come out. We must involve others.

Our problems are limited only by our willingness to find solutions.

Some will say that we are bound to fail. I reply to them: "The only people who fail are those who never try."

Success can be very simple. As simple, indeed, as getting up one more time than falling down.

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Membership Dept.

by Davie Jones

The Department currently consists of five to seven members per meeting. The committee meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm at the Community Center.

Major emphasis currently targeted:

- Increase visibility of the DGA;
- Increase of membership numbers, goal of 600 total by July '85;
- Improve awareness of what DGA is all about, stressing Non-Political activities.

Host one fundraiser per month.

Specific projects currently under consideration:

- New Members Reception;
- Membership Booth; and
- Membership Packet for New Members.

Fundraisers:

- Valentine Candy Sales;
- April Hanging Basket Sale;
- New Members Contest (Getaway with DGA);
- Fundraising Appeal Letter;
- Tupperware Party;
- Speaker's Reception;
- Business Memberships;
- Fashion Show;
- Bingo; and a
- Carwash.

Enthusiasm is currently very high within the Department. The committee appears to be a homogeneous group with high production levels from every member. Thank God!!! Gay and Lesbian Young Adults (GLYA) will probably figure prominently in supplying working bodies in several of the fundraising events.



Social Events Dept.

by Don Daggendorf

The Social Events Department has been

Circle and/or check which activities most interest you:

- Outdoors (backpacking, bicycling, canoeing, jogging, etc.)
- Travel (Grand Canyon, Spain, Colorado skiing, etc.)
- The Arts (Symphony, plays, museum, opera, concerts, etc.)
- Social (coffeehouse, rap groups, games, films, etc.)
- Sports (soccer, volleyball, bowling, etc.)

Other: _____

Suggestions: _____

- I prefer to participate and not be involved in planning.
- Please put me on your mailing list of upcoming events.

Thursday is not a good meeting time,

_____ is a better day.

- Please call me so I may help in the planning.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Best time to call: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Mail to or drop off at DGA, 3920 Cedar Springs, Dallas, TX 75219, Attn: Social Events Committee.

SPEAKERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL



by Bill Nelson

As a part of the educational effort of our organization, members of the Alliance have appeared before the Dallas City Council every Wednesday for several months to articulate the issues of concern to our community. The experience of speaking to the Council is one that is intimidating by design. Those brave souls who participate in this educational program deserve our admiration and thanks.

Terry Tebedo spoke to the Council regarding the meeting that the Alliance had with the Police Academy staff. He related our findings that inaccurate and incomplete information is characteristic of the training. He called upon the Council to take an interest in this process and to assure that the Police Department responds to those concerns. Terry received no response from any Council member. He was the only speaker during the entire Council meeting to receive that treatment.

Davie Jones addressed the Council regarding the over one hundred other U.S. cities that have city ordinances protecting the rights of gay people. He pointed out that this one hundred includes all sizes of cities in all parts of the country. He was articulate, direct, and received no response from any

member of the Council.

William Waybourn brought up the point that one in ten Dallas citizens is homosexual—and that, due to pressures of a repressive society, one in four gay people seriously considers suicide as a method of dealing with that oppression. He called on the City Council to take a role in removing a portion of the oppression by insisting that the Dallas Police Department open its ranks to qualified gay applicants. His presentation was greeted by complete silence from the Council.

Although we have been disappointed by the lack of response from our friends on the City Council, these weekly presentations are heard by the representatives, the media, the large group of citizens usually present in the Council chambers, and the listening audience on WRR radio which broadcasts the Council meetings. These educational outlets are a valuable resource to our community, and our participating members are to be congratulated.



Communications Dept.

by Skipper Wilson

Well, group! It's that time of the month! I am sitting in front of my typewriter and wondering what wonderful things I can report to you. Well, first, the March membership meeting is in the hands of Mike Richards and his friends who will be updating us on the latest AIDS information. Meetings for the next several months are still up in the air, so come help plan a meeting. We are hard at work revising/creating a new brochure on the Community Center. And as always Lambda Weekly is on the air every Sunday at noon (KNON 90.9 FM).

As always we can use whatever help you can contribute, so if you have stopped by for our meetings, please do so again. Until next month, good luck, and we hope to see you.

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GAY MEN'S HEALTH CRISIS WARNS OF TEST

By Mark Chataway of New York's Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc.

An ad campaign launched here today, warns of dangers in the new "AIDS Blood Test." The test detects antibodies to the virus believed to cause Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) but, according to medical experts, it does not show whether someone has AIDS, will get it, or will be immune from it. Scientists, physicians, and gay leaders are concerned that the test may not be useful, and it is certainly dangerous. The test kit is already being used by researchers; it is expected to be in use by blood banks and private physicians very soon.

Although the new test is not diagnostic, gay leaders fear that it could be used to discriminate against those who test positive. "It could be our worst nightmares come true," according to Rodger McFarlane, Executive Director of Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC). "If insurance companies start with a positive test. From there it could spread to employers and even the military. The government has already proposed a national registry for blood donors and, although that idea is on

hold for the moment, there will be local lists."

Scientists are concerned that fears over confidentiality might obstruct vital research. Dr. David Lyman, an epidemiologist at the University of California at Berkeley, promised to burn records in violation of any court subpoena that might be issued. The Federal government has existing legislative power to ensure that these records cannot be subpoenaed or used by other government agencies. These regulations are presently used to protect studies involving intravenous drug users but have not yet been extended to all AIDS studies. However, Lyman's study was eventually given this protection.

Physicians worry that the test will be seen as a diagnostic tool. "There is no reason to take it," said Dr. Stephen Caiazza of New York Physicians for Human Rights. "It doesn't tell you anything about your health, and it will be in your medical record forever." Caiazza is also concerned that unscrupulous physicians might try to sell the procedures as a "test for AIDS."

It is not even certain that the test can help protect the blood supply.

Authorities feel that most people in high risk groups have refrained from giving blood since asked to do so attempt to find out their results on the antibody test. Because the test fails to detect the presence of antibodies five or more percent of the time, a great deal of exposed blood may slip through.

Almost as worrying as these "false negatives" are the "false positives." Studies indicate that the blood test registers antibodies where none exist in many people. Thousands of people may be told that they have been exposed to HTLV III when, in fact, they have not.

GMHC has prepared a print advertisement, reprinted on Page 1, that highlights some of the dangers of the test and stresses the group's position that people in high risk groups should only take it as part of a legitimate research study that guarantees in writing that it will never pass on the name of participants. The theme of the campaign is "THE TEST CAN BE ALMOST AS DEVASTATING AS THE DISEASE." The ad was prepared by volunteers at a major national ad agency. It will be made available to any publication free of charge.

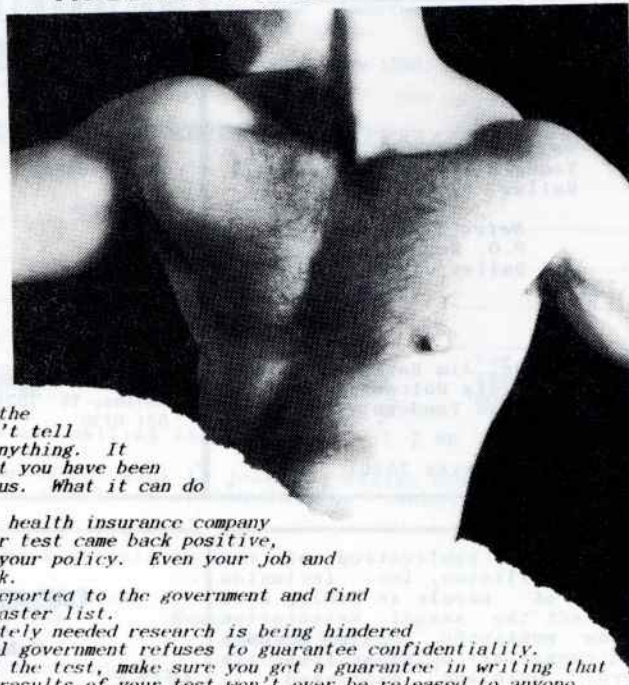
GMHC issued a statement with the release that stressed that the group was not opposed to research. "In fact," is said, "we are concerned that vital research is being jeopardized by a failure to safeguard the confidentiality of results. It will be more difficult to recruit study participants, and the samples will be skewed since they will exclude gay men and others who are informed and educated enough to know of the dangers of the test."

GMHC also advised people in high risk groups to continue voluntarily excluding themselves from the pool of blood donors.

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The DGA endorses the GMHC ad campaign and statement.

THE TEST CAN BE ALMOST AS DEVASTATING AS THE DISEASE



The new test for antibodies to the "AIDS virus" doesn't tell you very much of anything. It only indicates that you have been exposed to the virus. What it can do is frightening.

Imagine, if your health insurance company found out that your test came back positive, they might cancel your policy. Even your job and home may be at risk.

Names might be reported to the government and find their way onto a master list.

In fact, desperately needed research is being hindered because the Federal government refuses to guarantee confidentiality. So, if you do take the test, make sure you get a guarantee in writing that your name and the results of your test won't ever be released to anyone.

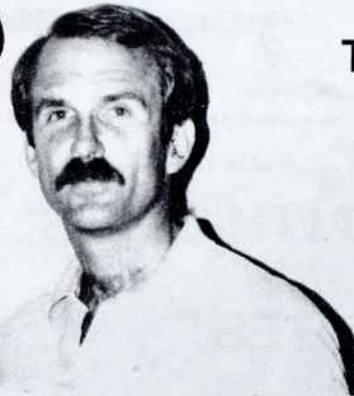
Otherwise, our advice is, stay away from the test. It's bad news.

AIDS Hotline 351-4335 & DGA 528-4233.

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APRIL 6th





THE GAVEL RAPS



by Bill Nelson, President of the
Dallas Gay Alliance

All gay activists, or any activists for that matter, are subjected to frequent criticism for actions they take which they feel will benefit their community. On our own DGA turf, the issues of public education, political involvement, and health come foremost to mind. Our organization certainly addresses those areas—and does so in a commendable, professional manner—but additional input and suggestions (and, to a lesser degree, criticism) are always welcome.

Setting an agenda for social rights movement is not something that can be neglected. It is an on-going process. Such elements as the appearance of an epidemic, a referendum defeat, or a city council election can all affect the way we do business.

Reservations and restrictions alone do not constitute an agenda. In the case of

our City Council election, we have been faced with a large number of candidates who are quite aggressive about telling us what they will not do for the gay people of this city. Few have come forward with a program about how they will go about securing equal rights for gay people or fostering understanding in this sensitive area. Likewise, those who oppose the use of a city ordinance are far more reticent when it comes to suggesting proposals for securing our equal rights. The AIDS crisis, as well, has placed extensive demands on the creativity and financial resources of our organization—with solutions and support being far less apparent than the problems.

I don't bring up these issues simply to lament the plight of community
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Dallas, Texas 75219

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Jerry Rucker

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FROM OUR MAILBOX

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mike Richards received the following letter from the AIDS Medical Foundation (AMF) on March 8, 1985:

AIDS Task Force
P.O. Box 190712
Dallas, TX 75219

Dear Friends:

Please let this letter serve as an introduction to the AIDS Medical Foundation and our efforts—on a number of fronts—to expedite medical and scientific attempts to bring the AIDS epidemic under control.

As you may have noted in press reports, last month AMF sponsored a national media seminar to bring leading interantional researchers together with key scientific writers and reports from the general press. Though the National Cancer Institute's Robert Gallo cancelled his appearance at the last minute, the conference nevertheless succeeded in airing fresh scientific data from France and Great Britain.

Specifically, one of AMF's top priorities is accelerating clinical trials of drugs and therapeutic techniques that show promise of being useful in AIDS, particularly in early stages of the disease. We are working with clinicians in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and at the

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activists. Such people are active because they have a sense of commitment which is its own reward. I raise these issues to suggest that you, as members of the Alliance and members of the community, have the responsibility to take control of your own future in a positive way. The structure of DGA is an excellent tool for achieving social change. It is an open and effective process.

I have proposed to the Board of the Alliance that community forums be established to ask for input on a variety of issues that affects our community. I hope that you will discuss these issues with your friends and then participate in this process of discussion. Early forums will include:

- (1) DGA and City Council,
- (2) DGA and Aids,
- (3) DGA and Politics,
- (4) DGA and Police, and
- (5) DGA and the Community Center

The kind of world we face in the future may depend on your opinions and your action now.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

BY PHIL JOHNSON

THE LAVENDER SHINGLE. Does that old, wooden, two - story house still exist? Or has it, like the graceful art deco YMCA, been sacrificed in the name of "progress?" If by chance it has escaped the wrecker's ball, the memories that old house must hold.

Like a certain whorehouse, it was just "a lil' ole bitty pissant country place." Nothing too high tone. But in the 1930's, it was famous for its good but simple food, clean rooms, inexpensive rents -- and its gay residents. And oh, the mad parties that were once held there!

As there was no air - conditioning in those depression days, on hot summer evenings the men would gather on the up - stairs balcony to enjoy the cool breezes and talk. Across the Trinity River, they could see the revolving

Flying Red Horse dominate the downtown skyline.

But that horse hasn't revolved in years, and today it can hardly be seen through the glass and steel towers surrounding it.

And where have all those gay residents gone? To the graveyard, everyone? Hope - fully not. The Dallas Gay Archives would like to hear from anyone who lived, loved, or partied in Oak Cliff's Lavender Shingle. We would be happy if we could photograph or just locate where it once was and record on paper some of the folk stories.

You see, that, too, is our history.



Communications Dept.

BY SKIPPER WILSON

What do you get when you have one computer technician, one lesbian social service worker, one hairdresser, and one unemployed homosexual? The answer is: the Communication Department. The four of us are having a lot of fun working on brochures, creating posters for all the events of the DGA, and working on program ideas for the general membership meetings.

Currently in production is the new brochure for the Community Center. We have the layout for the brochure and the script finished. What we are in need of is someone to help with the graphic design and to draw a floorplan of the Community Center for us to include in the brochure.

Last week's meeting was held in wonderful East Dallas, and involved a great Japanese dinner. Discussion involved our new projects: the third edition of a Recent History of Gay Rights and the upcoming brochures on lesbian issues and the Communications Department. Also under discussion are the following topics for the general membership meetings: Human Sexuality, gay artists in Dallas, how homosexuality is handled by Dallas newspapers, and your legal rights as gays.

We hope you will attend next week's general membership meeting. Its topic is the Gay and Lesbian Young Adults, our discussion group for those under 26 and their friends.

So until next month, keep the four of us in mind when you see a poster or when you come in to get those new brochures you see in the Community Center. We could use all the help we can get. The meetings are on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm.

Human Rights Campaign Fund

by Jerry Mark

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) is the most powerful gay rights organization. It has supported and aided the return to office of nearly every Congressperson who sponsored the Gay Rights Bill. It may take one year or twenty years, but with your help, the Gay Rights Bill will become law. When the Gay Rights Bill becomes law, it will break the "Black Plague" which Reagan is sneaking onto every gay and lesbian in this nation in the form of 400 Republican anti-gay/lesbian federal judges plus perhaps anti-gay/lesbian Bork, with two or three judges like him, on the Supreme Court.

But wait!! Before you accept the second-class citizenship status in which

anti-gay/lesbian Reagan wants to imprison you, stop and think!! There IS something you can do. You can make the Human Rights Campaign Fund the most powerful organization in this nation! How can you do this? Get only one out of ten gays and lesbians to be a contributor to the HRCF. The HRCF badly needs one million gays and lesbians willing to contribute \$1 once a year.

LET'S DO IT!! Let's make the Human Rights Campaign Fund the most powerful political organization in this nation! Send them \$1!!

The writer of this bulletin has no connection with the HRCF except as a donor. These are mostly my opinions, and I think you agree with me.

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1st Sunday each month - 4:00
Call 821-5833 for location.PROGRAM: Panel discussion on Gay
Student Support Groups
from Local Campuses.HAVURRAH: GAY & LESBIAN JEWS OF
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each month at 7pm.

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Church - Preston at Normandy - 7:30AFFIRMATION (Methodist)
Call 948-1546 or 528-4913 for info.HISPANIC COALITION - 2pm.
Call 827-9995 for location.

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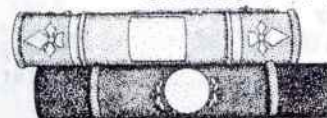
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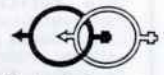
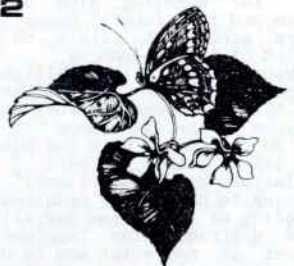
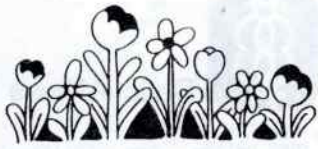
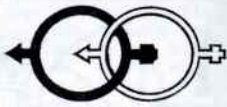
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Social Justice Dept.

BY WILLIAM WAYBOURN

The Dallas Gay Alliance has asked the Texas Health Department to issue specific guidelines for all Texas funeral directors and morticians to follow in the care and burial of persons who have died of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

The request follows separate incidents recently reported to the Alliance, including funeral home employees arriving to pick up a body while wearing face masks and respirators and talking to family members in the home while wearing the protective devices. Another funeral home allegedly charged an extra \$200 for plastic gloves and gowns used while handling the body of an AIDS patient, and yet a third funeral home reportedly tried to sell the family of an AIDS patient a \$900 "germ-free" coffin.

Family Members in one of these incidents related that the funeral home insisted that open casket viewing would be permitted only if a plastic shield were in place surrounding the coffin.

Mike Richards, a member of the Boards of Directors of both the DGA and the Federation of AIDS-Related Organizations (FARO), said the "horror stories" were increasing as the number of persons dying from AIDS in Dallas increased.

Richards, who acts as the Alliance's liaison to the Dallas County Health Department on AIDS matters, turned the complaints over to William Waybourn, the DGA Board member charged with investigating discrimination against homosexuals, who said, "We contacted the Dallas County Funeral Directors Association, the Texas Funeral Directors Association, and the State Board of Morticians, all of whom told us they were following the Health Department's guidelines on burying people who have died of AIDS. When we contacted the Health Department in Austin, we found there were no guidelines to be followed other than those established by the U.S. Department of Health. Those guidelines simply say, 'Follow the same procedures similar to Hepatitis B.'"

Waybourn noted a more important part of the same U.S. Department of Health report stated, "There has been no evidence of transmission by casual contact or airborne spread, nor have there been cases of AIDS in health-care or

laboratory personnel that can be definitely ascribed to specific occupational exposures.

"We are not asking funeral homes to be forced to bury people who have died from AIDS. There are enough good funeral homes who are more than willing to respond appropriately and responsibly during this tragic time for families and friends. What we are trying to do is eliminate those who 'take in the business' and then attempt to capitalize on the fear of AIDS when relatives are most vulnerable."

Waybourn's letter to Hal Nelson, general counsel for the Texas Health Department, requests that specific guidelines for handling AIDS burials be written and that funeral homes and directors across the state be properly notified of the procedures.

Waybourn said the Alliance will continue to monitor funeral homes and will ask the Texas Attorney General to intervene in specific cases if funeral homes do not comply with the guidelines.

The letter states, in part, "... these 'regulations and restrictions,' if true, are going to cause some problems. It is the policy of the Dallas Gay Alliance to engage discrimination (against gays) wherever it may exist and to use whatever means available to us to enforce equal representation under the law."

Waybourn said persons with complaints should call the Alliance's office at 528-4233.



Civic Affairs Dept.

by Rick Stubbs

The Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC), the DGA's political action committee, has published an Election Newsletter to inform voters of the DGPC endorsements in the April 6th election. DGPC screened candidates and made decisions in five races: no endorsement in the mayoral race, Place 11; Bill Nelson for City Council, Place 2; Craig Holcomb for City Council, Place 5; Dr. Charles A. Hunter for DISD School Trustee, Place 6; and a warning against John Evans in City Council, Place 7.

Though not seeking our endorsement, Bill Milkie, candidate for Place 1, appeared at Candidates' Night, and Council Member Diane Ragsdale appeared at the March general membership meeting. Also, the PAC has met privately with several candidates to share views and concerns relating to gay issues.

Because of the likelihood of a runoff election for City Council, Place 2, PAC has made contingency plans for an additional mailer to District 2 and for other get-out-the-vote efforts. Volunteers will be needed, so we invite those of you with the time and the interest to contact us.

The "Evening With Molly Ivins" fundraiser was a success. In person, Molly was as funny and informative and moving as she is in her column. The 125 sponsors and guests attending were well entertained. The net proceeds from the event totaled \$2100, to be split evenly between DGPC and Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates, our state lobby.

The election is foremost in our priorities right now, but note that after April 20th, we will be working on fundraising efforts for LGRA, and other efforts relating to the current State legislative session.



Education Dept.

BY BOB ROBERTS

The Education Department is continuing with its current projects which include mailing the Speaker's Bureau Brochure,

researching the history of the DGA for a brochure, and assembling information for newspaper articles in one of the Dallas dailies.

The Gay Community College, located in the Gay Community Center, is continuing its mini-seminars. On Wednesday, April 10th we will offer a seminar entitled "Tax Refund: Your's or Uncle Sam's." There is still something you can do for a tax refund even at this late date. The seminar is presented by Judith Anderson, who has given very successful seminars in the past.

Recently I went door-to-door to get signatures on a petition to get an openly gay candidate on the ballot for City Council election. To my surprise several people expressed their concern of losing their jobs by merely signing this petition and supporting a gay candidate. My response to these individuals is "What are you doing to secure your rights as a gay person and to change the system?" My suggestion is to become active in the DGA. We all have friends who are not members of the Alliance that sometimes make such remarks. Encourage them to join the DGA or to at least participate in one of the departments.

And for those people needing a department to join, start with the Education Department on Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm in the Community Center.



Health Dept.

by Mike Richards

On March 6th, the DGA-sponsored Health Night focused on Dr. Charles Haley speaking about the HTLV-III antibodies test. The DGA Health Department also sponsored the AIDS Forum held at the March general membership meeting. A special thanks to all the participants for helping DGA keep its members and the Dallas gay community informed about the latest information concerning AIDS.

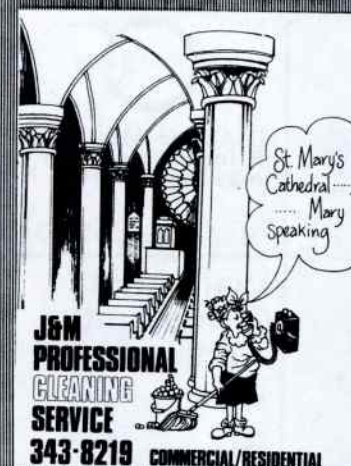
The April 3rd Health Night will focus on safe sex. This is a timely topic since the only preventive measure against AIDS is reducing one's risks. The April 17th Health Night will cover sexually transmitted diseases.

Anyone interested in health issues in the gay community is encouraged to attend the Health Department's Wednesday night meetings at 7pm at the Gay Community Center.

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LGRA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BY SHELIA CHEANEY, LOBBYIST

The deadline for filing bills for the 69th Texas Legislative Session was March 8th. The Texas lesbian/gay community is faced with the following good news and bad news:

First, the good news. Senator Craig Washington, (D) Houston, has filed Senate Bill 1201, which would prohibit discrimination based on sexual preference in certain transactions concerning employment. The bill amends the Human Rights Act (Article 5521k, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) by adding sexual preference to the protected classes free from discrimination in employment. The present classes include race, color, handicap, religion, sex, national origin, and age. The bill has not yet been set for a hearing, so no action need be taken by the lesbian/gay community at this time. Letters of thanks should be addressed to: Senator Craig Washington, p.o. box 12068, Austin, Tx 78711.

And now, the bad news. Representative Bill Ceverha, (R) Dallas, aka Sodomy Bill Ceverha, has filed House Bill 867, which would restrict the authority of the Attorney General to reach out-of-court settlements on behalf of the State in litigation pending in federal court. This legislation is inappropriate at this time since the Baker vs. Wade case, holding that Sec. 21.06 of the Penal Code is unconstitutional, is now pending before the Fifth Circuit for an en banc decision regarding standing.

The bill prohibits the Attorney General from entering into any settlement if the settlement would result in the Attorney General's concession that:

- 1) a state statute is unconstitutional under state or federal law, or
- 2) a state constitutional provision is unconstitutional under federal law.

The legislation would apply to any litigation pending or filed in a federal court on or after the effective date of the legislation.

HB 867 is in direct conflict with Article 6252-26, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes which gives the Attorney General settlement discretion and may also be unconstitutional under Article 4, Section 22 of the Texas Constitution which sets out the powers of the Attorney General. Finally, the clock is running out and the state must pay attorney's fees to prevailing parties—as well as pay its own staff which would be required to pursue appeals on blatantly unconstitutional state laws. When the Legislative Budget Board has

recommended a "no growth" budget for the Attorney General, HB 867 appears to be all the more ridiculous.

Because Representative Ceverha is on the House Appropriation Committee, action on that committee will have to be carefully monitored for riders that Ceverha may try to attach. For example, Ceverha may try to restrict state money that goes to universities that recognize gay student organizations. LGRA is also monitoring some legislation dealing with blood banks and plasma centers. As before, no action is needed by the lesbian/gay community at this time. When letters or phone calls are needed to influence legislation, the lesbian/gay community will be notified by their local organizations and also through this legislative update.

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National Institute of Health to get quick FDA scrutiny of several anti-viral compounds manufactured by European pharmaceutical companies. In addition, AMF is underwriting a number of continuing laboratory, epidemiological, and clinical studies of AIDS. And, we are helping a major computer software firm set-up a national AIDS data base that will be useful to both clinical researchers and practicing physicians.

Finally, AMF has recruited a team of media strategists to help us create a series of radio spots that will better inform the public about how AIDS is and is not transmitted. And, the campaign will underscore the need for a renewed commitment to support medical and scientific efforts to conquer the epidemic. These produced radio spots can be made available for use by your organization locally (with an appropriate tag identifying your group). Right now, we're also trying to help *People* magazine do a story on AIDS. They'd like to profile a family that has really rallied to the support of their child who's coping with the full-blown disease. If you know of a person with AIDS who's got that kind of support and would be willing to tell the story, we'd like to hear about it right away.

And, if there's any other way we can be of help, please don't hesitate to contact me or Victoria Hamburg at 212/949-7410.

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PRIDE 11:85

by Alan Ross

The Pride III planning and coordinating committee for Dallas' gay pride events for 1985 has begun to plan another summer of events for you to celebrate your pride. As last year, the gay community of Dallas will enjoy events during National Gay Pride Week, June 23rd-30th; our 21.06 Celebration Day on August 17th with the Texas Command Performance at the Majestic Theatre; and the Texas Freedom Festival, September 14th-22nd, with the Texas Freedom Parade on Sunday, September 22nd. Last year was very successful, and with your help and participation, 1985 will exceed 1984.

Recently, the Pride III committee selected the theme for Dallas to be used during Gay Pride Week: "Growing With Pride In '85." This is significant as more organizations, businesses and individuals are wanting to work with this coordinating committee than ever before. To date, there are representatives from 18 organizations, 10 businesses, and 8 individuals who are meeting and working together for the interest of a growing gay community in Dallas. The representative from the Dallas Gay Alliance is Tony Anthony, although the committee has many DGA members representing other interests.

The next meeting for the Pride III committee will be Saturday, April 13th, at the Gay Community Center. If you are interested in working with this committee or interested in volunteering for any of the events, please attend this meeting. Don't be shy! And don't forget to support our efforts by attending fundraising events that will be announced in the gay publications. These events are sponsored by the Dallas Tavern Guild. Proceeds from the Tavern Guild benefit shows pay for Pride III events including the parade in September, so help us out with your financial support.

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WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

An entirely new set of 8 workshops, called "Being Young, Adult, and Gay," will get underway on Wednesday, April 10th at 7 PM at the Oaklawn Counseling Center. Two-hour, self-contained sessions will run each Wednesday from April 10th through May 29th.

"Being Young, Adult, and Gay" is limited to 20 gay men and women enrollees between the ages of 18 and 29. Information is conveyed by learning exercises, sharing, and videotapes. Among topics covered are self-esteem, telling the truth about and to yourself, and making and keeping agreements as a way of success in life. Patterns of sexual relationships and false outlets and panaceas are explored. Relationships, including family, and the concept of unconditional love are unraveled. And participants get valuable insights on building a support network for happiness and success in the real world.

Michael L. Boothman, M.A., M.S. will present "Being Young, Adult, and Gay." Boothman is a licensed professional counselor on the staff of the Oaklawn Counseling Center. He has conducted over 20 workshops in the community and operates an extensive private practice.

The cost is only \$15 per session. For enrollment and details, phone the Oaklawn Community Center at 351-1502, ask for Curt Morrow or William B. Appleman, Executive Director. Or phone Michael Boothman at 631-5217. The Center is located at 5811 Nash Street.



BY PHIL JOHNSON

A gay tap troop of 16 colorful, costumed dancers will hold a garage sale at the Crossroads Market on Saturday and Sunday, April 13th and 14th. Please help this new organization find its place in

GOTTA TAP!

the sun by donating items to the sale, or you may wish to buy something. At any rate, come by and visit these good looking young men and women. If you would like to be on their mailing list, you may sign up at the garage sale.

The Dallas On Tap Premiere Performance will be held in conjunction with the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band in early May. Later in the season, these dancers plan to dance down the street during the Houston and Dallas Gay Pride Parades. Next year, they are determined to dance at the Gay Games '86 in San Francisco even if they have to flap ball change every step of the way.

Please help these people. After all, they are helping us.



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Little Feather Productions, Inc. presents in concert Canadian Folksinger Ferron on Friday, April 26th at 8 p.m.

at the First Unitarian Church in Dallas.

An accomplished singer and songwriter, Ferron has appeared at the New York Folk Festival and the Michigan Women's Music Festival. Her most recent American album "Shadows On A Dime" has received praise from Rolling Stone Magazine and The Boston Globe. Her evocative lyrics and sultry voice make her one of the most interesting folksingers to come out of the "Women's Music" circuit in quite a while.

Ferron's Dallas appearance is part of a nationwide tour with Dallas being her only stop in Texas. Opening for the Ferron concert is Ann McKinney, a local comedian and political satirist.

Tickets for the April 26th concert are \$14 for adults and \$7 for children 15 and under. They may be purchased at Crossroads Market and Paperbacks Plus, in Mesquite at Paperbacks Plus, and in Ft. Worth at Century Books. Tickets are also available at the door. For more information call 214/941-9303 or 398-6358.



Social Events Dept.

by Don Doggendorf

The Social Events Department has been

Circle and/or check which activities most interest you:

- ☐ Outdoors (backpacking, bicycling, canoeing, jogging, etc.)
- ☐ Travel (Grand Canyon, Spain, Colorado skiing, etc.)
- ☐ The Arts (Symphony, plays, museum, opera, concerts, etc.)
- ☐ Social (coffeehouse, rap groups, games, films, etc.)
- ☐ Sports (soccer, volleyball, bowling, etc.)

Other: _____

Suggestions: _____

☐ I prefer to participate and not be involved in planning.

☐ Please put me on your mailing list of upcoming events.

Thursday is not a good meeting time,

_____ is a better day.

☐ Please call me so I may help in the planning.

Name: _____

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Best time to call: _____

Address: _____

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Mail to or drop off at DGA, 3920 Cedar Springs, Dallas, TX 75219, Attn: Social Events Committee.

busy planning activities, thanks to the invaluable assistance of several volunteers. These are some of our upcoming events:

PICNIC IN THE PARK

This is a great way to meet new friends and relax with old friends. Bring a picnic lunch, a blanket and enjoy the sunshine. These picnics will be held the last Sunday of each month, beginning March 31st and continuing through September 29th. On Easter Sunday, April 7th we can enjoy the Dallas Symphony's Concert-In-The-Park.



Please join us at 1:00 pm at Lee Park on Turtle Creek at Hall Street. Rain dates will be each following Sunday.

GAY DAY AT SIX FLAGS

We have two planned so far this year, April 13th and June 22nd, both on Saturday. Watch for posters with the details.

FT. WORTH TRIP

On Saturday, May 18th we will sponsor a tour of the Museums and Botanical Gardens in Fort Worth finishing off the day with dinner and a tour of some of the bars.

COFFEE CLUB

Scheduled for Saturday evenings, 8-10pm in the large room of the Community Center, these will provide an alternative to the bars. A variety of events are planned, including game nights, and music.

So, please join us for any and/or all of these events, and do bring your friends.

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PRIDE III:85 EVENTS BEGIN JUNE 2nd

by Alan Ross

"Growing With Pride In '85" is the theme for this year's Gay Pride Week in Dallas, and the events continue to grow for our Pride I celebrations. All events will be announced in next month's issue of *Dialog*, and there will be a special "Calendar of Events" for you to refer to during the month. This month's calendar will have two fundraisers listed on May 19th and June 6th. These fundraisers are sponsored by the Dallas Tavern Guild and benefit the Pride III:85 events in June and September.

Although Gay Pride Week does not begin until June 23rd, events for Pride I will begin on June 2nd. Pride II will be August 17th and 18th. Pride III will be September 14th through 22nd, The Texas Freedom Festival, with the final event being the Texas Freedom Parade on September 22nd.

The Oak Lawn Counseling Center (OLCC) is sponsoring a benefit performance of "La Cage Aux Folles" on its final performance at the Dallas Summer Musicals on Sunday, June 2nd, at 8:15pm.

As this is a benefit for OLCC, ticket prices will be \$50, \$75, \$100, and \$200 for orchestra seating. Those purchasing the \$100 and \$200 tickets will also be invited to attend the cast party following "La Cage..." at Patrick's, 2629 Oak Lawn. For additional information, please contact the Counseling Center at 351-1502, or Patrick's Howard Okon or Johnny Lemons at 522-5481. This is an important benefit for one of our community's major organizations, and OLCC needs our support.

The 21.06 case will be re-argued to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans on Monday, June 17th. This time, the case will be heard by the full Court. Former DGA President, Don Baker, is in the midst of planning a couple of educational forums for the community to explain what is at stake this time around for all gays in Texas. All forums, including the June DGA Meeting on June 10th, and benefits will be listed as Pride I events since our "Texas Gay Pride" will be affected by

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CENTER USAGE SURVEYED

by Mike Richards

Since the Community Center opened in October 1983, it has gone from "What do we do with all this space?" to "Sorry, space is not available." The Community Center has become a visible and vibrant gay facility in Dallas.

To get a better feel for how many hours the Community Center is actually in use, all organizations, committees, and DGA departments are being asked to complete a usage survey during the month of May 1985. The survey forms will be available in the front office of the Community Center.

This information will be valuable in assessing the demand for the space and resources of the Community Center. Everyone's cooperation will be appreciated. For information contact me at 528-4233.



DGA'S 9th BIRTHDAY

At the May 13th meeting of the general membership, the DGA's ninth anniversary will be celebrated.

The other Bill Nelson, who also edits *Dialog*, will be the speaker on special legal issues for gay/lesbian lovers and for those with AIDS.

Come celebrate with the Alliance on May 13th!

ARE YOU OVER 26?

by Skipper Wilson

If you are interested in having a DGA special interest group for those of us over 26 years of age, stop one of the Directors and let them know this or leave a message about this for Tony Anthony at the DGA office. Rumor has it that many people are interested, so now is the time to come forward if you want to help get this group organized.

A STATEMENT FROM AIDS CONFERENCE

The following statement was issued from the International Community of Gay Men and Lesbians at the International Conference on AIDS, April 14-17, 1985:

"On April 15th, Secretary Margaret Heckler of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, made a distinction between those classified as being at risk for AIDS and the 'general public.' We point out that gay men, hemophiliacs, intravenous drug users, Haitians and people with AIDS are also among the general public, and failure to acknowledge this is a denial of our basic humanity."

"Secretary Heckler has stated on many

occasions, as she did again on April 15th, that AIDS is the nation's number one health priority; yet her department has requested fewer financial resources to deal with a growing and, indeed, overwhelming problem. In fact, the Reagan Administration is proposing to spend \$11.9 million LESS on AIDS in fiscal year 1986 in the face of an expected doubling of AIDS cases.

"Mrs. Heckler's description of the war against AIDS omitted the tremendous burden that the gay and lesbian tax-paying community has borne to make up for an inadequate federal response to education, social services, patient care, general health and prevention programs.

"We are particularly concerned that there is no recognition of the extensive efforts of the gay and lesbian community to prevent further spread of the disease. Nor is there recognition of the importance and dignity of human sexual relationships and the responsible expression of those relationships.

"If we are to win the war, Secretary Heckler has declared, her Department must make available resources to community organizations that have, for nearly four years, borne the greatest weight of informing, educating, and caring for at-risk populations.

"We commend the efforts of researchers and clinicians who have responded to this epidemic without adequate assistance from the Administration.

"We urge Secretary Heckler to act immediately to halt the further spread of AIDS by committing additional resources to education and prevention. We further urge the Administration to commit resources to patient services for those individuals already ill with AIDS and AIDS-related conditions."

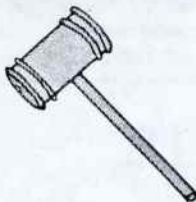


by Mike Richards

The Community Center needs a VCR and TV to be able to show health videos for Health Nights and other DGA educational functions.



THE GAVEL RAPS



by Bill Nelson, President of the
Dallas Gay Alliance

As discussed in my March column, this month marks the beginning of the DGA Town Hall meetings to discuss and solicit input about the activities and future plans of the alliance. All of the meetings will take place on Friday evenings at 7:30pm at the Gay Community Center at 3920 Cedar Springs. The public, members of the organization or not, is invited to attend and help with our planning for the future.

The topics for the Town Hall meetings will be:

- May 17 - DGA and City Hall
- May 24 - DGA and the Community Center
- May 31 - DGA and AIDS
- June 7 - DGA and the Police
- June 14 - DGA and Politics

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One of the spin-off advantages for me from the City Council campaign is that I find myself looking with curious interest at the "real" world outside our gay ghetto. Thanks to the recent political involvement, we now have a whole new network of friends and supporters that are part of the new District 2 coalition and beyond.

Part of that new-found outside interest took me to a workshop on fair housing sponsored by the Greater Dallas Community Relations Commission, a United Way agency. I thought that it was fairly significant for our community that I had been asked to lead the portion of the workshop which dealt with ways to influence people away from discriminatory practices. It was very gratifying to hear black and Hispanic leaders add gays easily to their spoken list of groups which are victims of housing discrimination. I am sure that, had there not been a gay presence at that meeting, the awareness level would not have been what I witnessed.

But, more than anything else, the meeting affected me in the same way that foreign travel is supposed to affect Americans—it makes you glad and appreciative for what you have at home. While I sat there in the midst of the dozens of funded and well-staffed agencies that

are organized to protect citizens from discrimination of various forms, I realized what a remarkable and special phenomenon the gay community is. With no government funding—local, state, or federal—we attempt to provide for the social needs of a significant portion of Dallas' population. Whether it's counseling; Safeplace; gay AA; the many, many services of the Alliance (medical, legal, and housing referrals; documentation of discrimination; social justice action; etc., etc., etc.); the peer support groups; AIDS action organizations; or any of the dozens of other organizations—we go it alone. We take care of our own.

Such social responsibility makes me very proud of my gay community. It also makes me very angry that we have to bear the burden without the support that other parts of the population receive (especially since they all receive our support)—but I prefer to dwell on the positive in this case. Our first of three gay pride weeks comes up next month. We deserve to have three—we deserve 52.

DGBC RAFFLE

by Samuel W. Scott

The Dallas Gay Black Coalition presents "The Future Lot," a raffle benefit for the Dallas Gay Alliance. We are here to support you the best we can, so please support us by donating \$1 per chance in this raffle. Who knows, you may win the male or female prize, and if not, you may win one of the other 23 prizes donated by your local merchants.

The drawing is on June 19th at 9pm at The Crib, 6844 Twin Hills, at our Juneteenth Dance. You do not have to be present to win. Ticket outlets: Crossroads Market, 3920 Cedar Springs; Oak Lawn Records, 3810 Congress, #121; Club Dallas, 2616 Swiss Avenue; and the Gay Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs.

GAY PARENTS CONFER

by Dan Acree, Director/Media Relations

Gene Santomaso, president of the 2,000-member Gay Fathers Coalition International (GFCI), based in Washington, DC, announced that newspaper advice columnist, Abigail Van Buren, has been named to receive GFCI's *Image in Media* award. Last year, television talk show host Phil Donahue received the award at a New York ceremony.

Writing her nationally-syndicated column for more than 1,000 newspapers around the world, "Dear Abby" reaches over 80 million readers daily. Many of her letter deal with gay-related subjects, and her accepting and informative answers have helped open the minds of the world to the issues of gay parenting.

From her Beverly Hills home, Ms. Van Buren said that she would accept the GFCI's *Image in Media* award in person during a dinner in her honor the opening day of the GFCI's 6th Annual World Conference May 31st in Los Angeles.

Held over a three-day weekend at the Marriott Hotel at Los Angeles International Airport, the conference is expected to attract about 600 gay men and women, educators and professionals. More than 30 workshops and panel discussions on the issues of gay parenting are planned.

A pre-registration package is available at no cost from the GFCI Conference Organizing Committee, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 109-346, Los Angeles, CA 90046. A 24-hour recorded information line, 213/871-1575, gives callers an opportunity to request Conference information by return mail.

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NEW HEAD OF FUND

by Ron Najman

Lance Ringel has been named Executive Director of the Fund for Human Dignity (FFHD). Ringel succeeds Virginia M. Apuzzo, who resigned as Executive Director of both the Fund for Human Dignity and the National Gay Task Force to assume a position in New York State government.

"I am so very pleased with Lance's appointment," said Apuzzo. "He has demonstrated over his past two years at the Fund extraordinary leadership and a keen sensitivity to the needs of the gay and lesbian community and a dedication to the Fund's mission of education." Apuzzo will continue to serve the Fund in whatever capacity is deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

by Phil Johnson

Coming events cast their shadows before them, and this viewer doesn't like what he sees. Those who have read *The Nazi Extermination of Homosexuals* unanimously agree that the radical religious right of America today is frighteningly similar to the Nazi Party of Germany half a century ago.

When the Reverend Jerry Falwell refers to the Metropolitan Community Church as a Satanic cult and states that the Angels in Heaven will rejoice when moral Americans stop it, when Dr. Paul Cameron tells the Houston City Council that AIDS is a "gay plague" and all homosexuals should be quarantined until a cure is found, and when the head of the Foundation for Traditional Values states

that within four years federal legislation will "take care of the homosexual problem," doesn't it call up visions of German concentration camps?

Today, those who have contributed nothing to the gay movement (but who nevertheless feel secure by the gains made by women and men who struggled for them) will accuse this writer of being unduly alarmed. God only knows I hope they are right: "Surely it can't happen here, not in America."

At the Gay Olympic Games of 1982, the rallying cry was: "We are too many; We are too rich; We are too strong." Even before the Games began, the organizers were sued for using the word "Olympics." Never mind that others are freely allowed to do so.

Recently, Houston's gay ordinances suffered resounding defeat, while many Houston gays didn't bother to vote. And Don Baker's 21.06 case is (once again) being appealed, and this time the decision may very well be reversed, once more making you and me criminals.

If they can close the baths in Atlanta and many in San Francisco, citing AIDS as an excuse, can they not also close every gay bar in America citing the same excuse? Indeed, there are those who state that they intend to do just that. (And let's not underestimate the financial and political clout of the radical religious right.) What next? Will they come for our churches and our gay organizations?

Major Ernest Roim, an open homosexual, headed the predominately gay Nazi SA (Storm Troops) which was instrumental in putting Hitler in power. German gay men and women felt just as secure as we today. After all, they had their gay bars, gay publications, gay baths, and the World Institute for Sexual Reform. Using the excuse that this archives and library were breeding ground for dirt and filth and housed books "un-German," our heritage was raided and burned.

Then came the Night of the Long Knives—June 29th, 1934. This was the night that initiated the Gay Holocaust. This was the night our predecessors who also shouted, "It can't happen here" were silenced. Eventually, eleven years would pass and up to one-half million gays would perish.



by Phil Johnson

"It is not enough to preserve the past - we must build the future." Thus DALLAS ON TAP, a company of smartly costumed, high-kicking, high-spirited dancers. Although predominately gay, they think of themselves as "people"—gay, straight, women, men, black, white, old, young.

Less than three months old, DALLAS ON TAP is comprised of a Performing Company of 12 and an Apprentice Company. In addition, classes are held for beginners. (For those wishing to join the company, auditions are held every Saturday at the Round-Up Saloon at 1pm.)

At a recent Preview Performance, an enthusiastic audience demanded and got a second show. Some of the compliments

paid were: "It's about time the gay community had something new in entertainment." "I went expecting something good. I got a helluva lot more." and "DALLAS ON TAP adds color to the community. We are proud of you."

Within the next few months, the company will perform in Ft. Worth, Houston, possibly Los Angeles, and certainly for the Dallas Gay Pride Parade and Rally in conjunction with the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band.

Currently, DALLAS ON TAP is seeking other engagements and would welcome being associated with a guild of social and financial merrymaking. As a member of the Greater Dallas Music Foundation, all donations made to this hard-working company of good-looking men and women are tax-deductible.

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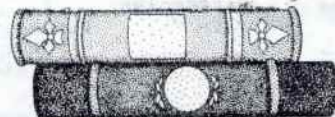
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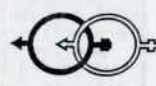
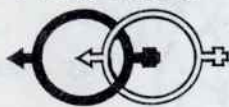
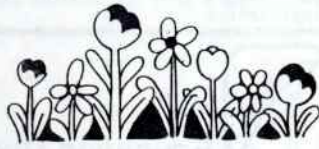
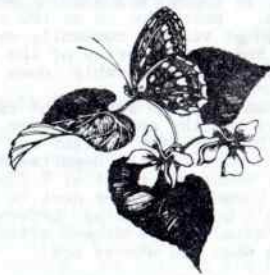
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Membership Dept.

by Davie Jones

In the past four weeks, the Membership Department has seen a resurgence in participation, productivity, and enthusiasm. The addition of several creative members has spurred the Department into aggressively planning events for the following months.

Events in March and April proved to be both fun and profitable. From sales of Tupperware and blooming hanging baskets, the Department brought in much needed revenue. The dinner and auction at Ojeda's helped raise over \$500 for the DGA's coffers. A special thanks go to those who attended as well as to those businesses and individuals who contributed to the event.

Contributors included Oak Lawn Records, Affordable Flowers, Half-Price Books, Union Jack, Dramatika, Community Bookstore, Jones Nursery & Landscape, Oak Lawn Hair Co., Oak Lawn Truck and Trailer, Crossroads Market, Pappy's Restaurant, Wilk and Flint Attorneys, Fitness Exchange, David Rodriguez Massage, Off the Street, Diamond Head Haircutters, and Century Bookstore. Next time you visit one of these business establishments, say thanks for their support of the Alliance.

Congratulations are in order to Neal Thomas who won the all-expense-paid trip to New Orleans in the Getaway with DGA new membership contest. Overall, sixteen new members were signed up during the two-month period. Tom Dunnahoo, the new member Neal enrolled, will be enjoying the Crescent City later this summer, thanks to the DGA.

Looking ahead in May, the Membership Department is sponsoring a major membership drive. Watch for us on the street corners and at various community events. Remember, the vast majority of the DGA's income is from membership dues and renewals.

As you can see, the Department is currently very healthy and productive. Why not skip "Dynasty" for a night and come meet the members of the Department. We meet every Wednesday night at 7:30pm at the Gay Community Center next to Union Jack. Don't bother eating before you come. We usually have dinner afterwards to discuss what and who is hot!

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Civic Affairs Dept.

by Rick Stubbs

The DGPC's 1985 municipal election campaign has ended with a great victory for our endorsed runoff candidate Lori Palmer. Though our best candidate did not make the runoff, we can all be proud of what Bill Nelson and his campaign have accomplished. We can be certain, also, that his subsequent endorsement of Lori Palmer and that of the DGPC were critical to Palmer's success.

As the PAC Steering Committee, the Civic Affairs Department has a fine campaign record identifying and turning out the gay vote for candidates endorsed by the DGPC. We did it again, but with far fewer volunteers. So special thanks go to Peter and Al, Jack and Doug, John and Stan, and Dale and David.

I urge everyone to attend the City Council Inauguration on May 6th.

The committee is now planning a big fundraiser for Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates (LGRA). We will be doing voter registration at various times throughout the summer and fall. We also will be working on ways to publicize the efforts of LGRA and to inform our community about legislation important to gay issues that is pending in the State legislature.



Education Dept.

by Bob Roberts

The Education Department has completed its 1984 survey of the Community Center which will be available soon in printed form.

What needs are fulfilled by the Community Center? Over 40% of the telephone calls and walk-ins are asking about the DGA and other gay community organizations. Surprisingly, only 5% of our calls are for bar information, and half of those calls are for women's bars. Calls for and about political endorsements and voter information account for 11% of our calls. The remainder of our calls are evenly broken up between legal referrals, medical referrals, housing and roommate information, employment referrals, and Gay Pride III activities.

In 1984 the Community Center received over 100 calls on discrimination. Employment, housing, and police harassment together account for half of the discrimination cases which are turned over to the Social Justice Department. Sadly, the Social Justice Department can respond only to those cases that leave a name and phone number. Only 10% of those calling felt secure enough to leave this information.

On a more positive note, the tenth anniversary of the Dallas Gay Alliance is coming in 1986. Try to remember one special event during that ten years and write it up. Send it to the Education Department so we can include it in a history series on the DGA. Make it as personal as possible. We also need suggestions on how we should celebrate our tenth anniversary.

The Speakers Bureau is recruiting speakers. On May 21st at 7:30pm, the Speakers Bureau will hold a mini-training session at the Community Center. All applicants will be required to go through a training session before being considered for speaking engagements.

The Education Department meets on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm. People are needed to do research and interviews for upcoming projects.



Communications Dept.

by Skipper Wilson

Well, gang, here we are again. I am happy to report that the communications department is now 6-person strong and growing. Bob and Leonard, thanks for joining the crew.

Now down to business. The Community Center and Communications Department brochures are on their way for Board approval. We still have two more brochures to do. The next version of the DGA's recent history of gay rights is in production now.

Now for the unofficial gossip. A yet unapproved DGA bake sale will have taken place on Saturday, May 4th, from 11a.m. until "2". We hope you came by and enjoyed the eats. A special thanks to all those who contributed time and cookies.

Hope you will show up to discuss future programs for the general membership meetings. This is the department to blame for the boring programs, so come help pep them up.



Gay Academic Union-

North Texas

The Gay Academic Union of North Texas (GAUNT) will sponsor a production of "Cotillion," a new play by local Sid Clark during June's Gay Pride Week in Dallas.

The performances will be held in the lower auditorium of the Hall of State at 8:05pm on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 21-23, 1985. A Sunday matinee will be held at 3:05pm.

Production, House Management, and Publicity Committees have been formed, but volunteers are needed.

The June 2nd meeting of GAUNT will sponsor a panel discussion on gays as parents and the relationships between parents and gay children. Call 821-5833 for location.



LGRA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

by Shelia Cheaney, Lobbyist/Attorney

HB 867 by Bill Ceverha, Republican-Richardson, which prohibits the Attorney General from entering into an out-of-court settlement on behalf of the state in any litigation pending in federal court if the settlement would result in the Attorney General's concession that:

1. A state statute is unconstitutional under state or federal law; or
 2. A state constitutional provision is unconstitutional under federal law,
- has been assigned to the following subcommittee in the House State Affairs Committee: Chair, Patricia Hill, R-Dallas; Ray Keller, R-Duncanville; and Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont. This bill is a result of the *Baker v. Wade* appeal.

SB 680 by Senator Krier, R-San Antonio, and HB 1102 by Representative Armbrister, D-Victoria, prohibiting a blood collection center from purchasing blood derivatives from a person who has certain communicable diseases, will not be set for hearing this session. LGRA opposed the bill because of a lack of confidentiality requirements pertaining to the list of "carrier donors."

Representative Bill Ceverha moved to "0" budget the Texas Commission for the Deaf because one of their newsletters, *The Guide Post*, contained a notice of a

Deaf Women's Conference in California where one of the 22 workshops was for gay women. Keep trying, Bill—

House State Affairs Committee heard the omnibus abortion bill, HB 486 by Kubiak, D-Rockdale, on March 15th. The bill is an attack on the constitutional right to privacy and the right to choose an abortion. It is designed to harass doctors, clinic personnel, and their patients. Also heard were HBs 1290 through 1299 by Clemons, D-Lufkin. These ten bills are a rewrite of the Kubiak bill, broken down into ten different bills.

The bills were referred to a yet unnamed subcommittee. Please express your opposition to these bills to the members of the State Affairs Committee: Pete Laney, Chairman; Patricia Hill, Vice Chair; Mark Stiles; David Cain; John Gavin; Smith Gilley; Lena Guerrero; Ray Keller; Bill Messer; Nick Perez; Randall Riley; Richard Smith; and Gary Thompson. The address is Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769. Also, please send a letter of opposition to Gib Lewis, Speaker, Texas House of Representatives, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769. The companion Senate bill to HB 486 is SB 129 by Sharp/McFarland. No hearing has been scheduled on this bill. No action is needed at this time.

JOIN WOMEN TOGETHER

by Tony Anthony

Thirty-two women and I met on Wednesday, April 24th, at the Community Center at the first organizational meeting of WOMEN TOGETHER. This is largely Susan Melnick's brainchild, as she is this support group's catalyst.

WOMEN TOGETHER has been conceived as an organization to help meet the social and intellectual needs of women in the community. As it is just being formed, the group can become whatever its members create. Committees for membership, programs, fundraising, advertising and publicity, and social events have been proposed.

Please join the group when WOMEN TOGETHER meets at the Community Center on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm.



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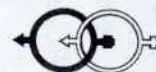
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the decision of the Court. Complete information on these forums and benefits will be in the June issue of *Dialog* but also watch for announcements in the gay media.

To date, the Dallas Gay Alliance has given notice of two events during Gay Pride Week. There will be "Gay Day at Six Flags" on Saturday, June 22nd, and there will be a special showing of the film, "The Times of Harvey Milk," followed by a champagne reception on Wednesday, June 26th, at the Downtown Public Library. As a benefit for the Alliance, this will be an excellent time to see this film which recently won an Academy Award for Best Full-Length Documentary.

Please support your community by planning to attend these events in celebration of your gay pride.

COMMENT:



by Randall M. J. Valentin

Gay and Lesbian Young Adults (GLYA) is the most exciting thing to happen for gay youth in Dallas since my arrival in Oak Lawn.

I've made so many new friends, and I've had the best times that I can remember with this group. For instance, most recently, our trip to Six Flags for Gay Day was pulled off by 40 of our more out-going members. We took the park by storm and had an extremely (to say the least) eventful day. Also we have already had two sports days this spring.

But there is a lot more to GLYA than just numerous social activities. Each week we meet to discuss topics and events we feel are important and that affect us. If you want to establish solid friendship in a positive social environment, join the new generation.

PBS PROFILES OLDER GAYS ON MAY 10th

by Harry Forbes

During the past two decades, record numbers of gays and lesbians have "come out of the closet," publicly acknowledging their sexual preferences. While this predominantly youthful gay community has achieved considerable visibility, there remains a large group of elderly homosexuals in America who have lived their lives as "silent pioneers," quietly paving the way for a younger, more vocal, generation.

The elder homosexuals represent a cross-section of regional, ethnic, racial and professional backgrounds. They live in small towns and urban and rural communities across America.

Through intimate profiles of eight men and women, "Silent Pioneers," airing Friday, May 10th, from 10:30-11pm over PBS stations, profiles a male couple who have been together for 54 years, an 84-year-old former monk-turned-rancher who made peace with being Catholic and gay, a black great-grandmother who openly shares her lesbianism with her family, a feisty ex-waitress from Chicago who first connected with other lesbians only after her lover of 58 years died in 1978, and members of the New York organization SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment).

While some gay elders have "come out," most have lived in an underground sub-

culture. In moving testaments, the men and women in the film share the pain of self-discovery and the liberating joy of coming to terms with their sexual preference.

There has long been the misconception that homosexuals are somehow "different." In fact, they share the same concerns as people everywhere. The film tells their story of life and love, of struggle and silence, and of the emergence from adversity.

"Silent Pioneers" depicts the quiet heroism of men and women who lived through an era when homosexuality was not tolerated at all. The generation portrayed in the film has battled constantly for self-esteem and survival in a "straight world."

"Silent Pioneers" was produced by Pioneer Productions. Producer: Patricia Giniger Snyder; Director: Lucy Winer; Executive Producer: Harvey Marks; Director of Photography: Paula deKoenigsberg.

Major funding for this production was provided by the New York Council for the Humanities, the New York State Council for the Arts, the Chicago Resource Center, private individuals and foundations.

"Silent Pioneers" is distributed to public television stations by the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

AA'S TOGETHER GROUP

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The Together Group of Alcoholics Anonymous invites you to attend their meetings on Wednesdays at 8pm at 321 North Zang Boulevard, which is at the corner of West Eighth Street and Zang in Oak Cliff.

The Together Group's meetings are "an opportunity to share our experience, strength and hope on a special level as Lesbians and Gay Men."

Call 943-0069 Wednesdays and Fridays after 7:45pm, or 327-0285 and 941-0492 anytime.

DGA'S PINK CRISCO PARTY!

by Davie Jones

If you thought Tupperware and polyester were fun, wait until you hear what the Dallas Gay Alliance has planned later in May. We are talking about a Mary Kay Party complete with a free facial for all who participate.

Did you know that Mary Kay Cosmetics is the world's largest-selling cosmetic line? And, did you know that Mary Kay has a complete men's line as well? Well, if you answered "no" or "yes" to either of these questions, then we suggest you check out the Mary Kay Party on Saturday, May 18th, at 3pm in the Gay Community Center.

Barbara Gearhart, a Mary Kay sales rep. from Garland will be presenting the Mary Kay Cosmetic line for men. A percentage of the total sales will benefit the Dallas Gay Alliance.

So, put on your favorite pink summer outfit and join us for an afternoon of fun.



Social Events Dept.

by Don Daggendorf

The Social Events Department has been busy planning activities, thanks to the invaluable assistance of several volunteers. These are some of our upcoming events:

PICNIC IN THE PARK

This is a great way to meet new friends and relax with old friends. Bring a picnic lunch, a blanket and enjoy the sunshine. These picnics will be held the last Sunday of each month, through September 29th.

JUNE GAY DAY AT SIX FLAGS

The weather was far from ideal for our April Gay Day, so we are planning another for Saturday, June 22nd. We plan on renting a bus that will leave from the Crossroads area, and we estimate the cost of the round trip bus ride to be about \$10. Invitations to Gay Day at Six Flags will be sent to gay organizations in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Fort Worth, and other cities. As this is the beginning of Pride I Week, a large turnout is expected.

COFFEE CLUB

Scheduled for Saturday evenings, 8-10pm in the large room of the Community Center, these will provide an alternative to the bars. A variety of events are planned, including game nights, and music.

So, please join us for any and/or all of these events, and do bring your friends.

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(This form is merely to register an indication of interest.)

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- ___ Outdoors (backpacking, bicycling, canoeing, jogging, etc.)
- ___ Travel (Grand Canyon, Spain, Colorado skiing, etc.)
- ___ The Arts (Symphony, plays, museum, opera, concerts, etc.)
- ___ Social (coffeehouse, rap groups, games, films, etc.)
- ___ Sports (soccer, volleyball, bowling, etc.)

Other: _____

Suggestions: _____

___ I prefer to participate and not be involved in planning.

___ Please put me on your mailing list of upcoming events.

Thursday is not a good meeting time,

_____ is a better day.

___ Please call me so I may help in the planning.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

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Mail to or drop off at DGA, 3920 Cedar Springs, Dallas, TX 75219, Attn: Social Events Committee.



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PRIDE III:85 EVENTS BEGIN JUNE 2nd

by Alan Ross

The Pride III:85 Steering Committee has released the scheduled events for Dallas' Pride I celebration of Gay Pride Week. Although National Gay Pride Week officially begins on Sunday, June 23rd, and ends the following Sunday, June 30th, many organizations in the community have requested that their events be included on the Pride I calendar. In this issue of *Dialog*, the special "Calendar of Events" reflects the growth of our pride in the Dallas gay community with 24 events planned in June in celebration of Gay Pride Week.

"Growing With Pride In '85" was the theme selected for Gay Pride Week in Dallas by the Pride III:85 committee, which is proving to be very appropriate this year. Beside the many planned activities, representation from the community on the Pride III:85 Steering Committee has grown by 10 persons over last year's committee. This year 22 organizations and 10 businesses are represented, as well as 8 interested individuals from the community, all working together to coordinate and to promote the Pride I events so all gay people in the Dallas area can celebrate their pride through community-wide

social and educational activities leading up to and during Gay Pride Week.

Fundraising for the promotion of the Pride III:85 events and to pay for the expenses of the Texas Freedom Festival in September is through the two-year old Dallas Tavern Guild, a non-profit organization of all the gay clubs in Dallas. The goals of the Tavern Guild are:

- 1.) greater community participation in the celebration of our gay pride through the funding of Pride III:85, and
- 2.) contributions to the AIDS Project of the Oak Lawn Counseling Center.

There are three major fundraisers in June, sponsored by the Tavern Guild, and their members as well as members of the Pride III:85 Steering Committee hope that many of you will plan to help benefit your community by attending these events.

There are three events on the schedule, not included in the 24 events mentioned above, that are on the calendar because they do affect our gay pride. On Monday, June 17th, the 21.06 case will be reheard by all the justices on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The date is on the calendar, not as a "gay pride event," but as a notice and a

reminder of our continuing battle for our human rights. The Dallas Gay Alliance will be hosting a Community Forum at the June general membership meeting on Monday, June 10th, to explain why the case went back to the court and what is in the future for all gay people in Texas. On Sunday evening, June 16th, the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will be having a prayer vigil at the church to pray for our freedom. At this time, plans are also being made by the regional MCC to have prayer vigils in New Orleans during the week of the re-hearing.

How will this affect Dallas' Texas Freedom Parade on September 22nd? Of course, it is too early to tell, but we will have a Gay Pride Parade, no matter if we have to make a name change. Last year, and just two days before the Texas Freedom Parade, a panel of three justices on the Fifth Circuit upheld Judge Jerry Buckmeyer's decision in *Baker v. Wade*. Let us pray the full Court will also uphold that historic August 17th decision.

But for now, enjoy the many activities that have been planned for you during

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COME TO THE JUNE 10th MEETING

by Skipper Wilson

The June 10th membership meeting have three parts. First, there will be an informative discussion on Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, the *Baker v. Wade* lawsuit, and what will be happening in New Orleans at the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on June 17th.

ARE YOU OVER 26?

by Tony Anthony

For those of you who are over 26 years of age, there will be an organizational meeting at 7pm on June 11th in the Community Center. This new social organization will pick up where the Gay & Lesbian Young Adults group leaves off. Plan to attend this organizational meeting on June 11th.

On this date the entire United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals will rehear the 21.06 case. The outcome of this hearing will have a dramatic effect on the lives of lesbians and gay men in Texas and all over this country.

As you may know, in 1982 U.S. District Judge Jerry Buckmeyer ruled Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code unconstitutional. This historic decision was the first time that a federal court vigorously attacked a state law that singled out gay people for unconstitutional purposes. This law had made homosexual people criminals by virtue of their sexual orientation. The decision to declare it unconstitutional was a landmark in the cause for gay rights in America.

Many gay people thought the 21.06 matter was settled in September 1984 after a three-judge appeals panel let Judge Buckmeyer's decision stand on jurisdictional grounds. Unfortunately, the entire Fifth Circuit has since indicated that it wanted to hear the case, and hence the rehearing. This sobering turn of events means all aspects of the favorable Buckmeyer

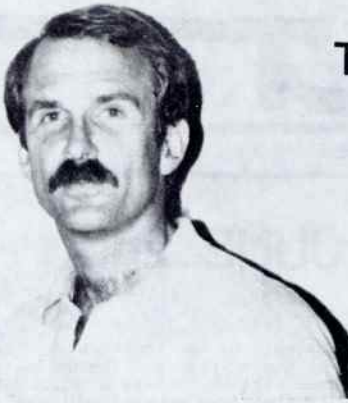
opinion in *Baker v. Wade* are before the justices. They may 1.) agree with the three-judge panel and decide that Potter County District Attorney Danny Hill may not appeal without the active support of the Texas Attorney General and thus uphold Judge Buckmeyer's decision without ruling on the issues raised and decided at the 1981 trial in Dallas or 2.) overrule the three-judge panel and decide the appeal on the merits, meaning that one of the following may occur:

A.) The ruling that Section 21.06 is unconstitutional will be upheld by the Fifth Circuit, and the decision's legal importance will be amplified;

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THE GAVEL RAPS



by Bill Nelson, President of the
Dallas Gay Alliance

The following article was reprinted from the April 26, 1985, edition of *The Dallas Voice*:

I have had the honor and privilege of campaigning with Lori Palmer for the past three months in the Dallas City Council race. We have had frequent occasions to discuss issues of interest to the gay community and I feel that I speak with some authority regarding her attitudes and plans for us in the future. We, as a community, are extremely lucky to have Ms. Palmer in her influential position because she is not only a sensitive and open-minded person, but also has many gay friends and acquaintances who have kept her up-to-date on the issues relating to our lifestyle.

One thing that is extremely important to remember is that Lori Palmer survived her campaign—integrity intact. The gay issue was not a closeted one in District 2. Ms. Palmer stated her position on gay rights clearly (in part because of her personal beliefs and in part, I like to think, because there was an assertive gay candidate also in the race), faced the malicious attacks on those positions, and emerged with a significant vote margin of victory. Such a trial by fire undoubtedly produced a stronger representative, tempered by the flames of controversy.

For gay people, the most important evolution during the City Council campaign can be seen in the difference between the two appearances Ms. Palmer made before the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, the political action committee of the Dallas Gay Alliance. Her first appearance was an elaboration on the "I came to Texas as a VISTA volunteer" theme, a defense of why she did not feel that a city ordinance was an appropriate solution to the problems of the gay community, and a broad statement denouncing discrimination in any form. After several months of campaigning and a few heart-to-hearts with gay leaders, a much more specific and at-ease Lori Palmer made her second presentation (to the Dallas Gay Political Caucus) just prior to the run-off. In that speech, she clarified in precise terms that she intended to be an *advocate* for our concerns, that she would initiate action on behalf of our community, and that she would speak out assertively when we are attacked verbally either by the public or by other members of the Council.

Another interesting concept that emerged during Ms. Palmer's campaign was

her declaration that she will establish a "kitchen cabinet" to be made up of advisors from all of the various special interest groups in District 2. Considering the make-up of District 2, that "cabinet" may be so large that it may need to meet in Reunion Arena—but Lori Palmer has a history of working with community groups in a consensus building manner and those skills will no doubt be useful in administering her new constituency. In any case, you may rest assured that the gay community will play a prominent role in the future of this district's policy.

Ms. Palmer has also made her position clear on an anti-discrimination ordinance. She has stated that she opposes the introduction of such an ordinance at this time because she feels sure that it would not achieve its desired result and that it would be a divisive and destructive force in the community as a whole. But, when pressed, Ms. Palmer assured us that such a position on the ordinance did not mean that she is abdicating all responsibility for working against the discrimination directed towards gay people in this city. She has stated that she will pull together a broadbased coalition of groups, gay and non-gay, to work on these problems. She feels that an educational effort of significant proportions must precede any legislation. She has said that the initiative for dealing with discrimination should come from the city and the proof of non-discrimination should be the burden of the city and not the aggrieved parties. The future should hold an interesting confrontation on that issue when she addresses the stated "no-hire" policy of the police and fire departments.

Ms. Palmer's election has an extremely important political implication for the gay community which may prove to be of even greater importance than the policies she can institute while in office. Ms. Palmer was supportive of gay rights throughout her campaign. Her opponent called attention to her support of those issues in public forums and through extensive mailings. She was even gay-baited—that is, her position was highlighted and distorted among people who were unlikely to approve of her views. And—and this is extremely important—she was elected by a large margin. The message: anti-gay rhetoric, written or spoken is not a valid political technique in this part of Dallas.

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PICNIC & DANCE

by Samuel W. Scott

The Dallas Gay Black Coalition presents "Juneteenth Celebration" (Picnic & Dance). On Saturday, June 15th, there will be a picnic in Lee Park at Turtle Creek and Hall (south of Turtle Creek and west of Hall) at Noon and will last as long as the sunshines. All food and refreshments will be provided with a donation of \$4 per person. There will be softball, volleyball and other games for your entertainment.

On June 19th (Wednesday) at 8pm at The Crib, 6844 Twin Hills, there will be a Juneteenth Dance, with a one-hour show and the drawing of the Future Lot Raffle. The show begins at 8:30pm. During the 15-minute intermission, the Future Lot Raffle Drawing will be done. The Dance will begin around 10pm. The ticket price will be \$6 per person, which includes the Juneteenth picnic. Come out and enjoy yourself during our events.

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PRIDE I CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES at Fair Park Music Hall, 8:15pm. Sponsored by and a benefit for the Oak Lawn Counseling Center. Tickets: \$200, \$100, \$75, & \$50 at OLCC, 5811 Nash, or call 351-1502.

JUNE 6

BARTENDER'S DRAG SHOW at Tex's Ranch, 10:30pm. A Dallas Tavern Guild Benefit for Pride III:85 Events and OLCC/AIDS Project.

JUNE 9

SERVICE UNDER THE STARS at Lee Park, 5:30pm picnic/7:15pm service. Sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church.

JUNE 10

COMMUNITY FORUM/DGA MEMBERSHIP MEETING at MCC, 7:30pm. "The Future of 21.06 and Gay Pride"

JUNE 14

NORMAN, IS THAT YOU? at Gay Community Center, 8pm. Presented by You & Me Productions. Benefits DGA and Pride III:85. Tickets: \$8 at Crossroads Market, 521-8919.

JUNE 15

PICNIC IN LEE PARK, Noon. Sponsored by Dallas Gay Black Coalition; benefits DGA. Call 528-4233 for information.

NORMAN, IS THAT YOU? at Gay Community Center, 8pm. Presented by You & Me Productions. Benefits DGA and Pride III:85. Tickets: \$7 at Crossroads Market, 521-8919.

JUNE 16

21.06 VIGIL: "PRAY FOR OUR FREEDOM" at Metropolitan Community Church, 7:15pm.

NORMAN, IS THAT YOU? at Gay Community Center, 8pm. Presented by You & Me Productions. Benefits DGA and Pride III:85. Tickets: \$7 at Crossroads Market, 521-8919.

JUNE 17

21.06 GOES TO TRIAL at Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

JUNE 19

SAY AMEN SOMEBODY film at MCC, 7:15pm. Juneteenth Celebration with guest, The Reverend Delores Barry.

JUNE 20

MS. DALLAS TAVERN GUILD CONTEST at The Unicorn, 10:30pm. Dallas Tavern Guild benefit for Pride III:85 & OLCC/AIDS Project.

JUNE 21

WOMEN'S POTLUCK SUPPER sponsored by DGA's Women Together. Call 528-4233 for information.

NORMAN, IS THAT YOU? at Gay Community Center, 8pm. Presented by You & Me Productions. Benefits DGA and Pride III:85. Tickets: \$7 at Crossroads Market, 521-8919.

COTILLION at Fair Park Hall of State lower Auditorium, 8:05pm. Presented by Gay Academic Union of North Texas. Tickets: \$5, \$4, \$3 at Crossroads Market, 521-8919.

JUNE 22

GAY DAY AT SIX FLAGS, call 528-4233 or 521-8919 for information. Sponsored by DGA.

JUDY SMALL IN CONCERT at 1st Unitarian Church, 8pm. Dance following concert. Presented by Little Feather Productions. Tickets: \$12 at Crossroads Market and Paperbacks Plus, or call 941-9303.

NORMAN, IS THAT YOU? at Gay Community Center, 8pm. Presented by You & Me Productions. Benefits DGA and Pride III:85. Tickets: \$7 at Crossroads Market, 521-8919.

COTILLION at Fair Park Hall of State lower Auditorium, 8:05pm. Presented by Gay Academic Union of North Texas. Tickets: \$5, \$4, \$3 at Crossroads Market, 521-8919.

JUNE 23

NATIONAL GAY PRIDE WEEK BEGINS
WORSHIP SERVICES at Metropolitan Community Church, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 7:15pm.

1st ANNUAL OFFICIAL OAK LAWN QUICHE-OFF at the Gay Community Center, 1pm. Sponsored by & benefit for DGA.

NORMAN, IS THAT YOU? at Gay Community Center, 8pm. Presented by You & Me Productions. Benefits DGA and Pride III:85. Tickets: \$7 at Crossroads Market, 521-8919.

COTILLION at Fair Park Hall of State lower Auditorium, 3:05pm and 8:05pm. Presented by Gay Academic Union of North Texas. Tickets: \$5, \$4, \$3 at Crossroads Market, 521-8919.

JUNE 24

OLSB 5th BIRTHDAY PARTY/RAFFLE DRAWING at 4211 Cedar Springs, 7pm. Benefit for the Greater Dallas Music Foundation/Oak Lawn Symphonic Band. Raffle Tickets: \$100, through OLSB members, or call 960-1927.

NORMAN, IS THAT YOU? at Gay Community Center, 8pm. Presented by You & Me Productions. Benefits DGA and Pride III:85. Tickets: \$7 at Crossroads Market, 521-8919.

JUNE 25

NORMAN, IS THAT YOU? at Gay Community Center, 8pm. Presented by You & Me Productions. Benefits DGA and Pride III:85. Tickets: \$7 at Crossroads Market, 521-8919.

SILENT PARTNERS film on KERA-TV 13, 9:30pm. PBS profile of elderly gays, rescheduled by Channel 13 for Gay Pride Week.

JUNE 26

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HARVEY MILK film at Downtown Public Library. Call 528-4233 for information. Champagne reception. Sponsored by and Benefit for DGA.

JUNE 27

STONEWALL DAY OBSERVANCE at 4001 Parking Lot, 9pm. Sponsored by DGA and Caven Enterprises. Entertainment and Candlelight Observance of 16th Anniversary of Stonewall.

LIVE VARIETY SHOW at the Round-up Saloon, 10pm. A Dallas Tavern Guild Benefit for Pride III:85 and OLCC/AIDS Project.

JUNE 28

TEXAS COUNTDOWN Concert at the Majestic Theatre, 8:15pm. Presented by the Turtle Creek Chorale.

JUNE 29

RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS at the Dallas Convention Center, West Lobby, 9pm. Disco, Casino, Cabaret, Bazaar, Food and Beer. Tickets: \$20 before June 23rd; \$25 after June 23rd at area merchants.

JUNE 30

GAY PRIDE SPORTS DAY at Griggs Field, sponsored by the Oak Lawn Softball Association.

HOUSTON GAY PRIDE PARADE, 5:30pm. Gay Pride Rally/Fireworks at Spotts Park following Parade.

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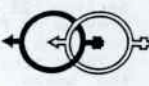
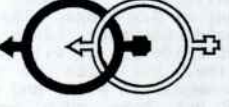
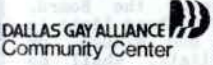
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Unless otherwise listed here, all meetings are at the GAY COMMUNITY CENTER, 3920 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, TX 75219.

2 DALLAS GAY BLACK COALITION, 4pm. every Sunday. "To meet the needs and bring forth the voice of the gay black community." GAY ACADEMIC UNION OF NORTH TEXAS 1st Sunday each month - 4:00. Call 821-5833 for location. PROGRAM: Gay Parents HAVURRAH: GAY & LESBIAN JEWS OF THE METROPLEX. 1st Sunday of each month at 7pm.	3 Board Meeting 7:30	4 Civic Affairs Dept.: Political Action Com. 7:30 Education Dept. 7:30	5 Members Communication Education WOMEN TOGETHER, Program and S HEALTH NIGHT - PROGRAM: Sa TOGETHER GROUP ANONYMOUS, 8p Wednesday, 3 at West 8th S 327-0285/9410
9 AFFIRMATION (Methodist) Call 948-1546 or 528-4913 for info. HISPANIC COALITION - 2pm. Call 827-9995 for location.	10 DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE  General Meeting 7:30 - MCC - 2701 Reagan PROGRAM: 21.06's new court date and Pride I activities	11 Civic Affairs Dept.: Political Action Com. 7:30 OAK LAWN SYMPHONIC BAND MCC - Every Tuesday - 7-9 PM Musicians Needed - Call 960-1927. DALLAS AREA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS - 7:30 1st Unitarian Church DIGNITY - 7:30 - Call 942-9321 Meets every other Tuesday. THOSE OVER 26, 7pm. Organizational Meeting.	12 Communication METROPLEX REPUB WOMEN TOGETHER, TOPIC: Lesbi Membership MORMON AFFIRMAT Wednesdays ea Health De
16 FRONT RUNNER DALLAS - 2 mile run meet every Sunday at Winfrey Point, White Rock Lake - 7 AM HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 4402 Rosedale - Service 11 AM - 827-5088 METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH 2701 Reagan Services: 10:30 AM, 12:30 & 7:15 PM	17 Board Meeting 7:30 DIALOG Deadline	18 Civic Affairs Dept.: Political Action Com. 7:30	19 Communication WOMEN TOGETHER, Program and S Membership LESBIAN RIGHTS 1st & 3rd Wedne HEALTH NIGHT - PROGRAM: S D:
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DGA'S PRIDE I EVENTS

by Tony Anthony

The Dallas Gay Alliance is sponsoring several events in the weeks leading up to and through National Gay Pride Week, known locally as Pride I. On June 10th, the DGA general membership meeting's program concerns the 21.06 appellate rehearing in the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and a preview of upcoming Pride I events.

Beginning on June 14th and for two weeks at the Community Center, You & Me Productions presents a production of the play, "Norman, Is That You?" Opening night tickets are \$8; all other performances are \$7. Ending the first week of events, the Dallas Black Gay Coalition is sponsoring a Picnic in Lee Park on Saturday, June 15th.

Wednesday, June 19th, the Dallas Gay Black Coalition hosts a Juneteenth celebration and raffle at The Crib at 9pm. Women Together is holding a pot-luck supper on Friday, June 21st. Call the Community Center for more information.

And, ending the week of June 22nd, the Alliance sponsors another Gay Day at Six Flags. We hope to see all of you there. See the Social Events article on Page 6 of this *Dialog*.

The First Annual Official Oak Lawn Quiche-Off starts Gay Pride Week at the Community Center on Sunday, June 23rd at 1pm. Then on Wednesday, June 26th, the 1985 Academy Award-winning documentary *The Life and Times of Harvey Milk* will be shown at the Downtown Dallas Public Library followed by a champagne reception. In honor of the 16th anniversary of Stonewall, the DGA and Caven Enterprises host a candlelight observance at 9pm in the 4001 parking lot.

The Dallas Gay Alliance hopes you can make all of the many varied events during the weeks leading up to and through Gay Pride Week 1985. As always, if you need more information about an event, stop by the Community Center or call at 528-4233.

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Reprinted from the February 18, 1985, issue of Casper, Wyoming's *Star-Tribune*.

People for the American Way, a liberal lobbying group, charged in February that many high school biology textbooks have evolved into watered-down tomes as publishers cave in to pressure from fundamentalists.

The group released a 128-page report, "A Consumer's Guide to Biology Textbooks" culled largely from testimony and research on books that publishers submitted to the Texas State Board of Education for approval last summer.

Wayne Moyer, former executive director of the National Association of Biology Teachers and co-author of the report, charged that, "The quality of biology textbooks has declined drastically since the late 1960s. ... In recent years, publishers have given in to pressure from ultra-fundamentalists and watered down references to evolution and other scientific theories."

People for the American Way was created by television producer Norman Lear to fight censorship and serve as a counterpoint to conservative lobbies such as the Moral Majority.

Texas is one of 23 states with a statewide textbook adoption system. Local districts can use only those books approved by the Texas Board of Education. Texas accounts for 7 percent of all textbook purchases, but its decisions are said to have an even wider impact on the way books are written.

People for the American Way has sought to rebut criticisms that Mel and Norma Gabler, the conservative textbook critics and advocates of creationism, have leveled against textbooks.

Anthony Podesta, president of *People for the American Way*, said his group would publish a similar critique next year of history textbooks "and in future years on other subject areas."

"Our goal ... is to help create a permanent market for sound textbooks that convey our cultural heritage to our children and teach them the intellectual skills needed to continue building the American dream," he said.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

The following was proposed as an amendment to the Dallas Gay Alliance Bylaws at the May general membership meeting:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS
7.11 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER. The Board of Directors shall set specific uses for the names and addresses of the membership, as well as any other names and addresses held by the organization, and that such uses must be approved in advance by the Board. Any unauthorized use of these lists is strictly prohibited and misuse or abuse of these lists, shall be considered as "cause" under Section 2.05. The responsibility of the confidentiality of the membership shall rest with the secretary of the organization. The procedure for reinstatement of member(s) expelled shall be governed by Section 2.07.

This proposed amendment will be discussed and voted on at the June general membership meeting.



Communications Dept.

by Skipper Wilson

It is a beautiful cool afternoon sitting in front of the DGA office at the Communications Department's Bake Sale. The best thing about this bake sale is the money we raised and the people we met. Ask Frank about his new friend from Ohio.

We need your help planning next month's general meeting. It will be on Section 21.06's new court date and a preview of Pride I activities for the next week.

There are a lot more fun projects in the works, so join us Wednesday nights at 7:30.



Social Events Dept.

by Don Doggendorf

For the second time this year, the Dallas Gay Alliance is sponsoring Gay Day at Six Flags. This event will be held Saturday, June 22nd, at the start of Pride I. It will not only be a fun time, but also be an opportunity to communicate with, and educate, those who do not have much contact with us. It will be a chance for us to show our pride by presenting a positive image. It will be a time for us to teach tolerance by being tolerant of others.

We would like to be able to provide bus transportation between the Crossroads area and Six Flags. In order to do this, we need a commitment from as many people as possible. If you are interested, please fill out the form, next to this article and return it to the DGA office as soon as possible.

The South Padre trip was a great success, though the number of participants was less than hoped for. I have heard only favorable comments from those who went. By the time you receive this, the trip to Fort Worth will have taken place and the day trip to Glen Rose will be history.

As you can see, the trips are coming off as planned. I hope that you will join us for one or more in the near future. We are still working on the New York theater trip in October and are open to suggestions for other trips. If there is something you'd like to see us do, please join the Department on Thursday evening at 7:30 in the small meeting room at the DGA office to help us plan it.

The Picnics-in-the-Parks have had a turn out of about 30 people. These take place the last Sunday of each month at 1:00pm on the lawn east of Arlington Hall in Lee Park on Turtle Creek Boulevard at Hall Street. Please bring a picnic lunch, a jug of wine, and join us.

YES, I AM INTERESTED IN BUYING A TICKET FOR THE BUS TO GAY DAY AT SIX FLAGS. (As this is a fundraising event, the estimated cost of each bus ticket is \$10, with beer and wine available.)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Please return this form as soon as possible so that we may make the necessary arrangements.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

by Phil Johnson

Homosexuality has existed in every age and culture. Yet another example:

In August 1789, the English ship, *Mercury*, stopped in Tahiti for provisions. The Tahitians, according to custom, arranged entertainments for the visitors. By flickering torch light, plays and dances were performed each night. One of the ship's officers reported: "... Attracted by the sound of drums and a great quantity of lights, I went on shore one night with two of our mates to one of these exhibitions. We seated ourselves among some of our friends, whom we found there; when one of the gentlemen who accompanied me on shore took it into his head to be very much smitten with a dancing girl, as he thought her; went up to her, made a present of some beads, and other trifles, and rather interrupted the performance by his attentions; but what was his surprise when the performance was ended, and after he had been endeavoring to persuade her to go with him on board our ship, which she assented to, to find this supposed dancer, when stripped of her theatrical paraphernalia, a smart dapper lad." (George Mortimer, *Observations and Remarks Made During a Voyage*, p.47 (London, 1935))

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In Tahiti the "Mahoi" were always attached to the chiefs' households or protected by the rulers. There are a

good many men who, without playing a female role, prefer homosexual relations. A missionary reported in his journal that homosexuality was common, even among males who were not transvestites. Those who were transvestites "adopted the life of a woman, dressed in woman's garb, allowing their hair to grow long. They devoted themselves to all the activities and relationships of women rather than to those of men. These men were not deformed physically, but merely preferred a woman's life and desired men."

IN MEMORY OF CHUCK JARVIS

by the Editor

Charles "Chuck" Jarvis passed away on May 8, 1985, after a brief bout with cancer of the pancreas. Chuck was a DGA member for 8 years and had been active in many different departments. Many people in the community have and will continue to miss Chuck at the Community Center, as he coordinated the Center volunteers and worked there himself many countless hours assisting all who dropped by or called.

Chuck was raised and educated in Dallas, and his parents and numerous friends will miss his smiling face and sweet voice. His contributions to the Alliance and to the community will be long remembered by all.



by Charles Dunnam

DALLAS ON TAP, a newly formed tap-dancing group, has elected to join forces with the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band of Dallas. There is presently only one other gay tap-dancing group in the nation: San Francisco. Dallas is second.

Band President J. Jacobs, who recently returned from the national conference of Lesbian and Gay Bands of America in New York City, said that he was excited and pleased that this merger has taken place. "We now have 12 gay and lesbian bands in the nation, with additional

bands planned for Seattle, Fort Worth, and San Diego. Having DALLAS ON TAP as part of our foundation will enable us to provide additional forms of entertainment not only to our community, but on a national level as well."

With many Gay Pride activities just around the corner, the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band (OLSB) is seeking new members for its marching units, i.e., its twirlers, flag corps, color guard and tap dancing ensemble, as well as musicians for the band itself. Those interested may call 640-1819 or 960-1927 for additional information.

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A QUOTE

collected by Phil Johnson

"... that enactment of either federal or state laws aimed at controlling the problems of homosexuality are only 2 years to 4 years away." —Foundation for Traditional Morality.

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B.) The ruling will be reserved and remanded to Judge Buckmeyer for new trial to include, possibly, some of the arguments raised by the Dallas Doctors Against Aids; or

C.) The ruling will be reversed and Section 21.06 ordered back into effect as a Texas penal statute which effectively criminalizes lesbians and gay men as well as all who engage in private consensual sex. If this occurs, we will have to raise the necessary funds to appeal the Fifth Circuit's decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, which may, in all likelihood, refuse to hear the case despite the appeal.

The serious nature of this situation requires a response from our community. Our battle is not over.

As Don Baker has always insisted, the 21.06 case is our case—the entire gay community's. Everyone in our community needs to know and understand the serious nature of this turn of events. Their awareness and communication to others in the community will strengthen our position. Financial support is also needed to guarantee our success. All of this will be discussed at this meeting.

This will be followed by a flamboyant discussion of the Pride I activities in the weeks to follow. This will be hosted by Alan Ross, Phil Johnson, and Tony Anthony.

The last portion of the meeting will be the election of new Board members.

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PBS PROFILES OLDER GAYS ON JUNE 25th

by Harry Forbes

During the past two decades, record numbers of gays and lesbians have "come out of the closet," publicly acknowledging their sexual preferences. While this predominantly youthful gay community has achieved considerable visibility, there remains a large group of elderly homosexuals in America who have lived their lives as "silent pioneers," quietly paving the way for a younger, more vocal, generation.

The elder homosexuals represent a cross-section of regional, ethnic, racial and professional backgrounds. They live in small towns and urban and rural communities across America.

Through intimate profiles of eight men and women, "Silent Pioneers," airing Tuesday, June 25th, at 10:30pm on PBS stations, profiles a male couple who have been together for 54 years, an 84-year-old former monk-turned-rancher who made peace with being Catholic and gay, a black great-grandmother who openly shares her lesbianism with her family, a feisty ex-waitress from Chicago who first connected with other lesbians only after her lover of 58 years died in 1978, and members of the New York organization SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment).

While some gay elders have "come out," most have lived in an underground sub-

culture. In moving testaments, the men and women in the film share the pain of self-discovery and the liberating joy of coming to terms with their sexual preference.

There has long been the misconception that homosexuals are somehow "different." In fact, they share the same concerns as people everywhere. The film tells their story of life and love, of struggle and silence, and of the emergence from adversity.

"Silent Pioneers" depicts the quiet heroism of men and women who lived through an era when homosexuality was not tolerated at all. The generation portrayed in the film has battled constantly for self-esteem and survival in a "straight world."

"Silent Pioneers" was produced by Pioneer Productions. Producer: Patricia Giniger Snyder; Director: Lucy Winer; Executive Producer: Harvey Marks; Director of Photography: Paula deKoenigsberg.

Major funding for this production was provided by the New York Council for the Humanities, the New York State Council for the Arts, the Chicago Resource Center, private individuals and foundations.

"Silent Pioneers" is distributed to public television stations across the country, and Channel 13 in Dallas, postponed the program's preview to coincide with Gay Pride Week.

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It was also widely noted that Ms. Palmer's margin of victory in the April 20th run-off was almost precisely equal to the number of votes that were cast for the Nelson campaign on April 6th. The Nelson vote is generally seen as a pure sample since it occurred in an election with a field of five—in other words, the votes for Nelson were just that and not a vote against anybody. The fact that the Oak Lawn precincts shifted so dramatically to Palmer in the run-off indicates that the block remained solid. That kind of political influence, my friends, is significant. The gay vote is no longer a speculation in the minds of gay activists—it is very real—and has proved itself in this election.

Lori Palmer was not elected uniquely on the basis of her support for gay rights. She has impressive credentials in the areas of neighborhood preservation, transportation planning, health care services, and community activism. Those of us who live in District 2 are extremely lucky to have such an able representative on the City Council. I hope that each of you will join with me welcoming her to that position with a card or a letter. Such a show of support would signal the beginning of a time of true cooperation and working together.



**LITTLE FEATHER PRODUCTIONS, INC.
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Little Feather Productions, Inc., presents Australian folk artist Judy Small in concert at the First Unitarian Church on Saturday, June 22nd.

Tickets are \$12 each, if you have not previously purchased your \$30 ticket to the Little Feather 1985 Spring Concert Series.

A dance in Channing Hall will follow the performance by Judy Small.

COME SEE 'NORMAN'

You and Me Productions will present performances of Ron Clark and Sam Bobrick's play "Norman, Is That You?" in June as a benefit for the Alliance and as part of the local Pride I activities.

Robert D. Rios directs this production, of which Barry L. Burns is the producer. The cast includes Tom Culpepper, Lenny Allen, Buck Massey, Sheron Wyant, and Cynthia Francis.

Tickets for opening night on Friday, June 14th are \$8 each. Performances continue on June 15th and 16th and from June 21st through June 25th, with a ticket price of \$7. Curtain is at 8pm each night.

"Norman, Is That You?" is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

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Pride I and National Gay Pride Week. June is a time to celebrate and to support the gay community.

TEXAS GAY PRIDE EVENTS

by Alan Ross

Each year, many in Dallas call the DGA office to find out what is happening in other Texas cities for Gay Pride Week, as well as in other U.S. cities. At this time, the only information available is the following:

Fort Worth will be having their annual Gay Pride Picnic on Saturday, June 15th, at Greenway Park, beginning at 11:00am.

San Antonio will have its first Gay Pride Parade, which will be followed by their annual Picnic. The time and location are not yet known.

The Houston Gay Pride Parade will be on Sunday, June 30th, beginning at 5:30pm. The later time will help those who attend Razzle Dazzle Dallas on Saturday night and also want to attend the Houston parade. Following the parade, there will be a Gay Pride Rally and fireworks in Spotts Park.

As additional information is received on Gay Pride activities throughout the country, the information will be kept in the Gay Pride book at the Alliance office (call 528-4233) and at the Crossroads Market (521-8919).

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THE STONEWALL

RIOTS: JUNE 27 - JUNE 29, 1969

by Phil Johnson

Every decade has its own personality. Could the Stonewall Riots have happened in this decade of the young, upwardly-mobile professionals? The Depression '30s? The Wartime '40s? The "Silent Generation" '50s?

But consider the 1960s, the decade of unrest and the unwashed. The baby boom that began at the end of World War II was now the college boom, the drop-out boom, or more simply the young people's boom. Never before had so many people in our nation been so young.

And young people rebel, especially in crowds, especially in the spring. "Never trust anyone over 30!" was their rallying cry as they seized upon the Viet Nam War as an excuse to rebel against almost everything they labeled "establishment." By that, they meant those wealthy and upper-middle class white people who lived in split-level homes with a white picket

fence and a two-car garage in the suburbs, people who sent their 2.3 children to good (often meaning "segregated") schools and who (legally) avoided the draft by going to college, people who refused to acknowledge that cigarettes and whiskey were also drugs, people who used deodorants and kept their hair and fingernails neat, people who went (or at least gave lip service) to church and had sex in the missionary position--man on top, of course.

Contrast this to the hippies--those upper, middle, and lower class people of all colors who tried to live in idealistic communes (almost all of which failed) in the inner-city or rural areas, people who burned their draft cards and defied the police risking injury, imprisonment, and death to stand up for their beliefs, people who, in addition to cigarettes and whiskey, experimented with every drug, people whose hair and bathlessness was a visual/aromatic symbol of protest, people who were "into" all kinds of cults

and occults and whose sexual expressions were all-inclusive and uninhibited, as they boldly proclaimed: "Live and let live!"

Of course, my writing is painted with a bold brush and much too broad. Most Americans lived somewhere between the extremes. But the fact remains that our nation was torn by assassinations, riots, and looting. Protests and sit-ins were common on college campuses, even at SMU. (Even SMU?)

But perhaps the word "riots" is not quite accurate in describing the Stonewall events. What started out as an angry riot on Friday night, June 27, 1969 (actually, early Saturday morning) with police beating and pushing gays out of the Stonewall Inn, ended more as a come-as-you-are party on Sunday evening, June 29, 1969 with police urging people to get off the streets and into the bars. Fortunately, there were no deaths and to gay credit, no looting. Now what other riots can make that statement?



GAY DAY AT SUMMER CAMP

By Terry Tebedo

The beer will flow, and the weather will not be the only thing that's hot at the Dallas Gay Alliance's GAY DAY AT SUMMER CAMP in Aubrey, Texas. On Saturday, July 6th, the Alliance has reserved the Diamond J Corral for a full day of fun-filled festive activities, including horseback riding, hayrides, water volley-ball, and a greased pig (the four legged variety) chase. Your camp counselors will also encourage (but not require) you to compete in the exotic sports of cow-chip throwing, sack races, and the egg toss.

If all of that activity makes you tired just reading about it, you might possibly prefer to lounge by the pool all day or enjoy the twenty acres of wooded trails that the Diamond J Ranch provides. The airconditioned party barn also provides a place to cool off if things get too hot and provides an alternate spot to eat the delicious barbeque lunch. Beer and soft drinks will be provided free all day long, and the Texas-sized barbeque meal includes big

helpings of brisket and sausage, potato salad and cole slaw, barbeque beans, a relish tray and desert.

And if all of that isn't enough to fill your afternoon, there's horseshoes, badminton and croquet--and if there are fisherpersons out there, bring along your rod and reel for fishing in the stock tank. The ranch assures us that there is "fishing" in the stock tank, but they don't say anything about whether or not there are any fish?

Tickets for the ranch party are \$25 each, and the price includes all activities, beverages, and the bar-bq lunch. At a small additional charge buses to the ranch will leave from the crossroads at Cedar Springs and Throckmorton. Tickets are available at the Crossroads Market, but you should phone in your bus reservations now (521-8919) to assure a place. The bus will leave the Crossroads Market at noon and return around 6:30. The cost of your fun-filled day at summer camp also includes a donation to the Dallas Gay Alliance to help continue its broad program of community service.

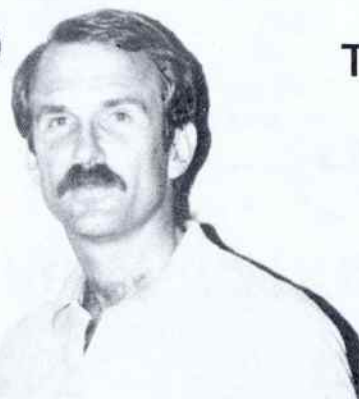
NLP SEMINAR

The Alliance is sponsoring a mini-workshop on using Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) in business at the Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs on Saturday, July 27th. NLP is a new technology in communications that has proven effective in the field of sales as well as in many other professional areas.

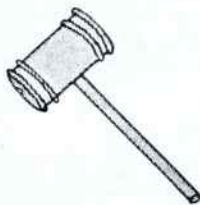
The four-hour workshop will concentrate on the continuing relationship in which both the buyer and seller are satisfied with the transaction and become each other's natural first choice for repeat business.

The skills involve the importance of showing rapport by observing and matching the customer on as many levels as possible, i.e. general energy, posture and gestures, voice and mood. Using NLP in business has proven helpful in maintaining a positive, success-promoting context for the sales interaction by being attentive to the subtle external expressions of the

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THE GAVEL RAPS



by Bill Nelson, President of the
Dallas Gay Alliance

I believe it was that wise philosopher Bette Davis who said "Fasten your seat belts; it's going to be a bumpy night." I wouldn't say that the recent Board Retreat was designed to create clear air turbulence but let's face it. We are on the cutting edge of the most controversial civil rights movement in history. If we do our job well, we will undoubtedly face some friction and bumps along the way. Perhaps its just an inevitable means to an end.

But that's the bad news - now for the good. The board fulfilled its

responsibility to the organization and the community in fine form this term. The recent retreat produced clear, defined, and aggressive goals in a variety of areas of importance to our people. You can expect action - productive action - from your organization over the next six months. I would strongly advise you to come to the general membership meeting this month for the full, exciting report.

Four areas of particular emphasis this time were the police department, city hall legislation and policy, education, and AIDS. But a new arrival on the scene

is the Dallas Independent School District. A letter has already gone off to Superintendent Linus Wright asking for a meeting to discuss district policy and the agenda for organizing an in-service training program for high school counselors.

We continue to maintain our "work within the system" ethic and the emphasis is definitely on the "work". (All that assumes, of course, that the system works for us, too. We'll see.) But we do our working right up front these days. Sure, we still do our homework, and we still do our share of behind the scenes preparation, but we also recognize that in the closet negotiations tend to backfire and do little to further the pride and dignity of our people.

I think you also need to know that a decision was made to further utilize the non-gay media to communicate with our community. It may seem a shame to share the charm, wit, and energy of the gay lifestyle with those straights who have given us such grief over the years, but hopefully the improved access to gays in the hinterlands will be worth the loss of being the best kept secret in Texas.

And one last thing: Terry Tebedo is organizing one hell of a show for August 17th at the Majestic Theater. It is, however, not only a big show but also a F-U-N-D-R-A-I-S-E-R!!!! It has the potential for being a BIG money maker. It would sure be nice to pay the rent for the Community Center for a whole year in one night! Charles Pierce is certain to be entertaining.

Take the task upon your own shoulders to insure a good turn-out that night by rounding up a crowd and buying your tickets early. The financial security of our movement is a broad-based responsibility. You can certainly make an impact that is both responsible and deeply appreciated.

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Cloggers Join DGMF

By unanimous vote the Boards of both The Greater Dallas Music Foundation and The Oaklawn Country Clogger, the Clogger have become the latest group to join the Foundation. The Greater Dallas Music Foundation now has as member organizations The Oaklawn Symphonic Band of Dallas, Dallas On Tap, and The Oaklawn Country Clogger.

J. Jacobs, President of both the Foundation and the Band, stated: "We are seeing a dream come true...people of all kinds coming together for the common good simply because they love music and wish to express themselves artistically. In addition, there is a women's singing group presently being formed that we hope will also become a member organization with its premier performance scheduled in the fall.

If you are interested in singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, carrying a banner or flag, twirling a baton or becoming an aid to any of our member organizations, please call 960-1927 or 640-1819 for information and details. Be a part of your community. You are needed, and you will be welcomed.



GAY & LESBIAN YOUNG ADULTS

GLYA Elects New Officers

By Chuck Bybee

The Gay and Lesbian Young Adults have just elected the following new officers:
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DGBC Raffle & Dance a Success

By Samuel Scott

The Dallas Gay Black Coalition (DGBC) would like to thank the gay community for the support it received during the Juneteenth/Pride Events. Your continued support will be appreciated.

We would also like to thank the management and staff of the Crib, manager Sonny, Hazel, Melvin, Rick, David, and Donna. Without them, the Juneteenth Dance would not have been the success it was.

Special thanks goes to Cindy Birdsong for the fantastic arrangement of the numbers and to the performers Al Randall, Cindy Birdsong, Riki Rousseaux, Lady Ashely, Cicily Berlin, Danny, Dane, and Michael (3 gorgeous hunks of men) Miss Gay Black Dallas Deva Sanchez for her uplifting rendition of "Going Up Yonder," and last, but not least, DJ Eddie Dean.

The DGBC would also like to thank the following for their Donations to the



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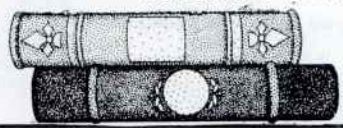
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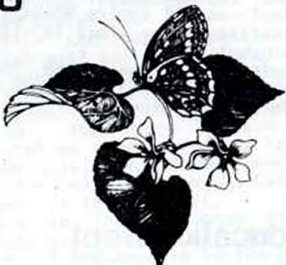
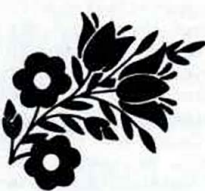
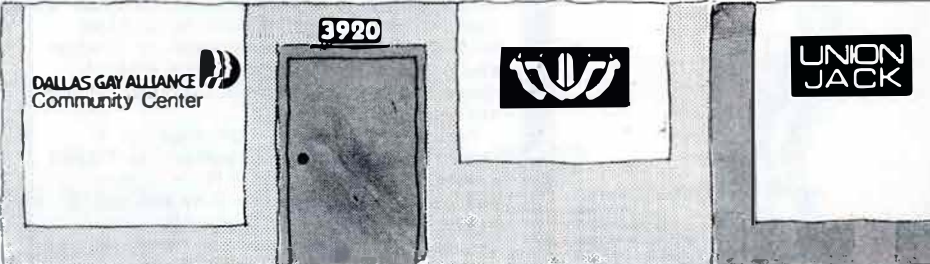
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REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS



Communications Dept.

By David Henderson

One of the most active committees in the Alliance, the Communications Department is looking for more people full of ideas and ready to have some fun implementing them. For starters, look for some changes in DIALOG in the coming months as we go tabloid and increase both our news coverage and our distribution. Look especially for more information on the DGA Special Interest Groups and advertisements from professionals who welcome a gay clientele.

We also produce the radio program "Lambda Weekly" every Sunday at noon on KNON 90.9 FM. This long-running program has always existed due to the work of creative volunteers. The same goes for creating programs for our monthly DGA meetings. If you've got a little time to contribute, want to have fun at the same time, and feel as if you're about to burst with creative energy, this is the department for you!

For more information, call the DGA Community Center at 528-4233 and leave a message for David Henderson.



Education Dept.

By Bob Roberts

The Education Department is in high gear for an active six months. If you enjoy genealogy, collecting fun facts, putting on theme parties, or telling everyone except your mother "I'm Gay!", then the Education Department is for you.

Our gay family has roots, but they are not documented. Fortunately, we have the resources here in Dallas to recount the Texas Gay Rights Movement. I need people with ingenuity and talent to communicate our history, either in video, written or dramatic form.

Theme parties are always the most successful. Next year will mark 10 years of

the DGA. How will we celebrate? Bring your ideas to the Education Department.

Normally, you don't tell 150 people that you're gay. The Speaker's Bureau will allow you to fulfill this fantasy. We have a strong interest in the Speaker's Bureau and are currently seeking opportunities to speak. We also are developing a video for training and to be used at engagements where a speaker cannot be arranged.

The next six months are going to be fantastic! We can make a difference!



Civic Affairs Dept.

by Rick D. Stubbs

On Tuesday, July 9th, the Civic Affairs Department will kick off a new schedule of monthly program meetings with a "Thank You" reception by City Council members Lori Palmer and Craig Holcomb at the Community Center. This will be an excellent opportunity for old members to get reacquainted with each other and the Dallas Gay Political Caucus (DGPC), the Alliance's political action committee (PAC). In addition, this will be a way to bring new members into the Department.

The next six months may seem to be an off season for political action, but, in fact, there are many events and activities and planning needs to engage the interest of the Department. Some of the topics for discussion and planning in the next six months include: Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and vacant elected offices; Coalition-building; State legislative agenda; November State Constitutional Amendments election; November City bond election; Planning for 1986 primaries; and Participation with Goals for Dallas.

Out monthly meetings will provide a better means of focusing our discussion, maintaining interest, and expanding participation. However, not all activities can be handled by the monthly meetings. There will be many ongoing activities and special events, such as voter registration, fundraising, and Gay Pride Parade plans, which will need to be handled by special subcommittees.

Voter registration will be planned throughout these next six months as we try to build our Voter ID List well in advance of the 1986 political season. One weekend will be targeted each month for a special push for voter registration in the Crossroads and Fitzhugh areas. There will be special events at which we will be setting up a voter registration table, and I hope you have already seen our deputy voter registrars at Razzle Dazzle Dallas and the Stonewall Celebration. In addition, we will be working with the Membership Department to provide the opportunity to register to vote at their DGA display on Cedar Springs during the summer.

For July, we are putting together a special fundraiser for Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates (LGRA) which will be a wine and cheese reception for City Council members to be held in a private home. We are hoping for a mid-July date, so plans will be finalized by the time you read this; however, plenty of volunteers will be needed. We think this can be as

successful a fundraiser as the "Evening With Molly Ivins" was last March. We will also be planning a fundraiser for DGPC in September during Pride III activities.

Join us on July 9th at 7:30pm at the Community Center and get involved anew. Come help make this next six months an "on" season for the PAC.



Social Events Dept.

By Don Doggendorf

The Social Events Department has several projects in the planning stages. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to become involved so that we can successfully pull these events off. There are many different tasks and different levels of participation. Please join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the small meeting room of the Community Center. Not only is it a great way to make Dallas more fun, but also to meet people.

THE EVENTS BEING PLANNED:

DGA Potluck Social. This will be time for membership to get together for food, fun, and recognition of volunteers' efforts.

Labor Day Weekend Trip to Toronto. Escape the Texas heat for a four day trip to one of Canada's great cities. We anticipate the cost of airfare and hotel accommodations to be around \$350 per person.

Halloween Carnival on Halloween at the Crossroads. We would have an outdoor costume contest, food booths, and, of course, last year's favorite, the DGA Haunted House.

Broadway in October. A long weekend to see the plays of your choice and whatever else you love about New York.

Your participation in the planning will be greatly appreciated and will help insure success.

ARE YOU OVER 26?

By Skipper Wilson

The newest special interest group of the Dallas Gay Alliance is now in its organizational stages. So far we have had two organizational meetings, and by the time DIALOG is out we will have had our first guest speaker. The July 2nd meeting was a discussion on meeting people led by Bill Appleman of the Oaklawn Counseling Center.

The purpose of the group is to form a support group for professionals. By professionals, we mean those people who are successful in their careers. And, by a career, we mean everything from waiters, stockbrokers, dishwashers, to bankers. This will be a group of adults who know where they are at this point in their lives and are looking for those little things in life to make it better. So, please join us Tuesday nights at the Community Center at 7:30 pm for discussion and friendship. For more information stop in at the meetings, or call 528-4233.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES:

by Phil Johnson

Richard Cornish was the first man in America to be convicted of a homosexual offense. The date--1624. Despite "extremely flimsy evidence," Cornish was hanged. That's not all. The two men who protested that Cornish was "put to death through a scurvie boys meanes & no other came against him," were pilloried and had their ears sliced off.

The first lesbian trial in America took place in Plymouth in 1649. Goodwife Norman and Mary Hammon were charged with "lute behavior uppon a bed, with divers lascivious speeches allso spoken." Goodwife Norman was found guilty and sentenced "to make publick acknowledgment . . . of her unchaste behavior." Charges against Mary Hammon were dropped.

In 1798 the Bishop of Durham warned Britain's House of Lords that France had given up on the idea of conquering England by military might. Instead, the French would destroy the moral underpinnings of English society by smuggling in hordes of ballet dancers.

Any similarity to the above and the Radical Religious Right of today?

In a few months, I'll tell the tale of a certain king of Bavaria. He locked himself in the castle tower with his handsome, hunky court jester. The villagers snickered, "He's at his wit's end."

JOIN WOMEN TOGETHER

By Ms. E. Copeland

"A new alternative." That's the way we like to think of Women Together. 40-50 women have come together on Wednesday nights to organize and plan programs, social events, speaking groups, and outings just for women.

A definite need for this kind of organized support for women seems to be the motive behind the club's amazing growth. The club's meetings and functions provide an important and very needed outlet for women in the Dallas community. This opportunity to meet women who are sensitive to the concerns and needs of other lesbians has formed strong bonds within many segments of the group.

Activities are varied in this special interest group of the Alliance. Monthly potluck dinners, a trip to Scarborough Faire, participation in the production of several Little Feather Production concerts, a Saturday night Coffee House, a 4th of July campout, and talk of participating in the Parade in September have been just some of the activities planned by Women Together and its committees.

All and all, the club shows much promise ahead for the women who support Women Together.

Who: Women Together

When: Wednesday nights at 7 pm

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Cuban's OK'd

by Ron Najman

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has formally assured representatives of two gay/lesbian organizations that Cuban refugees who entered the United States as part of the Mariel boatlift and were identified as gay or lesbian will not be excluded from the U.S. based on that information alone.

A number of Cubans were identified as homosexual upon arriving in the United States. They were unaware of U.S. immigration laws forbidding the entry of homosexuals. Gay Cubans were singled out for expulsion by the Castro regime as part of the boatlift.

This is in accordance with current operating procedures at INS regarding entry of homosexuals to the U.S. Therefore, all "Merielitos" should participate in the current INS drive to adjust the status of these refugees, a process that will ultimately lead to their naturalization. NGTF and GRNL continue to urge gay/lesbian entrants to be discreet in their statements to INS officials to avoid difficulty.

"As abhorrent as this policy may be," Jeffrey Levi, Washington representative of the National Gay Task Force, and Craig Howell, Immigration Coordinator of the Gay Rights National Lobby, said, "at least it allows most gays to enter the U.S. It will take a change in the immigration laws through legislative means to completely eliminate this unjustified singling out of gay men and lesbians for discrimination—a change that both our organizations continue to pursue."

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client's emotional states.

Enrollment in the workshop costs \$25.00 in advance and is limited. Please call the Community Center at 528-4233 for reservations.

Encounter Once More

by Michael L. Boothman, M.A., M.S.

Two well-known Dallas professionals will again present "Encounter," the powerful communications workshop for gay men and lesbians.

"Encounter" is intended for lesbians and gay men who want a deeper understanding of their identity and who want more meaningful interaction with others in their lives. Participants explore their feelings and thoughts about their gay humanity. They are encouraged to deal with rejection, to set parameters for loving relationships, and to examine the barriers that they and other may set up

to block useful communications.

Vicki Morris and I present "Encounter" through discussions and experimental activities. We both are licensed professional counselors with extensive private practice, as well as staff counselors at the Oak Lawn Counseling Center.

"Encounter" will take place on Saturday, August 17th in Suite 419, 5415 Maple Avenue (near Inwood), Dallas, Texas 75235 between 9am and 6pm. The fee is only \$45.00. Checks should be made payable to Michael Boothman. Either counselor can be contacted at 631-5217 for further information.

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BY LINDA LITTLE
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A growing number of victims of the deadly acquired immune deficiency syndrome are suffering yet another devastating complication - a dementia that robs them of their ability to think, communicate and move.

Studies at Cornell University Medical College indicate that as many as 30 per cent of all AIDS patients suffer from dementia - a disorder of the mental processes - after AIDS causes the brain cells to waste away.

"It's not only the body that is ravaged by AIDS, it's the brain as well," said Dr. Bradford Navia of Cornell. "We feel it eventually will affect the majority of AIDS patients. The probability is high."

The findings of a yearlong study by Cornell researchers and others at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center were presented to the 3,000 neurologists attending the American Academy of Neurology meeting in Dallas.

The latest complication, Navia said, may serve as yet another "map station" for the diagnosis of AIDS, along with the deadly form of cancer, pneumonia and viral infections.

The Cornell researchers discovered that 100 of the 250 AIDS patients studied had some wasting of the brain tissue. The evidence was further supported by a review of 67 autopsies on AIDS patients.

To date, there have been at least 8,850 cases resulting in 4,300 deaths from AIDS in the US. The latest theory

AIDS UPDATE

is that a virus, called HTLV-III, destroys the body's natural immune system, leaving it susceptible to rare cancers and viruses.

The Cornell study lends further credence to the theory, after the researchers discovered the same virus in the brains of two AIDS patients in autopsies, Navia said. "There is mounting evidence that a virus is the responsible agent."

The dementia affecting AIDS patients, he said, is more rapid and devastating in its effects than the other forms seen in older individuals.

The first signs are depression and minor memory loss, he said. "They complain that they just aren't as quick, they forget things. They lose their train of thought easily and have a hard time concentrating."

"Eventually, they no longer are able to talk," he said. "They just sit and stare. The patient becomes bedridden, wasted...has a wide eyed stare."

More than half the patients become severely demented within 2 months, he said. The mean survival time for the patients with AIDS dementia, he said is about 4.4 months.

Although other complications of AIDS is diagnosed first in the majority of patients, for some the first signs of AIDS came with the frustrating symptoms of memory loss inherent in the dementia.

Navia cautioned that the early depression suffered by most patients is different than the early symptoms of AIDS dementia.

"Many AIDS patients have mood changes, a sense of anxiety expressing concern about their illness," he said. "The personality one sees in dementia is a total loss of interest."



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BWMT Confers in Los Angeles

by Steve Dorrel

Black and White Men Together (BWMT) will honor lifelong civil rights activist Bayard Rustin at its fifth annual convention. The 33-chapter National Association of BWMT will meet in Los Angeles on July 15th through July 20th to set organizational goals, elect new officers, and attend workshops and social events.



Rustin, who is currently President of the Board of Directors of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute in New York, was chosen by Randolph to direct the historic 1963 March on Washington. When some black religious leaders protested to Martin Luther King, Jr. that Rustin's "past associations" made him unsuitable for so public a role, Rustin agreed to organize the march as Deputy Director to spare the civil rights movement embarrassment.

Nonetheless, Randolph and other civil rights leaders publicly defended Rustin

when, two weeks before the march, Strom Thurman denounced him from the Senate floor as "a communist, a draft dodger and a (word for homosexual that was not deemed suitable for the Congressional Record.)"

The Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, will speak on Friday, July 19th.

As part of its Critical Issues convention focus, BWMT/LA, the host chapter, will stage a series of evening public debates on such topics as "The baths should be closed during the AIDS crisis" and "Racism's victims choose their victimhood."

In addition to city and bar tours, nightly parties and a multi-ethnic reception at the home of activist Morris Knight, a consultation service has been set up for new and troubled chapters of the young National Association. A Leadership Academy will focus on grooming black gay leaders and instructing white ones in power-sharing.

Founded in 1980, BWMT is one of America's fastest growing gay organizations. It is both a social fellowship practicing deliberate integration and an anti-racist forum.

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