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NATIONAL NEWS

Roundup of news happenings

Oklahoma's gay and lesbian teachers can draw a breath and sigh a sigh of relief now. In 1982 a U.S. District Court in Oklahoma upheld a state law intended to eliminate such teachers from the state school system.

National Gay Rights Advocates, the San Francisco based law firm, appealed the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in Denver, where that court ruled that the law was "vague, overbroad and unconstitutionally infringed on First Amendment rights."

Long-time gay rights activist William R. "Bill" Rogers of Oklahoma City worked with NGRA, coordinating local court proceedings and presenting the oral arguments.

A major problem was finding a teacher willing to act as plaintiff in the suit, as the Helm Bill was so vicious as to frighten away prospective plaintiffs. When no individual plaintiff was forthcoming, the National Gay Task Force became the plaintiff on the behalf of their members in the state.

Amicus curiae briefs were submitted by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund of New York and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California.

The fifth annual conference of the Gay Fathers Coalition, mentioned in our previous issue, has announced that former Maryland congressman Robert Bauman will be the keynote speaker at the conference on June 2.

Bauman, openly gay and politically conservative, is the father of four children and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Conservative Union, a group he helped found in 1964.

New York Mayor Edward Koch will issue a proclamation May 31 setting that day as Gay Fathers Day, and a number of events and workshops are set to follow. Interested persons may write for more information to the Coalition c/o D. Roddell, P.O. Box 1443, Flushing, NY 11354.

In Dallas, members of the lesbian and gay community can enjoy their own television program, to begin in April. Organized by a group called Gay Focus, the program will air Wednesdays at 9 P.M. on Channel 9 of QUBE Cable—right after *Dynasty*, pointed out Gay Focus member Mike Milliken.

The *Seattle Gay News* won a reprieve in its struggle for survival when a costly lawsuit against that paper by the Brass Connection, a Seattle bar and restaurant, was reportedly dropped.

The million-dollar defamation suit was filed after SGN ran a story about a complaint from a lesbian who claimed she was arrested after she entered the club to use the rest room and who charged that the bar was practicing discrimination against her as a woman. Although SGN reported the bar's side of the story, that the woman was reportedly intoxicated and did not have proper identification, the bar's owners filed their suit nearly a year ago, only dropping it in February because, said Ken Decker of the Brass Connection, the ACLU had entered the case for reasons of freedom of the press and because of the negative publicity the gay community had been receiving in the media due to the suit.

Will someone tell the Dallas city fathers to wise up? The Baltimore *Gay Paper* reports that the Gay Community Center of Baltimore has received a check from the Neighborhood Incentive Program in the amount of \$17,950, to be used for renovation of the Center building. The program is set up to provide matching funds from the city equalling the amount raised by the Center itself. The check was presented to the organization on February 10 by Baltimore mayor William Donald Schaefer at City Hall.

More for the city fathers: Philadelphia's new mayor, Wilson Goode, signed an executive order on February 23 creating the Mayor's Commission for

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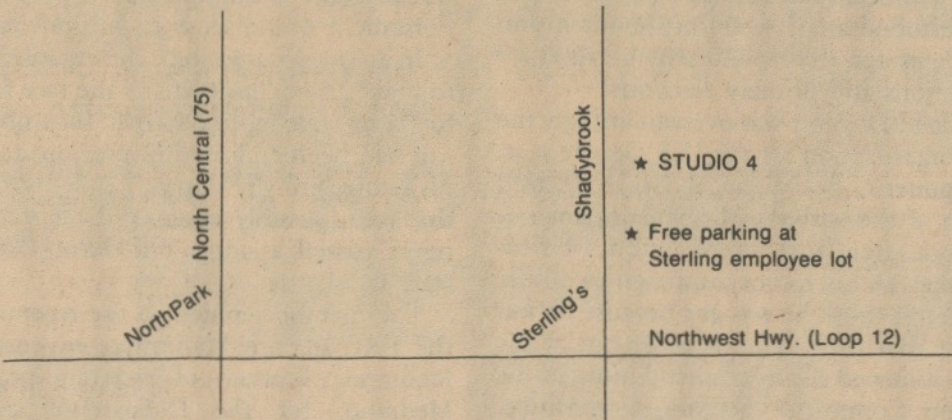
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VALET PARKING

Sexual Minorities, reports the Philadelphia *Gay News*. Six lesbians, six gay men and five members of city departments have been named to the Commission. A salaried executive director will be named by the mayor later and included in the city budget, with a target date of July.

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The next time you see those uniformed folks on the corner around Christmas asking for your money, you may want to give them your finger instead, as New York City chose to do recently.

According to the Philadelphia *Gay News*, the Salvation Army has chosen to drop a \$4 million contract with the city of New York to operate day care centers and similar facilities because its religious principles keep it from adopting a formal statement guaranteeing not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

When the church claimed exemption from the executive order requiring such a statement and guarantee, Mayor Ed Koch responded that no agency receiving city funds was "above the law."

And another one bites the dust.

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* In Denver, those involved in the "wearing" of the "green" don't hold with the "wearing" of the "lavender", and organizers of that city's St. Patrick's Day parade refused admission to a lesbian and gay group that wanted to carry a banner saying that St. Patty's Day was for everyone.

Denver's mayor, Frederico Pena, as well as several other political leaders, boycotted the parade because of the decision of parade leaders.

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California governor Deukmejian has vetoed the

statewide gay rights bill which passed both houses of that state's legislature recently. Deukmejian said his action was because "...sexual orientation should not be the basis for the establishment of a special protected class of individuals, *especially in the absence of a compelling need*" [emphasis ours].

Assembly speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr., retorted in a letter to the media that "Narrow-mindedness and discrimination have no place in California", promising to work for subsequent passage of a similar bill to outlaw job discrimination against gay men and lesbians.

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The founder of the Gay Atheists League of America is dead at age 72, reports Philadelphia's *Gay News*. The article quotes the late Thomas Rolfson's lover as revealing that the dying man had summoned a priest to his bedside for last rites and had requested that his organization be disbanded.

Rolfson also reportedly left half of his estate to Dignity, an organization for gay Catholics.

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It isn't easy being gay in Virginia.

A bill introduced there January 24, which would have amended that state's code section entitled "Crimes Against Nature" to legalize "intimate sexual acts between adults in private for non-commercial purposes", died a quick death in committee, reports *Our Own*, a Norfolk gay and lesbian paper.

A second bill, which would have revised archaic regulations which make it illegal to serve liquor to homosexuals in Virginia, got a tie vote in committee and was requested carried over to next year's session by its author. ■

LOCAL NEWS

DGPC endorses candidates

Dallas Gay Political Caucus members met March 13 at Metropolitan Community Church and picked candidates for their endorsement slate for upcoming elections and primary elections.

Democrat Lloyd Doggett was overwhelmingly the choice of the organization for the U.S. Senate seat. Doggett's opponent, Bob Krueger, was criticized for his support of the anti-gay MacDonald Amendment, for a poor attendance record, and for his extreme steps taken in his earlier campaign to ensure that voters did not think he was gay because he was not married at that time. The membership of the DPGC, which followed the recommendations of the Political Action Committee Steering Committee, also voted after considerable debate to endorse incumbent John Bryant for the U.S. House of Representatives, although dissatisfaction was expressed with Bryant and although it was pointed out that,

since Bryant is unopposed in the primary, an endorsement would seem to be unnecessary.

In an unexpected step, the organization chose not to make an endorsement in the race for District 100 for Texas state representative. Incumbent Sam Hudson had been endorsed in previous races because of his strong pro-gay stance, but he was not endorsed this year, possibly because of his record for having never passed a single bill during his years in the state legislature.

The members added to the recommendations of the PAC steering committee by endorsing Robert Medrano, brother of veteran politician Ricardo Medrano, for the Dallas Independent School District school board, and David Cair, for State Representative in District 107.

In an unusual step, it was also decided to use the same endorsements in the November elections,

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where applicable, unless a viable opponent was offered at that time or unless the candidate were to make serious errors of concern to the organization prior to that time.

Howard Wilson, a candidate for Associate Justice for the Court of Appeals, 5th District, a man with much of the earthy quality of an Abraham Lincoln, told the group in one of the evening's high points:

SMU's gay alumni talk back

The following letter was sent to Southern Methodist University president L. Donald Shields by a number of SMU graduates, including both gay/lesbian individuals and sympathizers:

Dear Dr. Shields:

As alumni of S.M.U., we are writing to convey our disappointment with your recent statement and the action of the Student Senate to deny recognized status to the Gay and Lesbian Student Support Organization (G.L.S.S.O.). After conferring with Gary Ransdell, Director of Alumni Relations, we are following his suggestion that we state our concerns to you in writing. We believe that you should know that many alumni are perplexed by your actions because we perceive them as unjust, un-Christian, and inconsistent with constitutional principles.

The uncompromising stand you and the Student Senate have taken places our alma mater in the unflattering position of being in the distinct minority among major American universities who refuse to recognize the rights of this segment of the student body. Records show that campuses all across the country began to recognize such groups as early as 1970. The truly great intellectual centers of the nation, such as Cornell, Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Brown, Rice, Dartmouth, and the University of Texas (both private and state-funded universities) have all recognized similar groups. This list could also include Emory, Boston University and Syracuse, which are Methodist-affiliated schools. The present S.M.U. position on this subject complicates, and in some cases confirms, the burden our school has with being an elitist institution, catering only to the most spoiled, sheltered, and wealthy. We do not believe this description is accurate, but it does appear that way in this situation.

We believe one of the most discouraging aspects of your stated position is that the overwhelming majority of scholastic data on the subject of emotional, psychological and sexual orientation refutes the myths and misconceptions about the gay person. Yet here, at an academic institution, where truth and knowledge are supposed to prevail, reason has given way to hysteria as, "if these students are allowed to be recognized, the campus will be invaded by an influx of homosexuals," or "their attempt to be recognized is part of a conspiracy by the national gay rights movement." Such arguments were

"The fact that you have to band together to get the rights you're entitled to seems a little stupid to me." (He got the endorsement.)

Members of the gay community are urged to pick up endorsement sheets and to register to vote at once so they do not lose their privilege to a waiting period allowed or required by law. ■

raised during the Senate's debates. We find reinforcement of such statements by the University to be inexcusable and intolerable. It reminds us of the confusion that reigned on campus during the 1960's when black issues and concerns were debated on campus. It is disappointing to see that our University may not have matured much since that time.

Secondly, we believe that the Student Senate's vote and your position paper are inconsistent with Christian tradition. Christ never taught His followers to ostracize or deny rights and privileges to people of whom they "disapprove." As a matter of fact, He was the One who talked, ate and associated with the "sinners." The Bible records how He described those who took a contrary position to His example as "Scribes and Pharisees." Even if you, certain students, or members of the Board of Trustees see these students as people "living a lifestyle inconsistent with the Methodist tradition."

Thirdly, we believe that the University's action on this matter is inconsistent with contemporary civil law. While we all know S.M.U. is a private Methodist-supported school, enough precedent has been set in civil courts to lend credence to the argument that denial of recognized status to "gay groups," for whatever reasons, is a violation of their constitutional rights. For example, in 1979 a state court in Tennessee ruled that a state university's refusal to recognize a gay group on campus constituted unjustified abridgement of a member's right of association (Student Coalition of Gay Rights v. Austin Peay State University). Also, in 1981, a state court in Oklahoma ruled that the university's refusal to recognize gay student organizations that fulfilled all prerequisites for recognition under university rules violates First Amendment rights (Gay Activists Alliance v. Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma). We believe, therefore, that it is not right, fair, or Christian to hide behind the shield of being a private university to justify injustice.

Finally, we believe that the university is the one place in the world where freedom of thought, expression, and association are encouraged. It is the one time in a young person's life when he/she is allowed to confront new ideas, to gather information, and, yes, to challenge traditional thought. A part of this unique setting is the flourishing assortment of clubs, organizations, and special interests

groups. All of this is a part of "the university experience." While certain "less reputable colleges" would never allow such an experience to exist, it is, we believe, a trademark of a strong academic center that it nurtures free inquiry and diversity. To deny a group such as the G.L.S.S.O. recognition is to deny the right of all students at S.M.U. to attend a *real* university.

Perhaps it should be understood without having

Church leader recovering from stabbing

Rev. Don Eastman of Dallas Metropolitan Community Church has at least one good result from his recent brush with death: He now knows just how the community feels about him. Eastman related to the *Metro Times* how over thirty floral arrangements and plants arrived in his room at St. Paul Hospital on his first day there. After the first twenty had been brought upstairs, he recalls, the woman whose job it was to deliver gifts to the rooms began to give him a dirty look with each new visit.

Eastman was leaving the Hidden Door shortly before eleven o'clock the night of March 12 and had just reached to pull his car door shut behind him, he told *Metro Times*, when he looked up to see a man standing in the way of the car door, holding a knife in one hand and a can of beer in the other. The man, described as hispanic and in his early twenties,

ordered Eastman to put the key into the ignition, start the car and move over. Eastman remembers thinking that if he obeyed he would surely be killed. When he ignored the man's order a second time, the man slid the knife to the hilt in Eastman's left side. Eastman reached for the knife with his right hand, receiving several cuts on his lower right arm, pulled the man's arm into the car, grabbed the arm with his left hand, bit his assailant's hand and twisted the knife away with his right hand.

At this time the attacker fled, stopped briefly, it has been reported, by a witness attempting to apprehend him. Although it has not been confirmed, it was also reported that the suspect left a bloody handprint on an automobile while making his escape.

Eastman staggered back into the bar, carrying the

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knife, and told them, "I'm stabbed."

"You're kidding," someone said, but when Eastman stopped the confiscated knife on the bar, the matter suddenly became apparent. Police arrived almost at once, followed by paramedics, who put on an IV and rushed Eastman to St. Paul Hospital, where he underwent surgery.

Police had one suspect in custody but released him after determining that he did not match the

description of Eastman's assailant.

Interviewed on March 24, Eastman told *Metro Times* that he planned to be in the pulpit the following day, although he had been ordered not to resume full duties for another month.

Commented Eastman: "I've got a massive love affair going with the Dallas community, and I just couldn't give up yet." ■

FILM

'Streamers' riveting, 'must' viewing

S *Streamers* review, take one: Action:

Those readers who like to talk about a movie at great length after seeing it are going to love *Streamers*.

After previewing Robert Altman's new movie March 23, I felt as if I could sit down and write at least a 300 page book on it without any trouble. And that's basically because of the nature of the story and the roles portrayed.

Sure, you can talk about any movie, but some just seem to run dry more quickly. How long can you talk about something like *Superman III*, for example? The poor quality of the special effects for Supie's X-ray vision is only good for a comment to that effect, short and concise. And when I say that *Deathtrap* simply wasn't as good as the play and

you say it was, all we have left to talk about is how cute Chris Reeve is, on which anyone who doesn't agree is referred to the nearest optician.

Streamers takes place in an Army barracks, where an assortment of soldiers are awaiting shipment to Viet Nam. The time is the late 1960's. The characters are an odd assortment. Billy (Matthew Modine, over whom some readers may have drooled in *Private School*, and for good reason) is a Wisconsin boy who stands up to his best friend Roger (David Alan Grier, most recently seen in the musical *Dreamgirls*) on the subject of gay rights and who tells about his good friend who suddenly got "hooked" after going home with a gay man for sex.

Roger is a quiet, no-hassle black man who likes Billy primarily, Billy suspects, because Billy was the

first person to talk to him when he came to camp, lonely and looking for a friend. Just what Roger's real feelings about homosexuality may be is a mystery; we never get to find out why he's so keen on asking Richie (Mitchell Lichtenstein) whether or not he's really gay.

Richie, the third member of the trio of friends who form the nucleus of *Streamers* (some of you may have seen Lichtenstein in *The Lords of Discipline*), is the only person whose sexuality is not in doubt at the end of the movie. At first, we are kept guessing as Richie banters flirtatious little quips like "But Billy, if we take Roger with us to the movie, how'll we hold hands and kiss?" (None of the straights reviewing the movie thought the line was funny, but what do *they* know?)

It is when Carlyle (Michael Wright), the street-wise, friend-foolish black youth from the big city who tries to make new friends by coming on strong and by bribery, enters the picture uninvited, with

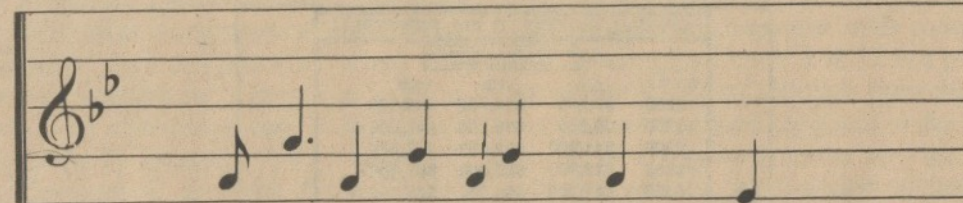
his instant recognition of Richie's sexuality and his accusations ("How long you been a punk?" "Is Richie a good punk?"), and Richie's sudden change of heart in seeking in Carlyle the sexual outlet he is unable to get from the confused Billy that the quiet camaraderie of the all-male camp with its phony macho atmosphere erupts.

The four main characters are each a fascinating study that would drive any psychiatrist to drink. Roger's quiet good behavior and rolling with the punches covers up his own insecurity and needs and immaturity. Billy's stories about his friend, Richie suspects, cover up Billy's own initial forays into the world of homosexuality. Richie, the lifelong loner, is the quiet, well-behaved young man nobody wants to believe is gay, the one who always cares when nobody else does. Even in the opening scene we find him assisting a young man attempting to slash open his wrists, cleaning him up and bandaging the cut. And Carlyle, rejected by the man he knows to be his father, is vulnerable behind his tough guy act—which may be the crux of the problem.

Even the supporting cast shares their problems. Sgt. Rooney (Guy Boyd) has no life but the Army and must fall back on the Army for his very existence. His buddy Sgt. Cokes (George Dzundza) is dying of leukemia and weeping over the roads not taken. He falls down a lot, he says, but maybe it's because he's drunk; maybe he doesn't have leukemia. It is Sgt. Cokes who brought us our only tear of the movie, but we expect more when we see it the second time.

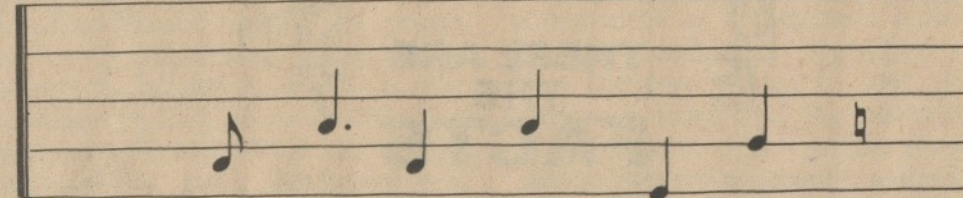
What evil lurks within the hearts of men, asks co-producer Robert Altman (*M*A*S*H*, *McCabe and Mrs. Miller*, *Brewster McCloud*, *Popeye* and *Nashville*). One answer he suggests is that evil does not exist, but that it is the desperation of the needs of a man, the conflict between the need to be tender and the demand to be A Man, that causes what we call evil.

When we went to see *Streamers*, we frankly were less than confident that such a group of attractive young men could carry off the professional acting we saw. Because, had Robert Altman been so inclin-



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Matthew Modine portrays Billy, a sexually confused member of a group of Viet Nam bound youths in *Streamers*, opening at the Inwood Theatre April 1

Billy (Matthew Modine, left) shares a quiet conversation with Sgt. Rooney (Guy Boyd, center) and his best friend Roger (David Alan Grier, right) in a scene from *Streamers*, opening April 1 at the Inwood Theatre

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ed, he could have taken the three main characters and produced one of those wonderful magazines you see full of good-looking hunks who forgot to get dressed before posing, and the book would have been a whopping success. After all, we saw three shower scenes and can testify that we would gladly have scrubbed the back of any of the three—we're not proud! You may, in fact, be able to tell by this movie just whether a date has a brain or not. If, as you are heading home, he only talks about the great bodies he saw in those white skivvies and the cool shower scenes, forget him. Unless, of course, you weren't really looking for brains in a man.

Streamers (which was filmed in Las Colinas, out in Irving), is one of those rare movies which takes you totally into its own reality, completely and frighteningly believable. It was with difficulty that we were even able to tear away to answer a call of nature, and we practically ran back to our seat. Not that it is in the least frivolous. Or entertaining. If you want a story line that you can laugh off and relax with, then see *Streamers* some other night. This is the

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kind of story you can sink your teeth into, with a cast of characters who breathe, walk, talk, and bleed. Even in the little touches, reality—in the stark combination of khaki and flesh tones which overwhelm the viewer—come through loud and clear. In even the background, where we see through the windows of the barracks a girl with a camera, taking a goodbye picture of her boyfriend and his chums, having a chum shoot her with her fella, watching the two drunken sergeants play hide and seek in the rain, reality remains grim and bleak. For the soldiers, life is, remains, and will always be grim and bleak, as in the song from which the title is taken, a bathetic parody of "Beautiful Dreamer" in which a parachuting soldier sings to his parachute—the "beautiful streamer"—to "open for me" as he plummets to earth beneath a chute that never came open in time.

Streamers may not be a film you will enjoy. It is, however, something we highly encourage you to experience. ★ ★ ★ ½

BOOKS

Guide offers key to the world's gay experience

Travellers who plan to leave the United States and Canada, beyond which point their *Bob Damron* and *Places of Interest* guides will be useless, may be

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We also found that it seemed difficult to understand some of the entries, although the rating code is fairly comprehensive and easy to figure out after a quick perusal.

Even though our own trip to Bologna seems to be a pipe dream that vanished into thin air, we were pleasantly surprised to find that the book is quite interesting in and of itself. We were intrigued to go down the list of places and the recommendations (don't go to Argentina, they suggest, and avoid El Salvador; Brazil and Colombia are interesting spots for the South American traveller). The travel tips are of note, too, such as the observation that Columbian hotels may take reservations but won't necessarily honor those reservations when you arrive.

Whether your interests lie in Albania or in Bermuda, you can check it out in *Spartacus*. Some of the entries, to be sure, are sparse and sketchy due to the lack of information available. Others are rich in detail and descriptions of the laws governing homo-

sexual activity (in some countries, for example, it is permissible to engage in sex with a youth below the age of consent if he is no longer a virgin!), as well as the actual attitudes (some countries outlaw homosexuality while the police turn their heads and pay no heed to the practice, while others have laws that allow it but whose police delight in harassment. The *Spartacus* guide can be of great service here. Those travellers who may be in the practice of paying for their pleasures can pick up hints in the summaries on some countries that a willing partner will be outraged at being offered money, in others that a gift is preferable to cash, and in still others that the men are available and the price is steep.

Want to live abroad? There's even a full page offering Madrid's four-star rated baths for sale, as the owner is retiring!

Some areas carry warnings about high prices, some about pickpockets and thieves, others about the danger of bringing in pornography or drugs.

In short, there's a wealth of information, along with the unavoidable misinformation, to be found in this perennial guidebook. Whether you're just curious about how the other half of the world lives or actually plan to check it out in person, our own opinion is that you'll find the small cover price for this hefty 784-page volume a remarkable bargain at \$20.00. We're advised that it should be in stock at Community Bookstore (in Crossroads Market) by the time you read this, and Lobo Book Shop should be getting it in a bit later. ■

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Sera Florist and Metro Times would like to remember Mom on her day with flowers. And we'll be sending flowers to the Mother we celebrate in our issue of May 10. Gay/lesbian individuals are encouraged to send an essay (two typewritten pages, double-spaced, or roughly that length) about their wonderful mom, non-gay individuals may write about their lesbian mom, dealing with how our lifestyle has affected the relationship of mother and child. Our favorite gets published May 10, and we need your entry by April 30. Flowers to the best Mom — we only wish we could honor one and all!

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METRO MISCELLANEOUS

First of all, my little chickadees, something of importance: We'd like to encourage gay-related groups and organizations in this area, of all types, sizes and so on, who were not contacted by the Communications Department of the Dallas Gay Alliance recently to update that committee's directory for North Texas, to get in touch with them at Box 190712, Dallas, 75219. And secondly, would you be kind enough to get in touch with us as well, since we've been having a heck of a time getting in touch with a lot of you. In our case, name, address, name of one or more responsible contact persons and the best way to contact them is all we need. Put it in the mail now, before you forget it, darling.

There are also some not-so-serious notes for some events in a very good cause: Fundraisers tentatively scheduled by the *Dallas Tavern Guild* for Gay Pride activities include another Family Feud (hurrah!) to take place April 4 at the Unicorn. You can count on us keeping that one on our schedule. The first gay Family Feud was a hoot and a holler, and anyone with so much as a speck of insanity in their body owes it to themselves to get over for this one. We're talking SRO, folks.

Then there's the Mr. Dallas Tavern Guild Contest to be held April 19 at the 4001. We wanted to

enter, it being in a good cause and all, but when we asked for an application form we had to walk away for fear they'd rupture themselves laughing so hard. That's show biz! And—planning way ahead—there's *another Barowners' Drag Show* set for the Unicorn on May 8. There's also an auction and benefit show pencilled in for May 20, and you get three guesses... well, it's at the Unicorn! What has Kathy Jack been putting in these folks' drinks?

We're also very delighted that the apparent feud in the community between last year's remnant gay pride organization and this year's *Pride III* people has apparently been settled, with last year's leaders stepping aside to make way for new blood instead of spilling blood. (After the guest opinion in *TWT* a couple of weeks ago by activist Jerry Diggin, *TWT*'s own Chuck Patrick showed up to attend the last *Pride III* meeting. By the way, you're invited to the next one, which is April 15, again at the Roundup.

There are a couple of goodies set for April 5. One we just got word on is the grand opening of the North Forty Saloon, a new women's country and western bar on Denton Drive just between Manor Way and Mockingbird. And if the address sounds a bit familiar, it might be because Joe Elliott and

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some friends bought out the former **Hideout**. Drop by and wish a long-time community supporter all the best.

You might still have time to get out to **Studio 4** for the April 5 appearance of **Freda Payne**, whom most of us remember as recording *Band of Gold* some years back. The lady has also been a cable television show host and is generally a multitalented performer well worth going out to see. Manager **Michael Hopper** assures us that ticket sales are going delightfully well, so get yours now and save money. (Hey, they'll even have valet parking!) And if you were wondering who put that high score on the *Nibbler* video game, think real hard to see if the name Roy rings a bell (hint: check our publisher's statement).

Speaking of Studio 4, owner **Ray Martin** was in Houston, where he says they treated him royally (we neglected to ask more precisely). He was there for the Dallas Conference of Clubs' show at the Brazos River Bottom, benefitting the purchase of the central Texas property by the **Texas Conference of Clubs** for the use of the entire community across the state. Ahem. We *are* waiting to see the show here, as we couldn't all go traipsing down to—ugh!—Houston to see it. And we're also waiting for Houston to see if they can match the kind of money our people took in. We don't have exact figures, but our understanding is that we made their last benefit for the same cause look somewhat sick—what are we saying?—very, *very* sick!

We got a very unusual press release a couple of weeks ago. Ms. **Melody** of the DGA brought us a short, to-the-point note written on the back of a trick card (and we know we're not her type, even if she *is* kinda cute). Now what she's doing mixed up with a men's group, nobody bothered to explain to us, but Melody was plugging Dallas' third effort to start a chapter of **Black and White Men Together** (known as BWMT). Those interested have been meeting Saturday mornings at the Olympia Restaurant on Cedar Springs at 9:30 a.m. (there's a 9:30 in the morning, too? How come nobody ever tells us these things?). For more information, you can call 821-4838.

A pause now, if you will, for a commercial for the *Metro Times* (yeah! applause! hurrah!): Now hush. If you've been counting, kiddies, you may have noted that this is volume 4, number 25. That means we start our fifth year four weeks from now. Really. Nobody has ever done this before with a Dallas/Fort Worth paper before, and we're blushing. Well, not so much you can tell it, but we're still pleased as punch to have continued to set new landmarks for those who come after us (and we don't mean the FBI, goofy!).

What we do mean is that in our next issue we'll finally be telling you where to look for our gala beer busts celebrating this very special event. At this time we were still picking the places, so you can attend the other beer busts which take place regularly around town, such as the long standing traditional one at the Ranch (you see, Papa the squeaking

wheel gets greased) or any of a number of other ones you probably already know about but which we, who can't stand the taste, smell—barely the sight—of beer are unaware of, and practice drinking up on us!

By the way, if you have a business, we're working on a plan to give a percentage of our revenues thru September 13 to **Pride III**. You should check and see how inexpensively you can advertise with us and, at the same time, help support your community!

We dropped by the **Throckmorton Mining Co.** on Sunday to check out their new trivia machine, Fax

(we're hooked on the machine, and they have another one similar to it at J.R.'s), when we heard them announce that they had 50 cent hot dogs on the patio. Well, cheap supper! Our only problem was deciding which looked the best, the hot dogs or the hot man in the coveralls without a shirt who was forking them over. Yummy hot wieners! Tasty buns. Remind us to make Sundays a regular activity.

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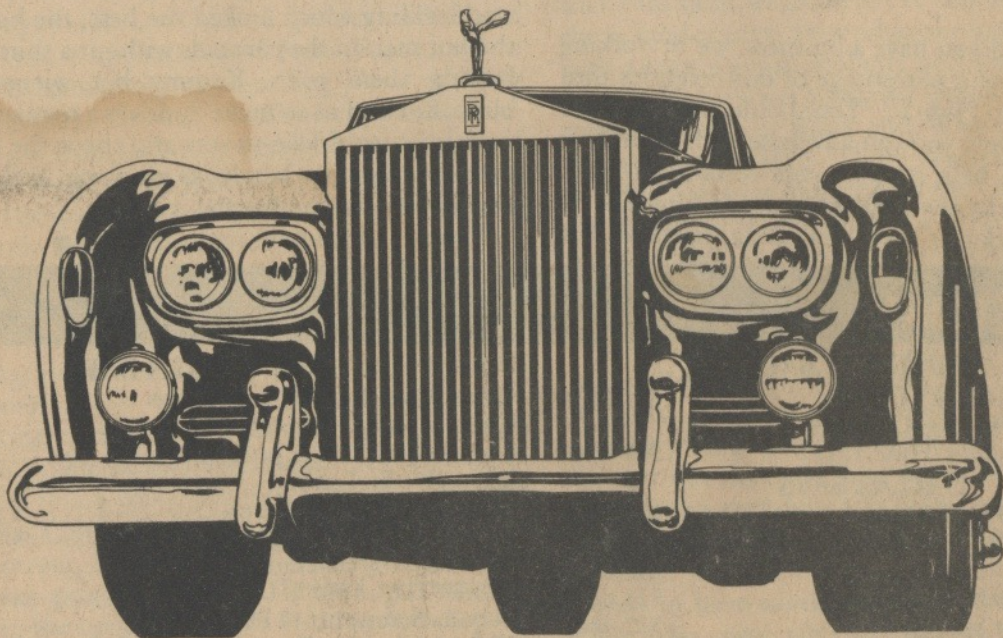
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