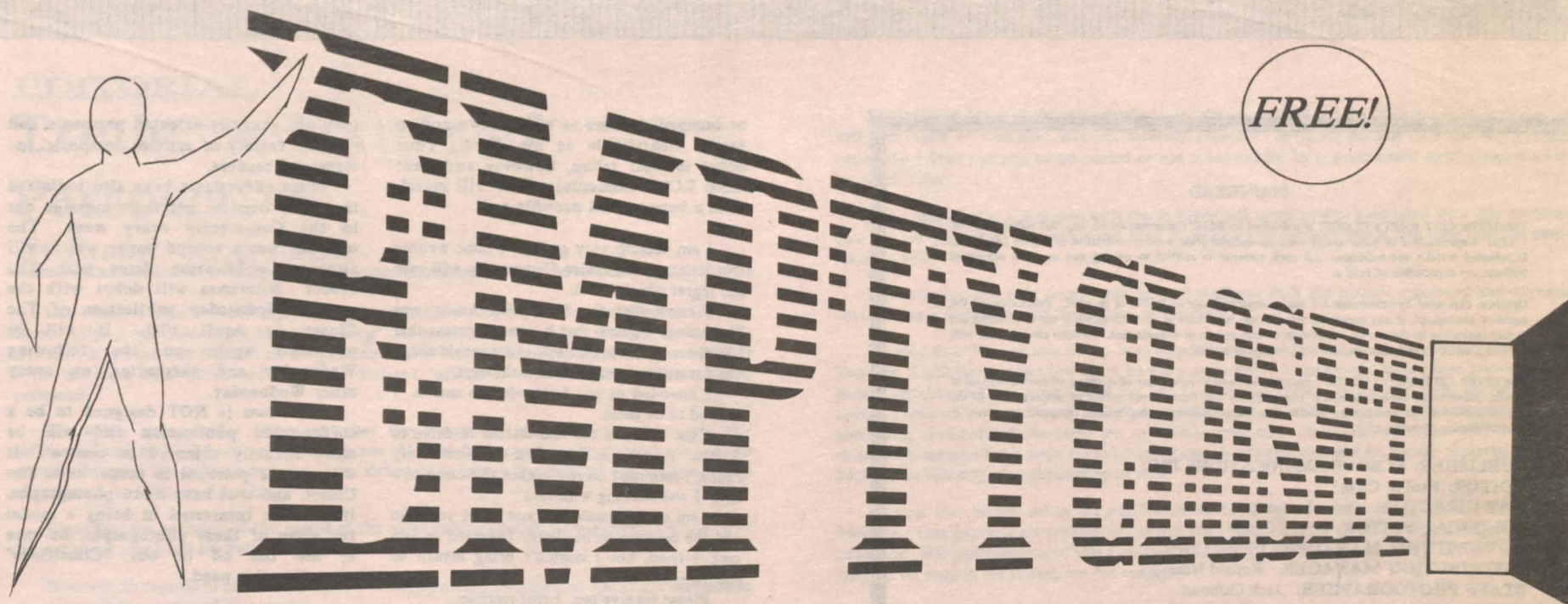




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Two Murders Baffle Community

On March 22nd, the body of Gloria Lopez was discovered in the trunk of her car in El Paso, Texas.

San Antonio Police Department is currently investigating and has determined that Lopez was last seen at a local Gay-supportive bar on March 20, 1991.

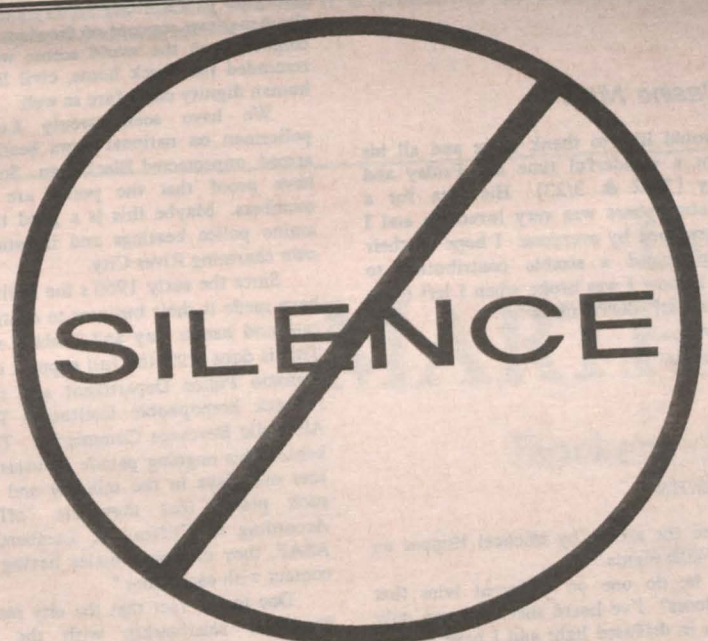
Homicide Detective John Guerrero reported that Lopez may have been to several other clubs that evening.

At 7am Friday, March 29, 1991, the body of a male, in his twenties, was discovered in the 900 block of N. Alamo. The body had

been partially burned and beaten.

At the time of this writing, local papers are reporting that the victim was a transvestite but information obtained from the police report does not indicate anything other than two female shoes and an earring found near the body. The police report states that the victim was found nude and no ID has been made at this time. The Medical Examiner's autopsy is pending.

The SAPD has asked for assistance in solving these murders. If you have any information, please contact San Antonio Crimestoppers at (512) 299-STOP or Police Homicide at 299-7635.



STATE

On The Political Side...

By Daniel Castor, Political Editor

In 1986 the Supreme Court ruled in *Bowers vs. Hardwick* in favor of the Georgia sodomy statute and against a homosexuals right to privacy. This decision by our nations highest court called Rich Bailey to action.

Bailey, a military brat, served three and a half years in the Navy before being thrown out in 1981 for Homosexual conduct. This experience with discrimination brought Bailey a recognition of the need to be active and caused him to address, "Who I am as a person?" What Bailey discovered was a leader.

Following the *Bowers vs. Hardwick* decision, Bailey began working for positive change in government. He attended the 2nd Annual Lesbian/Gay Leadership Conference and served as co-chairperson. He became involved in the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus, serving one year as Program Chair,

two years as Publicity Chair, and last May was elected Co-chairperson. Bailey also spent two years as an "at large" board member of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby and two years as Co-chairperson of the Lobby. His involvement with the LGRL introduced Bailey to Glen Maxey, then lobbyist, and Bailey worked closely with Maxey's successful campaign for state representative.

In our early morning interview, just prior to the March on Austin, Bailey outlined some important distinctions between various organizations.

Bailey explained the LGRL's involvement in legislative and policy issues. This group, supported wholly by private individuals, aggressively lobbies the state legislature to enact laws benefitting our statewide Community and to "kill" discriminatory legislation.

Gay-Bashing On The Rise?

Last week, this paper's Editor received a frantic call just as we were closing the office. The caller had just been "mugged." He sounded very upset and somewhat confused, but was clearly asking for help.

I urged him to call the police but he refused, saying that he thought the treatment he would receive would be "worse than what I just went through."

Whether his perception is accurate or not, EVERY citizen of this city has the right to

The *Closet* urges anyone who has been victimized by Gay-bashing or other violent crimes to notify the police at once.

If we continue to be silent victims, the police department will not know that we are being assaulted. Silence only perpetuates the violence.

When I first moved here, a very good friend was mugged while "entertaining" a new-found friend in his apartment. He was brutally hit over the head with a Coke bottle until he lost consciousness. When he awoke several hours later, his head was bleeding, several hundred dollars in cash had been stolen as well as jewelry and other personal belonging.

When I asked him what the police had told him, his face tightened as he warned me, "Oh, you never report anything like this. They'll just laugh at you and tell you it was your own fault."

I was stunned.

A citizen of this city, who pays taxes which contribute to financing the police department which is directed to respond to all reports of violence, is more afraid of demanding that the department do its job than suffering another mugging.

I urged him to report the incident, if only

for insurance purposes. Again he refused, fearing an unsympathetic response by police.

When I asked if he KNEW that is how the police would respond, he admitted that he had only heard "stories" from others who had attempted to obtain police action on their being mugged.

"Stories" aren't going to catch your assailant. Rumors don't affect change. Reporting these acts of violence will begin to mount up on the police blotter and so will

Admittedly, I come from a city which has a very different relationship [See *Call*, this issue] with the police department than what appears to be the case here in San Antonio.

This paper urges you to report all incidents of violence. If you are NOT satisfied with the police response to your situation, please report your dissatisfaction to this paper or to SALGA. Be sure you document all facts concerning the incident (date, time, place, badge numbers of responding officers and/or names of other officers involved in taking your report) and present SALGA or this paper with a copy of your documentation.

Documentation is just as important as your feelings in these cases. No one, not even the police, can act in your behalf based on anger or questionable perceptions. You MUST keep your wits about you and be aware of to whom you are talking and exactly what the responses are.

Hate-crimes are on the rise in the United States. As more Gays and Lesbians speak out, it is not unrealistic to expect Gay oriented hate crimes to also rise. There are a lot of people "out there" who are afraid of the freedoms that we believe in.

Gay-bashing is reported on the rise in nearly every major city. Unless we report these crimes today, our muggers of today may graduate to the murderers of tomorrow.

Bailey co-chairs the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus which, he said, "...echoes the LGRL politically but concentrates on a local level." The ALGPC has been successful in obtaining 7-0 council votes in favor of Lesbian and Gay issues partly due to the largely progressive and tolerant Austin community, Bailey explained.

While the LGRL and the ALGPC focus on politics, the Texas Human Rights Foundation concentrates on legal issues within the court system. The recent victory in district court by plaintiffs challenging the constitutionality of statute 21.06 was won through legal assistance provided by the THRF.

In our discussion Bailey spoke of his involvement with the Republican Party saying that sometimes he encounters more hostility within the Gay Community because he is a Republican than he does within the Republican Party because he is Gay.

He founded the Log Cabin Republicans in Austin, a group for Gay and Lesbian Republicans. Bailey said, "...originally, the Republican Party was fiscally conservative but socially liberal." Bailey hopes for a return to that philosophy and wants to be the first openly Gay elected republican.

Bailey is taking a year off to work behind the scenes and to open positions for new persons becoming active in the Community. Bailey explained that due to the AIDS crisis impacting the political leadership he is involved with student affairs, offering resources and assistance and looking for new leaders from fresh faces.

Upon his return from sabbatical, in which he will be sorely missed, Bailey will focus on developing broad based support as a politician who happens to be Gay rather than a Gay politician. "If you don't have access you're not going to get anything done," Bailey said. With this approach Bailey is assured a successful undertaking.

MASTHEAD

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or business leaders as well known and as easily identifiable as Ms. Ford. Your point is well taken, however and next time, RCEC Communications will march with a banner, and proudly so.]

I am feeling very guilty. I hope writing this letter to the entire Community will ease the regret which I feel.

I knew that the March On Austin was happening. I knew that it was important that I be there. I knew that this event would shape our future goals and accomplishments.

I intended to go. I intended to march. I wanted to be there.

I got into my car and started to drive to Austin. As soon as I reached the Austin city limits, I slammed on my brakes and came to a halt. I was shaking with fear.

I am sorry I could not join all of you who had the courage to be there. I wanted to join you; I tried, but I couldn't bring myself to risk ridicule.

Please forgive me. I feel terrible.
 Anonymous

[Perhaps, next year. Yes, your appearance would have helped. But no one can fault you for trying. Coming out is not easy for any of us. It takes time. One step this year, another next year. Eventually, you'll be there, right next to the rest of us. Get rid of the guilt; it's destructive. At least you tried.]

ON The Military

I'm writing in reference to your article which contained reprints of letters from the Military.

First of all, although I am sure Papa Bear is well-intentioned, why does he equate anything that happens to the bars with SAAF? Why is he so paranoid that he suspects that OSI files contain material on the organization that he heads? [SAAF] is vital to our Community but I don't understand why he is acting like [this Community's] spokesperson.

Secondly, EXACTLY what is meant by "intimate contact?" If the military finds hugging, holding or even a friendly kiss "intimate" then it better begin to put its own recreational facilities off limits!

I've seen the same kind of "undesirable conditions" on my own base and these conditions weren't even in inclosed structures, away from public view. Isn't it about time the military authorities stop trying to "legislate morality?"

(name withheld)

On Casino Nites

I would like to thank Mike and all his staff for a wonderful time last Friday and Saturday [3/22 & 3/23]. His idea for a Casino atmosphere was very inventive and I believe enjoyed by everyone. I hope all their effort produced a sizable contribution to SAAF. I know I was broke when I left there [The Hardhat]...BOTH nites!

Thanks,
 "a regular"

On Plants

Loved the article by Michael Hopper on "Living With Plants."

Can he do one on different ivies that grow indoors? I've heard that ivies can only be grown in diffused light and I have a large bathroom window that is very bright. I'd like to find out if there is a special kind that takes direct sunlight well. (Love your paper, too.)

"A reader in HC"

[Michael Hopper, co-owner of Grasshopper, will be contributing on a regular basis to our paper. He says he will be happy to write about ivies. Look for his column again in our next issue.]

On Nitetimes

Haven't we got enough papers already? Why another one? I get all the news I need.
 Anonymous

[I'm glad you feel you have access to all the news you need. There are, however, others who don't share your view.

Some of our readers want to see special interest articles which we normally would not include in The Closet. Some advertisers have also asked for more freedom in their display ads which we strictly edit for content and general appearance.

Nitetimes would allow "1-900" dis-

play ads, sexually-oriented personals, and a wider variety of articles on special interests of readers.

Some advertisers have also indicated that they need to get their message out to the Community every week. The solution was a second paper which will alternate publication dates with The Closet. Nitetimes will debut with the regular Wednesday publication of The Closet on April 17th. It will be published again on the following Wednesday and thereafter, on every other Wednesday.

Nitetimes is NOT designed to be a coffee-table publication and will be more sexually oriented in content. It will not be political in scope, as is The Closet, and will have more photographs. If you are interested in being a model for some of these photographs, be sure to see the ad in our "Classifieds" regarding this need.]

On WomanSpace/LISA

On Sunday, March 17, 1991, a St. Patrick's Day Show was held as a fundraiser for WomanSpace/LISA (Lesbian Information San Antonio). I am proud to announce that \$300 was raised that night for this group.

As MC of this benefit show, I would like to thank many people who helped make this benefit a success.

A very special thank you to a person who helped me put this benefit together - my Co-MC, Modesty Blaise.

The performers who contributed their time and efforts to help make this benefit show a success:

Kevin Wagenfuehr, Miriam & Barb, Chuckina, Stephanie Monte, Miss Ricki, Bob Tadelman, T.K. Krausnick, Casey, Michelle, Jennifer Young, Kim Dawson, Monica, Sylvia DeCarlo and the Alamo City Wranglers.

A very special group of people to thank are the owners and staff of MEMORIES who allowed us to have this benefit for WomanSpace/LISA at Memories.

Sincerely,
 Erica Raye
 Rose & Raye Productions

On The Afterglow

While the nation is basking in the afterglow of a military victory and proud that the American concept of freedom has made a comeback on the world scene; we are again reminded that back home, civil liberties and human dignity don't fare as well.

We have seen twenty Los Angeles policemen on national news beating an unarmed, unprotected Black man. So finally we have proof that the police are also gang members. Maybe this is a good time to examine police beatings and injustices in our own charming River City.

Since the early 1960's the Military Police have made it their business to continually locate and harass Gay and Lesbian nightclubs. This is done with the full support of the San Antonio Police Department and that every redneck homophobic institution The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. The reason behind this ongoing parade of injustices is to root out Gays in the military and to notify such places that they are "off limits."

According to Clifford E. Lambert, Colonel ASAF, they condone "males having intimate contact with each other."

Due to the fact that the city maintains a symbiotic relationship with the military, anything as trivial as harassment of the civilian Gay Community by the MP's is swept under the rug.

We have never heard Lila address the problems in the Gay Community and you can bet that the same policy will be upheld by Nelson Wolff.

What is even more aggravating is that the local TV stations cannot be relied upon to examine this problem either.

Gene Elder



Letters To The Editor

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On The March

Pertaining to the March on Austin, March 17, 1991:
 Praise all San Antonians that attended.
 Excuse all San Antonians that had to work.

Bless all the San Antonio P.W.A.s that were unable to attend.

Shame to all other Gay and Lesbian San Antonians that did not show.

Shame to all HIV/AIDS [individuals] that were able and did not show...

Where were all the Gay hairdressers, doctors, lawyers, bar owners, etc.? (With the exception of Kay Ford, owner of The Circle).

TGRA, where were your representatives? Where were all the other S.A. Gay organiza-

tions? I do realize some were represented, but all should have been there in full color!

San Antonio is so close to Austin, but our participation was very poor, to be kind about the matter. Head count was so important, and still is. If we can go to other cities to party, why not Austin to March?

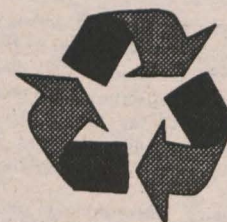
We should glorify the people that have put their lives and careers on the line for our Gay and Lesbian lifestyles. It is so important to participate in the March to show and appreciate what these people are doing. I do not think this is too much to ask of each and every one of us. All the issues affect all of us in our every day Gay and Lesbian lives.

If I have offended you, the reader, [with] this article, then you must be among the people that I am speaking to...GUILTY, GUILTY, GUILTY!

Please, let us show vigorous support for next year's March.

Sincerely
 A Concerned Gay Resident

[Well spoken! But a word in defense of Gay organizations which were not "seen" at the March. It is very probable that many individuals from these organizations were present but did not march under a banner from that organization. I, along with all but one of our Staff, were proudly there but we may have been "invisible" since we had no banner. We were there as individuals. I suspect that the same may be true of many other organizations which do not have directors, presidents



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EDITORIAL

Truth: A Matter of Perspective

By Paul R. Cirre, Editor

Last week I received an angry phone call from a Gay-supportive businessman in this Community. I was told that I had "fucked-up" (his words) because I had not only printed the article by Kay Ford and SALGA on the growing bar/military problem but that I had also included a list of three bars which are currently declared "off-limits" by the military for military personnel.

He rightly charged that there are other Gay-supportive establishments which are also "off-limits" and that I did not print those names. He also indicated that the whole matter of the problem between the military and some bars should have been left alone and not brought to the attention of the Community at large.

Regarding the omission of the names of the other establishments, I am guilty. It is my fault for not being sure I had the full list.

However, in regards to the publishing of Ms. Ford's article on behalf of SALGA, I take strong exception. It is a matter of perspective.

The decision to print her article was not a flippant one. I was contacted over a month ago by a well-known Community supporter asking me to "do something about this intolerable situation" and I have spoken with four other Community leaders, as well, since that initial call, regarding the same issue.

Only one advised me to "stay clear of it."

The purpose of this paper is to inform our readership of issues which affect our Community. But that purpose is not pursued without considerable forethought and consideration of how a related article will be perceived. We spent six weeks considering the decision to become involved and then only several calls from "prominent" members of our Community.

The final decision was mine and no one else's and I take full responsibility for it.

But that should not in ANY WAY be construed to mean that I apologize for it.

The issue of the increasing dispute between some bar owners and the military is — or at least, should be — of interest to every member of this Community.

The dispute over jurisdiction and/or enforcement of military regulations does affect each and every one of us, whether we are military personnel or not. Gay military personnel are members of this Community, too. Apparently, some of us, unfortunately, would like to forget that fact. But unlike those few, even national television news programs are beginning to cover the injustices of being Gay and serving in the military. Example: ABC's 20/20 which aired a twenty minute segment, Friday, March 29th, on Gays and Lesbians serving in the military with an emphasis on Gays and Lesbians serving during the Gulf Crisis.

And I am told that by time we go to print with this issue, still another bar will probably be added to the "off-limits" list; ridiculous in my opinion since the three mentioned in issue #4 and the probability of the fourth, are all bars which have very active owners/managers, who keep a rather tight reign on what can and what cannot be done in their bars.

It is even more ridiculous and oppressive when one thinks of the same kind of activity that regularly occurs at non-Gay bars. The difference, of course, is that the activity is happening between people of the same sex. Clearly, there is not only a double standard here, but a direct focusing on homosexually oriented people. An inescapable example of anti-Gay prejudice: a glaring example of Gay oppression by one of the most distinctive and powerful arms of our own government.

There is a pattern forming here and it is obvious that the Gay-supportive bars in this Community have been targeted and unfairly so.

Sweeping an issue of this magnitude under the carpet and not discussing it is playing ostrich with the rights of everyone, not just military personnel, since all patrons of a bar are affected when any military group, accompanied or not accompanied by a government agency enters a bar "to check ID's."

If we don't begin a dialogue with the military and other groups associated with this problem, how are we ever going to reach some kind of working agreement which everyone can feel comfortable with?

That solution can only come from an open dialogue with the entities concerned and dialogue comes from a discussion and knowledge of the facts.

I regret that this business owner is so angered that he "will not touch [our paper] ever again." Too bad. I still like his bar and think he has a great staff. I, personally, have never known him to permit anything on the premises of his bar that would offend anyone nor merit an "off-limits" status. I suspect he is guilty of nothing more than any other Gay-supportive bar owner/manager: permitting members of the same sex to openly greet each other with affection and enjoying a drink with others of the same sexual orientation. A practice that can be openly observed in ANY bar/club in this city, Gay-supportive or not.

I regret that he has taken the publication of truth as a personal attack against him and his business. This paper is attempting to support his rights and those of his patrons, not increase his problems. His participation in this Community has been exemplary and I hope he will soon realize that we remain his friend, not his enemy.

At the same time, however, if he or any other Gay-supportive business expects to continue doing business with this Community, it is time to realize that there is a price to pay for enjoying the financial benefits that come with serving the Community.

There is more to it than opening your door and welcoming Gay dollars. The price is commitment; a commitment that far extends beyond the front door and involves an active participation to stamp out Gay oppression. It is vital for any Gay-supportive business person to realize that oppression against ANY of his or her clientele is oppression against his or her Gay-supportive business, as well. How one participates is not for anyone else to measure, but the Community, as a whole, will eventually know who is there, working right alongside them and who is not. No one, least of all this paper, will have to tell them. It will be blindingly noticeable in the cash register.

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From The Editor's Desk

A Call For Dialogue

Dissent is the constitutional right of every American.

Our Community is no different than other communities in that all of our members are not in agreement as to how to dissent; nor, for that matter, that we should dissent at all.

Some of us feel progress is made behind closed doors while others believe that bringing an issue to the attention of the entire Community will bring better results.

There is merit in both approaches and surely both approaches used together accomplish the most.

In deciding to publish "SALGA Responds To Military/Bar Disputes," [Issue Vol.2 No.4, March 7, 1991] this paper hopefully took a step toward creating a dialogue between the various military and municipal agencies involved.

But those of us who are trying to establish this dialogue need the support and contributions of the entire Community. Your opinion is as important as anyone else's and just as powerful.

As a product of the Stonewall era, I remember well the militancy that the New York City event generated. I also remember how some individuals, realizing the opportunity, established themselves as the "caretakers of the Community" only to eventually act as protectors of their own spotlight and personal gain instead of for the entire Community. (Sound familiar???)

For a few years various members of the Gay Community expressed their new found voice by zapping radio stations, taking to the streets indiscriminately and objecting to anything which was perceived as anti-Gay. The results were, for the main part, horrendous.

The militancy only succeeded in reinforcement of prejudices and the unwillingness to discuss objections.

The mid-seventies brought more maturity to the Gay Community and Community leaders found that dialogue was far more effective, for a number of reasons. The most important of which was the fact that no one likes to have their back to the wall; no one likes to be "demanded" that this or that happen.

As leaders became more adroit at the art of compromise and discussion, the Gay Community began to see progress. Those non-Gays who weren't willing to support a violent or "demanding" Community gradually came to respect and support a Community which first "got it's own house in order" and then presented workable proposals that were capable of discussion.

It is in our own best interests to organize the San Antonio Community into a cohesive group with definite goals and solid proposals for the attainment of those goals.

It is in our own best interests to contribute to this process in any way each of us can.

It is in our own best interests to make certain that those who say they are working for us are truly working toward the good of the entire Community and not for personal gain, whether that gain be notoriety or financial or power.

As a starting point, we must ALL be aware that there is room for consideration of all approaches. Dissent must be allowed and valued. Personal integrity, above all, must be demanded.

In the past, this Community as a whole has seen fit to avoid confrontation, principally because the roots of organization were not fully formed. It was very easy for some to take leadership in the guise of contribution. Some of us are beginning to know better. We now have the ability to strengthen those roots and to demand from our leaders the same qualities that we demand from ourselves and friends. This is not to say that all existing leaders have devious goals. Where would we

In Vol 2 #5 (incorrectly numbered and dated on our nameplate), in the article "Military States Reasons," I wrote "It is clear that rumors in our Community, as anywhere else, are based on bits of truth that have been embellished by individuals' perceptions of what they see or have heard. No one is immune from this human annoyance and only through dialogue can the facts be established and solutions found."

Due to space limitations, the original article had to be cut in length and in that process several other paragraphs were deleted. Unintentionally, that resulted in moving the above quote immediately after another paragraph that referred to Kay Ford, Co-Chair of SALGA.

Because of the repositioning of the quote, it may have seemed to readers that I was referring specifically to Ms. Ford. I was not and I regret any inference that might have resulted.

—Paul Cirre, Editor

be without their assistance? But it is certainly time to join other Communities in having the courage to face issues openly. The good ol' boy system, which I have seen still alive and thriving is no longer going to serve us. Unless we all become active, unless all of us are empowered to create the kind of Community we all can flourish in, only a few of us will maintain the reins and we all know what is said about absolute power corrupting absolutely...

We must make our presence known but we must also make it equally known that we are ready and eager to discuss our problems and find amicable solutions.

During the past year, at least eighteen Gay-supportive bars have received warnings from the military regarding a possible "off-limits" declaration status.

No one is so ignorant as to deny the influence of the military in this city. Bar owners receiving these letters have been reluctant to react publicly to the notifications. And understandably so.

No business person is eager to tell potential patrons that spending their dollars in one of these establishments may cause that patron some problems with the military if that patron is military personnel.

But the intimidation has extended beyond

military personnel patrons and is affecting other bar patrons, as well.

Some express concern for ALL patrons while others believe that only military personnel should be concerned.

Every bar needs our support in developing a discussion of not only the reasons for these disputes but in finding solutions.

The key is organization, knowledge of facts and a willingness to discuss the problem(s).

As a former member of the Gay organization in my city of origin, I know that such a dialogue is possible. But I also know that it will not happen if we continue to ignore the problem or attempt to butt heads with the established authorities.

In my former home city, police raids of local bars were very common during the sixties. Patrons of the "El Echo" eventually became so used to the raids that they felt shunned if one did not occur at least monthly.

"Witch-hunts" in the public parks destroyed many a career and the accused often paid their fines, suffered the humiliation silently and moved away or ran back to their closet.

I must also say, however, that in some



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cases, these "raids" were warranted based on sexual activity which not only "broke the current law" but also interfered with the activities of others in many of these locations; the latter especially in public parks.

Individuals who cruised the bridges and streets, hoping to be picked up by a Gay "companion" driving by, were more often the victims of Gay-bashing than contented participants in a "menage a deux."

Gay-bashing on the city's public streets became so bad that a few well-heeled homosexuals contacted the then active "Mattachine Society" and pleaded for help.

In the early sixties, it was not exactly fun to be "Gay." But then again, most of us were not "Gay" — we were homosexuals. No individual or communal identity of strength, pride nor lifestyle.

It was through the efforts of one bar owner (a non-Gay woman) that things began to change. She owned "Dick's 43 Bar," my home bar, the bar I "came out at."

"Dick's" was located on a dingy side street and was the only exclusively "Gay-bar" in the city. Connections could certainly be made at other "mixed" bars but Martha's bar was "the" bar.

When the police "raided" and closed "Dick's 43" because Martha had allowed two men to dance together, Martha made an appointment with the police chief the very next day.

In essence, this is what she said to him. "Look, I want to stay in business. If I stay in business, [Gays] will have a place to go; you'll know where the active ones are. If you keep me closed down, all my patrons will have no alternative but to hit the streets and that will present more of a public relations and crime problem for you than you think you have now. What can we do to prevent this?"

The chief wanted Martha to keep her patrons inside the bar (it was common to slip off into her parking lot for a little action and probably a beating if you weren't careful) and he wanted "no touching" while people danced and only dancing at specified times. He was sure he could "convince" the state beverage board to overlook the dancing if it was limited.

The following week, "Dick's 43" was open again for business, with limited dancing; only on week ends and only on the hour for one song off the juke-box. Slow dancing was absolutely forbidden. A compromise, for sure, but a tiny step toward empowerment and recognition as well.

Unfortunately, years later, she misused her established leadership. The Community was quick to see her personal goal and she fell from favor immediately. She had become intractable and unwilling to let an eager younger leadership move the Community forward. She thought she was Queen for life.

After Stonewall, the militancy began to come to the foreground as the only way to reach the non-Gay authorities.

The Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley (GAGV), our version of SALGA, went through several years of dissent among its own members as to how the Community's problems should be solved.

Women, in particular, were the most vocal. Fueled by not only the Stonewall incident but by a growing grass-roots Feminist movement, Lesbians within the organization were particularly active in suggesting approaches to solving Community problems. Eventually, the intra-organizational power struggle that arose from the differences in approaches between the men and the women subsided and a common goal and methodology were found.

It was decided that dialogue ("let's play the game according to their rules and then fight to change the rules") was the only way to lasting change.

A plan of action was organized and Community leaders were encouraged to "come out" and help solve the problems. Many did, including Gay priests, civic leaders, wealthy business people and already silently-active individuals.

Eventually, a delegation from GAGV was sent to the new police chief.

For the most part, the approach was the same one used by Martha nearly a decade earlier. "How can we help you do your job and continue to help our Community grow and enjoy civil rights now being denied us?"

The major result occurred a few years later, after many tiny, seemingly insignificant steps toward recognition and mutual respect: the appointment of a police lieutenant acting as liaison with the Gay Community.

His job was to foster a working relationship between the Community and the police department.

Over the next decade, police received training in how to respond to assaults on Gays and the department established an emergency phone just for that purpose—a phone not connected to the central police switchboard; a private number where one could report an assault without fear of ridicule or disinterest.

The GAGV notified bars that a working relationship with the police was alive and encouraged bars to comply with state beverage commission regulations and to freely allow police to enter their premises when approached.

The police, in turn, agreed to stop "raids" and to respond quickly to calls for assistance when a problem would arise at a Gay bar.

The police also would notify GAGV ahead of time concerning proposed "sweeps" of public parks so that the information could be published in the GAGV's paper, "The Empty Closet"—the oldest Gay newspaper in New York state. (Yes, that's where our name comes from.) The police knew that most Gay individuals conduct themselves with discretion and generally cause no problem. But from time to time, things got out of hand and it was time to warn the Community that "if things didn't cool down" there would be a "sweep" very soon.

Most planned sweeps never had to take place. The reaction from the Community was usually immediate, one of the clearest signals that the GAGV's influence was appreciated and growing.

A couple of years ago, when "skin-heads" bashed and robbed several men in a local park, the police asked for the cooperation of the Gay Community in reporting any other similar incidents. The response, again, was immediate and all but one of the gang was convicted.

The cooperation grew. The Community prospered. That city has nearly as many Gay-supportive bars as San Antonio and is one-third SA's size. Virtually any politico wanting to be elected to the city council makes sure he or she is present at the Gay Picnic held annually in one of the largest public parks of the city, with city police providing the security and traffic control for the four thousand participants.

The Gay vote in that city helped elect one openly Gay candidate and at least one Gay-supportive candidate. And the Gay Community is at the forefront of AIDS fundraising and awareness; mostly through organizations now fully recognized by the city, some even on the "red-feather" lists of the Community Chest annual drive.

All this and much more, because sweeping an issue under the carpet is no way to cause change. We must be willing to talk things out as a beginning.

Rochester, New York is only one example. Those of us who have been able to travel to other large metropolitan Communities, know how these other Communities have progressed.

If we take it step by step, we can enjoy the same freedoms that our brothers and sisters in many other cities already enjoy. But it takes identity and commitment. Commitment as simple as participation in the March On Austin or in supporting Gay-sponsored events can make a real difference in establishing recognition.

We, as a Community, still have not learned the value of the Gay dollar. But that day will come and when it does, this Community will begin a rapid growth in Gay rights and empowerment. Gay dollars are important, vital instruments and when we learn to implement their power—as other civil rights groups have done—we will achieve recognition and eventual empowerment. But first comes commitment.

The kind of commitment that causes over ninety per cent of the Gay bars in my former home to remain closed until 6PM on the day of the Gay Pride Picnic so that everyone will be encouraged to attend; the kind of commitment that makes the Dining for Dollars evening the largest single fund-raising event (for any organization, Gay or non-Gay) annually in the history of the city because everything is donated; the kind of commitment that created a city ordinance that forbids city contracts with companies that practice Gay-discrimination.

That kind of commitment is here, also. But it takes courage to unleash it.

Do we open a dialogue, or do we continue to butt heads and suffer the consequences?

We must learn to play the game and, even more importantly, we must learn to play it better. Only from within can the game rules be changed. Only the game players have the right to affect change. On-lookers have no vote. Unless we enter the mainstream and work for change, we will never see the peace that Urvashi Vaid spoke of.

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Travel More About Mexico

By Howard Wohlgemuth



[Mr. Wohlgemuth has traveled widely including all fifty states, several large cities in Canada and fourteen other countries. He recently moved here after living two and half years in Mexico. He also has twenty years of travel experience in California as well as nearly a decade of life in the Seattle area. We welcome his column as an important contribution to our many readers who chose travel and leisure as their primary interest]

The whole business of eating in Mexico is considerably different than in the States. Of course, you can continue your usual eating habits but you'll find yourself bucking the tide and most visitors blend into the local custom.

Breakfast can be heavy or not, and early or late, much as at home—from there on things change.

On weekdays, lunch is the big meal of the day, called *COMIDA*. But it is never served before 2pm and especially in the bigger cities, seldom before 3pm. Restaurants simply don't open until 2pm. Of course, fast food places are readily available at any hour. The evening meal, called *CENA*, is a lighter supper and eaten very late, 10pm and 11pm being quite standard.

In the larger cities, the restaurants other than fast food places do not open until 9pm. On weekdays, the whole procedure can shift to just about any time that suits the rest of your day. The main meal on Sunday is usually at about 5pm.

Of course, Mexican food as we know it here in Texas is available but it is not the standard fare. Most restaurants serve what we would call "Continental Cuisine" and in Mexico City, a very sizable portion of the restaurants limit themselves to ethnic cuisines from virtually every country on Earth. For an example, the last time the Pope visited Mexico City, he was treated to "Mazurka" and he proclaimed it the best Polish food he had ever eaten.

In the *Zona Rosa*, I highly recommend "La Pergola" on Genova near the corner of Liverpool—it is the best Italian food I've ever experienced. In that same area, right around the corner on Liverpool the "Fonda el Refugio" serves very high quality Mexican food from every region of the country.

Before or after dining, sit at one of the twelve or so outdoor cafes on either side of the one block long malled off street known as *Copenhagen*, one of the best places in town for people watching. Fashion buffs will marvel at the way-out and very chic outfits (worn by both sexes).

Another great place for people watching and very possible for people meeting is the outdoor cafe called "Copenhagen" located on the malled off block on Genova between Hamburgo and Londres. It serves great drinks, decent food at decent prices (about \$12 per meal, which is much less than average) and its clientele at any time of the day or night is heavily sprinkled with Gays if for no other reason than that it is in the heart of the Gay bar area.

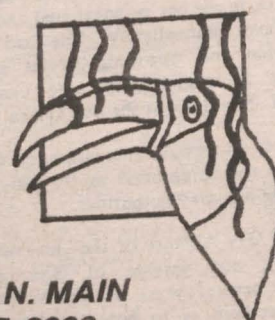
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Around The Capitol

A Weekly Legislative Report From The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas

By Laurie Eiserloh, Legislative Director of the LGRL

[Laurie Eiserloh is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law and past lobbying assistant to Garry Mauro and the Texas Consumer Association. Serving as Lobbyist, Ms. Eiserloh is one of only five full-time professional Lesbian/Gay Rights lobbyists in the U.S. We enthusiastically welcome her as a contributor to this publication.]

With all of the activity from the March On Austin, this has been a busy week at the state Capitol. In a historic meeting, on Saturday March 15th Attorney General Dan Morales invited about fifteen Lesbian and Gay leaders from around the state to his office to discuss a recent Travis County court decision which declared the state sodomy statute, 21.06, unconstitutional.

Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code makes genital and oral-genital contact between consenting adults of the same sex illegal. Although individuals are rarely charged with violating the statute, 21.06 is often invoked by landlords, employers, legislators and others to deny Lesbian and Gay people our rights based upon our "criminal" status.

The tone of our meeting with the Attorney General was extremely positive. He demonstrated a real concern for our Community and also demonstrated a willingness to learn about the issues affecting Lesbian and Gay people.

As the Attorney General, Dan Morales has the duty to uphold the laws of the state, even unjust laws, such as the state sodomy statute. However, the way in which the Attorney General goes about upholding the law can make a big difference to our Community.

For instance, in the past, when addressing Gay and Lesbian issues, AG's offices have been notorious for focusing on "morality" and "common decency," issues which play to people's homophobia. Dan Morales assured us that his approach to this most recent 21.06 case would be very different. He pledged to us that in his appeal of the 21.06 case, he would stick to the legal issues and make certain that Gay and Lesbian people are not subjected to hatred and ridicule at the hands of the AG's office.

Another issue that has been causing some confusion in our Community is the appeal of the 21.06 case. It is the Lobby's position, and the position of most Community leaders, that

an appeal of Judge Paul Davis's ruling in the 21.06 case is absolutely necessary even though we won in Travis County District Court. While our victory in Travis County is a very positive first step, District Court decisions are not published in law books and have little precedent value outside of the district in which the decision was handed down. An appeal to a higher court is needed to make the case a valid precedent for the rest of the state.

Other news from around the capitol: the Lesbian/Gay Right Lobby successfully blocked an attempt by the Texas Board of Optometry to prohibit persons living with HIV disease from practicing optometry. The laws governing optometrists, like the laws governing most professions which involve interaction with the public, prohibit the practice of the profession if the practitioner is infected with a "contagious disease."

This language dates back to the influenza epidemic of the 1930's and was intended to prevent the transmission of airborne diseases.

Recently, the boards of various professions are attempting to amend licensing language so that it states "HIV or any other contagious disease."

These amendments are questionable and unfair because HIV is not an airborne disease and should not be singled out as a disqualification for the practice of professions such as barbering, cosmetology and optometry.

Representative Glen Maxey, the first openly Gay elected official in the history of Texas and the past legislative director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby, has introduced legislation in the House of Representatives which should prevent further licensing laws such as those nearly passed by the Board of Optometry.

Often, people on the inside of their profession hear about changes that might be occurring in licensing laws before the news is released to the public. If you hear about proposed changes in the licensing laws of your profession that could lead to discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians or persons living with HIV disease, please contact the offices of the Lesbian/Gay Right Lobby of Texas (in Austin) immediately.

Other issues being addressed by the Lobby this session are Hate Crimes legislation, a civil rights bill, child custody legislation and HIV grant and medication funding. In the coming weeks, this column will examine these and other related issues.



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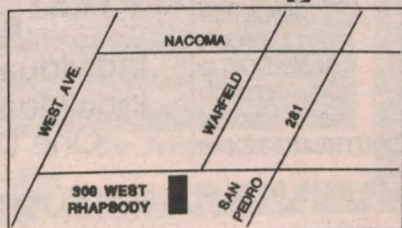
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Texas Lesbian Conference Scheduled

Among Friends and Lesbians Visionaries was the original organizational effort which eventually became the Texas Lesbian Conference. First held in Houston and then in San Antonio, the conference will this year be in Austin.

The original purpose of the group, "to reach all parts of our Community and bring together women of all ages, races, economic background, religions and nationalities," is reflected in the theme of the Fourth Annual Conference this year: "Moving forward together: empowerment, pride and strength."

The conference will be held from April 12 through the 14th at the Driskill Hotel, only a few blocks from the Capitol in downtown Austin. All conference rooms and some guest rooms are wheelchair accessible. Childcare will also be available. ASL and Spanish language interpreters are still needed.

If you wish to attend or would like more information about this important annual conference, you can write to the Texas Lesbian Conference, PO Box 402-063, Austin, TX 78704 or call (512) 462-2369.

Jump-Start's Bailey Creates Tribute

A disturbing and decidedly "homoeerotic" treatment of AIDS comes to the Carver Community Cultural Center.

Under 18-years-old will not be admitted due to the powerful erotic segments the work contains, including full frontal nudity.

On April 12th and 13th at 8pm and April 14th at 3pm, Carver Community Cultural Center will present the world premiere of Jump-Start Performance Co.'s *OUT OF A TIME OF PLAGUE*. The Carver Theater is located at 226 N. Hackberry. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased by calling 225-6516.

OUT OF A TIME OF PLAGUE is a multi-media, movement/theatre work that explores the nobility of relationships during a time of adversity. It is about Gay men confronting AIDS, their fears, their passions, their self-confidence and their loves. The piece is a tribute to support and affection.

The piece opens with six performers probing their bodies for signs of disease. Eventually, both erotic and emotional aspects of Gay coupling are explored as the men pair up in a series of dances. The climax of the piece begins with the appearance of the "Sex Police" demanding, "Are you a homosexual or a drug addict? How many sexual partners have you had in the last year?" Trying to escape their predicament, the men perform an out-of-control Tarantella, spinning and flailing to save their lives and souls.

Finally, a sense of calm descends over the place as the performers use giant stainless steel bowls filled with water to silently wash themselves in a ritualistic cleaning designed to heal both body and spirit.

OUT OF A TIME OF PLAGUE is created and directed by Jump-Start's artistic director Steve Bailey. Bailey has created and directed original performances in San Antonio, New York City and Peru.

"I want to make people uncomfortable with the comfortableness of two men touching," Bailey said. "It's a subject matter most people are uncomfortable with and we have to get over that. Hopefully, we can. I want to present another way of thinking about it."

The visual design is by Diana Cardenas and John Hernandez. The six performers are Atsushi Akera, Mike Arnold and Charly Raines from Austin and Paul Bonin, Michael Martinez and Michael Verdi from San Antonio. The original music is by Deborah Quinoa and Loran Pittman. Christopher Rodriguez is assistant director and Max Parilla is the lighting designer.

Since the production contains full nudity and it is recommended for adults only.

OUT OF A TIME OF PLAGUE is funded, in part, by Carol Lee Klose.

Alamo Couples Welcomes First Lesbian Couple

Alamo Couples is obviously very pleased to announce their first Lesbian couple as members. This group had a slow start a few months back but continues to grow, both in spirit and in commitment to all Gay couples in the San Antonio area.

It seems this group should also be growing at the waists! These people like to eat! This time it was *Magnolia Gardens* that feted the organization to "excellent food and service" and that was only a few days after a mound of Jeff and David's meatballs were devoured at the group's "games night." But not to worry, their waists remain trim since members walked it all off with invitations to the *Home and Garden Show*.

Again, this paper encourages participation in groups such as *Alamo Couples*. It's a definite step in the direction toward networking and continued participation in the Community as a whole. Congratulations, AC.



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Special Note: Alamo Couples is welcoming couples from Dallas and Austin for FIESTA and they are in need of "anyone interested in hosting couples" for the event. Several couples are intending to visit, more than AC can currently accommodate. If you've got some spare room, the group could really use your help. Please call Steven-Michael at 734-5240 if you can help.

Check our Calendar for more AC events.

Virgin Records Announces New Music CD

LOVE LIVES ON, featuring eighteen selections from the pops and show tune repertoire of the critically acclaimed 150-voice *New York City Gay Men's Chorus* will be released by Virgin Variations on March 19, 1991 in CD and cassette formats. It is the first of several discs the chorus will make for Virgin's new Variations label.

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Selections include "Not a Day Goes By," "No One is Alone," "Another Hundred People," and the first complete recording of "That Old Piano Roll," all by Broadway composer lyricist (and honorary MYCGMC member) Stephen Sondheim.

Also included are authentic Big Band arrangements of the Glenn Miller standard "Tuxedo Junction" and the Andrews Sisters megahit, "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" plus a medley of Duke Ellington hits.

Organized in 1980 by members of the New York metropolitan area Gay Community to make music for the education, enjoyment and cultural enrichment of both themselves

and their audiences, the all-volunteer NYCGMC makes a positive contribution to the entire Community by performing a yearly three-concert season in Carnegie Hall and at Lincoln Center and through appearances across the U.S. and Europe.

The group has shared the stage with such personalities as Marilyn Horne, Faith Esham, Bartha Kitt, Elaine Stritch, Ian McKellan and Coleen Dewhurst.

If NYC can do it, so can our own Alamo City Men's Chorus. If you want to help ACMC, call and join. But for now, perhaps this new CD would be a welcomed addition to your collection.

Wranglers Ready To Rope New Members

The Alamo City Wranglers, the FIRST Gay square dance group in Texas, was first founded in June 1989. The half-dozen founding members responded to the challenge to form a Gay men's and women's dance group.

Perseverance and determination finally paid off and classes were held at one of the local bars for sixteen weeks. The results were a graduating class of fifteen people in January 1991.

Since then The Alamo City Wranglers have performed four exhibition dances at local country/western and neighborhood bars with more planned for the future.

Presently, they are recruiting new students for Basic Mainstream Square dance lessons now taking place at the Bonham Exchange at 411 Bonham, across from the Alamo.

The Alamo City Wranglers, in an effort to strengthen it's forces here in San Antonio, it's home town, have been appearing at area nightclubs performing exhibition dances for publicity.

This expanding Men's and Women's Square dance group offers an opportunity to exercise while having fun and meeting other members of the community.

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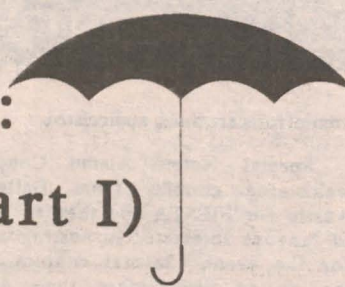
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Financial Planning

Keeping Covered: On Budgeting (Part I)

By Slater Anderson



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He welcomes your comments and questions regarding health insurance, life insurance, disability, group insurance programs, employee benefits programs and

Before to cut spending by putting yourself through a "financial strip search" to uncover exactly where you are funnelling your money each month. A cash flow worksheet will make your task easier.

It's a simplest to track income and outgo over the past calendar year, since you already gathered much of the necessary information when preparing your taxes.

But if your financial life has changed significantly since December -you took out a new loan, received a windfall, split up with your lover- don't forget to make appropriate allowances in the worksheet. Plan to spend several hours collecting the data and plugging in the numbers. In addition to your tax return, your check register should be a mother lode of information.

In addition, haul out your store and credit statements. Most creditors will send you copies of any that you are missing. You should also pull together your bank statements for a record of your electronic cash withdrawals.

To fill in the final cash-flow numbers, you may need to keep an expense diary for a month to learn where your walkaround money ends up. You may be shocked by the dollars siphoned off by impulse purchases, routine expenditures such as dry-cleaning and those impromptu evenings out when you don't feel like cooking at home.

End of Part I

When you were four years old, you wanted a cookie now, not five cookies five years from now. Since then, you've learned that immediate gratification has its price. You can buy that cookie today, or you can invest the money and make it grow so that you can pay for more cookies in the future, perhaps when you're retired.

Almost everyone needs to find ways to curtail spending, freeing cash to meet short and long term goals. But how? And how much? For the answers, you'll have to learn the most basic process of managing your finances: the art of controlling cash flow, which is the stream of money that passes through your hands before taxes.

If this sounds suspiciously like dread budgeting or forced deprivation, you're wrong. You need to devise a planning document not a control document. One should make the transition from where the money is currently going to where you would like it to go. The take a snapshot of your current financial life, you can draw up a list of what you own and what you owe so that you can determine your net worth.

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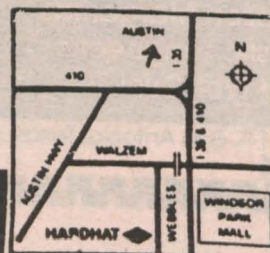


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For The Record

"Beware of 'leaders' who have secret agendas..."

EC Fed Misinformation by Trusted Source

In regards to a recent "raid" on a local Gay-supportive bar on February 15, 1991, the official police report states:

"On Friday, 02-15-91, the arresting officers went to the [bar's name] to assist the military police in locating armed forces personnel who were frequenting the above establishment and a neighboring establishment, [another Gay-supportive bar] which was in violation of an order issued to armed forces personnel by USAF Colonel Clifford E. Lambert. These two establishments were on a list of off-limits areas covered by the order. The arresting officers assisted the armed forces police in locating active military personnel, who were then placed under arrest by the military police. B.1. [a referral to one of the arrested] was determined to be an E-5, Sgt. USA, B.2. was determined to be a Captain, USA and B.3. an E-3 PFC USANG(RES). Arresting Officers also conducted a routine bar inspection while at the location and found the agent in charge who was advised of our identity and purpose for being there. A check of the establishment revealed that the bartender [name of bartender] was serving patrons from D.1., [referring to a 1 litre of Orange Triple Sec] which had the tax stamp and most of the covering of the bottle scratched off. A further check of the establishment revealed that there was no pool table window, and patrons could not be viewed from outside the establishment as they

played pool. The agent in charge was issued the listed citation for this violation. The fire exit door was found to be locked and the agent in charge was issued the listed citation for this violation also. No other violations were detected. D.1 was seized and initialed by Det. Head who then released the evidence to Det. Domingues. Domingues initialed the evidence and placed it in the SAPD property room under tag #K140790. The arrested persons were taken into custody by armed forces police and transported to their office at the SAPD building, 214 W. Nueva."

Three Armed Forces Police officers were accompanied by eight SAPD-Vice Detectives during this "raid."

The arrested were ALL of legal drinking age [contrary to information previously given to us and printed in the article "Military States Reasons" Vol 2 #5 of this paper, that the "raid" was intended to look for "minors"].

This information, I suspect, was intentionally given to me in hopes of this paper reducing its coverage of the military disputes with local Gay-supportive bars. I can only say to this informant that ALL information offered by him in the future will be suspect as well as his motives.

-The Editor

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-THURSDAYS-

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If You Think SA is Slow...

(BAY AREA REPORTER, March 28, 1991)

According to the *Reporter*, and Rex Wockner, writer for the paper, it only took Hawaii seventeen years to finally get Gay rights protections involving job discrimination.

The point, of course, is that they DID win and we can win, also; hopefully a lot sooner than seventeen years.

On March 21, 1991, Hawaii Gov. John Waihee "signed a bill banning sexual orientation-based job discrimination statewide."

The governor's office received 2,000 phone calls in opposition to the bill but the bill passed the Senate, 22-2 and the House, 34-17.

Some of the 2,000 callers took out newspaper ads that asked, *"Parents Read This! Do you want homosexual men and lesbian women to teach your children -- in day-care centers and in public and private schools? Well, that's what will happen unless you personally ca;; the Governor's Office at 586-0034 right now to stop Senate Bill 1811."*

The bill passed with the help of endorsements by the Hawaii Council of Churches, the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii, the Hawaiian Civil Rights Commission and many others.

The same kind of legislation is now being considered in California, Connecticut and Maine.

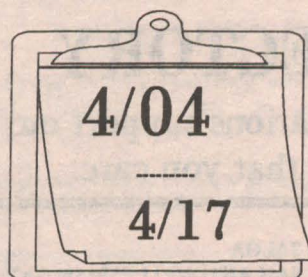
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Alamo Couples: Lost Maples Hiking Trip, 9am, Call 732-3462

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TUESDAY - 04/09

WEDNESDAY - 04/10

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THURSDAY - 04/11

FRIDAY - 04/12

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Jump-Start Performance Co.: *Out Of A Time Of Plague*, 8pm

SATURDAY - 04/13

Alamo Couples: 8pm play and dinner, Call 732-3462

Jump-Start Performance Co.: *Out Of A Time Of Plague*, 8pm

SUNDAY - 04/14

Alamo Couples: Tour of Wildflower Research Center and dinner, 9am, call 732-3462

The Circle: The Dena Kaye Show, 8:30pm, tickets at door

Jump-Start Performance Co.: *Out Of A Time Of Plague*, 3pm

MONDAY - 04/15

TUESDAY - 04/16

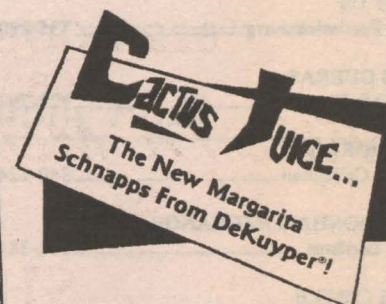
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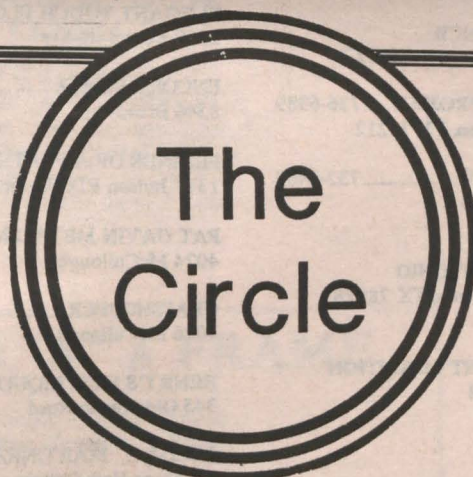
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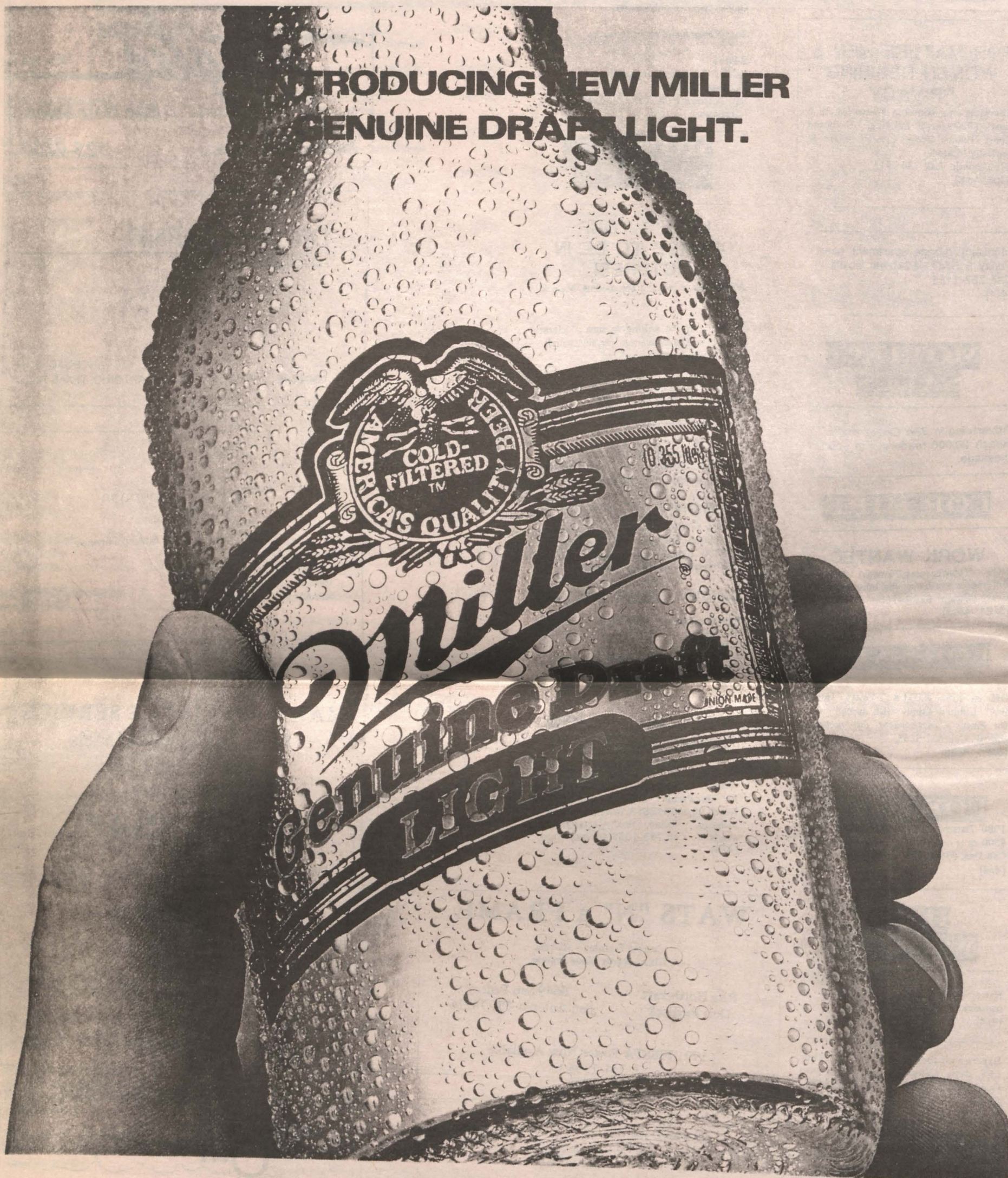
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