

2nd Pro-Gay Decision in 2 Weeks from High Court

U.S. Supreme Court Rules for Texas A&M Gay Group

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled this week to let stand a 1984 appeals court finding that Texas A&M University violated the free-speech rights of Gay Student Services by refusing to let the group meet or advertise on campus.

By not agreeing to hear the case, the Supreme Court upheld an order from an appeals court decision barring the university from banning the homosexual group.

The ruling was routine and contained little comment.

The University, using taxpayers funds, had argued that recognition of the gay group would "Probably result in increased homosexual activity and increased psychological and medical problems, including greater incidence of numerous diseases."

This week's ruling drew varied reactions from both sides of the battle which

began in a suit filed in federal court in 1977. The Gay Students Services Organization, GSSO, was first denied recognition in 1976. Gordon Eaton, provost of the university, said the decision ends the almost-decade long protest.

However, Ted J. Hajovsky, general counsel for the A&M system, said the school may ask for a rehearing and will meet with its attorney, John Tyler, to discuss legal alternatives. Hajovsky admits there are not that many—if any—alternatives remaining.

A&M Gay Student Services Organization plans to reapply for recognition within the next two weeks.

Said Hajovsky to a Houston Post reporter, "Does it (recognition) go to a student group that may have a policy that is contrary to what society thinks is acceptable conduct? Does it extend to groups that sac-

rifice animals. There's all kinds of cults out there."

Hajovsky continued, "I know it's far-fetched, but it makes you wonder as to where the line is."

Hajovsky admitted that if his lawyers say so, he would "just sit and decide how to implement the court's ruling."

Marco Roberts, 22, president of GSSO, told the Post that the ruling "once again reinforces the idea that gays have rights like anyone else."

The group has about 45 members, runs a telephone counseling and roommate referral service, and operates a speakers bureau.

Roberts said he thinks student opinion is "turning in our favor" despite certain very vocal students. He says the atmosphere at A&M is "more tolerant than in the past."

Student body president David Alders is among those opposed to GSSO. But he told the Post, "I think in general the students here, even though they don't appreciate people making open their sexual choice... I think they're just going to go on and probably ignore it, more than anything."

The Student Senate last year passed a resolution urging A&M officials to recognize GSSO but Alders vetoed it.

Patrick Wiseman, attorney for GSSO, told the Post, "The case law is clear that universities are to be a free market of ideas, so both sides of a question can be heard."

The Supreme Court even ruled in 1969, said Wiseman, that a radical political group that advocated violence could not be banned from a campus. GSSO does not consider itself radical and certainly does not advocate violence.

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AIDS Behind Bars—Is Bureaucratic Reluctance Helping Breed an Epidemic

By John Ross
Pacific News Service
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The prognosis is appalling by any measure.

In 1986, say Center for Disease Control epidemiologists, there will be 40,000 victims of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in hospitals and hospices all over the country. Two groups are most at risk—homosexual and bisexual males and intravenous drug-users—but some observers fear the disease is spreading exponentially in the general population, in part through contaminated blood bank deposits.

While authorities have taken steps to contain the disease—San Francisco, for example, recently closed down bathhouses and other places where men met to have sex—one high risk setting has been largely ignored: jails and prisons.

There's little question that jails and prisons are potential breeding grounds for AIDS. A large number of the 700,000 Americans behind bars are drug users and men who have sex with other men.

Yet the CDC does not see any particular risk. "We have no statistical data to indicate that prisoners indulge in homosexual activity or practice intravenous drug use," claims Dr. Anne Harvey, a CDC epidemiologist specializing in AIDS.

Indeed, some penal systems—like Louisiana and Tennessee—regard the threat so lightly they still allow inmates to sell their blood plasma twice a week. The practice, endorsed by the American Correctional Association, is seen as making prisoners easier to manage because it gives them money to spend.

The CDC may have no data, but correctional officers see sexual activity and needle use daily. "Most of our AIDS patients have contacted the disease through contaminated needles," says Dr. Robert Cohen, medical director at Rikers Island, New York City's main jail facility where, on an average day, there are between eight and 13 patients isolated on an AIDS ward. Almost all of them have contacted the disease through shared needles.

Since 1981, AIDS has been diagnosed in 153 New York state prisoners—most from New York City—and 98 have died. In Florida the disease is the leading cause of death at the state prison medical center. (In Texas prisons, only two AIDS cases have been officially reported so far.)



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As for intimate contact, "Anytime these boys want some sex, they just grab for it," says Sgt. George Palmer, president of the Deputy Sheriffs' Association in San Francisco, where deputies guard the jail.

"Sexual activity inside the prisons is the by-product of a number of factors that bear no relationship to inmates' sexual orientation prior to arrest," New York City Police Commissioner Benjamin Ward wrote the *New York Times* recently.

Although most state systems record AIDS cases, CDC has no national tally for victims diagnosed in prison. "We're talking about an unpopular population," explains Dr. Jay Harness, for 10 years director of medical services for Michigan's penal system, and past president of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. "The last thing there's money for is to study contagious diseases among prisoners," he says.

Harness also emphasizes that one rea-

son the AIDS threat behind bars is not completely recognized is that sexual contact and drug use are felonies—so prison doctors are not allowed to preach prophylactic methods to inmates.

But if the bureaucrats play down the possibility of a prison epidemic, correctional officers are not so calm. Guards at the Woodburn, N.Y., prison refused to work last summer after an AIDS patient was transferred into their facility. Officers in a Queens, N.Y., jail went on strike briefly, demanding all personnel be tested for AIDS, after a cook died from pneumonia of a sort linked to AIDS—though there is still no test to determine who is an AIDS carrier.

In San Francisco, four jail workers have contracted AIDS—there is no evidence the disease came from contact with inmates—and hysteria "runs hot and cold," says Lt. Jan Dempsey, who trains jail personnel.

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Gay Rights Counsel Heralds Supreme Court 'Affirmation'

By Michael Helquist
Special to the Montrose Voice

Leonard Graff, chief counsel for National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), declared the Supreme Court decision to uphold the rights of gay teachers in Oklahoma "an affirmation and a victory."

The nation's highest court delivered a deadlocked four to four vote on March 26 to let stand a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals that an Oklahoma law allowing for the dismissal of school teachers who advocated or encouraged homosexuality violated the right to free speech protected by the First Amendment.

The tie vote resulted from the absence of one of the Supreme Court justices, Lewis Powell, who has been ill since the begin-

ning of the year. The deadlocked vote did not set legal precedent but did affirm the lower court ruling.

"I don't think we should diminish this too much," reflected Graff, who served as the chief counsel of NGRA, a San Francisco group that represented the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) before the court. NGTF served as the plaintiff in the case since no Oklahoma teacher could be found to take the professional risks of being involved in the appeal process. Although four votes were cast against what had been regarded as a key gay rights case, Graff suggested the decision should be taken as a victory.

"Whether the vote is nine to zero or four to four, we have affirmation from the nation's highest court. All gay men and women should be happy about this."

Graff commented that he was originally surprised and worried last October when the Court accepted the Oklahoma case for review. "I was surprised because there was little legal clarification possible; the Court of Appeals based its decision on solid First Amendment grounds. And then I feared that the conservative judges on the Supreme Court would be hostile to the issue of rights for gay teachers."

Another surprise awaited the gay rights attorney in January during the oral arguments before the court; the conservative judges were not hostile as he had expected. In fact, Graff believes that he and his staff were successful in persuading two judges to uphold the lower court's decision.

"Liberal causes usually take two votes for granted; those of Justices Brennan and Marshall," explained Graff, "but no one

else can be taken for granted." The announcement of the tie vote from the court did not reveal how each of the eight judges had voted, a procedure that Graff said is not unusual and does not have particular significance.

In addition to the two expected positive votes from Justices William Brennan and Thurgood Marshall, Graff speculated that Justices Harry Blackmun and John Paul Stevens provided the other two votes. As for the absent Justice Powell, Graff said he is considered a moderate and could have gone either way with his vote.

Graff added that even the four dissenting judges may not have been against the appellate court decision. "They may not have been against us; even Rehnquist wasn't making anti-gay remarks in his statements. Instead, Rehnquist said he thought there was little reason to hear the case because no one had been fired from a job."

Graff further explained that the Supreme Court has been trying to limit access to the federal courts and that several of the judges may have voted to discourage similar cases from proceeding to this judicial level.

In addition to the victory for gay rights, Graff said he believed the Oklahoma case revealed an important facet of the gay community.

"The decision shows the value of having strong national organizations in large urban areas that can reach out and help smaller communities." Although gay organizations exist in Oklahoma, none of them were capable of taking the case through the nation's legal system.

Both NGRA of San Francisco and NGTF of New York responded quickly with funds and expertise to assist with the litigation.

Montrose Band Slates Spring Concert

The Montrose Symphonic Band will have their annual spring concert on Saturday, April 13, at 8:00 p.m. at the Lanier Middle School, 2600 Woodhead at Westheimer.

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Deputies with Rankin's criminal warrants division are following up on warrants which officers attempted to serve last weekend, but were unable to serve because the people were not at home.

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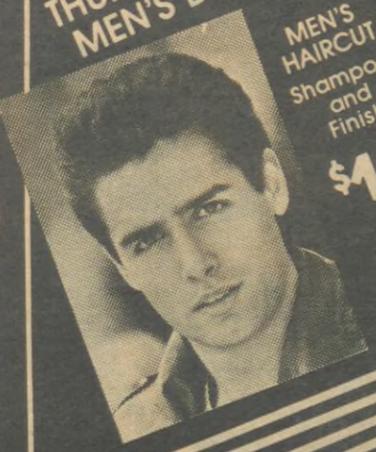
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Gordon of Tim's Coffee Shop can be seen Monday, Wednesday and Friday slinging hash on Sally's patio.

Fanny of infamous Mary's is back in town. Faithful companion Sam was seen staggering home in the twilight hours after the celebration. Ron Sweeney of Tramps swears revenge on Mary's for removing bar heirlooms last weekend.

Alexandra Haas opened at Eddington's this past weekend. Great performer.

A certain deejay was seen being poured into a cab at Rich's Sunday night. Ironically he doesn't even remember. Must have had a good time.

Montrose Mining Company celebrated another anniversary, its seventh, on April Fools Day. Congratulations.

As usual JR's was toe to heel during tea dance on Sunday.

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Fun at the Barn

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Easter bonnets roller skated around Montrose Sunday, hitting hot spots like the Hole, Venture N, Lazy J, Chicken Coop, Midnight Sun and ended up breezing through Mary's and finally the Kindred Spirits.

Prime time at Ray's 5 and Dime could be almost anytime. Weekends must be nice, too.

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Do Clothes Make the Man?

Here's a Local Group for Those Who Shed Clothes

By Dave Meunier

Are you a closet nudist?

Come on, be honest. What are the tell-tale signs, you ask? Well, are you the sort of person who can't wait to get home and shed every stitch of clothing? Do you feel more comfortable in skin, as opposed to cotton?

Is your idea of going formal a jockstrap and bowtie? Do you fantasize about frolicking nude on sun-kissed beaches or in tropical lagoons?

Deep down inside all of us, there is a desire to return to our glorious natural state. Remember, you were not born wearing a tank top and 501's. You had to acquire a taste for clothing, and fortunately, if you are gay, you've probably learned to do it in style. Why then does the very idea of nudism make us nervous? Do our inhibitions come from society, religion, or our parents? Are nudists nothing but sex-crazed exhibitionists?

To help get to the root of these questions, and better understand the phenomenon of nudism, I sought some experts in the field. Who could be more qualified than the men who founded The Lone Star Nudists? I spent an enlightening and interesting evening with Larry and Charles.

Larry readily agreed that society does indeed have a lot of taboos about nudism, but was quick to point out that, on the other extreme, our society has also encouraged us to play games and present false images of who we really are.

This is quite apparent in the gay community. We have an abundance of bars, each catering to a certain crowd or fantasy, be it leather, cowboys, or preppies. Larry feels that all this has contributed to a loss of identity and personality, and the inability to relax that many people seem to experience in the bar atmosphere. Nudism allows people to get back to basics, to get rid of false fronts, and to accept themselves and their bodies without regard to any flaws they may have, he concluded.

Charles added that he felt in this atmosphere people really get to know each other, without any preconceived images to color their perceptions. They are getting back to a natural high or feeling. Both stressed that nudism is not dirty or erotic.

How did Larry and Charles get started on the path to being enthusiastic nudists, since neither had come from families that practiced nudism? In Larry's case, his interest in nudism started in his high school years, while he was growing up in the Midwest. As he got older, he decided if he was ever to have an opportunity to explore his feelings, the climate and the atmosphere in the Sun Belt would be more conducive.

After moving to Texas, he was able to locate a nudist colony in Austin. His first visit quickly expelled any doubts he may have harbored as to whether he was a true nudist at heart. He immediately felt comfortable and not in the least bit inhibited. Unfortunately, he also quickly learned that most nudist colonies are family-oriented and frown on single males being members.

By the time it was established that Larry had not grown up in a nudist family or was transferring from another colony, the members of the colony had grown to like and accept him. They decided to let him stay and allow him to be a member. Larry didn't even mind the three to four hour weekly drive to Austin, as each visit to the colony brought the opportunity to fully communicate with nature and enjoy peaceful and contented feelings.

However, in time he began to wish there was something closer to home, and that he might find other gay men who would share his interest in nudism. He responded to an ad in *The Advocate*, for a California gay nudist group, but they seemed more interested in sex than anything else.



Lone Star Nudists lay around the pool—au natural

Eventually, he decided to do his own advertising in Houston, and, in October, 1982, the first meeting was held with four men in attendance (the group officially became The Lone Star Nudists on August 19, 1984). It was at this time that Larry met and became friends with Charles, who now acts as the co-chairman of the group.

Charles, too, had a life-long interest in nudism, and never wore clothes around the house. He had belonged to a gay nudist group, The Sunshine Club, while living in Colorado.

Growth for the group began slowly by word of mouth. In time, an organization and structure began to develop. Today the group appears to be thriving with 50 members statewide, and represented in other major cities such as Dallas, San Antonio, and Austin. About 35 members are scattered throughout the Houston metropolitan area. The group ranges in age from the twenties to the fifties, and its members come from many different backgrounds and professions.

What do nudists do socially? The same things the rest of us do, only without clothes. Every four to six weeks, the complete group alternates between member's homes for refreshments and socializing. Smaller groups within the membership, with mutual interests, socialize at other times, to play cards or watch TV. For example, one couple sponsors "Dynasty" night. They have even been known to dress up and attend non-nude events such as movies and plays.

At the larger gatherings everyone shares expenses and contributes towards food and beverages. As the weather permits, they strive for more outdoor events. However, due to a Bible Belt mentality which still prevails in Texas today, and the lack of nude beaches and resorts, this is not always as easy as one might expect.

They have been able to have outings at Austin's Hippie Hollow and nearby Canyon Lake.

The group has formulated certain rules and regulations for the protection of its members. There is only moderate drinking and no drugs at social events. Dating and friendship among members is encouraged but public sex is definitely frowned upon.

In case you're thinking just anyone can walk off the street and become a member, think again. There is a screening process conducted by two members of the group, whereby prospective members are interviewed to determine where their interests lie, and what motivates them to join. If you're beginning to get the idea that this is a class outfit with a professional image,

you're right on target.

What do Larry and Charles feel is the future of the group? What goals would they like to see reached? They see three distinct areas of which to focus their attention. First, above all else, for the group to have a positive image in the community, and to dispel any notions of it being merely an orgy club. Secondly, to enlarge membership to around 100-150 members. Finally, to establish a regular meeting facility with a kitchen, restrooms, enclosed outdoor area, etc. Perhaps even a small apartment complex where all the residents are nudists.

They are not interested in a huge membership, but rather in the quality of the members. As Charles pointed out, there are many different levels of nudism. Some people only like to go unclothed at home. Some connect it only with sunbathing, and others like to be nude as much as possible. They hope to provide a focal point for all these different interests.

The Lone Star Nudists are a unique social alternative to the bar scene. Their members are interested in creating a family style social environment, in which men can promote their physical and emotional well-being, and enjoy a different type of freedom of expression. They are health conscious and particular about their appearance.

Larry and Charles hope to organize field trips to such places as Lyle's Deck, a gay guest house on South Padre Island, and to El Rancho Vista, a gay dude ranch, in the year ahead. They also publish a regular newsletter.

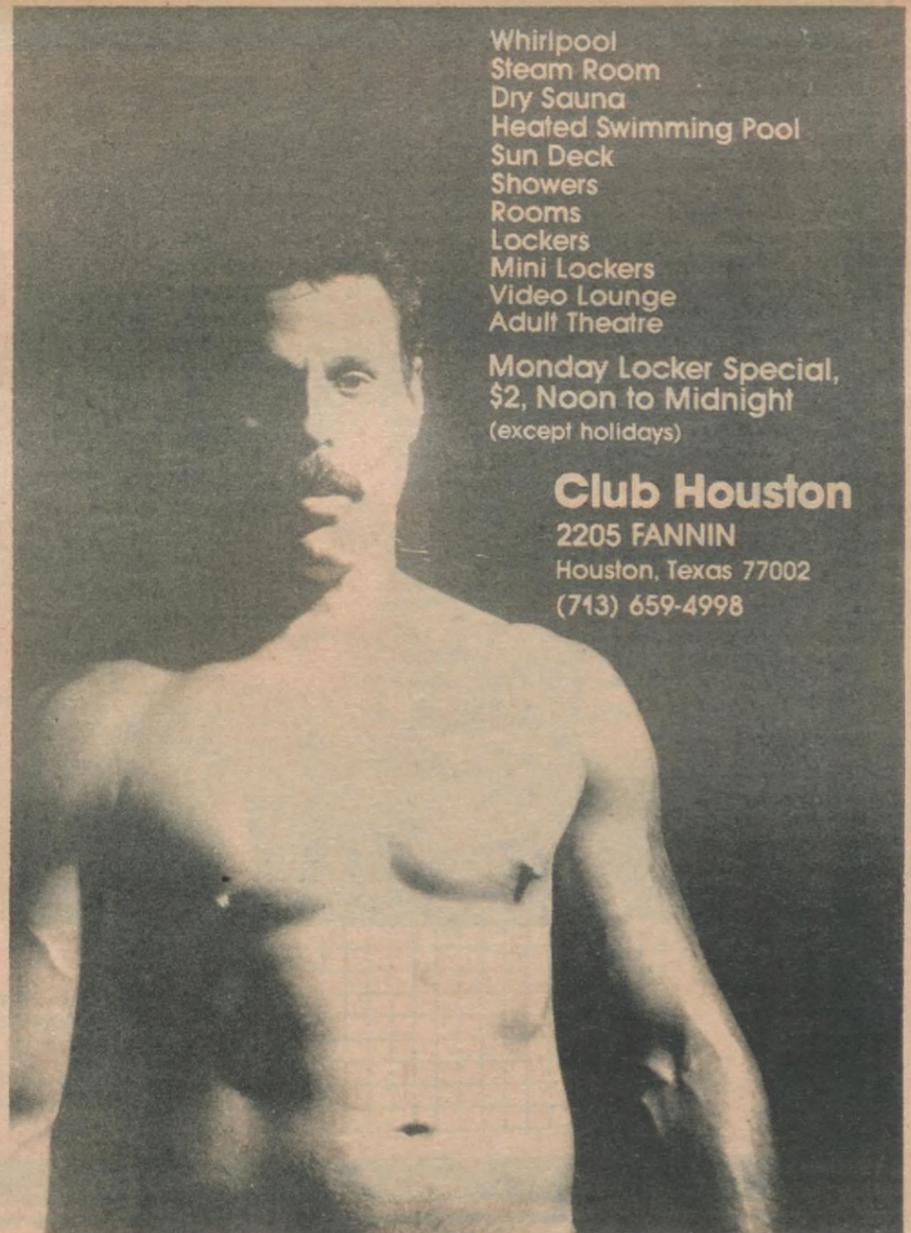
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Three of the four have died, the fourth is seeking workmens' compensation alleging co-workers have made him too nervous to work.

Nancy Rubin, head of an AIDS Task Force in San Francisco which holds "health raps" with deputies and inmates, has found deputies unwilling to search for needles because they fear an AIDS-infected puncture. Sometimes, razors must be shared and the men fear getting the disease through a shaving cut. Worries that AIDS could be transmitted through saliva has deputies reluctant to perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation—and prisoners reluctant to receive it. Guards are slow to intervene when prisoners draw blood in a fight.

Rubin feels "All these are valid fears." Yet California's prison system—the country's largest, with 40,000 inmates—has had only five reported AIDS cases. Federal prisons, with 30,000 inmates, have seen just 12 AIDS cases.

Explanations for the relatively high numbers in New York vary. Some say intravenous drug use is more common there, others suggest prison medics elsewhere are unable or unwilling to diagnose AIDS, still others that there is deliberate under-counting to prevent panic.

Finally, some observers say that fear of the disease is making prisoners avoid sexual contact—their only protection. "Condoms are considered contraband and we're not going to break the law," says San Francisco Sheriff's Assistant Ray Towbis. "It's a real Catch-22 situation."

Jails, with their high turnovers, are considered more likely places for contagious diseases to spread than penitentiaries, which have comparatively stable populations. But even at Rikers Island, Dr.



Cohen has been unable to pinpoint the number of AIDS cases—if any—contracted there because the incubation period, an estimated 18 to 24 months, is longer than the sentences inmates serve.

In California, officials are distinctly ill at ease. Dr. Nadin Khoury, director of medical services for the state's prison system, says, "The best thing we have going

for us now is that New York is 3000 miles away."

Noting that San Francisco is about 18 months behind New York in showing the disease—and close to San Quentin one of the state's largest prisons—he confesses, "Frankly, we're afraid of the outside world in here. We're preparing ourselves for any eventuality in the future."



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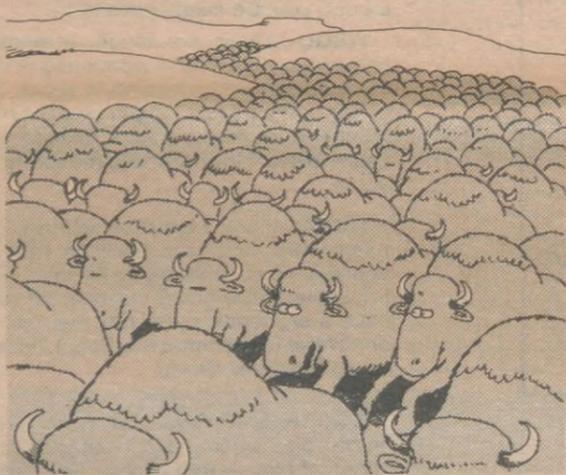
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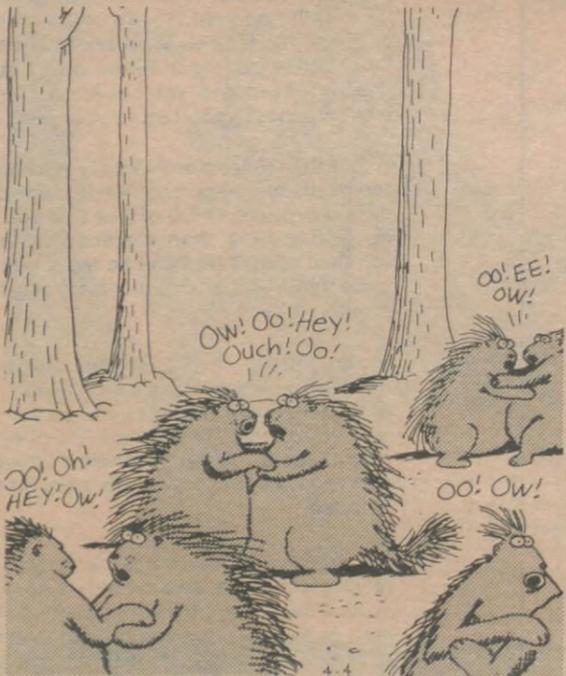
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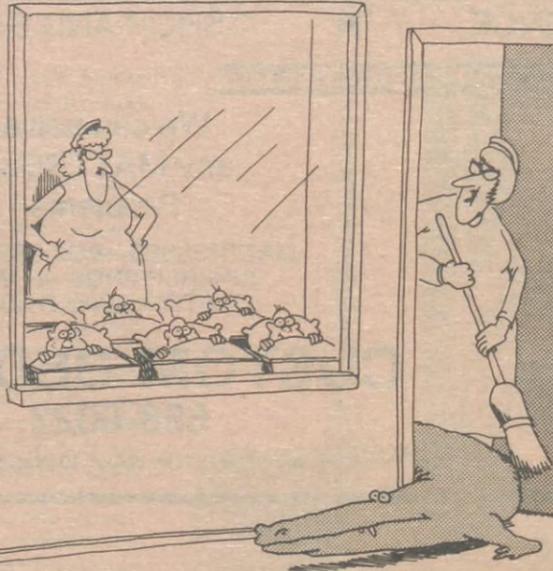


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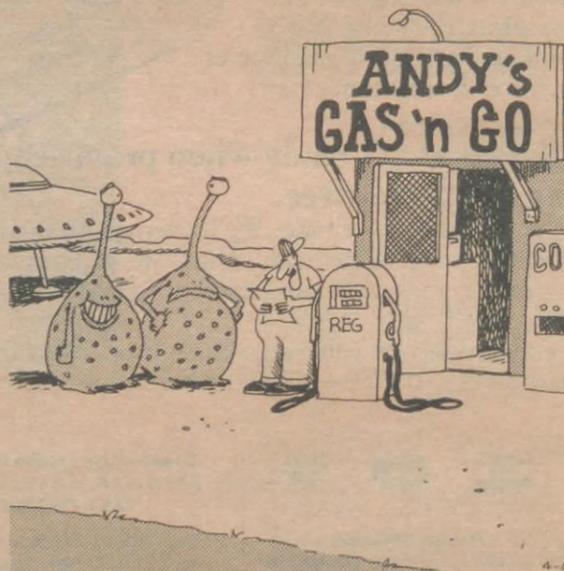
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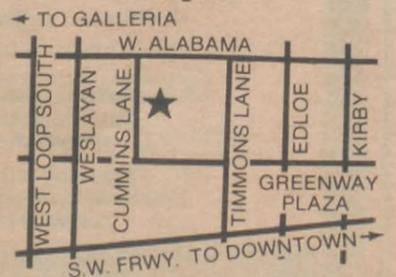
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Meet Gay Rights National Lobby's New Executive Director Nancy Roth

By Phil Nash
Special to the Montrose Voice

Last October 1, 27-year-old Nancy Roth became the executive director the Gay Rights National Lobby.

After prolonged political controversies, financial problems, GRNL's leadership has undergone changes for other reasons as well. Roth's immediate predecessor, Vicky Monrean, resigned for health reasons after serving for only several months.

Nancy Roth is a native of Chicago, and a longtime resident of Washington, D.C., where she earned two degrees at Georgetown University—one in foreign language and another in mathematical economics. Professionally, she worked as a management consultant, most significantly in programs dealing with drunk driving.

Meanwhile, Roth has maintained a rigorous schedule of organizational responsibilities in the gay and lesbian community. Her involvements have included the Washington Area Women's Center, The Whitman-Walker Clinic, the Gay Synagogue, and helping design awareness programs for police training.

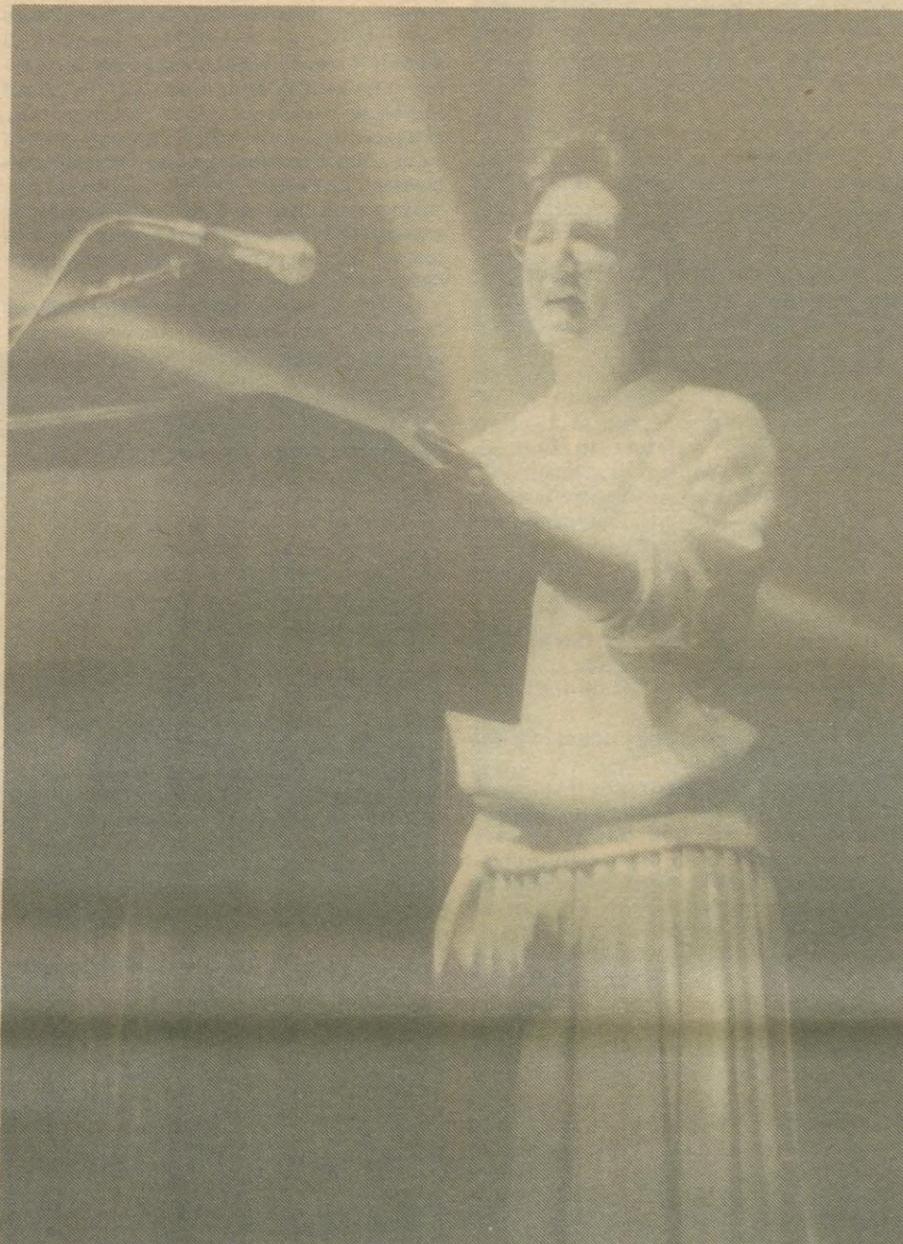
Roth says her biggest claim to fame was helping organize 1984's P Street Festival, Washington's annual gay and lesbian pride celebration. Her work came to the attention of other activists involved with GRNL, who encouraged her to seek the lobby's top job. As GRNL's director and chief lobbyist, she now oversees the work of the lobby's one other full-time staff member, four part-time employees, and a cadre of volunteers.

One outstanding theme runs through Nancy Roth's formal and informal talks with the gay and lesbian groups she addresses: she's working hard to foster a climate of cooperation among national gay and lesbian organizations, where turf battles and personality issues have often obscured the common goals for which the organizations were formed.

Roth regularly travelled to the Western United States during the Congressional recess, where she shared some of her observations with Phil Nash, Denver correspondent to *The Advocate* and contributor to a number of national and regional gay publications, including the MONTROSE VOICE.

Phil Nash: You come to your position at GRNL after a rather bumpy recent history for the organization. Are you at an advantage because you aren't tied to the past?

Nancy Roth: I think so, certainly. I come at it with a very fresh approach. I am aware of what went on in the past as well as some of the political ramifications of past events. But the fact that I am not invested in what happened in the past in one way or another is definitely an advantage.



Nancy Roth

Nash: What was the first big issue you had to deal with on the job?

Roth: I got involved last fall when Congress was trying to pass the continuing spending resolution, and we were in the middle of this huge lobbying campaign to secure adequate funding for AIDS. Congress was trying very hard to leave town and we were trying very hard to keep them in town long enough to make sure that some amendments to increase AIDS funding passes.

Nash: That's when the appropriation

increased to \$93 million?

Roth: Right, and we worked very hard on that.

Nash: Do you encounter much opposition to AIDS funding?

Roth: I think it is being recognized by Congress that AIDS is not a gay disease, that AIDS really is a public health emergency. They have been particularly forthcoming in funding research—basic immune system research, and we've been really pleased about that. We would like to educate them more on the issue of com-

munity based prevention and education programs, and that we, in our own communities, can set up and produce these education programs in a way that is much more acceptable than what can be done in Washington.

Nash: Is GRNL solely responsible for the success of obtaining the increased funding for AIDS in Congress?

Roth: I don't think any one organization can claim the credit for AIDS funding. It was certainly shared among several of the national gay and lesbian organizations, several local organizations and some very good friends on the Hill, and even from places where we never expected it. And we were able to mobilize people in the states and at the local level to make phone calls and write letters to their Congressional offices. I think all of us (gay and lesbian organizations) are going to claim a piece of the credit, because it is good for business. I don't think any of us can claim total credit.

Nash: It was rumored during the last year that The National Gay Task Force considered assuming the functions of GRNL when GRNL was weakened by its past controversies. Is there a need for both groups, or should they consolidate?

Roth: That is a tough question. At the moment, I think there is clearly a need for both organizations. The lobbying function is very specialized and has to be centered in Washington, coordinated by a group of people whose sole purpose is to lobby. However, we certainly welcome other organizations to help lobby; there's room for a lot more lobbying activity to go on. My favorite example is to cite the American Optometric Association which has seven full time lobbyists on Capitol Hill. If there is a proliferation of lobbyists working for the gay and lesbian community, we must all coordinate our efforts so that we get maximum effectiveness and maximum efficiency from our work.

It is also important that there be more than one national focus group in the national gay community. That is part of the "don't put all your eggs in one basket" rule. By their nature organizations sort of wax and wane over time, and it is important that there be another organization that is waxing while another is waning. There is room for all of us.

Nash: You've outlined three major goals for GRNL this year.

Roth: That's right. Let me emphasize we are to do it in isolation. We are not moving forward on anything until we have some sort of consensus on a plan for any of these issues where GRNL is very active.

The three really big issues for us are the gay and lesbian civil rights bill, the elimination of the gay exclusion in immigration, and to assure that we retain adequate

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New GRNL Exec Nancy Roth Outlines Major Goals

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funding for AIDS research and for AIDS-related activities.

Nash: Since we were just talking about AIDS, how do we assure that adequate funding is obtained?

Roth: We are working very closely with the Federation of AIDS Related Organizations (FARO) which has a full time lobbyist in Washington, Gary McDonald. Gary and Jeff Levy (of the NGTF) and I talk about AIDS on a regular basis. We have targeted four areas where we are going to seek funding—treatment research, education and prevention, psycho-social programs for the risk groups, and money to cover the health care costs associated with AIDS. We've not put a dollar figure on any of those yet.

We are also looking at four general areas of action both on the Hill and with executive agencies. First we are targeting the whole Public Health Service budget. As everybody knows the administration is talking about budget cuts and budget freezes. We are looking at the Public Health Service budget and we're saying the budget cannot be cut from 1985 levels. We are looking at a piece of supplemental legislation for health prevention funding which would provide \$2½ million for community based education and prevention programs. We are also working with the National Institutes of Health and other public health agencies to encourage them to contract with community based centers to provide prevention and education services. Also, last session, Congress passed the Public Health Emergency bill that sets up a series of things that should go into place every time there is a public health emergency. They didn't pass an appropriation so there is no money to do anything. Rep. Ted Weiss of New York has introduced legislation that would fund public health emergency projects at \$60 million. Clearly we see AIDS as a public health emergency, and some of this funding, if it passes, would go for AIDS programs.

Nash: What are you doing in the field of immigration?

Roth: Elimination of the gay exclusion in the immigration law is clearly a legislative action. Several cases have come before the courts and the courts keep contradicting each other and they have thrown it back to Congress to decide. There is considerable support for eliminating the gay exclusion. At the moment, we are dealing with some logistical problems (related to controversies over other immigration issues in the last session of Congress.) Senator Cranston (CA) and Representative Dixon (CA) have introduced companion bills that simply delete gay exclusion. Representative Barney Frank (MA), in his rewrite of the bill has also deleted the gay exclusion. His bill went through hearings last year, and there was no objection. The gay exclusion is a medical exclusion which Public Health Service said should be removed. The State Department is relying on the opinion of the PHS so it is really clear that it is not a controversial section of the rewrite of the bill.

The other immigration issue is the Mariel (Cuba) boat people. Several of these people declared they were homosexual when they arrived in the United States. The Mariel people are not being allowed to apply for permanent resident alien status, the first step in the citizenship process. We are concerned about what will happen to those people who declared themselves to be homosexual when they arrived. Again, we are working with NGTF on this issue.

Nash: On the other issue—the national gay and lesbian rights bill which was first introduced in 1974?

Roth: I think it was 1975. Also, it is the gay and lesbian civil rights bill. It is very important to note that this is a civil rights issue. We are very concerned that it be perceived that way.

The bill would amend the existing civil rights statutes in the areas of employment, housing, access to federal funding,

and access to public facilities. The bill would include gays and lesbians in what I call "the laundry list" of protected categories, which includes race, religion, and so forth. The House bill was reintroduced on January 3, the first day of the session, with 46 original co-sponsors. The day after it was reintroduced, four other people came on as co-sponsors. In the last session, we had 76 co-sponsors, and 73 of those 76 are returning to Congress this time. We are optimistic that most, if not all, of those people will come back on the bill very quickly. In addition, a group of national gay and lesbian leaders got together to discuss who we are going to target as new co-sponsors. (Texas legislators targeted by GRNL are Henry Gonzales and Albert Bustamante.)

The civil rights bill also must be reintroduced in the Senate. We had nine co-sponsors last time. The primary sponsor, Senator Tsongas of Massachusetts, retired because he is sick. We are negotiating with several senators to find an appropriate chief sponsor. In addition, the Senate bill only dealt with employment. We are going to negotiate to upgrade the Senate bill so it is parallel with the House bill, to include access to housing, public facilities, and federal funding. Those negotiations are ongoing at this moment. I am hoping to announce in the not too distant future who the chief Senate sponsor will be and exactly what form the bill will take.

Nash: What has been the impact of Congressman Gerry Studds?

Roth: Gerry Studds is a wonderful person. I think his re-election demonstrates that doing a good job and being a well respected individual in one's own profession and coming out to one's colleagues can do a lot to promote the whole issue of gay and lesbian civil rights, and to change attitudes about what gay and lesbian people are and are not. He continues to represent his own district in a very fair way, and is a very well respected lawmaker on the Hill. He has always been a co-sponsor of the gay and lesbian civil rights bill. I don't expect he is going to make gay and lesbian civil rights the centerpiece of his legislative agenda, but he has assured us that he will be supportive and will encourage his colleagues also to be supportive. But I expect him also to continue to represent his district and his constituents in the responsible way he always has. And I think that is right.

Nash: What about closeted legislators on the Hill? Any help from that segment?

Roth: Yes. We have gotten a great deal of support that have let it be known to various people that they are gay.

Nash: How many are there?

Roth: I probably don't know all of them. The thing that is important to know about working with Congress is that a lot of the decision-making and workload gets done by Congressional aides and staff people, where there is a large network of gays and lesbians who often have a great deal of influence on the representatives and senators of both parties.

We also have co-sponsors for the civil rights bill in both parties. Civil rights issues have often had bi-partisan support. We also get a great deal of support from people who are not gay, both elected representatives and staff members—people who understand what we are talking about are basic human rights.

Nash: Traditionally, gay and lesbian activists have found moe acceptance in the Democratic Party. The Republican Party's turn to the extreme right has compelled many gays in the party to stay in the closet. How do you explain the phenomenon of gay people joining the ranks of conservatives right now, and what kind of future does it have?

Roth: I am not going to answer your question directly. I think that the existence of gay and lesbian people who are professed moderates or conservatives is to be expected. We cut across segments of society, we are all shades on the political

spectrum, all colors, all ethnic backgrounds, all socio-economic classes, urban, rural—the whole gamut. What's interesting about this particular phenomenon is that in the past, gay and lesbian people who were moderate and conservative were much more closeted, much less vocal than gay and lesbian people who were left-wing liberals, resulting in a perception that gay and lesbian people are all left-wing Democrats. It is excellent that conservative and moderate gay people have chosen to come out because it demonstrates once again just that gay and lesbian people are a true cross-section of society and that we deserve our rights the same way anybody else in society deserves their rights.

GRNL is particularly concerned about building coalitions with our natural constituencies both within and outside the community. In order to do that most effectively, you have to have people who have a natural connection with those outside the community to build those bridges.

I would go on to say that the notion of civil rights, civil liberties, and keeping the government and business and everybody else out of people's private lives, is a very conservative one. It has its roots way back in conservative parties all over the world.

Nash: Do you see any big conflict developing around the issues of gay conservatives and the more liberal activists within the gay and lesbian movement?

Roth: Oh, sure. GRNL is in a very interesting place on this particular issue because we tend to be a single issue organization. It is difficult for people who have a long tradition of liberal causes to find ourselves working with people who have been working on the opposite side of some of those other issues. Fortunately for GRNL, we can focus on what we have in common.

I also think it is very important that gay

and lesbian people be involved in other issues that are of concern to us as individuals, preferably as openly gay individuals so that other people in our society see that we are concerned with things other than gay and lesbian rights.

Nash: Have I left anything out that you would like to address?

Roth: This is more of a pitch than anything else, is that strength that our organization has comes from the work and support of people from all over the country. We who work professionally in the gay and lesbian community feel we have a certain amount of influence on Capitol Hill, but our elected officials are greatly influenced by people in their home districts. It is often that we hear from elected officials on the Hill that they don't have any gay and lesbian people in their districts.

Nash: You still hear that?

Roth: Yes, I think it is really important that you hear from constituents that they are gay, that they are concerned about X, Y, or Z issue, and that their representative's stand on those issues is going to make a difference in the way that we vote. Activists have been saying this for years, but an individual really can make a difference. The success of AIDS funding the last time around was a very good example. We got some very interesting support from people where we might not have expected it. Those letters and postcards and phone calls and visits to offices and visits to representatives in Washington do work.

And if I can make a final pitch, we demonstrate our support by showing the number of members we have. People can help in that way as well and of course, we can use the financial support.

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Oh Diana!

By Carl Neil

Last weekend was a social weekend the likes of which *Moi* has not seen in much too long. I'm not sure old lady Montrose has recuperated yet from it all.

Little did I know the Dianas were sold out so quickly and *Moi* did not have two much needed tickets, at least until the last minute when a very special friend offered their's. Many, many thanks. You know who you are.

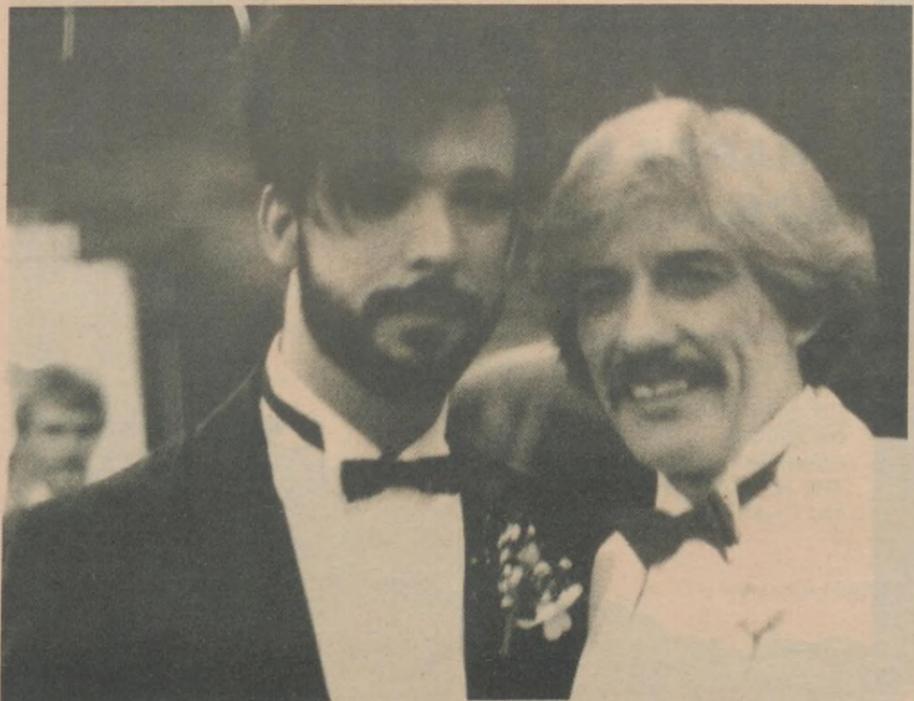
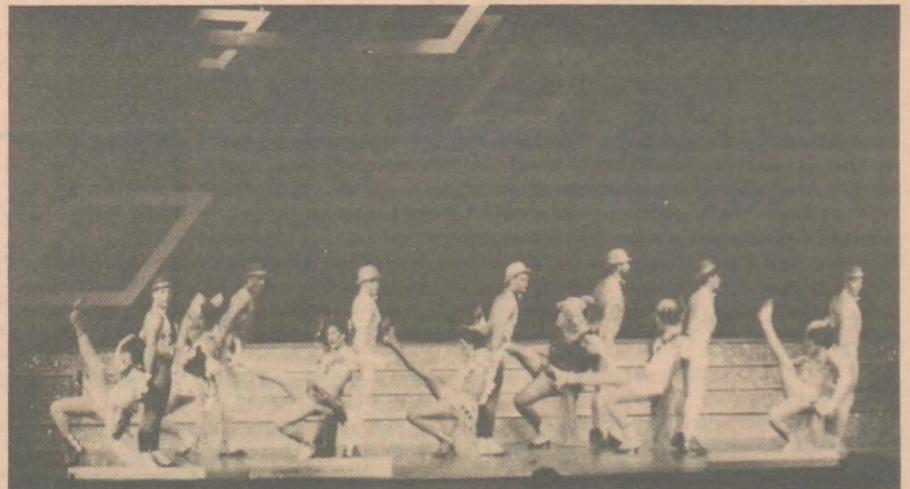
Anyhow, the Dianas were wonderful. I've never heard so many friends trash each other so viciously and tastefully. No one was safe, the gloves came off and verbal fists flew, fangs and claws were bared and often bloody upon withdrawal from their victims. Not the least of which was one Dr. Kendall Hamilton, who received an award for being arrested in drag. Tell me that isn't taking it to the limit to win an award.

The show itself was great. The stage productions and dance numbers were reminiscent of what Ziegfeld might have done had he been a drag queen.

Intermission was a show in itself. The audience flooded into the lobby and tuzedos and gowns, along with many drinks, spilled onto the street. Rented lipos lined the streets across from the Tower as suburbia, cruising down Westheimer, could be heard asking, "What are the Dianas?"

Everybody who is anybody was certain to be seen there as were many nobodies who thought they were somebody.

Actually the Dianas is a wonderful annual show put on for charity and they do a fabulous job every year. If this writing seems a little tacky, it is. It's in the spirit of the Dianas and I'm sure they'll have a special appreciation for that.



Etheridge and Diversity—A Good, If Not Perfect, Relationship

By Bill O'Rourke
Montrose Voice Theater Critic

Today is a lot of things: Good Friday, Better Davis' birthday, and John Philip Sousa night at the Houston Pops (Music Hall). In this column, it's John David Etheridge Day.

John David directed *Stage Struck* (Chocolate Bayou). This Simon Gray piece is intriguing, though its wit is dulled somewhat by a rather sluggish pace.

John David is Diversity Theatre's Artistic Director. He chooses the plays, the directors and okays the casts. Thus, he is ultimately responsible for their *A Perfect Relationship*. This Doric Wilson piece is hilarious, though it's an imperfect production of a somewhat flawed script.

In many of his plays, Doric will take one sentence and divide it into three or four phases split between two or more characters. This works beautifully if you're reading the play. In performance, the actors can either fumble around and look a trifle inept or they can step a little out of character and become a vaudeville team. Several of these were fielded beautifully by Brian Miller and Tom Kessler, but Doric just kept pitching them out there.

At other times, Mr. Wilson had it all together but Messers. Miller and Kessler couldn't get their timing down. The evening I saw it, this was most evident at the climax of the first act.

But when all three clicked at once, which was the vast majority of the evening, it was a delight to behold.

Jody Arnold's character, the semi-landlord Muriel, is a real schmuck of lady, always tearing down and imposing upon her gay friends in front of her own man of the moment. Jody plays that part to such perfection that one is uneasy around her character. One hopes Muriel will rally around at the end, and indeed she does.

Arturo Sanchez is sexy as the sneaky opportunist Barry and Bill Kopecky delineates his three characters very well.

The real disappointment of the evening was the size of the audience. Diversity, the gay community theater of Montrose,

deserves your support. Their casts work for free, just to try to please you. Please go!

Simon Gray also wrote *Butley* and *Quartermaine's Terms*. Here he has penned a plot with as many twists and turns as the road up Pike's Peak. "Nothing is but what is not."

The plot centers around Bob Shank's Robert, a stage manager and Sally Edmundson's Anne, a theatrical star. The script abounds with witty lines.

Unfortunately, Ms. Edmundson is stuck in a constant Theda Bara vamp. And Mr. Shank takes Robert way too seriously. The role calls out for the self-irony of a Noel Coward or a Roddy McDowell, with occasional darker flashes. It is answered far too often with genuine soul-searching. This excellent but misguided performance makes the first act drag slowly by.

But he does come up with spots of sheer brilliance. To see him angrily making tossed salad might not sound like much but it was one of the most truly electric moments this season has provided.

Jim Hackett is delicious. I just wish he had made his character a bit better liar. Steve Caporiccio was exactly Widdecombe and when he was on Mr. Shank was at his best. Their scene as the We-know-Robert's-not-really-a-flaming-queen and the Is-Widdecombe-really-a-psychiatrist? was the best of the evening.

□ Notes

Ellen Swenson tells me Wayne DeHart, Byron Jacquet and Alex Morris (all of the Ensemble) took their *Diary of Black Men* to Washington, D.C. for two nights and were a hit ... In a fictional city called

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The annual Montrose women's Pre-Season Tournament was held last weekend, March 30-31. Despite extensive rain delays on Saturday, the tournament concluded on Sunday at Memorial Park.

The Coffee Beans lost to Zodiac in the semifinals to take third place. Kindred Spirits beat Zodiac in the finals to remain undefeated for the tournament and to take the first place trophy.

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LGRA Plans Board Meeting

A Board of Directors meeting of the Lesbian/ Gay Rights Advocates, the Austin lesbian and gay civil rights lobby group, has been called for April 13, 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Austin at Chameleon's Coffeshop, 607 Trinity, upstairs. It will be open to the public.

Items on the agenda include a report

from Shelia Cheaney, Lesbian/ Gay Rights Advocates' lobbyist, on the current status of legislation affecting the lesbian and gay community in Texas, and current status of fundraising activities.

Any contributions towards the lesbian and gay civil rights lobby can be directed to P.O. Box 822, Austin, TX 78767.

Texas & National Gay Events

(Houston Gay Community Events are Included with the Montrose 7 Day Calendar, Opposite the Inside Back Cover)

For additional information or phone numbers for events listed below, look for the sponsoring organization under "Organizations" in our Texas Resource Directory, published once a month in the Montrose Voice.

Typestyles indicate events' location: **EVENTS IN AUSTIN**, **EVENTS IN SAN ANTONIO**, Events in Dallas, **Events in Ft. Worth/Arlington**, Events of Local Interest Elsewhere, **Events of Area Interest**

IMMEDIATE EVENTS

■ **FRIDAY: Good Friday, April 5**

■ **SATURDAY: SAN ANTONIO MAYORIAL & CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS APR. 6**

■ **SUNDAY: Easter, April 7**

■ **SUNDAY:** Front Runner Dallas 2 mile run, 7am, Winfrey Point, White Rock Lake

■ **SUNDAY:** "Lambda Weekly," gay radio, KNON, 90.9FM Dallas, 12-1pm

■ **SUNDAY:** Oak Lawn Tennis League play, noon, Cole Park Tennis Courts, Dallas

■ **SUNDAY:** Imperial Court of the Shooting Stars meet 2:30pm Apr. 7, Dallas Gay Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs

■ **MONDAY:** Dallas Gay Alliance meeting, 7:30pm Apr. 8, MCC, 2701 Reagan

■ **MONDAY:** Oak Lawn Bowling Assoc. league competition at Bronco Bowling Lanes, Dallas, 8:30pm

■ **TUESDAY:** Oak Lawn Symphonic Band meets 7pm, MCC, 2701 Reagan, Dallas

■ **TUESDAY:** Ft. Worth Center for the Community meets 7:30pm, 2412 Lipscomb

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Pegasus Volleyball Assoc. practices 7-9pm, Reverchon Recreational Center, 3505 Maple, Dallas

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Oak Lawn Tennis Assoc. meets 7:30pm at Cole Park Tennis Courts, Dallas

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Dallas Motorcycle Club meets Apr. 10, Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser

■ **STARTING THURSDAY: 10th Southeastern Conference for Lesbians & Gay Men, "Here Today and Here to Stay," Apr. 11-14, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**

■ **THURSDAY:** Dallas Gay & Lesbian Young Adults meet 7pm at the Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs

■ **THURSDAY:** Oak Lawn Counseling Center alcohol & drug dependencies workshop 7pm, Dallas

■ **THURSDAY:** LAMBDA bowling, 7pm, Circle Bowl, 10011 Denton Drive, Dallas

SELECTED EVENTS IN FUTURE WEEKS

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Dallas Girth & Mirth meets Apr. 13

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Affirmative meets 3pm Apr. 14, Dallas

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Oklahomans for Human Rights meet 7:30pm Apr. 14, Hilton Inn Northwest, Oklahoma City

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Ft. Worth Dignity meets Apr. 15, Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge

■ **IN 1 WEEK: AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS APR. 16**

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Texas Gay Rodeo Association meets Apr. 16, Gay Community Center, 3920 Cedar Springs, Dallas

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Dallas Dignity mass & meeting Apr. 16

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Imperial Court of Ft. Worth/Arlington meets Apr. 16, 2412 Lipscomb, Ft. Worth

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** UTA Gay/ Lesbian Association meets Apr. 18, Arlington

■ **IN 2 WEEKS:** Spring Westheimer Colony Art Festival Apr. 20-21, Houston

■ **IN 2 WEEKS:** Dallas Friends and Relatives of Gays meet Apr. 20

■ **IN 2 WEEKS:** Imperial Longhorn Council, Ft. Worth, meets Apr. 21

■ **IN 2 WEEKS:** Dallas Gayline meets 7:30pm, Apr. 21

■ **IN 2 WEEKS: AUSTIN LESBIAN/ GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS MEETS 7PM APR. 23, COMMISSIONER'S COURT, COURTHOUSE ANNEX**

■ **IN 3 WEEKS:** Gay/Lesbian Student Support Group meets 9:30am Apr. 27, MCC, 2701 Reagan, Dallas

■ **IN 3 WEEKS: San Jacinto Day, April 29**

■ **IN 3 WEEKS:** Tarrant County Gay Alliance meets May 2, Center for the Community, Ft. Worth

■ **IN 5 WEEKS:** Mother's Day, May 12

■ **IN ABOUT 6 WEEKS:** Oak Lawn Tennis Assn. Spring Open, Dallas, May

■ **IN 5 WEEKS:** National Assn. Business Councils' 5th anniversary meeting May 16-19, Minneapolis

■ **IN 6 WEEKS:** Gay & Lesbian Press Assn. annual convention, May 17-19, Gay & Lesbian Service Center, New York City

■ **IN 7 WEEKS:** Memorial Day, May 27

■ **IN 10 WEEKS:** Flag Day, June 14

■ **IN 10 WEEKS:** Father's Day, June 16

■ **IN 10-12 WEEKS:** Houston Gay Pride Week June 20-30

■ **IN 12 WEEKS:** "Alive with Pride in '85" National Gay Pride Day, 16th anniversary Stonewall Riots, June 28

■ **IN 12 WEEKS:** 7th National Lesbian & Gay Health Conference & 4th national AIDS Forum, "Mainstreaming Lesbian and Gay Health Care," June 28-July 1, Washington, D.C.

■ **IN 12 WEEKS:** Houston Gay Pride Week Parade June 30

■ **IN 12 WEEKS:** Annual International Gay Association conference, July 1-7, opens in Toronto

■ **IN 12 WEEKS:** International gay/lesbian history conference, "Sex & the State: Their Laws, Our Lives," July 3-6, University of Toronto, Toronto

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Films

Spring Films Aimed at Adolescents and Families

By Scott Cutsinger
Montrose Voice Film Critic

The current crop of Spring films seems to be aimed directly at two groups, teenagers and families. We fully expect the adolescent fare to pop up about this time of the year with such niceties as *Friday the Thirteenth (Part 5)* and *Porky's Revenge*, but this array of movies for the family is quite an interesting development.

Disney's Touchstone Pictures presents us with *Baby, Secret of the Lost Legend* with a bunch of cute dinosaurs and the adorable William Katt. Then there is the *Care Bear Movie*, a jolly little animated feature with songs by Carole King ("Would You Care for a Bear?"). I watched about 20 minutes of *Care Bears*, but after 30 kids crawled over my lap spilling popcorn and Jellybellies, I decided that I would let them all enjoy it without me.

Animated superheroes He-Man and She-Ra (where do they get these names?) take to the big screen in the *Secret of the Sword*. I'd love to get the free He-Man souvenir comic book, but Lord knows I surely can't deal with those hordes of kids again. And speaking of heroes, *The Return of the Jedi* will be zooming in on a re-release from its megabuck run in 1983. All the Star Wars gang is back in this third of the series that made millions, but was a failure with the critics.

So, with the Spring/Easter season upon us, the film companies are anxious to appease those kids that are looking for entertainment that Mom and Dad will let them see. Of course, Mom and Dad will have to settle for the three or four good films around town like *Amadeus* or *Mask* and just drop the kids off for a matinee of the above.

But if they want to take the whole family out together, there are a couple of films

that could possibly be enjoyable for all... or so you would think from the advertising.

The most eagerly awaited movie is *King David* with Richard Gere. This biblical epic has a nicely timed release just in time to appeal to the religious, church-going crowd looking for a family film during the holidays. Parents may be shocked at the very graphic violence, and the kids will no doubt doze off during the "talky" sections.

The second film is *The Sluggers Wife*, which looks like a nice little comedy by Neil Simon with a mix of baseball and rock music. Another disappointment, this film is a disgrace to all involved, and will probably end up on my worst of the year list.

□ King David

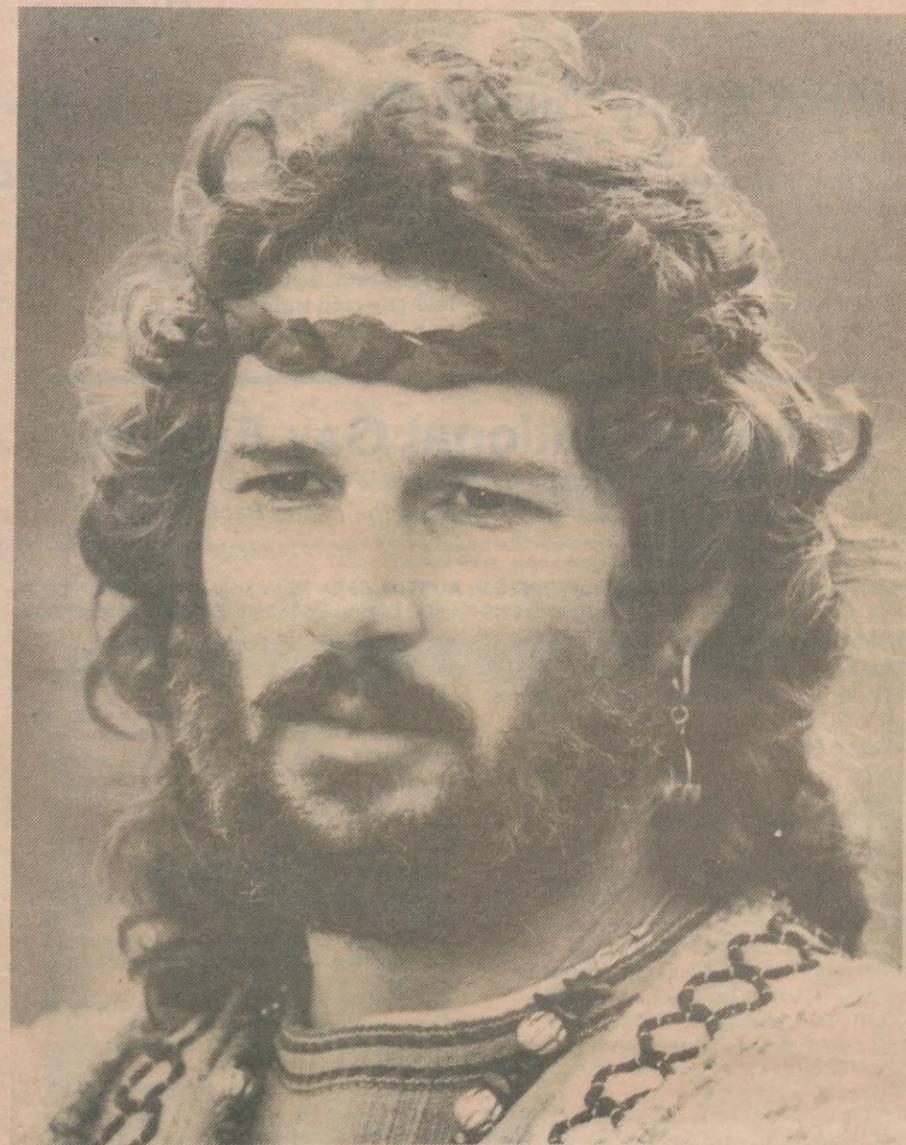
Biblical epics are something that you must have a tolerance for.

Movies like *Ten Commandments*, *The Bible* and *Ben Hur* have their grand moments like chariot races or the parting of the Red Sea. Yet, you still have to endure the endless scenes of biblically-speaking actors standing around chatting in dusty robes, and the interminally long sequences involving millions of extras tromping off to war or some promised land.

King David unfortunately has no great scenes to dwell upon. What we get instead is Richard Gere, a pretty-boy actor with little talent who looks nice in a beard.

King David demands a charismatic actor, and Gere (who also slumped through the recent *Beyond the Limit* and *Cotton Club*) just doesn't have the gusto required.

Director Bruce Beresford is a talented director who brought us *Tender Mercies*, but this sort of film seems a little beyond him. The big moments like David slaying Goliath or David falling in love with Bath-



Richard Gere as King David

sheba are swept by so briskly they hardly make an impact. Beresford apparently just plugged this story into the typical biblical movie mold and hoped it would be enough.

Sadly, there's not really enough here for even the religious family crowd that this film seems aimed at. To top it off, there are so many beheadings, throat slashings, and killings, the parents of small children may be upset. I'm sure it's all for the realistic effect of the violence during that time, but the director apparently forgot who his audience was going to be.

As for the acting, there were so many characters milling around in this film, it's hard to single out any certain person. However, in the role of King Saul, veteran actor Edward Woodward gives a thundering performance. Woodward is wonderful as the half-crazed king whose rule is coming to an end because of David.

An interesting note is how the story of David and his friend Jonathan (King Saul's son) is dealt with. The narrator says that David loved Jonathan more than any woman. There are scenes that show this love between these two men, but the development of the friendship is never shown.

However, in the end when David is old and on his deathbed, the last flash in his mind is not of war victories or Bathsheba. It's a single flash of Jonathan—and then death. I'm not sure what this implies besides love for another man, but it sure was beautiful.

King David is technically and visually lovely to behold, but we've seen it all before. It is no easy task to film a story that millions have read, but at least they could have made something that wasn't so bloody boring. And as for Richard Gere, since he likes to stand around looking pretty and not saying or acting much—maybe he should try modeling instead of cluttering up movie screens.

□ The Sluggers Wife

Poor Neil Simon has certainly been a popular and prolific writer, but he's always taken a lot of flak about his snappy one-

liners and cute stories. So, Simon decided that he wouldn't be so cute and snappy with his latest film *The Sluggers Wife*.

His story of a belligerent baseball player who falls in love with a rising rock singer would be more realistic and if it did not contain so much witty repartee between characters.

Well, the result is a very bad film with all the entertainment of a limp, dead fish. We have a very unappealing baseball player (played by Michael Keaton) who meets this girl who inspires him to hit home runs. The girl (played by Rebecca De Mornay) likes being a wife to him for about five minutes, and then is back hot on the trail of her rising singing career.

Despite not really caring about these people who didn't really seem to care about each other, I kept hoping that there would be developments. But nothing is ever resolved, nobody really ever changes, and the relationship and marriage seems nonsensical. The film just cuts back and forth between an up-and-down ball player and a woman singing hand-me-down songs in discos.

Everything about this film seems so wrong, it's almost too embarrassing. The baseball scenes with the Atlanta Braves playing the Houston Astros are very unexciting (as baseball games go). The songs that De Mornay's character sings are all hits by other artists, and bad renditions at that. And then there is Michael Keaton, who is seemingly miscast in a sarcastic comedy where he looks very uncomfortable.

Rebecca De Mornay is okay, but she was so much more witty and sassy in *Risky Business*, and this film needs something to brighten it up. Only Martin Ritt as a grumpy Atlanta Braves manager seems to shine here. A director of such films as *Souther*, *Norma Rae*, and *Cross Creek*, Ritt manages to make a small acting role memorable in an unmemorable film.

The Sluggers Wife could have been a nice film for everyone to enjoy, but instead it will probably sit sturdily on my Worst of '85 lists. It was a brave but strange experiment for Neil Simon—we hope he won't make the same mistake again.



Michael O'Keefe and Rebecca De Mornay in "The Sluggers Wife"



Michael O'Keefe

Michael O'Keefe: Oscar Nominee has a Struggle with His Film Identity

By Scott Cutsinger
Montrose Voice Film Critic

In 1979, Michael O'Keefe was nominated for an Academy Award for his supporting role in *The Great Santini*. It was a stirring role where he was an emotional, eldest son pitted against a tough Marine Corp father.

In an interview recently to promote his film *The Slugger's Wife*, O'Keefe said that working with strong actors like Robert Duvall (who played the father) showed him what powerful acting is all about. "Working with a great star and actor gives you such inspiration, and it really puts you in your place," he commented.

O'Keefe has never really achieved a great name-recognition status, mainly due to being in films that were not widely seen. His biggest commercial success was *Caddyshack*, but he was overshadowed by the antics of Chevy Chase and Bill Murray. Then there was *Grey Lady Down*, a gymnast role in *Split Image*, and two comedies called *Note and Hoyes* and *Finders Keepers*.

O'Keefe is undaunted by the failure of many of his films at the box office. "There are only a handful of films that make it big each year, and many of the rest are not even given a chance by the studios," he sighed.

His new picture is *The Slugger's Wife* which is heavily promoted by the studio. Unfortunately, the film is not getting good reviews, and it looks like it may die quickly. Still, O'Keefe had to work hard to

make himself look good as a baseball player.

"Since I played very little since Little League, it was all quite new to me," he commented, "but I did finally manage to hit a ball over the Braves stadium wall."

In person, O'Keefe is little like the dashing, roguish boy in the movies. Very quiet and seemingly shy, he prefers reading and writing plays to the glamorous life. Based in New York, O'Keefe prefers the stage and has appeared in plays like *Short Eyes* and *Moliere in Spite of Himself* for which he received a Dramatist Guild award.

When asked if he ever considered any gay roles, he replied that he had already done several. He played a major role in the Pulitzer-prize winning *Streamers*, and replaced Richard Thomas in the gay role in *The Fifth of July*.

"I'm interested in playing a variety of roles," O'Keefe said, "and that sort of thing is not important if the role is good."

A pleasant man with a good deal of charisma and talent, Michael O'Keefe is a talent that cries out for a good role. In spite of problems with *Slugger's Wife*, O'Keefe is a young actor that has received recognition and is struggling to gain a good screen and stage image.

"I don't see anyone running a Michael O'Keefe retrospect anytime soon," he said. "But I hope to show a wide range of characterizations that can be looked at positively later on."

Deliverance for Harvey

By Michael Van Duzor
Special to the Montrose Voice

The Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Artists in the Entertainment Industry (AGLA) hosted a special benefit with celebrity guests and friends to screen and pay tribute to the Academy Award winning documentary *The Times of Harvey Milk* at the Variety Arts Center in downtown Los Angeles.

Held on March 22, three days before the Oscar ceremony itself, the event celebrated a first—a film about gay subject matter made by openly gay filmmakers nominated for an Academy Award. The ultimate victory of *Harvey Milk* makes the celebration that night all the sweeter.

Joining the film's director Robert Epstein and producer Richard Schmiechen on stage were well-wishers Linda Lavin, Robert Walden, Marcia Wallace, Zelda Rubenstein, Cate Adams, Pam Myers, and others.

Greeted by a prolonged standing ovation, Epstein and Schmiechen told of the hardships inherent in making a film like *Harvey Milk*, the problems they encountered finding funding for the project and the

difficult toll that six years of making the film took on their lives. But they also cited the tremendous honor they felt in being recognized by the Academy amongst such formidable competition.

Lavin began her tribute by reading telegrams from Tom Hulce and Lily Tomlin who couldn't appear at the celebration, but wanted to extend their best wishes. Tomlin informed the audience that she had Ernestine busy on the phones black-mailing Academy voters to ensure the Oscar win.

AGLA chairperson Chris Uszler pointed out that over the years the motion picture industry has been responsible for perpetuating many of the myths about gay and lesbian people. "It is high time that motion pictures tell the truth about us. *The Times of Harvey Milk* tells the truth," he concluded.

San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt shared his positive and emotional response to seeing the film for the first time saying that it showed how a personal struggle becomes political. Britt concluded, "Harvey would have liked an Oscar more than anything else."

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Reproductive Rights

By Hollis Hood

□ 2nd of a 2-Part Series

The right for each woman to have control over her own body is the basic premise for the pro-choice movement, ascertains Collen Elmore, representative of the Texas Abortion Rights Action League. "Bodily Integrity" is basic to individual freedom, and should be vigilantly guarded.

The question of choice, so often misconstrued as a pro-abortion campaign only, has caused great divisions in the religious community.

One Catholic man said, "Abortion is something I just try not to think about. It's a really difficult thing."

His sentiments are echoed by Roman Catholics nationwide. According to an article in *Conscience*, a publication of pro-choice Catholics, "The assumption that the fetus is a person, currently a matter of lively debate in Catholic theological journals, is by no means a constant moral teaching. Even the Vatican Declaration on Procured Abortion, published in 1974, states, 'There is not a unanimous tradition on this point, and authors are as yet not in agreement.'"

A rather indecisive position considering the Catholic church no less than 20 years ago indicated it was better to sacrifice the life of the mother than the life of the unborn child.

Some 92% of American white Protestants think that abortions ought to be available to a woman whose health is in danger, as do 84% of black Protestants, states the magazine. As many as 85% of Catholics agree, and 80% endorsed abortion for rape victims. However, according to the publication, only 30% approves of abortion on demand.

Congressman Mickey Leland, himself a Catholic, is quoted as saying "As a Catholic, I personally consider abortion to be a serious moral problem. The decision to terminate a pregnancy is a question of conscience, and undoubtedly a personal matter. I would vote against any legislation that would hinder any woman from expressing her freedom of choice." (Letter to Catholics for Choice, 1982).

The National Coalition of Nuns Board of Directors issued a statement in 1982 stating "(We) oppose a constitutional amendment outlawing abortion. It is paradoxical to us that the same leaders who are currently demanding that women bring their babies to term are simultaneously voting to cut off food stamps, child nutrition programs and related benefits essential for the health and well being of our children."

The problem of legislation by so-called "pro life" groups which the previous comments referred to, is also condemned by the American Baptists, USA.

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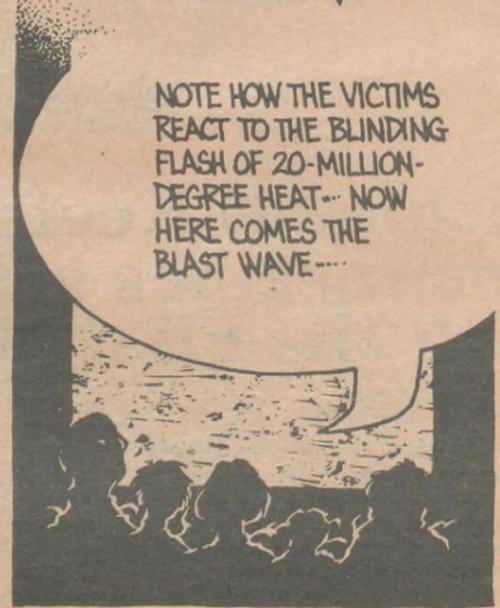
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The pro-choice issue is important because it is opposed by the same people who oppose gay rights, and human equality. It is another way they can assert morality, one view of morality on the populus at large.

Methodists have taken a stand on abortion (from the Book of Discipline): "Our belief in the sanctity of human life makes us reluctant to approve abortion. But we are equally bound to respect the sacredness of the life and well-being of the mother, for whom devastating damage may result from an unacceptable pregnancy."

However, the "pro-life" advocates are pushing in the legislature to effectively put an end to freedom of choice. Pro-lifers believe the right of an unborn child supercedes the rights of the woman and that a

constitutional amendment is needed to guarantee even victims of rape and incest must have children. They stereotype the abortion applicant as a promiscuous woman who takes the whole affair as a flippant lack. A stereotype unsubstan-

tiated by any real data on the subject.

Perhaps the grabber is their belief that any increased numbers of abortions are a sign of the country's moral decay, that the ultimate birth control is personal responsibility and abstinence from sex.

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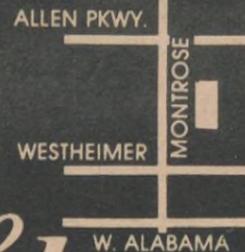
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 - Brazos River Bottom-2400 Brazos-528-9192: country
 - Briar Patch-2294 W Holcombe-665-9678
 - Chicken Coop-535 Westheimer-526-2240
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 - Double R Saloon-5731 Kirby-521-1444
 - E/J's-1213 Richmond-527-9071
 - Edgington's-6121 Hillcroft-981-6121
 - Exile-1011 Bell-659-0453: country
 - Formation-1732 Westheimer-521-2306
 - Galleon-2303 Richmond-522-7616
 - Hole-109 Tuam-528-9128
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 - JR's-808 Pacific-521-2519
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 - Just Marion & Lynn's-817 Fairview-528-9110: lesbian
 - Kindred Spirits-4902 Richmond-623-6135
 - Lazy J-312 Tuam-528-9343
 - Lola's Depot-2327 Grant-528-8342
 - Mary's-1022 Westheimer-528-8851
 - Midnite Sun-534 Westheimer-526-7519: disco, impersonators
 - Montrose Mining Co-805 Pacific-529-7488
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 - Ripcord-715 Fairview-521-2792: leather
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 - The 611-611 Hyde Park-528-9079
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ORGANIZATIONS

- SELECTED STATE, NAT ORGANIZATIONS**
- Bar Owners Assn of Tx (BOAT)-c/o Bunch Brittain, Dirty Sally's, 2828 Rio Grande, Austin-(512) 478-8782
 - AIDS Action Council/Federation of AIDS Related Organizations, 1115½ Independence Av SE, Washington, DC 20003, (212) 547-3101
 - Gay & Lesbian Press Assn-POB A, Old Chelsea Sta, New York, NY 10011-(212) 989-6622
 - Gay Rights Nat Lobby-POB 1892, Washington, DC 20013-(202) 546-1801
 - Human Rights Campaign Fund-POB 1396, Washington, DC 20013-(202) 546-2025
 - Lambda Legal Defense-132 W 43rd, New York, NY 10039-(212) 944-9488
 - Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates-POB 822, Austin 78767
 - Media Fund for Human Rights-POB A, Old Chelsea Sta, New York, NY 10011-(212) 989-6622
 - Nat Assn of Business Councils-Box 15145, San Francisco, CA 94115-(415) 885-6363
 - Nat Assn of Gay & Lesbian Demo Clubs-1742 Mass Av SE, Washington, DC 20003-(202) 547-3104
 - Nat Gay Health Educ Foundation-POB 784, New York, NY 10036-(212) 563-6313 or Dr Greenberg (713) 523-5204
 - Nat Gay Rights Advocates-540 Castro, San Francisco, CA 94114-(415) 863-3624
 - Nat Gay Task Force (NGTF)-80 5th Av, New York, NY 10011-(212) 741-5800
 - NGTF's Crisisline-(800) 221-7044 (outside New York State)
 - Rural Coalition, c/o Waller-Zanghi, Box 611, Blum, TX 76627
 - Tx Gay/Lesbian Task Force-POB AK, Denton 76201-(817) 387-8216
 - US Transvestite-Transsexual Contact Svc-1017-B E Pike, Seattle, 98122-(206) 624-8266
- ATTENTION ORGANIZATIONS**
Check your listing. We list here each week name of organization, address, phone.

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regular meeting dates and times, and dates of special events. If your listing is incorrect, mail correct information to The Voice, 408 Avondale, Hou 77006.

THE MONTROSE VOICE- INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY

- A Capella Chorus-Montrose Church of Christ-777-9286
- ACLU-1236 W Gray-524-5925
- AIDS Hotline-529-3211 (Gay Switchboard)
- American Gay Atheists-POB 66711, 77266-527-9255
- Astro Rainbow Alliance-520-9451 (voice), 520-0552 (TTY)
- Astro Rainbow Society for the Deaf-924-5074 (TTY or voice), 645-0074 (TTY)
- Avondale Assn-POB 66054, 77266: meets 7:30pm 2nd Thurs, Women's Christian Ctr, 310 Pacific
- Azulao Womyn's Magazine-6130 SW Fwy #335-266-5237
- Bayou B'l'u Singers-Robert Moon, dir, 209 Stratford-868-3084
- Bering Memorial United Methodist Church-1440 Harold-526-1017: svc 10:50am Sun
- Choices Unlimited-POB 70996, 77270-529-3211 (Gay Switchboard): meets 1pm 3rd Sun, Masterson WYCA, 3615 Willia, "Social Mixer" 7:30pm alternate Fridays; Sunday brunch 12:30pm 3rd Sun
- Christian Church of the Good Shepherd-1707 Montrose, svc 1pm Sun, Bible study 7:30pm Thurs
- Church of Christian Faith-217 Fairview-529-8005: svcs 10:45am Sun & 7:15pm Wed, Bible study 7:30pm Wed, choir practice Wed after Bible study
- Citizens for Human Equality (CHE)-POB 3045, 77253-680-3346, 937-3516: meet 2nd Tues, 3217 Fannin, second floor
- Citizens for United Hou (CUH)-3317 Montrose #B32-659-6148
- City Hall-901 Bagby
- Clippers-342-6502
- Colt 45's-meets at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos-528-9192
- Committee for Public Health Awareness-POB 3045, 77253-528-6333, 522-5084: "Sharing Group for the Worried Well" meet Fri, 7-8pm, Montrose Counseling Ctr
- Community Political Action Committee (C-PAC)-POB 2005, 77252-236-8666
- Community Gospel Ctr-3207 Montrose-523-6018, 668-0259, 692-9002: Svcs 2:30pm Sun, 7:30pm Thurs
- Cong Aytz Chayim-meets at CCF, 217 Fairview-688-8997: sve & social 8pm 2nd & 4th Fri
- Crisi Hotline-228-1505
- Dharma Study Gropup-406 Avondale-524-9554
- Diana Foundation-2700 Mason-524-5791
- Dignity/Hou-3217 Fannin-528-0111, 523-7644: mass 7:30pm Sat

ESOPS Private Professional Social Club—961-9876
 1st Unitarian Church—5210 Fannin—526-1571
 svc 11:15am Sun
 Frontrunners—Randy at 681-5679. Runs 10am
 Sun, 6:30pm Tues, 6:30pm Thurs Memorial Park
 Tennis Ctr; 6:30pm Mon, Golf Ctr, Hermann Park
 Gay & Alive Sharing Experience (GASE)—528-
 1311, 528-0891
 Gay & Lesbian Archives of Tx: affiliate of I/H Inc
 Gay & Lesbian Mormons—1713 Westheimer
 #6040, 77098—568-1413
 Gay Asians & Friends—2615 Waugh Dr #289—
 523-6769, 649-6225 meets 3pm 2nd & last Sun
 Gay Hispanic Caucus—868-5252 meets 3pm
 Apr 14 Kindred Spirits, art show Apr 20; Cinco de
 Mayo celebration May 5, Kindred Spirits, meets
 May 19, bake & garage sale Jun 1, meets 2:30pm
 Jun 9, Kindred Spirits, "Baile '85" Jun 28
 Gay Nurses Alliance—880-9486
 Gay Political Caucus (GPC)—POB 66664,
 77286—521-1000 meets 3217 Fannin 1st & 3rd
 Wed; San Antonio trip honoring Apuzzo Apr 27;
 10th anniversary dinner hosted by Presidents
 Club Sept 14
 (Hou) Gay Pride Week Committee—POB 66821,
 77266—Stan Ford 523-7644 or Cathy Lenahan
 868-6256 meets 2:30pm Apr 28, May 26, Jun 30,
 Kindred Spirits, 4902 Richmond Av, Hou Gay
 Pride Week Jun 13-23, GPW "All Sports Day" Jun
 22, national Gay Pride Day, "Alive with Pride in
 '85," Jun 28
 Gay Switchboard—POB 66591, 77266—529-
 3211 information, counseling, referrals, TTY,
 AIDS Hotline
 Greater Montrose Business Guild—c/o Mike
 Nelson, 630-0309 meets 7pm, 4th Wed at Bren-
 nans Rest, 3300 Smith
 Hazelwitch Productions—2615 Waugh Dr #266,
 77006, lesbian concerts, free mailing list
 Homophile Interfaith Alliance—729 Manor—
 523-6969
 Hou Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers &
 Scientists—524-7498, 7-10pm: meets 7pm 4th
 Tues

Hou Bar Owners Assn (HOB0)—c/o Venture-N,
 2923 Main—522-0000
 Hou Community Clowns—862-8314
 Hou Council of Clubs—526-8054
 Hou Data Professionals—523-6922, 664-6459;
 meets 7:30pm 2nd Tues
 Hou Gay Health Advocates—790-9448; Meets
 7:30pm 1st Sat
 Hou Gay Students Assn—747-3098
 Hou Inter-Faith Alliance: contact through
 Integrity/Hou
 Hou Motorcycle Club—c/o Mary's, 1022 West-
 heimer—528-8851
 Hou North Professionals—POB 3840, Humble
 77347—Bill at 821-7126 meet 7:30pm 2nd Sat
 Hou Outdoor Group—Ken 522-0699
 Hou Tennis Club—Rich at 524-2151, play
 10:30am-1:30pm Sun, Homer Ford Tennis Cen-
 ter, picnic Easter, participant Oak Lawn Tennis
 Assn Spring Open, Dallas, May, participant San
 Fran Singles Championships, May, host Tx Cup
 Competition Jun 22, participant annual Tx-OU
 Classic, Dallas, Oct, Hou-Tx V Nov 9-11
 I/H Inc—POB 16041, 77222—694-1732, 529-
 7014: affiliated groups are Interact, B'zzario's A
 Place in the Sun, Montrose Art Alliance, Gay &
 Lesbian Archives of Tx, Gay Switchboard, Mont-
 rose Symphonic Band; board meet 7:30pm 1st
 Thurs (varied locations), educational forum
 7:30pm 3rd Thurs
 Ingersoll Speakers' Bureau—POB 391, Bellaire
 77401—669-4064
 Integrity/Hou (Episcopalian)—POB 66008,
 77266—439-1209 meets 2nd & 4th Tues, Autry
 House, 6265 Main
 Interact—POB 16041, 77222—529-7014
 KPFT Radio, FM-90—419 Lovett Blvd—526-
 4000, "Breakthrough" lesbian-feminist pgm Fri
 8:15-10:30am; "Wide 'n Stein" gay pgm Thurs
 7:30-9:00pm
 KS/AIDS Foundation—3317 Montrose Box 1155
 77006—524-3427; meets Sat 11am-12:15pm
 KS/AIDS Foundation telephone fundraising—
 Donna Knipp 526-9617
 Jerry Kauffman Cancer Fund—778-4106

Lambda Ctr Gay Alcoholics & Alanon—1214 Jo
 Annie—521-9772
 Lesbian/Gay Resource Svc—University of Hou,
 4800 Calhoun, box 309, 77004—749-1253; meets
 2:30pm alternate Tues, Spindletop Room, 2nd
 floor, University Ctr
 Let Us Entertain You Weekend—project of Hou
 Council of Clubs—526-8054
 Lone Star Nudist Group—POB 740572, 77274
 Lutherans Concerned—meets at Grace Luthera-
 n Church, 2515 Waugh—521-0863, 453-1143
 meet 2nd & 4th Tues evenings
 McAdory House—c/o KS/AIDS Foundation,
 3317 Montrose Bos 1155—524-2437
 Men Against Deception Courtesy Club—POB
 541871, 77254—529-3211 (Gay Switchboard);
 meets bi-weekly
 Metropolitan Community Church of the Resur-
 rection (MCCR)—1919 Decatur—861-9149: pot-
 luck dinner 7:30pm 1st Sat monthly; svcs
 10:45am & 7:15pm Sun & 7:15pm Wed, member-
 ship inquirers class 7:30pm Mon; education
 classes Tues & Wed evs
 (Hou) Metropolitan Wind Ensemble—529-9610
 Meets St Stephens Episcopal Church, 7:30 Wed
 Montrose Art Alliance—694-1732, 868-9314,
 869-5332: affiliate I/H Inc; meets 2nd Mon
 Montrose Church of Christ—1700 Montrose—
 777-9286, svc 11am Sun
 Montrose Civic Club: see Neartown Assn
 Montrose Clinic—803 Hawthorne—528-5531:
 open Mon, Tue, Thurs 6-9pm
 Montrose Country Cloggers—456-8861 meet 7-
 10pm Fri MCCR Church, 1919 Decatur
 Montrose Counseling Ctr—900 Lovett #203—
 529-0037: AIDS victim support group 6:30pm
 Mon; Women's Support Group 7pm Tues
 Montrose Singers—Carl Lawrence 774-3591
 after 6pm: rehearsal Mon evs, Bering Church,
 1440 Harold
 Montrose Softball League—POB 22272, 77227—
 524-3144: 5th season begins Apr 13, Levy Field;
 Series 9, Gay World Series, Milwaukee, Aug 26-
 Sep 1
 Montrose Sports Assn (MSA): see specific
 subgroup

Montrose Symphonic Band—POB 66613,
 77266—527-9454 meet 7:30pm Tues, Dignity
 Ctr, 3217 Fannin; spring concert 7:30pm Apr 13,
 Lanier School, affiliate I/H Inc
 Montrose Tennis Club: name changed to Hous-
 ton Tennis Club
 MSA/Mon Night Bowling—play Stadium Lanes,
 8200 Braesmain—Steve 692-4597: summer sea-
 son began Apr 1
 MSA/Thurs Night (Mixed League) Bowling—
 Mike Weikert at 973-1358: play 9pm Stadium
 Lanes, 8200 Braesmain
 MSA/Pocket Billiards (Pool) League—Debbie
 973-1358: plays 7:30pm Wed
 MSA/Women's Softball League—6431 Pine-
 shade, 77008—Carolyn at 868-6256: World Ser-
 ies Qualifying Tournament Jul 6-7, 1st Annual
 Gay Women's Softball World Series Aug 29-Sep
 1, Milwaukee
 MSA/Volleyball—Mark 522-1469: games 7pm
 Tues, Gregory-Lincoln school, 1101 Taft
 Montrose Watch: subgroup Neartown Assn
 Mustangs—meets at the Barn, 710 Pacific—528-
 9427: club night Thurs
 National Gay Health Education Foundation—
 523-5204
 National Organization for Women (NOW) Les-
 bian Rights Task Force—POB 440422, 77244
 Neartown Assn (Montrose Civic Club)—1413
 Westheimer: meet 7pm 4th Tues; 4th annual
 Montrose Home Tour Apr 13-14
 Neartown Business Alliance—529-7010: meets
 7pm 2nd Wed, Liberty Bank, 1001 Westheimer
 New Freedom Christian Church—829 Yale—
 863-8377: svcs 10am Sun
 Overeaters Anonymous—c/o Montrose Coun-
 seling Ctr, 900 Lovett—Peggy at 526-4015: meets
 8pm Sun, Montrose Counseling Ctr, & 8pm Wed,
 Bering Church, 1440 Harold
 Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (Parents
 FLAG)—464-6663: meets 2pm 3rd Sun, Presby-
 terian Ctr, 41 Oakdale
 Park People—c/o Neartown Community
 Firehouse—741-2524
 Paz y Liberacion—POB 600063, 77260—523-
 9061
 Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns—
 Presbyterian Ctr, 41 Oakdale—526-2584: meets
 7:30pm 2nd Tues
 Recreational Land Fund Committee—Mustang
 Club project
 Rice Univ Gay/Lesbian Support Group—529-
 3211 (Gay Switchboard)
 Rothko Chapel—1409 Sul Ross—524-9839
 Shanti of Tx counseling for life-threatening
 illnesses—522-5084
 Society for 2nd Self (Tri-Ess), Gulf Coast
 Transvestite Chapter—POB 90335, 77090
 Society for the Promotion of Amazon Sado-
 masochism (SPASM)—POB 70996, 77270—Gay
 Switchboard 529-3211
 Tx Gay Rodeo Assn—Drawer 1194, POB 66973,
 77006—526-5001
 Tx Human Rights Foundation—1915
 Commonwealth—522-2824
 Tx Riders—c/o Ripcord, 714 Fairview—521-2792
 WWB Bowling—Myrt 723-1455: bowls 6:15pm
 Sun, Post Oak Bowling Lanes
 Westayan Fellowship—864-8899
 Westheimer Colony Arts Assn—1001 West-
 heimer #163—521-0133: Spring Festival Apr 20-21
 Women's Bowling League—Debbie 973-1358:
 5pm Sun Stadium Lanes, 8200 Braesmain
 Women's Lobby Alliance—4 Chelsea—521-0439

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7 Day Montrose Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
APR 7	APR 8	APR 9	APR 10	APR 11	APR 5	APR 6

For additional information or phone numbers for events listed below, look for the sponsoring organization under "Organizations" in the Montrose Classified.

Typetypes indicate events' location: Events in Houston, Events of Local Interest Elsewhere, Events of Area Interest

SELECTED EVENTS THROUGH 7 DAYS

- FRIDAY: Good Friday, April 5
- FRIDAY: "Breakthrough" lesbian-feminist program, KPFT, FM-90, 8:15-10:30am
- FRIDAY: Montrose Country Cloggers meet 7pm, MCCR, 1919 Decatur
- FRIDAY: Baytown Lambda meets 7:30pm Apr. 5
- FRIDAY: Poets Workshop, 8pm Apr. 5, A Place in the Sun, 704 Fairview
- SATURDAY: KS/AIDS Foundation meets 3400 Montrose, no. 501, 11am
- SATURDAY: Houston Gay Health Advocates meet 7:30pm Apr. 6
- SUNDAY: Easter, April 7
- SUNDAY: Houston Tennis Club annual Easter picnic
- SUNDAY: Montrose Tennis Club plays 10:30am-1:30pm, MacGregor Park
- SUNDAY: Frontrunners run 10am from Memorial Park Tennis Center
- SUNDAY: Women's bowling league plays, 3pm, Stadium Bowl
- SUNDAY: W.W.B. Bowling League, 6:15, Post Oak Lanes
- SUNDAY: Overeaters Anonymous meet 8pm Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett
- MONDAY: Frontrunners run 6:30pm, from Golf Center, Hermann Park
- MONDAY: Montrose Art Alliance meets Apr. 8
- MONDAY: MSA Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain
- TUESDAY: Lesbian/Gay Resource Service, Univ. of Houston, meets 2:30pm Apr. 9, Spindletop Room, Univ. Center, Univ. Park
- TUESDAY: Frontrunners run 7pm from Memorial Park Tennis Center
- TUESDAY: MSA "Fun Volleyball League" plays, 7pm
- TUESDAY: Lutherans

- Concerned meets Apr. 9, Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh
- TUESDAY: Montrose Symphonic Band meets Dignity Center, 3217 Fannin, 7:30pm
- TUESDAY: Integrity meets Apr. 9, Autry House, 6265 Main
- TUESDAY: Citizens for Human Equality meets 7:30pm Apr. 9, 3217 Fannin, 2nd floor
- TUESDAY: Houston Data Professionals meets 7:30pm Apr. 9
- WEDNESDAY: Neartown Business Alliance meets 7pm Apr. 10, Liberty Bank, 1001 Westheimer
- WEDNESDAY: MSA Pool League competition
- WEDNESDAY: Overeaters Anonymous meet 8pm Bering Church, 1440 Harold
- STARTING THURSDAY: 10th Southeastern Conference for Lesbians & Gay Men, "Here Today and Here to Stay," Apr. 11-14, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- THURSDAY: Frontrunners run 7pm from Memorial Park Tennis Center
- THURSDAY: "Wilde 'n Stein" gay radio show 7:30-9pm on KPFT Radio, FM-90
- THURSDAY: Avondale Association meets 7:30pm Apr. 11, Christian Women's Center, 310 Pacific
- THURSDAY: MSA Mixed Bowling League bowls, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain
- SELECTED EVENTS IN FUTURE WEEKS
- IN 1 WEEK: Neartown Assn. 4th annual Montrose Home Tour Apr. 13-14
- IN 1 WEEK: Montrose Softball League season opens Apr. 13, Levy Field
- IN 1 WEEK: Houston North Professionals meets 7:30pm, Apr. 13
- IN 1 WEEK: Montrose Symphonic Band spring concert 7:30pm April 13, Lanier School
- IN 1 WEEK: MSA Women's Softball League opens Apr. 14
- IN 1 WEEK: Gay Hispanic Caucus meets 3pm Apr. 14, Kindred Spirits
- IN 1 WEEK: Gay Asians & Friends meet 3pm Apr. 14
- IN 1 WEEK: Gay Political Caucus meets 3217 Fannin, 7:30pm Apr. 17
- IN 2 WEEKS: Spring Westheimer Colony Art Festival Apr. 20-21, Houston
- IN 2 WEEKS: Gay Hispanic Caucus art show Apr. 20
- IN 2 WEEKS: Choices meets 1pm Apr. 21, Masterson YWCA, 3615 Willia
- IN 2 WEEKS: Parents FLAG meets 2pm, Apr. 21, Presbyterian Center, 41 Oakdale
- IN 2 WEEKS: Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists meet 7pm Apr. 23
- IN 2 WEEKS: Montrose Civic Club (Neartown) meets 7pm Apr. 23, 1413 Westheimer
- IN 2 WEEKS: Greater Montrose Business Guild meets 7pm Apr. 24, Brennan's Restaurant, 3300 Smith
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- IN 2 WEEKS: Gay Hispanic Caucus art show Apr. 20
- IN 2 WEEKS: Choices meets 1pm Apr. 21, Masterson YWCA, 3615 Willia
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 - City Hall—222-3011
 - Doctor—see ads or 529-3211
 - FIRE—227-2323
 - Gay Political Caucus—521-1000
 - Gay Switchboard—529-3211
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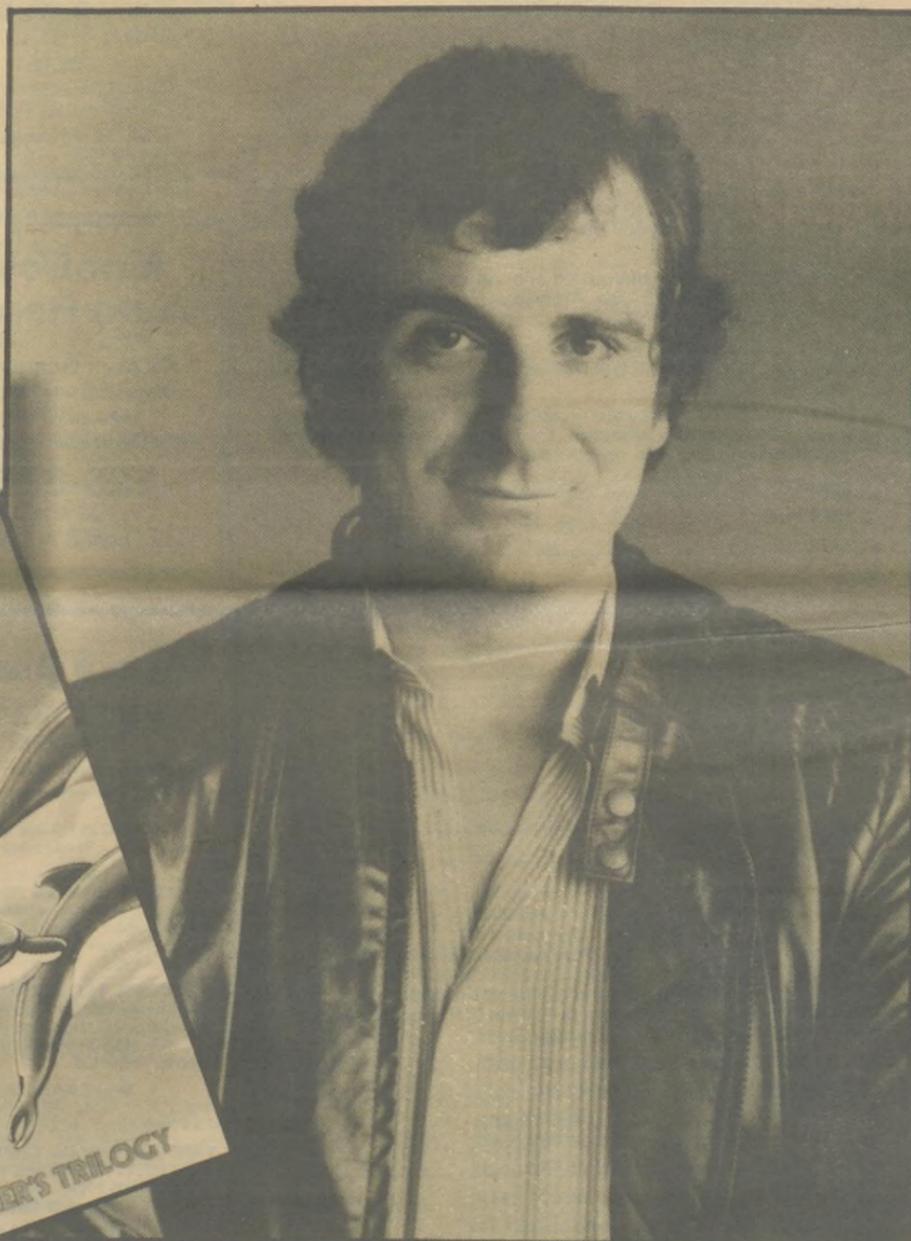
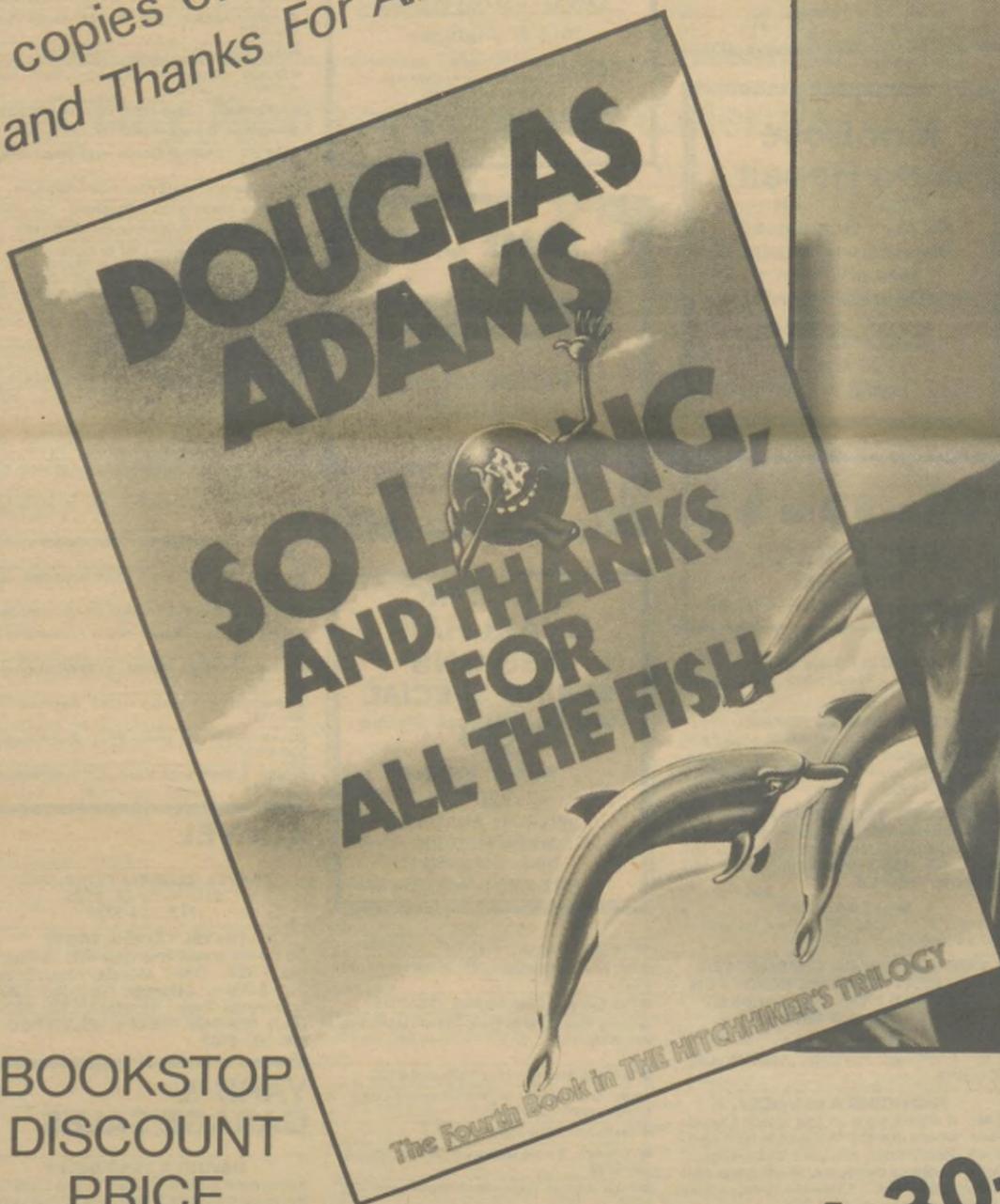
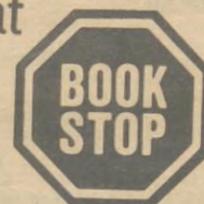
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