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A new merchandise catalog of gay/lesbian/bisexual buttons, t-shirts, magnets, bumper stickers, postcards, rubber stamps and more is free for the asking. The catalog contains over 80 different button designs, and quantity discounts are available. For your free copy, contact Dan Kaufman Graphics, Catalog Request, Dept. X, PO Box 4901, Washington, DC 2008, or call (202) 1'M OUT-UR? (466-8878).

Republicans for Individual Freedoms (RIF) wants to start a chapter in the North/South Carolina region. RIF presently has chapters in New York, Hartford and Atlanta with over 200 members nationwide. RIF was begun to fight homophobia in the Republican Party and to fight "Republiphobia" in the gay community. They organize meetings and rallies, letter writing campaigns and issue policy papers. Chapters have three main areas of responsibility: 1) speak out when Republicans make homophobic statements, 2) hold Democrats accountable for campaign promises to the gay community and 3) insist that gay leaders represent all gay citizens. For membership information, contact Republicans, PO Box 13162, Atlanta, GA 30324.



Clothing manufacturer Eton of Sweden has designed a man's shirt for those who want to make a statement about AIDS with-

Long-term survivor succumbs to AIDS

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LOS ANGELES—Michael Callen, 38, died of AIDS complications on December 27, 1993 after battling the disease since his diagnosis in 1982. Callen was the former lead singer of "The Flirtations," featured in the Tom Hanks/Denzel Washington film, *Philadelphia*, and a prominent AIDS activist.



Michael Callen (far left) and The Flirtations

According to his lover, Richard Dworkin, Callen never took AZT and opted for alternative chemotherapy for AIDS-related cancer. He promoted the use of buyer's clubs for inexpensive access to AIDS treatments, urged usage of the term "people with AIDS" and advocated safer sex practices in the early stages of our understanding of the disease.

In addition to being an accomplished singer and composer, Callen wrote "Surviving AIDS," was a member of the New York City Mayor's Interagency Task Force on AIDS and the New York State AIDS Institute. He testified before state and congressional committees on numerous occasions and published several works on the disease.

out being blatant about it. The shirt has the words "STOP AIDS" discretely woven in an all-white pattern throughout the fabric. It also features a timepiece button or cuff links to signify that time is running out to find a cure. In addition to raising awareness, each shirt manufactured will have a 20% donation made to the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation. Retailers have also agreed to donate from 10% to 100% of their proceeds to local AIDS charities. The shirt retails for \$225. To order or to find the nearest retailer, call 1-800-348-3866.

San Diego, CA will be the site of Leatherfest VI, March 11-13. The annual event for the Leather/S&M/Fetish community will consist of over 20 workshops and demonstrations. In addition, there will be a LeatherTip Square Dance, an Awards Banquet, and Erotic Leather and Latex Fashion Show, a Leather Bazaar, a Welcome Reception, a Fun Run, Dungeonfest parties, a 12-Step Program and local bar events. To be held at the Radisson Hotel Mission Valley, special room rates of \$59 (single) and \$69 (2-4 persons) per night have been arranged if reservations are made by February 11 by calling the hotel at (619) 260-0111 or Radisson Worldwide Reservations at Leather Association members and \$90 for non-

members. For more information, write NLA/SD, PO Box 3092, San Diego, CA 92163 or call 1-800-598-1859.

Undersea Expeditions, a gay scuba and snorkel travel package wholesaler, has announced a series of trips for 1994. Cozumel, Mexico is first up from February 26-march 5 at a ten-bedroom, private, oceanfront villa. Also scheduled are trips to The Sydney Gay Mardi Gras and the Great Barrier Reef, the Red Sea and ancient Egypt, and to the offshore reefs of Belize. Prices start at \$669 for a week in Cozumel, including beachfront accommodations and meals. For more information, contact Undersea Expeditions, PO Box 9455, Pacific Beach, CA 92169 or call 1-800-669-0310.

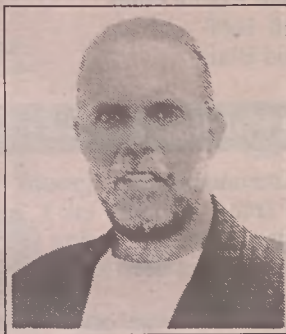
The Executive Committee of Stonewall 25 is seeking to hire a Domestic Outreach Person who will be responsible for planning, guiding and implementing outreach to gay and lesbian organizations to gain their support, endorsement and participation in the March on June 26 in New York City. If interested, send your resume to Susan Jester, Stonewall 25, 208 West 13th Street, New York, NY 10011.

An Orthodox Catholic community is being formed in the Asheville area, and they have extended an invitation to all gays and lesbians. For more information, contact Father Andrew Gentry, St. Seraphim Orthodox Catholic Mission, PO Box 64, Arden, NC 28704.

The national federation of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is seeking to establish local chapters across the US. GLAAD is a media watchdog organization which notifies the gay community of both positive and negative representations homosexuality in the media. To become a member or to receive information on how to start a chapter in your area, contact GLAAD, 150 West 26th Street, Suite 503, New York, NY 10001 or call Donna Red Wing at (212) 647-1282.

Attention Skiers! Rather than spending your money in Colorado for Gay Ski Week/Aspen, consider Winterfest Tahoe '94 at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, March 13-20. Activities include downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, back-country skiing, ice skating, sleigh rides, snow sculpture, snow volleyball, tours, dinner shows, mixers, dances, apres-ski parties, barbecues, comedy

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