

LOBBY AUSTIN IMMEDIATELY, GAYS WARNED

By Carl Allen

State gay activist Don Baker warned this week that a new anti-homosexuality bill under consideration by the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee in Austin poses a serious threat to the gay rights movement in Texas.

Baker, the past president of the Dallas Gay Alliance who successfully challenged the state law against "deviate sexual intercourse" in a federal court suit, testified against the proposed measure, H.B. 2138 sponsored by Rep. Bill Ceverha, R-Richardson, at a committee hearing in Austin April 19.

The committee members heard conflict-

ing testimony on the bill, with Ceverha arguing that homosexuals are a threat to public health and Dallas lawyer Jim Barber calling it "totally inept in dealing with a medical problem."

Ceverha's presentation included films and a bound volume of supportive material, which included one chapter entitled "Homosexual Conduct and Activity in Dallas, Texas". The chapter listed bars, bookstores, baths, public parks and shopping malls, said to be gay hangouts.

Ceverha relied on witnesses who said homosexual activity probably spreads Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), a deadly condition that causes

sufferers to lose disease immunity.

In his testimony before the House committee, Baker told the legislators that history documents that people have often dealt with controversial issues they did not understand by passing discriminatory laws against minority groups.

"This bill, like previous discriminatory bills, was conceived in ignorance and has been nurtured by misunderstanding," Baker charged. "They thought that AIDS was a gay disease rather than a gay concern."

"They said that gays make up 30% of child-molestation cases ... all that ridiculous

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Council Candidate Wheeler Concerned About City Budgets

By Hollis Hood

Perhaps being a "one issue candidate" as opponents may characterize Anne Wheeler isn't so bad, she said, if the issue is one of the most important facing the city—money.

"They can say I'm running on one issue, but I don't apologize for that," the dignified 30-ish woman said. "Deciding how money is generated and how it is spent for services is a great deal of what local government is all about."

How the money is spent should be a matter of concern to all citizens she said, in light of the forecasted budget shortfall the city is facing.

"I don't want to be the voice of doom," she said, "but for the first time in its history, Houston faces some deep fiscal problems." According to Controller Lance Lalor, the city faces a predicted \$70 million shortfall. That, coupled with a recession economic climate and decreases in property, franchise and federal revenues, may cause concern for the city's coffers.

"Houston has always been a boom town," Wheeler said. "We have always taken in more and had a surplus of money—but now the surplus is gone and there are no easy solutions. The Council is going to have to make some long range capital plans for Houston and exercise careful financial planning to get the most of what we have."

Wheeler said alternatives to combat the financial challenges are, one, to raise taxes. This would be not only very unpopular, but would cause tremendous problems for property owners who have just faced re-evaluation of their property and increased rates.

Another alternative would be to cut essential services, which is difficult with a city still sprawling at the rate of Houston. (Annexed property generates tax dollars, but requires services as well.) Or lastly, to cut other items, such as capital investments until the economy stabilizes.

Houston needs an overall financial plan, she said. "I think it is incredible that this has not been done. There is no overall



Anne Wheeler urges city funds be found to research, treat AIDS

plan—we don't know what we've got," she said referring to inventory items.

For example, the street department may need a new road grader and when needed in the past, a new one was bought and there was no worry about paying for it—now it's time to access all such purchases proving them the most cost effective option.

Wheeler is no newcomer to tax problems and city government. She has served as chairman and member on the Greater Houston Tax Coalition for six years. She serves on the state Democratic Executive Committee for the area and has served as

organizations in past campaigns. She voiced the hope that even in such economic uncertain times, that the City Health Department can find some money for AIDS research and treatment. "People are dying out there," she said. "This is important."

She said that city government has got to be run more efficiently than in the past. "We need to analyze the budget and look at what consultants are paid and the way contracts are awarded. Going back to the people for more tax dollars is just not the right approach," she said. No one can evaluate the effect the newly enacted Harris County Appraisal District will have on tax matters and nothing should be done until it can be assimilated, she said.

The city will be facing some very hard decisions, she said, "and it's not just me painting this bleak picture. Houston is second to New York in debt. Representation will have to be strong people who are willing to make some hard decisions with long range vision for the city."

Wheeler opposes the heavy rail system because she believes the concept is not financially sound and that the system should be taken before the voters for approval before committing the city for billions of dollars in the present economy.

"I think the people of Houston should be asked whether they want to accept this debt for a rail. With other problems, I'm concerned about jumping off into this long range commitment without allowing the people to study the issue and vote."

Wheeler said she is in favor of the equal rights of all persons, regardless of sexual orientation. "I guess you would call me truly conservative on that because I don't think the government has the right to intrude into those private areas of a person's life."

It's going to take everyone to keep Houston the great southwestern city it is, she said, and she is actively seeking the right to represent its citizens in the at-large Council seat now occupied by Jim Westmoreland.

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Danburg Has 'Fall Out' With Colleagues

By Brian Sipple
Montrose Voice Austin Bureau

Rep. Debra Danburg (D, greater Montrose) had a falling out, so to speak, with a majority of Texas' House of Representatives in April after it sent to the Senate a bill that would have seemed more appropriate in 1962—the height of the cold war.

And dedicated though she is to loyalty and service toward the Constitutions of Texas and the United States, the Houston Democrat said she will not attend a special session called to reorganize a Texas' government mortally wounded by nuclear holocaust.

Danburg called the so-far hypothetical session an expensive joke, and chastised members who certified, 120-17, a proposed constitutional amendment that would enable legislators to devise a plan of succession should top Texas government officials fall victim to a patch of nuclear mushroom clouds.

"I just think it is craziness," said Danburg, who told the full House they are not the loved ones with which she would spend her last days.

"It is a dumb idea. I think that it would never work, ultimately," she said. And I get a little tired of people flexing their muscles and calling upon the constitutional powers of the United States of America and waving flags around here when they do not even vote for things like my resolution ... that would have allowed access to the courts—a right guaranteed in our Constitution."

Danburg was referring to a resolution she sponsored that passed narrowly—by 10 votes—through the House and that would grant the Texas State Employees Union permission to sue the state for alleged violations of worker's rights.

She, of course, was also referring to House Joint Resolution 30, sponsored by Grand Saline Democrat Rep. Bill Hollowell, which must now pass the full Senate before it can be put to vote by citizens of Texas, possibly Nov. 8.

Aside from giving legislators authority to replace lawmakers "who become unavailable due to enemy attack," Hollowell's proposed constitutional amendment would allow the governor to suspend certain constitutional requirements, hold

secret meetings of the remaining Legislature and do away with rules that currently require a quorum of the Legislature and three-day readings of and committee action on bills before they become law.

"Why enact something like that when it will never be the case?" Danburg asked outside the House floor after the resolution passed.

"If we are under nuclear attack nobody's coming up here. If they throw a war I am not coming.

"Some of the people around here who wave the American flag the most never vote for civil liberties as guaranteed in the Constitution," she said. "And for us to pass a bill that is just nothing but a militaristic joke with a \$56,000 fiscal note is ridiculous."

The Legislative Budget Board has estimated cost of Hollowell's resolution, through the propose Nov. 8 election, at \$56,950.

Hollowell obviously disagreed with Danburg's sentiments, and told her dur-

ing floor debate, "Your argument does not meet the standards the Russians require for their own security."

Hollowell said he was quoting Soviet Foreign Minister Andreas Gromyko when he told Danburg, "The preparation of a country to survive a war has become, without doubt, one of the decisive factors insuring the ability of the state to function in wartime and, in final analysis, the attainment of victory."

Ruffled by Danburg's defiance, Hollowell told her, "The Russians intend to survive. If this eventuality ever occurred you wouldn't even be here. Nor would anybody else from a big metropolitan area."

Danburg's retort? "That is the point Mr. Hollowell. Don't you think the sane advice for you to give me is not this bill? But in case of nuclear attack don't you think the sane thing for you to advise me to do is to be gone?"

"The loved ones I should be with are not you guys, but somebody else, somewhere else, preserving my life," she said.

Budweiser Donates to Gay Pride Week

By Hollis Hood

Several hundred thirsty persons attended a "free beer" reception Wednesday night at the Budweiser distributing facility and cheered when Larry Bagneris, representing the Gay Pride Week Committee, accepted a GPW contribution from Bud vice president Jimmy Hammon.

"Everybody ought to feel welcome at home," said Hammon, "and we'd like to feel welcome here. After all, we're just a little beer company trying to catch on. Come and have one on us." With that he presented the GPW with a check for \$3500.

"When I walked in the other day to meet

this man, I didn't know what would happen," said Bagneris. "But he said, 'you're not gay people—you're just people,' and I knew everything was going to work out.

"We must realize the risk that Budweiser is taking with this donation, because there are people out there who don't agree with our lifestyles. But you have come in here tonight and exemplified what it means to be ladies and gentlemen, and on behalf of the Gay Pride Week Committee, from the bottom of my heart, I'm very proud of you."

Bagneris stressed community cohesiveness in gaining "our right to privacy."

John Day and Co. sang the 1983 Gay Pride Week song, "Unity Through Diversity" ended in thunderous applause from the audience.

One of the verses says "You may be black, You may be white, A preference for one, don't mean you're right. Being different is fine, and we all must see. There can be unity through diversity."

Let us hear from you.

Letters to the Editor

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Splash Day Weekend

Sunday is Splash Day at Stewart Beach in Galveston, with the Mining Company, JR's and Miss Charlottes teaming up to provide music and beer.

Back in Astro City, also known as Wacko City down on S. Main, the Venture-N says it will offer "volleyball and water sports" for your Sunday entertainment this week.

The Gay Switchboard is soliciting volunteers. You don't have to be a good speaker for this job, but a very good listener. The Switchboard is open evenings and weekend afternoons offering counseling, information and referrals to the community.

The next training session will be May 7 and May 14. Staff members work on phones three hours weekly after completing the 30-hour training program.

Women and Spanish-speaking volunteers are especially needed, but everyone is welcome. For more information call 529-3211.

A little tidbit of information here: "Tootsie" (the movie, not the mayor) has passed "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" to become Columbia Pictures' biggest domestic boxoffice draw, with \$147 million in revenue after 15 weeks and three days.

Houston's KSC/AIDS Committee is looking for donated office space in Montrose large enough to house a desk, file cabinets and volunteers. This space is urgently needed for 24-hour information and referral service.

If any individual or company is able to donate space, please call 528-1990 leaving name and number. A board member or officer will contact you with details.

National Secretary's Week ends Saturday. So if you haven't kissed your secretary yet—time's running out.

We received a letter recently from one Philip Willkie, a freelance gay writer, wanting to interview gay men over 40, to contribute to a book he's writing on gay life before 1970.

He says he's especially interested in men over 60, racial minorities, rural men and artists.

He can be reached by writing 117 MacKubin, no. 5, St. Paul, MN 55102.

The Montrose Clinic, the Gay Switchboard and the Montrose Counseling Center are combining resources to present a show June 22 during Gay Pride Week. They will be auditioning May 2 and 3 (this Monday and Tuesday) for actors, actresses, singers, musicians and techies (lights, sound, wardrobe, props).

Call the Counseling Center at 529-3211 for more info.

The Officers' Club is offering \$100 reward for the return or information leading to the return of the famed Officers' Club Attack Turkeys.

The three birds, which used to strut proudly around the pool patio, were last seen in their cages behind the club last weekend.

My Mother the Cop

Did you hear the one about President Reagan's mother-in-law who was an undercover cop?

It's true, reports the *Chicago Tribune*. Edith Davis, mother of First Lady Nancy Reagan, worked for the Chicago police during World War II.

The results were mixed at best. A 1943 raid launched from Davis' apartment busted 16 taverns for serving drinks to underage soldiers and sailors. But in court, all 16 were dismissed on grounds of entrapment.



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HOUSTON GAY PRIDE WEEK 1983

AND ALL OF ITS ACTIVITIES



Making a Big Splash in Galveston

By Hollis Hood

Suddenly, apparently with the time change, sun worshippers have again realized it's their season. Just a short drive down the freeway, sun and surf await those winter pale, frail bodies and by the end of April it's too much for them.

In waves of anticipation they charge forth (American Express in hand) to enjoy a lavish weekend on Galveston's shores—the annual Splash Day.

For those person to whom looking out to sea is not enough to keep them excited camping over a long weekend, here are a few "tour guide" tips on other ways to spend their time, and perhaps ways to get to know that someone met on the beach.

For those who enjoy watching dancing dolphins, seahorses and seals or demons of the deep—sharks, drop by Sea-Arama. The water park features trick skiing, education exhibits, lush tropical gardens and shows. It even has a reptile handler who works with rattlers, pythons and 'gators. The park opens each day at 10:00 a.m. and is located off Seawall Blvd. near the campgrounds.

Just for the fun of it, try the Jungle Surf Water Slide west of Sea Arama—not for the faint-hearted or water-fearing.

If catching the big one is the objective, try Galveston Party Boats, Inc. at Pier 19. They have four-hour and all day fishing excursions to delight any fisherman who likes the comforts of home—like a lounge, color tv, air-conditioning, etc. Tackle is furnished—bait is free. Call 222-7025.

For the seafaring enthusiasts who have had enough water for one day, there is

Elissa, the only restored squarerigger between Baltimore and San Diego. Built in 1877 by master Scottish shipbuilders, this "smuggling ship" was rescued in 1974 from a grave in the Greek scrapyards by the Galveston Historical Foundation. Compete with sails and rigging, she stands at anchor near Port Industrial for tours.

Working inland, there is the Center for Transportation and Commerce near the Strand at 26th and Santa Fe Place. If the interest is steam engines, rail cars or Galveston's importance as a historic gateway to Texas and the world, this extensive exhibit should be worth a look through. Explore some 35 railway cars, locomotives, Pullmans, etc. and enjoy refreshments in true Southern comfort.

Galveston wouldn't be Galveston without a walk through the Strand. For more exact sight-seeing info, check the Strand Visitors Center at 2016 Strand. One point of interest is the "Mosquito Fleet" of shrimp boats at Pier 19.

The Strand is filled with specialty and antique shops nestled amid fresh flower shops and restaurants that serve from a sizzling Lone Star steak to every kind of seafood imaginable.

Of course, Galveston has its share of bars. The Kon Tiki and Blue Room on 23rd St., Mary's II at 2502 Q½, Fly on O½, Robert's Lafitte at 213 Kempner and Silver Palace at 2214 Mechanic.

Galveston is famous for its silk stocking district, perhaps the largest restored historical district in the country. It boasts of vintage homes that stir inspiration in even the novice architectural observer. From the simple lines of the William Pautsch house at 1127 21st to the ornately frilly gingerbread of the "Carpenter Gothic" Jacob Sonnetheil House at 1826 Sealy and the Daniel W. Kempner House at 2504 Ave. O, a massive Spanish colonial built in 1907, every style is present in Galveston.

Public tours are conducted through Ashton Villa, a location listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1859 at 2328 Broadway, this structure saw the civil war and the hurricane of 1900, which washed most of Galveston into the sea.

Most except another weathered edifice, the Bishop's Palace also open for daily tours. This previous home with its foot thick walls is said to have housed the homeless during hurricanes. Enduring still is the 1894 Grand Opera House at 2020 Post Office replete with ornate opera boxes and opulent auditorium. Tours may be arranged by calling 763-6459.

So whether the interest is in getting as sunburned as possible in one weekend, partying hardy, or cultural enrichment, there is something for everyone in Galveston. Take your swim suit, big towel, lots and lots of sun tan lotion (bring money and credit cards, you never know when that something you needed will turn up) and say Howdy! to spring.

Lesbian Mother Support Group Formed

Lesbian Mothers, a support group of Choices, is making a grass roots effort to contact all lesbian mothers, prospective mothers and adoptive mothers in the gay community.

"Mothers will be discussing their unique position and problems within their community. A calendar of free and low cost forms of entertainment and activities will be created. Solutions to the babysitting problem will be discussed. Mothers will also provide the children with a peer group where they can openly discuss the challenges they face because they are being raised by a gay parent.

"Mothers" plans to have rap sessions to deal with specific topics, such as dating—how do you handle it?, coming out with your children, custody and lovers—the stereotyped roles and alternatives. The first meeting will be May 7 at 6:30 p.m. 210 Fairview Apt. I.

"Bring a friend, lets build a better community," a spokeswoman said.

More information is available from Carol at 529-4975.

Gay Pride Week Events Planned in Shreveport

For the second year in a row the Shreveport, La., Gay Pride Committee will sponsor a calendar of events celebrating "Progress Through Pride."

Springboarding from last year's greater than expected success, the committee says it is plunging headfirst into a more than two week schedule including a champaign brunch, a Mr. and Miss Gay Pride Shreveport Pageant, an outdoor picnic and beer bust, volleyball games, a spaghetti supper and variety talent show, and a theme party.

As a final grand event, the committee will offer tickets for a space on a chartered bus to attend the Houston Gay Pride Week Parade, associated parties and gatherings.

Shreveport area clubs (the Florentine Disco, Monte's My Way Show Bar, and the Snootee Fox Lounge) contribute to the effort by offering facilities for indoor events and by donating kegs of beer and other supplies.

The Shreveport committee will also present the second edition of its *Pride Guide* and commemorative T-shirts sporting the skyline of Shreveport in green on a black shirt with a pink triangle proclaiming "Progress Through Pride."

In a more serious endeavor, the committee says it will embark on a two-fold educational program on diseases affecting the gay community. On one hand, they will be trying to get information to the gay public at large, and on the other hand they will try to supply local physicians, hospitals, and clinics with information on diseases affecting the gay community.

Another project the committee hopes to undertake is a gay outreach program wherein they will attempt to reach gay people who do not go to gay bars frequently. They said they hope to do this through press releases to several national gay publications sold in Shreveport and to the regional publications being distributed free.

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lous information that we all know is wrong; yet they present it as fact. That kind of ignorance is the basis for this kind of bill."

Baker's lawsuit against Section 21.06 of the State Penal Code, is again before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeal was filed by Potter County Dist. Atty. Danny Hill, and a group called Dallas Doctors Against AIDS, who is financing the appeal. Texas Atty. Gen. Jim Mattox refused to appeal the case, citing a weak trial record of the defendants.

The Dallas doctors' group and a new conservative group called Alert Citizens of Texas "are very instrumental in the effort to get the Ceverha bill passed, and they are being very effective with it," Baker explained.

"These two groups have the power to manipulate," he added. "What they are doing is preparing the most seedy and twisted documentation to try to depict gay people along the lines of the worst stereotypical way and presenting this to the Legislature in booklet form, saying, 'This is homosexuality and for these reasons you should support this kind of bill.'"

"I would stress that there is a dark cloud on the horizon, and if we think, at all, that this bill is just a *faux pas*, we are gravely mistaken," Baker said. "This is as very serious matter, and these people are gathering a tremendous amount of support from right-wing religious organizations and congregations in the Dallas area encouraging their members to write in large numbers to the legislators on the jurisprudence committee, the committee which must decide whether to push the bill out to the House floor."

Baker said, "We have, at best, a 50-50 chance of the bill being defeated in the committee, but we are seriously considering the gravity of the situation."

What can the gay community of Texas do to try to persuade legislators to defeat this bill? "Number One is that they ought to convince the Legislature that we are just as concerned as anybody else about the need to combat the AIDS epidemic. I think they are totally ignorant of the concern in the gay community and the momentum that is building here to get funding to find a cure for this," Baker noted.

"Another thing that I think they need to do is to get involved in extensive letter-writing," Baker said. "They must write to the members of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee and especially to Chairman Wayne Peveto, D-Orange, to encourage them to defeat the bill."

"They need to educate themselves as to the reality of our losing all that we have gained over the last seven or eight years, simply because we are out having a good time and carrying on in the bars but not facing up to the reality of losing everything if we don't get serious," Baker stated.

Looking over the membership of the committee, Baker said, "It's my opinion that the people who are supportive of us are Debra Danburg of Houston, Al Granoff of Dallas, Sam Hudson of Dallas, Rep. Gonzales, of San Antonio, Rep. Terrel Smith of Austin, and one other member from Galveston."

"The ones that I know are in favor of the bill are Peveto and one other legislator. I do think that we have five or six votes right now."

Baker warned that Alert Citizens of Texas has mounted "an enormous campaign effort to get the people on this committee to change their minds, and you never can tell what a legislator is going to do in a situation like this. Their hearts may tell them one thing, but their unconscious desire to get re-elected may tell them to vote otherwise. I would not say that we are safe yet at all."

He said the major gay organizations in Houston, Austin, San Antonio and Dallas are really not doing anything to oppose Ceverha's bill. "We must motivate these

advocacy groups to generate something very quickly before it's too late," Baker said.

At the hearing Barber stated that the bill is just another version of the previous law that was held unconstitutional. Rep. Smith said that he saw the same problem with the bill.

Ceverha has said he is having trouble getting people to take the bill seriously, that it is not a joke, but the bill has been copied more than 300 times, making it the most popular bill filed in this session of the Legislature.

The bill goes so far beyond what was contained in 21.06 as to prohibit many acts that were never previously considered crimes, such as kissing or embracing "with intent to arouse sexually," Baker pointed out.

It defines sexual intercourse as "the penetration of the female sex organ by the male sex organ, other forms of sexual conduct, including any conduct with purpose of arousal."

The bill entitled: "A bill to be entitled an act relating to defining deviate sexual intercourse, sexual intercourse, intimate sexual conduct, sexual contact, homosexual conduct, public lewdness, or solicitation of such conduct" and would amend six existing parts of Section 21, as well as adding a new section. It would also declare an emergency, giving the bill priority treatment in the Legislature.

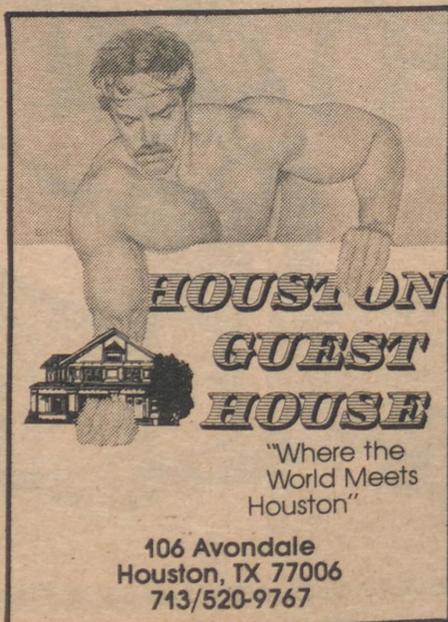
NOW offers Seminars

"Your Winning Image" and "Women's Issues in the Texas Legislature" are two seminars being offered by the National Organization of Women during May.

"Winning Image," an in-depth course on color, figure make-up and wardrobe analysis, will be taught by Brenda J. Parks, fashion consultant with 14 years experience in modeling and fashion. The course meets for four sessions May 3, 10, 17 and 24 for three hours, 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Galleria area. Cost is \$65.

"Women's Issues" will be taught by Yvonne Broach on May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the museum area. Broach is currently legislative coordinator for Texas State NOW and president of Houston area NOW. She has been an active lobbyist for several years. The course will include proposed legislation that will impact on day to day life such as health bills, job-related bills, a custody bill, etc. There will also be information on how to make opinions known effectively to representatives. Cost is \$5.00.

Registration information is available at 864-1772 or by writing P.O. Box 66351, Houston, TX 77266.



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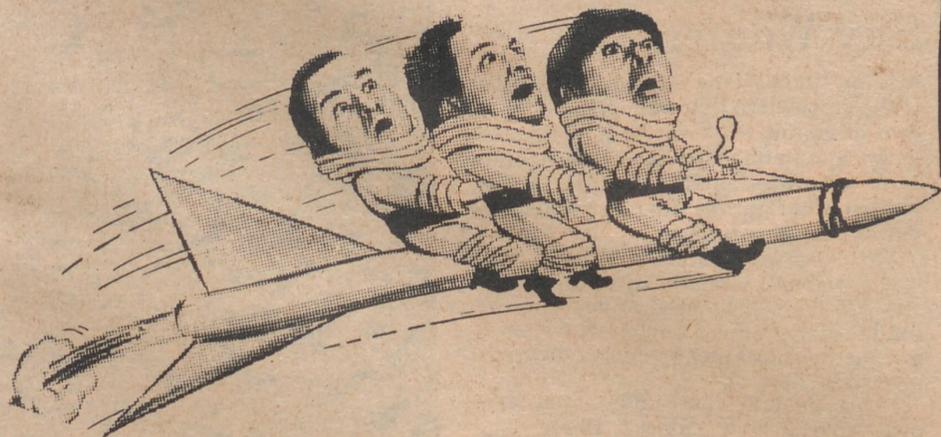
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That May Not Be All Gasoline at Your Friendly Montrose Gas Station

By Brian Sipple
Montrose Voice Austin Bureau

Texans put 25 million gallons of gasohol and an unknown amount of other non-gasoline fuels in their automobiles in February and almost none of them knew about it, oil company officials testified in April.

Some of the mixtures of those fuels Texas drivers are buying may be voiding warranties in new cars, according to Rep. Jim Horn, who has introduced a bill to require companies to label gasohol and other fuels on pumps.

Gasohol means big tax breaks for oil companies, who have increased gasohol production by over 6000 percent during the past year—a move that has cost the state millions of dollars in gasoline tax revenues.

Texas' five-cent-a-gallon tax break, which went into effect more than a year ago, was designed to boost the state's fledgling gasohol industry.

Instead, Horn said, companies are selling the grain-derived fuel as super unleaded, unleaded and regular gasolines without telling consumers.

Many oil companies mix gasohol or other non-gasoline fuels—methanol or tertiary butal alcohol, for instance—with gasoline and then sell the fuel as pure gasoline, said Horn.

Dallas Bar Owner Killed in Domestic Fight

Jim McNabb, owner of The Saint, a popular Dallas gay disco, was shot and killed in the early hours of the morning on Thursday, April 21. According to the police report, David Reed, McNabb's roommate, "shot McNabb as a result of an altercation in which McNabb was beating Reed."

The Dallas Police Department was notified of the incident by Reed's lawyer, Reuben Martin.

Upon arrival at McNabb's home, police had to forcibly open the door. After entering, they found McNabb's body on the floor between the kitchen and dining room. A .38-caliber revolver was found near McNabb's body.

McNabb had been shot twice, once in the right upper chest and once in the right lower stomach.

A district judge set bond for at \$5000. Murder charges were filed Monday, April 25.

Frontrunners To Run Bar To Bar

On Sunday afternoon, April 24, the Frontrunners will be running from bar to bar to publicize their jogging group. The fun run will start at 3:00 p.m. at Kindred Spirits and end in Montrose.

The joggers will be stopping at many of the local bars along the route to have a drink and meet the patrons. The purpose of the bar to bar run—by men and women—is to promote participation in the jogging group's other activities.

The group was formed to give support to men and women who want to start jogging and to those who are already running and are looking to meet other joggers. Frontrunners participate in area races and fun runs as a group and usually sip a few beers together afterwards. There is no charge to join or participate with the group—just a willingness to make new friends and be physically active.

Most of the Frontrunners meet at 9:00 on Sunday mornings at the Memorial Park Tennis Center. New participants are encouraged to meet the group at that time, or call 529-1288 or the Gay Switchboard for further information.

Currently no law requires oil companies to tell consumers when they are buying such mixtures.

But Horn read excerpts from automobile owner's manuals published by three major American automobile manufacturers and information by one foreign auto company—all warned against using certain mixtures of the fuels and all stipulated use of some mixtures of the fuels would void warranties. Horn said he was just using those four publications as examples and that all automobile manufacturer warranties are essentially the same.

Without labeling, said Horn, there is no way even to regulate the what mixtures of gasoline and non-gasoline additives are on the market.

House Bill 1956 came up before the House Energy Committee but was delayed to give the Legislative Budget Board time to report on what the bill, if passed, would cost the state.

The bill would require fuel pumps that dispense gasoline blended with fuel additives to be labeled as such and to indicate at what percentage fuels are mixed.

The bill would also require that delivery documents specify what is in each gasoline mixture placed in tanks below pumps and that those documents remain on the premises for public inspection for at least 60 days.

The subcommittee assigned to the bill sent it back to full committee, but it faces fierce opposition from oil companies who say buyer prejudice against gasohol will kill the industry if consumers know what they are buying.

Ralph Roming, Texas Alcohol Products Association representative, told the Energy Committee last week he does not see any need to point out that gasolines contain alcohol or methanol.

Roming said he felt the industry was being "singled out and targeted," and accused legislators of attempts "to repeal the gasohol tax exemption and dismantle establishment of the industry."

He blamed studies conducted at and published by Texas A&M University at College Station, which revealed adverse affects on engines after burning the octane-enhancing additives, for prejudicing consumers against gasohol.

He added that Texas A&M is "20 years behind the times in alcohol research."

Bob Smetona, representing Atlantic, Richfield Co., said labelling pumps would not benefit consumers "because the consumer does not have all the information present to make an evaluation of what is going on."

Smetona testified that his firm is producing a fuel containing a 50/50 blend of tertiary butal alcohol and methanol, which can be produced from either wood or natural gas. The fuel contains no gasoline produced from crude oil.

Smetona told House members the fuel was not being sold as gasoline, but said the fuel "could be the same octane as premium gasoline."

Horn said he could find none and had heard of no pumps belonging to that company that displayed signs telling customers they are buying something other than gasoline.

The state does not offer a tax exemption or credit on such fuels—only gasohol. Gasohol is the common name for ethynal.

Horn told the committee that in January 1982, 380,000 gallons of gasohol were exempted from the state's five-cent-per-gallon tax.

In December 1982 that figure jumped to 14 million gallons, he said. In January 1983, 20 million gallons were produced tax free. In February 1983, 25 million.

The number of distributors selling the mixtures has risen from 12 in January 1982 to 35 in February 1983, said Horn.

"When each of us goes to the gas pump to buy our gasoline," he said, "I think the

consumer has the right to know whether he is buying gasoline or gasoline with an additive and, if an additive of one type or another, what that primary additive is."

New York Governor to Address Gay Group

New York State Governor Mario Cuomo has accepted an invitation to address the Human Dignity Fund's Sixth Annual Awards Dinner and National Gay Task Force Tenth Anniversary celebration to be held Monday, May 16, at New York City's Plaza Hotel. This will mark the first time a governor of New York has attended and addressed a major gay event.

The gay community supported Cuomo in the primary and governor's race in 1982. He was a member of the drafting subcommittee which wrote the gay rights plank at the 1980 Democratic National Convention. As co-chair of the White House Conference on Families, he made a strong opening statement urging that lesbian and gay male couples be included.

Since becoming governor, Cuomo has issued an AIDS awareness proclamation and has authorized a grant of \$97,000 to New York's Gay Men's Health Crisis, a group working on the AIDS crisis.

Being honored at this year's awards dinner are folk-singer and lesbian consciousness raiser Holly Near of Los Angeles, and lesbian author Jane Rule of Canada, receiving Awards of Merit. U.S. Army Sergeant Perry J. Watkins of Seattle will receive the Howard J. Brown Award and New York's Gay Men's Health Crisis, Paul Popham, president, will be given a special humanitarian award.

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The group hopes to open Houston's first all-woman garage in May.

Calorie Counters Safer Drivers?

It's not enough to buckle up—you'd better slim down, too, reports the *Chicago Tribune*.

A study at Canada's McGill University found that people who are overweight, smoke, and work irregular hours are more prone to getting into car accidents.

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Danburg Pushes Union Bill through House

By Brian Sipple
Montrose Voice Austin Bureau

The Texas State Employees Union has reached an out-of-court settlement with the State Highway Department in an almost two-year-old battle for unionization rights.

Incumbent in the compromise reached between TSEU and the State Highway Department was a resolution passed through the House of Representatives by Rep. Debra Danburg, TSEU officials say.

Danburg's resolution would allow the union to sue the state and, though it must still pass the full Senate to have the force of law, TSEU organizer Elisea Medina said it helped speed up a settlement.

But the TSEU has as yet three unresolved lawsuits with as many state agencies union members say have discriminated against state employees who wish to join the union.

Union attorneys may get needed leverage in its battle with those three agencies if the Senate passes House Resolution 27.

The TSEU, whose 9000 members statewide comprise less than one percent of state employees, filed lawsuits almost two years ago for an injunction against what union members call "discriminatory practices" by officials in the State Highway Department, State Health Department, Department of Human Resources and Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

However, the Texas' Constitution requires legislative permission before the state may be sued. That technicality has been a thorn in the side of TSEU lawyers, who have so far successfully thwarted repeated state motions for dismissal in all four cases.

The cases went before Austin's 250th State District Court in 1981 even without legislative permission. The suit against the Highway Department was scheduled

for trial in 250th District Court Monday but was preempted by the settlement, Medina said.

TSEU originally filed suit to establish employee's rights to solicit members for unionization and to be represented in administrative hearings where state agencies might take disciplinary action against employees, Medina said.

Medina said the state agencies were not allowing a select few organizations to solicit. Medina said that since the union filed the lawsuits all four agencies have changed their practices.

He said TSEU is following through with the lawsuits to "establish beyond a shadow of a doubt employees' rights are not just to be at the mercy of the agencies."

Medina said TSEU's is the first lawsuit filed by an organized group of state employees on the question of employee rights. It is also the first, veteran capital workers say, to ask only for an injunction along with court costs.

Danburg (D, greater Montrose), sponsored the concurrent resolution giving TSEU the legal right to do what it was already doing, and that passed by an unusually narrow vote, 75-65. If passed by the Senate the resolution would once and for all confirm TSEU's right to sue the state; hence, prevent state's lawyers from motioning for dismissal on that count.

Medina said the state's repeated motions for dismissal on these grounds is becoming too costly for the union. That, he said, is why TSEU asked Danburg to sponsor the resolution.

Danburg Monday said she sponsored the resolution "because everyone should have access to the court system."

"I think someone should be able to sue the state without state permission," said Danburg, who did not read the facts in the case before signing the resolution.

"It is my intention not to even look at the merits of a lawsuit."

Danburg, a lawyer, did not say she had plans to introduce a constitutional amendment to do away with required state permission for lawsuits.

Bizarre Bazaar Planned

Got something bizarre you'd like to share with the world? Or, want something bizarre to highlight that new apartment? Perhaps Numbers parking lot on May 21 will be the place for you.

The Gay Switchboard is taking donations for a huge garage sale at 300 Westheimer from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. that Saturday to benefit Gay Pride Week.

"We have some really nice items," a representative said. "Plus there will be an auction from 3:00 to 5:00 that day with all kinds of services, furniture, a three-month membership in a gym, hair care products and other merchandise to be sold." He said some \$4000 worth of goodies have already been pledged.

When Will It All End?

Pacific News Service

The Federal government has awarded \$7 million to the University of Minnesota to find out if the world is coming to an end.

The grant will finance the expansion of a physics lab, located in a mine shaft 2000 feet below the earth's surface. A team of British and American physicists at the lab are looking for evidence of the decay of the proton—part of the nucleus of the atom.

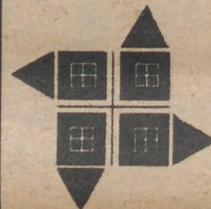
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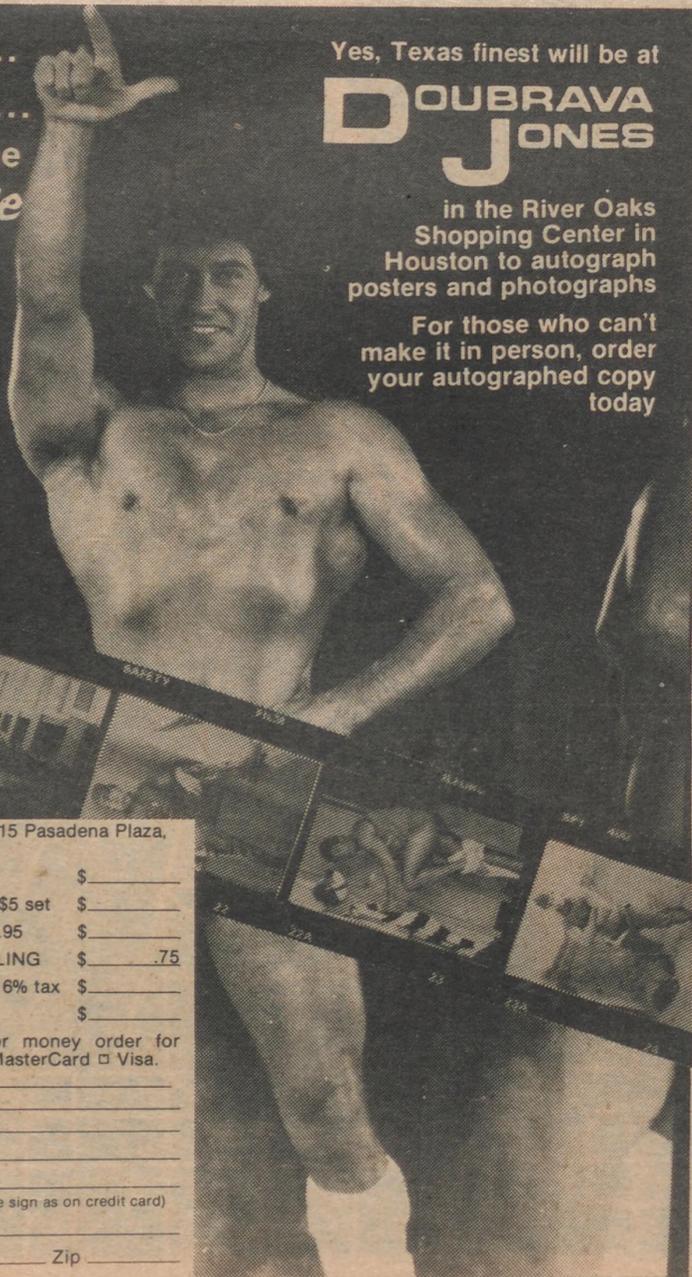
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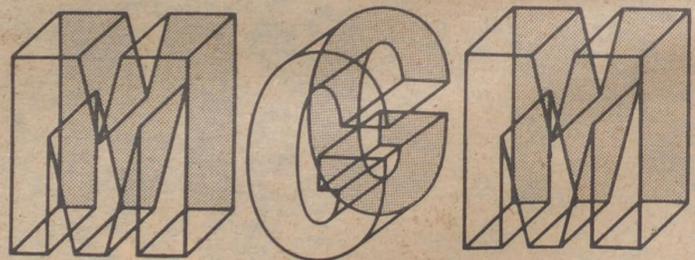
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Candlelight Vigil Marks AIDS Awareness Week

A national AIDS awareness week has grown from the nationally coordinated memorial candlelight vigils occurring simultaneously on Monday, May 2, in Chicago, New York, San Francisco and Houston, CHE representative and project coordinator Steve Shiflett said.

Houston's event, to memorialize AIDS victims and demand federal research money, will be 8:30 p.m., May 2 at the City Hall Reflection Pool.

Tuesday will be referred to as White House Call-In Day, he said, and encourages everyone to call President Reagan at 1-202-456-7639 or 49 to urge immediate release of monies for AIDS research funding.

In other cities, the remainder of the week will be filled with educational forums on AIDS and health care culminating on Mother's Day, May 8. Everyone is encouraged to tell their families about the health crisis and encourage them to write elected representatives urging the much needed help, Shiflett said.

The Houston vigil is gaining momentum, the representative said. Thus far, City Controller Lance Lalor, Congressman Mickey Leland, Rep. Debra Danburg, national president Nathan Smith of the National Hemophiliac Association, Bill Teague, director of the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center all have agreed to speak or voice endorsement of the program. Rev. David Tarbet of Palmer Episcopal Church will deliver the invocation. Dr. Steve Gibson and the KS-AIDS Committee of Houston will also be on the roster.

Montrose Sports Association, Tea for Two Thousand and ACLU representatives will be in charge of on premises security, Shiflett said.

Many community organizations and businesses have donated time, supplies and money to the event. "A very serious attempt has been made to balance the agenda so that no single representation will outweigh the involvement of any one else on the program," he said. "This is a must is order to demonstrate solidarity in an evolving, new coalition of support."

"While AIDS originally affected primarily homosexual men, intravenous drug users, Haitians, hemophiliacs—women and children are now being diagnosed as having this dread syndrome. There is no effective test for AIDS, and no cause has been found," he said.

The event is co-sponsored by Citizens for Human Equality and the Montrose Clinic and has been designed to be televised. City Hall steps will be covered in red carpet from the doors to the mezzanine. The speaker's tables will be skirted in white cloth and flowers will be at the lighted podium furnished by Don Fly Decorations. Houston Stage and Lighting is mounting flood lights to "wash" the area. Some 36 floating weaths with votive candles will be placed in the pool in memory of AIDS victims.

"Please bring a candle and a cup to use as a holder," said Shiflett. "There is an ordinance regarding proper display of candles and we must have holders to be in compliance with the ordinance."

Dallas Hard-Hats to be Searched for Drugs

Claiming that drug use is costing the U.S. construction industry \$15 billion a year, building contractors in the Dallas area have announced mandatory on-the-job drug searches.

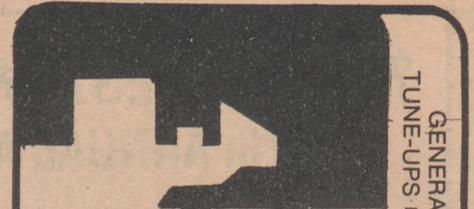
Jim Sprague, safety director for Dallas contractors, told *USA Today* that workers don't have to submit to searches of clothing, lockers, lunchpails and company cars, "but they will become ex-employees if they don't."

The ACLU is planning a legal protest.

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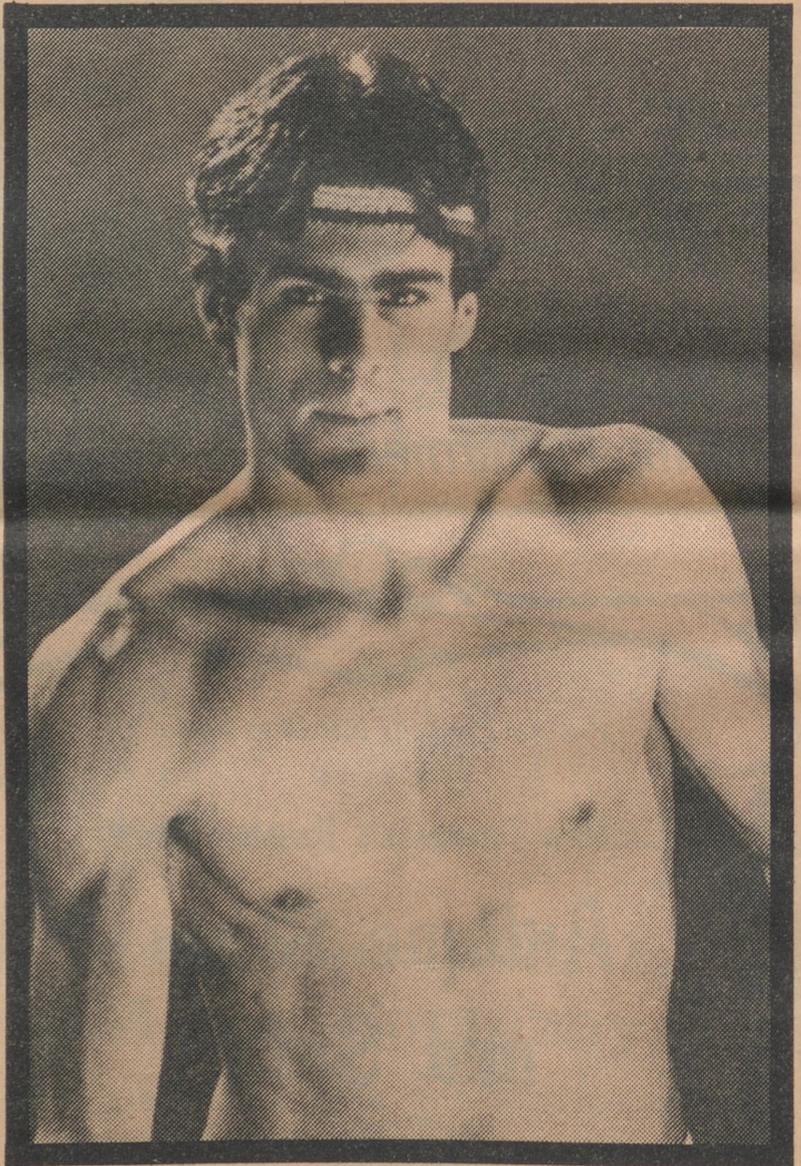
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Gays Encouraged to Voice Opinion

Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates encourage everyone to contact their state representative regarding House Bill 2138 which proposes the re-criminalization of Texas' sodomy law, and expands on that statute.

The law, if passed, would make any form of physical contact that could be interpreted as sexually arousing punishable as a felony.

The bill is presently in the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence. Representatives on that committee are Wayne Peveto of Orange (475-4293), Dick Burnett (475-6229), Debra Danburg (475-5627), Al Granoff (475-5873), Joe Hernandez (475-5697), Sam Hudson (475-3479), James Hury (475-4329), Terral Smith (475-5975) and Tom Waldrop (475-5757). All the telephone numbers are in area code 512.

Contact with these persons is urgently needed, stated a representative of LGRA, so this bill will never make it to the House floor.

A press release from LGRA in Austin particularly cited contacting Peveto and Waldrop. Representatives' address is The Honorable _____, Texas House of Representatives, P.O. Box 2910, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78769.

Ashes to Ashes

Pacific News Service

Deputies in El Dorado, Arkansas, thought they were on to something when they discovered a bag of white powder in a truck driven by Morgan Wheat.

The powder, however, turned out to be the remains of Wheat's son, who had died a few months before.

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Gay Males De-Humanize Each Other, Says Reader

From Pam Jones

I would like to point out to Joe Baker (columnist) and to other gay men with that same mentality that using the words, "dork" and "chunk" (versus hunk) as he did in his article about the recent TV special on the old *Leave It To Beaver* series, acts only to dehumanize gay men.

This is so predominant in gay male publications and writing. Why, I ask, do gay men continue to dehumanize themselves and others by using such meaningless and phoney words to categorize and objectify others?

We spend so much precious time and effort to educate the society at large, about how they dehumanize lesbian and gay people—so why do it to yourself?

I don't think that I have ever seen in print a woman writing about the women in that same vein. And if a man wrote about women like that, he would lose his credibility and be viewed as a moron.

'Face the Future, Proudly, Out of the Closet'

From Ray Hill, Houston gay activist

After spending most of the last 20 years telling people that closets are not a fit place to live for man or woman—gay or otherwise—I find it difficult to avoid the relatively greater tragedy caused by AIDS to the gay community than to the population at large.

I know the AIDS/KS people do not want to emphasize the "gay aspects" of AIDS, presumably because government (agencies) may not appropriate research funds unless non-gay lives are in danger.

Reality has always suggested that gay and non-gay people live in reasonably close contact with one another and while a few "gay ghettos" exist (i.e., Montrose, West Hollywood and Oak Lawn) we rarely if ever, actually make up a majority of the population in these small geographical areas.

Irrespective of where we live, we work completely assimilated into the non-gay world. Our fingers are into their hair, food and drinks. Our fannies imprint the same toilet seats that theirs do in department stores, office buildings, airplanes, theaters, churches, and schools. In short, gay people cannot be isolated from non-gay people ever.

I have not anticipated some great witch hunt to ferret us out and put us into concentration camps. But even that has been tried in Nazi Germany, and during the Inquisitions. Both, I note, were unsuccessful at identifying and locking all of us away.

If members of the Legislature are too dumb or too prejudiced to figure all of that out, then we should use our newly found political clout to educate them otherwise. Or, simply withhold our support from those

who refuse to understand and support those willing to designate tax dollars to causes important to us.

Jerry Falwell and the new courtroom Anita Bryants, DuCameron from Nebraska as well as those Doctors from Dallas, who have recently been on the attack, are certainly not following the AIDS/KS recommended public position policy. They have rendered whatever closet others may have hoped for impossible.

Closets are never real anyway. And the AIDS closet is no exception. Each of us who have come out of any closet know of those family and friends who "knew all along." So, why should we deny the statistics about the relationship between AIDS/KS and the gay community. Denial simply discredits our candor and credibility before the public, makes us suffer and

die in isolation.

I have not lived in a closet because it is not a fit place to live. Neither is it a fit place to die.

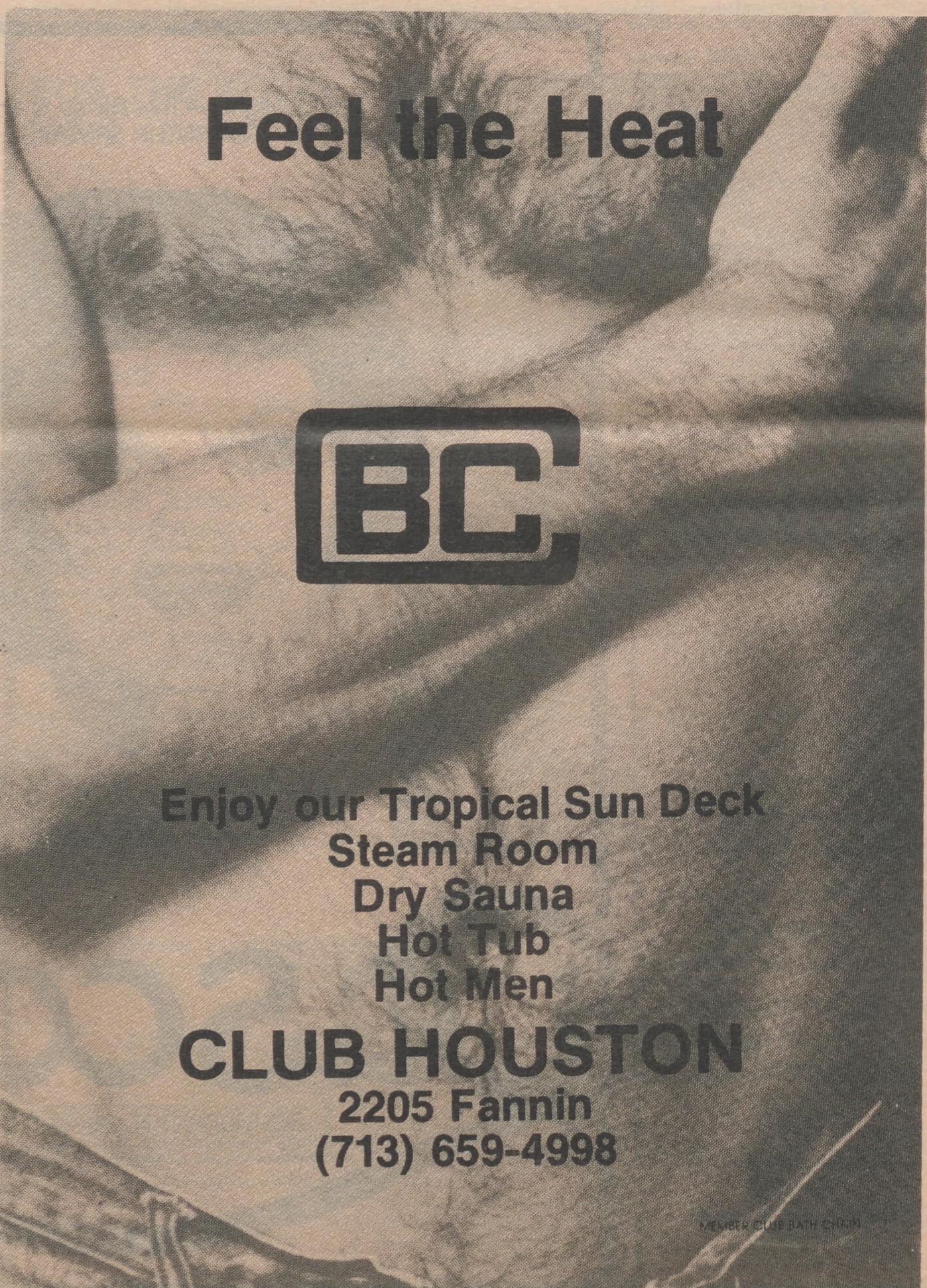
I fully understand that as a gay man I stand a greater risk of dying from AIDS/KS. As a gay man I have stood the risk of being killed by the Klan or the police in a senseless act of homophobic violence. But that never made me ashamed I was gay. As a driver I have stood the risk of being involved in an accident and killed, but I am not ashamed of my drivers license.

The number one killer of gay men is and always has been war, in spite of the government's insistence to the contrary. Four or five years ago, hepatitis was anticipated to be a major killer of gay men by now. Hepatitis is in fact a killer, but not to the degree we previously anticipated,

thanks to the hard dedicated work of our medical professionals. Many of the same folks are now working on AIDS/KS. Give them your enthusiastic support. Support the victims. From their experiences will treatment and cure come. Helping the victims of AIDS/KS is the best help you can give yourself and those you love.

As for the Dallas Doctors and the Reverends everywhere who gloat at our suffering, I am reminded of the pharaoh of Moses' day whose curse on others delivered his own misfortune.

Life, irrespective of the quality or condition, is too precious to molder away in a closet of any kind. To be denigrated into hiding and lying about who you are for what ever reason, cheats you out of the fullness of life you deserve. Let us proudly and without fear face our challenges and responsibilities now and in the future.



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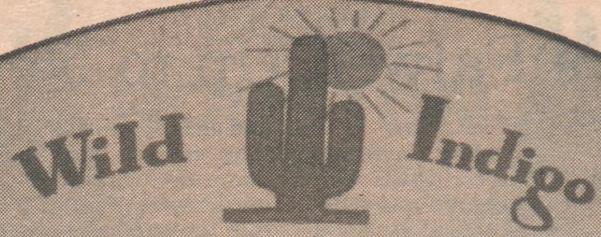
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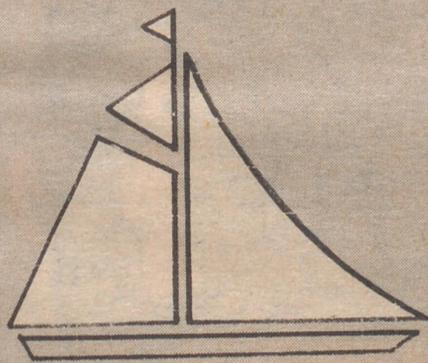
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What's Falwell Up to Now?

By Doug Weatherford

In the interest of providing, in timely fashion, the MONTROSE VOICE with notice of the current and continuing activities of the Rev. Jerry Falwell of the Moral Majority, with the thought that you cannot fight the enemy unless you know what he is up to, herewith is an account of Falwell's latest attack in the name of "righteousness" and "decency."

The sort of socio-political garble Falwell usually sends out is of a calibre which one would suppose any reasonably intelligent and enlightened person would immediately dispense with in File X. Yet the Moral Majority continues to rake in the bucks, and there are perhaps thousands (how many, no one can be sure without looking at MM's ledgers) who are bound to be impressed by the latest mailing.

On the outside of the envelope, looking very "IMPORTANT" in bold-faced type, are the words: "OFFICIAL POLL ENCLOSED," and "CLEAN UP TV." The words "Clean Up TV" appear again at the top of the letterhead inside, along with a drawing of a television set upon which are superimposed the words "SEX" and "VIOLENCE."

Falwell proceeds to say he is "announcing a 'brand new' (emphasis added) campaign to help clean up television!" He says it is not a boycott, and that Moral Majority parted company with the organization called Coalition for Better Television because the latter wanted just such a boycott of advertisers, in order to put pressure on the national television networks to make their programming conform to more conventional, conservative (read "puritanical") standards regarding to sex and violence.

No, Falwell objected to the boycott, and admits that the three major television networks "have made some improvement during the past few months. ... However, the victory is far from won and we must now move on the stage two..." in his campaign of "moral sanity."

"But my Friend," he continues, "I cannot launch this campaign without your help. That is why I have enclosed an official ballot—registered in your name."

Then come the questions which, Falwell has no doubt, concern every right-thinking red-blooded American citizen:

"1. Are you in favor of America's children being subjected to the presentation of homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle on prime-time television?"

"2. Do you favor the showing of obnoxious and edited (?) R-rated movies on network television?"

"3. Are you in favor of television programs which major in gratuitous violence such as murder, rape, beating, etc.?"

"4. Are you in favor of cable television now bringing hard-core pornography into America's living rooms?"

Falwell says networks are still purveying their prurient and damaging material to a besieged and helpless nation. He cites a recent survey done by the program "Entertainment Tonight" (surely, widely respected source of scientific polling) which asked viewers "Do you believe there is too much sex on TV?" A total of 50,606 people (59% of the respondents) said yes—evidently many of whom have found the TV an uncomfortable location for sex.

Then the reverend quotes President Reagan as saying he liked movies better when actors kept their clothes on, that movies "just don't leave anything undone or unknown anymore. No one has to imagine, just sit and look and let it flow in." Say what? Anyway, Falwell said those same people on "Entertainment Tonight" agreed with the President's statement by a 79% to 21% margin (he fails to mention how many people understood it).

He cries that no one could possibly approve of programming which teaches "(our children) how to commit adultery, ransack an apartment, commit murder,"

and so forth, and he cites the rather startling statistic that, "when the R-rated movie *Deer Hunter* was shown on TV, 15 deaths were reported in connection with this program." As usual, no source for such a contention is offered, so any attempt at verification is impossible.

Falwell says he's sending these registered ballots to "millions of special friends like you" (with its tax-exempt status, Moral Majority mailings like this cost five cents—thus a mailing to even one million people would cost \$50,000); that results of the poll will be sent to the networks, their sponsors, state and federal legislators, governors, school boards, PTA presidents, major newspapers, and even President Reagan (this should doubtless keep the U.S. Postal Service solvent for the next 50 years); that he's asking his good friends to offer a special gift to further his campaign to awaken America's moral consciousness; and that, in doing the latter, these friends will receive—I kid you not—a "Clean Up Television Kit" so they "can personally play a more active part in restoring decency to our airwaves."

The kit contains:

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Obviously Falwell thinks so little of his constituents' intelligence he doesn't think they know enough to have opinions without his personal guidelines set in front of them to refer to.

By contributing to this movement, says Falwell, you can prove "your love for your children and your children's children." He reiterates, "We must not slow down in our efforts in this very important arena. Victory is not that far away ... By sending in your contribution now, you will receive the 'Clean Up Television Kit,' which will involve you in this 'perpetual letter-writing campaign' (emphasis added)" Ah, there Falwell betrays his carefully wrought image. His main purpose is to find causes to make his organization "perpetual," never-dying. If we end up with 24 hours of Disney cartoons on television every day, Falwell will find yet another mess to clean up. Like maybe keeping the queers off the streets. The possibilities, as Brother Falwell knows all too well, are endless.

So those who feel no home should be without a "Clean Up Television kit," who cannot make do with the off button, should send for this brilliantly conceived package for social betterment. The rest of us will have to try to catch our glimpses of Steven Carrington on "Dynasty" while we can; he may be due next season for another operation, which will either kill him off or make him "straight."

By the way, the addressee on the envelope from Mr. Falwell was "Mrs." Douglas Weatherford. If he only knew!

The Bottom Line

Pacific News Service

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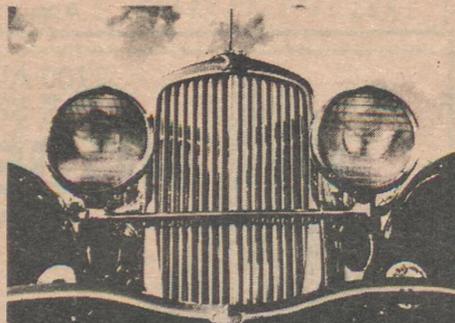
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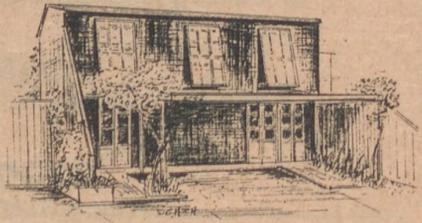


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Ignorance breeding fear; fear breeding hatred

By Joe Baker

Mary Jones is the mother of two young boys. She considers herself a good parent, a good Christian and a good citizen.

Mrs. Jones says she tries not to judge people, and believes that government has no business snooping into a person's bedroom.

But Mary Jones is scared. She is truly convinced that her life and the lives of her children are in danger.

Mrs. Jones is not alone. There are thousands of people throughout Texas who feel the same way. These people are going to force the Texas Legislature to pass a new law making homosexual conduct illegal.

I don't like making that prediction. I don't like seeing all the progress we've made in securing equal rights for gays go down the drain. I don't like seeing all the advances we've made in educating the public about homosexuality wiped out.

Back in the days when homosexuality was just a "moral" issue, we were pretty successful in taking on our enemies. But we are playing in a different ballgame today—and I don't know if we are going to be able to score any points.

Homosexuality has become a "health" issue—no thanks to AIDS—and it is scaring the hell out of people. Both non-gay and gay. And it should.

But our enemies have seized the AIDS crisis and are twisting and manipulating it to their advantage. They feel confident that they have finally hit upon a sure-fire argument against homosexuality: It kills people.

That is what Mrs. Jones and others like her are being told. They read about AIDS in their local newspapers and in national newsmagazines. They hear it discussed on television and radio. And every time they read or hear about AIDS, the word "homosexuality" is attached to it.

To them, AIDS is the "gay plague." And they are scared to death it is going to spread to them and their families. Our enemies have convinced them that the only way to stop AIDS is to stop homosexuality.

I'm sitting here with a pile of "hate" literature on my desk. It's from various sources: the Northwest Bible Church, the Dallas Doctors Against AIDS, the Alert Citizens of Texas and the Moral Majority.

I want to cry.

There is so much hate and so many lies being spread in the name of God that it turns my stomach. I can't believe that "good parents, good citizens and good Christians" like Mary Jones actually buy all the propaganda and claims made in this pile of garbage on my desk.

But ignorance breeds fear and fear breeds hatred.

Hundreds of organizations and church groups throughout Texas are mobilizing to get the Legislature to pass a new anti-gay law. They are circulating petitions and pleading with people to write their lawmakers and demand that "their health be protected" and for Texas "to be spared the spread of the gay plague."

As a result, legislators in Austin are receiving thousands of letters from citizens seeking a new law against homosexual conduct.

For sure, most of the leaders of these groups are hate mongers who have been fighting against giving homosexuals equal rights for years. And there are probably those who sincerely believe that homosexuality is "wrong."

But the majority of the people who are writing their legislators are just plain scared. That is what scares me. The AIDS crisis and those who are manipulating it have created a whole new contingent of people who are speaking out against gay rights and homosexuality.

These are people who never got involved in the issue before. These are good people who have gotten caught up in the ignorance and lies. These are people who don't want to die.

I don't want to die, either. I don't want to

get AIDS. And I don't want anybody else—non-gay or gay—to get it.

But passing a law against homosexual conduct is not going to make AIDS go away—and it certainly is not going to wipe out homosexuality.

Still, when people are scared, they do irrational things. They feel they have to do something. They feel they have to take

Members of the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee deciding House Bill 2138 are: Wayne Peveto, Debra Danburg, Tom Waldrop, Terral Smith, Dick Burnett, Al Granoff, Joe Hernandez, Sam Hudson and James Hury. Address all letters to them at: Texas House of Representatives, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769.

some action. They feel they have to protect themselves.

I just wish they would vent their concern towards the proper place. Instead of attacking homosexuals, who don't they write their lawmakers and demand that sufficient funding be allocated to find the cause of AIDS and a cure for it?

I don't expect an answer from those of you reading this column. What I do expect is for homosexuals across Texas to get off their butts for once in their lives.

It was bad enough when our enemies just considered us "immoral," but I'll be damned if I am going to let them label me as a "health threat."

If our lawmakers don't start receiving thousands of letters against House Bill 2138, they are going to be forced because of

the public outcry to pass that disgusting piece of legislation that will once again take away our civil rights.

Much worse, though, passage will tell the world that Texas thinks homosexuals are sick and ridden with disease. We have enough stereotypes and lies about ourselves to live with. We don't need anymore.

If you don't do anything else this week, please take the time to write to any of the members of the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee and express your outrage over House Bill 2138. Ask them to vote against it.

We can't let that bill get out of committee. If it gets to the floor of the full House for a vote, passage is inevitable.

Just as one of the pieces of hate literature on my desk proclaims: "We are in mortal danger!" But it is not the "good Christians, good citizens and good parents" of Texas who are in real mortal danger—it is you and I.

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'Look Ma, I'm Gay'—Then What?

By Sharon McDonald

It was no picnic growing up in a family as rebellious as mine. By the time I was ready to start some serious insurrections of my own, several of my siblings had already guaranteed their places in my parents' Where Did We Go Wrong Hall of Fame. Competition for the black sheep title was fierce. Since we each felt we deserved it, we established a loose system of rotation. This is my year.

In previous years I have successfully used, "Look, Ma, I'm a hippie," "Look, Ma, I'm pregnant," and, "Look, Ma, I'm moving to California with \$23 and no job prospects." At my last turn in the familial spotlight I did "Look Ma, I'm Gay," to rave reviews.

I used a universally popular format for making difficult announcements: hit and run. Adele Star of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays has aptly described this technique: "Our children take anywhere from two to ten years coming to terms with their homosexuality, then they tell us and expect us to accept it overnight."

I announced I was a lesbian and introduced my lover. We hugged, held hands, and kissed the type of caste kiss one does around family. No one fainted. My family took my lesbian lover in with the same skepticism they had accorded my husband years before. "He's not good enough for you," simply became, "she's not good enough for you." I talked at length about the gay movement. We all sat comfily around the fireplace discussing the chances of the current gay rights bill.

I prided myself on my prompt communication and considered the matter finished. To a family already liberal, already supportive, already attuned to gay politics, what more could be said? It was with a sad surprise then, that I discovered the need to say much, more more.

One day my father's heart stopped, and he slipped out of this life. He had known I was a lesbian; I told him. But it wasn't until after he died that I learned his true feelings from his closest friend. He thought he'd caused my lesbianism by being inaccessible through much of my childhood, and his quiet acceptance had concealed a perception of lesbianism as damage. Since his death I have come to see the inadequacy of my coming out announcement, and the wealth of crucial information it left out.

I'd said I was a lesbian, but I never let my family see the organic spark, the sizzle between women that is the heart of it all. I introduced a lover only when I thought the relationship sufficiently mature, stable, settled, never while it was in that first heave and crackle of love, lust, and emotional connection so unmistakably

lesbian—and so recognizably human. I told them about discrimination, not desire.

I talked about loving women in the most noble (read asexual) of terms, and never mentioned any of my numerous shallow, superficial, visceral lesbian feelings. I didn't tell them about flirtation, or dancing slow, or getting all flustered and losing the power of speech when a certain woman walked into the room. I didn't talk about the air humming high with electricity when she moved closer.

In my quick honesty I censored out the trivial, insignificant, everyday details that best reveal the complexity and vitality of genuine human feeling. I left the commonplace incidents of my life discreetly to the imagination, the fights and frustrations as well as the fun. I denied my family the raw material heterosexuals need to understand homosexuals. I never simply said that my body and my heart respond to women.

Relatives spend lifetimes loving each other without ever talking directly about their emotional and sexual lives. But



Sharon McDonald

when heterosexuals talk with each other there's an implicit understanding, a filling in of the blanks, that doesn't automatically happen when the life being discussed is homosexual. I need to go further. Just as I had to learn, step by step, the name for my feelings, my family needs me to show them, emotion by emotion, the workings of a lesbian heart. Saying, "I'm a lesbian," is not enough.

In my typically undemonstrative American family, it's risky business to tell those more intimate stories. Like the time I walked down a deserted street at 3:00 a.m. holding hands with a woman because we were too tired to make love anymore, but too alive with our happiness to sleep. Or the fight when my lover and I both stormed off into the night, and ran into each other sulking in the same bar. And then how I tried to pass her with haughty dignity, tripped, and landed with superfluous symbolism at her feet.

I thought I had the best of both worlds:

my lesbian life and a friendly family. But I'd really walked into a curious closet-outside-the-closet somewhere between denial of lesbianism and full expression of it. A declared lesbian who doesn't act like one misses the very point she thinks she's communicating.

This year at home it will be show and tell instead of hit and run. Not being the type to fondle more than fingertips in public, there won't be any passionate scenes on

the family sofa. But there are still lots more things to be shown and told than which pro-gay candidate has the better chance.

This year it's, "Look Ma, I'm Gay," once more, with feeling.

McDonald, who lives in Los Angeles, is a nationally syndicated lesbian columnist and former co-publisher of "Lesbian Tide" magazine.

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Dateline S.F. AIDS Advice (Again)

By Randy Alfred

FRANK FORUM: Several speakers at a Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club Forum on AIDS in March were quite specific in their recommendations. They were no doubt influenced by just-released research that showed as many as one in every 350 never-married men in San Francisco's Castro neighborhood may be afflicted with the deadly disease.

PHYSICIAN: Dr. Robert K. Bolan, chair of the Scientific Affairs Committee of Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, was the first to lay it out: "This disease process is a very insidious one. ... It may have an incubation period as long as two years. ...

"The real take-home message is that this is big-time stuff. Whoever's messing with us is playing for keeps, and we're going to lose if we don't get our shit together real soon. ...

The main thing that we as individuals need to do is to recognize that we have responsibility for ourselves, and we have responsibility for our neighbors. ... Anonymous sexual partners are particularly dangerous kinds of sexual partners to have.

"Anonymity comes in different sizes and flavors. ... The less you know about the individual that you're having sex with, you don't give yourself a chance at all of knowing what kind of individual that is."

SHRINK: Dr. Rick Andrews, a psychiatrist and president of BAPHR, continued along the same lines: "I think this situation is the most serious crisis that our community has faced in recent history. ...

"The more people know about this, the more they change their lifestyle. ... No one knows for sure what's going on. They really don't.

"But I think we have to begin to look at things that may be high risk. ... If you have sexual contacts with lots of different people you may be at greater risk for getting AIDS.

"And to say that is not saying, 'Thou shalt not,' at all. It's saying you need to know the possible risk factors, even though we don't know for sure.

"And I would much rather say to you tonight ... that we're only being cautious and have to come back here in a year and say, 'I'm really sorry that we told you all these things. Don't worry about them. They're not the problem. It's something else completely different' ... than come back here a year from now and say, 'Gee, you know, we should have been telling you that one of the things is sexual practices may put you at greater risk.'"

"... Unlike gonorrhea or syphilis or even hepatitis, which most people take in their stride, this thing can kill. ... Proposition 6, John Briggs' (unsuccessful 1978 initiative to ban gay teachers) really mobilized us. ... That situation threatened our lifestyle. I think AIDS is threatening our lives. We have to take some hard steps ... and do some things we may not want to do until we find out what the hell's really going on."

STATE POLITICO: Cleve Jones, an

aide to state Assembly member Art Agnos (D-S.F.), echoed Andrews: "It's a general-mobilization time. Everybody, according to his or her talents, is going to have to work very hard, starting immediately. ...

"I'm very frightened. This is a tragedy of overwhelming proportions. If indeed it is sexually transmitted—I don't need any more evidence to believe that—then it seems clear to me that there have to be some changes in the way we love each other. ...

"I have not found this personally easy. It has nothing to do with morality. It has to do with taking care of our own community ... to me that means not going to the baths, not going to the bookstores, not having anonymous sexual encounters. I'm not going to try and tell you or convince you that that's what you should do. What you should do is educate yourselves—this is part of it. You make your own decision."

FEDERAL POLITICO: Bill Kraus, an aide to U.S. Representative Phil Burton (D-S.F.), decried the low level of federal funding for AIDS research. (Burton died suddenly April 10 in San Francisco). Kraus called current federal funding "a disgrace, a threat to the lives not only of gay people" but also of all the groups at risk for AIDS. Kraus emphasized that \$30,000 or \$40,000 for a lobbyist in Washington could produce additional millions of federal research dollars. Medical research is the responsibility of the federal government, he maintained, and the gay community should be raising funds for patient assistance and for lobbying, not for research.

"We're going to have to fight for a long time to get the amount of money that we need for AIDS research," Kraus continued. "And even when we get that money, it's going to take a long time—unless we're very lucky—for the medical people to find out what causes this disease and to protect us from it. ...

"There's no proof of anything in this disease. ... The absolutely most likely possibility is that this disease is sexually transmissible. ... We need to say that. We need to underscore that nobody knows for sure. ...

"Some people say that saying this kind of thing is an attack on the principle of gay liberation. ... The sooner we come to the realization that we have to take care of ourselves and of one another, and that gay liberation means not the ability to have sex with a large number of people but the ability to respect yourself and care about yourself and about other people and to build a community, (the sooner) that we may be able to take some of the kind of precautions that will allow us to at least minimize or reduce the amount of this that is going to happen."

Kraus concluded, "Think about the ways this can be a positive opportunity for people ... to develop caring about one another and different people and developing a sense of responsibility to one another, and not just a situation that we have to be afraid of and isolate ourselves from one another as a result of."

End of the Line for the Caboose

Pacific News Service

The caboose, a fixture on American railroads since the 1850s, may be reaching the end of the line. At least a quarter of the country's 14,000 cabooses are scheduled to be scrapped within the next five years.

The little red cars will be replaced by an even littler black box which monitors brake pressure and flashes warnings to a computer in the locomotive.

The railroads say doing away with the cabooses will save money and prevent injuries to workers. But the workers themselves aren't so enthusiastic.

Larry Wataszak, vice president of the United Transportation Union, says cabooses perform a vital safety function. "Consider public crossings," he says. "A train without a caboose could drag a busload of kids down the line without even knowing about it."

'The Gay Book of Days'

Reviewed by Daniel Cruzon
International Gay News Agency

THE GAY BOOK OF DAYS By Martin Grief, published by Lyle Stuart Inc., Secaucus, N.J., 224 pages, \$17.95

"Is he one too?" you may very well ask. "Oh, not him!" Yes, him, How do I know? I read it in *The Gay Book of Days*, that's how.

And quite a read it is! The author, Martin Grief, has several hundred little miniatures of homosexuals, near-homosexuals, semi-homosexuals, maybe-homosexuals throughout this often wickedly amusing, handsomely illustrated volume.

Who's in and who's out? Well, in every sense of that phrase, we learn about Cole Porter, who was "a snob, a bigot, a superficial charmer who was a thoroughly unpleasant person." But at the same time he "also wrote some of the best popular music of the century."

Grief is rather hard on Christopher Isherwood for his tendency to recycle his life history. Indeed you personally may not always agree with the assessments in this book, but you can't fail to be prodded and poked and kept interested on every single page. The author isn't afraid to express an opinion. It's really quite bracing.

Now, some people might say Grief is just trying to claim all the artists, writers, and other creative people in the history of the world for the gay cause, straining and manipulating to make them fit when they don't really. Sure, that may be true sometimes, but his sense of historical evidence

is good, and he knows those clues that only gays can really detect.

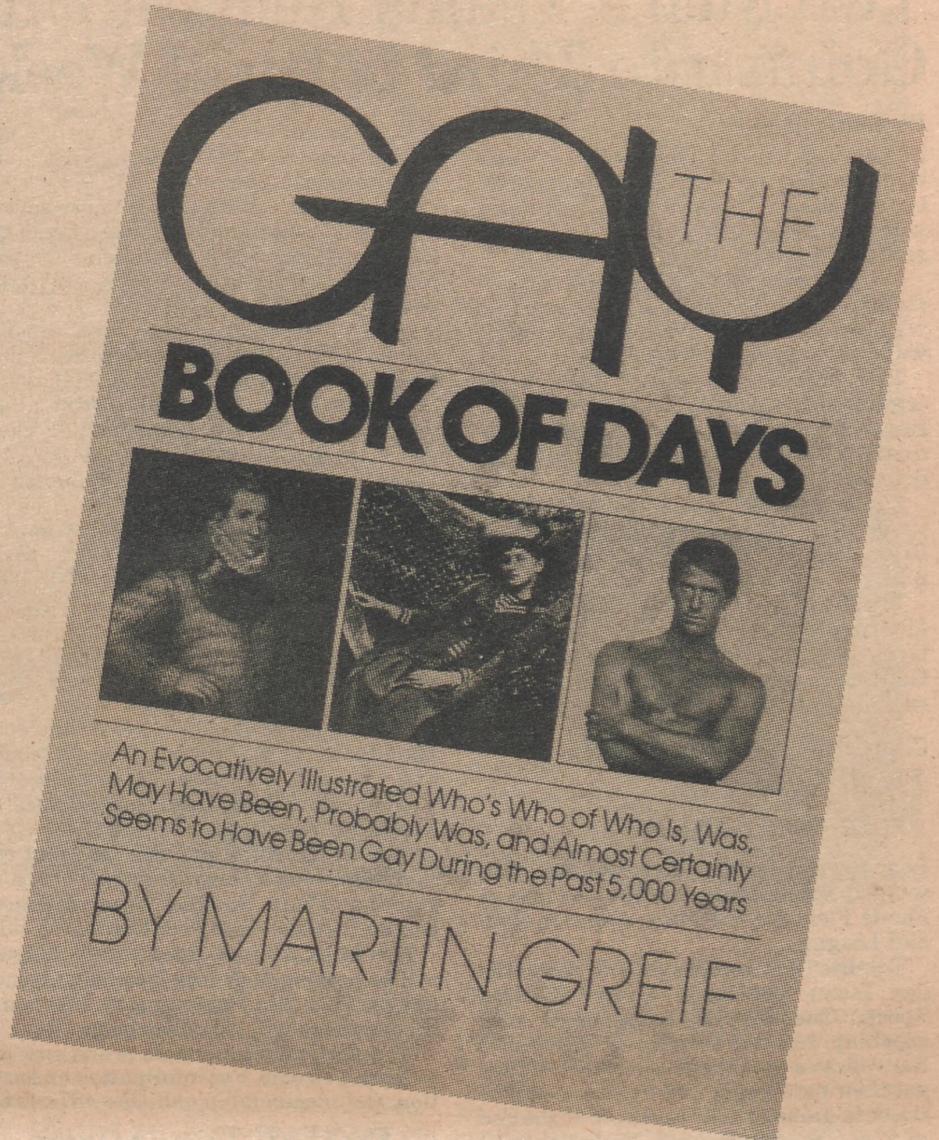
How else have we found each other over these rocky centuries? Grief's educated guesses are every bit as reliable as the prejudices of non-gay biographers who refuse to let one of "their own" fall into the wrong camp. Thank God, for Martin Grief's pushiness. We'd be hearing about "bachelors" and how "he never married" for the rest of the history of the world without him and his kind.

Besides, Grief includes plenty of less than admirable "gays" in his book. He's not just out to show our glamorous side. Who wants to claim Senator Joseph McCarthy, for instance? Or J. Edgar Hoover! No doubt they were horrible closet cases who, through some kind of monstrous identification with the very culture that oppressed them, helped ruin the lives of numerous "fellow" homosexuals. May their souls burn in hell forever!

The most intriguing part of this book may very well be the last section, where the author dares to list initials of living you-know-whats. Who, for example, do you suppose "C.G., American actor" is, or "M.G., American TV personality" might be? I suppose we'll never know, will we?

But thanks to Martin Grief we know a whole lot more than we used to about our brothers and sisters in the secret guild, and I think we can all be happier for that knowledge.

Curzon is the author of numerous books and plays, including the recent "From Violent Men."



Martin Grief, Interviewed

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He is a big man. He sweeps you into his \$100-a-day room at the Clift Hotel in San Francisco, apologizing for having to meet you under such conditions, the conditions being a series of interviews one after the other arranged by his publisher. He offers you breakfast and makes you feel at home. You're glad you came.

Martin Grief is a former college teacher who says he liked his students but grew tired of his colleagues and quit in 1968. He's been in publishing ever since. Today he runs Main Street Press with his lover. They live in New Jersey about 70 miles from New York City.

Grief (pronounced like *grife*, rhymes with *life*) has made a name for himself with publications that range from architectural studies to his latest, *The Gay Book of Days*. It is this latest one that was the reason for the author's tour.

What Grief admits doing in *The Gay*

Book of Days is trying to show the immense variety of homosexuals, by writing miniature biographies of the famous of the past 5000 years, showing how they were gay or somehow had some major connection with homosexuality. Grief is the first to admit that his book is "gossip," written in an entertaining way, but he also admits that he has an underlying political purpose since homosexuality is still "the last taboo."

He hopes to amuse while educating his readers. He seemed to take extreme delight in being able to write loving (and sometimes caustic) commentaries on the great and the near-great.

I asked him if he'd had any libel suits since he mentions many people who might not want to be mentioned, but he said that he hasn't, largely because all of his sources have already been printed by someone else. His lawyer told him that even going to bed with somebody wouldn't really be

enough to call that person gay in print. My word, paper evidence is better than the flesh?

Grief himself admits to having had sex with two members of the Mafia as well as a famous performer, but I couldn't get him to divulge any names.

He told me that some of the interviewers he's met on his tour have been antagonistic, but he seemed like a man who could hold his own against anybody. He was articulate and well-informed.

Publisher's Weekly has refused to do a review of *The Gay Book of Days*, with the stated reason being that it doesn't review "reference works," but Grief snorted at that. His book is an entertainment. I expressed my own feelings that *Publisher's Weekly* has a long record of homophobia in its response to gay books.

Grief says that he is "a hack," meaning that he writes for profit. He believes that his career in publishing has familiarized him with ready markets. He acknowl-

edges that the boom in gay books out of New York City is now over, but he believes that a few individual books will still emerge. He himself "packaged" *The Gay Book of Days*, writing, selecting illustrations, and printing it and then sold it to Lyle Stuart, whom he spoke highly of as one of the few publishers at all interested in the success of the small press in America.

Grief is convinced that homosexuality is here to stay and that it's time the world got over its phobia and acknowledged this fact. He said that he himself was "very romantic" about sex and that he thought it was a form of communication—"Like antennae touching." It's part of his overall vision that if enough people become aware of just how widespread and varied homosexual behavior has been, and continues to be, then there'll be less fear and ignorance surrounding it.

Martin Grief is certainly doing more than his "bit" for the cause.




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Two Men's Teams Remain Undefeated Going into Third Softball Weekend

By Eddie Chavez

The second week of play for the Greater Houston MSA Softball League brought no big surprises in league action—and ended with only Dirty Sally's and the Galleon as still undefeated.

On Saturday, the Briar Patch outplayed the newcomer, Catch One, to a 19-2 game while the Montrose Voice had little trouble with Jim's Gym at 15-2.

The "crowd pleasing" Barn team erred their game to a loss of 9-3 to the Brazos River Bottom. The Mining Company/JR's team played well, but were defeated by Dirty Sally's 15-6.

Sunday's game starter featured C&W rivals Miss Charlotte's and the Brazos River Bottom. The BRB was outfiddled 10-6.

The Barn won the next game 8-4 against Montrose Mining/JR's team. And Jim's Gym run-ruled Catch One 17-2 while the Galleon ran bases like rabbits to overwhelm the Briar Patch 14-4.

□ River Rats Remain Undefeated in Women's League

Low scoring, defensive games, and a tie wrap-up saw another sun-filled Sunday at Fonde Field for the MSA Women's Softball League.

T-Shirts Plus from Meyerland began the day facing preseason winner Kindred Spirits. The T-Shirts team, under new coaching, has tied their knots together to hang on to a great defensive show. If they get their bats going, some teams could be upset in game action. However at the end of fifty five—Kindred's 6, High Hopes 2.

Twins and the House of Coffee Beans' Special Blend presented the league its first tie. The evenly paired teams ended 10 to 10.

Kindred's took the field to once again win overwhelmingly. Their bats were too much for the Double R Saloon Swangers who were shut out 11-0.

The Briar Patch Renegades met the T-Shirts' High Hopes certainly to be astonished at the High Hopes Big D. The green brigade held them to an impressive seven runs to their own five.

The Montrose Voice's First Edition and Special Blend shared the like score as Special Blend played their best regular season game. But when you meet the First Edition, you need more. Reason is that the highly spirited team has only one loss.

Twins had their hands full as the Marion & Lynn's "Just Us" team showed more progress during the season. In their closest game toward victory, the Twins team outbatted them to a 4-2 decision.

The Briar Patch Renegades galloped around the bases as they out threw the MCCR Angels 15-7.

The highlight of the day brought the only two undefeated teams in the league for head to head competition. Scoring 1 to 1, 2 to 2, 2 to 3, and so on, the River Rats outplayed Sports Coverage Unlimited. Six errors to the Sports Coverage Unlimited team provided the squeeze through. At the end, River Rats 7, Sports Coverage Unlimited 5.

The Montrose Voice's First Edition kept their bats busy as they flew past the Double R Swangers 15-2. Sports Coverage Unlimited bounced back to solidly beat Marion & Lynn's "Just Us" 20-4. The River Rats met the Angels from MCCR. The "Ain't No Stopping Us Now" team remained undefeated scoring 13-1.

□ Landrum Wins; Colbert Hopeful

Singles action at MacGregor Park continued as the Montrose Tennis Club's deadline for the Texas Challenge Cup

with Dallas nears.

Ron Landrum defended against Jon Colbert in straight set 6-3, 6-1.

John Ryan qualified as number seven as he challenged and beat Noel Garza 6-2, 6-1. Jon Colbert later this week defeated Noel Garza 6-0, 6-1, to gain the alternate position for the cup team.

Lester Vela had a busy week as he gained wins from Del Fullen, Richie Robicheaux, Rich Corder, and Armi Alabanza, in straight sets to wind up number one on the B Ladder. David Garza kept the racket up and swinging as he passed Armi Alabanza 6-3, 6-4. Mike Green also gained a win from Del Fullen.

Last week (moi) Eddie Chavez swapped places with Terry Rich. In a match, with everything to gain back, Chavez didn't do it. He did, however, record a first set win, and took the third set to a tie breaker to eventually lose 6-3, 4-6, 6-7 (4-7). The two-and-a-half hour match brought new stats in head to head competition.

Doubles action saw Don Kessle and Jon Mauldin trying to unseat Tim Calhoun and David Robicheaux. In straight set, Calhoun and Robicheaux prevailed to a 7-6 (7-5), 6-1 decision.

Qualifying at the number four spot on the doubles cup team are Randy Dickerson and La Mont Shofield who defeated Danny Casellas and Rich Corder 6-3, 6-1.

The MSA United Racquetball league will be hosting their first interleague tourney on May 7th. Beginning at 5:00 p.m., the members will take the courts.

Non-participating members and spectators are welcome. For information on location and membership call Don 487-6494.

□ Softball Fundraisers Saturday

Catch One, 4915 Martin Luther King, and the Barn, 710 Pacific, will be hosting fundraisers this Saturday. Manager Tony Popper will be dragging the rags out as the team prepares for a garage sale beginning at 10:00 a.m. Food will also be sold.

At 1:00 p.m. Reggie Osborn will be sweating over a hot grill as the Catch One

team sells bar-b-que plates at \$4.00 each. Pitchers of draft beer will be sold for only \$1.00. Serving ends at seven.

□ Marion & Lynn's Five Alive Win Thursday

At the end of the MSA Thursday Mixed Bowling League's winter season, one thing can be said—Marion & Lynn's team were really Five Alive becoming the league champion and carrying off a load of trophies.

After an entertaining show by Butch Irish, president Richard Dauchy set the stage for the presentation last Sunday at a packed house at the Velvet Hammer.

Division A Winners: High Team Series, 3216—Marion & Lynn's Five Alive, Martha Richie, Margaret Hall, Al Adams, Butch Irish and Steve McConaughy. High Game a 1099 was also Marion & Lynn's.

High Game Scratch winners were Steve McConaughy with 276 and Pam Weaver at 213. High Series Scratch leader was Butch Irish with a 669. Women's high series winner was Martha Richie with an impressive 649.

High Series Handicap honors were captured by Johnny Thomas with 728 and Pam Jones a 681. High Average Male Bowler at 191 went to Steve McConaughy. Most Improved Male Bowlers were Louis Schneider and Mike Stephens; women were Bridgette Upton and Kathy Winkler.

Placing fourth in Division A were the Sports Coverage Unlimited team: James Shames, Tony Sabol, Ron Hamby, Jess Rhynes and Louis Schneider.

Third place went to M&L Five Alive, while second place Barnyard Animals—Mel Owens, Lee Roberts, Clara Sandel, Ray Hubbard and Mark Hall took their share of the honors.

The Rockettes No. 1 swept first place and trophies went to Steve Matzke, Pam Weaver, Don Kelley, Robert Arriaga and Larry Lentz.

In Division B, Tidy Bowlers with 3190 took high team series. Team members are Steve Hawk, Brian Thomas, John Len-

gyel, Merl Edison and Ken Sievers. They also took high team game with 1111.

High Game Scratch went to Joe Anthony at 234 and Richard Dauchy. Women's leader was Linda Landry with 241. In High Series Scratch, Kevin Hull at 644 took the honors with Myrt Bading at 587 also distinguished. Bading also took High Average Women's title with 172.

High Game Handicap saw winners in John Lengyel at 268 and Debbie Scott with 259. For a handicap series, winners were Jerry Newton at 739 and Bev Small at 712.

Calamity Lane team was fourth place winner. Team members are Eddie Cowan, Sandy Cox, Lynn Kelley, Rich Mayer, Richard Dauchy.

Tidy Bowlers came in third, and team members Steve Hawk, Brian Thomas, John Lengyel, Merl Edison and Ken Sievers reaped the trophies.

Natives R Restless were restless enough to capture second. Team members are Marty Koenig, Gary Gano, Jerry Newton, Terry Wolber and Bob Schulmann.

First place in Division B went to the Briar Patch Pacesetters—Linda Landry, Marian Kadlecek, Jerry Kauffman, Kathy Batten and Myrt Bading.

Mini-tourney winners were the Rockettes II with Randy Ellis, Jack Adams, Skip Kibodeaux, Keith Sherwood and Del Fullen members.

Richard Dauchy expressed thanks to the party committee—Jack Gelbert, Steve McConaughy and Rich Mayer for a job well done.

MSA Women's Softball League

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Weekend, Apr. 23-24

K Spirits	6	T-shirts	2
Twins	10	Coffee	10
K Spirits	11	Double R	0
T-Shirts	7	Briar Patch	5
Montrose Voice	7	Coffee	5
Twins	4	Marion & Lynn's	2
Briar Patch	15	MCCR	7
River Rats	7	SCU	5
Montrose Voice	15	Double R	2
SCU	20	Marion & Lynn's	4
River Rats	13	MCCR	1

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct	GB
River Rats	6	0	1.000	-
Sports Cov Unl	5	1	.833	1
MV 1st Edition	5	1	.833	1
Twins	4½	1½	.750	1½
Kindred Spirits	4	2	.667	2
BP Renegades	3	3	.500	3
Double R Swangers	2	4	.333	4
T-shirts + Meyerland	2	4	.333	4
MCCR Angels	1	5	.167	5
Special Blend	½	5½	.083	5½
Marion & Lynn's Just Us	0	6	.000	6

MSA Greater Houston Softball League

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, April 23

Briar Patch	19	Catch 1	2
Montrose Voice	15	Jim's Gym	2
Brazos RB	9	Barn	3
Dirty Dally's	15	Mont Mine/JR's	6

Sunday, April 24

Charlotte's	10	Brazos RB	6
Barn	8	Mont Mine/JR's	4
Jim's Gym	17	Catch 1	2
Galleon	14	Briar Patch	4

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct	GB
South Division				
Galleon	3	0	1.000	-
Montrose Voice	2	1	.667	1
Jim's Gym	2	1	.667	1
Briar Patch	1	3	.250	2½
Catch One	0	4	.000	3½
North Division				
Dirty Sally's	3	0	1.000	-
Charlotte's	2	1	.667	1
Brazos River Bottom	2	2	.500	1½
Barn	2	2	.500	1½
Montrose Min/JRs	0	3	.000	3

New Sports Center at St. Thomas

The University of St. Thomas in Montrose will open its new \$4 million Jerabeck Activity and Athletic Center on May 5, and has appointed its first director of athletics, Tommy Lee Collins, a press representative said.

Begun in 1982, the Jerabeck Center was made possible by gifts of many donors including John D. Jerabeck, Houston Endowment, the M.D. Anderson Foundation and the Scanlan Foundation. Morris Aubry Associates designed the 45,000 square foot facility which will house basketball, racquetball, gymnastics, weightlifting and first aid areas as well as a hospitality suite, conference rooms, classrooms and offices.

"We are very excited about this addition," said Christine LeLaurin, director of public relations. "We feel that this will round out a young person's education here," giving them a sound body and a sound mind, she said. "We are a very young school and had to put our money into other things to build the academic section first." She said that community memberships will be available so Montrose residents can use the racquetball and other recreational facilities.

Until now, golf was the only competition sport at St. Thomas. LeLaurin said that St. Thomas hopes to have a competitive basketball team by next year.

Collins, the new coach, comes to Montrose from Cisco Junior College where he took one of the lowest ranked teams in the league to the playoffs his first season. "At Cisco, I was working with an established team with a losing record and had a chance to turn that around to help the team become part of the elite in its conference. I'm anxious now to accept a new challenge, creating a team at a four-year college." Collins is a South Dakota native and holds a bachelor's degree from Black Hills State College, S.D., and a master's from Northwestern State University of Louisiana.

His coaching experience includes baseball, football and track as well as basketball. Prior to his position at Cisco, he was head baseball-basketball coach at Big Spring High School, graduate assistant basketball coach at Northwestern State University of Louisiana and assistant varsity coach at the Bolles School, Jacksonville, Fla. He assumes athletic duties here May 1.

"We are especially pleased to have Mr. Collins join the University as our first director of athletics," said University of St. Thomas president Father Williams Young, C.S.B. "With this facility and with Mr. Collins as director of athletics, we have added a much needed dimension to campus life."

Gay People at Work: Politician

By Aruthur S. Lazere, C.P.A.

Lesbians and gay males have been deprived of positive role models. History has not provided examples of strong, productive people who were also healthily upfront about their minority sexual orientation, people from whose lives we could draw lessons to apply to our own.

Only in the recent years of our gay rights movement have such models begun to emerge. (One purpose of this column is to document and communicate the experiences of such people.)

The lack of role models, and the real and perceived scorn which our society holds for gay people, combine in a self-perpetuating double oppression. I've often said that when a young person discovers his or her gayness the universal ambition of American children to become president of the United States abruptly ceases.

Ginny Apuzzo, the shiniest new star among our national leaders, experienced just that: "When I was 10 or 11 years old, in the early 1950s, I wanted to be president of the United States. It never occurred to me that being a woman would be an impediment to that. It did occur to me that being in love with Lucille Adornate, my 11 year old girlfriend, might be an impediment. My sense was that whatever this feeling was, it was real enough that I better not let people know about it."

And so the closet walls start to be built, the repression begins, the limiting of choices affects life decisions. Despite the needed revision of goals, Apuzzo was hooked on politics: "As I got into my teenage years, I had to come to grips with the fact that I loved politics. I was a history buff in elementary school. I grew up watching *Victory at Sea* on television. I would come home from school to watch the Kefauver hearings and later the McCarthy hearings. Politics was all around you."

"I was absolutely fascinated by the sense of the power of the political context. It was the equivalent of a kid falling in love with Broadway and imagining their name in lights. My fantasy was settling a coal strike with John L. Lewis...."

Ginny also came to a realization that many minority people must face. She said to herself: "Ginny Apuzzo, whatever you do, you better be terrific at it. Otherwise, somebody's going to kick your ass because they are going to find out that you are a lesbian."

After finishing college, Ginny taught for time. She also experienced two serious relationships with women. By her definition, she was then a homosexual, but she was not yet "gay," the former describing sexual orientation, the latter expanded to include a sociocultural sense of community.

At age 26 she ended a relationship to enter a convent. She needed a retreat. She

understood that she needed to acknowledge the reality of her sexual orientation; she was growing from being homosexual into being gay. The convent provided her the time and space to work through this transformation.

"The convent was like marrying a wealthy person and have a split-level existence," she said.

Her day to day needs were taken care of and she could concentrate on working through her understanding of her position in society and what paths to take next.

Until this time, Ginny had never set foot in a gay bar, had never read a gay book. She decided that she had reached a point where enough was enough; it was time to stop running. It was then that she was ready to come out—to come out of the convent, to come out from her heterosexual facade.

At age 29 it was time for new direction. Ginny feels that her Judeo-Christian heritage dictated that she be responsible for herself, that she take responsibility for others as well, and "move all of us forward." The choice she saw was between pursuing politics and staying in the closet or coming out of the closet and seeing the political potential of the gay community. Her choice was clear.

It was then that she reached the threshold of understanding and allowed herself to feel the anger of having suffered unnecessarily all those years, putting aside plans, revamping directions—all because of the sense that had been planted that being a homosexual was being something wrong.

Since then Ginny's career has been committed to social change through politics. She draws conceptual parallels between the apostolate and the church, the constituency in politics, and community for gay people. And she sees the gay community increasingly becoming a powerful force for change in our society:

"If there is an administration in Washington in 1984 or 1988 that opens dialogue with the gay community and lets it escalate to the level at which it ought to be in national politics, then we will have openly gay cabinet under-secretaries. We will be in a position to politically develop our expertise and potential to not only get from others, but to give to others."

As the new executive director of the National Gay Task Force, Apuzzo faces the difficult challenge of restoring the credibility of the organization after a period of divisiveness and instability. She seems well on her way to healing the rifts of recent years.

I asked her about the work of the Task Force relating to gay people in the workplace. Her observations on the corporate closets:

"People must understand what it is that employers are asking from us when they



Ginny Apuzzo

demand that we deny who we are. They are asking us for our lives. My question is: What are they giving us in exchange? \$25,000 a year? \$60,000 a year? To be dead for five days a week, 10 or 12 hours a day? It is imperative that we begin to ask ourselves a very business-like question: 'How cost effective is it for me to send half of myself to work?' Businesses must ask: 'What are we getting from this person by forcing half of him or her not to be gay?'

What about unions? "We give unions a little more credit than they have earned. It seems to me that one of the things we ought to do is get the unions down on record on gay rights. I don't think we have gone after unions quite the same way we've gone after corporations. NGTF is about ready to begin to follow up on getting from the unions stated policies of non-discrimination and commitments to defend the rights of gay workers against discrimination by management."

Apuzzo has made no secret of her ambition to run for Congress. On a personal level she would support any first class gay candidate for Congress. "The first gay person to get to Congress will be the Congressperson for gay America." But can that Congressperson really represent the extraordinary political diversity of the gay community?

"We may disagree on trickle-down economics, but we won't disagree on watered down human rights!" Apuzzo strikes one

as a progressive who ideals are tempered by realism on economic issues:

"We need creative new solutions to economic problems, not rhetoric. I pay taxes, too. I'm a landlord. I know what the heating bills are. I know my tenants who use hot water like crazy. I get those bills every month. Those things are part of my life. I have to think of my progressive attitude toward rent versus the economic reality that I have to face at the end of every month."

"I know how much money is taken out of my paycheck for income taxes. I don't like the way my tax money is spent. I think it's pissed away and I'd like to see some reform around that. Those are realities that need not be litmus tests in terms of the validity of who we are in the gay movement. There is room for diversity."

Apuzzo is fascinated with the exercise of power. She said: "I don't think that power corrupts. I think that power is like energy. You can use it for good and you can use it for bad. My sense is that enough of us (gay people) haven't had an opportunity to use it, so we don't know, as individuals, whether we'll be good at it."

Isn't it time we found out?

Lazere is on the board of the San Francisco Industrial Development Authority. This has been one of a series of profiles of leaders from the gay business and professional community.



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Coming Up: Cinco de Mayo

□ Gay Hispanics Host Jamaica

Jamaica is the Hispanic word for bazaar, and that's what the Gay Hispanic organizations will be hosting on Sunday, May 1, noon-6:00 p.m. at 1016 W. Gray.

The afternoon promises to be full of authentic Mexican food, lots of music, games, pinata breaking, a yard sale and a roaming mariachi band.

All proceeds will go to help finance the gay Hispanic float in the Gay Pride Week parade.

The organizations, Las Unicas and Rookies softball teams, Folkloric Dancers, The Great Pretenders (performers), The Wanders, Female Impersonators, La Familia Bar and Shady Tree Club plus the Gay Hispanic Caucus and the Vazquez Brothers have worked together to promote and ensure the success of the event, said spokesman Norma Villangua of the One on One Bar.

After the outdoor activities, there will be a show featuring "Peaches", the Great Pretenders and other surprise guest performers.

"This is the first time we have really worked together to be recognized and gain the respect the Hispanic gays deserve," said Norma. "We all think this is a very big step for us."

The group plans a special cultural event June 24 during Gay Pride Week at the Velvet Hammer. "It will be formal and will be bi-lingual, bi-cultural," she said.

□ The Patrick Cowley Singers (Jo-Lo) at Numbers

The Patrick Cowley Singers played to a receptive crowd recently at Numbers. Jo-Lo, as the two are now named, established an excellent rapport with the audience by their personable attitude throughout the performance.

Beginning with more familiar songs, "Thank God for Music and Menergy," when they were working with the late Patrick Cowley to their original material, the girls maintained the energetic mood of the crowd through the entire show. Afterward they came out into the room for autographs and partying.

The two, Carol Block and Lauren Carter, are now working on a new album on Megatone Records due for release in September. In addition to singing the vocals, they are co-producing albums with James Wirrick who produced Sylvester's last release.

But in case all this isn't enough, the girls write and play keyboards and synthesizer. All but one of the songs on this release were written by these talented women, definitely a record worth looking forward to.

□ Title Song Sought for Comedy

Director Bonnie McFerren is seeking an original title song for *The Joy of Hex*, a new sex comedy, that will be world premiered June 3 at Theatre Southwest.

Interested tunesmiths can get free information sheets by writing McFerren, c/o Theatre Southwest, 6830 Wilcrest, Houston 77072.

□ Stages Announces Playwrights Festival

Stages, 709 Franklin at Louisiana, will present four premiere productions as part of its annual Texas Playwrights Festival, May 5 through July 16, opening with *The Day They Shot John Lennon*.

Lennon, a new play by James McLure, concerns nine people who come together in front of the Dakota Apartments on New York's west side to pay their respects the

day after John Lennon's fatal shooting.

The humorous play becomes a celebration of the uniqueness and special craziness of each individual.

Beginning May 19 is Shelley Fitze's exciting historical account of the cross-country air race for women, *Daughters of Heaven*, followed by *The Man Who Could See Through Time* by Terri Wagener, beginning in June, and *Tornado* by Jack Heifner, beginning June 15.

For schedules and ticket information, call 225-9539.

□ St. Thomas Presents Singers

The University of St. Thomas' Department of Music presents the University of St. Thomas Singers and the Chamber Singers under the direction of Diane Tobola in concert Wednesday, May 4 at 8:00 p.m. in Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon.

Admission is free.

□ Campbell, Reddy in Concert

Glen Campbell, the rhinestone cowboy country-western recording star, and Helen Reddy, Grammy Award winner, will perform with the full Houston Symphony Orchestra in a concert to benefit the Houston Symphony Society, Wednesday, May 4 at 8:00 p.m. in Jones Hall, downtown.

Tickets range from \$6 to \$27 and are available at Houston Ticket Center, Ticketron and Joske's stores.

□ Montrosian Stars in Bayou Production

Fritz Dickman of Montrose will star with Holly B. Watts and Georgianna Young in Chocolate Bayou's production of *An American Fable/A Fantasy Revue* beginning May 1 at 1823 Lamar.

— *An American Fable* is the first full-length original musical by playwright Richard Laub. A grant from Mobil Foundation, Inc., will be used to underwrite the production.

The working text of *American Fable* follows a young couple whose career plans are interrupted when she becomes pregnant and they decide to marry. Their search for the good life becomes complicated by his inventions, her dead father who returns as a guardian angel and a Jewish mother-in-law plus an involvement with the Mafia.

The play runs through May 28. Tickets are \$6. For more information call 759-9840.

□ GPC Plans Night at 'Dining Room'

Houston's Gay Political Caucus plans another in its series of nights at the theater for May 12 to see the Alley's production of *The Dining Room*.

The play, which stars Dan LaRocque, Robert Graham, Jim McQueen, Lillian Evans, Laurie Daniels and Betty Fitzpatrick, is a love-song to a vanishing species—the All-American.

There will be a reception after the performance when GPC members will meet the cast and share in wine and cheese. For ticket information call the GPC at 521-1000.

□ Fantasticks Presented by Texas Opera Theater

The longest running off Broadway musical in American history, *The Fantasticks*, will be presented by Texas Opera Theater at Wortham Theater, University of Houston's Central Campus, May 12-14 at 8:00 p.m. and May 15 at 2:00 p.m.

The performances on May 12 and May 15 will be shadowed for the hearing

impaired.

The play, by Texas artists Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, is a musical adaptation of Edmond Rostand's *Les Romanesques*. Perhaps the best known and most loved song from the production is the ballad, *Try to Remember*.

Tickets are available at \$9.50 and \$12.50 through Ticketron and Houston Ticket Center. TTY arrangements are available.

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

Selected Events through 7 Days

- **FRIDAY-SUNDAY:** Gay Press Association national convention, Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia
- **SATURDAY:** Lambda Bicycle Club meets, then tours, from 11am, unless raining, at 210 Fairview, apt. I
- **SATURDAY:** Gay Night at Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus, Madison Square Garden, New York, to benefit AIDS research
- **SUNDAY:** Montrose Tennis Club plays 10:30am-1:30pm, MacGregor Park
- **SUNDAY:** Galveston Splash Day
- **MONDAY:** AIDS victim support group meets 6:30pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Blvd., Suite 203
- **MONDAY:** MSA Summer Season Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain
- **MONDAY & TUESDAY:** Auditions for Montrose Clinic, Gay Switchboard, Montrose Counseling Center Gay Pride Week show
- **TUESDAY:** Greater Montrose Business Guild meets 7:30pm, Liberty Bank community room, 1001 Westheimer
- **TUESDAY:** Montrose Symphonic Band meets at Bering Church, 1440 Hawthorne, 7:30pm
- **TUESDAY:** MSA volleyball games, 7:30pm, Gregory-Lincoln School, 1101 Taft
- **WEDNESDAY:** Montrose Chorale rehearsal at Bering Church, 1440 Hawthorne, 7:30pm
- **WEDNESDAY:** Gay Political Caucus meets 4600 Main #217, 7:30pm
- **WEDNESDAY:** MSA Volleyball League season opens
- **WEDNESDAY:** MSA Pocket Billiard League competition, various locations
- **THURSDAY:** I/H Inc. board meeting, 7:30pm
- **THURSDAY:** Wilde 'n Stein gay radio show 7:30-9pm on KPFT Radio, FM-90
- **FRIDAY-SUNDAY:** 1983 Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men concludes in Atlanta
- **THURSDAY:** MSA Mixed Bowling League bowls, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain

Selected Events in Future Weeks

- **IN 1 WEEK:** International Gay Association's Latin American Committee meets May 6-8, Toronto
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Choice's Lesbian Mothers meet May 7, 6:30 p.m., 210 Fairview Apt. I
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Lesbians & Gay People in Medicine meet 7:30pm, May 7
- **IN 1 WEEK:** International Mr. Leather Contest, Gold Coast, Chicago, May 7
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Mother's Day, May 8
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Lutherans Concerned meets at Grace Lutheran

- Church, May 10, 2515 Waugh
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Citizens for Human Equality (CHE) meets May 10
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Houston Data Professionals meet 7:30pm, May 10, in East Room, Holiday Inn Central, 4640 South Main
- **IN 1 WEEK:** South Central District MCC Conference opens May 11 in Dallas, lasting to May 14
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** Armadillo One, sponsored by Silver Spurs and Texas Motorcycle Club, May 13, Rosebud, Texas
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** San Antonio Festival (not to be confused with Fiesta) starts May 14, lasting to June 5
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** DJ spinoff May 15 at Numbers, 300 Westheimer, benefiting Gay Pride Week
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** 6th Annual Fund for Human Dignity Awards Banquet, May 16, Plaza Hotel, New York
- **IN 3 WEEKS:** Gay Fathers Coalition national conference in Denver, May 20-22
- **IN 3 WEEKS:** Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists meet May 25, 7pm
- **IN 3 WEEKS:** Full moon, 1:49pm, May 26
- **IN 4 WEEKS:** International Gay Bowling Organization Tournament, May 28-30, Chicago
- **IN 4 WEEKS:** Memorial Day, May 30
- **IN 5 WEEKS:** Denver First Gay Rodeo, June 3-5
- **IN 5 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Families and Friends of Gays reception, Liberty Bank Community Room, 1001 Westheimer, 2-5pm, June 8
- **IN 5 WEEKS:** 5th National Lesbian/Gay Health Conference opens June 9, lasting to June 12, Denver
- **IN 6 WEEKS:** Gay Composers Concert, June 10, New York
- **IN 6 WEEKS:** Wrangler M.C. annual Stampede in Dallas, "Celebrating a Decade of Decadence," June 10-12
- **IN 6 WEEKS:** Flag Day, June 14
- **IN 6 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week ("Unity Through Diversity") begins in Houston, June 16
- **IN 6 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Anniversary of police raid on Mary's, 1022 Westheimer, June 16
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: "A Salute to Gay Businesses," June 17
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Montrose Sports Association softball game, June 18
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** Father's Day, June 19
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Houston's "Salute to Dallas Day," June 19
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** Dallas Gay Pride Parade, "Marching Out of Obscurity, Into the Dream," June 19
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Black and White Men Together afternoon and evening events, June 19
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Montrose Art Alliance's "An

- Evening of the Arts" at the Swim Club, 2114 Peckham, June 20
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** 7th Annual San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival opens June 20, lasting to June 25
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** (tentative) 1st Latin American & Caribbean Gay/Lesbian Conference opens June 21, Bogota, Columbia, lasting to June 24
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** Summer beings at 6:10pm June 21
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Montrose Sports Association variety show at Numbers, 300 Westheimer, June 21
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Variety show sponsored by Gay Switchboard, Montrose Counseling Center & Montrose Clinic June 22
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: "National Day of Remembrance" sponsored by gay religious groups, June 23
- **IN 7 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: "Salute to Gay Youth" June 23
- **IN 8 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Gay Hispanic organizations event at Velvet Hammer, 3333 W. 11th, June 24
- **IN 8 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Mardis Gras Maddness Inc. afternoon fundraising carnival for AIDS research, June 25
- **IN 8 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Montrose Symphonic Band and Chorale with Kindred Spirits Ensemble in "Festival Chorus" at Cullen Auditorium, U of H main campus, June 25
- **IN 8 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Gay Pride Parade down Westheimer, 5:30pm, June 26
- **IN 8 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Parades June 26 in San Francisco ("Strengthen the Ties, Break the Chains") and New York City
- **IN 8 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Gay Political Caucus evening rally at the Summit, June 26
- **IN 9 WEEKS:** Twin Cities Good Time Softball League invitational July 1-4, Minneapolis
- **IN 9 WEEKS:** Lone Star Gay Softball Classic, Houston, July 2-3
- **IN 9 WEEKS:** Blue Boy Classic Bowling Tournament, July 2-4, Seattle
- **IN 9 WEEKS:** Independence Day, July 4
- **IN 10 WEEKS:** International Gay Association Conference opens July 11, Vienna, Austria, lasting to July 16
- **IN 13 WEEKS:** 8th International Conference of Gay & Lesbian Jews opens Aug. 4, lasting to Aug. 7, Miami
- **IN 17 WEEKS:** Reno National Gay Rodeo opens, Sept. 1, lasting to Sept. 4
- **IN 18 WEEKS:** Sixth Biennial International Convention of Dignity, Seattle, Sept. 2-5
- **IN 18 WEEKS:** Gay World Series Softball Tournament, Chicago, Sept. 3-5
- **IN 18 WEEKS:** Labor Day, Sept. 5
- **IN 22 WEEKS:** Texas Renaissance Festival opens Oct. 1 and 2, also running Oct. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 & Nov. 5 & 6
- **IN 23 WEEKS:** Oct. 8 deadline to register to vote in November elections
- **IN 23 WEEKS:** Columbus Day, Oct. 10
- **IN 26 WEEKS:** Halloween, Oct. 31
- **IN 27 WEEKS:** Houston city elections, Nov. 8
- **NEXT YEAR:** Houston hosts 1984 Gay World Series Softball Tournament, Sept. 1-2, 1984

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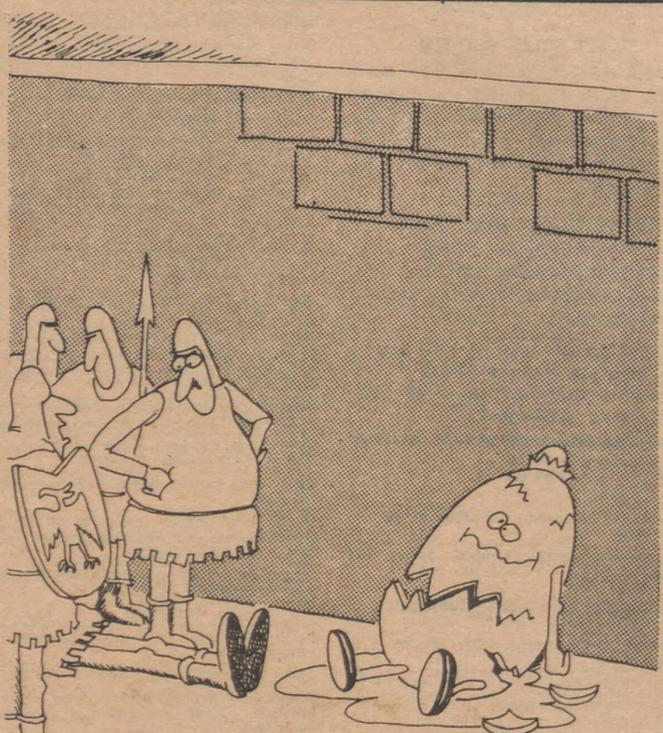
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ORGANIZATIONS

- SELECTED NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS—
- Gay Press Association—POB 33605, Washington, DC 20033—(202) 387-2430
 - Gay Rights National 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
 - National Association of Business Councils—Box 15145, San Francisco, CA 94115—(415) 885-6363
 - National Gay Rights Advocates—540 Castro—San Francisco, CA 94114—(415) 863-3624
 - National Gay Task Force—80 5th Ave., New York, NY 10011—(212) 741-5800
 - NGTF's Crisisline—(800) 221-7044 (outside New York State)
- A Capella Chorus: (Montrose) Church of Christ
 ACLU—1236 W. Gray—524-5925
 AIDS Hotline—c/o Gay Switchboard—529-3211
 American Gay Atheists—524-2222
 American Leathermen (social club)—meets at Different Drum, 1732 Westheimer—528-8528: club night Wed.
 Astro Rainbow Alliance—520-9451 (voice)
 Bering Memorial United Methodist Church—1440 Hawthorne—526-1017: service 10:50am Sun.
 Black & White Men Together (BWMT)—c/o Gay Switchboard, 529-3211
 Calvary Pentecostal Church—5210 Fannin—520-5437: Services 12:30pm Sun.
 Choices—meets Bering Church, 1440 Hawthorne—840-8041 or Carol at 529-4975: Lesbian Mothers meeting 6:30pm May 7, 210 Fairview apt. I
 Christian Church of the Good Shepherd—1707 Montrose: services 1pm Sun., Bible study 7:30pm Thurs.
 (Montrose) Church of Christ—1700 Montrose—777-9286: services 11am Sun.
 Church of Christian Faith—413 Westheimer—529-8005: services 10:45am Sun. & 7:15pm Wed.; Bible study 7:15pm Tues. & Sun.; choir practice Wed. after services
 Citizens for Human Equality (CHE)—609 Fannin #1301—236-8666: board meeting 2nd Tuesdays
 Colt 45's (social club)—meets at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos—528-9192
 Community Gospel Center—1700 Montrose—523-6018
 Cong. Aytz Chayim—meets at MCCR, 1919 Decatur—552-1340, 688-8997: service & social 8pm 2nd & 4th Fridays
 Conroe Area Gays—Jan at 756-0354, Ray at 756-4097 or Dianna at 292-3796
 Crisis Hotline—228-1505
 Dial-a-Gay-Atheist—524-2222: American Gay Atheists
 Diana Foundation—2700 Mason—524-5791
 Dignity—meets at Catholic Student Center, 1703 Bolsover—520-9269, 528-7644: meetings 7pm Saturdays
 Families & Friends of Gays—464-6663: meets 2pm 3rd Sundays at Presbyterian Center, 41 Oakdale, behind First Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main: community reception 2-5pm, June 18, Liberty Bank Community Room, 1001 Westheimer
 1st Unitarian Church—5210 Fannin—526-1571: service 11:15am Sun.
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- Gay Hispanic Caucus—2722 Newman #12—521-0037: meets 3rd Thursdays.
- Gay Italian Group—526-9844
- Gay Nurses Alliance—880-9486
- Gay Political Caucus (GPC)—POB 66664, 77266—521-1000: meets 4600 Main #217 7:30pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
- Gay Pride Week Committee—c/o Marion Coleman, House of Coleman, 901 W. Alabama—523-2521: meets various Sundays, 2:30pm, Kindred Spirits, 5245 Buffalo Speedway
- Gay Switchboard—POB 3624—529-3211: information, counseling, referrals, TTY, AIDS Hotline, Gay Pride Week Show June 22
- Greater Montrose Business Guild**—contact through Montrose Voice: meets 7:30pm, 1st Tuesdays, community room, Liberty Bank, 1001 Westheimer
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- Hepatitis Hotline—521-1000: GPC's Medical Committee project
- Homophile Interfaith Alliance—729 Manor—523-6969
- Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists—526-7386: meets 7pm 4th Wednesdays
- Houston Community Clowns—862-8314
- Houston Data Professionals—meets in East Room, Holiday Inn Central, 4640 S. Main—523-6922: meeting 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays
- Houston Human Rights League—523-6969
- Houston Motorcycle Club (social club)—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—528-8851
- Houston North Professionals—POB 3840, Humble 77338—Bill at 821-7126 or Lee at 440-0365: meets monthly
- I/H Inc.—POB 16041, 77222—694-1732, 529-7014: affiliated groups are Interact, Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas, Gay Switchboard, Montrose Symphonic Band, Montrose Cloggers; board meeting 7:30pm 1st Thursdays (varied locations); educational forum 7:30pm 3rd Thursdays
- Integrity/Houston (Episcopalian)—POB 66008, 77266—526-0555: meets 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays at Autry House, 6265 Main, & 4th Tuesdays at varied locations
- Interact, educational subgroup of I/H Inc.—POB 16041, 77222—529-7014, 694-1732
- KPFT Radio, FM-90—419 Lovett Blvd.—526-4000: "Wilde 'n Stein" gay radio show Thursdays, 7:30-9:00pm
- Kaposi's Sarcoma Committee—Box 1115, 3317 Montrose, 77006: AIDS victim support group meets 8:30pm Mondays, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Blvd., Suite 203, 529-0037
- Lambda Bicycle Club—David 682-0456, Carol 529-4975: meets, tours 11am Saturdays, unless raining, at 210 Fairview, apt. 1
- Lesbian/Gay Resource Service—University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun, box 309, 77004—749-1253
- Lesbians & Gay People in Medicine—880-9486: meeting 7:30pm 1st Saturdays
- Lesbian Mothers: subgroup of Choices
- Lutherans Concerned—meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh—521-0863, 453-1143: meeting 2nd & 4th Tues. evenings
- **Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR)**—1919 Decatur—861-9149: potluck dinner 7:30pm 1st Sat. monthly; services 10:45am & 7:15pm Sun. & 7:15pm Wed.; membership inquirers class 4pm Sun.; education classes Tues. & Wed. eves
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- Montrose Art Alliance—521-2461: meets 2nd Thursdays
- Montrose Chorale—527-9454: rehearsal 7:30 each Wed. at Bering Church, 1440 Hawthorne; in concert with Montrose Symphonic Band and Kindred Spirits Ensemble in "Festival Chorus" June 25 at Cullen Auditorium, UofH main campus
- Montrose Cloggers: affiliate of I/H Inc.; meets Friday eves Bering Church Activities Bldg., 3405 Mulberry
- Montrose Civic Club: see Neartown Association
- **Montrose Clinic**—104 Westheimer—528-5531: open 6-10pm Fri., 1-5pm Sun., 6-10pm Tues. & Thurs.; women's emphasis program 1-5pm Sun.; Gay Pride Week Show June 22
- Montrose Counseling Center—900 Lovett #203—529-0037: AIDS victim support group meets 6:30pm Mondays; Gay Pride Week Show June 22
- Montrose Singers—John-Michael Albert at 749-2832 day, 791-9496 evenings: rehearsal Mon. evenings, Bering Church, 1440 Harold
- Montrose Sports Association (MSA)—622-3304
- Montrose Tennis Club—Jim at 527-9178: plays Sundays, 10:30am-1:30pm, MacGregor Park
- MSA/Monday Night Bowling—plays at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain—528-4576 or 499-9036
- MSA/Pocket Billiard League—222-0200, 699-3333: league play Wed. nights various locations
- MSA/Thursday Night (Mixed League) Bowling—plays at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain—961-1523
- MSA/United Racquetball League
- MSA/Greater Houston (Men's) Softball—523-8802 days, 523-0413 eves
- MSA/Women's Softball League—728-9371
- MSA/Volleyball—880-2930: games 7:30pm Tues., Gregory-Lincoln school, 1101 Taft; summer season starts May 4
- Montrose Symphonic Band—meets at Bering Church, 1440 Hawthorne—527-9669: meeting 7:30pm Tues.; in concert with Chorale and Kindred Spirits Ensemble in "Festival Chorus" June 25 at Cullen Auditorium, UofH main campus; affiliate I/H Inc.
- Mustangs (social club)—meets at the Barn, 710 Pacific—528-9427: club night Thurs.
- Neartown Association (Montrose Civic Club)—meets at Bering Church, 1440 Harold—522-1000: meeting 7pm 4th Tuesdays
- New Freedom Christian Church—912 W. 11th—591-1342: services 10am Sun., 7:30pm Wed.
- Operation Documentation: GPC project
- Park People—c/o Neartown Community Firehouse—741-2524

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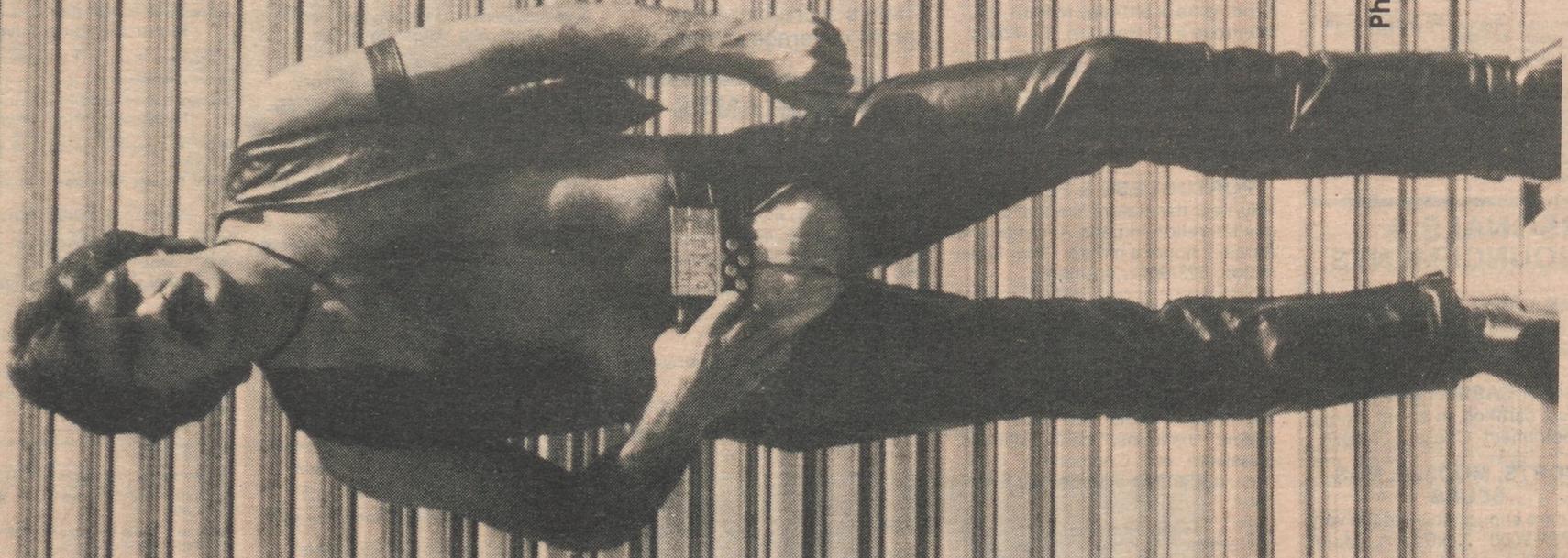


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