

# CONGRESSMAN MICKEY LELAND

## 'I Feel Very Strongly We Are on the Brink of World War III'

By Bill Lubing  
EDITOR

Congressman Mickey Leland held a dialogue with residents of Montrose last Monday evening, January

14. At an informal 'town-hall' session in the activity room of Bering Memorial Church, Leland spelled out trouble for local residents on a local, national and international level.

"I feel very strongly we are on the brink of World War III," Leland told the crowd of about 150 people.

"It's possible any one incident can bring it on," particularly because the Middle East situation, "is very delicate."

One interpretation Leland gave explaining the Russian invasion of Afghanistan is because the Russians possibly assume the American hostages in Iran will be killed. He said if this were to occur, the United States would go to war with Iran, "and beat Iran badly."

Russia would then need Afghanistan as a buffer zone.

Asked if he felt the Middle East crisis could be localized, Leland replied, "I don't think so." Because of the close proximity of Russia and Afghanistan, "the situation is very different than from Viet Nam."

Leland told the crowd, which included Houston City Councilpersons Lance Lalor, Eleanor Tinsley and former mayoral candidate Louis Macey, "Nobody has a magic solution for the situation in Iran. I'm classified as a (military)

dove, but at the same time I believe in strong national defense."

He said many government officials were disillusioned in trying to negotiate with the Iranians and that military actions such as a naval blockade, destroying Iran's oil fields or military were examples of a few options left.

"The President has done an excellent job in trying to negotiate with the Iranians," Leland remarked.

The congressman cited, "several crisis involving

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## 'WHY NOT' takes sexuality beyond "gay or straight".

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## Planning Committee for Austin March Announces Conference

DALLAS (Metro Star) — The temporary planning committee for the March on Austin has announced dates for a statewide planning conference.

The conference will be held March 15 and 16 at the Melrose Hotel, in Dallas. Registration is \$7.50 in advance or \$10 at the door to help defray expenses.

Gay organizations across the state are urged to send two representatives, one male and one female, to help in planning the march

in more detail.

On the agenda for the meeting are selection of a permanent planning committee, the formation of a formal statement of purpose for the march, and the selection of an actual date at which the march will occur. A letter will be sent out shortly to invite statewide gay organizations to ensure their attendance at this conference.

Dallas residents have been asked to contact the temporary planning committee

if they can provide housing to delegates.

A spokesperson for the committee told the *Star* that the March on Austin is not intended as a function of any local group but as a cooperative action of statewide organizations to make a gay voice heard in the legislature and to, "bring together representatives throughout the state to form a communication network and political vote for all gay Texans."

## ARAD Tea Dance Showing 'Gay' and 'Deaf' not Isolated Situations

If it's ever crossed your mind being a deaf gay means being a social eunuch you're not aware of the Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf (ARAD). Established in November of last year, the Houston chapter, one of seventeen in the U.S. and Canada, has grown from six people meeting in Bruce Herman's home to an organization boasting 65 members.

On Saturday evening, January 26, ARAD and the

Montrose Activity Center (MAC) will host after hours dancing at the Center.

From midnight to 5 AM Sunday morning DJ Don Brooks will provide boogie music. Located at the corner of Holman and La Branch, 1423 Holman, a \$3 donation will be asked.

The Houston chapter of ARAD was founded after Bruce Herman returned to the city after the March on

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## Individual Didn't Like Car Windows

By George Barnhart  
STAR STAFF

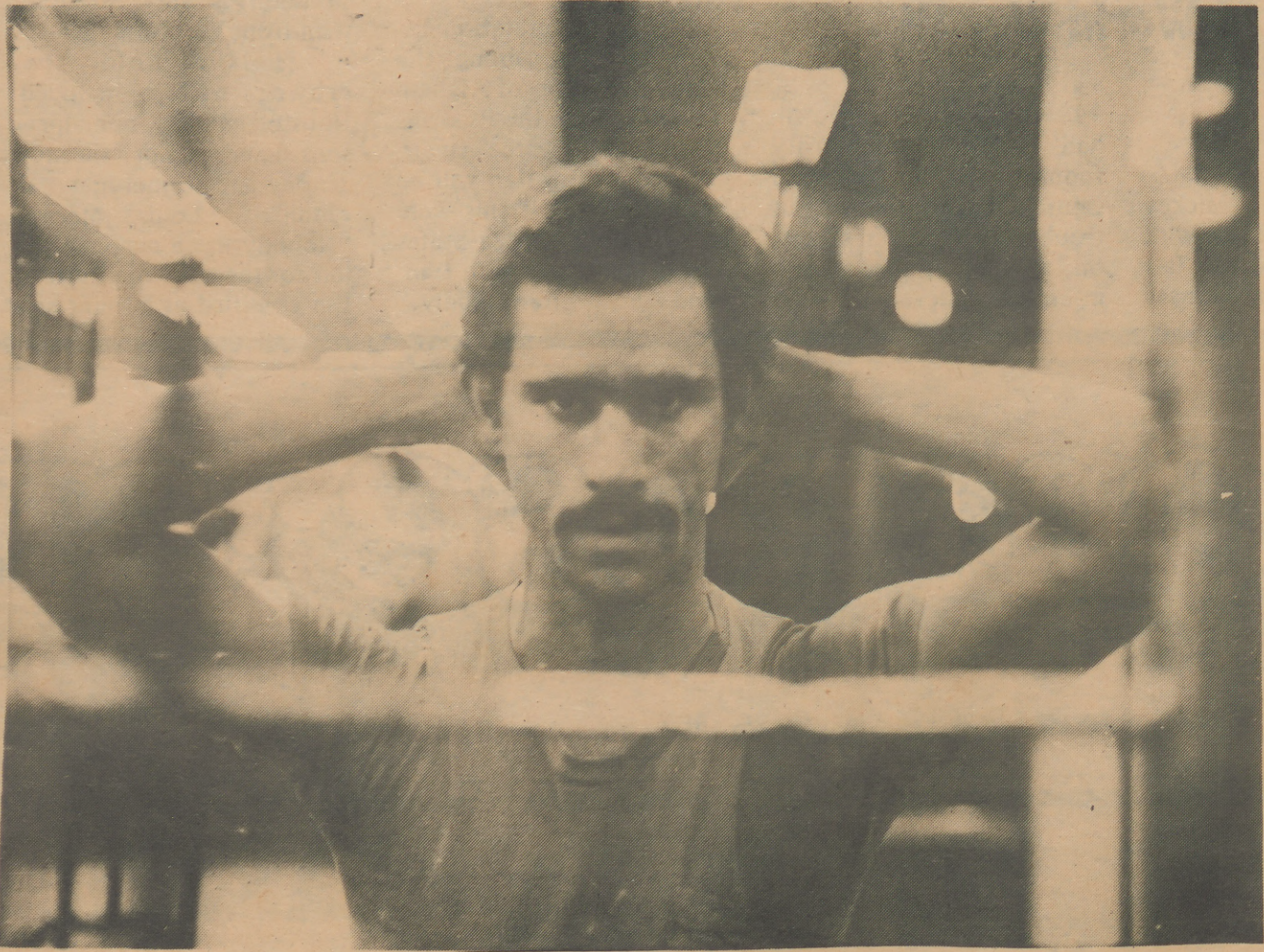
Between the hours of 7 PM and 4 PM Saturday, January 5, over 30 cars were vandalized on Avondale, in the Montrose area.

"Apparently the individual, whoever he was just plain didn't like car windows. People's cars around straight establishments were hit as well as those around gay (night spots)," comments Jim Cheek, a supervisor for the Montrose Patrol, a citizen protection organization.

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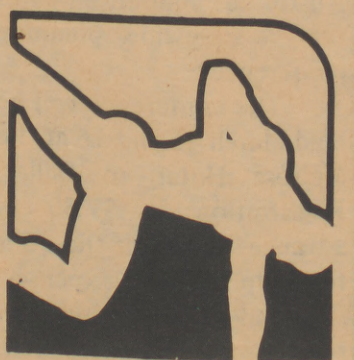


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## from pg.1: Windows

Steve Coates, a leading supervisor and moderator for the Patrol, says the cars vandalized probably sustained damage simply because they were parked in the Montrose Area.

"In recent weeks the feeling has been that there has been a lessening of incidents around here (Montrose) and maybe the Montrose Patrol wasn't needed anymore."

He goes on to say the attendance at Montrose Patrol "Musters" has dropped substantially in the past few weeks.

"As you can see evidenced by this," he comments, "that just isn't so." Coates goes on to relate, "The strange thing about this is that this happened in peak traffic hours around Montrose and with all the breaking glass and so on, nobody has come forth with any information about this or have we even found anyone who saw or heard anything."

Reports from the Patrol on the following night, Sunday, indicate Patrol units may have averted a repeat performance of the night before.

Patrol spokespeople say they received reports of a black man, five feet eight inches, medium build, running from the parking area where a large concentration of car windows had been broken the night before. He was apparently attempting to vandalize the cars when he was scared away.

An emergency mobilization of off duty patrol members failed to turn up any signs of the suspect.

Patrol headquarters announced it is planning on increasing the number of Patrol supervisors in preparation for planned full seven-day-a-week operation.

Coates remarked, "We are anticipating delivery of our new FM repeater communication gear any day now and we are preparing to expand our patrol perimeters and hopefully begin to recruit new members to beef up our strength."

"Hopefully we can do an even better job of averting vandalism and crime in this area."

## Slusser Found Guilty

Phil Slusser was arrested November 23 during a Montrose community Christmas tree lighting at the corner of Bagby and Westheimer.

Municipal Court Judge Robert Jungman found Slusser guilty of operating a public address system without a permit. He was fined \$100 at the Monday, January 14 hearing.

"There were six officers at the trial, three that testified against me," Slusser told *The Star*. According to Slusser he did not operate the sound equipment even though the two arresting officers and Central Patrol Division Captain E.E. Milam said they saw

and heard him speak through the equipment.

He has 14 days to arrange payment or file a motion for a new trial. Slusser said he wants a new trial.

At the hearing last Monday, "Ray Hill was the only witness that testified in my defense," commented Slusser.

Hill was arrested with Slusser and charged with the same offense. He was found innocent on December 31.

"We though because Ray had been found innocent this trial wasn't going to be any big thing," said Slusser.

## Austin March

Persons wishing additional information may write to the temporary planning committee by sending their

letters to the *Star*, Box 225915, Dept. MOA, Dallas, Texas, 75265.

## GPC Cans Coors Boycott

By George Barnhart  
STAR STAFF

In a hotly contested battle the Gay Political Caucus laid to rest an explosive issue that has been brewing since 1976.

Bearing in hand a well documented position paper brought forth by five members of a GPC ad hoc committee, a packed roomful of GPC members listened to three hours of debate on the Coors Boycott.

Beginning with an apparent union grievance campaign that spread to the gay community throughout the nation, with much influence by gay minister/publisher Rev. Broshears

and others, the Joseph Coors Brewing Company, of Golden, Colorado, suffered economic reprisals.

This led to a capitulation by Coors to gay demands regarding discriminatory hiring practices. Coors offered a barage of financial contributions through local distributorships to gay causes.

The debate, involved an impassioned appeal by local activist/publisher Gary van Oothegheim, replete with visual aid (a Coors beer can in hand) to table the issue. Others added their voice to a well orchestrated effort to block the boycott resolution.

Mary's bar manager Andy Mills, Ray Hill, local activist/radio personality, and numerous others joined the fracas with arguments against the boycott resolution appearing to be in the majority.

John Barksdale, president of the Houston/Galveston region Coors Distributorships, having only received notice of the possible boycott against his company at 8 AM Wednesday, pleaded his company's position with articulate fervor, speaking from very hastily assembled notes.

The issue was settled with a 35 - 15 vote against the boycott.

## MAC Calls Community Meeting for January 23

Feeling that many of the community organizations have not discovered the possibility of headquartering and holding functions in the Montrose Activity Center, corner of Holman and La Branch, that organization's board is inviting groups in the Montrose area to what has been billed as a "Let's get to know each other better" type of affair.

The event is slated for January 23 at 7:30 PM at

the center.

Organizations now utilizing the partially refurbished center are: Crewe of Apollo, Gay Young People, Agape Church, Family of Sisters, Montrose Players, Houston Motorcycle Club, Houston Human Rights League, Montrose Sports Association, Gay Political Caucus, Astro Rainbow Society for the Deaf, Bar Tavern Guild and Family. The publication *Up front* plans to quarter in MAC.

Temporary chairpersons of the standing MAC committees will be present at the January 23 get together.

## GPC providing VD Screening

The 'Mother Ruth' VD screening clinic for the month of January will be conducted by GPC, and the City of Houston Health Department.

'Mother' Ruth Ravas was involved in a single car accident two weeks ago. She was placed in the

intensive care unit of 12 Oaks Hospital but has since been released to a private room. She is expected to stay in the hospital from four to six more weeks.

For more information on the VD screening clinic, contact the Gay Political Caucus at 526-2668.

## CPR at GPC

The first Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course in basic life support will be held at 4600 Main, January 23 and 24. The Medical Committee of GPC Inc. will conduct the

course. Attendance is mandatory for individuals to receive their certificates.

In you are interested in taking this or a future course call 526-2668 or contact David Bonuelos at 777-2287.

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# national:

## NGTF Protests ABC Documentary

On December 18 ABC News presented "Homosexuals" a documentary. The National Gay Task Force has decided to protest the film for the following reasons:

1. The documentary claims to represent a summary portrait of lesbian and gay life in America, but it does not.

2. Lesbians are under-represented throughout the film, once again promoting the notion that women are insignificant in comparison to men in the gay community.

3. The personal suffering shown is intensified by a maudlin and sentimental musical score.

4. The film excludes gay experiences of pride

and power, thus reducing the diversity of gay experience.

5. The producer and ABC News refused to honor their agreement to let NGTF preview the program.

The Co-Executive Directors of NGTF said that "we do not in any way want to condemn the courageous contribution made by those lesbians and gay men who are willing to share their stories...."

But they also feel that the experiences "teaches all of us a hard lesson." "Until we can win assurances that agreements will be kept by ABC, the lesbian and gay community should exercise extreme caution in all contracts with ABC News."

## Gay Sessions at Modern Language Association Meeting

The 1979 convention of the Modern Language Association met in San Francisco in late December. Some highlights of the sessions on gay topics were the following:

"The Rhetoric of Gay Liberation" featured papers by moderator Roger Masse as well as by Sally Gearhart and Jane Gurko. Gearhart is best known for her appearance in the film *Word is Out*.

Gearhart and Gurko read a joint paper about imaginative gay male and lesbian books of the last fifteen years. Their paper sparked an energetic, if polite, discussion of the insights and limitations of a lesbian-feminist political perspective in literary matters.

"Academic Freedom and Legislative Control" featured lawyer Donald Knutson of Gay Rights Advocates, who spoke of the effect of the Immigration Service's decision to exclude known homosexuals from the U.S. It is possible that foreign scholars might be prevented from

attending conferences like the MLA's if the Service continues its current policy.

"The Business Meeting of the Gay Caucus" decided to try for Divisions status within the MLA next year—an upgrading of its position. Members also planned to have more sessions in 1980, in particular joint gay male and lesbian ones, as well as Gay papers mixed in with non-gay papers in sessions devoted to subjects relevant to gay authors.

Robert K. Martin chaired a seminar on Walt Whitman that featured several scholars, notably James E. Miller. Some of the panelists (though not Miller) spoke of Whitman's homosexuality. Robert K. Martin has just published a book through the U of Texas Press called *The Homosexual Tradition in American Poetry*, in which he writes of the long tradition of denying, disguising, and distorting the homosexuality of major poets such as Walt Whitman and Hart Crane.

# world:

## Gays Mistreated in China

By Luciano Massimo Consoli  
IGNA

CHINA—Little is known about the treatment of gays in the People's Republic of China, but what is known is truly horrible.

The legal position of the homosexual in Chinese law is not known, but it has been learned from many testimonies that the usual practice is as follows:

A homosexual caught in the act is deported to a concentration camp where he is kept under strict guard. If he persists in his criminal behavior, he is condemned to death.

Jean Pasqualini and Rudolf Chelminski in a book written in 1975 *Prisoner of Mao: Seven Years in a Chinese Work Camp* told of the execution of a homosexual:

One day all the prisoners were brought together in front of the local authority of the camp, while the guards led out a prisoner in chains. The commander then hurled himself furiously at the prisoner, threw abuse and insults at him accused him of being the disgrace of

Chinese society, and announced to all that this "horrible individual" had been condemned for homosexuality, but had continued his vice and been found in the arms of another prisoner.

Thereupon a guard shot the prisoner in the back of the neck, and the brain spurted out on Pasqualini's clothes.

The death of Mao has not changed the situation much.

Travellers returning to the West have told of posters in the city of Wuhan announcing the condemnation of nine people for political crimes and civic offenses.

Eight of the sentences had not been carried out yet, but the ninth man had already been hastily put to death in case a pardon should arrive, because he had been discovered in his cell making love with another prisoner.

Moreover, Claudie and Jacques Broyelle pointed out in the French weekly *L'Express* (October 22, 1978) that in China homosexuality is still considered a crime.

Emma Bonino, a radical

member of the Italian parliament, visited China recently and asked about the situation of homosexuals there. She was told that they had all disappeared after the Liberation. Ms Bonino repeated her question, but this time no one dared translate it and the official translator turned as "red as a radish." Ms Bonino changed her tactics and asked if homosexuality was a psychological or physical illness. She was told it was, but one that attacked only young men.

About the age of 25 one's feelings become "clear and certain." For those for whom it does not become clear and certain, the following occurs: They undergo a session in the medical room of their factory, then a session in the medical center in their neighborhood.

If they persist, they are sent to a mental hospital, where they are given ideological re-education together with hormones and tranquilizers.

NOTE: All this occurs in a country with a horrific overpopulation problem. •

## Committee Formed to Stop the Movie 'Cruising'

SAN FRANCISCO, IGNA--A committee called Stop the Movie *Cruising* has been organized in San Francisco.

Headed by Konstantin Berlandt and Kirk Essler, the committee so far has held a reading of the June script (the shooting script) of *Cruising* and is planning a panel discussion of the whole issue, including possible plans of action.

At the moment the committee is hoping for a

mass response, preferably a boycott.

Berlandt, who conceded that the issue is "emotional," argues that the movie suggests extreme acts of violence are commonplace in the homosexual community; that cruising, as the title suggests, is like asking to be bludgeoned.

"The movie is a genocidal attack on gay people," Berlandt says. When asked about the danger of cen-

sorship, he said, "Free speech only goes so far. You can't incite to riot, or incite to murder."

A spokesman for Lorimar Productions, when contacted in Oakland by a reporter for the *Oakland Tribune*, said he was startled to hear of the rumblings of protest.

Fred Skidmore said, "The picture is still in the rough stages of editing. Nobody's seen it yet." •

## START THINKING FLOWERS- VALENTINE'S DAY IS FEBRUARY 14



national:

## Romney Says Lesbians, Gays, 'Moral Perverts'

In a copyrighted story by Harry Cook in the *Houston Post* George Romney, 72, a national official of the Mormon Church spoke out against the Equal Rights Amendment.

Talking about the danger of 'perverts' we reproduce that dialogue here:

Cook: You recently said that 'moral perverts' are the ones advocating the ERA.

Romney: What I mean is that at the Woman's Year meeting in Houston last year, there were many homosexuals and lesbians there to support ERA.

Cook: What's the problem with their supporting the ERA?

Romney: Well, the reason they do support it is that they hope its adoption would legitimize their immoral relationships and behavior.

Cook: Do you think they think their relationships are immoral? And don't you think they have a right to them, so long as

nobody is getting hurt?

Romney: No, they are morally perverted. I said that and I meant it. The Bible makes perfectly clear that adultery, fornication, homosexuality and lesbianism are immoral.

Cook: Well, you are speaking for the Mormon Church, are you not? What if John Doe is a Buddhist or Hindu or an atheist -- in any event, someone who does not believe what you believe? Is he immoral?

Romney: Yes. Throughout history the family has been the most important social unit. The proper moral conduct of family members is crucial to civilization. The breakdown of family life has been the downfall of other civilizations.

Cook: But why should Mormons attempt to impose their moral values on others not of their faith?

Romney: Well, we don't undertake to force our views on others. We believe that people have the

right to choose, but they have to pay the consequences of their choices. We don't believe that people can be happy in immoral relationships and behavior God has not approved of.

Cook: And how do we know what God approves of?

Romney: We believe that the moral principles revealed by God through his prophets in all ages as contained in the Bible say what God approves of.

Cook: But the few texts that deal with homosexuality in the Bible come from other times and cultures. Are you convinced they are equally applicable now as they might once have been?

Romney: No question about it.

Cook: Just to make sure -- you're not saying that all who support the ERA are moral perverts?

Romney: No, no. But it should not go without notice that many who do are.

Cook: Mormons support equal rights for women, don't they? That's what all your literature says.

Romney: Certainly we do. We believe that the woman's role is even superior to that of a man. What greater or higher calling can there be than to bear life inside you and give it nurturing and training?

Cook: Help me understand why you and the Mormon Church are so opposed to the ERA.

Romney: The amendment is a simplistic approach to a very large problem. We Mormons are for equal rights for women. What we don't want is to have some of those rights taken away.

The ERA is too broad and vague as it stands. It is certainly possible that laws now protecting women from heavy labor in jobs, those involved in divorce and so on could be repealed.

## Private Faces Murder Trial

A 21 Year-old man discharged by the U.S. Army for being homosexual has been charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of the man he lived with.

Roger Cutsinger was charged with the December 14 murder of Larry D. Duerksen, 29, an employee of the University of Washington library.

Cutsinger is in custody and bail has been set at \$250,000.

The Army gave Cutsinger an undesirable discharge in November, because it contends that homosexuality is "incompatible" with military service.

The upcoming trial should be of interest to the gay movement since a discussion of the pressures on Cutsinger arising from his discharge should be a part of the testimony, just as such pressures were used in the Dan White case, where a lenient sentence resulted.

## health: Angel Dust: 'He Banged His Head Against the Walk, Drooling and Urinating Without Control.'

By L.A. Chotkowski, M.D.  
STAR COLUMNIST

Sweeping across the country from the west and midwest comes another counter-culture hallucinogen called phencyclidine (fen-sigh' -cli-dean) also known as 'angel dust,' 'hog,' 'PCP,' 'crystal' or 'sheets,' and many others.

Known since the 1950's when first introduced as a veterinary anesthetic, it has gained popularity for human drug abuse particularly since

1975.

It is gaining 'popularity' first because it produces intense highs, even higher than heroin according to some users, and highs are, "what it's all about."

Next it is easily made and readily available. Further it can be taken either in pill form, drinks or by inhalation. Angel dust spiked marijuana is particularly treacherous for the unsuspecting "just pot smoker." Those who feel they can safely smoke pot beware, they may be in for

a frightening and dangerous psychotic trip. Angel dust causes many bizarre symptoms, ranging widely from quiet peaceful stupor to violent, combative, confused behavior and death.

Hallucinating means seeing or hearing things not there. Psychosis means confusion, disorientation, or in plain common terms, insanity.

The following is a description of a report on a 19 year old hospitalized angel dust patient.

On admission to the

hospital he was found to be assaultive, hostile, frightened, and anxious. He banged his head against the wall, drooling and urinating without control.

On the second hospital day, he escaped from the ward and threw himself out a third floor window, miraculously landing uninjured.

Mental examination indicated schizophrenia. However, nine weeks after angel dust, this psychosis cleared and the patient was discharged.

This is a very discouraging and alarming drug abuse development. Presently there seems to be no remedy.

Perhaps, like LSD these sad scenes themselves, will make the trips not worth the highs. At least this should be a red flag for those who "only smoke pot." They may pay a far greater penalty from hidden angel dust than that provided by the law.

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# SEPTEMBERS

## ARAD Tea Dance ... cont. from pg. 1

Washington. By publicizing the organization throughout the gay community a group of six people met at his home.

The reason for the organization's existence, Bruce told *Up Front* (now *Up Front America*) is to, "establish and maintain a society for deaf gay citizens that will promote and encourage the educational, economical and spiritual welfare of gay deaf people, and to foster fellowship, defend the gay deaf person's rights, advance their particular interest and open a forum for discussion of practical problems and solutions relative to their welfare and prosperity."

With this goal in mind word of the organization spread. December 3 saw a pot luck supper held at Bruce's, with forty people participating.

In the middle of December elections for the

organization were held. Bruce Herman was elected president; Roy Colling, vice president; Merle Canady, secretary; and Wayne Clearman, treasurer.

Sixty-five people showed up for a 'ARAD Christmas party held at MAC.

In a meeting January 11 the organization established by-laws, committees, ect. According to Bruce, ARAD is fixing up an office in MAC.

The after hours party coming up January 26 will be a fundraiser for MAC and ARAD. A high priority for the organization is building a gay pride float for the deaf gay convention, coming up in Toronto, Canada this June.

The group is also in the process of establishing activities, including sporting events, encompassing other organizations.

The national chapter of ARAD conducts talks about gay rights and the gay handicapped; social events featuring guest speakers, coffee houses and a 'Mr. National Rainbow Society of the Deaf' contest.

The national organization is concerned not only with the rights of deaf gays. Rights for handicapped people as a whole are also an important priority.

For people interested in ARAD, Bruce can be contacted at: 416 Hawthorne, Houston, Tex., 77006. Call TTY 529-8515 or (voice) 529-2111 after 7 PM.

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## HOUSTON ORGANIZATIONS

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 Brothers - 411 Woodland Ave - 869-6969  
 Community Coffee House - Box 16041; 77002 - 529-7014  
 Crisis Hotline - 228-1505  
 Houston Dignity (Catholic gays) - 528-7644  
 Episcopal Integrity Houston - Box 66008; 77006  
 Family Center - 3207 Montrose  
 Family and Friends of Gays - 861-9149  
 Gay Hispanic Caucus - 520-6850 or 529-6100  
 Gay People in Medicine - 522-7360  
 Gay Political Caucus - 4600 Main No. 215 - 526-2668  
 Gay Resource Services - UH/Central Campus - 749-3489  
 Gay Young People's Organization - 850-1352  
 Gay Rights A.C.L.U. - Box 66844/77006  
 Houston Human Rights League - Box 3624; 77001 523-6969  
 Houston Rainbow Society of the Deaf - 529-2111  
 Houston Volleyball Team - 523-8802  
 Integrity/Houston - Box 1604; 77002  
 Lambda - 5210 Fannin - 529-2691  
 Lambda Alanon - 521-9772  
 Lambda House - 1251 W. Gray - 522-5408  
 Lambda Center For Alcoholics - 521-9772  
 Lutherans Concerned for Gay People - 453-1143  
 Montrose Activity Center - 1423 Holman - 528-8369  
 Montrose Civic Club 'Near Town' - 522-1000  
 Montrose Counseling Center - 900 Lovett No. 209 - 529-0037  
 Montrose Marching Band - 626-1168  
 Montrose Patrol - 520-9616  
 Montrose Players - Box 6684; 77006  
 Montrose Rythmn - 520-1600  
 Montrose Sports Assoc. - 665-1734  
 National Gay Broadcasting Service - 332-5140  
 Operation Documentation - 526-2668

## EPAH Holds Meeting

The Executive and Professional Association of Houston held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 15 in the Embassy room of the Shamrock Hilton Hotel.

A progress report was given on the present administration's results and pending work. Since September, when the new officers were elected, EPAH has published a membership directory, sent officers to New York City to help found the National Association of Business Councils, made charitable donations to various gay community organizations and is laying groundwork for the upcoming national convention for the NABC in May. The program speaker

was Mort Schwab, of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, who presented the work of that organization.

The members attended a cocktail party prior to the meeting. During the meeting they were asked to approve the new annual dues of \$85. The forecast annual budget for most in house operations was \$7,500. The money will be used to fund the operations of the various individual committees.

Other funding projects will take place in the near future for funding charities and civic projects, and for financing the hosting of the National Association of Business Council, in May. •

## "A BRIGHT, CHARMING, DELIGHTFULLY IMMORAL TALE!"

— Judith Crist

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— Tom Allen VILLAGE VOICE

"A beautifully generous, funny, emotionally detailed view of a three-sided love affair."

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Kathleen Carroll N.Y. DAILY NEWS

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— Richard Freedman NEWHOUSE NEWSPAPERS

## "A WITTY, TOUCHING AND VERY UNIQUE FILM."

— Rex Reed

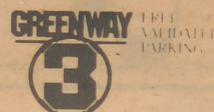


*why not!*  
 (pourquoi pas?)

A FILM BY COLINE SERREAU

Starring Sami Frey, Christine Murillo, Mario Gonzalez and Nicole Jamet  
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EXCLUSIVE  
 ENGAGEMENT



NOW  
 SHOWING



# cinema: 'Why Not'

By Bill Lubing  
EDITOR

In an exclusive engagement at the Greenway Three Theatre, Colin Serreau's *Why Not* (*Pourquoi Pas!*) explores the delicate balance between three people in a love relationship.

The daughter of a well-known theatrical producer, Coline Serreau studied philosophy, literature and music before becoming an actress. Now 30, Serreau made her acting debut in 1970. *Why Not!* her first feature film in the capacity as writer/director won the Priz Georges-Sadoul for best first film and was overwhelmingly successful at the Chicago and San Francisco film festivals.

The proof of Serreau's ability is poignantly proven in this film. The sensitivity and realism of the situation between the three main characters makes you immediately care for the characters, perhaps as much as they care for each other. Yet the film doesn't get bogged down in sentimentalism, there's room to laugh and cry both.

Alexa, (Christine Murillo), Fernand (Sami Frey) and Louis (Mario Gonzalez) are in their late twenties. They live in the suburbs.

They've arranged their lives according to their desires and wants. Fernand keeps house, Louis makes music and Alexa works on the outside. She's the one making the living for the trio.

Each is necessary for the survival and equilibrium of the other two. Their love is defined as tenderness, successful sexual rapport and a tolerance which is to be admired.

Louis is traumatized by a crazy mother and a loveless childhood. In Fernand and Alexa he finds security he never had.

Following a failed marriage Alexa achieves

freedom, respect and economic responsibility with Fernand and Louis. This is a new feeling for her.

Fernand, also married, has two children. He is unable to accept the traditional masculine, breadwinner, role society would have like him to have assumed. The children have been taken from him. His wife, since remarried, refuses to let him see them. Shame and ingominy are pushed upon Fernand, for he is having a relationship with Louis, a man.

Upon Alexa and Louis, Fernand lavishes his feelings of maternal longing.

Their life together slips gently along until Fernand meets a very young girl, Sylvie (Nicole Jamet). Sylvie causes Fernand to leave home. He wants to spend more time with her.

From then on the relationship gets wobbly.

Without Fernand, the relationship between Louis and Alexa crumbles. Every day without him destroys Fernand and Alexa a little more. Alexa finally leaves.

When Louis informs Fernand of Alexa's departure, he returns to their home with Sylvie. The original unity is once again achieved.

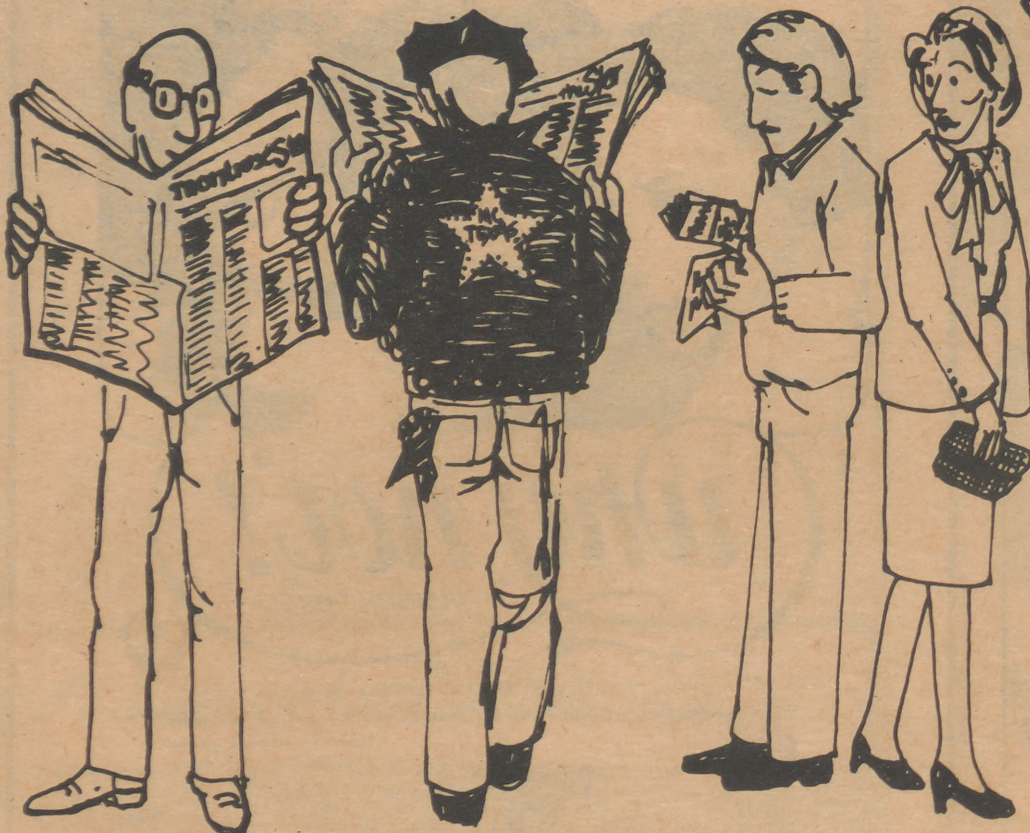
Alexa returns home and warmly welcomes Sylvie. Though a new life begins, no one has told Sylvie the real nature of the relationship. She believes they are two traditional couples. The others are committed to a more communal lifestyle.

The story doesn't end here but this synopsis does. It's an excellent movie, with the final scene between the four main characters giving to me, at least, a much better understanding of not, "I love you," but "I love them."



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# letter to the editor

## Pitch In a Hand for Mother Ruth

Dear Gay Community

As many of you already know our Mother Ruth Ravas was involved in a critical auto wreck that involved an intensive care stay.

I am happy to report that Mother Ruth is out of intensive care and doing as well as can be expected. Her hospital stay will be approximately six weeks.

However, hospital bills and extended loss of work will definitely put our friend in a financial bind.

I urge you all to help this fine woman, who has given so much time and efforts to our community, to send just one dollar in a get well card to help her out.

Mother Ruth is extremely grateful to those of you who donated blood for her cause.

Thanks

Mack McCarroll  
Twelve Oaks Hospital  
C/O Mother Ruth Ravas  
4200 Portsmouth  
Room 126  
Houston, Texas, 77027

**SEE PAGE THREE FOR  
VD SCREENING INFO**

## Integrity/Houston Not a Religious Organization!

Dear Readers

I have said this until I am blue in the face but I will continue to say it as long as it is necessary.

"Integrity/Houston is not a religious organization!" Integrity/Houston is not now, nor has it ever been affiliated with the Episcopal Integrity organization.

Integrity/Houston was founded in 1970 as a social/service group for gays and for our friends. Unfortunately, in 1974 a group of gay Episcopalians decided to form a group within their church and decided to call it 'Integrity.'

Integrity/Houston was the original Integrity, however.

Houston does have an Episcopal organization, but

it is called Episcopal Integrity.

So, to all of you that have said that you weren't interested in joining Integrity/Houston because you thought that we were a religious group, we want to invite you to attend one of our new member orientation sessions that are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at 3405 Mulberry.

At this meeting, which lasts only an hour, you will be given background information on Integrity/Houston's purpose, and shown a slide history of the group.

After this meeting you are eligible to become a member of Texas' oldest active gay organization.

You are also invited to our regular meetings which are held on the second and

fourth Thursday of each month.

We offer rap topics, guest speakers and more. We also host a Community Coffee House each Friday night from 7 -- 11 PM, for all members of the Montrose community and other interested people.

All of our regular activities take place at 3405 Mulberry at Hawthorne.

On February 16 Integrity/Houston will celebrate our tenth anniversary as a service to Houston with a Valentine Disco at the Family Center.

Join us and be a part of something special.

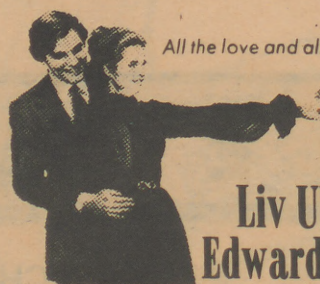
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## special feature:

# A Monologue for Our Brothers and Sisters on Jupiter

By Ben LeDoux  
STAR CONTRIBUTOR

A Monday!

Waking at noon with a hangover so heavy I couldn't find my ass with both hands. Ah, fond memories of Sundays past.

A cup of caffeine in my trembling hands. The *Houston Post*, Thursday, December 27 edition and well, Texas Shanks, Shocks and Bullshit the lead read, "Possibility of Life on Jupiter Moon Indicated by Data."

You could have blown me off in two licks. I'm blessed with a questioning mind, at times the kind that keeps one from having friends with lovers, none the less the idea swept.

Humanity seeks a friend. Aspects of "we" as the only inhabitants in an endless sea of space are no longer entertained.

We know of three logical locations in our solar system alone: Mars; Titan, a satellite of Saturn and Europa, a moon of the planet Jupiter.

The Voyager data gathered during it's fly-bys of Jupiter and its four moons indicated a global ocean 60 miles deep with a five mile crust of ice.

Hey people, that means water. NASA now admits not only could life exist, it should; Jupiter for

a few million years existed as a miniature sun, accommodating the oceans to be free of ice and probable land masses.

Now I'm quite sure, those of you who have read the preceding junk, are asking what is the point. What does life elsewhere have to do with the gay community at large?

Actually - a great deal. Suppose for a moment we meet, communicate and examine our new friends. Needless to say all Earth citizens would experience a new found brotherhood. A time of more acceptance among ourselves.

Realize, of course, instead of social distinctions, we then are massed as one race, Earthlings!

Let us further assume our newly discovered neighbors are intellectually superior. Advanced to the point of non-sexual reproduction methods, for perfected systems that insure genetic and of course cosmetic hybrid specimens. Imagine the lack of sexual suppression, the structural as well as social differences. Could not the logical order of our highly evolved neighbors influence the general thought of our world? Damn straight (no pun intended).

So it occurred to me what if, a lot of ifs in this

story, our new friends are of the gay persuasion? Not an unlikely idea. Would lack of emotion and pure logical reasoning produce a race where words such as normal, natural and always are eliminated? Violence, hate

and prejudice are unknown?

Yes dear brothers and sisters, our present social awareness would be expanded. Passage of a bill to give one equal rights and life would seem silly, more so than now.

Please don't condemn me as a "Treddie" or with head in stars waiting for a U.F.O. deliverance.

But what if it landed with banners that read "Sapien to be Homo." •



## editorials:EVERYONE HAS TO TOOT ONE'S HORN OCCASIONALLY

By Bert Hollister  
STAR PUBLISHER

Have you noticed? The *Star's* reaffirming its obligation to bring you all the news, print press releases, give the community a quality way to inform and communicate. It's our duty to report the news fairly and honestly.

Our plan is to crawl before we walk and walk before we run. We're eager to run, but wisdom overrules us and we are allowing Star Ventures Inc., the parent of the *Montrose Star* in Houston and the *Metro Star* in the Metroplex area,

to grow carefully and steadily -- to serve you well.

We're putting lots of hard work into this endeavor. Even more work is yet to come -- which excites us.

Your support, praise, pride and yes, even criticism, make us ever so proud we are part of the community.

We invite all the various organizations to send us news releases. Let us know your business and social functions. We're glad to have them. After all, they come from you -- and you are us! •

By Bill Lubing  
EDITOR

Well, it's Thursday evening. Deadline has passed. This, issue 175 of the *Montrose Star* has been delivered to the printer, 'put to bed' so to speak.

Looking back over the past five issues, those that I've put out as editor of the *Star* I'm starting to realize my concept of what the paper should be is taking shape.

The *Montrose Star* is a vehicle to be used by the Houston community. We exist because it is the feeling of everyone on the staff that a strong community is one that is well informed about itself.

If an organization seeks publicity our pages are open. Local personalities, problems

and issues need to be aired.

That is our purpose. The Houston gay community needs to be informed of issues arising in the national gay community. We assure you of our coverage.

This is the first 'editorial' I've written as editor of the *Star*. Editorial, is the wrong word. I guess thanks would be more in line.

People are responding at an increasing rate to this paper. Everyone works hard and believe me, your attention is appreciated.

In terms of what this attention means, I can say don't be shy. That's our philosophy. Our staff is capable of only so much original news reporting.

It's up to you to keep us informed so we can do our job by informing the community.

We are in the process of substantially upgrading our production equipment so that we may process news and advertising as efficiently as possible. Expanded quarters for the *Star* are in the very near future.

Why am I telling you this? Because after looking over the last five issues of the paper I can see changes occurring, the dialogue snapping faster and faster between us and you -- the *Star* doesn't want to miss a word •



# horoscope:



## Astro-Analysis

By Sonia McGinnis

HOROSCOPE FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 20, 1980

**ARIES [March 21-April 19]** - Social contacts are beneficial in promoting aims. Welcome new chances to circulate; get involved with new projects with interesting acquaintances.

**TAURUS [April 20-May 20]** - You can successfully make the climb necessary to fulfill career aims. Make firm decisions using good judgment; not a time to rely on risky speculations. Those in command take notice of your good abilities.

**GEMINI [May 21-June 21]** - A good time to patch up differences with relatives, make contacts necessary to improve present situation. New studies are both profitable and intriguing this week.

**CANCER [June 22-July 21]** - Good perceptive abilities give you a definite edge now. Work with mate or partner in new money making schemes; place confidence in their know-how in handling business and financial affairs.

**LEO [July 22-August 21]** - You get public attention with your involvement in important issues; show diplomacy, avoid any unnecessary disagreements. A good trend prevails for giving more consideration to new contracts, forming partnerships.

**VIRGO [August 22-September 22]** - By channeling energy in a constructive direction you can meet challenges with confidence this week. Associates are exceptionally good in lending their assistance, sharing with the workload.

**LIBRA [September 23-October 22]** - Week promises a stepped up pace, increased social goings on. Welcome chances to circulate with friends, embark upon new business encounters. Keep activities above reproach, leave no room for gossip.

**SCORPIO [October 23-November 21]** - Although interests are diversified this week you should see to domestic obligations first. A good time also to make home improvements or redecorate.

**SAGITTARIUS [November 22-December 20]** - Your adeptness at conveying your opinions getting messages across to important people is good now. Use talents to promote those personal aims. You get proper credit for abilities.

**CAPRICORN [December 21-January 20]** - Accomplishments are abundant. Project your personality, be extroverted in order to put those aims, aspirations into motion. Philosophical views should be shared with close friends.

**AQUARIUS [January 21-February 19]** - Be aggressive about things you now desire; stars favor for energy, drive if you use proper advance planning. A week to look closely at paperwork, joint interests with others.

**PISCES [February 20-March 20]** - Friendships prove your most valuable asset now; talk over personal aims with those close to you and welcome their good advice. Work on developing your creative talents as you are now more prone to express these abilities.

# stanley: In Love But Where

## Does the Money Go?

By Stanley S. Stanley  
STAR COLUMNIST

Dear Stanley: My lover and I are very much in love and have been together for nine years. We have a comfortable lifestyle and a loving relationship that's just wonderful.

But my lover has a very bad habit of spending all the money we make. It causes us to live right up to the line, but not beyond our means.

How can I get her to conserve? I just can't say no to her.

(signed)  
Margie

Dear Margie

First, if you all now have a reasonable amount of savings and investments, enough that you can live in the same manner for one year, you are on pretty safe ground, according to most financial advisors.

So go ahead and enjoy! But if you have no or little savings and your credit cards are near their limits . . . its time to firmly say no.

Plan your "no" logically.

Offer a plan for savings or investments and prove to her that savings is just the

opposite of the spending habit. Get advice from qualified financial people, such as a banker. It's a good idea to have enough life insurance, should one of you die, the other has the bills and all properties paid for automatically.

Term insurance is lowest and with inflation probably best . . . even though ordinary life (whole life) and retirement plans create cash values, you can create more earnings on your monies in Money Market Certificates, etc.

# cookin'

## Arkansas Shrimp is Wonderful!

By Bert Hollister  
STAR PUBLISHER

It was during my Christmas holiday visit in Magnolia, Arkansas I discovered this delicious shrimp recipe.

To be an inland state, I was surprised that Arkansas had such a simple and delicious and original dish. It is not a Christmas dish, but I heard about it and it sounded so tantalizing as soon as I returned to my home I headed for the kitchen, to get it all together and test it.

Although you probably are full of holiday food for now, I suggest you make this one as soon as you eat again. It is so unique and delicious.

### Shrimp

- Four bananas, quartered

- Melted butter
- Four cups curry sauce (see below)

- One to two pounds fresh shrimp, cooked and cleaned

- Three cups cooked rice (I like Uncle Ben's converted)

Saute bananas in butter, Heat shrimp in curry sauce and serve over hot rice. (Wild rice is good, too.)

### The Curry Sauce

- One third cup butter
- Three fourths cup flour

- Three teaspoons curry powder (less if desired)

- One half teaspoon salt, dash pepper

- Three and one half to four cups chicken stock

Melt butter in sauce pan. Combine flour, salt, pepper and curry.

Gradually add half of the dry ingredients to the melted butter, stirring constantly until smooth thick paste is made.

Slowly add one cup liquid and stir 'til smooth.

Continue in this procedure until everything is combined. Cook over a medium heat, stirring constantly 'til sauce thickens, about 10 minutes.

Makes four cups.

Store sauce not needed in freezer and use at random.

# gay america:

## 'Windy City' has Been Hot Since Mrs. O'Leary's Cow

By Bob Damron  
STAR COLUMNIST

The "Windy City" has always been a hot town, possibly dating from the time of Mrs. O'Leary's notorious cow. Last summer was hot too... and I don't mean just the weather!

Several bars were raided. All seems to be back to normal currently.

Chicago is a truly great city containing three of the

five tallest buildings in the world, Soldier's Field, University of Chicago, Alder Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, Merchandise Mart and with parks, zoo's theatres, art galleries, concert halls and museums too numerous to mention. However, for a first time visitor I would suggest a trip around the Loop on the 'L' (elevated railway) and a drive north on Lake Shore Drive's 'Gold Coast.'

There are many good

hotels, but few are gay.

Of these, the Abbot at 721 Belmont is your best bet. The Barracks is very transient, and some baths offer overnight accommodations. I usually stay at the Travelodge Heart of Chicago, which has modest rooms but is convenient to the Clark Street and near North Side bars.

The 'big three' super discos are Carol's Speakeasy at 1355 North Wells (despite the recent demise of



## gay america cont.

Carol), the beautifully refurbished Dugan's Bistro at 420 North Broadway and Broadway Limited at 3130 North Broadway.

Others include Cry-stal's Blinkers (opposite the Broadway Limited), Sundays, The Factory... and the new bi-sexual dance palace called Coconuts, which is neither fish nor fowl.

Chicago's legendary Gold Coast, known locally as the G C at 501 North Clark Street is one of the most famous leather and levi bars in America. Lots of action... especially weekends when the dungeon-like basement is open. Also downstairs is the Leather Cell, a boutique offering practically everything you wouldn't be able to buy at Marshall Fields. Their other shop, Male Hide Leather, Inc, is located just around the corner at 66 West Illinois Street and is open days.

Two other popular levi and leather cruise bars are Touche at 2825 North Clark and Redoubt on Illinois opposite the Male Hide.

The Locker on Clark is new and worth trying.

Some of the better gay/mixed restaurants are My Brother's Place, Dion & Co Pizzeria, Arnie's, Ely's Place for steaks and The Waterfront.

For great but expensive straight gourmet dining try the Abacus (Chinese), Bakery, Cape Cod Room, Jacques, Jovan Le Perroquet, Maxim's De Paris, Ninety Fifth and the Pump Room.

Hot, mostly macho cruise bars include Alfies,

Bushes, Cheeks (late), Little Jim's and the Loading Zone.

Marilyn's is an all gal disco, open weekends only at 472 North Clark. Other women prefer the Lady Bug, Petunia's or CK & Augie's.

Chicago's two oldest bars are Kitty Shean's and the Haig, Vintage 1930, as are most of their customers.

Some terrific baths are Man's Country, 5015 North Clark, CBC's Club Chicago, 609 North La Salle and Steamworks, 3131 North Lincoln. Man's Country has a cabaret, disco, snack bar and overnight accommodations, as well as the usual scene.

Man's World North and the Ohio & State Health Club are also rans. The Body Shop is a new nautilus equipped gym at 2451 North Lincoln.

### Action B

Action book stores with cruisy arcades are the Machine Shop, 504 North Clark, Idyl Books, 3511 North Halsted and the new Second Story Emporium on Broadway. Source-A is a small, more serious book boutique located in the Knight Out bar at 2936 North Clark.

Outdoor cruising can be rewarding at Belmont Rocks, Oak Street Beach or 'the bushes' in Lincoln Park. Chicago Gay Life is an informative weekly newspaper.

Various Chicago bars close at 2 AM while others are open until 4 AM. So check this out, chart out your course of action, and happy hunting. If you can't find it in Chicago, you might as well give up! •

whose occupational or recreational needs require dependable travel under the most adverse conditions. It's also for people living in rural areas or in the snow belt where driving often is difficult or impossible during stormy periods.

While it shares many body components with AMC's compact Concord, the Eagle sits three inches higher off the ground for better clearance and uses 15 inch wheels and tires instead of 14's.

It is built in three versions, a two-door sedan, four-door sedan and four-door station wagon. I tested the wagon, which probably is the most versatile of the three models.

All have the same two front bucket seats and instrument panel and a roomy rear seat for two or three, but the back of the rear seat in the wagon can be folded forward, opening up 57 cubic feet of cargo space.

The sedans have 11 cubic feet of luggage space.

All three models are 186.2 inches long on a 108.3 inch wheelbase. They are 71.9 inches wide and stand approximately 55 inches high. A 258 cubic inch V-6 with floor-mounted

three-speed automatic transmission is the only power train available this year.

Four wheel drive engages automatically only when needed. There are no levers to move or knobs to twist.

I originally tested the Eagle at American Motors' off-road course at the company's proving grounds near Burlington, Wisconsin. A week of rain had left the fields, dirt roads and trails in a terribly bad condition. But neither soggy fields nor steep muddy hills could stop the car.

None of the conventional front-wheel or rear-wheel drive cars at the grounds could follow the rugged Eagle on the tests.

Later, testing the car during a week of normal driving, I was impressed with its quiet, smooth ride and the comfort of its interior, fully equal to superior passenger car standards.

An independent front suspension, rare on 4WD cars, contributes to its good ride and fine handling. The ride is so much more comfortable than in AMC's other 4WD car, the Jeep, that they can't be compar-

ed. Still, with a trailer towing package, the Eagle can haul up to 3,500 pounds.

I averaged 14.6 Miles per gallon in a week of city and urban freeway driving and 17.2 MPG on a 105 mile highway test at 55 MPH. The Eagle has a 22 gallon fuel tank.

The car can accelerate from zero to 50 MPH in 11.1 seconds and from 30 to 50 in 6.8 seconds.

The Eagle wagon's base price of \$7,549 includes power steering and power brakes (discs in front), reclining bucket seats, an electronic quartz digital clock and radial tires.

A full range of optional equipment and luxury packages are available at extra cost, including air conditioning, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows and door locks, automatic load leveling, heavy duty suspension and numerous audio options.

The Eagle is covered by a full warranty for one year or 12,000 miles and a five-year rust warranty.

An extended parts and service warranty for up to 36 months or 36,000 miles can be purchased for \$295.

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## auto: AMC's 1980 Eagle: This Year's Most Remarkable New Car

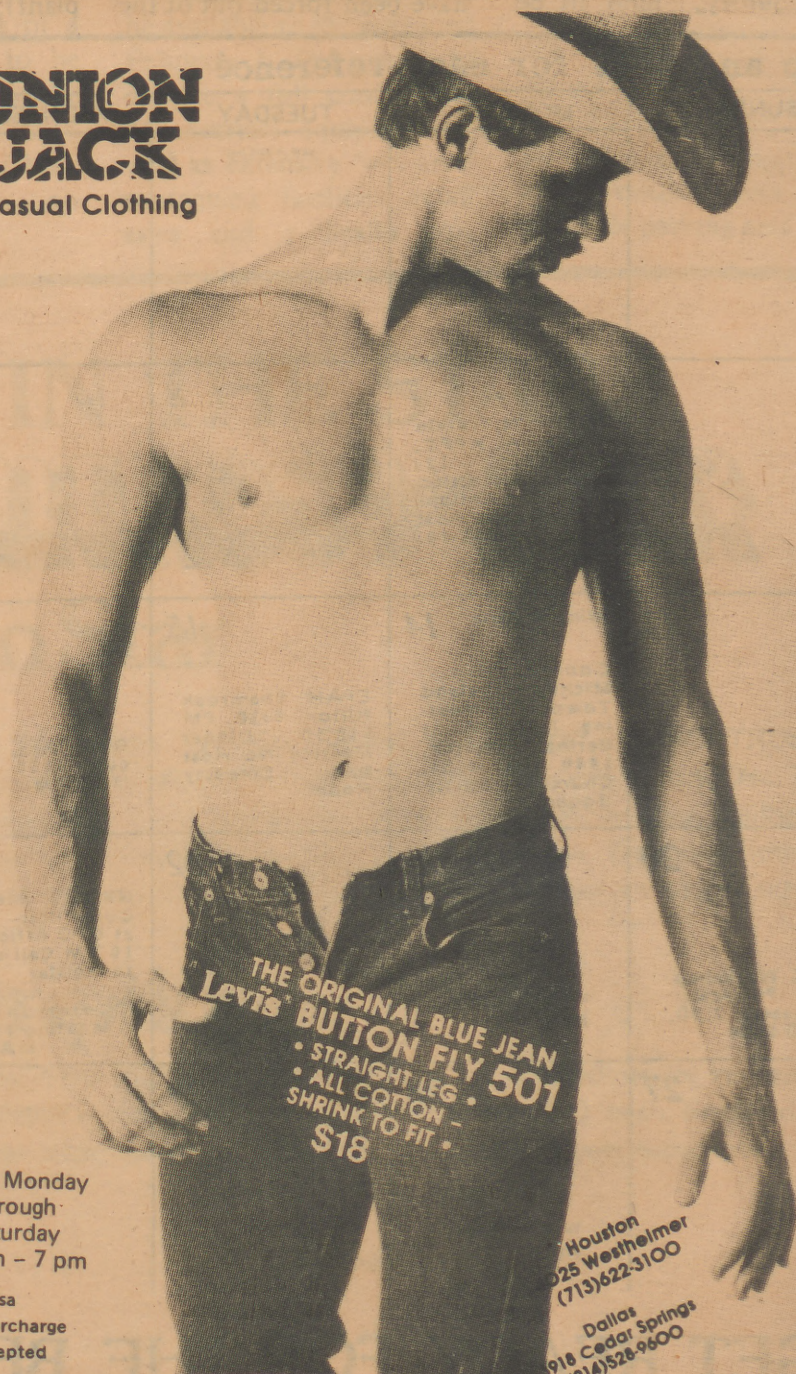
By Doyle K. Getter  
STAR COLUMNIST

Combining the luxury, good handling and easy riding qualities of a conventional passenger car with the all-weather safety and superior traction of an automatic four-wheel-drive

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FAMILY NIGHT AT  
ICE CAPADES  
SKATING  
PARTY  
GALLERIA  
GAY BLADES

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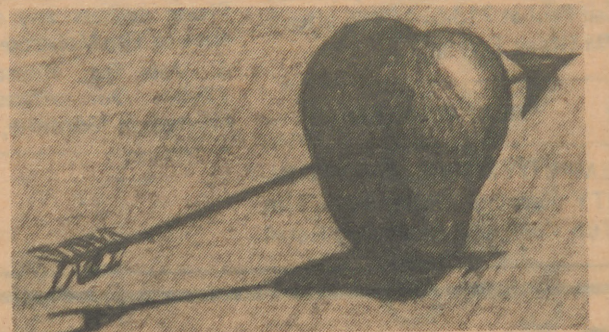
TAVERN GUILD  
MEETS  
TUES. JAN. 22

FAMILY NIGHT IS  
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7:30 PM

MOVIE NIGHT AT MARY'S  
is  
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