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Patrol on the Lookout for Pellet Gun Snipers

Jim Cheek, a supervisor for the Montrose Patrol, reported to the *Star* that between 10:15 PM and 12 PM last Saturday evening, January 26 a group of "three kids" in a late model Monte Carlo were taking pot shots at citizens around the intersection of Montrose Blvd. and Westheimer.

"What they used was a pellet gun," explained Cheek. This is a carbon dioxide powered pistol similar to a BB gun, but more powerful. Four people were fired upon, according to Cheek, with one person requiring hospitalization.

The suspects have not been identified except for a general description.

"There were three kids in a late model silver Monte Carlo with a black or maroon vinyl top," Cheek related. "Two wore medium length blond hair and a third was a brunette."

The car had Texas plates, with the first two letters reported as 'JM.'

Cheek went on to say the suspects didn't take random shots at people, "but waited until they saw three or so people together. One of the kids would holler and when the group looked to see who hollered they were shot with the pellet gun."

The effect of a pellet gun can be serious if you are hit in a location where there's tender skin. It's especially damaging when there's no bone under the skin.

The Houston Police Department was notified of the incidents and is has the case on file.

People wishing to report information to the Patrol should call 520-9616.



Everybody had a good time at the benefit for Mother Ruth that was held last Wednesday night at the Barn. A series of benefits for Mother Ruth is underway among local bars.

Summer Receives Awards

HOLLYWOOD -- Disco diva Donna Summer and soul singer Michael Jackson as well as the Bee Gees won top honors at the annual American Music Awards, January 19.

Selected favorite female vocalist in both pop-rock and the soul categories, Summer also carried away the top favorite single in the pop-rock category with her hit Bad Girls.

Selected favorite male vocalist Jackson won three awards in the soul category.

His single Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough as well as album Off the Wall each turned up favorites.

Picked as the favorite duo, group or chorus in the pop-rock competition, the Bee Gees' album Spirits Having Flown was selected favorite pop-rock album.

Chosen favorite male vocalist in the pop-rock category was Barry Manilow with the Commodores selected the favorite soul duo, group or chorus.

In the country music

department country crooner Kenny Rogers was picked favorite male country vocalist. His album The Gambler was picked as favorite country album.

Selected favorite country female vocalist was Crystal Gayle.

With the favorite country duo or group area, the Statler Brothers won. Sleepin' Single in a Double Bed, sung by Barbara Mand-

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Family Slates Gay

Pride Week Discussion

This Sunday, February 3, at 2 PM Family is hosting an informal discussion to plan for Gay Pride Week 1980.

Representatives of all Houston Area organizations and businesses as well as all

interested individuals are invited to attend.

Participants are urged to bring a light lunch. Beverages will be furnished by Family.

The organization is located at 3207 Montrose Blvd., in Houston.

DALLAS (Metro Star) -- About four years ago following a raid on the Club Dallas, the community turned out in force and overflowed the new facilities of Metropolitan Community Church at Reagan and Brown, in Dallas. This time it looked like about 450 people were in attendance when the Dallas Gay Political Caucus held a meeting on police harassment, with David Rosen,

chief prosecutor for the city attorney's office as special guest speaker.

Former Caucus president Steve Wilkins, who was in the audience, stood up and asked where the people

were when regular meetings were being held and why meetings never got such a big turnout. His question hit too close to home to get the applause it deserved.

The crowd was obviously in a mood to applaud, and a positive attitude prevailed, despite the information Rosen gave the crowd promptly upon his arrival,

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DGPC Meeting an Up

INSIDE

A coronation ball was held last weekend (see the centerfold) And if you want to see what's happening this weekend, page right through!

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We Support Family

LOCAL NEWS:

Patrol Holds First Open Board Meeting

Last Friday evening, January 25, the Montrose Patrol Board of Supervisors held its first open Board meeting.

From now on, these weekly Board meetings will be open to all interested persons. The Board meets in the new Family offices at 3207 Montrose on alternate Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons—anyone interested in attending should call 520-9616 and check the time of the next meeting.

One of the Patrol's current goals is to increase visibility in the community, both by recruiting more members to put a wider-ranging group of patrol units out on the streets, and by making the units and the Patrol members more easily recognizable.

Every Patrol member on duty will be carrying an ID card clipped to the shirt or jacket. It should be easily visible—if someone claims to be a Patrol member and you don't see an ID card,

ask. Permanent members will have cards with their photos and thumbprints, countersigned by a Supervisor; temporary members and those under consideration will be issued temporary ID cards without photos.

David Schell, who has designed graphics for several Montrose community organizations, has offered to design an official Montrose Patrol logo. Soon the Patrol hopes to have easily identifiable armbands with the new logo for all the members to wear. Vehicle identification is still in the planning stage, but the Patrol hopes to be able to work out some sort of magnetic signs or window signs so that people can recognize an on-duty patrol unit driving around when they need it.

Ray Hill has offered the Montrose Patrol some time on the weekly Wilde 'N' Stein talk program on KPFT. In the next couple of weeks, the Patrol hopes

to arrange for a couple of Patrol Supervisors to go over to the radio station and put together a discussion which might give listeners a better idea of what the Patrol does and how it operates.

The next general membership meeting will be held on February 9 at 2 PM at the Family offices. These meetings are open to all members of the Patrol and anyone interested in becoming a member. Also, all members can expect a call from one of the seven Supervisors in the near future to discuss scheduling work shifts.

They are also eager to discuss any new ideas people might have about the Patrol.

Finally, the Patrol appreciates the loan of several modular furniture units from GPC. It's this kind of community support that keeps Patrol members out on call until 4 or 5 every weekend.

GHC Family Team for 'Heritage Days'

Ron Burnett of the Gay Hispanic Caucus and Phil Slusser, of Family announced an event called Heritage Days, to take place March 9.

The plan for the 11 AM to dark gathering is for businesses and individuals to present an environment expressing, "the many different type cultures such as food, shows, dress etc. that we are exposed to in the gay community," said Slusser.

The event is to take place at the corner of

Lovett and Montrose, with local businesses and organizations invited to set up booths.

With the Heritage Day taking place on Sunday, Friday evening will see a Heritage Ball. The organizations are finalizing the location for the ball.

Organizations and businesses interested in participating in the Heritage Day are urged to contact the Gay Hispanic Caucus at 520-6850 or the Family Center at 3207 Montrose, in Houston.

Gay / Lesbian Group Receives Recognition

Monday evening, January 22, the Rice University Gay/Lesbian Support Group won official recognition from the Rice Student Association.

The goals of the organization are to serve as a support group for its mem-

bers and an educational vehicle for the Rice community.

Membership is open to Rice University students, faculty, staff, and alumni. For more information, call Mike at 522-7349.

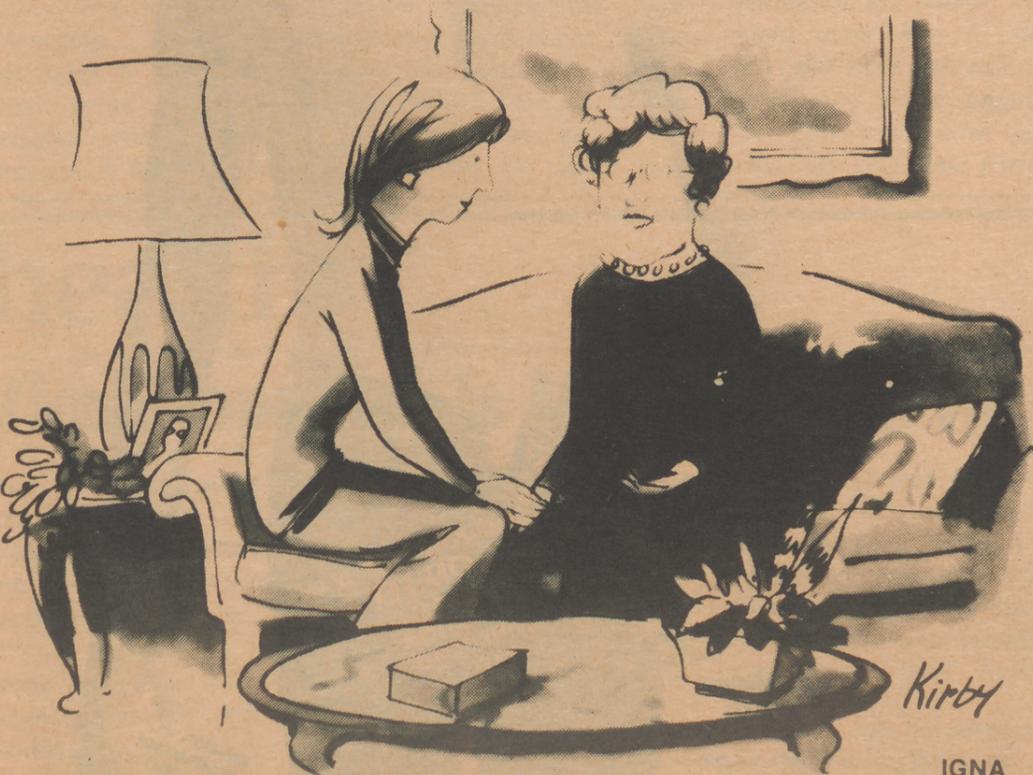
Miss Camp America Inc. Donates \$1081

Miss Camp America Inc. has given the Montrose Activity Center \$1081 for the use of the center on New Year's Eve. The Decade '80 party given by Miss Camp America was the most successful and widely acclaimed party ever held at MAC.

Upon arriving at the party, guests entered through a winding tunnel displaying the Houston bar scene of the '70's. The guests then entered the large bar and refreshment area and then on to the highly decorated disco with Houston's Terry Chapman not letting anyone stop their dancing.

The center is available for meetings and/or parties.

To reserve the center call Nick at 528-6669.



IGNA

"Your being gay doesn't shock me, but I can't see how I can break the news to your Aunt Doris and her roommate."

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Marching in the Rain Makes Statement about Gay Equal Rights

By Daniel Curzon
IGNA

SACRAMENTO, CA — (IGNA) — Braving a hard-if-warm-rain, some 5,000-8,000 marchers filled up 20 blocks in Sacramento on Sunday, January 13 to make their statement about the need for a bill to prevent discrimination against homosexuals employed in California.

The Gay Freedom Day Marching Band, the Gay Men's Chorus, the Lavender Harmony Band, and various other organizations from around the state gathered to demonstrate gay solidarity on the need to end discrimination. Grey Davis,

representing Governor Jerry Brown, said that the fact that so many marched in the rain showed a genuine "commitment" to a legitimate cause.

The march was scheduled at this time of the year because AB 1, a bill that would prevent employers from firing or refusing to hire people because of sexual orientation, is to be voted soon by committees of both the Assembly and the Senate. Several hundred gay activists stayed over in the capitol to lobby their representatives in person so that the bill will pass.

AB 1 is considered more likely to pass because it is a bill solely about em-

ployment discrimination. It does not include the following:

1 It does not require any employer to hire gays. Thus it is not an Affirmative measure.

2 It does not allow any sexual activity by anyone on the job.

3 It permits an employer to establish dress standards.

4 It exempts those persons convicted of sex crimes with minors, should they apply for jobs involving children.

5 It does not permit advocacy of a homosexual lifestyle.

6 It exempts religious organizations. (A major

exemption, it should be noted)

Some of the people who participated as speakers or entertainers at the rally after the march were: Art Agnos, the Assemblyman who sponsored AB 1, Senator Milton Marks, Senator Roberti of Los Angeles, Rev. Troy Perry, Robin Tyler, Holly Near, and Meg Christian.

A group of Christians (some of them converted gays) stood in the rain near the end of the march with signs calling for repentance. When IGNA spoke to them, they said they didn't hate gays; they loved them. "We are all sinners," one of them said. "I am tempted

by drugs, but I am saved by Jesus," he added.

There were no incidents during the march, although the Sacramento police told the marchers they could not have sticks on their banners. Some marchers removed their sticks; some did not.

The area in front of the speakers' stand became very muddy, but people continued to endure the bursts of rain. Thousands of umbrellas, protest signs, raincoats, water-soaked heads, smiling faces, a few shivers and some head colds—all of these were the symbols of the gay rights movement as it begins the 1980's.

Oral Sex Can Create Dental Problems

DALLAS— (IGNA) — Oral lesions can be related to sexual practices, a dentist has told a meeting of the American Dental Association here.

Dr. Frank M. Lucatorto is quoted in the *Dallas Morning News* as saying that the growing prevalence of oral sex has caused increase in the number of lesions in the oral cavity, lesions once confined to the genital area.

He said, "Patients are usually totally unaware that oral lesions could be related to their sexual practices. Once they understand this, they are more willing to discuss their sexual activities."

Lucatorto said such oral lesions account for 2 percent of all gonorrhea, or

60,000 to 80,000 cases a year.

The problem has been that dentists are hesitant in asking about such intimate areas of their patient's lives. Lucatorto added that most patients don't particularly want to discuss their oral habits, but they will discuss them if questioned.

By asking questions concerning all possible lesions, dentists can use the proper laboratory tests to diagnose and treat diseases of the mouth more quickly, Lucatorto said.

He said that venereal diseases sometimes are confused with other lesions of the mouth and fail to get the proper amount of penicillin, thus leaving the patient vulnerable to later complications.

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Let's Talk Soup!

By Bert Hollister
STAR PUBLISHER

On a recent walking tour of Manhattan Island, I started one morning at 8 AM and walked from the Battery to Uptown.

I criss-crossed the island and saw much of SOHO (South of Houston Street, pronounced 'House-ton) Wall Street, the Village, and then Mid-town and stopped at Uptown, since I had already seen it.

It took all day, and tired feet you WOULD believe. Returning to my hotel, I slept the evening away.

The next day I felt extra hungry - but when I

overeat I get a little paunch from heavy foods and that cuts down on my exciting part of life a bit, so I decided, while on the town to stop in various places and have soup.

Its nourishing, filling and light - and no paunch.

It is amazing what I found in soups - and here are some to share with you.

YANKEE GAZPACHO
(Can You Imagine Gazpacho in New York?)

- One eight and a half ounce can of red beets, do not drain.

- One cup beef consommé.

- One-half onion

chopped.

- One half cup sour cream

- One half lemon, juiced (or juice of)

- Dash tarragon vinegar

- Salt and pepper to taste

- Sour cream for topping

- Chopped chives for topping

- Hard-cooked egg, sieved for topping

Combine all ingredients except toppings. In blender. Puree 'til smooth. Chill for several hours.

Ladle into chilled soup bowls and top with a dollop of sour cream, chives and

egg.

Serves two.

Traveling on down the coast a few days later to Washington, DC, I had soup lunch at the capitol.

No wonder our elected officials pass some of the legislation we have. But nevertheless, it was a mid-day pickup.

BLOODY MARY SOUP

- One onion, finely chopped

- Three ribs celery, finely chopped

- Two Tablespoons butter

- Two tablespoons tomato puree

- One tablespoon sugar

- Five Cups tomato juice

- One-half cup vodka
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a saucepan saute the onion and celery in the butter until soft. Add the puree and sugar and cook about one minute.

Add the tomato juice and simmer for ten minutes. Add the remaining ingredients and strain (the food) Return to heat (still the food)

Bring to boil and remove. Chill for at least four hours. Ladle into chilled crystal bowls.

Serves six. •

stanley:

Not Sick but He Sure Complains!

By Stanley S. Stanley
STAR COLUMNIST

Dear Stanley: I have a very good and longtime friend who lives out of town.

We still write pretty often. I really like it when he does. He also calls me long distance, you know the trip.

It is a valued longtime friendship . . . but I feel it's becoming a strain. About three years ago he was stricken with a series of illnesses. A few were simple

one and a couple were serious.

Now that he's well he continues to complain in his letters, on the phone, and when we get together he seems to delve on the 'down' side of life.

I would really appreciate it if he'd return to his happy self again and stop so much complaining and gloomy projections about his life. Is there a way to tell him? I have mentioned to him to get happy for once but he doesn't

here me. Now he's starting to get me down. What can I do to help keep this friendship.

(signed)

Tired of Listening

Dear Tired: It's time to have a sit down serious talk when you are together again. It is not best to write to him, or talk about the matter on the phone. You might invite him to visit you and have the talk on your own home ground.

Let him know you value his long time friend-

ship and want to maintain it and that even though you realize how severe his past conditions were, they are not now, and the world is moving on without him.

Tell him you'd like to hear good news and conversation from him for a change, but he is free to turn to you again if he really should need your shoulder.

But now, that things are going otherwise, if he is going to continue to live on the gloomy side of life he

will have to do it alone, since it is totally created by him.

You do have your life to live, and sometimes, times do develop changing situations that alter the values of friends. In the passing of a few months if he has not begun to change for the better, stop calling him, stop writing him and let the matter become one-sided for a while.

He will probably notice and shape up.

Good luck to you both.

health:

Viral Hepatitis is Major World Health Problem

By L.A. Chotkowski, MD
STAR COLUMNIST

Viral Hepatitis (inflammation of the liver) is a major world health problem.

In the United States alone 43,000 new cases are reported annually with 850 deaths.

It was my privilege to moderate a recent symposium on this prevalent dis-

ease at the University of Connecticut Health Center. Physicians here, described several viruses causing hepatitis, named A, B, C (non A or B), mononucleosis and cytomegalic (sigh-toe-meg-al'ick) viruses.

The most common is virus A, which often runs through a household, causing relatively mild 'yellow

jaundice.' It does, however, carry a one per 1,000 mortality rate. Virus A is passed on primarily from person to person via bowel movement in what is called the 'fecal oral' route.

This can be prevented by careful hygiene or by gamma globulin shots. Mononucleosis and cytomegalic hepatitis are also usual-

ly mild.

Virus B, however, causes severe hepatitis. It was formerly called serum hepatitis because of transmission via blood serum transfusion and needle injections. Some 25 percent of transfusion hepatitis is fatal.

Virus B is now known to be spread by all body

fluids, including saliva by kissing and semen with sex.

One of the difficulties in tracing the source of any hepatitis B case is the occasional long 'incubation' time of as many as six months after contact.

How can we avoid hepatitis B?

This is difficult. Sad to say, perhaps we are doing too much kissing •

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Cabaret Theatre Seeks Actor for 'Sleuth'

Cabaret Theatre, Inc, Houston's newest professional theatre, will hold auditions for the role of 'Milo' in its upcoming production, *Sleuth*, the mystery thriller scheduled to run March 18 - May 11.

C T I is looking for young men (age range 25 - 35) with good British dialects.

Auditions will be held by appointment on Thursday, January 31 and Friday, February 1, 7:30 PM, in the Cabaret Theatre at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel (6900 Main at Holcombe.)

A picture and resume is requested.

Besides *Sleuth*, the productions scheduled for Cabaret Theatre, Inc's pre-

miere season include *Zorba*, a musical version of *Zorba the Greek*, *What the Butler Saw*, a british farce, and *Of Thee I Sing*, the Pulitzer Prize winning musical with a score by George Gershwin.

For information on season tickets and audition appointment times call 665-4647.

EPAH Announces March Meeting

The Executive and Professional Association of Houston has announced the program for its March 11 meeting, at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Embassy Room.

Dr. Charles Silverstein, author of *The Joy of Gay Sex* will speak at the

meeting.

No host cocktails at 6:30 and the dinner meeting will be at 7:30 PM.

For reservations please send your check to EPAH, 1343 S. Voss Rd, Houston, Texas, 77057.

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EDITORIAL

A Townmeeting II Works into the Scheme of Things

By Bill Lubing
EDITOR

Last Tuesday evening I was talking with Ron Burnett, president of the Gay Hispanic Caucus. Among the many issues we touched on was the 'Heritage Day' coming up, which is sponsored by both the GHC and Family, a local fundraising organization.

While encouraged with the cooperation between these two organizations on this project, Ron spoke of a general 'spinning of the wheels' in the gay community, in particular among the multitude of gay organizations working to make Houston a better place for gays.

My impression after talking to Ron was to a degree that Houston is as many separate segments as there are organizations, with, as Ron said, "a real lack of communication between them."

When first mulling the matter Ron felt a Town meeting II would help clarify goals among the leaders of the community.

"There is a lot of duplication going on in the gay community," I remember Ron saying. "And a lot of people are committing the same mistakes others have made in the past."

We then got to thinking about the purpose of Townmeeting I or, quite honestly what we could remember of it; that being a clarification of goals by the gay community; for the gay community; and a statement to the straight community about what the gay community is trying to accomplish.

It's time to reiterate, reaffirm the direction organized gays are taking in this community. Nobody has all the answers. Houston is reaching a point of specialization among its human rights organizations. Some are politically motivated with political results

the goal. Others are socially oriented, geared for interaction primarily between its members. Others work to provide funding for a variety of projects.

The end result is the same, realizing the gay community. Lack of a solid communications network between the gay people of Houston does not necessarily set us back, but it impedes progress, increases the risk of serious misunderstanding.

The solution? A big huddle. A network of communication between organizations, "to talk about achievements, problems -- to organize the information within the community," as Ron said.

How to do this. A Town Meeting II, is a partial solution - should in fact be called simply so we can reach a reference point in regard to Town Meeting I. How far have we come?

But Ron saw the idea go further than simply one meeting. It has to. A monthly meeting on a regular basis between all organizations would help tremendously in disseminating information, gripes, disarming the rumors that have plagued communication on every level.

A planned meeting once a month should be operative even before Town Meeting II.

The idea should not be looked upon as a criticism, but a statement attesting to the growth Houston has shown in organized power. Ron and I agree it's a more joyful task coordinating a group of vital, flourishing organizations than to pull together isolated individuals. The power is there. The work is continuing. Houston has come a long way real fast in proving through solid achievement what organization can do.

Misinformation needs to be kept to a minimum. This is one idea to dispell its occurrence.

LETTERS

Homophobia Greatest Impediment to Gay Equal Rights

(The following is a portion of a statement broadcast on the Wilde 'n Stein radio show on Monday, January 28 at 10 PM by KPFT radio, in Houston. Read by Ray Hill, the text is reproduced here as a letter to the editor.)

Dear Editor

The greatest impediment to securing equal rights and treatment for gay and lesbian citizens in this city is a mental disorder called homophobia.

Homophobia is a pathological fear or hate of gay men and lesbians.

The greatest local concentration of persons suffering from homophobia is at 61 Reisner Street, near downtown Houston. That is the location of the Houston Police Department Central Headquarters.

Sexually insecure males in the kind of male dominated environments that police atmospheres create feel personally challenged by homosexuals and gay subcultures.

It is not my homosexual feelings and practices that produce the pathological homophobia of the officers, it is their inability to explain and understand the homosexual feelings they experience.

Their denial and suppression of these feelings produce frustration which in turn gives rise to the pathology.

Houston Police Chief Harry Caldwell has consistently demonstrated symptoms of pathological homophobia. He is extremely uncomfortable in the presence of individuals he knows to be gay.

On at least one occasion he lit the wrong end of a cigarette in gay company and instead of putting his mistake in the ash tray in full view of others in the room he threw it on the floor under his desk. Chief Caldwell has given irrational and even incoherent responses to the media when asked questions about incidents between police and the gay community.

For the evidence just cited and much much more, it is safe for me to conclude that Harry Caldwell suffers from pathological homophobia, a mental disorder that impairs his ability to execute the responsibilities of his position of authority.

If my analysis is not true; he may sue me as he has encouraged the officers under his command to sue their critics.

My defense in such litigation will be to prove that Harry Caldwell is a sick man.

He has been notified in sufficient time for his legal counsel to record this broadcast and prepare a case.

Until Harry Caldwell recognizes his pathology and seeks professional help we cannot expect relations between the gay community and the Houston Police Department to progress beyond their present state.

(signed)
Ray Hill

MUSIC

From Page One

rell won as the favorite country single.

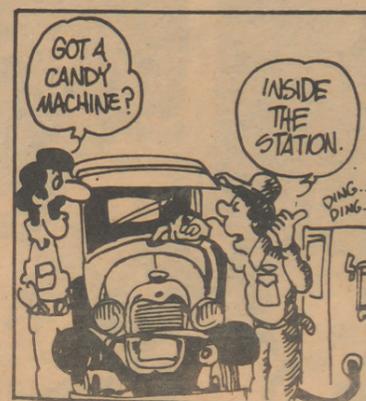
Receiving a Distinguished Merit Award for his "unparalleled contribution to the culture of America" was Benny Goodman.

Previous winners of that award were Bing Crosby, Barry Gordy Jr., Irving Berlin, Johnny Cash, Ella Fitzgerald and Perry Como.

Hosting the program were Elton John, Natalie Cole and Toni Tennille.

The award nominees were selected from year-end sales charts of major music industry publications. A nationwide sampling of 30,000 record buyers was used to compute the winners.

FARLEY





Coronation 1980 Brings Emperor and Empress to Houston

By George Barnhart
STAR STAFF



The year was 1962. The place was San Francisco, California.

The police of San Francisco and those entrusted with the administration of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (i.e. the 'liquor boys') worked in unison to see that the average life expectancy of a gay bar in San Francisco was six months or less.

A fledging group of bar owners, bartenders and responsible patrons first dreamed of a more free day, when their lives and bars would be justly treated — and then acting on that hope came the humble beginnings of the Tavern Guild of San Francisco.

Formal meeting began to be held. The Tavern guild gained a state charter. A loan fund for unemployed members in need of financial assistance was set up — this helped those who's bar was closed by the police.

It was out of this turbulent and yet energizing times that the idea of the

'Empress and Emperor of San Francisco' was born.

Taking the cue from the sublime, but extravagant craziness of the historic oddity known as 'His Majesty the Great Emperor Norton I' (1819-1880) the Tavern Guild re-established the precedent, believing sometimes the way to win the ears of your enemies is by overwhelming them with the ridiculous and preposterous.

In this light San Francisco observed the coronation of 'Her Imperial Majesty Empress Jose I (the dowage of Wirt in 1966).

The year is 1980. The place is Houston Texas.

History does repeat itself. Following the lead of a newly formed Bar and Tavern Guild, of Houston, and several successful fundraising attempts by Family, as well as significant political victories. Houston seems destined to borrow from its own history of mad impetuous emperors.

Last Saturday evening,

January 26, gay citizens joined at the Dog Patch II for Houston's Coronation 1980.

Bill (Doglady) from the Dog Patch II said to the *Star* in an exclusive interview, "I'm not going to be content with bringing to Houston the healthy, horny and historic tradition of our gay activist beginnings in San Francisco. That's only the start.

Why keep this thing earthbound?

Bill Rodgers unveiled plans for the Emperor and Empress of Houston Pageant to be held sometime in October at a major Houston hotel.

Between now and that time there will be big events at all the participating bars around the city as nominees from each representative business are picked.

A schedule of planned events will be published in the *Star* as soon as possible.



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Houston Miami

Flights Begin

February 1 at Hobby

Air Florida begins a nonstop Houston-to-Miami service February 1. Two daily roundtrip flights from Hobby Airport were announced by the Miami-based carrier.

Planned since mid-1979, the service will be inaugurated with a special promotion under which Air Florida's regular one-way fare of \$99 will be dropped to \$49.

This promotion will continue through February.

From Miami, Air Florida will offer connections on its own system to 13 other Florida cities and several Caribbean resorts.

A future connection via Air Florida from Miami to London is also a possibil-

ity, officials said, because the airline has emerged as the leading contender for reassignment of the Miami-to-London route now flown by National Airlines.

As part of the National-Pan American World Airways merger agreement, that was finalized several weeks ago, National has been requested by the Civil Aeronautics Board to relinquish the lucrative London route.

Air Florida, a former Florida-only carrier with growing regional and international ambitions, is headed by board Chairperson Ed Acker, a former president of Braniff International Airways, with headquarters in Dallas. •

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For further information, call 526-1017.

Waters to Seek Re-election

State Representative Ron Waters (D-79), whose district includes Montrose, Fourth Ward, the Heights and Sixth Ward, announced he will be seeking re-election in the May primary.

Representative Waters served as vice-chair to the House Committee on Elections during the 66th Legislature. He is currently chairing an interim subcommit-

tee of the Elections Committee, which is examining campaign reporting and disclosure requirements.

Waters also served on the House Business and Industry Committee and is currently chairing an interim committee of business and industry established to investigate the role of the Texas Industrial Commission in Mexico.

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Difference Between 'Star Trek' Movie and TV is \$42 Million

By Seth Cagin
STAR COLUMNIST

If *Star Trek—The Motion Picture* is nothing more than an expanded version of the famous television series, is it a failure or a success?

The answer to that question depends on your perspective. Do you want a reprise of the old characters, the old themes, and the good old Starship Enterprise, just as you remember them? Or do you want more, something grander and more imposing?

If you are a Trekkie, and align yourself with the former group, *Star Trek—The Motion Picture* will probably please you. Captain Kirk, Spock, Bones, Scotty, and Sulu are all aboard this mission of the Enterprise, enacted by the performers who originated the roles. If the actors have aged a bit, which they never do on the endless cycle of TV reruns we are subjected to, they still deliver essentially one-dimensional, wooden performances; they play cartoon characters.

The story is no more and no less than another familiar *Star Trek* plot, extended. It still relates an encounter with an alien life form, hoked-up with scads of pop philosophy.

The only real difference between this *Star*

Trek and the TV series is a \$42 million budget, which shows up on the screen in the form of special effects. The light show is spectacular—the best science-fiction effects yet on film—but it may not be enough to redeem the movie if you're the kind of person who will be looking for something more than a retreat.

This film takes its visual and rhythmic inspiration from the balletic grace of *2001* or *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, rather than the whizz-oang action of *Star Wars*. It revels in a sense of wonder at the cosmos, rather than a kid's sense of adventure.

The difficulty with outer space mysteries is that it's easier to evoke a sense of the unknown than it is to resolve it. *Star Trek* is full of ominous music and flashing enigmas. The characters are forever staring at one another or at some instrument panel with a look of puzzlement on their faces. Under the steady but uninspired direction of veteran Robert Wise, the sense of an impending confrontation is milked for all it's worth and a little extra besides.

This story would have played much better on a small television screen, at an hour's length. Less size would have made it all seem less portentous.

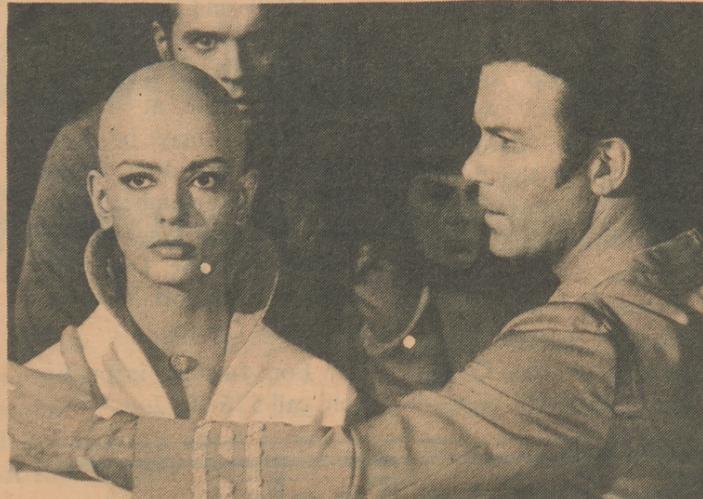
The good news is that

after waiting and waiting, *Star Trek* successfully delivers a few clever switches in the last half hour. The Starship Enterprise finally meets its enemy, an enormous galactic cloud that destroys everything in its path while headed on a direct course with Earth.

This ending, a debut performance by the dazzling Persis Khambatta as a bald beauty from the planet Delta 4, and the special effects are the film's highlights.

You've seen the rest—including actors William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, and DeForrest Kelly—before. Does the careful combination of new and old justify the hype and the \$42 million expenditure of *Star Trek—The Motion Picture*?

The answer to that question, once again will depend on whether or not you consider yourself a Trekkie. ●



Astro-Analysis

By Sonia McGinnis

ARIES [March 21-April 19] - Change itinerary to best suit a busier routine; get detail work done early in week then plan new projects. You work well with associates, exchange ideas, discuss joint interests.

TAURUS [April 20-May 20] - Business affairs should be approached with a down-to-earth attitude; hasty decisions involving speculations, gambling on unsure endeavors should be avoided. You gain more through your own efforts.

GEMINI [May 21-June 21] - Strive for more efficiency; get affairs, records in better order. Personal relationships are enhanced, ties can now be strengthened with loved ones. Make home improvements also.

CANCER [June 22-July 21] - Perception is exceptional; use your analytical abilities in new assignments which call for good concentration. This can be a highly productive and constructive week.

LEO [July 22-August 21] - Be prepared for a radical shift in economic situation; don't force issues, allow things to run their course. Guard personal possessions more closely. Further a creative project.

VIRGO [August 22-September 22] - By getting things in order, taking care of obligations early in week you can enjoy personal undertakings and interests. A week to review ambitions, set new goals.

LIBRA [September 23-October 22] - Show some restraint by working at a quieter pace in the background this week. You accomplish more by concentrating efforts toward one cause.

SCORPIO [October 23-November 21] - By making new friends you are in a position to acquire new perspective. Your talent for organization should be used to promote hopes and wishes, further aims.

SAGITTARIUS [November 22-December 20] - An excellent time for reviewing past activities relating to commitments, job positions; take plenty of time before making firm decisions of a personal nature.

CAPRICORN [December 21-January 20] - A good time for new beginnings, and moving forward on a positive note. Energetic efforts pay off now. Be open to new suggestions and prepare to change course.

AQUARIUS [January 21-February 19] - You get ample opportunity to be in the limelight but don't scatter interests in too many directions. Avoid legal hassles by scrutinizing fine print in paperwork, contracts.

PISCES [February 20-March 20] - Associates may want to argue but strive for compatible relationships; be diplomatic. You can enjoy involvement in charitable causes now; assist those who are less fortunate.



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DALLAS

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informing them that his office only prosecutes class C misdemeanors, those which are punishable with up to \$200 fine and no jail sentence.

Likewise, he was unable to speak for policies of other agencies of the government, including the police.

Despite his protested ignorance of answers to the questions the crowd wanted to ask, he was bombarded and put on the hot seat for

about an hour before leaving the podium, at which time a few individuals followed him outside and continued their interrogation.

While he was addressing the group, Rosen showed signs of nervousness and commented to a companion as he was leaving, "I feel like I've been roasted."

Dr. Campbell Reed, of the DGPC, who has been interviewing harassment victims, recounted several scare stories at the very beginning of the meeting, including that of two young men who had just entered

an automobile when an officer not in uniform approached the driver's side and flashed his badge, which the passenger did not see and ordered them to "get out of here."

When the passenger challenged him, the officer went to that side and again flashed his badge. When the officer, whose name was Miller, was told that they were doing nothing wrong, he hit the passenger around the head and eye with a metal object, which required six stitches -- three hours later, when the police finally decided medical at-

tention might be advisable.

The officer then entered a convenience store. The passenger followed him and demanded an explanation, whereupon the officer put him in an armlock, pounded his head against a counter, arrested him and charged him with aggravated assault.

The store clerk, who subsequently moved to California, was not available to testify, and the victim was found guilty of aggravated assault, a felony crime.

An attempt to file a complaint with the Internal Affairs Division of the Police Department was rejected because it was supposedly past the time limit for such complaints.

One officer, by the name of Kane, whose name was mentioned in several complaints, apparently had no record with the Internal Affairs Department because nobody had previously filed a complaint against him.

A spokesperson for the Caucus emphasized the importance of complaints being filed in all such instances and of victims making mental notes of names, badge numbers and descriptions of their tormentors.

Rosen was confronted after having brushed off numerous questions and vaguely referring to theory with a member of the audience, who drew a round of applause when he stated that people at the meeting were not concerned with the theory of law but with the application to which law was being put.

One of the best ideas Don Baker saw as coming out of the meeting was a gay jail liaison who would serve as a buffer for gay prisoners to protect their rights. Another comment brought forth by the Caucus spokesperson was a proposed plan for provision of bonding for Caucus members who might be arrested.

Another member of the audience, pointing to the fact that police officers were actually committing crimes themselves in their harassment of gay citizens, made the comment that many of the community are angered almost to the point of violence and that he himself would personally take steps if he were present when a crime was being committed against a gay person by a police officer. ●

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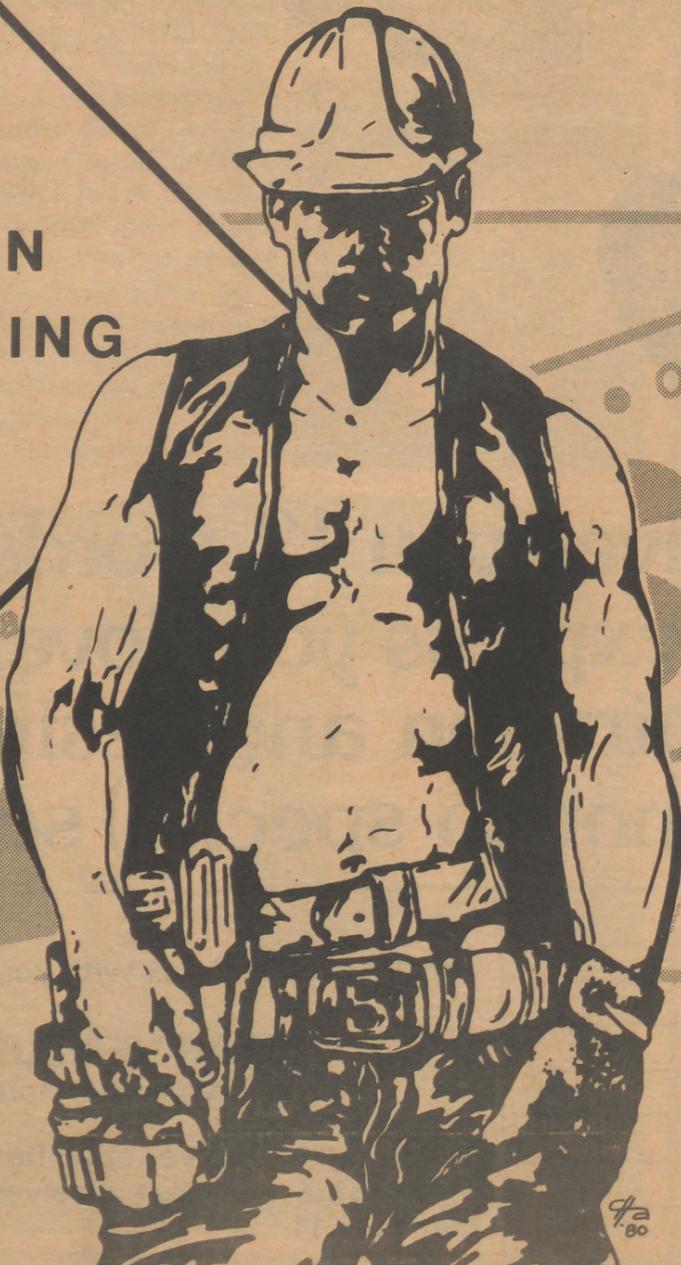
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