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Montrose Patrol Slates Benefit at Parade; Discusses Problems with Tavern Guild

By Bill Lubing
STAR EDITOR

When members of the Montrose Patrol approached the Houston Tavern Guild last Tuesday, February 12 they talked of some good news and some bad news.

The good news: There's going to be a fabulous benefit for the Patrol Monday and Tuesday, February 25 and 26 at the Parade Disco, 1416 Richmond.

The bad news: The Montrose Patrol is in desperate need of 'warm bodies' to staff the organization.

The Montrose Patrol is a volunteer organization which uses foot and mobile units in the greater Montrose area to protect residents out on the streets at night. Presently the Patrol is able to provide protection on Friday and Saturday evenings from approximately 10 PM to 5 AM.

Being installed in the Patrol Headquarters, located in the Family Center, corner of Montrose and Westheimer, is a sophisticated FM frequency radio system to maintain contact between the 'home base' and

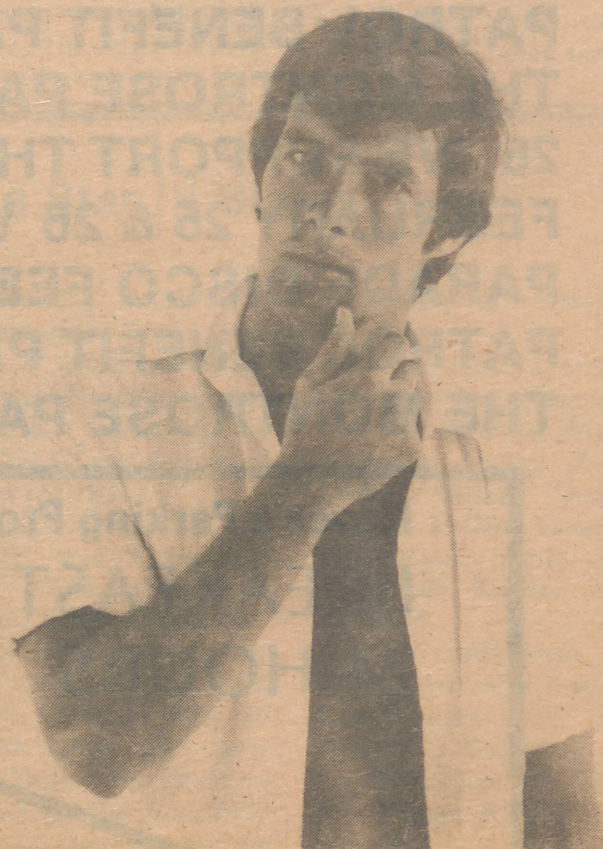
mobile units and between mobile units.

The equipment is costing the Patrol a total of \$17,000. Six thousand two hundred dollars has already been paid on the equipment, with the balance due in 30 days. The benefit will be used to help pay for the equipment.

Tex, of the Parade Disco told the group, the benefit will take place both Monday and Tuesday, with local organizations and businesses setting up booths to

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See You At Mardi Gras



Local Protest Planned Against the Movie 'Cruising'

HOUSTON — When the motion picture *Cruising* opens this Friday, February 15, local gay residents will be present. Nobody is sure how many will show up to view the film. But one thing is certain. A contingent of 30 gays will be at the Shamrock 6 Theatre, at 7017 South Main to discourage moviegoers from attending the film. The Shamrock is one of six Houston area theatres in which the film is slated to be run.

One local resident involved with an 'anti *cruising* crusade' in Houston, termed the movie "a training film for the homophobic."

Sue Cummings, who has been spearheading an informal group meeting at MCCR protesting the film's implications said *Cruising*, "is a roadmap to find, and kill a gay man and then get away with it."

The movie deals with a series of graphically

depicted mutilations and murders of homosexual men. The murderer is a failed artist who hates his own

A Synopsis

The movie *Cruising* is writer/director William Friedkin's idea of the S & M (sadomasochistic) element in the gay community. The movie, which is being criticized by gay community leaders as, much more than a murder mystery with a gay background but is a 'snuff' film with gays as the victims is scheduled to open across the country on February 15.

The film is produced by Jerry Weintraub of Lormar Production, distributed by United Artists and stars Al Pacino.

It opens with a series

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homosexual tendencies. While engaged in anal intercourse with his victims, he plunges a knife into their backs at the moment of orgasm. He then chops off their penises and stuffs the organs into the victim's mouths. Except for one murder, the killer meets his victims in S & M (sadomasochistic clientel) bars.

The film stars Al Pacino as a cop that tracks the killer. As Pacino becomes involved in his assignment, he becomes increasingly intrigued by the men he at first reluctantly socialized with.

The local protest group will meet at the Shamrock Theatre between 7 and 7:30 PM this Friday.

Pickets will be set up and leaflets will be passed out explaining why the group protests the film.

Director William Friedkin is no stranger to protests

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Caldwell's Resignation Prompts Surprise, Concern

By George Barnhart
STAR STAFF

Houston gay community leaders registered first amazement and then concern last Tuesday, February 12, as the first word of Houston's much discussed police chief, Harry Caldwell, 48, abruptly resigned before Tuesday's Houston City Council Meeting.

Larry Bagneris, vice president of the Gay Political Caucus remarked, "The gay community should hope and pray the next in line for chief of police will have the intelligence to deal with the community in a fair manner. In the sense that we pay taxes just like any other citizens in this city, that's exactly what we deserve."

As rumours flew from bar to bar in the Montrose area, the Mayor's office released a statement from Mayor Jim McConn that indicated where the Mayor's true sentiments have been toward his sometimes petulant head cop.

"Frankly I was stunned and depressed," McConn said. He revealed his plans to probably draw from the ranks of Caldwell's 12 top aids for the retir-

ing chief's replacement.

Calwell, citing the pressures of a scandal-racked three-year term, which saw the firing of at least seven officers for corruption and other abuses of police power, the gravel-voiced peppery chief stated before TV cameras on Wednesday, "Frankly I'm tired."

The reactions compiled from most social establishments in the greater Montrose area was elation at the news that the many times nemesis of the gay community had stepped down.

"This man was the most homophobic man we have ever had in this office," remarked one local resident.

"There's no doubt in anybody's mind he was sick -- he hated gays," stated another.

Several bar owners expressed concern over Caldwell's replacement. "The cure could be worse than the disease," stated Andy Mills, manager at Mary's at the Family board meeting on Tuesday evening. "In fact I hope that the HPD won't think this period

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Dan White Faces 'Queens' in the Main Line

When Dan White first arrived at Soledad, there were ten "queens" in the mainline, waiting to knife him.

He was brought into the prison after the East and West gates were closed, and ushered him to Protective Housing Unit One and gave him cell 108, until he went to "Committee" who then decided White could be let out of the tiers.

During the first week, Mayor Diane Feinstein was one of his visitors, much to the surprise of all. He has daily visitors and one woman who we are told is his wife. No one else is allowed daily visitors.

In addition to this privilege, White was given what is considered a top job in prison as

night porter in the Administration Offices. There were ten other inmates on the waiting list for this position, but apparently, White had "pull" from the outside to land the job.

The prison cells are usually painted once every three or four years, but White's cell was painted for his use right away.

According to an article in the *San Francisco Crusader*, Dan White is quite thin, and haggard looking and he has dark circles under his eyes.

Many of the inmates are out to kill him, not for the reason he killed Mayor Moscone and Harvey Milk, but simply the fact that he is an ex-cop.

It seems absolutely ridiculous that Dan White should be

given preferential treatment of having the Mayor of San Francisco visit him, have his cell re-decorated for his use, and given a top ranking job at the prison.

Any man should be given protection from other inmates, but perhaps it is time for the gay community of the United States to take Diane Feinstein to task and see if she has just one face, or two?

Find out who is giving this murderer and hater of gays the preferential treatment.

The Crusader obtained the up to date information from an inmate of Soledad Prison who last saw Dan White on January 22, 1980. He was celled across from White.

'MS' is Artifical, Ugly and Silly

The *London Times* is dropping its use of a two-letter word.

Not because it's obscene -- but because it's "artificial, ugly, silly . . . and a faddish, middle-class plaything."

Those are the sentiments of columnist Trevor Fishlock, who wrote this week: "The forlorn, fatherless and motherless little word . . . is cast unto the lexicographical outer darkness."

And what, you ask, has caused such an uproar? . . . Has brought on such a barrage of vituperative language? . . . Has had itself banned from the *London Times*?

The word, "MS."

March On Washington Follow-up Planned

As announced at the October 15 press conference following the March on Washington, there will be a follow-up conference to determine what will be done with the network which was established while organizing for the March.

This conference will be held at Oberlin College in Ohio, the weekend of March 7-9, 1980.

Several cities were considered for the conference; cost factors and the availability of personnel and logistical resources were the determining factors of the location.

It is proposed that representation and voting be on the same basis as the Houston Conference: 32 delegates from each of the seven regions, with each region divided into as many as eight sub-regions. There was also a mandate for at least 50 percent lesbian representation and at least 20 percent Third World representation from each sub-region. In addition,

national lesbian and/or gay organizations are permitted 2 voting delegates each. It is suggested that those national organizations which include both lesbians and gay males send a co-sexual delegation.

It is also proposed that the same system of proxy voting adopted in Houston be used in Oberlin. This system attempts to balance factors of regional, lesbian and Third World representation.

It is important that you pre-register and send a minimum of 25 percent of your total food and housing fee plus your \$10 registration fee to:

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For further information, contact Randy Boardman at 412-422-4563 between 10 AM and 1:30 PM EST, Monday through Friday only; or write to the address given above.

Coalition Automatically Assumes Gay Inclusion

SAN ANTONIO--A democratic coalition has been newly organized in Bexar County. Its purpose is to impact the electoral process and promote political change in a progressive direction. The Coalition has a steering committee and general membership. Representation on the newly formed coalition consists of:

- Fifteen special interest groups (with elected male and female representatives)
- Representation by legislative districts
- Representation of significant organizations

The special interest groups are labor, blacks, hispanics, women, environmentalists, gays, senior citizens, students, business and professional, consumer, Democratic clubs, progressives, social service organizations, civil libertarians, and educators.

At a recently held meeting of the Coalition, Frank Connelly and Kathy Deitsch were selected to represent the lesbian/gay special interest caucus on the steering committee. More

Men are the Sexiest!

KPFT--A new study has found that men are at their sexiest--not in the Springtime but--in the Fall.

A medical research team in Munich, Germany, says that it is during the months of autumn--from late September through early December--that certain hormones

in young males reach their highest levels.

It is these hormones, the doctors say, that are closely related to the sex drive. The scientists conclude it is more likely to be on a cold day in October or November, and not in the spring that a young man's fancy turns to love.

Lone Star III Slated

On Sunday January 20, members of the Texas Conference of Clubs met at the Stoneleigh Hotel in Dallas for further planning on Lone Star III and election of Officers for 1980.

Site selection for Lone Star III was Columbus, Texas, 90 miles west of Houston. The four-day weekend is scheduled to start Friday night May 23 and go through Monday, May 26 over Memorial Day weekend. Those who were in Houston for the June 1977 run will remember well the fun had at Lone Star I held

in Magnolia, north of Houston.

Elected officers for 1980: Chairman Jerry Hagemann, Colt 45's, Houston; Run Coordinator Danny Russell, DMC, Dallas; Treasurer Dennis Entler, Mustangs, Houston; and Jack (Rosebud) Kilgore, HOT, Rosebud.

Other conference members present were: American Leathermen and Tejas, Houston; Branding Iron and Wranglers MC, Dallas; and Rough Riders of San Antonio.

Census Bureau Recruiting

KPFT--The National Gay Task Force reports that the Census Bureau currently is trying to recruit lesbians and gay men for approximately 275,000 temporary employment positions needed for the census count this April.

Last spring, President Carter, in a directive to the Secretary of Commerce, said he wanted to ensure that the 1980 census contained the most accurate count of the population by drawing as many qualified census employees as possible from different neighborhoods in which the census is being carried out.

The temporary positions range from crew leader to enumerator to clerical and pay from \$4 to \$4.50 an hour depending on the task.

The Gay Task Force is urging local gay and lesbian organizations to write to Census Recruiting Director Mike L. Miller to indicate interest in the census taking program or to contact local census district offices.

than a dozen gays attended the meeting and strategized prior to the meeting to scatter and assume leadership in the other special interest groups as well.

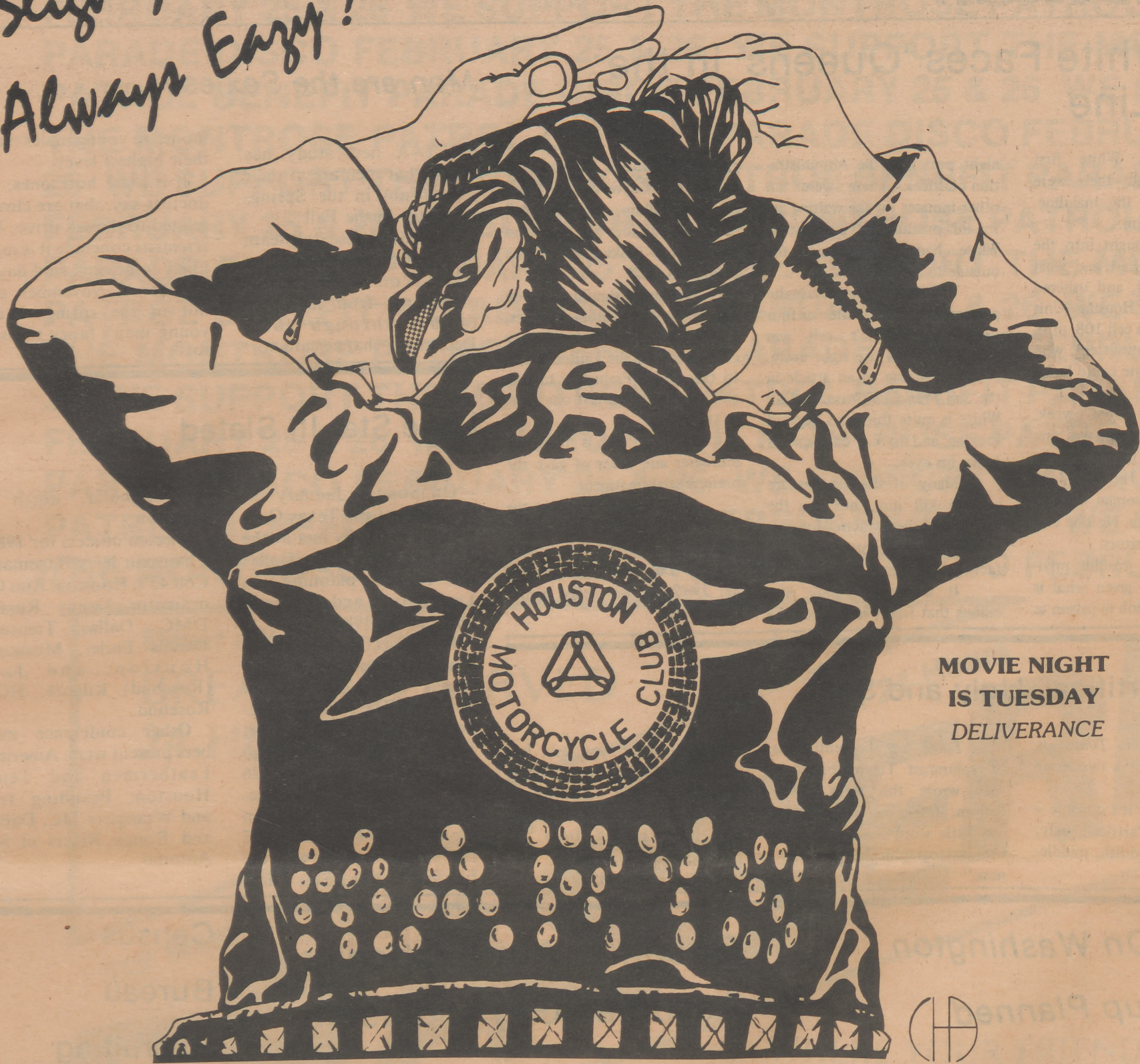
Connelly was quoted as saying, "We have gays in at least half of the interest groups. Some may be closeted but they will speak up if the gay issue comes before the coalition."

Deitsch, who worked actively with the non-gay San Antonions to form the coalition, said there was really never a question about gays assuming an active and upfront role in the group.

"We have come a long way in our battle for recognition and equal opportunity when Democrats in South Texas do not question the legitimate role gays have to play in the political process," she said.

The coalition will be active in the recruitment and endorsement of candidates in the 1980 elections as well as coordinating voter registration drives, precinct organization, and get out the vote campaigns.

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Counseling Center Announcing Fundraiser

The Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Houston 77006, has announced a fundraising event to help finance the center.

The board of trustees announced a \$50-a-plate dinner to be held at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel on Monday evening, March 17, at 7:30 PM.

There will be no host cocktail.

For reservations please send your name and address and your check for the number of reservations you want to 900 Lovett, Hous-

ton, 77006 or to the *Montrose Star*, 1343 S. Voss Rd, Houston, Texas 77057.

The *Star* will forward your check and reservations for you as a complimentary service for the public benefit.

The contribution is tax deductible.

Dr. Charles Silverstein, author of *The Joy of Gay Sex* will be the featured speaker.

Capacity crowd is expected and reservations will be on a first come basis. •

Eight Million Catalogues Include Obscenity

You've probably heard all about it by now, but the latest Montgomery Ward catalogue contains one word too many.

It seems that someone scratched in the four-letter word on one of the photos. And now, eight million Ward's catalogues include an obscenity.

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word is hard to see, although it's definitely there.

If you're interested, the word is on page 122-scratched on a bedroom wall, of all places. You'll know you're on the right page by the advertising copy: it says, "Create A Dramatic Bedroom Setting."

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- Establish a Montrose Medical Clinic for transmissible diseases;
- Utilize established channels to improve relationships with the Houston Police

The GPC election is **February 20 at 4600 Main Street 7:30 pm** (To vote, you must be a GPC member.)

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Patron for the Committee to Elect Steve Shiflett, GPC President, Kay Little, Chairperson

Local Coors Distributor President speaks on gay issue

By George Barnhard
STAR COLUMNIST

In recent weeks the Adolph Coors Company, of Golden Colorado, and its local distributorship were brought to task by the community for a past record of apparent anti-gay discrimination in hiring practices, and the prejudicial action on the behalf of members of the Coors family (also the controlling stockholders of the Coors Company)

After extensive research and subject debate, the Houston Gay Political Caucus decided in a majority vote to lay to rest the issue, choosing not to continue any form of concerted action, including a boycott against the Coors Company.

The *Montrose Star* visited John Barksdale, president of the local Coors distributors to obtain answers to a few underlying questions regarding Coors' position on the gay question.

STAR: John, many in our community still feel that your donations and your company's contributions, and the like within the gay community, is an effort to

combat all the adverse publicity to, in effect, buy us off. True?

BARKSDALE: That's totally untrue. We have our first trouble with the initial boycott by the gay community. We've also had just as much problems within the black community, from the labor elements, from women mad about the ERA issue... almost every group you can name has taken a shot at us.

Our basic problem was, and I believe you'll never see this problem with us again, is that it took us a reasonably long time to face up to what was confronting us, to get our demographics down, to learn the market... That's nothing you walk into.

What I'm saying is that we had to learn to develop a heads up attitude in the community. That's what we've done now... not through any conscious effort to 'buy anyone off.'

My basic feeling is that we never even were approached... and never really had the opportunity to contribute in the gay community until after this boycott thing had happened. Since then, solely as an effort to learn to

understand more fully our market, our management level makes sales calls, including myself within your community.

Supervisory management makes daily calls. We initiated a 'special event consideration program' which provides an opportunity for us to interface and service the community.

STAR: Can you give us any figures as to what the total contributions this distributorship has given the gay community?

BARKSDALE: In terms of soft dollars... that is just the service aspect it would be very hard for us to determine.

In hard dollars, that is actual cash contributions, we spent something like \$4,200 toward gay community projects last year.

STAR: How does that figure proportionally with contributions you make in other areas?

BARKSDALE: Certainly not out of proportion one way or the other.

STAR: Has there been any kind of program that you know of within Coors to sensitize the man in the field to be able to cope with gay

people, at say, a bar or your customer route.

BARKSDALE: No, we've never had too... first reason is the quality of people we hire here. These people know their customers are first. They are good people. They come to us with no hang-ups or bias.

STAR: John, It appears the boycott issue, at least where Coors is concerned, has been laid to rest.

But if some damaging evidence similar to what has been disclosed in the past, were to come forth, would you, John Barksdale, be willing to put your name and job on the line in order block this kind of thing from happening?

BARKSDALE: Well first let me say that I personally believe that it's not going to happen again. In the past Coors hid its corporate image. Now they are very aware of how they relate to our market, and that includes your community.

Then too, Golden is taking a much more aggressive posture in letting you know the good they are doing. They've got incredible programs up there, things most people don't even know

about yet are happening.

Second, as to whether or not I personally would put it on the line, I've already done that.

I carried the issue about discrimination in hiring gay people up there. I went to the brewery and I stood and said, 'Hey, don't just pay lip service to this thing (hiring gay people) Let's make it a formal policy... put it on the application where it can be seen. And I persisted and it's there.

STAR: One final question John. In regards to hiring have you had any kind of program or do you plan to have any special effort in your personal policy to hire gay people?

BARKSDALE: No. I've not had anybody apply here that has openly said he or she was gay... not that that makes any difference. It wouldn't. We may have some gay people that work here but I don't know if they're here... We hire people strictly on the merit of the work they do and are capable of doing. Gay or not makes no difference one way or another.

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Happiness Found at age Fifty-Five

By Ted Brink
STAR COLUMNIST

Part Two
"THE PICK-UP
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OR

At fifty-five, Ted Brink has found happiness, love and a sense of security through his two adopted sons. He shares with readers how it came about and passes on other "May to September" relationship situations—both good and bad—as they are sent in by younger and older lovers.

Since I am the "September" in this series, I suppose I can be accused of presenting too much of an older guy's point of view. But I am truly trying to tell about my personal experiences without coloring the story in my favor.

Once saying that, it makes me feel better, but -if anything- I'll probably make the happenings rosier than

they were. God, yes. There were grim times. And I'll tell you about those as we go along. But, in the beginning, David was the answer to a prayer.

I had wanted to escape my marriage. I guess I must have decided that I wanted to be with a young man, because the first opportunity I had, I grabbed it!

I had produced, directed and acted in a summer theatre in Michigan for fifteen years when I first encountered David. My wife and I hadn't had a relationship as such for some time. I wasn't able to make babies and this fact --too often thought about and discussed-- sometimes made me doubt my manhood. Still in all, I knew I could preform with the right male.

When I went to that cast party that night, I was 39 -- ready for anything. David was there. He was 19.

The cast party was in full swing when my wife and I arrived. The beer and booze

was plentiful. No pot in those days. David, all six-foot two of him, was sitting on the floor, his back against a wall in the dining room.

He'd had a bit to drink -- not legal at his tender age. As my wife moved on elsewhere I was him. He looked at me.

I'd seen him at rehearsals and at the theatre before. We'd never spoken.

"Hi Ted," he greeted me, gesturing. I'll getcha' a

drink."

David moved to the bar, tall dark and handsome. Soon he returned. He was to be my first real lover.

We talked long and happily that night and I knew that it was a new beginning. He agreed to meet me for lunch the next day at the city's most exclusive club. I'd enjoyed my membership there for years. This was, though, a very special occa-

sion. A beginning -- but an end to my membership.

Not that July afternoon but two months later, the club and I mutually terminated my membership.

The lunch was a drunken one, with David having his first of many martinis. He barfed on the sedate steps leading to the main floor, but we escaped before anyone noticed.

After lunch I took him to a dance studio I had rented a rehearsal hall. We were alone -- we made love.

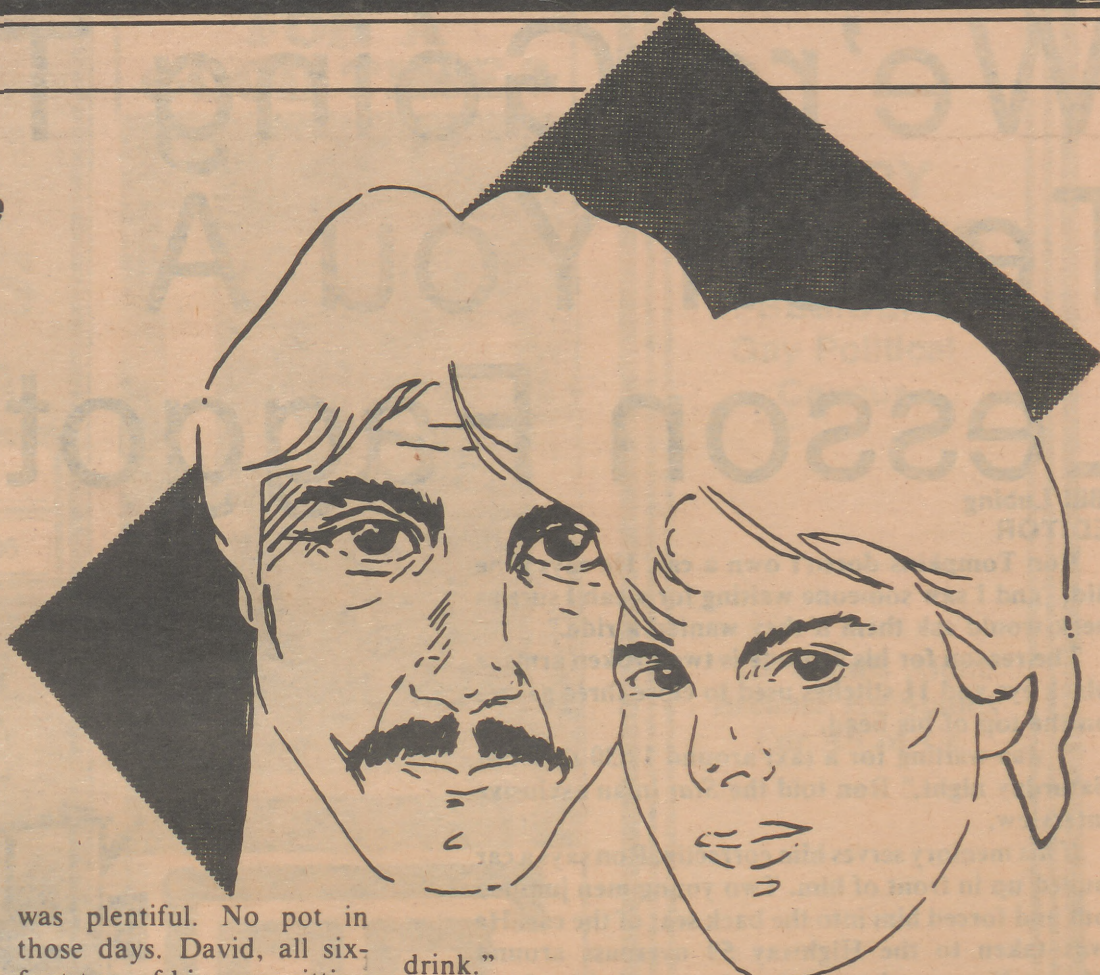
He'd never done it before -- he said -- but he was to good. I'll never forget the little hard bench where it happened, where David asked me if we could be together always.

He was almost sober. I had to believe he wanted us to be together personally and in business.

I took a little apartment in the same city -- unheard of in my hometown, and stayed with David, who moved in from his local home and family. It was an off-and-on situation until I moved out of my lovely home. Then we were together.

Next, while winter was approaching, we took a cute cottage at a nearby lake, but the weather as bad. We had talked of moving to California. We then made it definate.

At the little cottage we had many of our mutual and personal friends over. All proved to enjoy sex with us and each other, much to David's surprise. When it came time to leave we had negotiated a contract with a comic strip syndicate to represent and control a cer-



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Bill Lubing
EDITOR

Ron Tompkins doesn't own a car. He says if he did, "and I saw someone waiting for a cab I sure as heck would ask them if they wanted a ride."

The reason for his attitude is two broken arms, a black eye, and 11 stitches used to close three gashes on the top of his head.

"I was waiting for a taxi around 12:30 or 1 last Saturday night," Ron told the *Star* in an exclusive interview.

If his memory serves him correctly, Ron says a car pulled up in front of him. Two young men jumped out and forced him into the back seat of the car. He was taken to the Highway 59 overpass around Mount Vernon where he was beaten, "with what I guess was a tire iron."

Ron was not waiting for the cab in some secluded netherland away from Saturday night's party atmosphere. He was on the sidewalk outside Numbers, at 300 Westheimer.

"I must of passed out or something cause I don't actually remember them forcing me into the car," Ron relates. "But to get into a car with a couple of strangers is something I'd never do."

"When I woke up I was in the back seat of the car. I asked them what they wanted. They already had my wallet and my glasses. I couldn't see a thing."

Ron says while in the car both fellows beat him.

"I remember one of them saying, 'where is that fucking gun?' I'll never forget that voice as long as I live," says Ron.

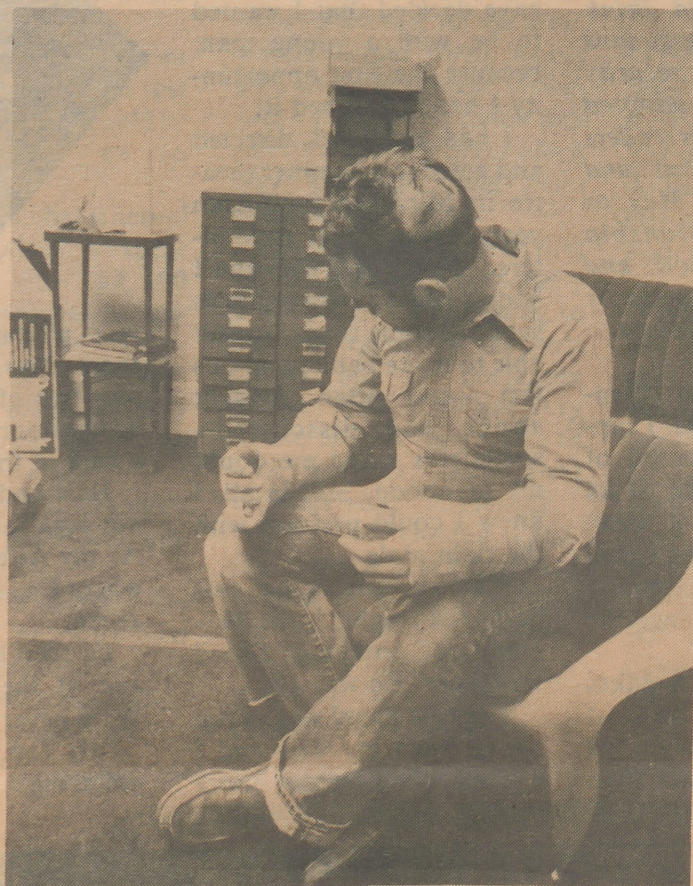
He was also told, "We're going to teach you a lesson faggot."

After Ron was driven to the underpass, he was, "hauled out of the car and thrown on the ground." He tells the *Star* the two men went at him with a tire iron, "and it seemed like they'd never stop."

When the two finally left Ron he got up and walked to the nearest apartment complex.

"I just rang doorbells," he says. "At the first one nobody was home. At the second one a guy answered who let me in to call the police."

"When the police arrived they were very friendly and all. They offered to drive me to the hospital. I didn't want to go to the hospital. I just want to go home."



"The guy from the apartment drove me home. I just went to sleep and didn't wake up 'til Sunday morning. I was really in a daze."

Ron says there were no witnesses to the incident. He describes the men as both being white, wearing light colored clothes.

"Mentally I'm, OK," tells Ron. Though, "At first I couldn't remember small things like telephone numbers."

"My request to the gay community is that if you should see somebody waiting for a taxi or looking like they need a ride, for God's sake stop and help them out. Don't just drive by and leave them there."

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raise money for the Patrol. On Tuesday, a 'Texas style barbeque' is slated.

There will be live entertainment during the benefit, with drag, music and other forms of entertainment lined up. Tossed around at the Tavern Guild meeting were plans for a 'living centerpiece' to be presented at the show.

The living centerpiece will feature a live, and conversations at the Tavern Guild meeting indicate, good looking, man to be presented to the crowd on a large platter. He will pop out of a cake, salad or similar entree.

The benefit will run from 8 PM to 2 AM on Monday and Tuesday. The normal \$3 cover will be donated to the Patrol as well as all of the bartenders' tips.

Steve Coates, of the Montrose Patrol board of supervisors told the group with enough visibility and understanding of the Patrol's function, more people will volunteer for the organization. Jim Cheek, another supervisor, told the Tavern Guild, "I can show you the statistics on when the Patrol was active in the neighborhood and when it

was not. And those statistics say when the Patrol was present activity was down. When we were not there activity was up."

The supervisors told the Tavern Guild that while the Patrol is being effective in the community, it's effect is not nearly great enough because of lack of person power.

Discussed was the possibility of an off duty Houston Police Department officer being paid to ride along with the Patrol. Another possibility was for Tavern Guild members to pay one of their

employees on their payroll and have that employee work those hours with the Patrol.

The Tavern Guild was told that not only gay businesses are being approached by the Patrol for financial support, but that the organization provides a service to all people in the Montrose area.

Set up at the Tavern Guild meeting was a fund offering rewards to citizens giving information leading to the indictment and conviction of people harrasing Montrose area citizens or causing

violent crimes.

The point was brought up that Montrose area citizens should not have to pay for protection when funds are available at the city level to have police protection increased in the area.

"But the fact remains," countered Coates, "that until something can be done on a political level we are going to deal with the situation ourselves."

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By Brother
Keith E.L'Hommedieu, D.D.

It's safe to say that of all the organized religious sects on the current scene, one church in particular stands above all in its unique approach to religion. The *Universal Life Church* is the only organized church in the world with no traditional religious doctrine.

Reverend Hensley is the leader of the worldwide *Universal Life Church* with a membership now exceeding 8 million ordained ministers of all religious beliefs. Reverend Hensley started the church in his garage by ordaining ministers for \$1.00 by mail. During the 1960's he traveled all across the country appearing at college rallies held in his honor where he would perform mass ordinations of thousands of people at a time. These new ministers were then exempt from being inducted into the armed forces during the undeclared Vietnam war.

In 1966 Reverend Hensley was fighting the establishment on another front. The I.R.S. tried to claim the UCL wasn't a legal church and proceeded to impound the ten thousand dollars in the church bank account. The feisty Hensley filed suit against the I.R.S. in federal district court for return of the funds and to permanently establish the UCL as a legal tax exempt entity. On March 1, 1974 Judge James F. Battin ruled against the I.R.S. in his decision which stated, "Neither this court or any branch of this government will consider the merits or fallacies of a religion. Nor will the court praise or condemn a religion. Were the court to do so, it would impinge upon the guarantees of the First Amendment."

Reverend Hensley has stated that he believes a church is people and not just a fancy building. He also believes in total freedom and equality for all people. The UCL will ordain anyone without regard to religious beliefs, race, nationality, sex or age.

The UCL's success formula is both effective and unquestionably legal. After a person has become an ordained minister, he or she can join with two other people and form their own *Universal Life Church*. These three people then make up the board of directors consisting of a Pastor, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The UCL will then grant the group the use of its legal church charter complete with both federal and state tax exempt numbers. The newly formed church may then open a bank account in the church's name. Any member of the church can legally donate up to 50% of his or her outside income to the church and take a corresponding tax deduction. The church in turn can pay the complete housing cost of its minister including rent or mortgage payment, insurance, taxes, furnishings and repairs. The church can also provide the minister with full use of an automobile as well as pay for travel and educational expenses. None of these expenses are reported as income to the I.R.S. Recently a whole town in Hardenburg, New York became *Universal Life* ministers and turned their homes into religious retreats and monasteries thereby relieving themselves of property taxes, at least until the state tries to figure out what to do.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE GAY COMMUNITY

We the undersigned members of the gay and lesbian community and supporters of the Gay Political Caucus would like to be informed as to the exact nature of a "yet un-named group" (their quote not ours) and its proposal to fund the salary of Steve Shiflett, president of Gay Political Caucus and the influence this group will have on the office of president of GPC. We would further like to know "(?)"s sources of money, structure (if any) and controlling interest.

We further ask why we, the most loyal to the principals of the Caucus are referred to as "non-loyalists." We do not want the finest grass roots gay and lesbian political organization in the United States to be up for sale to the highest bidder. We do not believe that it is necessary for emerging gay political strength to prove that power inevitably corrupts.

Ray Hill -- Member Board of GPC and organizer of the National March on Washington

Andy Mills -- Co-chair, Family

Ron Burnett -- President of Gay Hispanic Caucus; Organizer, March on Washington

R. Kent Naasz -- Chapter Leader, Lutheran Concerned Houston

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Bob Fleisher -- Former Chair of GPC Education Committee

Sue Cummings -- Organizer against film *Cruising*

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CRUISING: Viewpoints Vary on it's Meaning, Impact

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following are random examples which show the diverse viewpoints which can be taken on a movie such as *Cruising*)

• Gays protesting the film *Cruising* say the movie could provoke attacks on gays. They say the film exploits the gay community. Both theatre owners and moviegoers are being urged to boycott the William Friedkin production, which stars Al Pacino.

• Friedkin, defending his work, told *The New York Times*, "No, it (*Cruising*) certainly wasn't intended that way (exploiting gays). The vast majority of gay people are more in danger of

the mind of totalitarianism that would want to ban the picture, than of anything else."

• After seeing a New York City press screening of the United Artists film, Lucia Valeska, co-executive director of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) reported, "The movie *Cruising* will do harm to the gay community."

"The overall message is that it is both physically dangerous and psychologically devastating to be gay, or in the proximity of gay people. If it were but one of many film portrayals of different aspects of gay life, it might be dismissed as a grade B film with grade B plot, characterization and

acting. Because it is one of a kind... its immediate effect will be destructive unless the gay community intervenes."

• "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press." (First Amendment of US Constitution)

• **Note in NGTF bulletin:** "Anita Bryant provided one place to begin. *Cruising* is another."

• Jesse Jackson called for a boycott of radio stations that played the song by the Rolling Stones, *Some Girls*. His purpose was not to get the FCC to revoke the stations' licenses. His idea was

that blacks ought not fuel the fires of their own oppression. The song contains the lyrics, "Black girls like to fuck all night."

• Sue Cummings, local *Cruising* protest organizer says gays have come a long way in their portrayal on television and on the stage. But as far as American film makers are concerned, "There's not a movie about gays or lesbians out where it doesn't end in murder or suicide."

• General Cinema Corporation won the initial contract to distribute *Cruising*. The company felt the movie should have been rated 'X' not 'R.' Executives of General Cinema, "hated" *Cruising*. They dropped distribut-

ion rights.

• Gays hope by conducting a successful boycott of the film the message will get across to the movie makers that portrayals of gays similar to those in *Cruising* will not sell.

• Jan Ogenberg, a member of the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Film Makers told *The New York Times*, "We're in a real bind, because United Artists is going to promote *Cruising* no matter what we say and we don't want their voice to be the only one that's heard. We're more interested in seeing the whole issue get a little more publicity than seeing *Cruising* get a little less."

Pacino is Loyal To His Role

Al Pacino, who plays the cop searching for the murderer of gays in William Friedkin's controversial movie *Cruising* said in a recent issue of *Playboy*, "Al Pacino is an actor in this movie... My responsibility is to a character in a script, to a part I am playing -- not an issue I'm unqualified to discuss."

He said the film is not 'anti-gay, "But it's just a fragment of the gay community, the same way the Mafia is a fragment of the Italian-American life." Commenting about the ongoing protests while the film was being shot, Pacino commented, "I feel I don't know what's going on. It's the first time in my life I've been in this position."

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Gays Protest Movie

against his project. During the movie's production, in Greenwich Village, in New York City, reportedly thousands of gays protesting the film made on location shooting next to impossible.

Whistle-blowing by the demonstrators ruined sound recordings. Most of the film was redubbed in post production. Friedkin was forced to give up his plans to film on Christopher Street. He erected sets at another location. There was violence on a few nights when a special New York City Police riot squad waded into the crowd and clubbed demonstrators.

Arthur Bell, writing in the *Village Voice*, wrote, "Wil-

liam Friedkin, his crew and his star Al Pacino, invaded Jones Street on August 10. Residents on the block hadn't received prior notification.

According to one Jones Street resident who didn't want her name made public, "The cops had the street cordoned off by 8 PM. They didn't allow us into our buildings without first showing identification. They escorted us in. They were on practically every rooftop."

"At one point they were lined up shoulder to shoulder, halfway down the street, like they were awaiting the arrival of Jimmy Carter."

Movie is Graphic in S & M Depiction

of graphically depicted mutilations and murders of homosexual men. The murderer, Stuart, is a failed artist who hates his own homosexual tendencies. While he is engaged in anal intercourse with his victims, he plunges a knife into their backs at the moment of orgasm. He then chops off their penises and stuffs the organs into the victims' mouths.

Stuart is nicknamed Charlie Chop-Off by the police. All the murders except for one take place in S & M bars.

The sexual aspects of these bars are visually displayed in detail.

Friedkin's own script directions note, "In the dimly lit backroom a series of 2 X 4's is arranged from floor to ceiling, from which, suspended in chains is a leather saddle, wherein a naked man, legs in the air, is being fist fucked by a young bearded man in a leather vest. Other men stand around watching, saying nothing."

"Several couples are also grouped about, engaging in fellatio..."

We meet the police in a scene where two patrolmen force two transvest-

ites to suck them off in the officers' patrol car. The police in this film are determined to get their killer. The reason is politics, not a humanistic concern.

Al Pacino, as Steve Burns, is enlisted from the police academy to make an undercover investigation of the case, to pass as a gay decory, in an attempt to get the killer.

Burns is apparently a naive, straight cadet, asked by senior officers, "Ever had your cock sucked? Ever been porked or had a guy smoke your pole?"

As Pacino becomes involved in his assignment, interest in his girl friend wanes -- he becomes increasingly intrigued by the men he at first reluctantly socialized with.

The murderer strikes next in a brutally choreographed sequence in a peep show booth, as described in Friedkin's script.

"While his victim sucks him off, Stuart brings the knife down with deliberate, venomous force, as the peep show film depicts... a man grimacing in orgasmic response. The shadow of the knife hand going up and down appears across the

16 millimeter screen.

"The victim's face is gasping frenzy. Grainy close-up of buttocks being whipped on screen. A rush of blood explodes against the image on screen and the film suddenly goes dark as the reel runs out."

Steve trails his killer, ends his relationship with his girl. He also becomes violently jealous when he meets the lover of the playwright to whom he is attracted and finally sexually entices the killer so they can meet at night at Morningside Park.

Now the psyche of Pacino and the killer are beginning to blend. "Burns is in darkness," the script reads, "it is as though their personalities and attitudes are locked together."

The two strip for one another. Pacino asks, "Hips or lips?" Before he slashed the killer's throat.

"Burns looks at his dying victim. He's done his job. He's made a choice and he's a civilized member of society. He's released."

The film ends with a scene in which Pacino receives a citation for his work. He doesn't get caught. At the fade-out a new killer is at large. •

cookin'

Eggs Very Adaptable Food

By Bert Hollister
Star Publisher

White Leghorn Delight

This week, it's eggs. And I have tried to find recipes from around the country that can be used in many ways.

It is easy to have a one-use only egg recipe, but if you will try these, you may be able to adapt them to various serving occasions. Right here in Houston, one of our luxury hotels creates a super egg delight.

It is:

Gourmet Eggs

- Eight eggs
- One-third cup cream
- One-half tablespoon salt
- One-half tablespoon pepper
- Three ounces cream cheese, cut in small chunks
- One-half cup ripe olives, sliced

- One tablespoon butter

In a bowl, mix eggs lightly with cream and salt and pepper. Add the cream cheese and olives. Melt butter in the top of a double boiler and add the eggs. Cook slowly, until set, stirring occasionally.

Serves four to six.

You can eat this for a brunch, a buffet dinner, or anytime it's time to eat. I vary the dish by topping it with chopped sauted onions. Sometimes I add fresh cherry tomatoes and top with creamed spinach. Oh, go at this one any way you care.

It is delicious.

health:

Anyone for a Stress Test

By L A Chotkowski, MD
STAR COLUMNIST

One of the most popular new tests being widely offered to the American public today is the stress test.

In general it tests physical fitness, but more precisely it tests the ability of your heart to respond to exercise, to respond on the stress placed on it to pump more blood for the increased demands of the exercising body.

Actually the stress test is only a refinement of previous exertion tests such as the older Master's 2 step.

In this new, more sophisticated test, the patient is placed on a treadmill and progressively exercised, while the reaction of his heart is simultaneously being monitored. Electrocardiographic, blood pressure and pulse data are correlated and a much improved evaluation made of your physical state of health.

The screening results may indicate the need for additional tests such as special x-rays of the coronary arteries, echocardiograms and phonocardiograms.

The net result of all this is a better diagnosis and better treatment of your heart ailment.

Most people probably do not need a stress test and can go about their daily lives safely after their doctor's traditional general physical examination. However, those with known heart disease, or even high risk factors predisposing to heart disease, namely high blood pressure, obesity, high blood fats, heavy smokers and diabetics, would certainly benefit.

The list might be lengthened to include those in the older group who plan strenuous jogging or those upon whose health the lives of others might depend, such as air plane pilots or bus drivers, for example.

Stress testing should eliminate the old story of the patient walking out of the doctor's office with a clean bill of health only to drop dead suddenly outside.

Supposing your test is "positive", what then?

In most cases this would only call for a change in your life style such as reducing diet,

no tobacco or alcohol, or taking up or stopping jogging. Your doctor might prescribe certain medications.

In other cases however additional studies, as mentioned above, will be indicated to determine whether bypass heart surgery is needed in the hope of relieving heart pain or even prolonging life itself. There is great controversy regarding such coronary artery surgery which should soon be resolved however, as the results of thousands of cases done yearly are analysed.

COMMENTARY: One last point, there are certain patients who probably should not be stress tested at all, or if so, very cautiously. The person most qualified to advise in such matters is your physician. No two patients are alike and a careful decision to stress test or not to stress test should be made in each case, individually.

Stress testing is here to stay. It may be adding to the cost of health care, but it certainly is improving it.

gay america:

Orlando No Longer Sleepy Little Town

By Bob Damron
STAR COLUMNIST

Little more than two decades ago Orlando was a sleepy little citrus growing community of 30,000 inhabitants.

Now it is a sprawling megalopolis with a metropolitan population exceeding half a million. Much of Orlando's rapid growth and popularity was due to the creation of Disney World . . . that magic kingdom which even excels the original Walt Disney fantasy-island in southern California!

Another important turning point in the development of this central Floridian city, and equally impressive from a gay point of view, was the opening of Parliament House at 410 N. Orange Blossom Trail.

Bill Miller and Mike Hodge were the visionaries

who created this total gay resort . . . certainly one of the finest 'super' complexes anywhere in America.

The motel has 120 comfortable rooms and a swimming pool. Hundreds of humpy guys from miles around pack the five bars, showroom, large disco, game room and 24-hour restaurant.

While the Parliament House bars close at 2 AM an earlier venture, the Nite Owl Disco, at 1000 Humphries is open until 7 AM. This gets about an equal number of guys and gals, as does the Odds & Ends at 4910 Edgewater.

Any traveling bikers or levi and western studs in the area can usually be found at Hank's Place, a small beer bar at 2825 N. Orange Blossom Trail.

The not so successful

San Juan Grand Central Resort mysteriously burned last year, but some of the same family are trying again at the brand new Studio 441 Discò on S. Orange Blossom Trail.

The guys from the Parliament House have recently opened Orlando's first bath house, the City Bath Club at 1877 S. Orange Blossom Trail.

This large and attractive place should also be a big success. Enter through the parking lot in the rear. The Connection is a gay restaurant at 1124 Orange Avenue, but I have not been there personally.

Besides the bar scene, most visitors to Central Florida will also want to see Disney World, larger and more spectacular than the California original.

The area around Or-

lando also hosts a wide variety of other sight-seeing 'worlds,' including Sea Worle, Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus World, Navy World at Orlando Naval Training Center, Stars of Fame Wax Museum, Gatorland, jai alai, harness racing and dog racing.

While Orlando is definitely not one of Florida's gastronomical focal points, good meals are available at Bodega, D'Agostino's Villa Nova, Imperial House, Picadilly Pub and La Belle Verriere in nearby Winter Park.

There are a number of excellent accommodations at Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, but they are not so convenient to the bars in Orlando.

I have stayed at the Holiday Inn and Howard

Johnson's Downtown, but if you want to be where the action is . . . stay at The Parliament House Motor Hotel.

Orlando may lack the sophistication of Miami and Tampa, the beaches at Ft. Lauderdale or Daytona, and the charm of gay Key West . . .

Florida's more than adequate answer to Fire Island . . . but none the less it is usually a fun place to visit.

This fast growing area occasionally gets some chilly wintry weather, but it sure beats the northeast, midwest or Rocky Mountain states.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '80. -- available at most better bars, baths and book stores throughout America. Or send \$8 for your copy (which includes packing and shipping) to Bob Damron Enterprises, Inc., Box 14-077, San Francisco, California, 94114).

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Caldwell**Quits**

between Caldwell's going and when they pick his replacement will be a time when some of the police don't think they can take advantage of the lack of controls from the top and come down hard on us."

Caldwell traded in his career with Houston's men in blue to accept a very lucrative position at the top of the security and community affairs department for a high-rolling entrepreneur, Wayne Goettsche and his multi-diversified oil field equipment and industrial supply firm.

Houston activist Ray Hill said of the ex-police chief's new job, "I do not believe that after years in office Harry Caldwell suddenly got a call in the night where he was offered this job with a fantastic price tag. Jobs just aren't got that way. The impetuousness of it all makes you wonder if maybe one of those investigations going on lately could have gotten just a little bit too close to his office for comfort."

Sometimes substitute chief in the absence of both Police Chief 'Pappy' bond and then succeeding Caldwell, Bradely K Johnson, 48, has been named as interim chief until a new chief has been selected.

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DO THEY?

LANCE LAYOR: "I support GPC but I am not a member and have no intention of supporting any candidate for GPC president."

ELEANOR TINSLEY: "I did not know who was in the race when I was asked for this endorsement."

MICKEY LELAND: "I have not agreed to endorse or not endorse any candidate for GPC president."

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TGTF Moderator Appointed to National Board

Kathy Deitsch, Moderator of the Texas Gay Task Force, has been appointed to serve on the Gay Rights National Lobby Board of Directors. GRNL is based in Washington, DC; its Executive Director and lobbyist is Steve Endean.

Deitsch organized, coordinated, and served as fundraiser for the Texas

gay/lesbian lobby (the Human Rights Advocates) during the last meeting of the state legislature.

Deitsch said, "GRNL is our only voice and defense in the US Congress. With the recent formation of several anti-gay lobbies who purport morality, religion, and the family, the New Right and the ultra

conservative fringe need to be monitored carefully.

"Their constituency can produce thousands of letters to Congress, and they have millions of dollars to spend on insuring that gays and lesbians are singled out for discrimination. Gay Texans have supported and understood the need to have a voice in the law-

making process. Now it is time that Gay Texans do their part in extending support to this vital national lobby effort."

Deitsch points out, "If federal laws are enacted to either protect or single us out for discrimination, everyone in the country is affected. Likewise, if state laws are passed, they affect

all Texans. The point is we must take responsibility for our lifestyle at all levels of government.

"I believe the time has come for us to either prove up or shut up. The 80's is the decade when our community will be under heavy attack. We need strong local, state, and national action to ensure our fair share."

editorials: Entrapment, What is it?

By Bert Hollister
STAR PUBLISHER

Entrapment, the word or perhaps technique used by the police -- familiar to most minorities -- especially the gay community, is not fully understood by many of us.

Entrapment is a technique used by our police department with full approval of Houston Police Chief Harry Caldwell, to entice a person

to commit an act of breaking the law. It is not necessary that the victim actually have intent to commit a crime.

(If he or she has never had a criminal record, a grand jury would probably clear the charge brought by the police. But if he or she happens to have a previous record, the GJ would probably uphold the charges -- regardless of their validity.)

If the victim is enticed by a police vice squad to submit to any participation, then the police charge the victim with the crime.

The grand jury usually takes the position that a person entrapped who has no previous record is not guilty.

However, the person who has had a previous record may be assumed to have broken the law and be

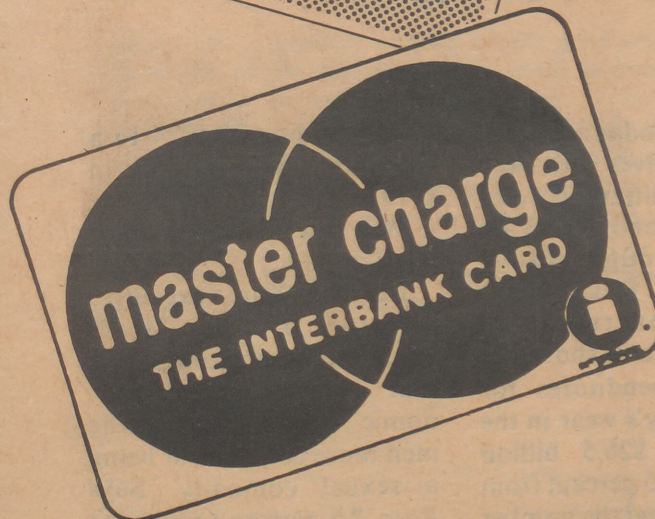
turned over for trial. This shows the inequity in the entrapment charges because a person with or without a previous record may be present on the scene where a vice officer appears.

An example is being present in the park or at a tavern where there is gambling. This does not reflect that a victim of the vice squad had any intention whatsoever to

participate in any activities going on

On the positive side, we have groups like the American Civil Liberties Union that are working toward making entrapment a better balanced reason for people to protect themselves and their freedom from false charges by the police.

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Moral Majority Sets Anti-Gay Goals

The Moral Majority recently divulged a plan to expand the anti-gay movement outside Washington DC. They claim Texas will be one on the "first areas they will set up shop." The self-proclaimed "pro-family, pro-country, anti-gay" group is investigating the use of a Gallup poll to update the "true members in the gay community."

The group says it doubts

that 10% is an accurate count of the gay population (the 10% figure is based on the Kinsey report.)

It seems that Texas is likely to be targeted because we rank among the top three states most active in our fight for equality. For example, the Human Rights Advocates lobby is one of the most organized and well supported lobbies in the country.

The Moral Majority is the largest anti-gay lobby to join Christian Voice, begun almost a year ago. Its director is the Reverend Jerry Falwell.

The lobby stated in a December report that "It is commonly known that some militant homosexuals will use their position as teachers to recruit and convince others—an activity which will be in direct opposition

to the moral beliefs of many parents. If this bill (referring to the gay civil rights bill, HR 2074) is passed, it will set a precedent for our society. Imagine giving child molesters and rapists special preference in the law because they, too, have a bizzare sexual preference."

The newly formed lobby called on its readership of 90,000 (mostly pastors, who are expected to pass the mes-

sage on their congregations) to write Congress.

Steve Endean, Gay Rights National Lobby lobbyist, warns the nation's lesbian/gay community of "the chilling effect their actions may have on our progress." He says, "They may very well encourage anti-gay amendments to be added to nonrelated bills on the floor of both the US House and Senate."

SF Group Encourages World Airways Boycott

The Golden Gate Business Association has recommended that a national boycott of World Airways, Inc. be encouraged.

World Airways President Edward Daly had sent a memo to employees of the airline stating, "This company doesn't need hodlums, racketeers, and queers..." Gay owned travel agencies have been alerted by the GGBA.

Daly has been sent letters from Arthur Lazere, GGBA president as well as Assemblyman Art Agnos, the National Gay Task Force and Carole Migden of the

Pacific Center.

Not one has been answered.

"We cannot let corporate leaders continue to spew forth bigotry against our community," said Lazere. The boycott is endorsed by GGBA, the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, the Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club, the San Francisco Tavern Guild, and the Gay Teachers and School-workers Coalition of California.

Lazere, speaking for GGBA, said, "Don't Fly World Airways."

President's Nephew Wants 'Normal Life'

KPFT--Presidential nephew Willie Carter Spann seems to be having some trouble adjusting to life on the outside. Just before Christmas, Willie was paroled from a California prison, where he was serving a robbery for sticking up a gay bar.

Since then he's been living with Jane Frey—who married him while he was still in prison—and making a bundle from lectures and interviews.

It seems like all that easy money was a bit hard to handle, though. When the bucks started to come in, Willie began drinking and became—as one parole officer put it—

"a little difficult."

The big crisis came when Willie travelled to Florida to give an interview to the *National Enquirer*--he apparently got so difficult that Jane decided to leave him. She got so upset that she phoned the White House and left a message for the President.

Last weekend--much to her amazement--Jimmy called back. "I'm very sorry," said the President, "but I can't help. Willie will have to work this out for himself."

Carter also promised to visit the couple during a

planned trip to San Francisco next month--but he may change his mind if he gets a look at that *National Enquirer* interview. Willie told the tabloid that Carter was a hostile man who turned into an emotionless "robot" after his born-again conversion--and said that the whole Carter family was so nutty that Miss Lillian joined the Peace Corps just to get away from them.

The latest word on Willie and Jane is that they have agreed to give it another try.

"All I want," says Willie, "is a halfway normal life, like ordinary people."

Vanity No Longer Means Woman

KPFT--Men today are pampering themselves with ritzy fragrances, glittery jewelry and clothes, and removing wrinkles through plastic surgery and facial treatments. Department of Commerce figures show that in 1978, expenditures for men's and boy's wear in the US reached \$26.5 billion dollars--up 115 percent from 10 years ago and the number of men who get facelifts these days is roughly double that of a decade ago.

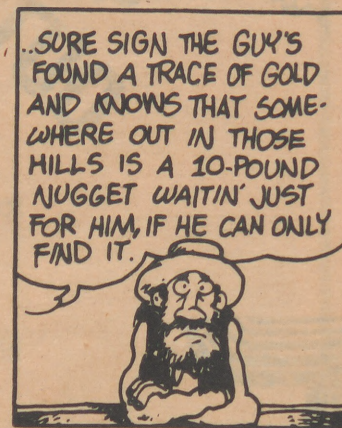
The tab for men's cosmetics has also soared--from

\$992.4 million in 1974 to a whopping \$1.3 billion in 1978.

Why the sudden glamor fever in men.

Norman Karr, executive director of the Men's Fashion Association, says that women's greater economic freedom has made men more conscious of being a sexual commodity. Says Karr, "A woman today isn't going to be impressed by a man just because he'd make a good provider, especially if he looks and smells like hell."

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Some Montrose Star Want Ads received after Star deadline are not included in this issue but will be included next week.

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G/W/M, 45, would like to meet someone 27 - 36, interested in older person. Educated, sincere person preferred, Ad 176 - B

G/W/M 25 from Akron would like to meet G/W/M 36 from Oklahoma, for friendship. Must like hockey & Cleo Lane. 178-A

G/W/M 26 Gdlk, br hr, beard, new to Houston, looking for good friends. Into tennis racket ball and the arts. Write a little bit about self (photo would be nice) 178-B All replies answered.

G/W/M, 50's, 5'11" 150 pounds. wants black friend. Permanent relationship to share large apartment near Medical Center. Must be mature, responsible, employed. Not into bars, baths, games, drink, drugs. Serious only. Send photo and phone Ad 177-A

G/W/M, 28, would like roommate in Galleria Area, 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Share rent. \$160. If interested call tom at 960-1977 after 5:30 PM.

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Shiflett Drops State Rep Race

Steve Shiflett, President of the Houston Gay Political Caucus, announced that he has decided not to enter the race for the state representative seat to be vacated by Ron Waters.

Waters will be running for the State Senate in the next election.

Shiflett said his decision

was based on several factors, including his desire to continue working with the GPC.

"To desert the GPC just as we have many things moving in our direction would be an injustice to the entire gay community of Houston," the present GPC president remarked.

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tain comic strip for television and motion picture production.

David and I felt he was perfect for the lead. As a matter of fact, so did the creator of the strip. We had something in hand to make our fortune with in California -- Hollywood in particular.

Before we could leave the divorce had to be settled. I have many regrets about the way I flaunted David during those days. I know my ex-wife was deeply hurt and the hurt have never healed. We went to parties where she was, participated in productions at the theatre where she was starring -- all the

time making sure everyone knew we were 'together.'

You might say 'first love' had kind of made me crazy. So -- no excuses. The divorce and its local scandal was thoroughly noted by everybody in my hometown.

Through it all David was a solid help. When we left for the city I felt I had secured his everlasting love. He knew he had mine. I lost everything in the divorce except a new convertible.

And so it was that David and I, now thoroughly in a close gay relationship, headed for the west coast. We were confident we would make it in Hollywood!

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