

The Gay Pride Week flags flew for a while, until someone found out that it was illegal to use city light poles for political messages. Whoops!

The Festivities of Gay Pride Past

By Billie Duncan

It's been quite a Gay Pride week so far, and it's not over yet. As most people who read this paper know already, last Thursday, June 14, Gay Pride Week had its kick-off at Kindred Spirits, followed on Friday by the Citywide Salute to Gay Businesses.

Then the schedule started to get crowded.

On Saturday, the MSA Softball people got out for some fun games. There were a couple of all-star games in which the members of the teams kind of switched around between games—sort of the West vs. the South and the North vs. the East, or something.

But they were won by someone and got the crowd warmed up for the highlight game of the day: the Sponsors vs. the Drag Queens. Now as far as this reporter could tell, there wasn't a scorekeeper, but that didn't seem to bother anyone. Reports have it that the game was tied either 12-12 or 14-14.

However, one of the Drag Queen team insisted that they won 69-0. Perhaps he/she was scoring in a different way.

Who knows?

Saturday was also the salute to the Parents and Friends of Gays, who showed their genuine caring on Monday and Tuesday by calling the mayor and council members to show support for the gay



Debra Danburg and Larry Bagneris were among the dignitaries at the Walk for Unity last Sunday

rights amendments to the city hiring codes.

On Sunday, was the joyous Walk for Unity, benefitting the Gay Switchboard, Montrose Clinic and Montrose Counseling Center. About 100 walkers showed up along with many politicians, sponsors and onlookers.

The total take for the walk was a whopping \$6700, with Bill Schmidt of TGRA, MSA and the Barn hitting first place with \$1232, winning a trip to Ft. Lauderdale for two. With that kind of collecting power on their team, the TGRA took the commemoration

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Emotionalism and Ignorance Dominated the Passage of the 'Gay Ordinance'

By Billie Duncan

Houston now has amended both the Affirmative Action Program and the Civil Service section of the Code of Ordinances to include non-discriminatory clauses protecting people from unfair hiring and firing on the basis of "sexual orientation."

But before these actions could take place, the anti-gay religious faction of the Houston area mobilized to show their own ignorance of homosexuality and of the ramifications of the two amendments.

These amendments are simple. The first is basically useless as far as being titled "affirmative action" in that there are no quotas and no plans to actively pursue gays for hiring purposes (as is the case with race and sex). However, what it can do is protect blacks, chicanos and/or women who are gay from being discriminated against simply because of their sexual orientation.

The second amendment protects the gays currently working in city government and clarifies the fact that sexual orientation should not be a factor in city hiring.

However in the opinion of the opponents of the measures, these simple amendments would make Houston a haven for homosexual activity, which they say is a sin and a chosen way of life.

Some years ago, these same groups were lobbying against civil rights for blacks and using the Bible as a reference to show that blacks were inferior to whites. The Ku Klux Klan still does that. And, of course, the Klan showed up at council.

By the time they got there (two in hoods, most in black shirts and combat togs), the council chambers were filled up, so they jammed the halls outside, along with a group of Bible-thumpers and a group of gay supporters.

Inside was hardly less of a case of strange bedfellows. Many of the religious fringe group had brought small children and had them holding up signs expressing their (the parents') distaste for homosexuality. The TV cameras honed in on the kids like bees to honey—which was probably the use for which they were intended.

One five-year-old boy reached up and touched the camera and burned his thumb. He kept showing people the blister on his thumb, but his mother said that she was afraid that if she left the chambers, she would not be able to get back in. Later, as they were leaving, the child got his leg stuck in one of the seats and it took four people to extricate him. Luckily, he was not injured.

It is unfortunate that these people, who purport to disagree with homosexuality because of the danger that they feel it presents to children, would have so little regard for their own children.

During the meeting, the crowd had to be told several times that outbursts of applause were not allowed in the council meeting. Also not allowed in this meeting was any public discussion of the issue, except by the members of council.

Apparently, since the amendments were assured of passage, council felt that a long, dragged-out emotionally-charged outpouring of anti-gay (and pro-gay) rhetoric would be a waste of time.

However, in an issue of human rights, it is always sad to see free speech curtailed. Even if council did not agree with the radical approach that is usually taken by the right-wing religious fringe, those people should have the right to voice an opinion. If there was an ordinance with which the gay community felt strong opposition, and no debate was allowed on the issue, members of the community would feel

anger and frustration—and rightly so.

Now, the opposition forces can point to the fact that debate was not allowed in order to claim that the amendments were railroaded through the council for passage, even though the amendments were first brought up in council last December.

And the opposition is not through. It was clearly stated before, after and during council that a major move to call a referendum would begin immediately. The Legal Department said that if 10% of the people who voted in the last mayoral election called for a referendum, the amendments would be put to a general vote in the next municipal election.

In the meantime, both of the amendments have had proposed amendments to either clarify or nullify them brought up in council and tagged.

All this was done to the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "America the Beautiful," "When the Saints Go Marching In" and other all-time favorites being sung loudly outside the council chambers.

As the crowd outside began aggressively chanting, "Vote no! Vote no! Vote no!" Council Member Anthony Hall, who sponsored the amendments, remarked, "Are those heterosexuals?"

There were other moments worthy of note. Council Member Eleanor Tinsley, who had stated her support of the amendments, said, "My office has not received such venom on any issue."

Council Member John Goodner, who led the opposition, wanted to know, "If someone claims they have been discriminated against because they are a gay homosexual, how does the city defend itself?"

Council Member Jim Greenwood, who voted no on the first amendment and yes on the second pointed out, "There are some

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Anthony Hall, sponsor of the 'gay ordinance,' outside the council chambers

things like race, color and sex that are easy to keep track of. You just have to look at them."

Council Member Larry McKaskle brought up the rest room issue, and wanted to know, if the ordinances passed, would that mean that women could use men's restrooms and men could use women's restrooms? "I certainly don't want to vote for something that would permit or legalize that," he explained.

He was assured that the ordinance did not include provisions for cross-resting. He voted against both of them.

Even with the celebration for such a small step down the road to human rights for every individual, the gay community must brace itself to begin the fight to combat the ignorance that could turn that small step forward into a big push back.

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ative trophy for the largest organization donation.

Other participants included Kindred Spirits, Professional Executive Council, HAGLES, Briar Patch, Frontrunners, Dignity, Men Against Deception and the Diana Foundation.

The participants in Monday's Montrose Art Alliance showing at Baja's are too numerous to mention, but the planning committee, who did such a fine job, were Dale Adams, Lyle Barrett, Earl Clark, Elroy Forbes, Carl Hays, Joey McKay,

Roz Vecchio and Bill Wooton.

The art was exceptional, the music was delightful and the company was superb.

Tuesday was the official Gay Pride Week production of Doric Wilson's *Street Theater*. That production is reviewed elsewhere in this issue.

Joe DiBona of the Brazos River Bottom, the site for the Texas Gay Rodeo Association's Hoedown, said that the hoedown was a huge success.

Last night was the National Day of Remembrance at the Bering Church.

And that's what has happened so far.



Carrying balloons (and parasols, some cases) the walkers for unity marched down the streets of Montrose



Members of the Montrose Symphonic Band raised money and got wet last weekend at the car wash at Mary's

The Festivities of Gay Pride Present and Future

By Billie Duncan

Gay Pride Week has three action-packed days to go.

Tonight is Dignity/Houston's time to take the spotlight with "Celebrating a Decade of Ministry" at 6:30 p.m. at Holy

Rosary Church. Then at 7:45 will be "An Evening with Rita Mae Brown" at the Houston Center Club.

Starting at 9 p.m. is the Sixth Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival at the LaNoche Ballroom on North Main, with music by the Latin Express.

Saturday is the Montrose Symphonic Band Concert in Cullen Auditorium.

And Sunday is the biggest day of all, with the Gay Pride Parade, starting at 2:30 at Shepherd and winding down Westheimer to Bagby. After the parade, the GPC Rally will be held in Spotts Park.

The fun will begin with music and dancing and a \$3 beer bust. If anyone has not registered to vote yet, there will be voter registration tables and volunteers helping to hand out the forms.

Security for the rally will be by the Constable's office, the Guardian Angels and GPC volunteers. However, people attending the rally should go in groups, park away from the neighborhood behind the park and exercise reason in the consumption of alcohol.

The whole week will be capped off by a spectacular fireworks display, compliments of the Diana Foundation.

Happy Gay Pride!



In the Sponsors vs. the Drag Queens game last Saturday the sponsors managed a tie



Unbeknownst to Terry Clark of TGRA, members of his "team" in the Walk for Unity had added as a license number that was actually the phone number of a famous weight reduction clinic



Of course, the Drag Queens claimed an overwhelming victory

Suspects No Longer Legally Jailed

Persons charged with traffic offences and Class C misdemeanors such as public intoxication will no longer be legally held in jail to see a judge, according to a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Justice of the Peace Paul Heath Till cited the new ruling and directed all persons charged in his Houston-area court be released on personal recognizance bonds until tried. Those persons, in his court,

would need to appear the following day after they are arrested, but would be allowing to leave the jail and not remain in custody as has been experienced in the past.

Most person picked up for public intoxication or other minor offenses on a Friday night routinely did not see a judge until the following Monday morning, remaining in jail the weekend.

When the law specifies a penalty of a

fine only, such as for public intoxication, or other non-jailable offenses, the Supreme Court held that these person not be held in jail.

Till acted on the precedent setting court action following advice on interpretation from Billy Lee, senior assistant county attorney. Lee said, in his opinion, any time spent in jail for non-jailable offenses would not be sanctioned by law, and would be difficult to defend.

Montrose Soap

By Amanda B. Recondwith

Claifornia Screamin'

Well, Dear Fans, Amanda has just returned from a WHIRLWIND tour of that great late state of California, and there was just TOO much happening! Californians are such strange people, you know. They just aren't happy unless there is some sort of massive activity going on around them so they can pretend that it doesn't bother them. Well, needless to say, the Olympics are being held in L.A. this year, and the city of angels (or is it angles?) is preparing for a BIG bash!

Of course Amanda couldn't stay at the Beverly Hills Hotel because it was simply booked with sight-seers and Arab oil men, all ruffled over the fact that the Iranians and the Iraqis are going to block their oil shipments and the rest of the world doesn't seem to care. There was this constant wailing from the elevator shafts as they rode up and down in their smelly little robes. So Amanda set out to stay with her dear friend Reed, who lives in the city proper. Now you Dear Fans may be asking, "Just what does she mean by City Proper in a place like L.A.?" and Amanda really can't answer that. She was just told that Reed lived in the city proper by a rather palid looking Oriental gas station mechanic who was repairing the air conditioning on the Rolls. Amanda travels in STYLE, Dear Fans! And the TRAFFIC! Oh, we were so glad to get to Reed's house and lie in the tub and wait for the night to come when the traffic would maybe slow down just a little.

We have it so nice here in Houston. Our traffic almost dies after ten in the evening. In L.A., the traffic goes on and on and on! But after a refreshing recline, and a change of crinolines, Amanda was ready for another bout with the megalopolis. After the usual reacquaintances and greeting, we piled into the Rolls (which was rented, but had Sebastian driving, of course!) and took off for the night life.

There were so many things to do. We drove up Hollywood Boulevard, and we drove down the Sunset Strip, and we hit Mean Street and we flew up the Santa Monica Freeway, and down the Fast Lane and after a really wonderful time, we came back to the house and watched video. It was a real California time, and when we were finally reclining in the hot tub, Amanda suddenly realized that she had spent the whole evening in her car, and that the entire CITY was on wheels! Even the hot tub had wheels that would allow it to move in case of earthquakes (a TABOO subject in L.A. if there ever was one!).

The next day, we all scampered down to see the stadium and the Olympic Village. It was so funny. In Europe, the Olympic Villages were so asutere and so Bauhaus, with shiny white walls and sheer facades and noble design, supposedly incorporating the purity of architecture with the purity of the athletes. In L.A., nothing is really pure, you know. The air is not pure, the politics are not pure, and the people are certainly not without their darker sides, and the Olympic Complex is like Disneyland Revisited!

Where else but in California could an Olympic Athlete be awakened in the morning by the chiming voices of Mickey and Minnie Mouse singing a delightful duet? Where else but in California could Olympic Athletes ride to the games in a massive water log down a shoot? The best part of the Olympic Complex was the security. Americans do not feel very comfortable around automatic weapons, and people in L.A. are growing rather used to the dark blue SWAT Team uniform with the powerful sub machine guns strapped around their shoulders—but that would be far too severe for the touring public to see. So now there are men in these wonderful Goofy, Daffy, Mickie, Minnie and Ronald Reagan outfits, complete with massive heads, carrying sub-machine guns inside the costumes while handing out candy and directions to the tourists. Ah, California!

Looking around, Amanda was not surprised that the Russians had decided to boycott our Olympics. A Dear Friend of Amanda's who went to the Russian games said that the Moscow Olympics had been DREADFUL! Inside the stadium, everything was just wonderful—there were half a million people all brightly dressed and happy, and thousand of gorgeous young men and women dancing and swaying to incredibly beautiful patriotic music (the Russian National Anthem has no words, you know!). But once the games were over for the

day, the foreign visitors were ushered to buses and escorted by armed guards to their hotels, where they lived like hermits until they were let out the next day, or until they could manage a guided guarded tour of some tomb or national socialist museum. The Russian THRIVE on security. It's what makes them SECURE!

Now, imagine a bunch of Russians walking through the streets of L.A. for the first time! Russia on the Hudson was not Russians on Hollywood and Vine! And none of that could possibly compare to Russians on RODEO DRIVE! Imagine never seeing a pair of jeans except maybe as a once-in-a-lifetime gift at your wedding, then walking into Cariter's or Cloel!

The shock would be too weird. Imagine never being able to go anywhere unguarded and suddenly finding yourself loose in the seething, churning, shrieking mass that is Los Angeles. Imagine always seeing police and uniformed guards everywhere you go and then suddenly being thrown into an environment of Goofy, Daffy and Mickey! Amanda sometimes thinks (although she knows better) that the Russian government boycotted the Olympics just to spare the Athletes the TRAUMA of exposure to the California lifestyle, which can be shocking enough to a full-blooded and bodied American!

Oh well, Amanda had seen enough of the Olympics that day, and decided that she would probably pay a visit back to the city later in the summer to see a game or two. Tickets are very hard to come by, but she knows a Iranian immigrant who runs a Jewish bagel bakery on Van Ness, and he said he could get her some tickets anytime she wants—and we know he can. Once, this man got Amanda a ticket to Angie Dickenson's bedroom closet so that she could cover a little-known argument between her and Burt, before he moved out and she became totally addicted to avacadoes.

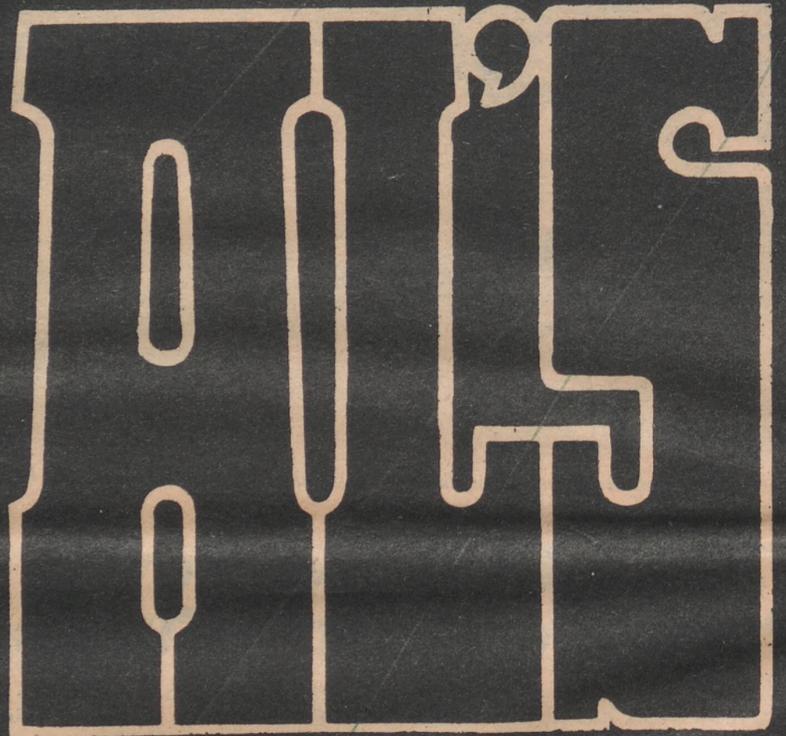
After a short stay in the L.A. of our dreams, Amanda just had to wonder where the American Dream has gone. Somewhere in the mass of videos and Rolls Royces and jewelry stores there had to be a real ART, but it was so hard to find. Reed told Amanda that L.A. IS art. Maybe so. Maybe L.A. is living art that is constantly changing and growing and moving. Nevertheless, we were rather glad to get back on the jet and head home. The weather in California is something to really miss, and the people are probably the friendliest outside of Texas, but the pace is just TOO TOO for a lady of distinction. Class does not grow on trees, and the Astors always hated California for it's audacity. One side of the country feels that the other is less than it is and much more than it can ever be—but Texas and Houston are exactly what they are—BIG, FRIENDLY, and HOME for Amanda and about 20 million other people who prefer to visit places like L.A.

So, now that we are back in Houston, things have been rather hectic. How WONDERFUL of KATHY WHITMIRE! She is truly our DEAR FRIEND! Thanks to her and her farsighted council, gays may no longer be discriminated against for reasons of "sexual orientation." It is a milestone for Texas and for Houston, and certainly a feather in Kathy's cap, which will have to become a rather large HAT if the feather continues! Thanks, Dear. Maybe now Amanda will just let you keep that expensive umbrella she loaned you last March.

GO GO GO GO GO to the most fabulous little gallery in the city! You must see the Red Shoes collection of photographs by New York's famous and fabulous Kenn Duncan! Amanda's Dear Friend Jeff Bray has a rave revue of the artist and his work and the CHIC opening party, but Amanda must tell her readers NOT to miss it themselves. Sure, Carolyn Farb has already seen it, but we think she'll be back again, and you'll really miss out if you don't see it yourselves! Besides, Tony is so WONDERFUL—a real New York Man gone Houston. GO SEE.

Well, TA TA for now, Dear Fans. Amanda is simply exhausted this week. Her schedule keeps her just running and running all the time, and she must catch up on her sleep so she will be fresh and pretty for the Gay Pride Parade!

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During the convention period, the Gay Task Force of the American Library Association will present two programs.

On Sunday, June 24, the Task Force will present "Closet Keys: Gay and Lesbian Periodicals for Libraries." Just prior to the start of this event, the Task Force will present its Gay Book Award for 1984 to author John D'Emilio for, *Sexual Politics, Sexual Communities: the Making of a Homosexual Minority in the United States, 1940-1970*. While D'Emilio cannot attend the awards ceremony, a brief acceptance speech will be read.

On Monday, June 25, the Task Force will present "The Way We Were: Gay Life before Gay Liberation," featuring Dr. R.B. "Buzz" Tucker, Mary "X," and Plil Johnson.

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NGTF Files Suit Challenging Department of Defense Discharge Policy

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) has filed a class action lawsuit challenging the policy of the Department of Defense to issue less than Honorable Discharges to military personnel who are separated from the U.S. Armed Forces because of homosexuality.

The action was filed in behalf of NGTF by American Civil Liberties Union attorney Bart Stichman. In the lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., NGTF charges that more than 5,000 veterans have had their military service characterized as less than honorable for conduct that did not affect performance of their military duties.

Commenting on the filing, Virginia M. Apuzzo, Executive Director of NGTF, said, "This action is one of a series of efforts by NGTF against remaining government-sanctioned discrimination. The policy of granting less than Honorable Discharges on the basis of sexual orientation is especially abhorrent in the light of the dedication and pride with which gay men and lesbians have served and are serving their country."

One of the named plaintiffs in the lawsuit, Lilli M. Vincenz, had her military service characterized as less than Honorable because she engaged in homosexual conduct in a motel off of her military base while she was off-duty. The lawsuit seeks a court order requiring military departments to recharacterize to Honorable the discharges of all the affected veterans unless the military can demonstrate that homosexual conduct directly and adversely affected performance of military duties.

In addition to Vincenz, seven other veterans and a veterans organization have joined NGTF as plaintiffs in the class action. The plaintiffs contend that a less than Honorable Discharge stigmatizes the veteran, making it difficult to obtain employment in civilian society.

NGTF asserts that many of its nearly 10,000 members are affected by the challenged military policy, because they are currently members of the U.S. Armed Forces and, unbeknownst to their commanding officers, are gay men or women.

Genetically Engineered Vaccine for Hepatitis B Proven Effective in Humans

A vaccine made from genetically engineered protein grown in common yeast has been found to be effective and safe for humans un derting Hepatitis B, according to researchers at Merck Sharp & Dohme in West Point, PA, reports the Associated Press.

"To the best of our knowledge," one pharmaceutical company representative said, "this is the first time that a vaccine prepared by recombinant DNA technology has been used in man." If further tests confirm these test results, the product could provide a cheap and plentiful alternative to the vaccine now available which is made from blood plasma of people who carry the liver disease.

It is more difficult to prepare an antigen (substance causing the body to produce disease-fighting agents) with plasma than by genetic engineering, said Dr. Edward Scolnick. In the new genetically engineered vaccine, "you don't have the problem of starting with infected plasma."

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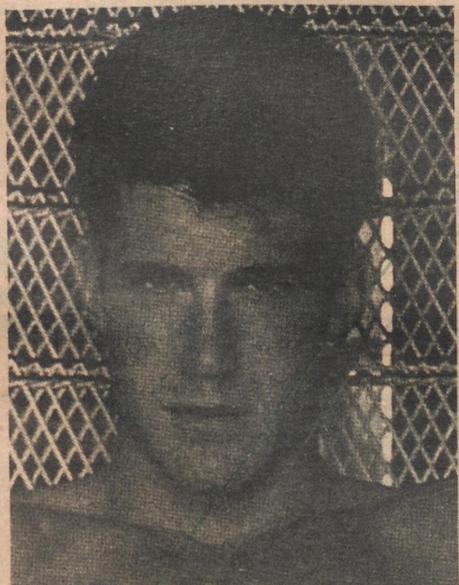
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Tuck was convicted Wednesday, June 13, and released on \$25,000 surety bond. When he failed to return for sentencing, officers began the search.

Williamson County Sheriff, Jim Boutwell, said Tuck shot Debra Inman, 29, and his daughter Debbie Tuck, because he was upset about their relationship. Trial proceeds indicated that the two women were lovers. The daughter, whom he shot three

times, managed to stagger to a neighbor's home to get help. Ms. Inman was dead at the scene.

Tuck was said to have been possibly contemplating suicide when taken into custody. There was a bag containing more than 100 Valium pills found in his hotel room, and he had contacted an Austin newspaper reporter threatening to kill himself.

Boutwell, Texas Ranger, DPS officers and Burleson County Sheriff Alfred Wilhelm staked out the motel where Tuck told the reporter he would be, and took him into custody without incident. He is being held without bond.

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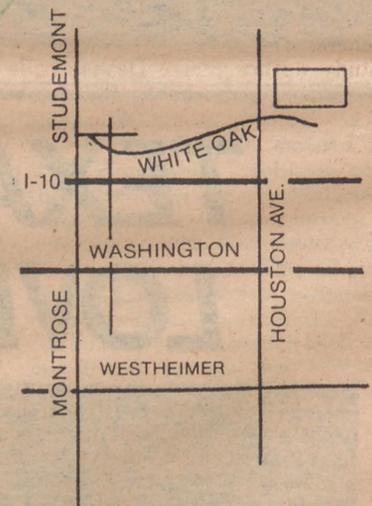
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At 1 p.m., in the Agnes Arnold Hall, room 2, the program will start with a film on a union strike in New Mexico, followed by Dr. Margarita Melville, anthropology professor at U. of H., who will speak on "Breaking the Economic Chains."

A buffet dinner will be available soon after Melville's speech. The program will then move to Agnes Arnold Auditorium, where Hitji Abdul Aziz, an African poet, will speak on "Breaking the Cultural Chains," starting at 7:30 p.m.

Closing the program will be "A Tribute to the Finest," a one-woman show by Bettie Blount, who portrays five top women blues musicians.

Tickets for the show are \$5 and are available now. People attending the all-day program will get a discount on the show ticket price (\$3). For more information and ticket sale locations, please call Rossann Dumas at 924-5177 or 749-4142.

Black Women on Fast Track to the Top

When it comes to making it to the top, black women seem to have the inside track. According to the *Chicago Tribune*, a Chicago study found they outperformed both white females and black men in hurdling the racial and sexual barriers to becoming lawyers, doctors and college teachers.

Study author Pierre DeVise calls the achievement remarkable, but notes that black women may be less threatening to white males, and besides, they count as two minorities.

Despite the gains, however, DeVise says the income gap between Chicago's blacks and whites has widened since 1960, with whites now earning twice as much as blacks.

Black and Blue

More than half of black female workers say they have to put up with racial slurs and jokes on the job. According to a survey by *Essence* magazine, one in 12 is subjected to racial putdowns often or always.

The study indicates that black women working in blue-collar and sales positions are most likely to suffer verbal abuse.

Many Finns Not Delighted with Gay Life

International Gay News Agency
Legislation about gay rights in Finland has lagged behind that of other Nordic countries, according to *Seta* magazine.

At present it is still possible to be arrested and punished for "encouragement" of homosexuality in this Scandinavian nation, despite efforts by gay activists to alter the laws.

At the same time, the age-of-consent law discriminates against homosexual behavior, since heterosexual acts are permissible at an earlier age.

Finland is in the process of passing a sexuality equality law to create greater parity between the sexes, but unless the statutes are changed, it will still be possible to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

The aim of Finland's gay activists is eventually to pass legislation that would prepare the ground for a favorable change in the attitude of society toward homosexuality.

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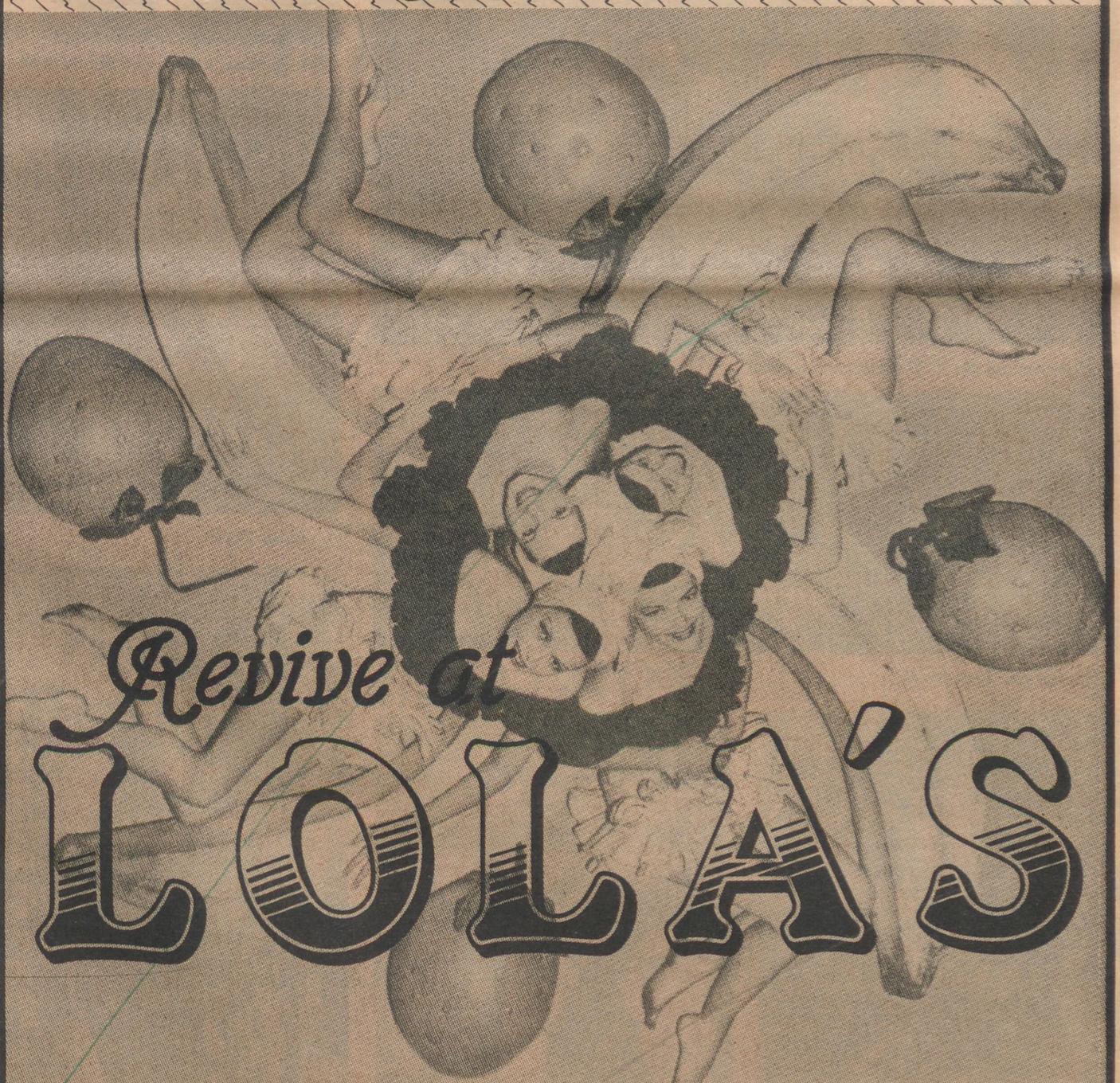
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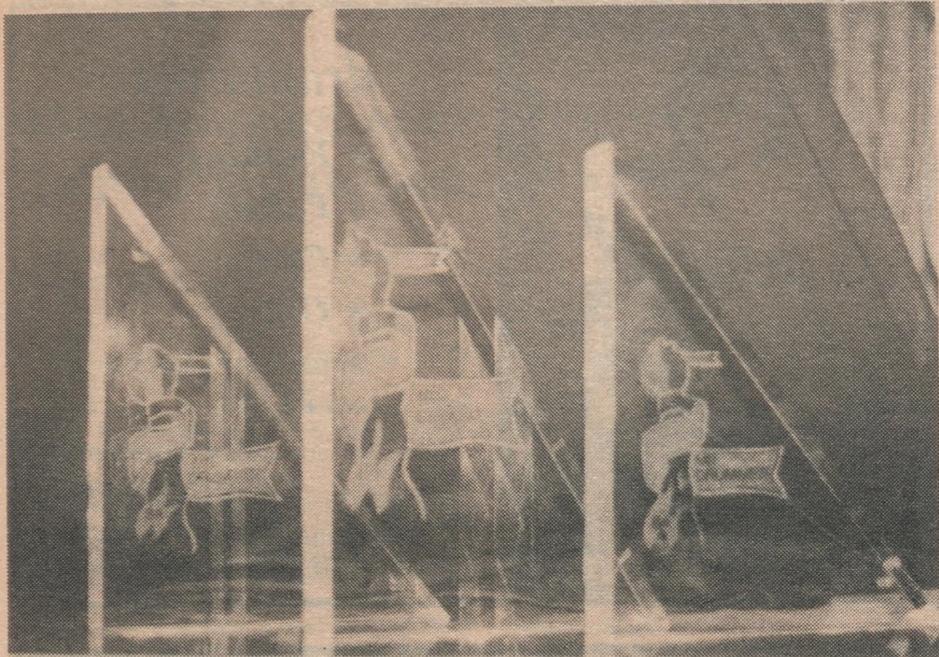
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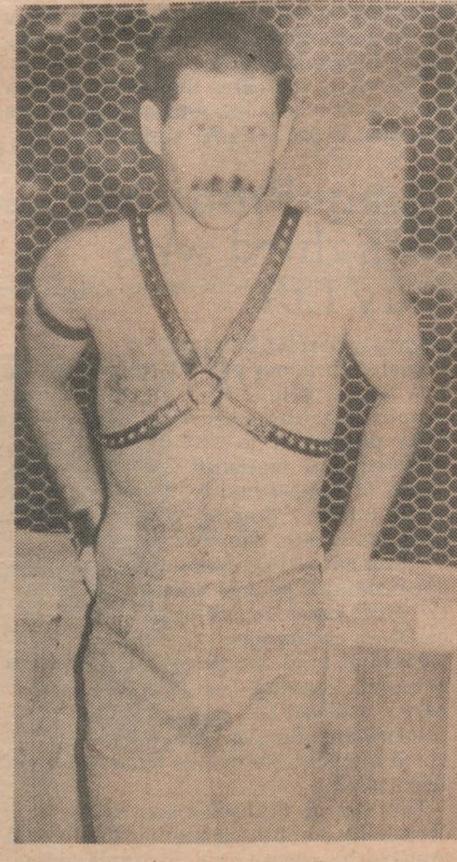
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Refugees from Mary's pose with a Greek statue

You Were There

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Kim, the bartender at the Drum

Siminoski Finds Proof of FBI Surveillance of Gays

By Hollis Hood

Although the Federal Bureau of Investigation was advised it had no legal basis to spy on "gay groups," Bureau chief J. Edgar Hoover ordered agents to "go after the scum," says Dan Siminoski, gay activist and political scientist.

Siminoski has been gathering data for a forthcoming book, *Spies in the Closets: Federal Surveillance of the Gay Rights Movement from 1950-1982*. He asked the FBI for files of 13 gay organizations that there was evidence had been tracked during those years and was denied access to the information.

In response, he has filed, with the American Civil Liberties Union in Southern California, a suit to release all the information.

"I have been asked why I should care about old, dusty records," he told a gathering of gay media newsmen in Houston earlier this year. "What difference does it make? Well, I'll give you several reasons."

Siminoski explained that this case should be of interest to any American who is interested in his or her privacy. It demonstrates that no person is safe under the law until they know exactly how the law is being abridged to violate their civil rights.

"This case will tell us a lot about the relationship between gay rights and the federal government, which allegedly stands for freedom. It will demonstrate that civil liberties are only up to the definition (given them) by local law enforcement agencies. Gay rights have always been violated and are continuing to be," he said.

Siminoski was told the release of the requested documents would be a threat to national security. However, as the time for the case to be heard draws near, the FBI has seen fit to relinquish at least a portion of the documentation in what the activist calls a compromise.

Specifically, several hundred pages from the file kept on the Mattachine Society between 1953 and 1956 was released, and it is revealing "a dark and interesting period," he said.

Hoover had instructed FBI agents, the post office authorities, military officers, every agency nationwide to try to find a way to interfere with the growth of gay organizations. The file contains a memo from the chief's advisor, Tolson (who may have been Hoover's lover, says Siminoski), that there was no legal way to interfere with the groups and that the matter should be dropped.

However, Hoover wrote back that agencies were to "go after the scum" and set up surveillance networks in all cities where the Mattachine Society had chapters, "although there was absolutely no legal justification for it," said Siminoski.

At that moment, a network for hatred and acceptance of unorganized concept of gays was initiated, which has been the federal government's stance ever since.

Siminoski said that a multi-person staff will begin sifting through the hundreds of pages of documentation this week, but that proof has already been found that the keeping of such records was altogether illegal.

"It's impossible to say how much is yet to be disclosed. We think there are tens of hundreds of pages. At least 32 years of surveillance. My lawyer is optimistic that we will reach a compromise, but I don't see how they could bend sufficiently," the former Texas Tech professor said.

"A lot of this stuff is dynamite," he said. It is easy to trace the evolution of a Frankenstein of record-keeping, in which the reason for existence is non-existent, and all the parts are defective, yet the homophobia policies formed under the Hoover administration have been passed down intact generation after generation through the FBI.

"I would think that the people in charge have had very poor training, because what they have released is clearly a document one would think they would not want to go public. The whole process is interesting," he concluded.

"We should all care about these records," he said. "It's one of the great scandals of administrative justice. It is dark, illicit, ugly history of taxpayer waste and secrecy."

On a positive note, however, Siminoski said that the federal government can be complimented on its thoroughness of data keeping, and that the records in question can give a detailed history of the gay movement from the early 1950s to the present. "It (the government) is a wonderful archivist," he joked. "It gathers everything and keeps it. Keeps it like a pack rat—all the dirt in all the closets—and they save, save, save."

But now, through Siminoski's lawsuit, perhaps some of the government's closets will be opened as well.

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A Joint Statement from Community PAC and the Gay Political Caucus

Today is a victory for all supporters of human rights and believers in human dignity. We are pleased that the Houston City Council has seen fit to pass the Hall Amendments, despite the vicious attacks and intentionally misleading efforts of a well-organized opposition. The supporters of these amendments cast a vote against discrimination and inequality while the opponents voted to continue discrimination and inequality. Considering the vitriolic attacks they have received, the council members who voted for these amendments have shown great courage.

The Hall Amendments do not establish quotas for hiring of gays: they protect people from being fired because they are gay. This is not preferential treatment: this is equal treatment.

We submit that the opponents are intentionally ignoring documentation already on file when they assert that there is no discrimination against gays in the city government. Indeed, they are actively advocating establishment of legal discrimination in hiring in some city departments.

We wish to point out that we fully support and respect all laws that protect minors from sexual abuse by adults, and that the Hall Amendments in no way offer any protection to any city employee (gay or non-gay) from prosecution under these laws. We agree that persons (gay and non-gay) having a demonstrated background of abuse of minors should not be in any position that places them in supervision of children. It is our hope that children have as role models individuals who are sensitive and responsible adults.

We wish to strongly protest the assertion by the opponents that religion is not a conscious selection of religious belief by an individual. This deliberate confusion of the issue is typical of the tactics of the opponents.

These amendments were introduced in December, 1983, and were duly reported by the Houston media. These amendments were discussed extensively last week. The public has been informed and has had ample opportunity to express itself. These amendments are not being sneaked through City Council.

The opponents have sought to further confuse the issue by implying that the act of recognizing the rights of individuals is the same as granting approval of the actions of those individuals. We do not approve of the opinions of Ku Klux Klan members, but we supported their right to march (in condemnation of homosexuality) in Montrose. We do not seek approval. We seek our rights as Americans.

The members of C-PAC and GPC wish to specifically thank Council Member Anthony Hall for introducing these amendments and for his work in securing passage of these amendments.

We thank Council Member George Greanias for his support and advice. We also thank him for his eloquent statement in rebuttal to the allegations of an opponent.

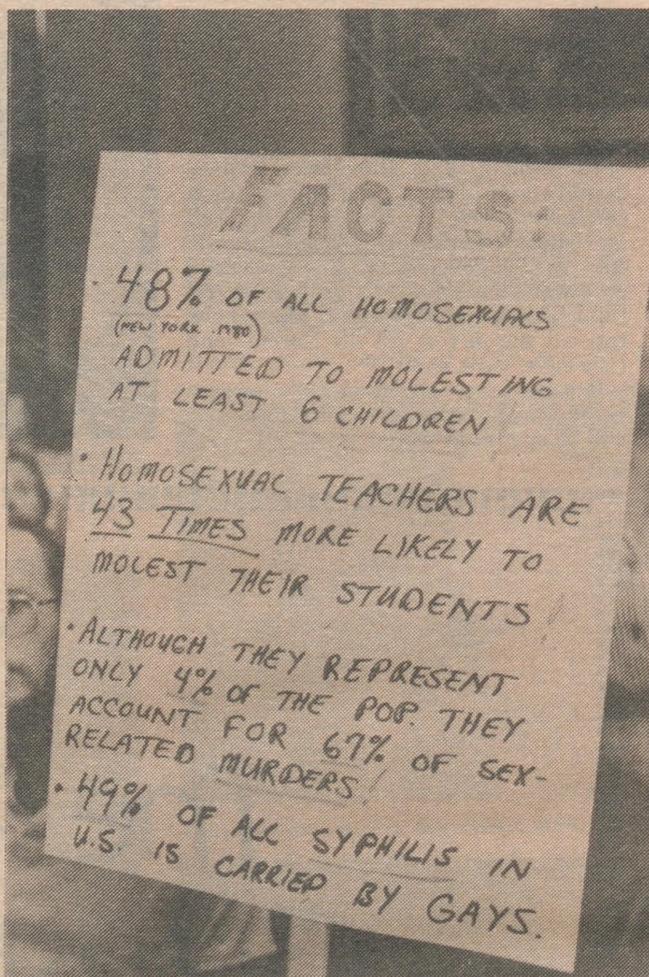
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We thank Council Member Dale Gorcynski for delaying his vacation in order to vote for these amendments.

Council Members Eleanor Tinsley, Rodney Ellis, Judson Robinson and Ernest McGowen are each thanked for the sup-

port demonstrated by their votes and statements.

In addition, we wish to express our appreciation to the staffs of these council members for their professional performance in dealing with the many rude and vicious phone calls they received.

Finally, we must thank Mayor Kathryn J. Whitmire for her continued support and advise on behalf of these amendments.

Gay people have been active in Houston city politics for many years now. Our program has never changed: we seek legal protection from discrimination. We find it most hypocritical that someone should gladly seek and accept gay support in order to be elected and then, once elected, find it more expedient to use deliberate distortion, fear and misinformation to attack that very support. One question which other political groups should ask themselves is when will it become expedient to attack them.

Special thanks go to the Citizens for Human Equality for its very effective efforts to mobilize people in our community to call and send letters in support of the Hall Amendments to council members.

Thanks must also go to the following individuals:

Greg Russell for the initial research into amending the Civil Service Ordinance;

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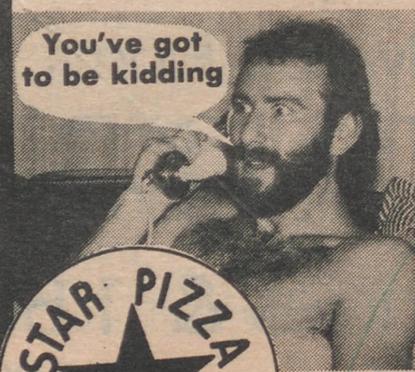
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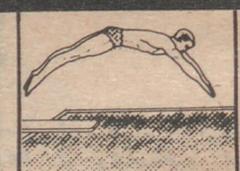
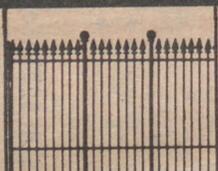
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Witnessing the Aftermath

A Texan Remembers the Stonewall Riot

(Note: In honor of the upcoming 15th anniversary of the Stonewall Riot, credited by most as the actual beginning of the modern gay rights movement in the United States, THE VOICE is seeking first-hand memories of the event in an effort to preserve our own gay history. This first remembrance comes to us via the "Center for the Community Newsletter," a Fort Worth gay community publication. The author, "Sam," is identified as a professional musician who worked in New York during most of the '60s and '70s.)

When I go back to New York every summer, I make a point of dropping by 53 Christopher Street, partly to see what new business is trying to make a go at the site of the old Stonewall Inn (currently a Chinese fast-food place) and partly to think about the weekend of June 27, 1969.

Judy Garland, an incredibly popular cult-figure for gay men of the time, was buried on that Friday, the 27th, but I didn't give the funeral much thought, for I was flying to Montreal that afternoon.

I returned to New York on Sunday afternoon and went to a friend's place for dinner. While having a drink, he said, "Well, my dear, you'll never guess what those queens did in the Village Friday night!" He went on to tell how the patrons of the Stonewall turned a routine police harassment raid into the biggest brouhaha since the 1863 draft riots.

After dinner, he insisted that we go to the Village for a look. Everything from the subway exit to Sheridan Square was peaceful, but Christopher Street was a mess—some of the paving had been pulled up, and there was trash everywhere from overturned garbage cans.

A larger-than-usual crowd was milling about, and a very excited young man filled us in on the events of the past two nights. Sunday's crowd was varied—some (including me) feeling a vague sort of tense unease, but others holding hands or kissing, which was very daring in those days.

Sometime after midnight, the Tactical Police Squad (riot squad) came through and cleared the street without incident (probably because most of us had to work the next day).

I looked in on Christopher Street again early in the week, but there were only a few minor skirmishes with the police. But I am told that during one incident a police badge was lifted, to be found later in a tree in Washington Square, hanging in a garland of pickled pig's feet.

The whole affair having taken the police by surprise, they got busy on Wednesday night, filling the emergency room at St. Vincent's Hospital with victims suffering from brutality—broken noses, bruised and bleeding arms, heads, eyes and backs. The result was that many citizens who had no sympathy for gay problems began to speak out against police behavior.

Liberation groups sprang up like wildflowers, and, within a month, I attended my first rally in Washington Square. I soon began to go to events sponsored by the Gay Liberation Front and later by the Gay Activists' Alliance. Of all the activi-

ties, I found the discussion groups to be the most helpful.

These are a great aid to those just coming out, and, in a way, we were all coming out in those days, sorting out goals and priorities, not just for ourselves, but for the groups with whom we chose to align ourselves.

Looking back after these several years, I often wonder what the Christopher Street incident really means. Have we lost our impetus? Must we be beaten over the head with night sticks before we stand up for our rights?

I don't have those answers. All I can say is what it means to me. Last year I was sitting in a quiet bar with huge windows that look out over Christopher Street,

watching young men pass by holding hands or with their arms around each other. Most are too young to remember what went on there years before—events that made it possible for them to walk about today without police harassment. I felt a moment of resentment, but then decided that it really doesn't matter—the important thing is that they can hold hands or kiss if they want to.

Christopher Street is very quiet these days, a calm and not-very-exceptional-looking street in the West Village. To a large degree, the battle is over and has been won. But the war goes on. There are potential Christopher Streets in every city where we live and work, and it's time we turned our attention and energies to those.

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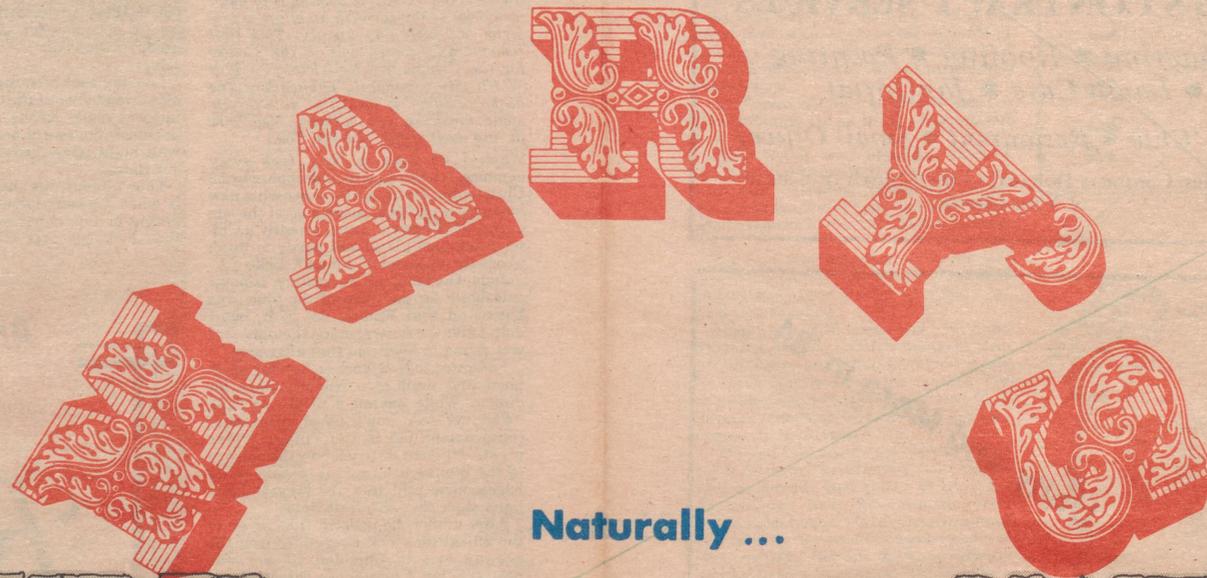
Students Want Drinking Age Raised

Write a letter, get a beer. That's the deal taverns in Albany, N.Y., are offering state university students who write their legislators opposing a move to raise the state's drinking age from 19 to 21, reports *The Boston Globe*.

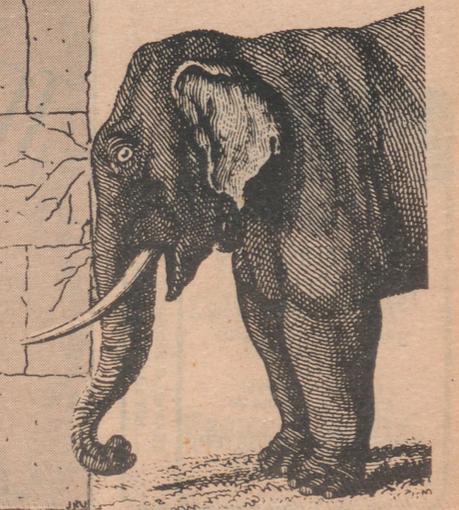
The campaign has spread to other campuses, too. One dormitory on Long Island earned 10 kegs of beer for producing the greatest volume of letters.

The campaign has the support of the state university students association, but the sponsor of the bill to raise the drinking age calls it irresponsible, ill-advised and "an indication of the immaturity on the part of some students."

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Gay Video Producers Organize

Tape Pirating Targeted as Problem

A group of gay video tape producers met in Hollywood on May 16 and organized the Gay Producers Protective Association of America, an organization dedicated to protecting its members from "pirates who are undermining the business focused on gay materials."

Meeting at the offices of Rod and Reel Films, the members decided on a 10-point agenda: 1. An awards show to promote excellence in producing gay-oriented films and videotapes. 2. Policing areas for illegal showings of copyrighted material in bookstores and other venues. 3. Legal representation. 4. Developing avenues to exhibit new pictures theatrically before they are released on tape. 5. Open new avenues for exhibition. 6. Show strength in unity. 7. Review new productions in pre-shoot and post-shoot. 8. Plan a gay newspaper relative to the organization. 9. Create film (and tape) festivals of gay material. 10. Using the collective membership of the organization for power.

"The main purpose is to unite against the unfair practices now being heaped upon us," a group spokesman told DGN.

The next meeting of the Gay Producers Protective Association of America is set in Hollywood on June 13. For more information, call Terry LeGrand, chairman, at (213) 464-8159.

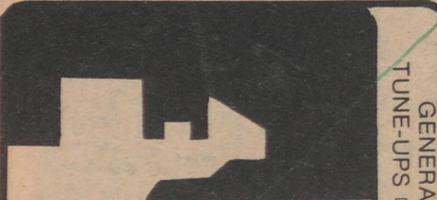
'Trivial Pursuit' Full of Errors

The questions and answers in "Trivial Pursuit" are entertaining, provocative and wrong, reports the *Boston Globe*. Not all the time, but the creators of the best-selling board game admit to hundreds of mistakes on the question cards.

Among other things, a quote from Shakespeare is credited to modern novelist Aldous Huxley, and the home state of Woody Allen's movie heroine Annie Hall is wrongly identified as Minnesota instead of Wisconsin.

Sharp players have noted one mistake printed right on the "Trivial Pursuit" box, which asks: "How many grooves are there on a 45 RPM record?" The game says one, but of course there are two—one on each side.

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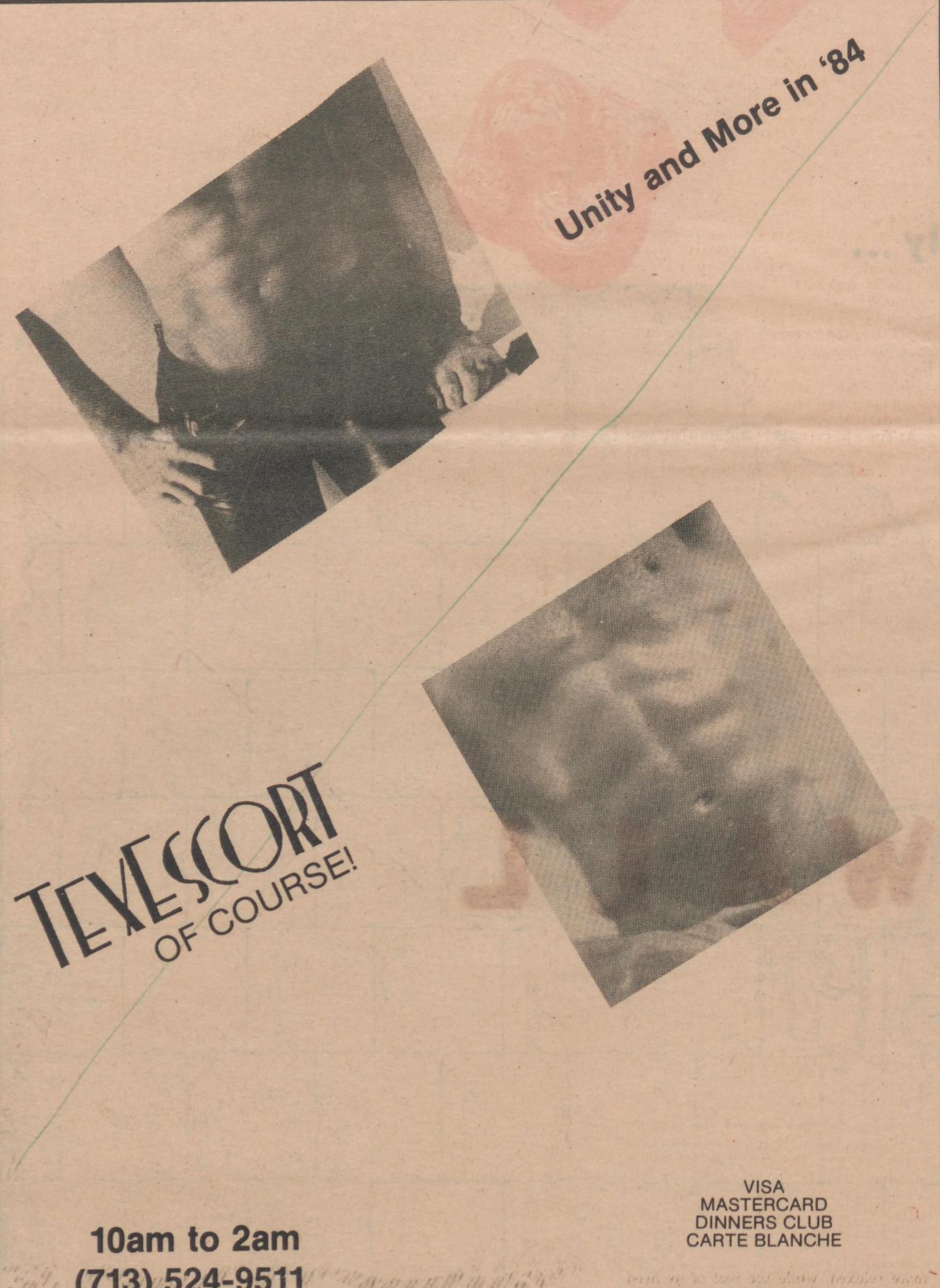
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Man Arrested for Montrose Bar Robberies

A man in his early 30s identified under the aliases William Davis and William Green, was charged Thursday with the aggravated robbery of Dirty Sally's, 220 Avondale, last Saturday morning. He is the same man who is suspected of robbing Al's on Converse, Tim's Coffee Shop and Miss Charlotte's twice, all within the past three weeks.

As of presstime, he was being held in the Harris County jail awaiting a hearing and trial date.

Davis/Green was identified from a police line-up Thursday by reportedly nine witnesses, including bartenders, customers and one individual from Fort Worth from whom he had allegedly stolen a vehicle.

The man was described as in his mid 30s, approximately 160 pounds, long dark collar-length hair, 5'10"-6' in height, and he drank Lite beer.

Apparently his plan was to hang around a bar, said Sally's manager Dennis, so that no one would suspect him, and he would get to know the routine. The armed hold-up at Sally's occurred at 10:30 Saturday morning when only a few customers were in the place.

"He had beat on the door earlier wanting to be let in," said Dennis. "That's how well he already had gotten to know the bartenders. But the clean-up crew wouldn't let him in. He had been in almost everyday for the past two weeks and was very friendly." But this day he apparently decided to take the money. He locked four customers, the bartender and the bookkeeper in the bathroom, telling them that he was wanted for murder in 17 states, and fired his chrome-plated pistol in the ceiling.

He got approximately \$2300 from Sally's, and lesser amounts from the other establishments.

At Tim's he sat quietly and ate a chicken fired steak. When he finished he simply walked up to the clerk and demanded the money at gunpoint. This was at 5:15 a.m. three weeks ago.

Police officers said the robber may also be wanted in connection with thefts from stores in the Memorial area.

Looking Presidential

Do clothes make the president? Here's what fashion expert Luciano Franzoni says in the San Jose *Mercury News* about the four top contenders for the White House:

Mondale could use a bit more color, he feels, and get rid of those plain-vanilla shirts and regimental ties that look like a uniform on him.

He doesn't like Gary Hart's casual cowboy gear any better. Hart dresses like a western preppy, he says, although he looks the most relaxed in his clothes.

Jesse Jackson gets a knock for his half-boots: too casual to be presidential, Franzoni says. He does win good marks for his high-collared shirts, but Franzoni says that Fu Manchu moustache just has to go.

As for the Great Communicator, Franzoni feels President Reagan is communicating the wrong thing. "He dresses the way men did in the '50s," he claims. "His suits are 30 years behind the times."

Less Sleep for the Laid-Back

The more laid-back you are, the less you need to lay back. That's what scientists are saying after studying so-called "short sleepers"—people who need less than five hours a night, reports *Science Digest*.

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Researchers feel they may simply be more relaxed, while the rest of us need eight or nine hours in bed to recover from the mental wear and tear of modern stress.

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Letters

People Should Not Be Too Busy to Protect Their Rights

From David V. Meunier

It is very late, and I'm tired. Tired physically, because I work two jobs, take some classes, try to have a social life and a relationship, do volunteer work for the community and deal with the seemingly endless list of everyday affairs.

Somehow in the last two days between work, the laundry, the dentist and getting my car inspected, I found time to call the mayor and ten of our city council members. It wasn't easy, because the lines were constantly busy. The reason the lines were so busy was that the anti-gay forces were calling in large numbers (by some accounts, 8-1) against the ordinance on homosexual rights, that would prohibit discrimination in hiring and promotion based on sexual orientation.

Some of our community were not even aware the city council was voting on the issue today (June 19th). Others of us knew it was going on but were too busy with the everyday matters of life to call. Perhaps they were the same people who were too busy to vote in the primaries or the run-offs. Maybe they had to work on their tans or sleep in late because they were at the bars until last call.

Some won't (or, granted, can't) march in the Gay Pride Parade, but many won't even attend to show support. I don't know how most people think or feel on these matters. Maybe they think, like some people I've spoken to, that the social climate here in Houston is tolerable, and no one is bothering them personally. I'm afraid the battle is just beginning, and, in the near future, all of us will be called to take a stand.

Many of us have moved to Houston from small towns, and it's easy to forget what life in the closet was like. I remember. It was lonely and the most unhappy period in my life. Every law, whether on a city, state or national level, affects us *all*. Sooner or later, it filters down to us on an individual basis. It also affects our brothers and sisters in small towns and less progressive areas.

When our mayor and city council members put their careers on the line and risk a great deal of abuse on our behalf, the least we can do is let them know we appreciate and support them.

I'm not try to be self-righteous. I'm just an average citizen who happens to be gay. I do far less than what I should or would like to, compared to some others in our community. I don't mind being tired physically. What worries me is when I get tired mentally. Then I get discouraged and frustrated. Sometimes I sit up late at night and wonder how many of us will be "too busy" and will live to regret it in the future.

Thanks for taking the time to be involved. By the way, the calls started out to be 8-1 against the amendments, but, after the ads attacking homosexuals came out in the dailies, the opposition dropped to 2-1 against, showing that perhaps the ads had the opposite effect that what was intended—and our city council saw that.

The Text of Pro-Gay Remarks Before City Council

From George Barnhart

Amongst the constant pressures and jostlings of politics and the relentless pursuits of individual ambitions in the political arena, it is sometimes possible to lose sight of the fair and honorable perspective that great leaders in government MUST have in order to achieve the highest good for the community they seek to serve. Apparently in at least one instance such is the case today.

Prejudices and bigotry and their insidious sisters of Hate and Ignorance have the strange and paradoxical repulsive power of provoking fear, dread and misery in the hearts, minds and lives of the oppressed subjects, but equally so to cause a strange profuse sickness of odorous malignancy to spew forth from the lower intestines of the oppressor as well. And judging by the obvious

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intent of the ads in yesterday's papers such is also the case.

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Our city has taken great strides in this direction in the past. And once having set our foot upon this path to greatness, we must not—and we cannot—turn back.

TODAY, we MUST take yet one more step in freeing ourselves from the misconception of the past, from the barriers to opportunity and from the misguided and mistaken notions that hold back progress and limit individual opportunity and greatness.

We MUST now determine to articulate more clearly, and feel more deeply, that unique spirit of true equality—our bequest to history—in which EVERY citizen, regardless of sex, creed, color, national origin or sexual orientation, can truly stand proud and respected for the unique human being that they are—each precious, each different, each daring to dream and to live out and work for those dreams, unencumbered by the fear of reprisal or economic duress for being that which God created them so.

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This is YOUR opportunity to strike a blow for human rights. Turn not, I beg you, I plead you, I implore you, from this task before this august body. Stand strong for this opportunity to emphasize freedom of opportunity in our city government.

This text was provided by Mr. Barnhart. He spoke at the council meeting on Wed., June 20. The measures he supported had passed the day before, in a meeting in which debate was not included. Three other members of the gay community spoke on Wed., as well as 47 people who opposed both the legislation and homosexuality.

A Contributor Feels Left Out

From Thomas G. Pitre

I was struck sad to receive no response of thanks or gratitude for the free poetry and articles I gave you to put in the paper. I gave my address and phone number, but if it was put in the paper, I was not notified one way or the other.

I know you are busy running your business, and too you may get many things sent in, but I don't think you should be that careless about my attempt to contribute to the gay community. The same irresponsibility holds true for other gay organizations. I remind you, though, of the Bible verse in John, "If a man cannot love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God who he has not seen?"

Anyway, Gay Pride Week is coming up, and I don't know if you have any gay pride, but I do. As a matter of fact, one of the writings I sent to you was called "Being Gay or Not Being Gay," and I would appreciate you returning it at my request, for I am the author of it and not YOU!

Seeing I've been forgotten like a dead man, I see no reason why I shouldn't bawl you out. But remember, I do love you, and it was love in the first place that I sent you something.

We're sorry you feel left out, Thomas, but, as you pointed out, we get a lot of things sent in. If there is no stamped, self-addressed envelope included, we have no way of returning unsolicited material. We have made an attempt to find the items you sent, but, as yet, cannot track them down. By the way, the VOICE does not publish poetry, but TWT does. Of course, if you send them anything, be sure to include a SASE.

Opinions in the letters to the VOICE are those of the writers of the letters and not necessarily those of the VOICE.

Benefit to Be Held for Montrose Clinic

From Joe Sanchez, Show Director

First let me say, Billie (Duncan), congratulations on your show at the Pink Elephant. As always, you were at the top of your class.

This letter is to inform you of an upcoming show to be held at the Pink Elephant to benefit the Montrose Clinic. The show is entitled "Big Top Madness" and will be held on July 8, 1984, at 6 p.m. The bar will be having happy hour prices and there will be an hors d'oeuvre table before the show, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

Since this is a benefit, all proceeds from the show will go to the Clinic. All advertisement will be done by posters and flyers at all bars.

By all means, we hope you can join us for the show, and if you should need a table, please feel free to call the bar for one... Thank you for your help, and hope to see you at the show.

I'll try my best to be there, Joe.

Gay Wilderness Group Forming

From Bob, Don, Ed and Allen

Recently a group of us decided that Houston needs a gay outdoors club such as many other major cities have. There is nothing like hiking, camping or canoeing with a group of like-minded men or women in order to enjoy the more primitive aspects of nature and to open up an unsophisticated communication among ourselves. As yet we are unnamed and loosely organized and have had one weekend campout, with plans for a few more this summer.

If anyone is also interested in self-propelled wilderness activities (i.e., more than "car camping"), please call either Bob (529-0971) or Don (522-7809) and let us know. Ideally, we would like to operate as a forum to put together small groups when a trip coordinator wants to organize a trip, through either a mailing or phone network.

We'd also like to invite anyone with at least a touch of outdoor experience to come on a canoe trip down the Buffalo National River in northern Arkansas on July 4-8. It should be a nice respite from the Houston heat and the chance to see an area rumored to be as spectacular as the Grand Canyon.

More Cops on Streets Only Make People Feel Safer

Putting more cops on the street may make people feel safer, but it doesn't do anything to cut down on crime, reports the *New York Daily News*.

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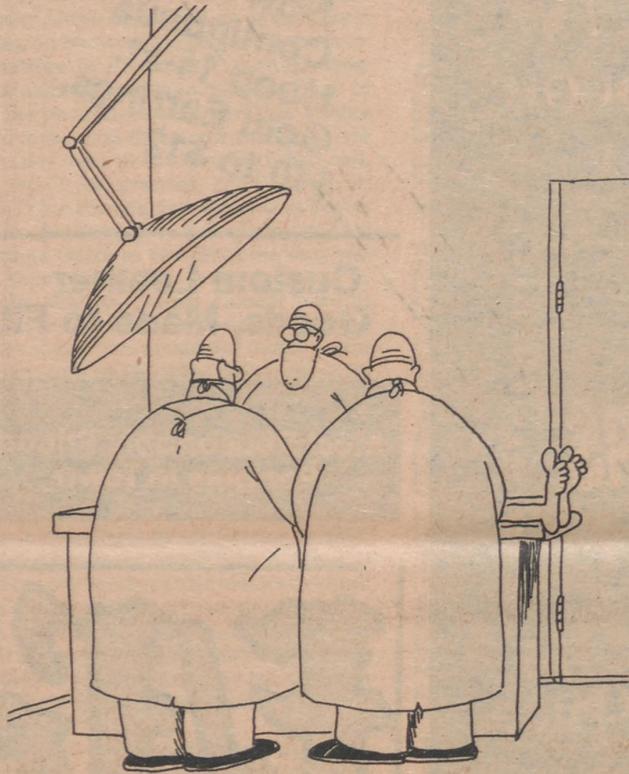
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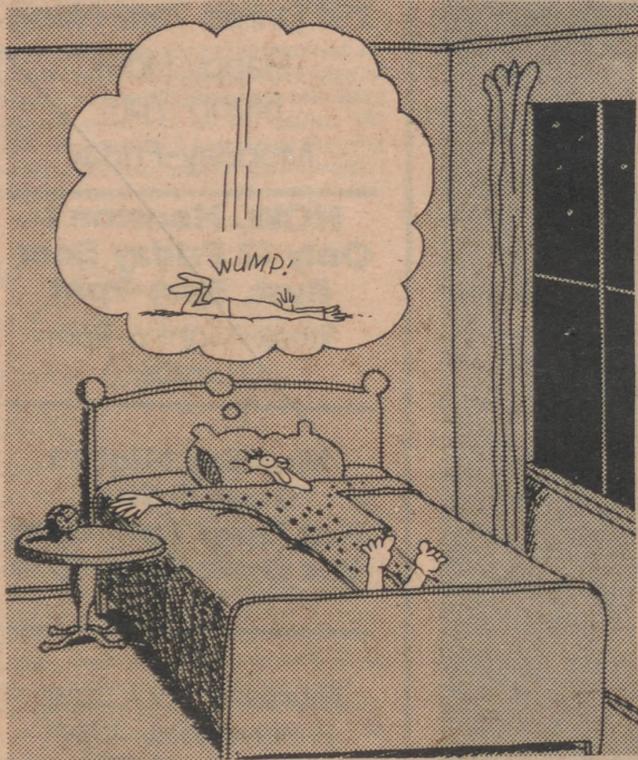
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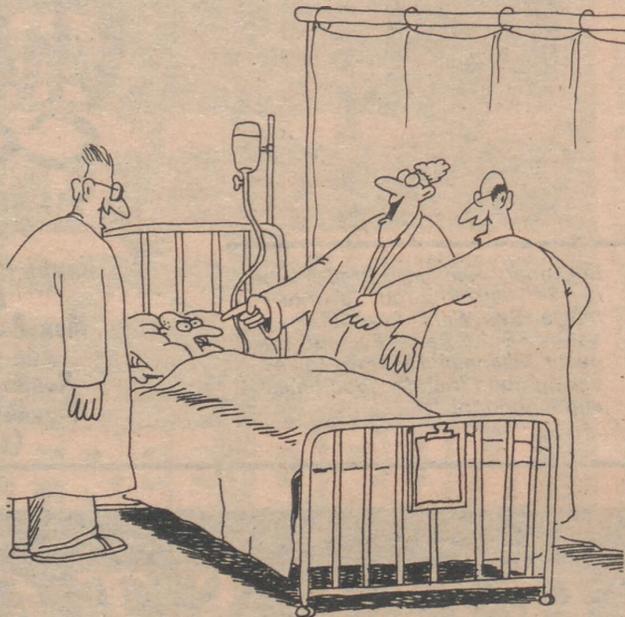
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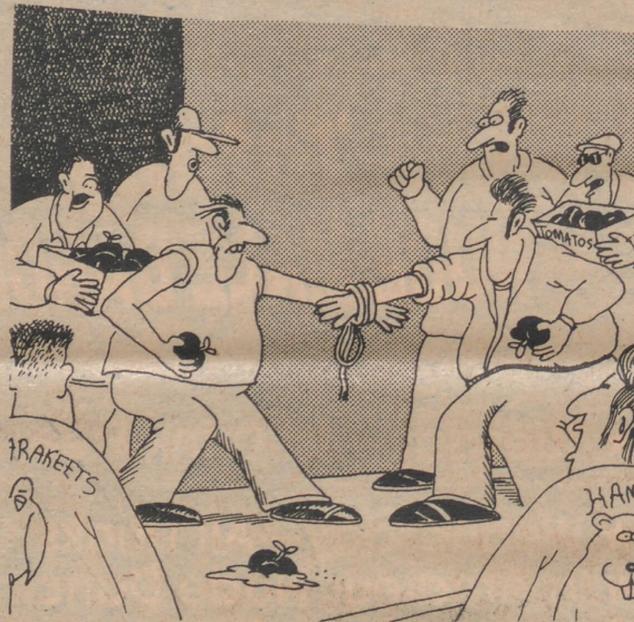
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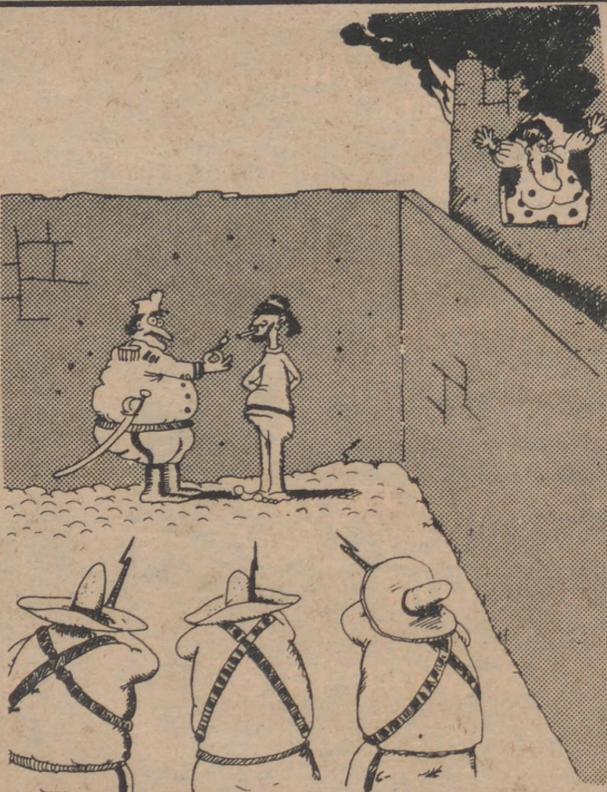


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Dealing with the Car Dealer

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In a previous column, we began our series on buying a new car, and we suggested that you do your homework before you go to a dealer. We began by suggesting that you investigate your own needs, first. That's most important, since the salesman you talk to will undoubtedly try to play on your views of his car and your need for the kind of status owning it will give you.

We also told you that the sticker price on any automobile was totally negotiable, reminding you that any dollar figure posted is only "suggested" list price. *Consumer Reports* publishes a book that lists actual costs to the dealers themselves, so you can know not only what the car should cost, but if the deal you want to make is a fair one.

Before you talk with the salesman, you'll also have checked out interest rates for car loans, the cost of insuring the models you're that interested in buying, and the book value of any trade-in you intended to make on your purchase.

That's a lot of information to be carrying around in your head, so don't be too shy to write it all down and bring your notebook with you to the showroom. It may seem klutzy to you, but it tells the salesperson that you're serious, and you know what you're doing.

Now, let's say that you've fallen in love with the Toklas convertible with four-speed manual transmission and vinyl interior. You've checked out its trouble report in *Consumer Reports*, and you've found that the only thing that has given other owners of the car trouble is the automatic transmission. You've checked out "Blue Book" value on your trade-in, a 1979 Wilde two-door, and it's listed for \$1200 wholesale in good condition. Since your old car is clean and undented, you feel that it's in top shape. *Consumer Reports* also states that the car you want costs the dealer \$9500, and you know that you can get a loan from your credit union at 13 percent.

You have the background you need. Now you can face the challenge of dealing with the dealer.

Your first shock will probably come at the showroom when you encounter the sticker price. Your Toklas convertible lists at \$12,500, but there are some additions, as well. There's an item called "dealer prep" that raises the cost another \$1500. There are side moldings, racing mirrors, pin-stripes and air-conditioning to the tune of another \$900. The car you've been dreaming about will cost you \$14,900. Or at least, so it appears.

Take it one step at a time. Ask the salesman what "dealer prep" involves. There are some legitimate expenses for a dealer included here, such as cleaning the car after its trip to your city and waxing it to the sheen that makes it so pretty. But we all know that cost cannot be more than about \$80.

The dealer has probably also added undercoating, a protective shield against the corrosive effects of road salt and water to the exposed metal that you can't see and a protective finish for the paint job. Both of these may or may not be worth the price being asked. Find out if there is any guarantee offered with either device; will the dealer replace any rusted underparts within a year? How long can you expect your paint to remain shiny and unblemished?

If there is a guarantee, fine. You can haggle on the total price. If there is none, ask the salesman whether he offers less expensive undercoating, and tell him you'll have paint protection done yourself. Reputable autofinishers will do the job for you for about \$400-\$500, with a three-year warranty on the results.

The accessories are another matter. Do you really need air-conditioning at all, especially on a convertible? If you want it, that's okay. If not, check the sticker to see how much that option costs and subtract it from the list price you're working with. Do the same with any other options you don't want.

By this time, you should have a good

idea of what your specific dream car should cost. Ask the salesperson if there are any rebates being offered on this model or if the dealer offers any special loan rates for buying it. Now, figure out what his deal is. Let's say you've reduced the dealer prep charges to \$500 and that you've taken off \$500 for the unwanted air-conditioning. Your car now lists at \$13,900.

There's no rebate being offered, but the dealer will give you financing at 9.9 percent over three years if you pay the tax and license fees and put 20 percent of the purchase price as a down payment. That would be \$2780 with no further haggling, but you still have your old car for a trade-in. It's time to see what offer he will make you on it.

Surprisingly, if your car is in good shape, you may be offered more than its wholesale book value. That's the car dealer's way of keeping up his profit on his sale to you, since he knows that if he can stick with his list price, he makes money, and he'll also make a little selling your old chariot on his lot. Let's say he offers you \$1500 for your car.

That still leaves you with \$1280 plus tax and license to come up with for a down payment, though. It's time for you to counter with your deal. Since you know the basic car cost him \$9500, and the cost of your desired accessories are \$400 plus \$500 dealer prep, you can figure pretty well. The accessory and prep figures include his profit, so adding 10 percent to the base price, you can offer him \$11,350 for his car and ask that he take your trade-in as full down payment. Undoubtedly, this won't be a deal, but you've established a fair position from which you can bargain. Your figure, as you tell the salesperson, allows him a 10 percent basic profit, plus his added accessories.

The amount of horse-trading you'll have to do depends on several factors. If it's late in the model year, he may be anxious to sell. If his car is not one of the big sellers, he'll also trade more readily. If the model you want is not a fast-moving item in his part of the country, you'll also find it easier.

One thing, though. Once you've settled on a deal, make sure it's approved by an executive, at least the sales manager. Salespeople in car dealerships love to bait prospective customers into dreaming that they nearly own a car, then report that the deal has not been approved and that the price has to be higher. They know that the buyer is so anxious at that point he will often go ahead with a less attractive deal, just to get his new car.

Buying a car is just like buying anything else; you have to know what you're doing. Inform yourself and be prepared to do some on-your-feet figuring. You'll only go through this experience a few times in your life, and the people on the other side of the deal handle these transactions every day. It's up to you to even the odds for a happy purchase.

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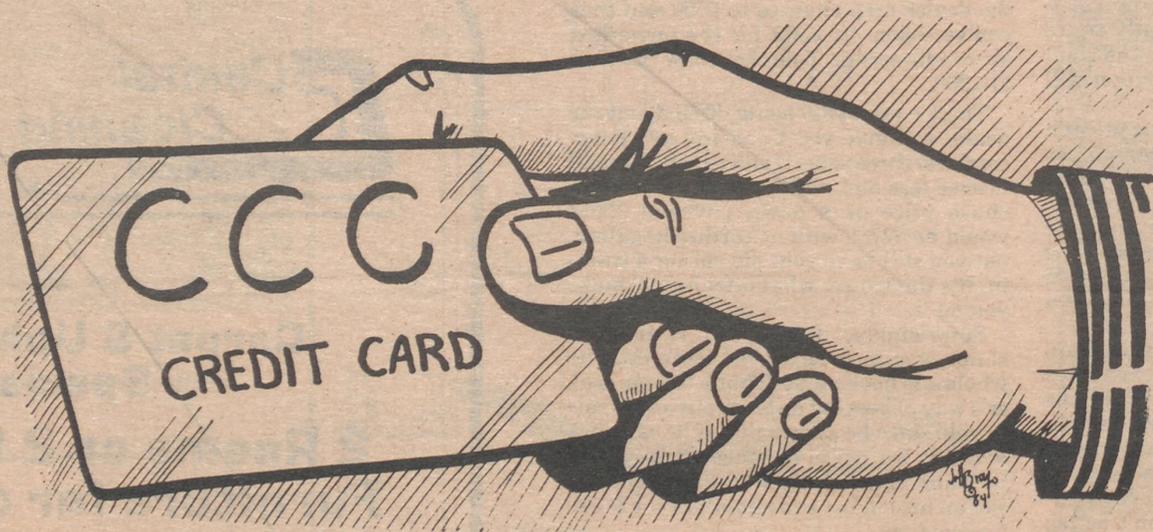
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Houston Startime

From Spoofs to Politics to Opera to Radio, Theatre Is Exciting This Week

By Billie Duncan

I Think Dorothy Already Surrendered. Leave it up to the folks at Risk Business and nothing will be sacred anymore. First, they have Snow White snorting cocaine with seven short perverts, now they have Dorothy (yes, *that* Dorothy—the one with the yappy dog) incarcerated in a loony bin in Houston.

Never mind how she got there or how she gets out. The point is that this presentation of semi-musical theatre (or is that musical semi-theatre) is—no matter what else—a whole lot of entertainment for one short evening.

With nine acting/dancing singers (or is that dancing/singing actors) and two musicians, everyone gets a chance to shine. And shine they all do.

At the top of the list is the fabulously talented Pam Donahue who manages to be equally as good as a star and as a team player. Her Tootsie Whitmire would probably send a certain Kathryn J. into hysterics.

Randall Jobe had the audience in stitches both as Willie Nelson and as Ann Miller—quite a feat.

the rest of the cast—Terri Branda, Marsha Carlton, Jeffery Gimble, Russ Jones Michael Wilson and (especially) Andrea Modesette—sang, danced and enjoyed themselves with equal abandon.

Of course, no review would be complete without mentioning Kayce Glasse as Dorothy. Glasse's refugee from Kansas was as delightfully ditsy as anyone could wish for, with a charming bagful of sound effects that made her entirely loveable.

The show is a mixture of parody, spoof and satire, with old Broadway and pop tunes given entirely new settings and meanings.

And the costumes alone (by Modisette) are worth the price of admission.

It plays on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Call 528-3611 for reservations.

It's the Perfect Show for Gay Pride Week. Back in June in 1969, there was a bar in the Village in New York called the Stonewall Inn. It was a gay bar. And like many gay bars in New York at the time, it got raided a lot by vice officers looking for an easy bust.

But one night, the raid didn't turn out too well—for the police, that is. The gays had had as much as they could take. Instead of quietly putting up with the injustice of police harassment, they fought back, forcing the vice squad to barricade itself in the bar while they marched out and overturned police cars, set them on fire and generally had a full-scale riot.

Some say that was the beginning of the modern gay liberation movement. Others say that it was just part of the unrest of the times, and *everyone* found some reason to riot back then. Whatever, the Stonewall Riot is the subject of Doric Wilson's *Street Theater*, now playing at Diversity Theater, 1218 Leeland on Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights.

Wilson's stylized play, with its series of walk-throughs by a whole catalogue of gay types has many flaws as a play. It even has a few flaws as a political piece. *But*, it is a terrific choice to play to gay audiences during Gay Pride Week, and in the weeks that follow.

John David Etheridge has directed his cast with an incredible even hand. Some of the cast are very new to theatre, some are professionals. But under the eye and ear of Etheridge, they all give credible and balanced performances. The staging is inventive, given the straight-line feeling of the set (although, some body angles could add more variety), and the rhythm and flow of the production is excellent.

The large cast should all be commended for fine work. Call 739-0007 for reservations.

(Note: The Gay Pride Week performance of *Street Theater* at Numbers on Tuesday



Sweeney Todd and Mrs. Lovett cut through their problems in 'Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street'



Kayce Glasse discovers that there's no place like Texas in 'Surrender Dorothy' at Risky Business

night was filled with emotion, as the City of Houston had just passed the gay rights amendments for city employees. The show was constantly interrupted by cheers and applause, and the audience was on its feet shouting and clapping at the end.)

There's More Meat than Crust to This Pie! Since *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* is only playing through this weekend, and word-of-mouth will probably have it sold out, this review will be brief.

Everything good that you have ever heard about *Sweeney Todd* is true. The music by Stephen Sondheim is mind-blowing. The book by Hugh Wheeler is tremendous. And the Houston Grand Opera's staging of this classic-to-be lives up to all the great expectations of the show.

Timothy Nolen in the title role is both sympathetic and terrifying, while Joyce Castle as Mrs. Lovett works her way into the heart bit by bit.

Two other outstanding performances are by Anthony Hope as Cris Groenen-



Timothy Nelson in "Sweeney Todd"

daal, who has the voice of an angel, and Steven Jacob as Tobias Ragg, who manages to add chill bumps to the gooseflesh in his final scene.

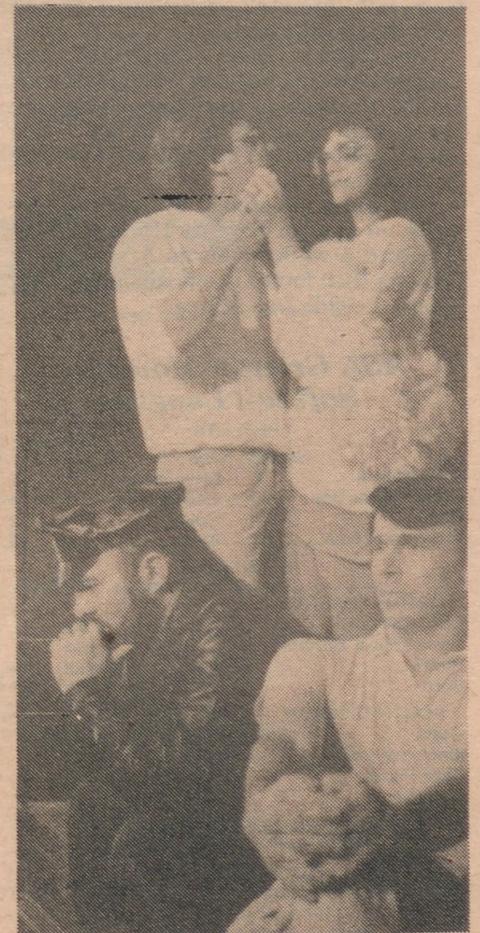
Harold Price's direction is close to perfect, supported by Conductor John DeMain, Production Designer Eugene Lee, Costume Designer Franee Lee, Lighting Designer Ken Billington, Choreographer William Kirk (re-creating Larry Fuller's original choreography), Sound Designer Jerry O'Brate and Assistant to Mr. Prince Arthur Masella.

Sweeney Todd will play through June 24. If you love innovative theatre, incredible music and a chillingly humorous story of love and revenge, try to get any tickets you can.

Theatre Is Still Making Waves—Airwaves, That Is. KUHF Radio theatre, at 88.7 on the FM dial is presenting a fascinating show on June 26. It is *Unnatural Acts: A Space Fable* by Barbara Entman.

It is a social allagory that takes place another planet, which is inhabited by flounder-like creatures who are divided into two groups: the Flats and the Sharps. The Flats don't approve of the way that the Sharps swim, so the harass them, even to the point of raiding their social clubs.

Sound vaguely familiar? Try it, you just might like it. At 7:30 p.m.



The many sides of the gay community are examined in 'Street Theater' at Diversity Theater

Sports

Sally's Continues Undefeated

By Chuck Meredith

Dirty Sally's scored two runs in the first inning and added three more in both the third and fifth innings as they rolled by the Briar Patch 8-1 in MSA men's softball action last Sunday.

Don Kessler led the Sally's charge with a three-for-three day, including two doubles. Jesse Young added two hits as Sally's ran their record to a gaudy 9-0.

In other games:

□ Brazos Clips Galleon, 6-4

Ferrell Bivin's bases loaded single in the sixth inning scored two runs to send the Brazos past the Galleon 6-4.

The Brazos entered the sixth trailing 4-3 when Bivins came to the plate. His second single of the game scored Ken McGaughey, and Jim T. McGaughey had three hits in the game to raise his season's average over .300 for the first time this season, returning him to his normal strong hitting level.

The Galleon team continues to play well despite its 0-9 season mark. This is the team no-one wants to play because they're afraid they will be the first victim.

□ Rich's Defeats Copa 7-2

Gio Sedita's second inning single capped a four-run uprising that sent Rich's to its second victory over the Copa.

Rich's connected thirteenth hits into seven runs as Jimmy Cates went three for three and Sammy Ramirez continued his strong hitting with two doubles.

The Copa was able to manage only five hits off Mike Odensky. Phil Loveland's two-run single was the Copa's only offensive highlight.

□ Voice Sturrgles by Barn, 11-10

Greg Thielman's single scored Andy Uriega with the winning run as the Voice and Barn nearly played to a standoff in Sunday's final game.

Regulation play ended with the two teams tied at 8. The next inning saw each team tally once where the score stayed until the ninth inning.

The Voice's Dean Ainsworth, the League's leading hitter at .731, led off with his fourth single of the game. Uriega followed with a triple to send the Voice ahead, followed by Thielman's hit to score an insurance run.

The Barn countered by loading the bases on singles by Mark Hall and Brad Hay and a walk by Mario Aryola. Gary Najaver then forced in one run by walking before the side was retired.

MSA Greater Houston Softball League

RESULTS

Sunday, June 17

Dirty Sally's	8	Briar Patch	1
Brazos River Bot	6	Galleon	4
Rich's	7	Copa	2
Montrose Voice	11	Barn	10

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct	GB
NORTH DIVISION				
Dirty Sally's	9	0	1.000	-
Brazos River Bottom	5	4	.556	4
Rich's	5	4	.556	4
Barn	3	6	.333	6
SOUTH DIVISION				
Copa	6	3	.667	-
Montrose Voice	6	3	.667	-
Briar Patch	2	7	.222	4
Galleon	0	9	.000	6

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

(At Levy Field, Richmond at Eastside)

Saturday, June 23

Richs vs. Galleon, 5pm
Briar Patch vs. Barn, 6pm
Montrose Voice vs. Dirty Sally's, 7pm
Brazos River Bottom vs. Copa, 8pm

LEADING BATTERS

based on 17 times at bat thru June 10

rank	name, team	AB	R	H	pct
1	J. DeSalle, SALLYS	18	6	13	.733
2	D. Ainsworth, VOICE	21	9	15	.737
3	J. Young, SALLYS	23	11	16	.696
4	B. Kapp, COPA	22	8	13	.591
5	S. Ramirez, RICHs	24	9	14	.591
6	S. Spanihel, BARN	22	14	13	.550
7	R. Osborne, BRIAR PATCH	19	7	10	.500
8	M. Schmidt, VOICE	21	11	11	.556
-	A. Uriega, VOICE	21	8	11	.556
10	B. James, BARN	25	10	13	.571
11	Dickie Hoke, RICHs	18	3	9	.467

RBI LEADERS

thru June 3

rank	name, team	RBI's
1	DeSalle, SALLYS	12
2	Young, SALLYS	11
3	Bailey, SALLYS	9
-	Lopez, BRAZOS	9
5	Marchena, SALLYS	8
-	Uriega, VOICE	8
7	Gano, BARN	7
-	Holbrooks, BARN	7
-	Ramirez, RICHs	7

MOST RUNS SCORED

thru June 3

rank	name, team	runs
1	Spanihel, BARN	12
2	Bailey, SALLYS	11
-	Young, SALLYS	11
4	Schmidt, VOICE	10

MSA Women's Softball League

RESULTS

Sunday, June 17

Fireworks	4	Coffee Beans	3
Fast Women	6	MCCR	4
Kindred Spirits	15	River Rats	0
MCCR	6	Cyanide	4
Hollywood Bears	9	Double R	5
Kindred Spirits	10	Fast Women	0
Blue Thunder	9	Marion & Lynn's	6
Hollywood Bears	7	River Rats	0

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct	GB
A DIVISION STANDING				
Kindred's	6	0	1.000	-
Cyanide	3	3	.500	3
Blue Thunder	2	2	.500	3
Fireworks	2	4	.333	4
River Rats	1	5	.166	5
B DIVISION STANDING				
Fast Women	6½	1½	.812	-
Coffee Beans	5½	1½	.785	½
Bears	5	2	.785	½
MCCR	3	5	.375	3½
Marion & Lynn's	2	4	.333	3½
Double R	½	7½	.062	6
LEAGUE STANDING				
Kindred's	10	1	.909	-
Blue Thunder	7	2	.777	2
Coffee Beans	7½	3½	.681	2½
Fast Women	7½	4½	.625	3
Fireworks	6	5	.545	4
Bears	6	5	.545	4
Cyanide	5	5	.500	4½
MCCR	4	7	.363	6
Marion & Lynn's	2½	6½	.277	6½
River Rats	2½	7½	.250	7
Double R	1	11	.083	9½

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

(At Fonde Field, near I-45 & Telephone Rd.)

Sunday, June 24

No games scheduled

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

(At Fonde Field, near I-45 & Telephone Rd.)

Sunday, July 1

Cyanide vs. Fast Women, 11am
MCCR vs. Hollywood Bears, noon
Fireworks vs. Blue Thunder, 1pm
Coffee Beans vs. Marion & Lynns, 2pm
Blue Thunder vs. MCCR, 3pm
Fireworks vs. Hollywood Bears, 4pm
River Rats vs. Coffee Beans, 5pm
Kindred Spirits vs. Marion & Lynn's, 6pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Frontrunners—529-1288
Gay & Alive Sharing Experience (GASE)—528-1311, 528-0891
Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas: affiliate of I/H Inc
Gay Asian Club—2615 Waugh #124 77006
Gay Hispanic Caucus—868-5252
Gay Nurses Alliance—880-9486
- Gay Political Caucus (GPC)—POB 66664, 77266—521-1000: meet 4600 Main #217 7:30pm 1st & 3rd Wed
Gay Pride Week '84, "United and More in '84": parade Jun 24
Gay Switchboard—POB 3624, 77253—529-3211: information, counseling, referrals, TTY, AIDS Hotline
Greater Montrose Business Guild—c/o Lyt Harris, 522-9333: meets 7:30pm, 4th Wed, 3010 Smith
Greenspoint/FM1960 Area Far-Away Friends—821-9681
Homophile Interfaith Alliance—729 Manor—523-6969
Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists—524-7498, 7-10pm: meets 7pm 4th Tues
● Houston City Hall—901 Bagby
Houston Community Clowns—862-8314
Houston Data Professionals—523-6922, 664-6459: meets 7:30pm 2nd Tues
Houston Motorcycle Club—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—528-8851
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Seven Day Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					JUNE 22	JUNE 23
JUNE 24	JUNE 25	JUNE 26	JUNE 27	JUNE 28		

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

Selected Events through 7 Days

- **FRIDAY:** Dignity/Houston 10th anniversary
- **FRIDAY:** Houston Gay Pride Week "Gay Latin Day" fiesta, 9pm, Noche y Dia Ballroom, 2103 1/2 N. Main
- **FRIDAY:** Kings & Queens Bowling League, 6:15, Post Oak Lanes
- **FRIDAY:** Committee for Public Health Awareness's "Sharing Group for the Worried Well," 7-8pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett
- **SATURDAY:** Dallas "Pride III '84" opens, "Unity and More in '84," Gay Pride Week June 23-30
- **SATURDAY:** Houston Gay Pride Week concert, 8pm, Cullen Auditorium, UofH, 8pm, Montrose Symphonic Band, MCCR Choir, Bayou B'l'u Singers
- **SUNDAY:** MSA Greater Houston Softball League regular season competition, 5pm June 23, Levy Field
- **SUNDAY:** 1984 Gay Pride Week begins June 24 in many areas, national slogan "United & More in '84"
- **SUNDAY:** Montrose Tennis Club plays 9am-noon, MacGregor Park
- **SUNDAY:** MSA/Women's Softball regular season play, Fonde Field, 1-45 & Telephone Rd.
- **SUNDAY:** Houston Gay Pride Week event: parade, June 24, from 2:30pm, Westheimer (Shepherd to Bagby)
- **SUNDAY:** GPC, Gay Pride Week Rally, Spotts Park, Waugh Dr. at Memorial, after the parade
- **SUNDAY:** Overeaters Anonymous meet 8pm Bering Church, 1440 Harold
- **MONDAY:** MSA Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain

- **WEDNESDAY:** 15th anniversary of Stonewall Riots, New York, June 27, 1969, marking the beginning of the modern gay rights movement
- **WEDNESDAY:** Greater Montrose Business Guild meets 7:30pm June 27, Savoy Hotel, 1919 Main
- **WEDNESDAY:** Interact meeting, Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 7:30pm June 27
- **WEDNESDAY:** Overeaters Anonymous meet 8pm Bering Church, 1440 Harold
- **THURSDAY:** Wilde 'n Stein gay radio show 7:30-9pm on KPFT Radio, FM-90
- **THURSDAY:** MSA Mixed Bowling League bowls, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain

Selected Events in Future Weeks

- **IN 1 WEEK:** Baytown Lambda meets 7:30pm June 29
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Lesbian and Gay Bands of America concert, Hollywood Bowl, Los Angeles, June 29
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Los Angeles Gay Pride Week event: 2-day festival, West Hollywood, June 30-July 1
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Dallas Gay Pride Week event: Oak Lawn Softball Association tournament June 30
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Dallas Gay Pride Week event: Razzle Dazzle Dallas, June 30
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Los Angeles Gay Pride Week event: Christopher Street West Gay Pride Parade, Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, July 1
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Lesbian/Gay Resource Service, Univ. of Houston, meets 2:30pm July 3, Spindletop Room, Univ. Center, Univ. Park
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Gay Political Caucus meets 4600 Main #217, 7:30pm July 4
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** Poets Workshop, 8pm July 6, A Place in the Sun, 704 Fairview
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** Lesbians & Gay People in Medicine meet 7:30pm July 7
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** Citizens for Human Equality meets 7:30pm July 10, Watson-DeNagy Gallery, 1106 Berthea
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** Houston Data Professionals meets 7:30pm July 10

- **TUESDAY:** Lutherans Concerned meets June 26, Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh
- **TUESDAY:** Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists meet 7pm June 26
- **TUESDAY:** Montrose Civic Club (Neartown) meets 7pm June 26, 1413 Westheimer
- **TUESDAY:** Montrose Symphonic Band meets at Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 7:30pm

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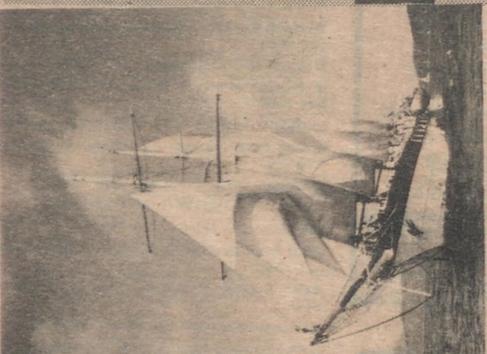
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