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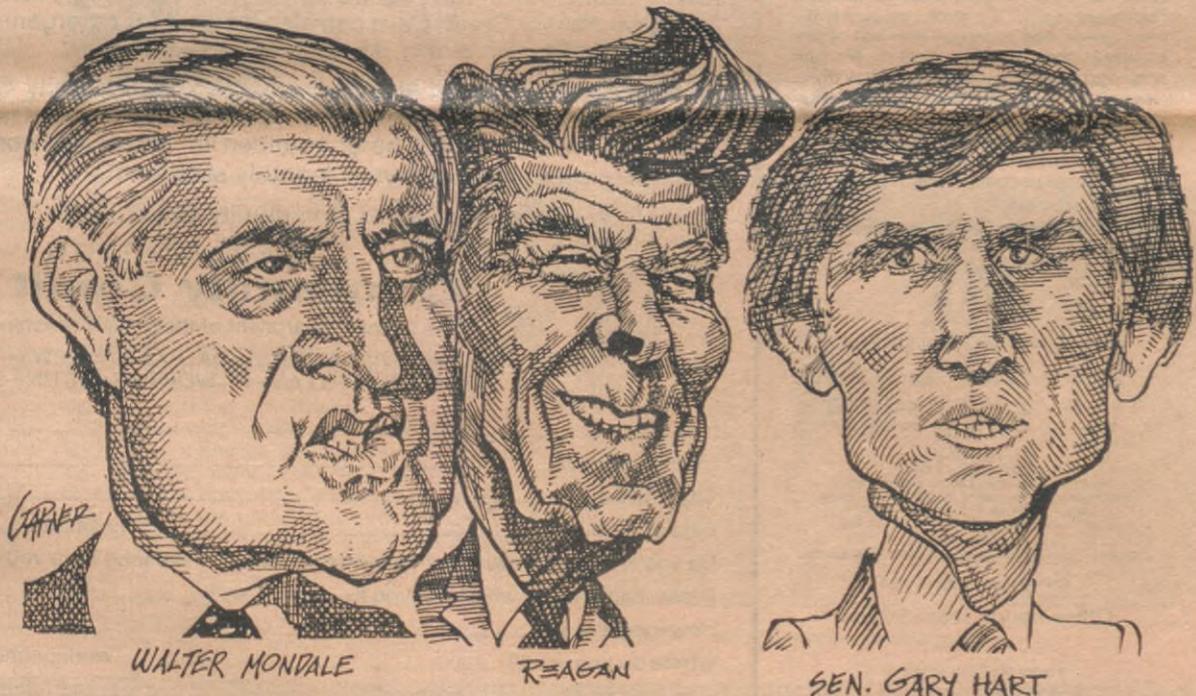
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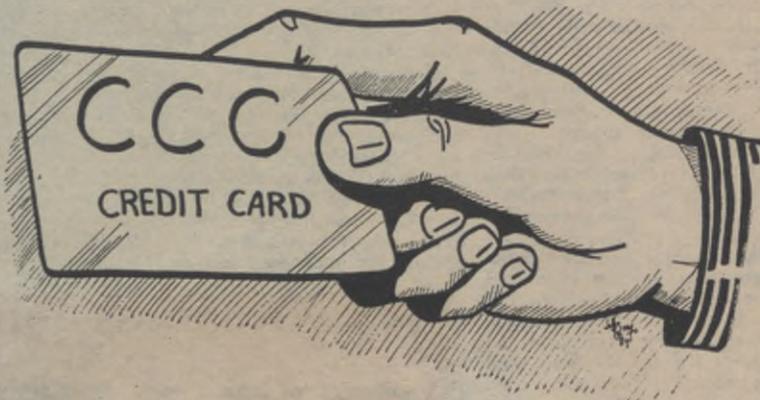
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Backstreet Basics Uses Personality Format

By Ed Martinez

What makes a gay bar successful? Let's face it folks, some bars are more successful than others, and some just don't cut the mustard.

Austin is fortunate that all of its bars do quite well, each for its own particular reasons. Backstreet Basics, just over a year old, has carved out its own particular niche in the gay business scene. In every town there's at least one, and often more than one, leather bar. Sometimes it's more vinyl than leather, but nevertheless it caters to more of the leather, motorcycle, occasionally older group of guys. Backstreet Basics is that bar in Austin.

This does not mean that other bars don't have some of the same clientele as Backstreet, but every bar has its own rationale, and Backstreet is Austin's leather bar.

Until recently, Backstreet catered almost exclusively to gay men, but that has changed, as the bar realized the need for more community between all parts of the gay population.

The thing that makes Backstreet work so well, however, is the personalities of the manager and staff of the place. Chris Christoff, the manager, has worked diligently from the opening of the bar to ensure that customers would feel welcome, that their visit would be an enjoyable one,

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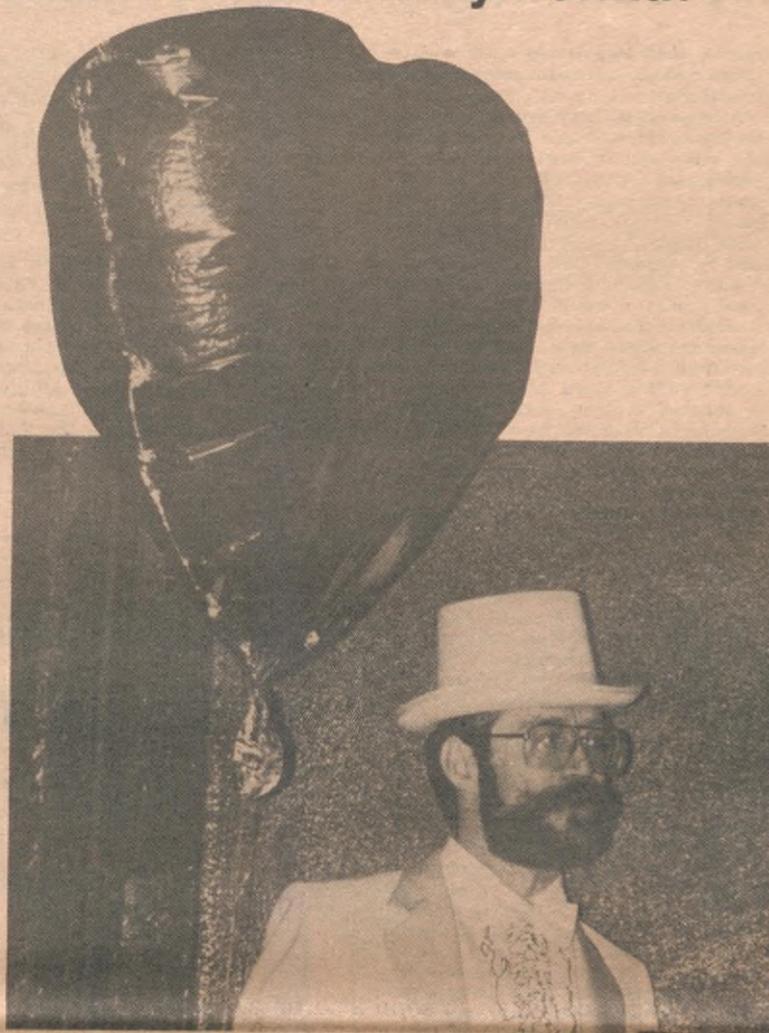
Sound like common sense? Of course it is, but American business is strewn with the corporate corpses of those who didn't have brains enough to use simple common sense in their business practices.

The bartenders, the doormen, the barbacks are all chosen with the view toward pleasing the customer. The layout of the bar, from the dance floor to the patio to the different events featured throughout the week, have one simple goal: customer satisfaction.

Backstreet is often the location for benefits, whether for different groups in the gay community, or simply for someone who has experienced fire or sickness. Mainly, however, the bar is a fun place to be. During the week, there are various specials, of course, ranging from steak night on Tuesdays to hot dogs and volleyball on Sunday.

There are movies on Thursday—all calculated to make the customers feel at home and want to come back. It's good business, but it's also good news for the gay community to have bars that are so consumer-oriented.

One of the things that makes Austin unique is the good looks of the bars here.



Wayne McCracken had a big heart-on for Valentine's Day

Almost every single bar in Austin has a patio. Strangely enough, this is hardly standard equipment in many gay bars in other parts of the country. Even New Orleans, a Southern gay mecca, has few patios in its bars—unusual in a city known for its Spanish architecture and stunning patios.

But Backstreet has a large patio which is used for the volleyball games and just casual socializing. The dance floor itself opens out onto the patio directly.

The giant video screen was recently installed in a bow to video-addicts who enjoy MTV and other TV events. As with other gay bars around the country, video-disco may be the next phase, although Christoff refuses to comment on that.

All in all, Backstreet has proven that it has the right stuff for its segment of the gay market, and continues to improve its product, changing the mix of attractions constantly with one thing in mind: the

customer's needs. With an attitude like that, Backstreet is indeed sticking to Basics.

Bald Men Superior to Others

Real men don't have hair.

Author William Taylor claims in *Tidbits Magazine* that baldies are sexier and more ambitious.

He believes chromedomes are superior because they're further along the evolutionary ladder than lower forms, such as apes or guys with hair.

Says he, "It's precisely a man's maleness that makes him bald."

SMU Refuses Again to Recognize Gay Campus Group

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Austin is fortunate that all of its bars do quite well, each for its own particular reasons. Backstreet Basics, just over a year old, has carved out its own particular niche in the gay business scene. In every town there's at least one, and often more than one, leather bar. Sometimes it's more vinyl than leather, but nevertheless it caters to more of the leather, motorcycle, occasionally older group of guys. Backstreet Basics is that bar in Austin.

This does not mean that other bars don't have some of the same clientele as Backstreet, but every bar has its own rationale, and Backstreet is Austin's leather bar.

Until recently, Backstreet catered almost exclusively to gay men, but that has changed, as the bar realized the need for more community between all parts of the gay population.

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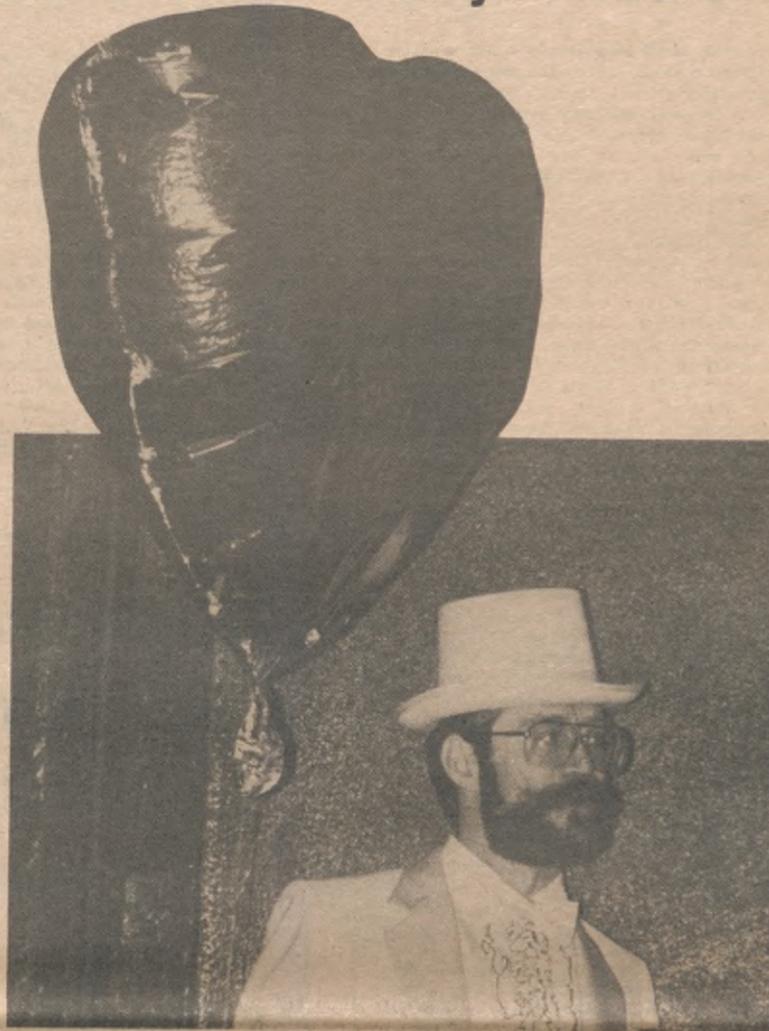
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Backstreet is often the location for benefits, whether for different groups in the gay community, or simply for someone who has experienced fire or sickness. Mainly, however, the bar is a fun place to be. During the week, there are various specials, of course, ranging from steak night on Tuesdays to hot dogs and volleyball on Sunday.

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Almost every single bar in Austin has a patio. Strangely enough, this is hardly standard equipment in many gay bars in other parts of the country. Even New Orleans, a Southern gay mecca, has few patios in its bars—unusual in a city known for its Spanish architecture and stunning patios.

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The giant video screen was recently installed in a bow to video-addicts who enjoy MTV and other TV events. As with other gay bars around the country, video-disco may be the next phase, although Christoff refuses to comment on that.

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E.K. Weedin, Jr., an associate professor of English, helped the students shepherd the proposal through the proper channels. When he met resistance, Prof. Weedin called upon NGRA, the San Francisco-based public interest law firm, for assistance.

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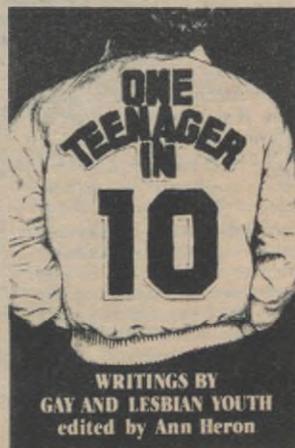
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The study, *Dimensions of Tolerance*, done by scholars Herbert McClosky and Alida Brill, found that fewer than four of every 10 Americans in the general public consistently support the full range of established civil liberties.

Between 1976 and 1979, the authors sampled opinion from a wide range of the general public and among select groups such as community leaders, government officials, lawyers, judges, educators and police.

When groups lacking widespread popular support, such as gays, seek to exercise their civil rights, the amount of tolerance is startlingly low.

"Civil liberties tend to be supported more in principle than in actual conduct," says the authors. "And attitudes vary considerably according to the particular liberty at issue."

Most respondents believed, for example, that homosexual relations in private between consenting adults should be left to the individual, but nearly 60 percent would deny gay liberation groups the use of a community auditorium to promote homosexual rights.

But tolerance is much more firmly established among opinion leaders, who play a significant role in shaping decisions that affect civil liberties, and among younger citizens who are significantly and consistently more tolerant than older generations.

Even such leaders, however, are inconsistent in areas of emerging liberties, that is, liberties that have not yet been fully articulated or endorsed by public figures and the courts, even when such liberties may be logical outgrowths of established freedoms.

Homosexuality Becoming More Acceptable with Non-gays

A recent metropolitan newspaper poll showed that just under half the persons questioned in a nationwide survey said a candidate's homosexuality would not influence their decision to vote for the person, and some 52 percent supported gay anti-discrimination laws. However, by a 2-1 margin, the same people said they were "unsympathetic" to the homosexual community.

The findings were published in the *Los Angeles Times* recently.

Of the 1,653 persons telephoned for the survey, 44 percent said they knew someone who was a homosexual. Some 47 percent said whether or not a local candidate was gay would not influence how they voted.

A separate poll of Californians revealed that the state is more hospitable to homosexuals overall, and 58 percent said they did not oppose the gay lifestyle.

However, the national survey showed that 52 percent opposed the gay lifestyle, and only 44 percent did not.

The East was the only region where more than half approved of homosexuality.

The poll indicated a strong resentment of the political activism of gays, and strongest anti-gay feelings were evident in the South and West.

Women were more positive about gays, and Roman Catholics were more tolerant of homosexuals than Protestants.

The poll was conducted in September.

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There are several types of people who go into gay bars. I, or most people in the gay community, have grown accustomed to recognizing three types. The three types I have chosen to discuss are extremists in their personalities and are often considered undesirable by the majority of the respectable members of the gay community. The three types that I would like to inform you about are the "butch" type, the "queen" type, and the "hustler" type. There are many people who fit slightly into these categories; however, I am strictly discussing the extremists.

The first one on the agenda is the "butch" type. "Butch," in the gay community, designates the he-man type. This type is very stereotypical. "Butch" struts ever-so-graciously around the bar, wearing his skin tight jeans and t-shirt and forever flexing his muscles. "Butch" considers himself "God's gift"; when "Butch" talks, people better listen. "Butch" cannot be approached by another man; "Butch" must be the aggressor. "Butch" does not fool around with someone who has approached him; his machismo will not allow it.

When "Butch" carries on a conversation, which is a rare event, he keeps it short and impersonal. "Butch" does not care to waste the energy it requires to complete a sentence. Consequently, "Butch" talks in fragmented sentences. However, the occasion may arise when "Butch" is forced to utter a few syllables. For instance, when he has to get another beer, he might say, "Be back; gotta get beer." If one looks, not too carefully, one can spot "Butch" in just about any bar.

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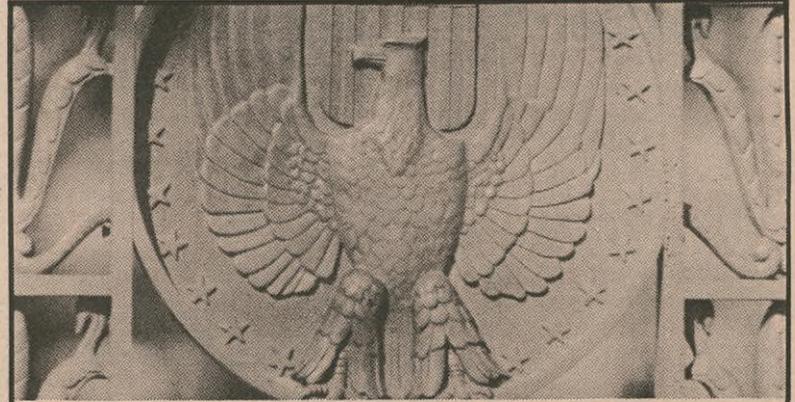
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Lastly on the list is the "hustler" type. A "hustler" is someone who will take a man for everything he has got, and then move to the next victim in line. This type is often the most undetectable because they usually fit into the "butch" or "queen" categories.

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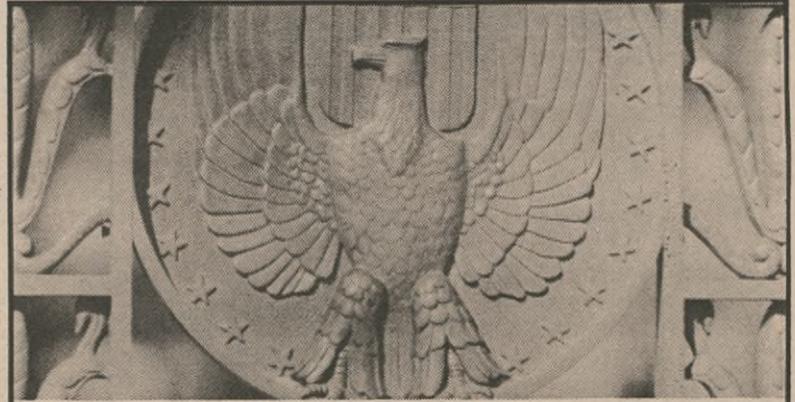
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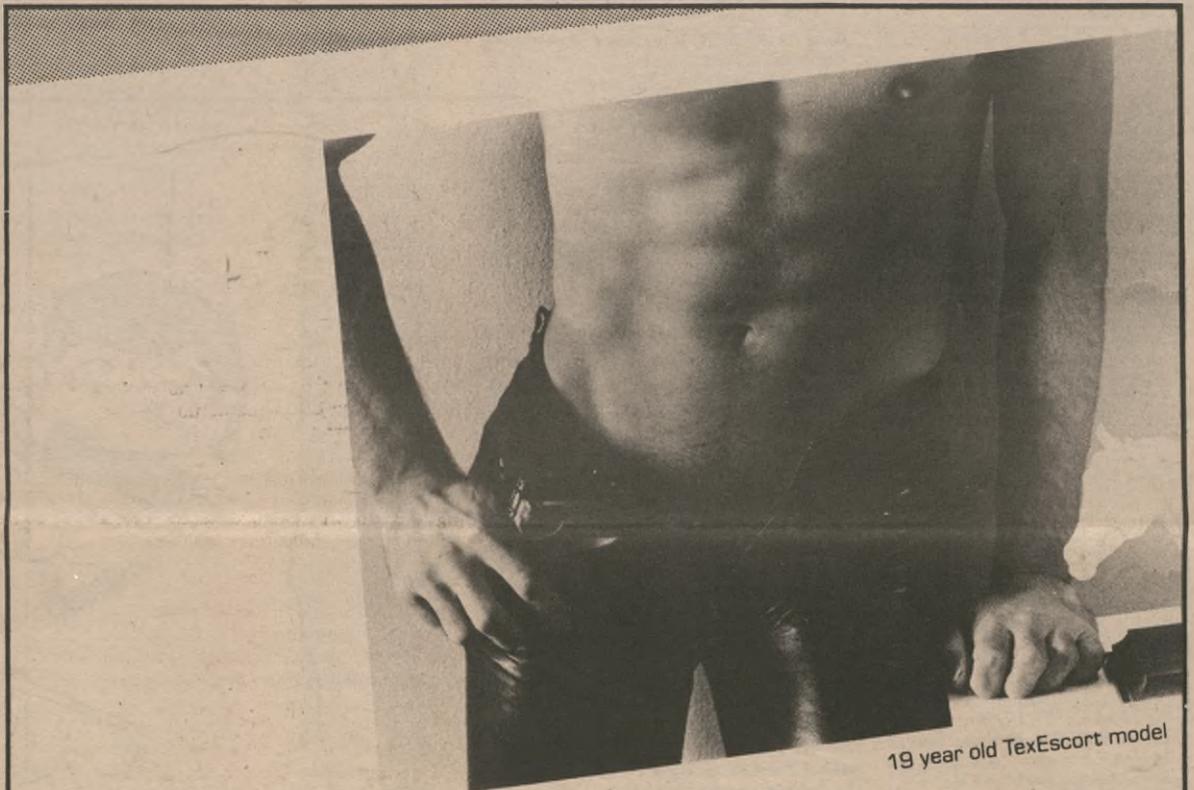
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