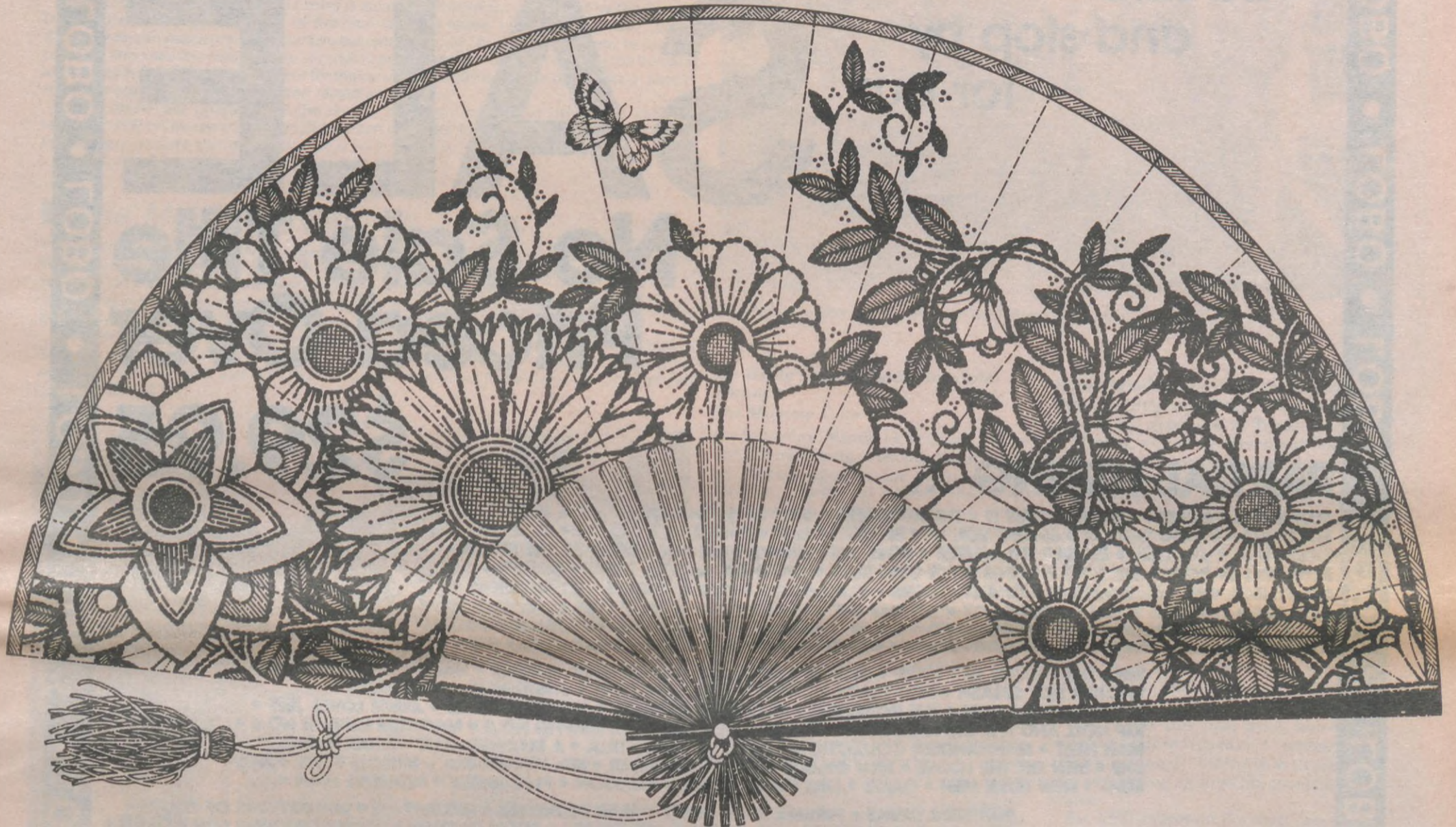


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News from Neighborhood & Community Groups

LaStrada To Hold Kop Shop Hop Benefit

On Tuesday, March 29, LaStrada, 322 Westheimer, will be the site of a benefit for the Neartown Police Community Center.

The police center at 802 Westheimer is known as the "Kop Shop" and the benefit is being touted as the "Kop Shop Hop" and will feature a buffet compliments of LaStrada, Tila's and the River Cafe as well as the music of Commercial Art. Tickets are \$20 and automatically enter the attendee in a drawing for a series of prizes.

Since the property in which the center is located has been put up for sale by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. as part of the liquidation of assets of the now-defunct Liberty Bank, Montrose residents and business owners have been trying to find a way to buy the property and keep the center open. In order to purchase the property, renovate the building and create an operating endowment for the center, \$150,000 is needed by the end of March. Approximately half of that has been raised so far.

In the three-year operation of the center, they have processed over 5,000 accident reports, 1,800 crime reports and 12,800 citizen inquiries. Eight permanent Houston Police Department officers staff the center on a 24-hour basis.

For information and reservations, call 529-3100.

The Montrose Singers

The Montrose Singers, Houston's gay men's chorus, will begin rehearsals for Gay Pride Week performances Tuesday, April 5, 7:30-10:30 pm, at 1630 Vermont. Auditions are not required, and all gay men are encouraged to attend rehearsals.

The ensemble will perform a greater variety of music than it has in the past, including Broadway songs and barbershop quartets to their extensive classical repertoire.

Men interested in performing with The Montrose Singers must attend rehearsals before Tuesday, April 26. No new members will be considered for the 1988 Gay Pride Week performances after that date. For more information, contact Beau Cain, 526-8715, or Jeff Cothran, 862-5518.



Weaver's Anti-Gay Picketing Ignored



Austin preacher Mark Weaver and supporters picket Pacific Street

By Billie Duncan and Dominic Abney

The Montrose Voice

On Saturday, March 19, anti-gay picketers, led by Austin preacher Mark Weaver, carried signs in the parking lot of Heaven, Pacific at Grant, that read "Gay is not OK," "Heaven or Hell," "Gay equals AIDS," and "Gay is sad," among others.

"They chose to protest when the club wasn't open," said manager Randy Jobe. "We thought no response was the best response, so it was business as usual." Business was not affected at any of the clubs in the immediate area, according to Jobe.

Weaver said on Saturday, "This is our fight against AIDS and gays." He said that they were against homosexuals but not against the establishments being picketed, citing concern about a high suicide rate among gays caused by depression over diseases. He said that

homosexuality was illegal "according to the U.S. Supreme Court," but was unsure of the exact law in Texas.

Weaver, who is the director of Citizens Against Pornography, is well known in Austin for his homophobic protests and maneuvers. Last year, some of his activities included picketing Splash Days at Hippie Hollow, the Miss Austin At-Large Pageant at the Gondolier Hotel and various bars.

In October, he brought Gene Antonio, author of a fanatical right-wing look at the AIDS epidemic called "The AIDS Cover-Up? The Real and Alarming Facts about AIDS" to Austin, causing protests from that city's gay community.

His protest this past week, however, caused no stir in Houston. A customer of JR's commented, "I think that this is his way of fighting against his own subconscious."

An HPD officer on the scene laughed and said, "This is a joke."

Volunteers Needed To Help Display Giant Quilt

A giant quilt with the names of thousands who have died of AIDS all over America will be displayed in Brown Convention Center on May 6, 7 and 8, and volunteers are needed for every aspect of the event.

Judy Voulgaris, director of volunteers in Houston, said that over 300 people would be needed, starting with envelope stuffers for this coming Sunday, March 27, and running through the major work force that will be needed to facilitate the presentation of the quilt itself during Mother's Day weekend.

"We need people with sales backgrounds," said Voulgaris, "emotional support monitors, we need the folders and unfolders, people who can work well with money, security, reader assistance. Many, many people." She said that people would work in eight to ten shifts of three hours each in areas of both "physical and emotional labor."

Voulgaris explained that many people who see the quilt become overcome with emotion, so that people who can deal with their grief have to be on hand.

Houston has over 240 panels already in the quilt, but Voulgaris said that more panels are needed. "We're trying to get people to form quilting bees to make panels," she said. In addition, donations are needed to finance the project, which is expected to raise money for Houston organizations that offer direct assistance to PWA's.

To volunteer, call 728-5795 and leave a message.

McConnell Attempts Suicide

A former Montrose real estate developer accused in what federal officials claim is the largest title fraud case in U.S. history was released from a hospital Tuesday after an apparent suicide attempt.

J.R. McConnell, a one-time millionaire, used an electrical cord in an attempt to hang himself in his jail cell Monday, Harris County Jail officials said. He was revived and taken to Ben Taub Hospital, where he was kept overnight. He was released Tuesday, a hospital spokeswoman said.

McConnell had been jailed since surrendering in November to face charges that could send him to prison for 20 years and cost him \$1 million in fines.

McConnell left a six-page letter to his wife and others explaining his suicide attempt, said attorney Dick DeGuerin, whose offer to post \$25,000 for McConnell's bail was refused last December by a federal judge.

DeGuerin said the letter, left on the cell bunk in a folder labeled, "Most Efficient Thing to Do," described McConnell's "frustration and exasperation" about delays in his case, DeGuerin said.

That frustration "was probably the

primary moving factor in what he did," the attorney said.

Tom Berg, McConnell's public defense attorney, said his client had been despondent about delays in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling on the appeal of his \$750,000 bond. The appeal was made three months ago, and Berg said he expected a ruling nine weeks ago.

"I would not have anticipated suicide, but anybody who had been left hanging as long as he has is bound to feel depressed," Berg said. "You can hardly feel more abandoned than when the system abandons you."

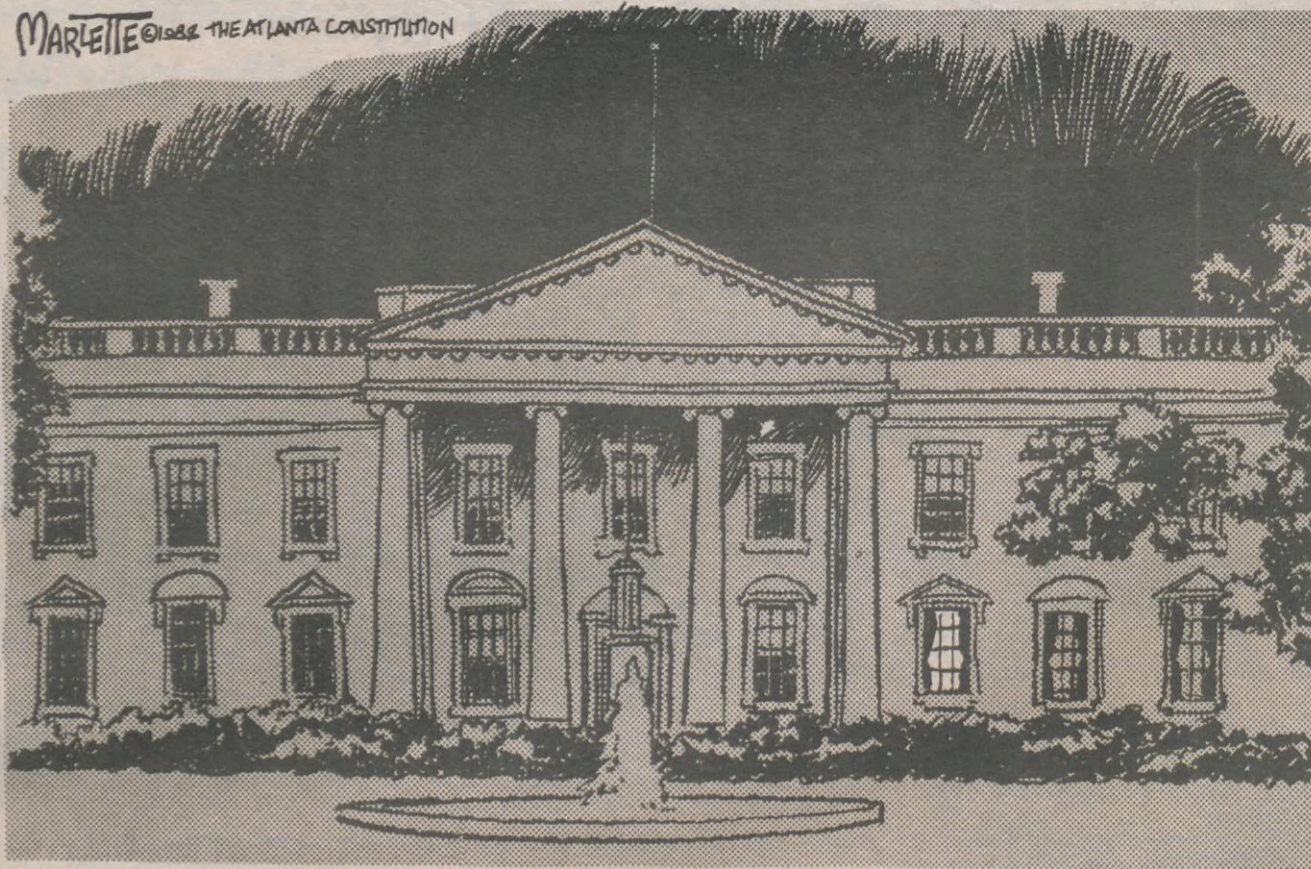
McConnell and five others were indicted last year on charges they borrowed \$4.2 million and used false titles to property backing the loans. McConnell reportedly borrowed more than \$162 million through the scheme.

McConnell had amassed one of the largest real estate portfolios in Houston and Galveston before things began to fall apart and he filed for bankruptcy in 1986. He and associated firms listed debts of nearly \$428 million.

McConnell's trial is scheduled for July 19.

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"WILL THE LAST ONE INDICTED PLEASE TURN OUT THE LIGHTS?"

Congress Enacts Civil Rights Law Over Reagan's Veto

By Mary Beth Franklin
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Congress angrily rejected intense lobbying efforts by the administration and the Moral Majority in overriding President Reagan's veto of a major civil rights bill, reinstating broad anti-discrimination laws.

Within just hours of each other, the Senate and House voted overwhelmingly against the president Tuesday, dealing him a major political blow as they immediately restored legal protections for women, minorities, the elderly and the disabled that had been narrowed by a 1984 Supreme Court decision.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act, which Reagan branded a "dangerous" federal government "power grab," thus became the vehicle for the seventh congressional override of the 63 bills the president has vetoed during his tenure.

"This is a great victory for the millions of Americans... who have felt the lash of discrimination over the last four years," exulted Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., the bill's chief sponsor in the Senate.

Kennedy charged that with the veto, Reagan had "clearly indicated (his) is the most anti-civil rights administration we have had in recent times." The senator noted Reagan's previous resistance to retention of the Voting Rights Act, his attempts to sidetrack the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and his veto of sanctions against South Africa to protest the racist apartheid system.

The restoration act holds entire institutions to anti-bias standards, and Marcia Greenberger of the National Women's Law Center said Tuesday's veto override "means that the country can start moving again in opening doors for women, minorities, the disabled and elderly who have been without the legal protections that they need and deserve for the last four years."

The Senate, acting first, voted 73-24 for the override, easily clearing the two-thirds margin needed in each chamber

to overturn the president's action last week. In a closer vote, the House put the measure into law 292-133.

The vote switchers responded to intense White House lobbying and a telephone campaign by the religiously arch-conservative Moral Majority group that sent a crushing 80,000 calls to the Capitol switchboard in one hour Thursday.

But most lawmakers reacted angrily to rhetoric from the Rev. Jerry Falwell, founder of the Moral Majority, who had warned the bill was passed under pressure from homosexuals and could require churches to "hire a practicing active homosexual drug addict with AIDS to be a teacher or a youth pastor."

"Rarely has the legislative process been subject to such a campaign of misinformation and distortion," said Sen. George Mitchell, D-Maine, noting a church school would not be forced to hire a teacher with conflicting beliefs.

"This has been the subject of an incredible campaign of lies and distortions by the Moral Majority and done in the name of religious liberties," agreed Rep. Augustus Hawkins, D-Calif. "Those who walk with God should walk with dignity and not with theology as a shield."

Rep. Bill Hefner, D-N.C., a former gospel singer whose office was flooded with phone calls from worried constituents, said, "It is reprehensible for people to put out so much misinformation to well-intentioned people that have put their trust (in them)."

Hefner drew thunderous applause from colleagues when he said he would vote to override the veto even "if it means I lose my position in the U.S. House of Representatives, (because) I don't cave in to false information.... This job is not worth that to me."

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce warned the new law "does little to protect (civil) rights... and could likely result in imposing unnecessary

regulatory burdens on business people, farmers and religious and education institutions."

But schools controlled by religious groups, not just affiliated, would not be required to comply with sex discrimination laws if religious teachings are violated. Small businesses would be exempt from federal access requirements for the handicapped if they could provide services through other means.

Nothing in the law would force religious hospitals and schools to pay for or perform abortions, though it would prohibit them from discriminating against students and employees that have had or seek abortions.

Illinois Sen. Paul Simon, campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination Tuesday in Milwaukee, said it was "incredible" Reagan vetoed the rights bill, and other Democratic candidates denounced Vice President George Bush for supporting the president's veto.

Ralph Neas, director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, called Tuesday's action "a bipartisan reaffirmation of civil rights and a bipartisan repudiation of the civil rights extremism of the Reagan-Bush administration."

"Congress wisely avoided falling prey to the Religious Right's strategy to frighten the American public into believing this bill was something it was not," added Arthur Kropp, president of People for the American Way, a civil liberties group formed to counter groups such as the Moral Majority.

Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., the father of a handicapped child and a leading sponsor of the measure, spoke movingly as a group of deaf, blind and disabled people sat in the visitors gallery overlooking the Senate chamber.

"This is as an important a day as any of us has experienced," Weicker said. "It holds the potential for our restatement of our national commitment to equality for all. Today the nation addresses its own future, speaks to its own destiny."

Arizona Senate Moves To Second Article Of Impeachment

By Harriet Hindman
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

PHOENIX (UPI)—The Arizona Senate moved on to the second of three articles of impeachment against Gov. Evan Mecham after rejecting a motion to vote on the first charge before hearing evidence on the other two, a move that could have quickly ended a trial that was in its fourth week.

Both sides finished presenting evidence Tuesday on the first article, an obstruction of justice charge involving an alleged death threat by one gubernatorial aide against another.

Some senators wanted to vote on the first article before hearing evidence on the other two—misuse of state funds and concealing a \$350,000 campaign loan. Conviction on the first charge would have rendered the others moot and forced the 63-year-old Republican governor from office.

Mecham's attorneys opposed the motion on grounds the 30-member Senate should hear all the evidence against Mecham. When Sen. Carolyn Walker withdrew her motion at the request of other senators, the trial moved ahead with the second charge—misuse of \$80,000 in a so-called protocol fund that was raised at his inaugural ball.

Prosecutor William P. French opened the second round by telling the Senate that Mecham broke the law by lending the money to his financially troubled auto dealership and then tried to cover it up.

Mecham won election in 1986 on his fifth attempt, getting 39 percent of the vote in a three-way contest. He also faces a criminal trial in April on felony charges stemming from his alleged failure to report the \$350,000 loan and a recall election on May 17.

If convicted, Mecham would be the first U.S. governor removed from office by impeachment since Henry S. Johnston of Oklahoma in 1927.

He was stripped of his powers but not his title when the House voted to impeach him on Feb. 5. Democratic Secretary of State Rose Mofford is acting governor.

FEC Staff Recommends LaRouche Get Matching Funds

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Federal Election Commission's legal staff recommended Wednesday that extremist presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche be certified to get campaign matching funds—a recommendation FEC auditors had opposed.

The six-member FEC was scheduled to discuss the matter at its weekly meeting Thursday and four of the six commissioners must support LaRouche's request for him to be certified.

LaRouche, running this year as a Democrat, and several associates are now on trial in Boston on federal charges of conspiracy and obstruction of justice. Prosecutors claim they plotted to block a grand jury probe into an alleged credit card scheme to raise money for LaRouche's unsuccessful 1984 presidential campaign.

Community

News from Neighborhood & Community Groups

Stone Soup Food Pantry Wish List

Canned pasta meals—Beef-a-Roni, ravioli, lasagna, spaghetti and meat balls, spaghetti sauces (we distribute 400 cans a month)

Canned meats—ham, chicken, turkey, roast beef, beef stew, Spam, corned beef, corned beef hash, chili with beans, chili without beans, chicken and dumplings, etc. (we distribute 800 cans a month)

Jellies, jams, marmalades, preserves—all varieties and other flavors in preference to grape. (we distribute 400 jars a month)

Peanut butter—chunky and creamy (we distribute 400 jars a month)

Canned tomato products—tomato paste, tomato sauce, whole peeled tomatoes, stewed tomatoes, etc. (we distribute 800 cans a month)

Condiments—iodized salt, ground pepper, (black, white, cayenne), all varieties of spices and herbs

Cake and cookie mixes—all varieties (we distribute 400 packages a month)

Canned fruit—all varieties (we distribute 1,200 cans a month)

Coffee—instant, all grinds or ungrounded beans (we have access to a commercial grinder)—non-decaffeinated preferred

Hot chocolate mix—boxes of individual packets

Toiletries—tooth paste, tooth brushes, dentures cleaner, dentures adhesive, dentures brushes, shampoo, conditioner, underarm deodorant, shaving soap, hand soap, hand and skin lotion, mouth wash, peroxide, etc.

The Red Barrel at Kroger's on Montrose has been assigned to Stone Soup and donations may be brought to the Stone Soup Food Pantry at 1004 California (one block north of Westheimer and one half block east of Montrose). Hours: Mondays from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM; Wednesdays from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM; Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Thank you so much for caring and sharing.]....

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GLHU Sponsors Cultural And Political Awareness Programs

Gay & Lesbians Hispanics Unidos (GHLU) will present speaker Juanita Ramos in a workshop entitled "Networking and Organizing Within the Lesbian and Gay Community" on Saturday, March 26, 1988, at University of Houston's main campus.

Juanita Ramos is compiler and editor of *Companeras: Latina Lesbians*, in which she describes herself as "a Black, Puerto Rican, lesbian-feminist..."

Companeras is an anthology of written and transcribed oral histories/herstories by and about Latina Lesbians. The book was published in 1987 with the help of a grant from the Chicago Resource Center. Ramos has been an active member of the Lesbian and Gay movement for many years. In late 1977, she joined El Comité Homosexual Latinoamericano (COHL), a lesbian and gay Latino organization founded in New York City. Soon after, she became an active member of the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights and one of the national organizers for the first National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights which took place on October 14, 1979.

Saturday's seminar will be held in the World Affairs Lounge (in the Underground of the University Center, 4800 Calhoun, Entrance 1) at U of H, University Park, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. This program is being made possible through the sponsorship of the National Organization for Women at U of H.

GLHU will also present a reading at 7:30 PM at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Suite 203, at which time Ramos will read from her book. Everyone is encourage to bring writings to share and participate in the reading. Attendance is free of charge.

These two events will give us an opportunity to discuss and learn about issues that will make us stronger and more unified as an organization. The lecture/reading and the seminar/workshop are a must for those of us who are determined to make a difference in the immediate community.

Jazz On The Square

Monday morning, March 21, 1988, workers, visitors and shoppers were shocked to find the historic south side of Old Market Square (300 block of Travis) flattened. While negotiations were in progress to rent the spaces, wreckers, under the cover of darkness, arrived Sunday night, swinging the iron ball, spilling bricks, wrought iron and ancient cypress timbers on to the sidewalk and into the historic books.

But Old Market Square lives! Investors are preparing to open new restaurants, pubs and shops in the oldest sections of Houston, reclaiming the area where Houston first started into a dynamic Entertainment District vital to enhancing downtown and providing services for the new George R. Brown Convention Center. Less than two blocks from the Square, the City of Houston is searching for developers to reshape the Albert Thompson Convention Center into a multi uses for bars, shops, restaurants and theaters that would merge with Old Market Square. Arrangements are underway to have horse drawn carriages on the Square while promotions and events are being designed to bring Houston back to its roots.

Starting this Friday and Saturday March 25 & 26, three bands will be featured in three pubs: Glatzmaier's 809, Congress Ave, 223 3331, hosts Jewel Brown Quartet; Emil's Corner Pocket, 823 Congress Ave, 222 2901, hosts Johnny Pena's Jazz Fever. A \$7 cover charge gives you all three pubs and bands with the beat starting at 9 PM each night.

Three Wheels Ride On

The first "Surprise Ride" for the newly named Three Wheels Bicycle and Rollerskating Club was held Sunday, March 6. After a brisk tour of Hermann and Memorial Parks, which ran about twenty-three miles, the group settled under a gazebo on scenic Heights Boulevard for a Biking Events Committee meeting.

A River Oaks Ride is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, and the second "Surprise Ride" is expected to be one of leisure on Easter Sunday, April the 3rd.

All bike rides begin at 10 AM at the Pot Pie Restaurant, 1525 Westheimer. For general information on bike rides, call Susan 780-0878 or Scott 520-6294.

Club members also look forward to participating in Gay Skate Night every first Tuesday of the month at the Carousel Rink, 9190 Old Katy Rd, exit at Campbell o I-10-W. Admission is \$4 per person which includes skate rental. This is a benefit for the Montrose Counseling Center. For rides to the rink call John at 523-6381. Next Skate Night is April 5 at 8 PM.



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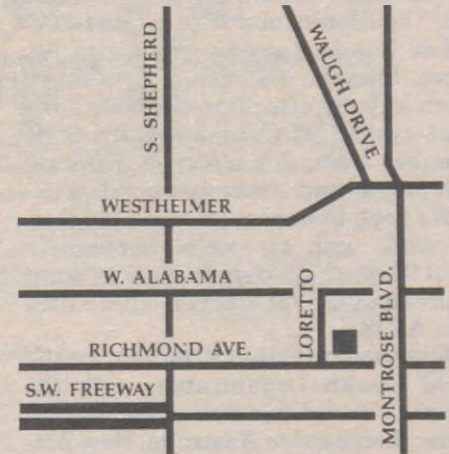
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Walking The World For AIDS

By Jennifer Lanthier
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

TORONTO (UPI)—He wallowed in a tub of festering pork and beans for 145 hours. He collected 1.5 million pennies for the hungry. He tried to set a world record by kissing 3,069 women in eight delicious hours on Valentine's Day.

But all that isn't enough for Canada's most outrageous fundraiser.

So Bill Mole says he's going to walk around the world to raise money for AIDS research.

Mole, 39, plans to start in New York May 22 in a trek that could take almost three years and cover about 25,000 miles in 35 countries.

"Too many people are dying," Mole said. "You don't know who will be next."

Mole has lost several friends to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, which kills by attacking the body's immune system. He blinks rapidly as he describes plans for starting the walk with prayer and a moment of silence.

"We hope to have a lot of people start the walk with us—we're hoping for about 20,000," Mole said. "And we want to have candles for everyone that's died from AIDS."

Mole hopes to raise \$10 million for the World Health Organization with the trek that would wind through 15 U.S. states, then head to Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines.

The walk would continue in Taiwan, Japan, China, the Middle East, parts of Europe and the Soviet Union, Britain and Canada. Mole plans to cover 20 miles each day. The journey would end in August or September, 1990.

In early 1986, Mole earned the nickname "Mr. Penny" by gathering 1.5 million pennies for the hungry. Later that year he tried to raise public awareness of hunger by soaking almost a full week in a tub filled with 240 tins of beans. A more appetizing attempt raised about \$750 when he kissed 3,069 women on Feb. 14, 1987.



The global walk would be the most organized of Mole's attempts. Friends would contact towns on the route and try to find volunteers to walk a few miles with him. T-shirts promoting the walk are being designed and pledge sheets drawn up for donations to the United Nations.

"I've always wanted to see the world, and maybe this is seeing it the hard way," he said. "But it's going to help people. Even if we just bring awareness about the disease, it's worth it."

The walk would not be his first. He quit a government job five years ago to walk across Canada and raise money for an 18-year-old store clerk left paralyzed by a bullet during a robbery.

Since finishing that walk in 1984, Mole reckons, he has earned about \$5,000 in Canadian currency a year from odd jobs, such as bartending and grave digging, that he sandwiched around fundraising projects. He enjoys the publicity.

Mole camped on rooftops and walked hundreds of miles to raise money for hospitals, tornado victims, the hungry and the homeless. He dressed as Santa Claus for one walk that promoted "safe sex" with the slogan, "Santa says use condom-sense."

"Every year I think I'll stop, not do it anymore," Mole said. "But if there's a cause, I do it."

He finds himself at parties trying to draw others into his schemes, getting serious about hunger while friends eat party snacks.

"I used to sell raffle tickets at first base and disrupt my own baseball game," he added.

The fourth of 11 children born to a carpenter and his British war bride, Mole was raised in a two-room house in Turkey Point, a hamlet near the Ontario-Michigan border. He recalls sleeping four to a bed and walking barefoot to the one-room school a mile away.

Mole hopes to start his world-girdling walk with children from a Harlem hospice who have AIDS. He prays a cure will be found and that when he returns to New York, many of those children will be there to greet him.

Ghost Town To Become Mining Town

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI)—The desert ghost town of Rhyolite, once envisioned as a center for the gay community, is on the verge of becoming a gold mine.

Dahlhold Resources Inc., an Australian company headed by beer magnate Allen Bond, will sign papers this week to purchase The City of Rhyolite Inc. from owner James J. Spencer, a spokeswoman said.

A spokeswoman for attorney Madison Graves of Las Vegas said Tuesday that Bond, who owns mining properties in Nevada and holds other business interests in California, plans to build a \$30 million gold mine with a work force of 220 people.

Spencer, who moved to Rhyolite in 1982, remains as the town administrator even though he now lives in Phoenix.

The town made news in October 1986 when Fred Schoonmaker of Reno, Nev., founder of Stonewall Park Inc., announced plans to purchase the small group of dilapidated buildings near the California-Nevada border to establish a gay community.

Schoonmaker, however, could only raise \$100 of the \$2.25 million price for the town, 120 miles northwest of Las Vegas, and 4,000 acres of surrounding desert.

Schoonmaker, now deceased, had hoped to initially attract 50 to 75 gay pioneers to the town, but he failed to come up with the \$365,000 down payment.

Rhyolite began its existence as a mining town at the turn of the century and once was one of Nevada's largest cities with a population of more than 10,000 people. However, only an old railroad station and a half-dozen decaying structures remain with a population of 12 adults and six children.

Rhyolite is named after a kind of volcanic rock.

Grand Jury Indicts Man Who Gave \$175,000 To AIDS House

DALLAS (UPI)—A former savings and loan branch manager accused of embezzling \$1.1 million and using some of the money to purchase a house for AIDS victims was indicted by a federal grand jury.

Patrick Wayne Debenport, 27, was named in a 15-count indictment March 17 accusing him of misapplying money from First Texas Savings Association between January and June 1987.

Officials with the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office said Debenport was expected to surrender March 18 to face arraignment on the felony charges.

Each count of the indictment, returned March 17 by a federal grand jury, is punishable by five years in prison, a \$5,000 fine or both.

Debenport, former branch manager of First Texas' Oak Cliff branch, was accused of embezzling the funds from the

thrift after a doctor told him he had AIDS and had only a few months to live, said his attorney, J. Stephen Cooper.

Cooper said last year that Debenport bought a house valued at \$217,000 for himself, gave gifts to friends and donated \$175,000 to the People With AIDS Coalition, which used it to buy and renovate an Oak Cliff apartment building that houses 26 people suffering from

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Organizers of the house for AIDS patients were not aware the money had been embezzled until First Texas began investigating the missing funds and Debenport became a suspect in the thefts. First Texas filed suit Dec. 30 seeking repayment from the coalition, which said it cannot pay the money.

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Chemical May Stop Wasting Of Cancer Patients

By Celia Hooper
 UPI Science Writer
 FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—A chemical produced for rocket fuel and pesticides may allow cancer and even AIDS patients to live longer and more comfortably by preventing them from wasting away.

Dr. Joseph Gold, director of the Syracuse, N.Y., Cancer Research Institute, said hydrazine sulfate is no cure for cancer or AIDS, but trials with between 160 and 170 patients showed the inexpensive industrial chemical stopped 50 to 60 percent from losing weight.

About 70 percent of all cancer patients die of the wasting process known as cachexia or problems related to it, Gold told a science writers' seminar of the American Cancer Society Wednesday.

He called the wasting "perhaps the most devastating symptom" of late stages of cancer but said, "Hydrazine sulfate takes the fangs out of this disease."

Gold said hydrazine sulfate "is produced by the carload for industrial purposes" in insecticide, as an anti-rust agent for boilers and as an ingredient in rocket fuel.

Gold believes hydrazine blocks a basic biochemical step that non-cancerous cells must take to feed energy-rich sugars to hungry cancer cells. As a tumor grows, the draining of energy from normal cells snowballs, starving patients until they are bedridden, unable to fight off other diseases, and eventually die.

When a patient is given hydrazine, Gold believes, it cuts a biochemical step. A substance known as lactose builds up in the body, turning off the feeding of the cancer cells.

When the normal cells of the body stop starving themselves to feed the growing tumor, patients' appetite returns and they begin to gain weight from the food they eat, often within a few days of starting to take the hydrazine capsules, Gold said.

He said in one of the three controlled clinical trials of hydrazine, patient survival rates were measured and those

taking the hydrazine survived about 320 days whereas those getting a dummy drug only survived 170 days.

He said similar results on reduced wasting were found in a Russian study involving more than 350 patients.

Gold said side effects of the drug, given in capsule form three times a day for several weeks, were minor and could be minimized by adjusting dose or stopping the drug for awhile.

He said patients who responded to hydrazine were often able to care for them-

selves after being dependent and bedridden during the cachexia.

Gold believes the cachexia in AIDS patients, especially those with Kaposi's sarcoma, is caused by the same metabolic process that leads to wasting in cancer patients. He said he expects trials of hydrazine in AIDS patients will begin soon.

He said expanded trials of the effectiveness of hydrazine in cancer patients also will be under way if the Food and Drug Administration approves a request to study the new drug.

Police Arrest Some 110 Demonstrators In AIDS Protest

By Ellen Wulforst
 FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

NEW YORK (UPI)—An estimated 500 people protesting government delays in approving AIDS drugs swarmed Wall Street Thursday, blocking rush-hour traffic and telling harried commuters, "We're fighting for your lives, too." More than 100 demonstrators were arrested.

Protesters stretched a scarlet ribbon across Broadway near Wall Street chanting, "We're dying of red tape."

The demonstrators railed against what they called price gouging of AIDS drugs by pharmaceutical companies and they demanded faster government approval of AIDS treatments and closer coordination of public and private efforts to combat the disease.

"Less money is being spent on a cure than on trying to keep the disease from entering the general population," said Ron Goldberg, one of the organizers of the protest. "In a real sense, they're trying to isolate the infected population. They're saying, 'Let them wither and die as long as we save everybody else.'"

Police carted off about 110 demonstrators who sat at the intersection of Wall Street and Broadway blocking traffic.

The protesters were to be charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, police said.

The protesters managed to close down a two-block stretch of Broadway near Wall Street, and also shut down Trinity Place, where demonstrators staged a second sit-in.

Goldberg said the purpose of the rally was "to dramatize the fact that the American government and the business world view AIDS as a money problem."

Busy commuters, hampered on their way to work by the commotion, looked on as the protesters shouted, "We're fighting for your lives, too." But some executives on their way to work saw the protest as a mere nuisance.

"Their existence inconveniences me," said Gordon Howath, a stockbroker. "They're a threat to our whole society."

Goldberg said by protesting during the morning rush hour in the heart of the financial district, the demonstrators hope to show the need for greater action in fighting acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"This way you really interrupt their day and you stay with them all day," he said. "You're there before their morning coffee. It makes it more of a presence."

1 Out Of 5 Texans Still Think AIDS Virus Is Casually Spread

Only about 14 percent of Texans have known someone with the AIDS virus, but up to 20 percent believe they can catch the disease through casual contact, a survey showed Monday.

When asked to measure the possibility "that a person will get AIDS from a public toilet seat," 20 percent of those questioned in the Texas Poll said it is very likely or somewhat likely, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Seventy-three percent said such a result was somewhat unlikely, very unlikely or not possible at all.

When asked to estimate the possibility "that a person will get AIDS from working near someone with AIDS," 10 percent said it was very or somewhat likely, and 84 percent said it was somewhat unlikely, very unlikely or not possible.

Thirteen percent also said it was very or somewhat likely a child could contract AIDS from attending school with

an AIDS victim. Eighty-one percent said it was somewhat unlikely, very unlikely or not possible.

Health officials have worked to assure the public that AIDS cannot be transmitted by casual contact. Acquired immune deficiency syndrome destroys the body's ability to fight disease. It is transmitted through an exchange of body fluids—such as during intimate sexual contact or use of contaminated needles by drug users.

The poll shows "the educational work on AIDS in the state of Texas has not even begun," said Brown McDonald of the Houston AIDS Foundation.

"We have some additional work to do," said Rocco Pelosi of the Texas Department of Health. "There are people who haven't received the information or have yet to believe it."

The danger, Pelosi said, is that "if people aren't aware of how the disease is spread, it will continue to spread."

But Texas Poll Director James Dyer said programs to educate the public may have created some confusion about AIDS.

"They're trying to get people to act responsibly, which to some extent raises the specter of an epidemic," he said. "On the other hand, you're trying not to scare people, telling them not to worry. You can't have it both ways."

The poll was conducted Feb. 17-25 by the Public Policy Resources Laboratory at Texas A&M and was sponsored by Harte-Hanks Communications Inc. The poll of 1,003 people has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percent.

Fourteen percent of those polled said they had personally known someone with AIDS, while 84 percent said no. Ten percent said there was a high chance someone they know would get AIDS, while 19 percent said medium and 63 percent said a low chance or no chance at all.

FDA Finds Lapses In AIDS Blood Screening

By Celia Hooper
UPI Science Writer
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

WASHINGTON—Lapses in screening of donated blood had led to 24 close calls where contaminated or potentially contaminated blood slipped through the system and had to be recalled, the FDA and the American Red Cross said last Friday.

Authorities believe that no blood recipients were endangered by the errors, but the Food and Drug Administration has decided to step up its inspection of the Red Cross collection centers to once a year, instead of every other year.

Eighteen suspect units slipped through screening at the Red Cross regional collection center in Nashville, Tenn., and six lapses occurred in Washington. Authorities contacted late last Friday could not say exactly how the contaminated blood had been disposed of, but insisted there was no risk it would contaminate a transfusion recipient.

The FDA said ten of the blood units had tested positive for HIV antibodies, a sign that the blood contains the AIDS

virus. Before they could be destroyed, these ten blood units were accidentally shipped out to a medical company that fractionates, or divides the blood. The company was notified of the contamination.

The FDA said that the fractionation "virtually eliminates any contamination threat."

Five blood units, also destined for fractionation, had signs of contamination with hepatitis-B virus. The FDA said the units were not used for transfusions, but did not know what had happened to the blood. American Red Cross officials in the national headquarters and in the regional centers in Washington and Nashville, Tenn., also could not say what had become of the blood.

Nine units of blood were collected from people who were "unsuitable donors." Susan Cruzan, an FDA spokeswoman, said this could include people whose blood had previously tested positive for the AIDS virus on one test but negative on other tests. Other inappropriate donors could include people with risk factors for AIDS, such as intrave-

nous drug use or recent patrons of a prostitute.

Subsequent testing of the inappropriate donors revealed that none had the AIDS or hepatitis viruses.

Two blood units that were not included in the recall had "questionable HIV antibody tests results but were shipped and used for transfusion," the FDA said. Subsequent testing of the donors revealed that their initial tests had been "false positives" and they did not actually have the antibodies indicating exposure to the AIDS virus.

An FDA investigation of the blood centers revealed they were not following standard operating procedures, and this led to data entry mistakes, clerical errors and failure to discard a fractions of blood after suspicious AIDS tests.

Dr. Kenneth Fawcett, director of blood services for the Tennessee Valley Region of the Red Cross, said after the first mistake was found, a complete search of the records was done, turning up the other errors.

"I can say with certainty that nobody was harmed," Fawcett said.

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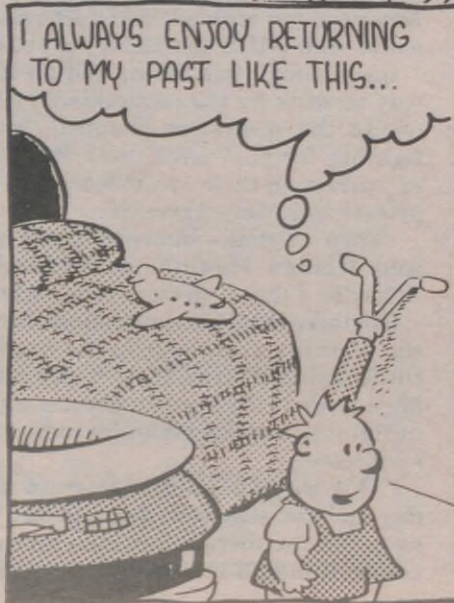
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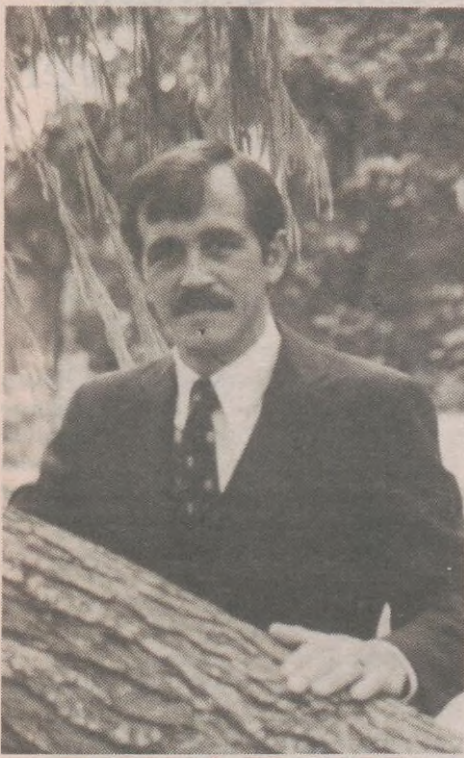
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In Memoriam



THOMAS EDWARD BROWN

Enduring a courage two year battle, Tom's wish to be in peace at home surrounded by love, was fulfilled. His passing on March 11, 1988 was gentle and with dignity; true to his personality.

After a critical, brief stay at the hospice in 1986; with firm determination, Tom recovered enough so that he and his life-mate, Donn Hueftle could return to their Heights home. Having dementia and being partially paralyzed since 1986; Tom always exercised personal self-control and communicated effectively the last year more through gestures, touches, and facial expressions. A very special thanks to his nurse's aid, Margery Blake; who's loving and caring manners eased his many lengthy days. Thank you also, Mrs. Priced and Roger McAllister for your faithfulness.

Born September 5, 1946 in Amityville, N.Y., Tom came to Texas via Missouri in 1966; stationed in the Air Force at Abilene. He loved Texas and lived the last 18 years in Houston. Although, he first worked as a Harris County court clerk; his last seven years of employment were at downtown Foley's as a men's wear department supervisor. Many will remember his handsome profile; his large, soft brown eyes; and the warm, quiet smile.

Sincere appreciation is expressed from Donn and Tom's mother, Mrs. Irene Baker of Missouri; to all those who gave him support and love: the Visiting Nurses Association, the staff of Casa de Ninos Hospice, So. Main Baptist Church F.O.C.U.S., St. Ann's Catholic respite team; and a few truly dedicated friends; Anne, Joseph, Jeff, Dick, Jerry, and Rick.

Memorial services, in Houston, were held March 20 at the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, the Rev. John Gill officiating; with the eulogy given by Rev. Robert Carter, of So. Main Baptist. Burial of Tom's ashes will be on the family farm in the hills of Dixon, Missouri on March 26. Donations may be made, in his name, to the AIDS Foundation.

"Tom...you gave me strength and made my life more complete. You are now Home...tears of celebration. Donn"



JAY ANTHONY RHODES

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Jay Anthony Rhodes, 31 of Houston, died of AIDS on Friday, March 18, at his mother's home in Crockett, Texas. Services were held on Monday, March 21, at the Waltrip Funeral Home on Campbell Road. Jay carried himself with dignity and without complaint during his entire illness. After graduating from Northbrook High School, Houston, in 1975, Jay moved to Dallas where he lived for two and a half years before returning to Houston in 1979. He was active in many community affairs, but was especially proud of being one of the Founding Host of the White Party. In 1985 he moved to Atlanta where he worked for "Let the Music Play" record store for one and a half years before he became ill and returned to Houston. Jay will be remembered for his deep love of music, movies and art. Jay was very close to his family and his devotion to his mother, Madge Garner, and his sister, Julie Rhodes, were obvious to anyone who knew Jay. Jay is also survived by his father and stepmother, Bill and Audrey Rhodes of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, his brother Jimmy and his nephew and niece, Jason and Jennifer. In addition to his family, Jay is survived by many friends who will miss his wonderful smile and outlook on life. The love he gave to them will never end. His family has requested donations in Jay's memory be made to the Omega House.

GLENN NETHERY

Glenn J. Nethery, 42, a former Gonzales and Dallas resident, died Tuesday March 15th at Veterans Memorial Hospital in Houston.

He was born May 25, 1945 in Gonzales, Texas and was the son of the late Glenn J. Nethery Sr. and Lucille Bright Nethery.

He survived by two brothers, Doyle Nethery of Victoria and Clinton Nethery of Dallas; and two sisters, Cecilia M. Holloway of Dallas and Jennifer Ellison of Seguin.

Memorial graveside services were held at the Gonzales Memorial Park Cemetery Saturday, March 19th.

The family request in lieu of the usual remembrances that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

Glenn, I will love always (1-4-3), Jim. To Don Robinson, your help and concern during his illness will never be forgotten. And to his two best friends in Dallas, thanks for being there when he needed you the most!

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From the Readers of the Montrose Voice

More On Mardi Gras Party

From Jason McQuire

I don't think Mr. Loomis' letter (issue 384) was all that "inane" as the previous letter in issue 385 would have it. I agree with Mr. Loomis. Bar owners have got no business taking over things like the Mardi Gras Finale. I don't know who used to put it on, but having it at places like Heaven just don't cut it. It was far better the way it use to be. ...

... As to you so-called "Johnson Girls", who-the-hell are you? At least Mr. Loomis signed his name, you did not. It's just like some of you dizzy-disco queens. People like you only help give us Men a bad image. I am not a "Girl".

Likes Dating Service

From H.J.

I recently responded to an ad in the Voice concerning a Gay/Lesbian Video Dating Service. I must say I am glad I became a member. When it comes to finding a compatible mate, our community needs a service like this for those of us who don't particularly like the bar scene. I mean, I like the bar scene when I go with friends to have fun, but for meeting the right person, I find it uncomfortable. This service makes the process of meeting a potential mate easy and fun. And you know it is responsibly different. I would recommend this service to any gay or lesbian person.

P.S. Don't you just love the word mate? I think it means relationship.

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D.O.A. ought to be Dennis Quaid's Witness. Remember when we all loved Harrison Ford and he excited us when he performed, but everyone Suspect-ed he couldn't really act? Well, we've seen Quaid be funny, be sexy, even be serious—but only in a sci-fi movie, which a lot of people (not me) don't take seriously. Here he gives a very powerful, very controlled character fresh life. The man is still dynamite!

The script by Charles Edward Pogue is one of the best written detective stories to hit the screen in ages. It is both very cerebral and very physical. All of the clues are handed to you very honestly, but they are buried under so many important but, in this case, misleading clues that the amateur sleuth in the audience will have a tough time figuring this one out but will never feel cheated. May favorite red herring plays on my mind even now because it was never followed up in the investigation.

This movie is an homage to the great black and white movie mysteries. The beginning and ending sequences are done in b&w. Whenever the emotion turns really intense, the picture, though filmed in color, is nearly black and white. Only skin tones or perhaps a trace of red punctuate the effect. But the most wonderful tribute is the use of the stark lighting and the odd camera angles which were used by the 40s film makers. Bravo, directors Rocky Morton and Annabel Jankel!

I'm afraid I might tip some cards if I try to outline part of the plot. But I would love to see your faces as you see this film, or hear from you afterwards. It is, rare in this column, the same joy I would have as I handed a knowledgeable friend a book, then read beside him late at night.

3 1/2 out of 4.

REMEMBER SIMON Gray? Think of Butley, of Quartermaine's Term's, even of that dreadful thing that started this season over at the Alley. What do you get? Angst with a capital A, a little wry humor and an important, if understated, gay element.

Gray wrote *A Month in the Country*. Why he called this movie that I do not know. It doesn't seem to have anything to do with the Russian classic. Superficially, it has much more in common with *The Agony and the Ecstasy* (painting restorer, in this case, touching God while working his art atop a scaffolding in a church) or even *Blue Lagoon* (They both make excellent wallpaper).

Month makes superb use of the medium—film. The visuals are gorgeous. The nuances are unspoken. The story is told mainly through images, then sometimes confirmed after we have inferred it.

Two young men are back from WWI—unscarred physically but maimed emotionally. They are working for the summer for a country church. Either they no longer believe in God or they understand Him much better than do your common men. They're trying to decide which.

One of them develops a crush on the other. The other develops one on the vicar's wife. Neither is consummated, but both may be cleansing.

Through a bit of detective work, they both realize they are brushing up against the remains of a man who came back from the Crusades feeling the same way.

Of course, since one is a gay man trying to come to grips with watching the death of too many comrades, the ques-



D.O.A.: Dennis Quaid and Meg Ryan.

tion of a healing reaction to depression over AIDS deaths is raised.

One also feels the balance against all those violent return-home-from-Viet Nam movies. This would seem to embody a much healthier reaction than, say, *The Deer Hunter*.

3 out of 4.



The Gay, the Beauty, and the Stutterer—Kenneth Branagh, Natasha Richardson and Colin Firth in A Month in the Country.

TRAILERS: Channel 11 has been racking up the awards left and right recently—four Addys, three Young Black Achievers, the very first Ima Hogg Preservation Award, the Mark Francis Award from the Texas Veterinary Medical Association and an award from the State Department of Highways for its anti-drug efforts. ...

Virgin Vision, Inc. has just released *Prick Up Your Ears* (about Joe Orton and his lover) on video. ...

INCOMING ATTRACTIONS: This week's offerings include a revival of *The Manchurian Candidate* starring Frank Sinatra.

Robert Downey, Jr. watches his best friend, Anthony Michael Hall, the country's top HS QB, being wooed by the colleges in *Johnny Be Good*.

Meanwhile Alan Alda and Ann-Margaret separate their marriage and face *A New Life*—blind dates and all that.

Swaggart Radio Station Wins Suit Over Back Taxes

CONROE (UPI)—A state district jury Wednesday afternoon ruled that a radio station owned by embattled television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart was exempt from taxes because it is a place of worship.

The jury deliberated about seven hours Tuesday and Wednesday before finding in favor of Swaggart's KJOJ "Joy of Jesus" radio station, which was sued by the city of Shenandoah for \$64,043 in real estate and personal property taxes.

Shenandoah Attorney Michael Darlow argued the station was not exempt from taxation under state law just because it broadcasts religious programs. But Swaggart Ministries argued the station is a regular place of religious worship and should be exempt from taxation.

The jury ruled the radio station was exempt from 50 percent of its real estate taxes and all of its personal property taxes.

The ministry's attorney, James Bradford, had told the jury the ministry was willing to pay taxes on the half of the building not occupied by the radio station, but not on the second floor housing the facility.

Swaggart Ministries recently paid \$28,000 to the court for those taxes owed. Shenandoah city officials planned to meet Wednesday night to decide if they would appeal the verdict.

The radio station still faces trial in two other similar cases. The Conroe Independent School District and Montgomery County are seeking nearly \$110,000 in back taxes from Swaggart ministries.

The ministry filed a lawsuit against the county tax appraisal district in 1982 after being denied a tax exemption. That case will be heard next month in state District Judge John Martin's court. No court date has been set for the school district and county case.

Before deliberations began, Bradford urged the jury not to be influenced by any biases against Swaggart, who temporarily has been suspended from his Baton Rouge, La., ministry following allegations he consorted with a prostitute.

Great Depression Better Than PTL

If you thought the PTL sex scandal was rough on Jim Bakker, listen to what it's done to his mother and dad.

Raleigh Bakker, 81, says he and wife Furnia, 81, were fired from their jobs as greeters at the PTL's Heritage USA resort and had to file for welfare.

"We never dreamed something like this would happen," Raleigh said.

"It's been the worst year of our lives. Even the Depression was better than this." In order to qualify for welfare they had to prove they were seeking jobs so Raleigh tried for a bellhop position at Heritage USA and his wife applied for a maid's job but during the job interview she had an uncontrollable coughing spell later diagnosed as pneumonia.

"They told her to come back when she gets better," Raleigh said.

DAILIES: Captain Blood; Morning Glory (Rice, 25)—Two biggies make it big for the first time: Errol Flynn's first swashbuckler and Katherine Hepburn's Oscar winning role that really established her at RKO.

Repulsion; The Tenant (Rice, 26)—two by Roman Polanski.

Rudy Burkhardt: Man With a Movie Camera. Part VI: City and Country (MFA, 26).

Brazil (MFA, 27)—Nuff Said! The Night, Part I (Rice, 27)—Houston premiere.

MacBeth (KRTS, 27 at 8PM)—Verdi's. With Verrett, Domingo, Cappucilli and Ghiaurov.

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Marines Implicate Drill Sergeant In Lesbian Activity

By Brant Newman
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

PARRIS ISLAND, S.C. (UPI)—Two Marines, both acknowledged lesbians, told a military hearing they had sexual relations with two Marine Corps drill sergeants accused of committing homosexual acts.

After Lance Cpl. Carie Prusa and Pfc. Jill Harris testified March 17 against their respective drill instructors, Sgt. Cheryl L. Jameson, 26, and Staff Sgt. Bonnie L. Ferguson, 38, officers recessed the hearing to give the accused time to hire civilian attorneys.

Jameson and Ferguson, described as lovers by prosecution witnesses, are among four female Marines charged in an investigation of homosexual activity at the Parris Island training facility for women.

Two other female Marines—Capt. Judy Gretch and Sgt. Mary Kile — were also charged with committing indecent acts. Gretch's initial hearing was set for March 18 and Kile is to make her first appearance on the charge March 29.

Maj. E.V. Kelley, the hearing officer, can recommend dismissal of the charges, initiation of administrative action or court-martial proceedings.

Jameson, a Napa, Calif., native in the Corps since 1979, is also charged with sodomy. She and Ferguson, an Atlanta native in the service since 1977, have been suspended from their duties until the charges are settled.

Prusa testified March 17 that Jame-



son approached her during boot camp last summer and suggested they get together after she completed her training.

"I saw her staring at me as someone would if they were sexually attracted to me," Prusa said.

Testifying under a grant of immunity, Prusa said Jameson polished her shoes and cleaned her rifle during basic training, angering other recruits who eventually complained to superiors about the preferential treatment.

The Marine said Jameson referred to her as "the recruit with the pretty eyes."

The day she graduated from boot camp, Prusa said she met Jameson at a Savannah hotel where they engaged in

a variety of sexual activity that included oral sex and genital stimulation, then traveled to her hometown of Knoxville, Tenn., where they spent another two nights together.

Harris, a self-described homosexual who also took basic training at Parris Island last summer, said her limited sexual contact with Ferguson did not occur until this January, when she was ordered to return to Parris Island because of the investigation.

She said, however, that she had sent Ferguson several notes during boot camp expressing her love for Ferguson and suggesting the things she would like to do with her.

Harris said she had several telephone conversations with Ferguson after the investigation began, and the drill sergeant told her "she did not want to be implicated."

When Harris returned to Parris Island, she said Ferguson took her to a private home where a lesbian Marine captain warned her not to cooperate with the investigation.

She said the captain, who was not identified during March 17's hearing, warned her that other lesbian women might respond violently if Harris turned her back on them.

"It was said they (other women) could blow up my car or harm my family."

Harris, who also testified under immunity, said Ferguson told her that she and Jameson were lovers "and were going to get married."

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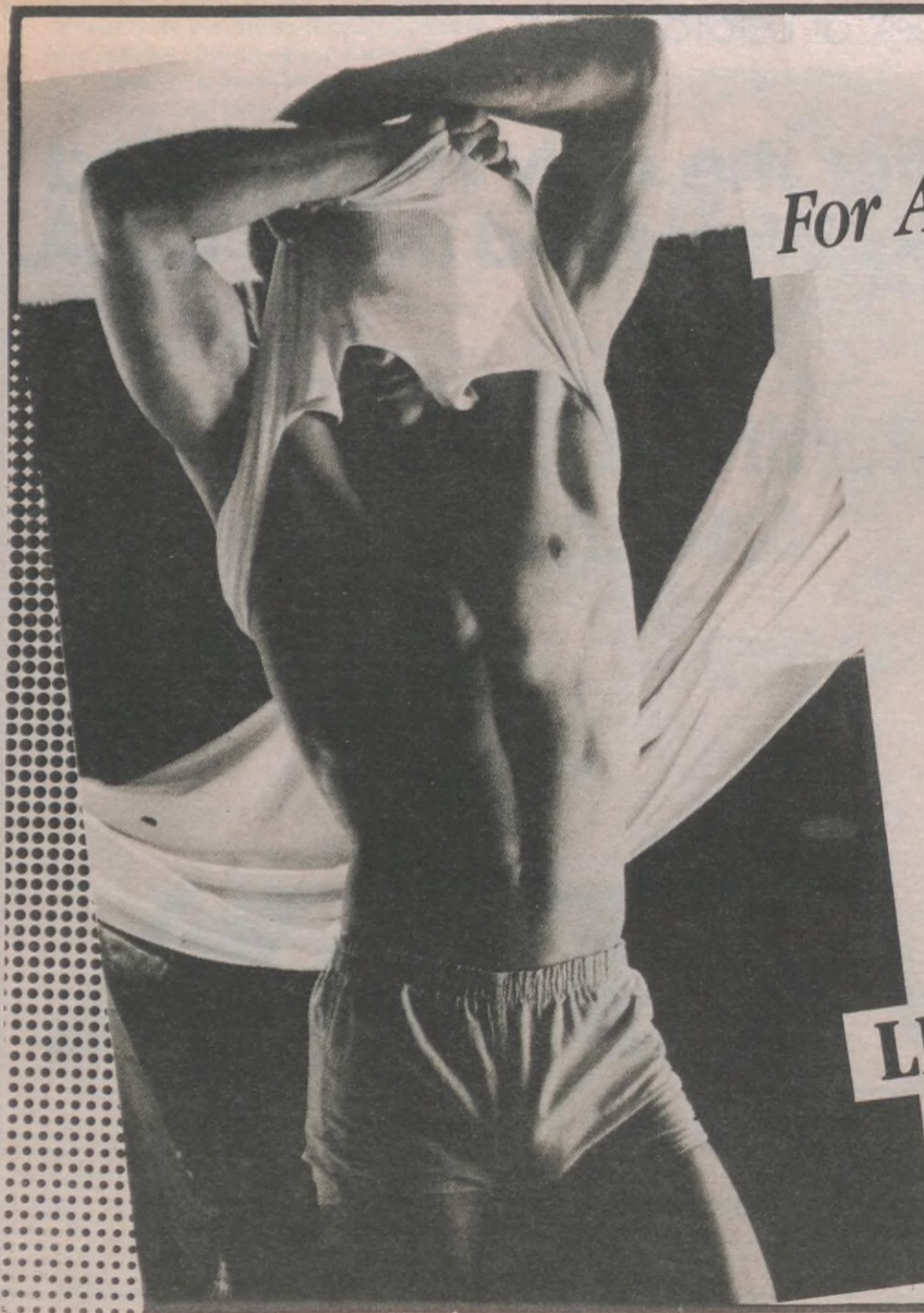
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Video Reviews: 'The Wild Pair'

By Jack E. Wilkinson
United Press International
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

What's new on the home video scene ...

□ Movies

"The Wild Pair"—Beau Bridges is an FBI agent and Bubba Smith a narcotics cop who reluctantly team up to nab a major drug dealer and a murderous racial fanatic. Another in the series of black-white action heroes, this one is directed by Bridges with the spotlight on the mighty Bubba, a gentle giant to the neighborhood kids but a fierce, unstoppable ogre to the bad guys. Beau's father, Lloyd Bridges, is the main villain, a deranged ex-Marine colonel with a private commando army poised, Nazi style, to "save" the nation by eliminating blacks, orientals and Jews, who he blames for the rampant drug market, but is actually in the business himself. Bubba comes to Beau's rescue and destroys the would-be Hitler. Plenty of violent action, akin in spirit to "Lethal Weapon" but without the intensity. 1987. 89 minutes. Media Home Entertainment. Rated R. \$79.95.

"Big Shots"—This is the story of Obie (Ricky Busker), a white kid from the Chicago suburbs, who enlists the aid of Scam (Darius McCrary), a street-wise black hustler, in getting his stolen watch back. Later they set off for Louisiana to find Scam's father, but that Mercedes they're driving has a body in the trunk and the killers want it back. The two 11-year-old adventurers are quite winning and their story moves along briskly, but, there's a down side: they seem to think nothing of breaking the law. They steal cars, hold up a pawn shop, assault a policeman, write bad checks, things like that—all for a good cause, of course. After all, the pawn shop owner robbed them first. 1987. 91 minutes. Lorimar Home Video. Rated PG-13. \$79.95.

"Near Dark"—A grim, violent, at times depressing horror story about a "family" of vampires roaming the countryside for fun and food. They are eventually undone by their latest recruit, an Oklahoma farm boy named Caleb (Adrian Pasdar), who was "turned" when smitten and bitten by Mae (Jenny Wright), but can't bring himself to join in the killing. Mae resorts to an unusual tactic to keep Caleb going, and while the others want him dead, he buys some time when he rescues them from a police ambush. Finally, Caleb turns on them



Tom Hulce as the cartoonist is terrorized by a sinister thug (Don Oppen) in "Slam Dance"

when they attack his sister and father (who notes after being handed back the bullets with which he had just shot one of the group, "Them folks are not normal.") The final showdown contains some good special effects. 1987. 95 minutes. HBO Video. Rated R. \$79.99.

"Slam Dance"—C.C. Drood could change his name to Dread for all the problems he's got. For starters, C.C. (Tom Hulce) is an unreliable underground cartoonist whose wife has left him and his girl friend has been slain. The police think he did it and the real killers want him out of the way. No matter how hard he tries to prove his innocence, he just gets in deeper, drawn into a tangled web of scandal and murder. An interesting thriller reminiscent of "Blowup," but could use a bit more plot development. Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio co-stars as C.C.'s long-suffering wife, with rocker Adam Ant. 1987. 99 minutes. Key Video. Rated R. \$79.98.

□ Short Takes

Added to the May video lineup of new releases: "Baby Boom" with Diane Keaton (CBS-Fox) and "Barfly" with Mickey Rourke and Faye Dunaway (Warner) ... And, one of the great Westerns of the past, a harrowing tale of mob rule, "The Ox-Bow Incident" (1943). The Henry Fonda film is among the golden oldies coming to video May 26 from Key Video ... A colorized version of the 1949 John Wayne war epic, "Sands Of Iwo Jima," is due April 20 from Republic Pictures Home Video ...

For the collector, or just someone high on nostalgia, Republic is bringing back some of its old peril-a-minute Saturday matinee serials on home video, including "The Adventures Of Captain Mar-

vel" (1941, \$29.95), 12 cliffhanger chapters featuring Tom Tyler as the movies' first flying hero. (Superman, with Kirk Alyn in the role, did not make it to the screen until seven years later, also as a serial, and also available on video.)

□ Billboard's Top 10 Rentals

1. Robocop—Orion Home Video
2. Dirty Dancing—Vestron Video
3. Platoon—HBO Video
4. No Way Out—HBO Video
5. Predator—CBS-Fox Video
6. The Big Easy—HBO Video
7. La Bamba—RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video
8. Spaceballs—MGM/UA Home Video
9. The Lost Boys—Warner Home Video
10. Dragnet—MCA Home Video

Money For Research

Elizabeth Taylor and a French association are the co-winners of a \$100,000 prize from the Onassis Foundation for the fund-raising efforts on behalf of AIDS research.

Robert MacNamara, the president of the World Bank, was declared the winner of a \$100,000 prize for his role in "forging new policies and to encourage economic and social cooperation between developed and developing countries." The foundation was set up under the terms of the will of Aristotle Onassis in memory of his son Alexander, who was killed in a plane crash in Athens 16 years ago.

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AIDS Death Brings Self-Comforting Denial From Porn Industry

By Russell Kishi
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—If the AIDS death of John Holmes did anything to shake up the porn industry, it is not evident from the persistent denials by makers of adult films that a serious health threat even exists.

"John Holmes did not die of AIDS," said the 34-year-old actress who calls herself Seka and who performed with Holmes, "The King" of the porn industry, in the late 1970s.

"I think for John Holmes to be exploited in that manner is very sad because no one in our industry has died of AIDS. I talked to him one year ago by phone and he told me emphatically that he had colon cancer."

Holmes's death certificate said the 43-year-old actor died March 13 at the Veterans Administration hospital in Sepulveda, Calif., of encephalitis, a swelling of the brain, as a result of acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

It said Holmes, who claimed to have had sex with thousands of women in a 13-year career, also suffered from a swelling of the lymph nodes and an esophageal infection—both common symptoms of AIDS.

Yet, the tendency among porn industry members has been to deny Holmes had AIDS or to suggest it was not linked to his sexual encounters — that it was Holmes's problem and not the industry's problem.

"AIDS was probably the last thing that killed Holmes," said William Mar-

gold, who has been a producer, writer and performer in X-rated features for nearly two decades.

Margold said Holmes was an intravenous drug user who also had a \$1,000-a-day cocaine habit, and said it was self-abuse, rather than his repeated sexual encounters, that made him vulnerable to disease.

Margold said he had had sex with women immediately after Holmes on a number of occasions in front of the cameras but that he has not been tested for AIDS and has no plans to be tested.

Although most of his films were with women, Holmes took part in several homosexual features in the early 1980s.

Holmes's widow, Laurie, a former porn actress, said in an interview with the Los Angeles Times that Holmes was told in 1986—six months before their Jan. 23, 1987, wedding—that he had been exposed to the AIDS virus.

Margold said he last saw Holmes in August 1986 before Holmes traveled to Europe to appear in two porn movies there, and he expressed doubt Holmes would have taken part in a pornographic film knowing he carried the AIDS virus.

"I just don't believe the man would continue to work if he truly believed he had AIDS," Margold said of the man he called "The King... the most influential single entity in the history of mainstream porn."

Both Margold and Jim Holliday, a self-styled porn film historian said by

actors and producers to possess more knowledge of their industry than anyone alive, said the one man certain to have known the truth about Holmes's affliction is his friend, porn film producer and distributor William Amerson.

If so, Amerson kept the news to himself. As late as July 1987, Amerson denied Holmes had AIDS, insisting he was suffering from colon cancer.

"The biggest problem with John is that he never listens to a doctor's advice," Amerson said at that time. "If any one thing would eventually kill him, it's that."

Along with denials, Holmes's death has given rise to a self-defensive attitude among adult film industry insiders.

"I think it's ridiculous to make such a big deal out of John Holmes... just because he's a porn star," said Sidney Nierkerk, a one-time adult film producer and former president of the Adult Film Association. "There are other people that died from it... bigger names than John Holmes."

To members of the porn industry, outsiders are always willing to distort the truth about adult film makers.

"In the outside community, they want to believe all the worst about the adult business," said porn actress Nina Hartley, a registered nurse who occasionally acts as an industry spokesperson.

"They would think it was poetic justice that someone of his (Holmes) stature would come down with AIDS."

Her statement was echoed by Margold, who said the people who appear

regularly in porn films—estimated by insiders at about 150 actors and actresses—are misunderstood.

"The real world doesn't want to see the truth," he said. "They really want to think the industry is bubbling over with orgies, that the people have no morals. That's not true."

"The industry is loaded with people who are introverted until the camera goes on. We're loners who band together for the acclamation of their peers, by doing something that most of society wouldn't do."

A Look At Liberace

Londoners are getting a look into the gaudy life of Liberace. A steady stream of people flowed into a Christie's showroom to check out 42 items from the Liberace estate last Friday.

Christie's will sell off 2,500 items April 9-12 in Los Angeles and flew in a few things like the entertainer's mirrored piano, piano phone, some of his gaudier costumes and a diamond-studded candelabra to give Britons a glimpse.

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AIDS Support Group Forms for Heterosexual Women

By Billie Duncan
The Montrose Voice

They're not junkies. They're not prostitutes. Most haven't been involved with gay or bisexual men. Some are mothers. Some are in long-term relationships. All of them have one thing in common: they have learned the hard way that heterosexual women can become infected with the AIDS virus.

Because of the nature of their revelations, the women interviewed for this story prefer to remain anonymous, so all names have been changed. But they were unanimous in their enthusiasm for a newly formed support group at Bering Church that has formed to address the specific problems of heterosexual women who have ARC or AIDS or are HIV-positive. They wanted to share their stories so that other women will know they are not alone and that there is a place to go for support and counselling.

DENISE: A gentle, slender woman with soft brown hair who works with office machines, Denise has only known she is infected with the AIDS virus since this past December. She and her steady lover had broken up the previous month after three years of living together.

"I got a call one morning. He was sick. He was going in the hospital, and I was told by the person who called that I ought to go in and be tested. There are million so things that happened after that in the way of emotions, shock and panic. What to do? Feeling so isolated.

"While I was waiting for my test results, I had a full-blown panic attack where my heart just went completely out of control and I was shaking all over."

Her test came back positive. "At the Montrose Clinic, they told me that they were getting about one woman a month at that point who tested positive. And that gives you a little bit of an idea of what the stats may be."

Immediately, Denise sought out a support group to help her deal with the future she found suddenly facing her. "I couldn't wait to go to it. And I walked in the room and they were all men. And I still stayed and got a lot out of the group. But I found, for myself, that a lot of my issues weren't being addressed in a primarily male group and primarily gay.

"I know there are a lot of women out there, and I didn't know why they weren't coming to these groups. Or why it never occurred to me that there wouldn't be a group that wasn't more mixed heterosexuals." She soon found that even the health professionals involved in her care were not prepared for a woman who would not be considered to be in a high-risk category.

"They (the doctors) would look at me—and I have a very wholesome look about me—and they would ask, 'Did you have a blood transfusion?' And I'd say, 'No.' And they'd say, 'Was your lover bisexual?' And I'd say, 'No.' 'Did you use IV drugs?' 'No.' 'How did you get this?' In other words, it's still considered very rare for a heterosexual woman with no other risk factors particularly to get it. I don't know that he was bisexual. I don't think that he used IV drugs. As far as I know, he wasn't at risk either.

"I've been told that I can infect someone and that I must practice safe sex. That means that a man can catch it from me, so it should not be too incredulous to believe that he (her ex-lover) caught it from a woman."



As far as sex is concerned, Denise said, "I have not had sex, of course, since I found out. It's a real issue, and I think that our group, we're somewhat pioneers, because there's not much precedent for it. Right now, it's a personal choice, and we're all dealing with it a little differently.

"I would feel better finding a partner who was also positive and practicing safe sex. But I'm sure it could happen in my future that I could meet some one who isn't (HIV-positive) and maybe we both fall in love. And I have a tremendous fear that I would be rejected. It seems like the man might feel, well, I really care a lot about you, but I could care a lot about someone else who doesn't have this, and not take the chance."

As for her health, before she knew she was infected with HIV, she didn't pay that much attention to the fact that she was suffering from fatigue, rashes, dry skin and long-term colds. "After I found out I was positive, I started noticing a lot more. I didn't experience much depression before. I was happy, pretty stable. But I've had some pretty down days and a lot of deep depression and anger.

"I haven't told my family. I don't plan to tell them unless I were to get really sick. And I am being treated with my insurance. As long as I can work, of course. I don't know if I can buy into my insurance if I can't work."

Denise said she was doing all she could to reach out to other women who need the support of the group. "We will give anonymous telephone support if a person isn't ready to come to the group or if it's too far away. I don't know how anyone can stand this alone."

MARILYN: Marilyn is a nicely rounded blonde with warm, intelligent eyes who is working as a temporary office worker. She found out she was infected in January, 1985, and has been diagnosed with ARC.

"I buried my lover. He became ill and was diagnosed in 1984. I met him in 1982, and in 1982, they barely had a name for it. We'd been living together for two years when he grew a strange wart on his neck that grew the size of a nipple. I said, 'You have to go get that removed.' He went to the doctor. He called me and said, 'I have cancer.'"

Marilyn immediately started reading up on skin cancer and started worrying. "I knew when I went with him one day and they wouldn't let me in the back, there was something they didn't want me to know." After they got home, she decided to confront him.

"I said, 'Sit down. There are only three kinds of cancer I'm concerned you might have: leukemia, melanoma and Kaposi's sarcoma. Now, which one is it?' And he said, 'I knew I couldn't hide it from you. It's the latter.'" Further tests that week confirmed that he had AIDS.

"I loved the man regardless of what he had done in his past. I had suspected that he had had bisexual activities in the past and he finally said yes." He said he hadn't told her about it because he was afraid she would leave him. She told him, "I don't believe you should be condemned for something you did seven years ago." He wanted her to leave him, but she said that she should be tested and then they could go from there. "I said, 'There's no need for my leaving. I think you might need some help.' We were best friends as well as lovers.

"And the next day, when I got home, there were two dozen sonja roses—my favorite kind—sitting on the dresser. We loved each other. He died September 14, 1986."

After his death, she started really facing the prejudice of her fellow workers, and when the company for which she worked reorganized, she felt she was placed in a position from which she could be squeezed out. "They are currently trying to revoke my insurance. It was processed in-house, so they do know what was wrong with me. In going through the firing process, I made them aware, on paper, of what was wrong with me, and two months later, I was out the door."

As for family support, "My mother's kind of washed her hands of it. She is emotionally unequipped to deal with it. And feels the fact of being raised Catholic and the fact that I lived with this man (outside of marriage) that I asked for it and I deserve it."

Since her lover died, she has had a serious sexual relationship with another man in which she and he practiced safe sex, they thought. "I found out the hard way that there was at least one time that it wasn't safe. I got pregnant." She miscarried, however. "We were using condoms lubricated with spermicides. I think, quite honestly, we got carried away and just didn't use one." He has tested negative for the virus. "That was the one thing I was happy about. I would not wish this on anyone.

"I've had to deal with this for a long time—longer than most anyone I know. I went to groups that were all male for a long time, and there was a lot of support there, but, like Denise, I have to say that there are certain issues that just don't get addressed. People think, this doesn't happen to heterosexuals. That is not true. I think that's why this women's group had a hard time getting together. I think another reason that a lot of heterosexuals who find out about this don't come forward is because they think there's a very strong stigma attached to it.

"I know I've gained weight so that I wouldn't have to deal with interactions, with being attractive. And the whole kick to the thing is that I met somebody that I was attracted to and he was attracted to me. And I ran away anyway, because of fear of rejection for having to tell him."

HELEN: Helen, a student, is a stunning brunette with great legs. Her story is almost unbelievable.

"I went to bed with a wonderful, very sweet-natured, lovely, lovely man. We went to bed together, and I found out about four days later that he was a patient on the infectious disease ward at a military base. He knew he was HIV-positive and didn't tell me. He was there for tests. He didn't tell me."

That was seven weeks ago, and Helen has learned quite a bit since then. "I didn't even know there was such a thing as HIV-positive. I knew there was AIDS. And I know that sounds really ignorant and unintelligent, but I had no idea."

When she found out that the phone number he gave her was a room in the hospital, she tried to find out why he was there, but because of confidentiality no one could tell her anything. "The nurse asked if we had had sex and if he had worn a condom. I said he hadn't. The one sentence she said was, 'Well, you have your rights.' And I kept saying, 'Please tell me what's going on. I'm really frightened, I'm really scared. Please. Please.' I was pleading with her, and she said, 'I must have your name, your number, and I'll have to get Major So-and-so to get back with you.'"

She finally reached the man with whom she had had sex (to whom we will refer as Richard) and he told her that there was nothing wrong with him, that he was just in the hospital for tests. "And I said, 'I've got to ask you this. Do you have—oh, I can't say it. I can't say it.' And he said, 'What?' And I said, 'You know. You don't have...'. And he said (almost shouting), 'AIDS?' And I said, 'Yes.' And he said, 'No, I do not have AIDS. I do not have AIDS.'"

"Then I felt kind of better. And then I started thinking, maybe it's hepatitis, maybe it's Rocky Mountain spotted fever. I didn't know. That night was the worst I've ever had."

The next day, an officer told her that Richard had something to tell her. After much hemming and hawing around, he told her that he had not been completely honest with her and did she know what HIV-positive was. She didn't but she soon found out. "I asked him why he did it (had sex with her). 'You could have at least given me the choice to make my own decision.' And he said, 'I just wanted so much to be normal and ordinary and you made me feel so good about myself.'"

"I asked him if what he did was through anger, if he was angry with the female sex—because it's been sorted out that that's where he did get it from, from a female partner back in the summer." He told her that was not it. He also told her she could sue him if she liked, and, if he were she, he would certainly sue. She told him it wouldn't alter anything.

"I really think the military should have known what his psychological state of mind was at that time. They should have realized. He is now up against a charge. He doesn't know how long he has to live, none of us do, do we? Once you're in that situation, you don't know, do you? Neither does he. And he's going to jail for sure for what he did to me."

"I've had the officers of the special investigation calling me. I've had to give them every single intimate detail I could think of. There's been statements. I also have to go to court. He's being prosecuted within the next couple of weeks."

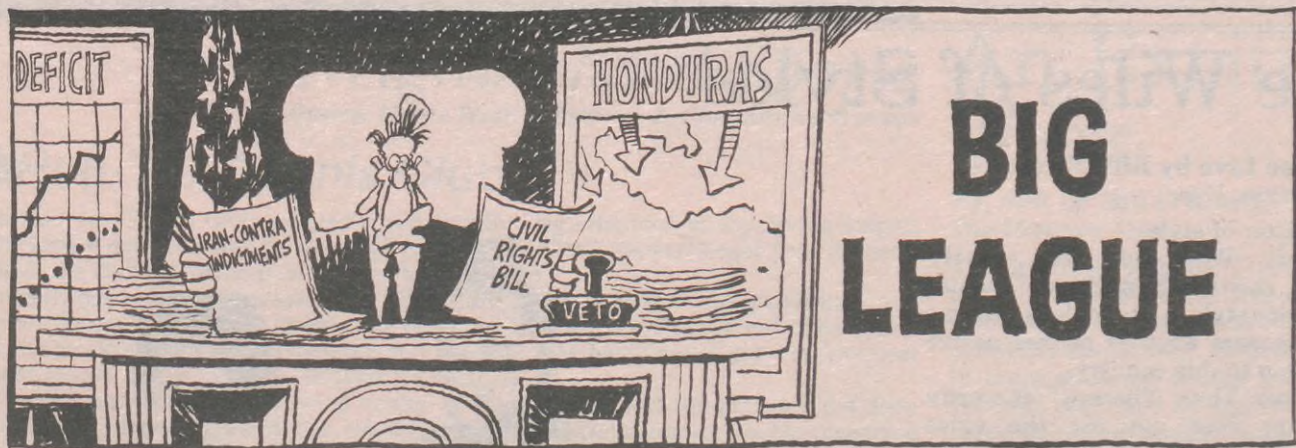
After her first test to show that she was not exposed to the virus at the time of her encounter with Richard, Helen now has to wait five more weeks to be retested. If that test is negative, she will have to be tested again in six months, since it is still unclear as to how long the incubation period is for HIV.

In the meantime, she has been trying to deal with the rush of emotions that have just about overpowered her at times. After talking to several other groups, she finally reached Bering Church and sobbed out her story to Don Sinclair, who comforted her and referred her to the Women's Support Group.

Helen's friends discouraged her from going to the group at first, saying that being around sick people would just depress her, but she spent several weeks in telephone contact and counseling. Finally, last week, she went to her first group meeting. She said it was a tremendous relief and mental boost.

As for her feelings towards Richard, she hasn't quite sorted them out. "He had signed a document before we met saying that he knew he was HIV-positive and that he would practice safe sex. I don't feel angry with him, and I don't understand why. The only thing I can think of is that I don't know yet. And I still have some hope."

The Women's Support Group meets on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. at Bering Church, 1440 Harold. Anyone needing information on the group, can call 526-1017.



BUSH LEAGUE



Federal AIDS Policy Becomes Effective

By Tamara Henry
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Beginning Thursday, 2.1 million federal employees were covered by an AIDS policy that prohibits discrimination against infected workers and allows discipline of those who refuse to work alongside AIDS victims.

Constance Horner, director of the Office of Personnel Management, was set to announce the first government-wide AIDS policy Thursday at a private meeting of about 60 federal officials representing government agencies.

Although the effective date was Thursday, officials will have time to tailor the guidelines to specific agency needs, Anthony Ingrassia, OPM's deputy associate director of personnel systems and oversight, said Wednesday.

"We're not breaking any new ground in this," Ingrassia said. "We like to think we're an enlightened and compassionate employer. We feel we have to set an example before problems arise."

The guidelines state disability retirement may be granted if employees have the necessary years of federal service to qualify. Insurance coverage for infected workers may continue but the life insurance cannot be adjusted after workers become seriously ill.

Under the guidelines:

—Infected employees will be allowed to work "as long as they are able to maintain acceptable performance and do not pose a safety or health threat."

—Infected workers will be treated "in the same manner as employees who suffer from other serious illnesses."

—Employees cannot use a "medical basis" for refusing to work with a co-worker with AIDS.

—Agencies should use counseling and other educational means to handle employees who fear working with an AIDS-infected person.

—Management "should consider appropriate corrective or disciplinary action" against "threatening or disruptive employees" who refuse to work with infected employees.

In a directive sent to agencies Monday, Horner said infected employees may request leave and the agency should determine whether to grant it in the "same manner as it would for other employees with medical conditions."

As many as 1.5 million Americans are believed to be infected with the AIDS virus.

The federal government employs 2.1 million Americans nationwide in more than 100 agencies. OPM sets standards for all government workers except those in the armed forces.

OPM does not keep records on the number of workers infected with the AIDS virus but Ingrassia said, "We certainly wouldn't have any more than the national average and probably less because the biggest risk group are intravenous drug users."

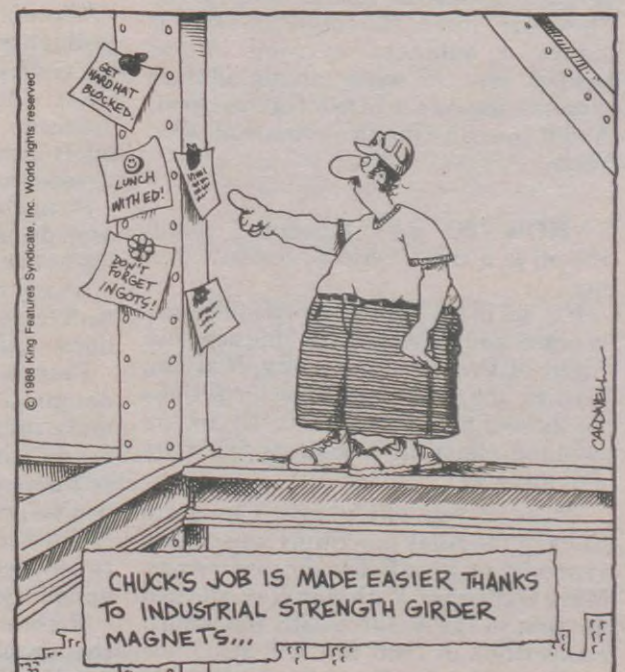
Assistant Health Secretary Robert Windom, who helped develop the policy, said, "I'm delighted with the results of the work" and "believe the guidelines are truly a good public health service message."

Glimpses

Ike Turner may have more jail time ahead of him. Tina's former husband was convicted last Friday of possessing and transporting 6 grams of cocaine found in his car last August in West Hollywood.

Turner could get 5 1/2 years when sentenced April 15.

Turner still has a 1985 cocaine charge hanging over his head.



The Wiles of Styles

Montrose Live by Bill O'Rourke
The Montrose Voice

It's a matter of style.

Comedy Workshop has really changed theirs. Main Street Theater pursues one style to a ridiculous extreme and showcases another neither native or common to this country.

"Cheaper Than Therapy" (Comedy Workshop) does not use the video screens at all. Nor does it have any songs. I cannot remember the last time a show there didn't do either of those. It throws the emphasis directly back onto the improvisational comedy acting. Back to the basics!

It worked, coach. We have a winning show here. These talents make a strong comeback in the stretch after allowing their opponents, boredom and bad taste, some scoring right at the top of the evening.

The old saw says that if you can't laugh at yourself, you can't laugh at anyone. The first skit the night I went nearly proved that aphorism wrong. It isn't any too clear whether it takes out after a typical night in this very same theater or in the one next door, the Comix Annex. They're all one happy family, though, so it really doesn't matter. What does matter is that it's just not funny.

Then the group attacks the way a "typical" small family overreacts when they come to believe that an uncle, expected soon on a vacation visit, has AIDS. That target deserves every ounce of the thrashing it receives. But they're walking an awfully narrow tightrope here. They never fall off. They never accidentally make fun of the disease itself instead. But the danger that it might happen set my teeth on edge and blunted all the jokes for me. You could call me a gutless wonder, but I noticed a lot of other people in the audience who must have felt the same way.

But then they start grabbing the rebounds and swishing them through from mid-court. It's astounding! A man is victimized by his wife's fear of burglars. A lady loses her fear of flying on a flight where the hijacker is the only one who knows how to land the plane. By the end of the evening, the home court advantage has prevailed again. Hilarity!

And these are not just empty laughs, folks! There's lots of muscle to these skits—meat on them bones. The AIDS bit contains a very together, very self-assured, honorable gay man. There are also gays in several of the other parts. They are more stereotypical, but it makes a balanced evening. We've stepped into the main stream of their targets—the crease in front of their goal. And if you can't laugh at yourself... Oh. Yeah.

"HOW TO SAY Goodbye" (Main Street) is a tight, serious, realistic drama.

It is set in the 70s as four friends finally crash and burn from the long zeppelin flight of the 60s. Like many decaying hippies, the play tends to be too serious for its own good without actually accomplishing much more than its forebears did, anyway.

Those of you who caught Chocolate Cake in the Alley lunchtime season last year may want to follow the playwright, Mary Gallagher. With this play, she tied for first in the Susan Smith Blackburn competition in 1986. She will also have another play, *De Donde?*, which deals



The merry cast of *Cheaper Than Therapy* at the Comedy Workshop.

with the problems faced by Central American refugees in the Rio Grande Valley, workshopped at the Alley on April 25th.

The key word for *Goodbye* is unrelenting. As in unrelentingly serious. Unrelentingly realistic. Unrelentingly non-theatrical.

There is nothing hokey or phony here. Gallagher has given us living, breathing characters. The cast, lead by Sheryl Croix, Claire Hart-Palumbo and Kent Johnson, are giving some of the absolutely best performances of their properly seasoned careers.

Somehow left behind, however, were such dramatic considerations as letting the action build to a climax. Something is wrong with a show when the audience isn't sure either act is over until the house lights come on.

Patrick Higgins is one of the few light designers around Houston who try to make their work artistic as well as utilitarian. Excellent. And Tim Palumbo's sets succeed at one thing many local sets don't—providing a large amount of different scenes without terribly long between scenes breaks. They move the action right along.

Right along where? That's not really the problem. It's almost predictable. Again, it's the style. Right along how?

What we have here is an interesting clash between perhaps four different styles.

Mexican plays are short. They are often offered twice in one evening. So expect some culture shock. I had to ask somebody to make sure there was no second act or I might have waited around for it.

They are also, to judge by this one, highly political, full of speeches that almost require flamboyant rabble rousing hurled down from a soap box.

The work was translated by Houstonian Don Sanders, a laid-back Irish troubadour. You can occasionally catch the subtle poetics of his folk songs in the language.

Most of the Teatro Bilingue people are quiet in a different way. This is the sheer reserve of a people who are still asking for their rights, not yet demanding them.

The Main Street cast members are full of energetic American theatrical realism (as opposed to the realistic realism of *Goodbye*).

Watching all these pieces interlock to form a fairly (though not altogether) unified ensemble is more interesting than what they do with the script—a tale of a man of brittle machismo whose wife has disappeared, played off against the Greek-like chorus of the neighbors' gossiping.

NOTES: ONE THING that will help national convention planners decide to bring their groups here is our city's ability to put on trade shows. These are evenings of original musical theater which salute either the sponsor's product or the group itself. A recent example took place March 12—the Houston Advertising Federation's 26th annual Addy Awards. The musical score by Mark Holden and Dick Smith featured such songs as *We Drop From Skies to Advertise*. The show's cast, an even dozen, were all from Houston, too. Business-wise, this show's success is good news for us all...

Make your reservations now for the Easter Sunday shows at the Laff Stop. They will be free, and are expected to be sold out by Friday. ...

Some people may have been wondering why I haven't been prying into the muck over at the Alley. What good would it do? The real story will not be known for a few years, if then. In the meantime, neither I nor most of you have the money or the political power to avert all of the possible disasters and alleged injustices that could be happening over there. As the resigning Alley executive committee secretary said to Bill Albright of the Post, "I prefer to return to the audience—where I realize truly that ignorance is bliss..."

"NORA" (MAIN STREET on Sunday evenings only) is by one of Mexico's leading playwrights, Emilio Carballido. It is a joint production between Main Street and Teatro Bilingue de Houston.



Barbara Sims, Ellen Swenson and Tere Myers star in *Little Lulu in a Tight Orange Dress*, which opens this weekend at Stages.

CELEBRATE: THIS Sunday is Palm Sunday, which begins Easter Week.

Hello, sailor! New in town?—The U.S. Navy was established by congress and President Washington on March 27th, 1794.

B'days: 25—Aretha Franklin, Simone Signoret, Gloria Steinem. 26—Erica Jong, Vicki Lawrence, Sandra Day O'Connor. 27—Ferde Grofe, Sarah Vaughan. Michael York turns 46. 28—Reba McEntire, Edmund Muskie, Zbigniew Brzezinski. 29—Pearl Bailey, Eileen Heckert, Eric Idle. 30—John Astin, Warren Beatty, Vincent van Gogh. 31—Shirley Jones, Gabe Kaplan, Gustav Mauritz Armfeldt (a Finnish-born statesman who finished near the top—as the lover of Sweden's King Gustavus III).

"The best things and best people rise out of their separateness; I'm against a homogenized society because I want the cream to rise."—Robert Frost (born March 26th).

OPENINGS: DAVID Lindley and El Rayo X (Rockefellers, 25)—guitar hero. ONO!

Dan Merryman, Jim Overby, Brad Tassell (Comix Annex, 25 & 26).

The Museum: Art and Architecture (MFA, 25 at 6 and 26 at 10-6)—Shartle Symposium.

Gyorgy Pauk, violinist (Jones, 25)—Andrew Litton conducting the HSO. Mozart and Rachmaninoff.

Television Lives; Remote Control Egos (HCC, 25 & 26)—New Farrell Dyde Dance Theater.

13th Annual Fishing Show (George R. Brown, 25—27).

Houston Symphony Orchestra (Children's Museum, 26 & 27, throughout the day)—previews Here Comes the Brass, their April 2nd Saturday Morning Live concert.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (Chocolate Bayou, 26 at 1:30).

Little Lulu in a Tight Orange Dress (Stages, 26).

The Music Man (Galveston's Grand, 26)—touring company. ONO!

Kirk Whalum (Rockefellers, 26 & 27)—saxophone man. ONO!

Where Were You in '65? (Kuumba House, 26)—song filled play by Thomas Meloncon. Fund raiser for Midtown Art Center. ONO!

Crossroads (Theater Suburbia, 27 at 2)—reading & discussion of a new play by Peter Garcia. Freebies. ONO!

Tales of Tommie De Paola (Children's Museum, 27 at 2 & 2:45)—Theater On Wheels. ONO!

Vanda Michaels; Eric Lambert; Craig Schumacher (Laff Stop, 27—April 3rd). Stars of Spring (MuNatSci Planetarium, 28 & April 30th).

Jeffrey Lerner, clarinetist and Nancy Weems, pianist (UH—Dudley Hall, no.16 off Cullen, 30).

Ricky Van Shelton (Rockefellers, 30)—ONO!

David Grisman (Rockefellers, 31)—ONO!

Here Comes the Brass (Jones, 31)—Houston Pops with Newton Wayland.

A Shayna Maidel (Alley, 31)—Two sisters, separated by WW II, reunite 20 years later.

Neighborhood Sports

Sports News from Montrose & Community Groups

Hou-Tex Tennis Club

The Hou-Tex Tennis Club enjoyed a beautiful Sunday afternoon as the Spring Singles Tournament got underway on March 20 at MacGregor Park Tennis Center. Over 25 members of the club are participating in the tournament.

In early action in the Championship flight fourth seeded David H. defeated Armi A. 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 before falling to top seeded Jim McAdams 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. Dalio V. def. Israel Z. 6-2, 6-4, but lost to second seeded Dennis B. 6-3, 7-5. Randy M. beat Tim S. 6-3, 6-4 but then lost a hard fought match to Bobby Riggins 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

The "B" flight saw more exciting action as Jesse M. defeated Bryan R. 6-1, 6-4, then stunned top-seeded Harold W. 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. Sixth-seeded Jim S. had no trouble advancing as he defeated Bennie D. 6-0, 6-1 and Rudy G. 6-0, 6-0. Sebastin V. defeated Tony L. 6-2, 6-2 before losing to second-seeded Ronnie R. 7-5, 6-0. Fifth seeded Thomas C. advanced to the semi-finals with sound victories over Louis P. 6-4, 6-0 and Manuel M. 6-1, 6-1.

Play in the tournament will continue this Sunday, March 27 at MacGregor Park from 9 AM—3 PM with exciting semi-final and final action. Players will gather at the Galleon beginning at 7 PM for Steak Night with trophy presentation to all champions and runners-up at 9 PM.

For additional information, please call Bobby at 527-9812.

Ron Bell To Head Houston Tennis Club

Last Sunday members of the Houston Tennis Club elected its Board of Directors for 1988. Ron Bell, an original member since 1980 and past vice president, received the most votes and will serve as Chairman (Q-I-C) this year, with others elected to the Board consisting of Randy Lundford, Mark Pack, Andrew Morris and Rich Corder, who was also elected to serve as Treasurer.

Preceding the General Membership Meeting, a Fun Singles Shootout tournament was played, with winners in 4 levels of play. no.1 Houston player Andrew Morris extended his streak with an 8-2 win over no.2 Mark Pack, in Level I. Level II was won by past no.2 player from San Francisco, Bob Gomez 8-0 over Greg Swindler. Level III was the closest final, as Dan Jackson came from behind to beat Luther Ross Pace from Killeen, Tx.

Houston Tennis Club plays Sundays, Wednesday and Friday nights at Memorial Tennis Center. Interested players can call Women's Chair Evelyn Jamilosa 726-0965 or Men's Chair Rich Corder 524-2151.

Gay America

Gay Community Events Nationwide and Worldwide

NGRA Testifies Before Presidential AIDS Commission

Benjamin Schatz, the Director of the AIDS Civil Rights Project of National Gay Rights Advocates, testified before the Presidential AIDS Commission at hearings on discrimination held in Nashville, Tennessee. Schatz pressed the commission to endorse five proposals. These include: passing a federal AIDS anti-discrimination and confidentiality law, developing an effective mechanism to enforce anti-discrimination laws, and creating a national AIDS Fraud Task Force. Schatz also urged the Commission to direct the President to create a national climate against discrimination, and to include money in the Center for Disease Control and Justice Department budgets to combat discrimination.

It was Schatz's fifth recommendation, however, which was most controversial. "The commission must urge the federal and state governments to prohibit anti-gay discrimination, remove sodomy laws from the books, and launch a vigorous campaign against the alarming rise in anti-gay violence," he said. "The inevitable result of continued discrimination is to penalize stable relationships and to encourage the denial, self-hatred and duplicity which are the greatest barrier to effective AIDS prevention."

NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary voice "cautious optimism" that the Commission would endorse the proposals. "Thus far the commission has proven to be surprisingly reasoned and compassionate. But the issues we raised today—discrimination, confidentiality, profiteering—are highly charged politically and may prove to be the greatest test of the Commission's ability to deal fairly and effectively with AIDS."

Also testifying before the commission were Abby Rubinfeld of Lambda Legal Defense, Nan Hunter of the ACLU, and Mitchell Karp of the New York City Human Rights Commission. NGRA is a California-based public interest law firm which is renowned nationally for its leadership role in combating AIDS related discrimination.

Women's Studies Summer Program On Greek Island

For the sixth year Greece will be the location for an International Women's Studies Institute program of study and travel based in the picturesque town of Molivos on the Lesbos (Mytilini) in the Aegean.

The Institute in Greece will take place from June 27 through July 20, 1988. The cost of attending the Institute is \$1,900, not including round-trip air fare. Included in the price is housing, daily academic programs, and group travel in Greece and Turkey.

For further information, please contact: International Women's Studies Institute, 1230 Grant Avenue, Box 601, San Francisco, CA 94133, telephone: (415) 931-6973.

'Discrimination The Enemy Within'

The International Gay & Lesbian Youth Organization has the pleasure of inviting lesbian and gay youth and student groups to take part in the 5th International Lesbian and Gay Youth Conference to be arranged in West-Berlin, Germany, from 30 July to 6 August 1988.

The title of the conference is 'Discrimination—The Enemy Within' and will among several practically and socially oriented events, contain 14 workshops centered around the theme 'discrimination'.

Anybody who would like to be put on a mailing list to receive further information about the Conference, may contact: IGLYO-Secretariat, PO Box 1305, Vikka, N-0112 OSLO 1.

An Exciting Week

Hi, Art! by Bill O'Rourke
The Montrose Voice

The Spring Westheimer Colony Art Festival is this weekend. This is a real chance to see original art at its most colorfully democratic. Hopefully the only mass-produced things you'll bother yourself with will be signed and numbered prints of limited press runs. Yet the prices will be aimed at the common man's fairly slim wallet. If you think these prices are high, you simply haven't been art shopping recently.

The square block that once held Liberty Bank, Westheimer at Montrose, will be filled to the gills with little booths, most of them presided over by the artist himself. There are always some good newcomers, but one joy is to search out old faces. I hope Randal Spangler can make it. I have four of his works in my collection, so far.

But artists are a wild bunch and not to be fully restrained by fences into all hemming themselves into that one block. I've discussed Allen Thomson's dry-brush watercolors before. He'll be showing over at Mothers from 6-9 on both Saturday and Sunday. And drop by Jonathon's for coffee and Cloudman's photos or La Strada for cocoa and Kokoruda. There's nothing that says you can't get away from the cruisy crowd for a moment of peace and still enjoy some art.

And there's even more excitement later in the week (March 31st) when those dinosaur eggs at the Museum of Natural Science hatch. Yes, those cute huge dinosaurs will be joined by a couple of cute little babies.

Through the magic of Dinamation, which is obviously not state-of-the-art audioanimatronics, these half, three quarters and full sized replicas of extinct beasts do occasionally look startlingly life-like. Most of the time, however, they look like huge windup toys or the stars of some partially animated cartoon show, like the early Johnny Quest.

It didn't help that the first two reptiles were standing in the exact same position doing as close to the exact same thing as their differing bodies would allow. Nor did it help when a kindly grandfather patiently showed a boy who was trying to enjoy being scared where the speaker was the thing's voice was coming out of. (It was down by one foot. Why wasn't it hidden in the thing's chest?) Nor did the tyrannosaurus' rock-like tongue. Nor ...

However, many of us, myself included, like to stare at dinosaur skeletons. This was, in a lot of ways, even better than that. With some of the basics filled in, the imagination has some of its energy set free to fantasize even more life into the animals.

The pteranodon (some of the largest were found in Texas) is scary even though its the only one that doesn't move. It's musculature is so surprisingly man-like. The pentaceratops, brontosaurus and parasurolophus are lovable. You'd like them as pets if they wouldn't eat whole haystacks and stamp down the fences. And another—was it the stegosaurus?—is so psychedelic with his arty pink armor plates on pastel green skin. I wonder how the artists decided what colors these all should be? By voting?

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Scorpio Wonders About Work, Work, Work

By Mark Orion

Your Horoscope from The Montrose Voice
For Friday evening, March 25, through Friday morning, April 1, 1988:

ARIES—You may find unexpected pleasure in an area of your life that had been slow and even boring. This may have more to do with a change in the way you see yourself than different circumstances. As you reveal yourself to others, you get great glimpses of yourself.

TAURUS—Imagining and creating are what you're best at doing now. So, do your best. Imagine the unimaginable and create a masterpiece. Keep a firm grip on what's firm and take flight with your mind and talents. Be passionate with the world.

GEMINI—Improve yourself in any way you want, but don't start proselytizing. Remember that everyone doesn't have the same needs and desires you do. Then go from there. Speak when spoken to. Walk softly and carry a big one.

CANCER—If you get beyond what feels like the dull routine in your life, you can pick someone who's a fire sign (Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius) and have a wonderful, sexy time. You'll be appreciated for your body and your mind. Don't let what's dull get in the way of what isn't.

LEO—Mingle. Be with people. Walk through crowds. Talk to strangers with good eyes. Be capable of deepest compassion. Drop your cynicism. If you can manage this, you're becoming a real Leo, and you'll love the results.

VIRGO—Emotional tides are high. Move with those waves, not against them. Let their beauty and strength move you to shore. An old memory might take you under for a moment, but the sun's shining, and you'll get right back on. Body and soul surfing? Something like that.

LIBRA—"Set me free, why don't you, baby?" is the song for you this time. If you're involved in a relationship that's on the rocks, now's the time to jump ship. When someone does you more harm than good, it's time to go.

SCORPIO—Work, work, work. Doesn't anyone want to come out and play with Scorpio? Maybe someone at work would be interested, and they're just waiting for you to make the first move. Surprise the both of you by inviting that one out for show and tell!

SAGITTARIUS—The love is there and strong as ever between you and your special person, but there are misunderstandings and conflicts that need to be taken care of. Break down those obstacles by talking to one another; then your relationship can start to grow again.

CAPRICORN—A quiet time. A time for recollection, memory, being with yourself and enjoying it. There's no loneliness here, just a real need to focus on what you are and what you're up to. If you use this time wisely, you'll be your own reward.

AQUARIUS—Whoever needs help should apply to their nearest Aquarian. The bonds of friendship are strong, tied lovingly tighter as you are able to extend yourself and give those you love exactly what they need. Boy, you've got a way about you!

PISCES—You gain strength by helping those around you. Your generosity goes a long way in bringing happiness in places where it's really needed. Your acts of kindness will be reciprocated sooner than you think.

Suppressive Laws Blamed For Low Voter Turnout

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (UPI)—If this year's presidential election is anything like the 1984 election, nearly half the nation's 180 million eligible voters and more than half of the 20 million eligible black voters will not vote, a University of Michigan professor reports.

Steven Rosenstone, professor of political science and a researcher at the university's Center for Political Studies, believes voter registration laws are at least partly to blame for the sorry turnout.

Rosenstone will coordinate a nationwide project to study discriminatory and suppressive registration laws. He said during the weekend that the evidence gathered will be available to interested organizations, legislators and those who might want to file lawsuits to seek some legal changes.

"Political pundits believe Americans are just apathetic voters," Rosenstone said, "but preliminary research suggests that modified registration laws would increase overall voter turnout by about 9 percent, bringing about 16 million more people to the polls. Blacks, Hispanics and the poor would benefit the most from the changes."

In most states, he said, voters have to register weeks before interest peaks on Election Day, then have to leave work early or travel an inconvenient distance to the registration office, and finally, stand in a long line.

"Contrast this situation to Canada," Rosenstone said, "where registration officials go door-to-door to make sure every eligible voter is on the rolls. Their election day turnout averages about 68 percent — about 15 percent higher than in the United States."

"Austria, Great Britain and France have automatic registration systems and their respective turnouts are 88 percent, 75 percent and 76 percent."

In 1984 the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Civil Liberties Union and other organizations filed lawsuits that challenged restrictive voter registration laws in Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, Louisiana and Mississippi.

"Most of the cases failed," Rosenstone said, "because the existing evidence on the impact of these laws was not sufficiently persuasive and case-specific to establish the point in court or to convince policy-makers of the need for change. Our project should produce convincing evidence (to) make the point."

Financed by a Ford Foundation grant, the project will conduct experiments in the field. One of the experiments will be conducted just before the 1990 elections in communities where there currently are no deputy registrars.

The communities will be divided randomly into two groups—control groups and treatment groups. Trained deputy registrars will canvass the communities for a fixed time period.

"Afterwards, project leaders will interview the people to measure the impact of

the deputies on registration and voter turnout. They also will validate reported results by cross-checking voter self-reports with the election rolls.

"In addition, we will check for the level of voter fraud and the amount of deadwood on the rolls to see if sending out deputy registrars affects the level of fraud," Rosenstone said. "Once we have more specific evidence on the impact of various laws, our legal, administrative and legislative challenges may open the doors to many Americans who are now shut out of the electoral process."

'Police Academy 5' Tops Theater Box Office

By Vernon Scott
UPI Hollywood Reporter
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

HOLLYWOOD—"Police Academy 5," with a \$6.1 million take, has bumped Robin Williams' "Good Morning, Vietnam" from its two-month roost atop North America's box-office rankings.

The fourth sequel in the series of "Police Academy" romps combining sex and slapstick opened in a plentiful 1,700 theaters to topple the Vietnam War comedy that dropped 8 percent from its previous week with a gross of \$4 million.

After 13 weeks in release—nine of them at No. 1—"Good Morning, Vietnam" is sneaking up on the \$100 million mark with a total gross of \$96.6 million.

Another new arrival, "D.O.A.," a remake of the 1949 thriller about a dying man with 24 hours to discover who poisoned him—and to live—opened with a take of \$3.7 million in 875 theaters.

This version of the story stars Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan and Charlotte Rampling. It was No. 3 in the rankings for the week ending last weekend.

No. 4 was "Vice Versa," the Judge Reinhold comedy of a father-son personality exchange. It attracted \$3 million on 1,225 screens for a two-week gross of \$7.9 million.

"Masquerade," starring Rob Lowe as a fortune-hunting yachtsman and Meg Tilly as an innocent heiress, was No. 5.

Once again, only "Moonstruck" among Academy Award-nominated pictures made the top 10. The comedy starring Cher as an amorous Italian widow was No. 6 with a gross of \$2.3 million and a 14-week total of \$52.6 million.

No. 7 was the year's biggest hit to date, "Three Men and a Cradle," which passed the \$150 million milestone last week with a gross of \$2.1 million in 1,162 theaters.

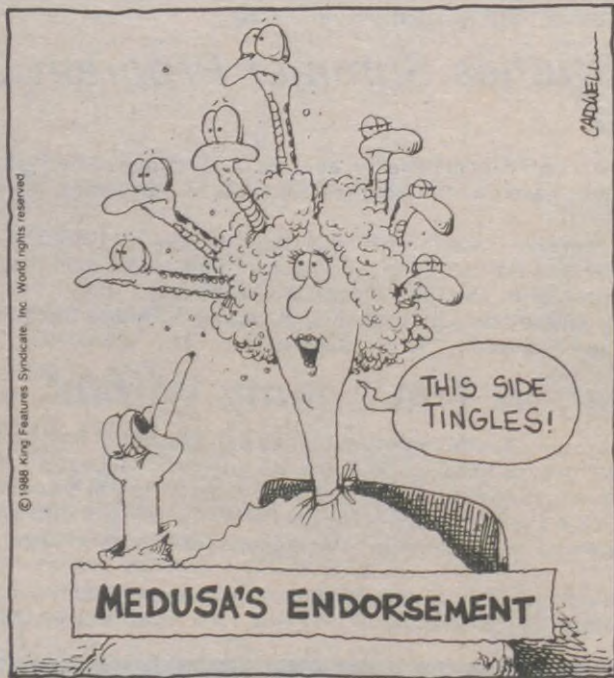
It was a slow and disappointing week at the national box office as all North American theaters could bring in only \$64.1 million compared to \$82.1 for the same week last year.

But theater owners were looking forward to better attendance with the arrival of the spring school holiday followed by the traditionally high Easter Week business.

So far in 1988 theaters have grossed \$757.5 million, compared with \$662.2 million for the same period in 1987 and \$602.1 million in 1986.

The top 10, the week's gross, total gross, weeks in release:

1. "Police Academy 5," \$6.1 million, 1 week.
2. "Good Morning, Vietnam," \$4 million, \$96.6 million, 13 weeks.
3. "D.O.A.," \$3.7 million, 1 week.
4. "Vice Versa," \$3 million, \$7.9 million, 2 weeks.
5. "Masquerade," \$2.7 million, \$7.6 million, 2 weeks.
6. "Moonstruck," \$2.3 million, \$52.6 million, 14 weeks.
7. "Three Men and a Cradle," \$2.1 million, \$150.6 million, 17 weeks.
8. "Off Limits," \$1.5 million, \$5.4 million, 2 weeks.
9. "Frantic," \$1.5 million, \$15.5 million, 4 weeks.
10. "Shoot to Kill," \$1.4 million, \$26.2 million, 6 weeks.



Parliament Legalizes Homosexuality In Israel

By Carol Rosenberg
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

JERUSALEM (UPI)—Homosexuality is now legal in the land of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Israel's parliament, the Knesset, Tuesday repealed an Israeli law dating back to British Mandate-era Palestine that had declared as illegal sex between consenting adults of the same gender.

The 120-member body legalized homosexuality in adopting a package of sex and sex-crime laws, which included harsher sentences for rapists, Knesset spokeswoman Sarah Yitzhaki said Wednesday.

Although no one had ever been prosecuted for homosexual activity in Israel's nearly 40-year history, the old law had provided a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

Left-wing Knesset members had sought for several years to repeal the homosexuality law, but were opposed by religious groups. There were no members of Israel's small religious parties on the Knesset floor during the vote Tuesday.

Gay rights activists hailed the move, which ended a 10-year struggle to make homosexuality legal in Israel. The package of laws was sponsored by Shulamit Aloni of the Citizens Rights Movement, a small leftist political party which has three seats in the Knesset.

"This is not only the repealing of the previous law, it is the cancellation of prejudice and humiliation," said Mark Tenenbaum, chairman of the Society for Protection of Individual Rights, a Tel

Aviv-based gay rights group founded in 1977. It has 300 members.

A spokeswoman for Aloni said no Israeli had ever been prosecuted under the old law because Israel's legal adviser instructed judicial authorities several years ago not to use it.

Tenenbaum said although it had never been used, the law hung over the heads of Israel's homosexual population, which he estimated to be at least 10 percent of the nation, or 425,000 Israelis.

"Now things are clear, and instead of working against the law we can work much more about the social problems of gays in Israel," he said. "All the problems of gays with the society, with the family, the problem of young people, the problem of gays in the army."

Although homosexuals may not be banned from the Israel Defense Forces because of their sexuality, Tenenbaum said gay soldiers carry a stigma and rarely admit their sexual identity.

Ultra-orthodox Judaism prohibits homosexuality, which according to some interpretations of the Bible was among the reasons God destroyed the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah. A town called Sodom exists in modern day Israel, in the Negev Desert, and archaeologists believe the site of the biblical city of Gomorrah is beneath the Dead Sea.

The new sex and sex-crime laws also provide a maximum 20-year jail sentence for rapists, an increase of six years, and ban journalists from reporting the names of alleged rape victims.

East Europeans Meet In Budapest

Commentary by John Hubert
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

Thirty Lesbians and gay men from seven countries gathered privately in the Hungarian capital, Budapest, November 6-8, 1987 for the first unofficial Eastern and Southeastern European Regional Meeting. The participants exchanged a wide range of information about the legal and social situation of Lesbians and gay men in Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Yugoslavia.

Contacts with the mass media and scientific institutions, AIDS prevention and the impact of the AIDS hysteria, and the continuing oppression of homosexual women and men around the world were just a few of the topics on the agenda. A resolution calling on groups to ensure that HIV testing is carried out anonymously found unanimous agreement.

The Eastern Europe Information Pool of the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), which helped set up the conference, was also present. Jean-Claude Letist, one of the two ILGA Secretaries-General, addressed the conference, urging the participants to expand their contacts with the International Lesbian and Gay movement. The next annual East European Regional Meeting will be held in East Berlin, to carry on the impulses established during this first meeting.

SIMON NKODI, the black gay activist jailed in South Africa for three years for anti-apartheid activities, is in need of financial support. Nkodi, who was released on bail in July 1987, is still on trial for treason and the trial, which started in January 1986, is expected to continue at least another year. Along with the other activists known as the Val 22, he is required to attend the trial proceedings five days a week and report to the police daily. Thus he is unable to work to support himself.

The Simon Nkodi Anti-Apartheid Committee (SNAAC) is a two year old committee established in Toronto, Canada, to aid Nkodi and to publicize the case. The SNAAC has now pledge to send a minimum of \$100 per month to help support Simon until the trial concludes and he can go back to work. To contribute, make your checks payable to SNAAC and mail to the Simon Nkodi Support Campaign, P.O. Box 65, Station F, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2L4, Canada.

Simon was the founder of the first Black Gay activist group in South Africa and he has been an inspiration to the recently re-established lesbian and gay movement in South Africa which is composed equally of blacks and whites and is strongly committed to ending apartheid. Simon, who was hospitalized twice due to governmental torture during his three years in prison, could receive the death penalty if convicted. In two years of trial, no evidence has linked Simon or any of the other 22 activists to the riots which claimed five lives.

Thai Gay Editors To Fight Homophobia

Commentary by John Hubert
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

AIDS has become a national issue in Thailand and many respected individuals have publicly come out. However, homophobia has increasingly been aired by Thai doctors, politicians, and the media. The anti-Gay sentiments have prompted the editors of the Kingdom's five Gay magazines to join together to counter misinformation and homophobia. According to Passport, the San Francisco publication with a focus on gay Asia, the new group first met in September, 1987, to discuss ways to improve the image of Thai Gays.

Nukul Benchamat, editor of Thailand's top-selling gay magazine, Neon, says that "the Gay population in Thai society is now being increasingly viewed with contempt and being condemned based on misinformation perpetrated mostly by the Thai press". While Thais have never had a problem about homosexuality, it appears that today the press, some politicians, and some psychologists have developed serious cases of homophobia and Thai Gays are worried that it will spread. One of the more strident homophobes is Dr. Wallop Piyamontham, a psychologist who claims he can cure homosexuality. He is waging a war, in the press and on television and radio, to stop what he considers an increase in the numbers of homosexuals in Thailand.

The newly formed group of gay editors, which also includes other interested activists, plans to start an image-building campaign in gay publications and the mass media. They plan

to sponsor charity events as well. Also they will be challenging misinformation printed in the Thai press. The group is meeting monthly at present and this column will carry more information and an address in the near future.

CUBAN MOVIE DIRECTOR. Humberto Solas, has announced form Cannes, France, that he will make a film about lesbians and gays in Cuba. According to Macho Tips, the Mexican gay publication, Solas made the announcement during the 40th Cannes Film Festival where he was presenting his film, "Un Hombre de Exito". In his new film he promises to discuss "machismo", but not as it has been treated in the past. His themes will deal with single mothers as well as with homosexuals, both taboo subjects in Cuba, as well as most of Latin America and the entire world. Solas states that in his opinion Socialism is enormously behind the times in the study of the individual. He wants to prove that in Cuba there exists freedom of cultural and artistic expression by presenting these subjects, which are presently subject to censure, on the silver screen.

IN DENMARK, DISCRIMINATION against lesbians and gays has been outlawed. The Danish parliament has voted to extend laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, religious belief and color to include sexual orientation. The bill was supported by leftist parties, which said that protection was especially needed because AIDS hysteria threatens to foster anti-gay discrimination.



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- *Jonathon's Restaurant: Afternoon happy hour
- *The 109 Club: Free coffee 7-8am
- *Briar Patch: Happy hour till 9pm
- *Q.T.'s: Happy hour 8am-9pm
- *Club Romeo: Happy hour 5-9pm
- *Venture-N: Happy hour Noon-8pm
- *Venture-N: Beer bust 4-10pm
- *The 611: \$1 screwdrivers & bloody marys 7am-2pm
- *Mary's: Pouring doubles & 75¢ draft
- *Mary's: Happy hour 7am-noon, 6-8pm (ex. weekends)
- *Mary's: Open 7am with \$1 vodka drinks to noon
- *J.R.'s: 3-in-1 Happy Hour opening-10pm
- *K.J.'s: Happy hour 12-7pm
- *Galleon: Happy hour 2-8pm
- *Montrose Mining Co.: Beer bust 4-10pm
- *Montrose Mining Co.: 3-in-1 happy hour 4-9pm
- *Chutes: Frozen margaritas \$1.25 6pm-2am, happy hour to 10pm
- *Charlie's Restaurant: Dinner and midnite specials
- *Rock 'N' Horse: Open Tues-Sat (4pm-2am), Sun (4pm-2am), Closed Mondays
- *Jonathon's Restaurant: Lunch specials \$4.95 & dinner specials \$6.95
- *Corner Pocket: 75¢ draft and \$1 premium can beer
- *Charlie's Restaurant: Open 24 hours
- *Club Exile: 75¢ mug, \$3 pitcher
- *Chutes: \$1 frozen margaritas noon-6pm, happy hour 12-10pm
- *The 109 Club: Happy hour 2pm-midnight
- *Spanish Flower Restaurant: Open 24 hrs. (ex. Tues.)
- *Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well & longneck 12-7pm Mon.-Sat., open 7am Tues.-Sat. with Vera
- *Chutes: Beer bust 4-Midnight, After hours every night

Friday

- *Club Exile: Imperial Court of the Single Star 10pm
- *The 611: Margaritas \$1 8pm till close, 50¢ draft
- *Pot Pie: All you can eat breakfast buffet \$3.49 1am-4am
- *Q.T.'s: Fantasy in Motion 10:30pm & Midnite
- *Ripcord: After-hours
- *The 109 Club: Lunch specials 11am-2pm
- *Corner Pocket: "Jazz on the Square" featuring Johnny Pena's Jazz Fever. \$7 cover gets you into 2 other Market Square bars with bands! Show time 9pm
- *El Unicornio: Male dancers, beer bust 9am to 2am, \$3 cover
- *Club Romeo: TGIF Party 5-9pm
- *Mother's: Happy hour 7am-10pm
- *E/J's: Beer bust 4-10pm
- *Heaven: 50¢ well, after-hours, cover
- *K.J.'s: \$5 Liquor bust 7-10p.
- *Brazos River Bottom: Brazos River Band
- *Mary's: After-hours
- *Paraiso: Disco music, show 11:45pm, after-hours to 3am
- *J.R.'s: Pacific Coast Dancers 6-10pm and 10:30pm-2am
- *Chutes: Cruze Night happy hour to 10pm, male strip 11pm, after hours

Saturday

- *Pot Pie: All you can eat breakfast buffet \$3.49 1am-4am and 10am-2pm

- *What A Dump: Beer Bust \$3 Open till close
- *Ripcord: After-hours
- *Rock 'N' Horse: Live band 9pm-1am
- *Jonathon's Restaurant: Champagne Brunch
- *Corner Pocket: "Jazz on the Square" featuring Johnny Pena's Jazz Fever. \$7 cover gets you into 2 other Market Square bars with bands! Show time 9pm
- *K.J.'s: Fantasy in Motion
- *The 611: Big screen sports, 50¢ draft
- *El Unicornio: Super show
- *Club Romeo: \$1.25 Coronas, 75¢ schnapps
- *E/J's: \$3 Beer bust 4-10pm, \$6 liquor bust 4-7pm, Performers Alley 10pm & Midnite
- *Norma's 5611 Club: Piano bar, musical talent, vocalists & comics welcome
- *Chapultepec Mexican Restaurant: Brunch special 11am-2pm
- *Heaven: 50¢ well 9-11pm, after-hours, cover
- *Brazos River Bottom: Brazos River Band
- *J.R.'s: Pacific Coast Dancers 10:30pm
- *Mary's: After-hours
- *Paraiso: Salsa & disco music, DJ Jorge Ornelas
- *Bacchus: Top 40 disco & C&W, DJ's Bridgett & Ric
- *Q.T.'s: \$1 bar drinks 4-9pm
- *Club Exile: Cowboy of the Year Contest 10pm with Miss Kitty and Trixie
- *Mother's: 75¢ well drinks 4-9pm
- *Chutes: After hours, Cruise night, Liquor bust 4-8pm \$6
- *Q.T.'s: Showtime 10:30pm

Sunday

- *Pot Pie: All you can eat breakfast buffet \$3.49 10am-2pm
- *The 611: 75¢ Vodka drinks and happy hour open till close, 75¢ schnapps, 50¢ draft
- *Rock 'N' Horse: Bloody Marys \$1
- *Jonathon's Restaurant: Champagne Brunch
- *J.R.'s: 75¢ cape cods, bloodys, margaritas, & schnapps Noon-10pm
- *What A Dump: Beer Bust \$3 Open till close
- *Briar Patch: Buffet at 5:30
- *El Unicornio: Buffet, beer bust 9am to 2am, \$3 cover
- *Mother's: Male dancers 10pm & Midnite
- *Norma's 5611 Club: Open 3-11pm
- *Club Romeo: Hangover Blues beer bust 5-9pm
- *Chapultepec Mexican Restaurant: Brunch special 11am-2pm
- *E/J's: Beer bust Noon-10pm, Volley ball till dark, Hop scotch tournament 7:30pm
- *Montrose Mining Co.: Biggest Sun. crowd in Houston
- *Heaven: Free well 7-9pm, free draft all night, cover, after-hours
- *Mary's: Steak nite 7-10pm
- *Galleon: \$1.25 margaritas & chips, steak night 8pm
- *Lazy J: Mustang Band 8pm-midnite
- *Q.T.'s: \$1 bar drinks 4pm-9pm
- *Venture-N: "Un-Party Booze-Beer Bust" 4-10pm
- *The 109 Club: Free mimosas noon-1pm, free newspapers
- *Mother's: 75¢ well 4-9pm
- *Mary's: Beer bust 3-6pm, After hours
- *Club Exile: Band 5:30-9:30, drink specials \$1 Noon-5pm, Miss Zack's Comedy Revue 10pm
- *Q.T.'s: Roxie Hart Revue 11pm
- *Bacchus: Pool tourney 1pm
- *Chutes: Beer bust 1-Midnight
- *Brazos River Bottom: Steak night 5pm, Brazos River Band 8pm-Midnight

Monday

- *Brazos River Bottom: \$1 well drinks & longnecks all day, all night.
- *Club Exile: Pool tourney 9pm, beer bust
- *El Unicornio: Closed
- *Pot Pie: All you can eat dinner buffet \$4.99 7pm-10:30pm
- *The 611: 3-in-1 Open to close, 75¢ schnapps, 50¢ draft
- *Mary's: All My Children, Pickles slop shot pool 11am
- *Norma's 5611 Club: closed
- *E/J's: \$1 Margaritas all day, Hair-burners delight
- *Club Body Center: Locker special noon-midnite
- *Mother's: 15¢ beer 6pm-1am
- *Galleon: Male strip contest 10pm, biggest Mon. crowd in Houston
- *J.R.'s: Pacific Coast Dancers 10:30pm
- *Ripcord: \$1 Margaritas 9pm-2am
- *Q.T.'s: \$1.50 bar drinks 11am-2am
- *Chutes: Free pool, beer bust 4-Midnight, happy hour till 10pm, liquor bust 8-Midnight

Tuesday

- *Rock 'N' Horse: Pitcher of beer \$2
- *Chutes: Liquor bust 8-Midnight
- *The Ranch: Beer bust & dance lessons
- *J.R.'s: Amateur swim suit competition 11pm (Emcee—Maude)
- *K.J.'s: Hotel Employees Nite \$1 well & beer
- *The 611: \$1.25 longnecks, Steak night, 75¢ Schnapps, 50¢ draft
- *Jonathon's Restaurant: Donna and Charlene
- *El Unicornio: Closed
- *Ripcord: \$1.25 canned beer 8pm-2am
- *Venture-N: Pool tourney 7pm
- *Club Romeo: \$1 beer
- *Mother's: \$1 well, Disco oldies 8pm-12am

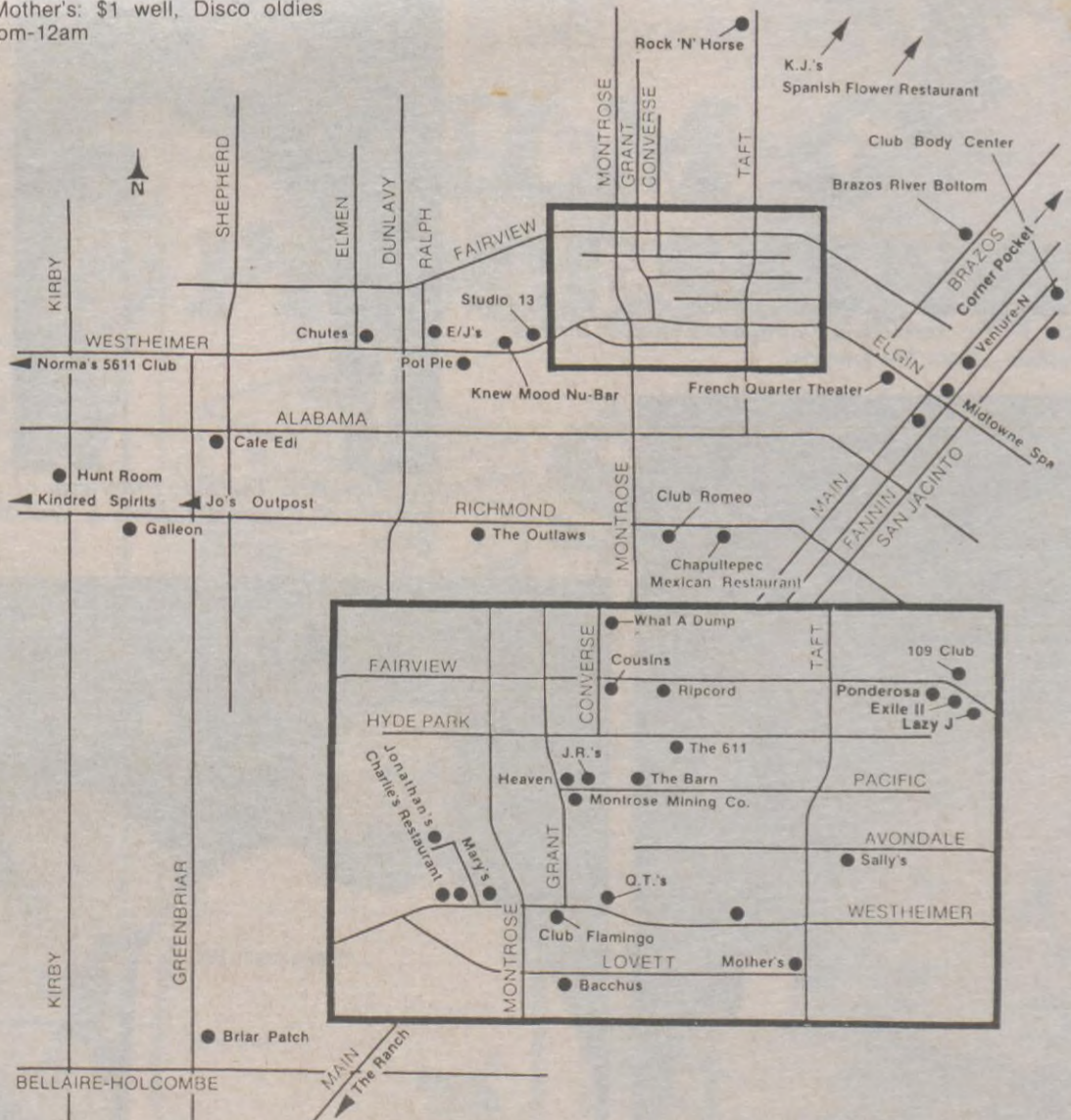
- *Galleon: Twisted Wheel of Fun 9, 10 & 11pm
- *Bacchus: Classic rock night, DJ Amy
- *Club Exile: Happy hour open till close
- *Club Exile: Live Rock with TNT Night, drink specials.
- *Mary's: Chili 6-10pm
- *Brazos River Bottom: C&W dance lessons 9:30, Biggest Tuesday Crowd in Houston
- *Q.T.'s: \$1.50 bar drinks 11am-2am

Wednesday

- *The 109 Club: Lunch specials Noon-2pm
- *Rock 'N' Horse: Schnapps \$1
- *Ripcord: \$1.50 well all day
- *Club Romeo: Vodka specials
- *Bacchus: Happy hour all night
- *J.R.'s: Pacific Coast Dancers 6-10pm
- *Mary's: MSA Pool Night
- *K.J.'s: \$5 beer bust 7-10pm, steak night
- *Mother's: "Daddy's Night" 8pm-midnite, 75¢ longnecks
- *Bacchus: MSA pool night
- *Heaven: 10¢ well 9pm-2am, cover, after-hours, biggest Wed. crowd in Houston
- *E/J's: Liquor bust 9pm-Midnite
- *Brazos River Bottom: Amateur Night with Brazos River Band 10pm
- *The 611: Happy hour 4-8pm, 75¢ vodka well, 50¢ draft
- *El Unicornio: Dynasty night, all beer \$1.25
- *Club Exile: Miss Zack's Talent Search 9:30pm
- *Q.T.'s: \$1.50 bar drinks 11am-2am

Thursday

- *K.J.'s: Fantasy in Motion
- *Ripcord: \$1.50 Margaritas 9pm-2am
- *The 611: \$1.25 well, cash pool tourney 8pm, 50¢ draft
- *The 109 Club: Lunch Specials 11am-2pm
- *Norma's 5611 Club: Professional Women Happy hour 5-9pm
- *Norma's 5611 Club: Happy hour 5-7pm
- *Club Exile: \$1 Nite 8pm-12am
- *Heaven: The Headliners Male dance revue 11pm (Emcee—Randy Jobe) also \$1.25 margaritas
- *Rock 'N' Horse: All can beer \$1
- *The Ranch: Beer bust & dance lessons
- *El Unicornio: Talent night, MC: Vicky
- *Venture-N: Pool tourney 7pm
- *Club Romeo: \$1.50 well drinks
- *Brazos River Bottom: "Dollar Day," \$1 beer, well, shots, noon-2am
- *Club Body Center: Half price day noon-midnite
- *Mary's: Pickles' slop shot pool tourney
- *Galleon: Buffet 8pm, "Brothers" 9pm
- *Mother's: Mother's Men 10pm-1am
- *Mary's: After-hours
- *Chutes: \$1 margaritas in a glass all day/night, \$1 busch longnecks
- *Club Exile: Oldies but Goodies, drink specials
- *Bacchus: C&W night, DJ Amy, dance lessons



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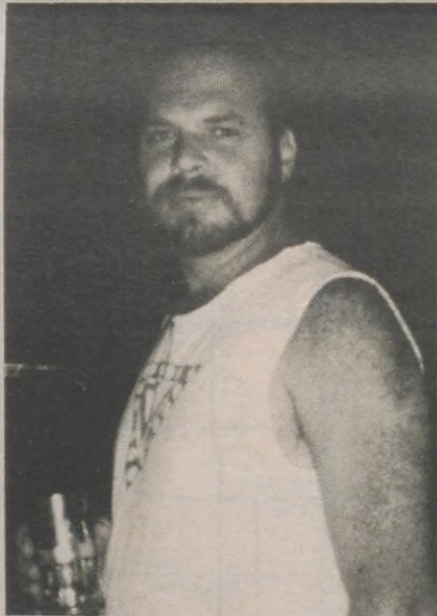
David Abear seems to be checking out new territory these days and has asked to borrow Beau's new apartment sign.

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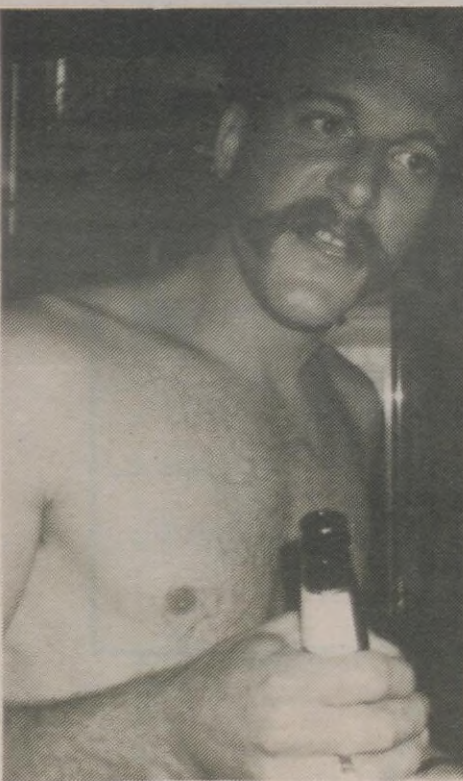
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- The Barn**, Now Open, 523-0213
- Brazos River Bottom**, 2400 Brazos, 528-9192
- Briar Patch**, 2294 Holcombe, 665-9678
- Club Body Center**, 2205 Fannin, 659-4998
- Chapultepec Mexican Restaurant**, 813 Richmond, 522-2365
- Charlie's Restaurant**, 1102 Westheimer, 520-5221
- Chutes**, 1732 Westheimer, 523-2213
- The 109 Club**, 109 Tuam, 524-8754
- Corner Pocket**, 823 Congress at Travis, 222-2901
- Cousins**, 817 Fairview, 528-9204
- E/J's**, 2517 Ralph, 527-9071
- El Unicornio**, 5605 Washington, 863-7104
- Club Exile**, 302 Tuam, 528-9809
- A Moveable Feast**, 3827 Dunlavy at W. Alabama, 528-3585
- Club Flamingo**, 907 Westheimer, 527-8830
- French Quarter Theater**, 3201 Louisiana, 527-0782
- Galleon**, 2303 Richmond, 522-7616
- Heaven**, Pacific at Grant, 521-9123
- Jonathon's Restaurant**, 2715 Waughcrest, 521-9838
- J.R.'s**, 808 Pacific, 521-2519
- Kindred Spirits**, 4902 Richmond, 623-6135
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- Knew Mood Nu-Bar**, 1336 Westheimer, 529-3332
- Lazy J**, 312 Tuam, 528-9343
- Luigi's Italian Beef House**, 905 Taft, 520-8255
- Mary's**, 1022 Westheimer, 527-9669
- Midtowne Spa**, 3100 Fannin, 522-2379
- Montrose Mining Co.**, 805 Pacific, 529-7488
- Mother's**, 402 Lovett, 520-7935
- Norma's 5611 Club**, 5611 Val Verde, 782-4761
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- Jo's Outpost**, 2818 Richmond, 528-8318
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- Pot Pie**, 1525 Westheimer, 528-4350
- Q.T.'s**, 608 Westheimer, 529-8813
- The Ranch**, 9150 S. Main, 666-3464
- Ripcord**, 715 Fairview, 521-2792
- Rock 'N' Horse**, 1220 Taft, 520-9910
- Club Romeo**, 903 Richmond, 528-9110
- Sally's**, 220 Avondale, temporarily closed, 529-7525
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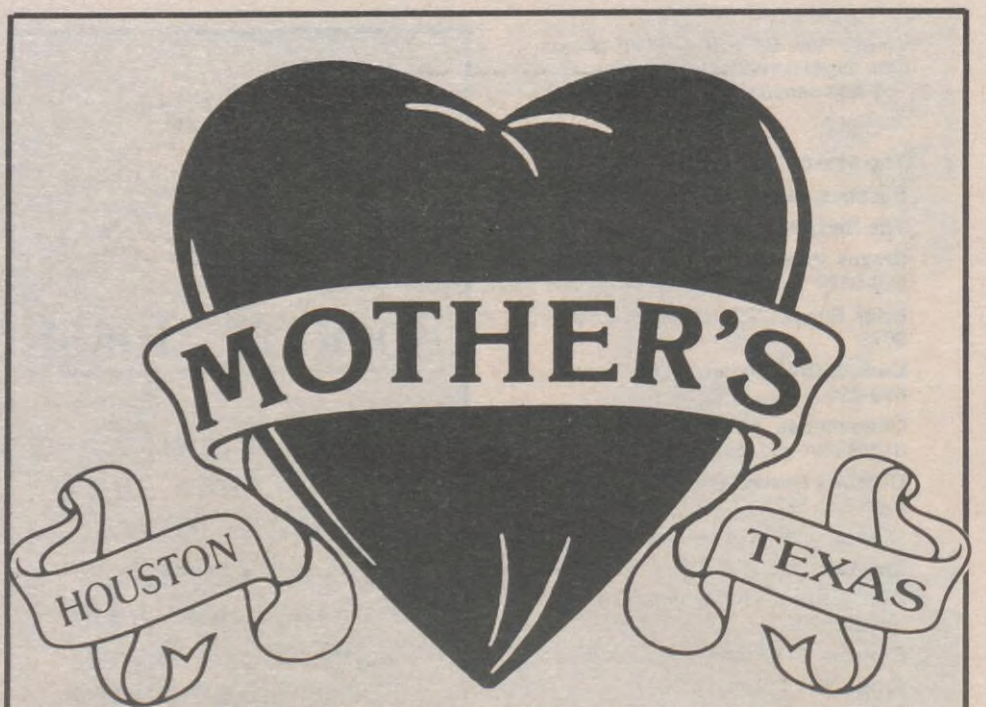


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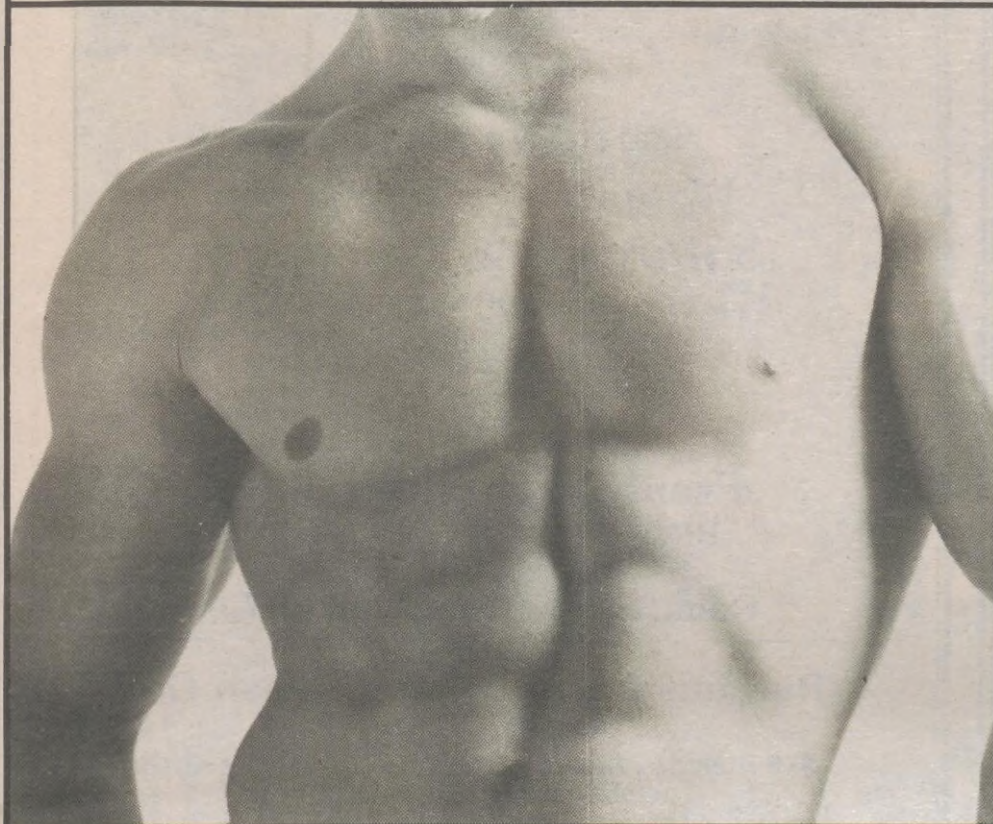
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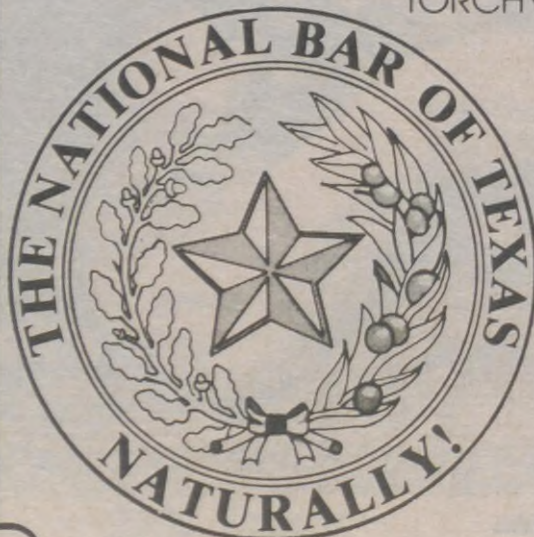
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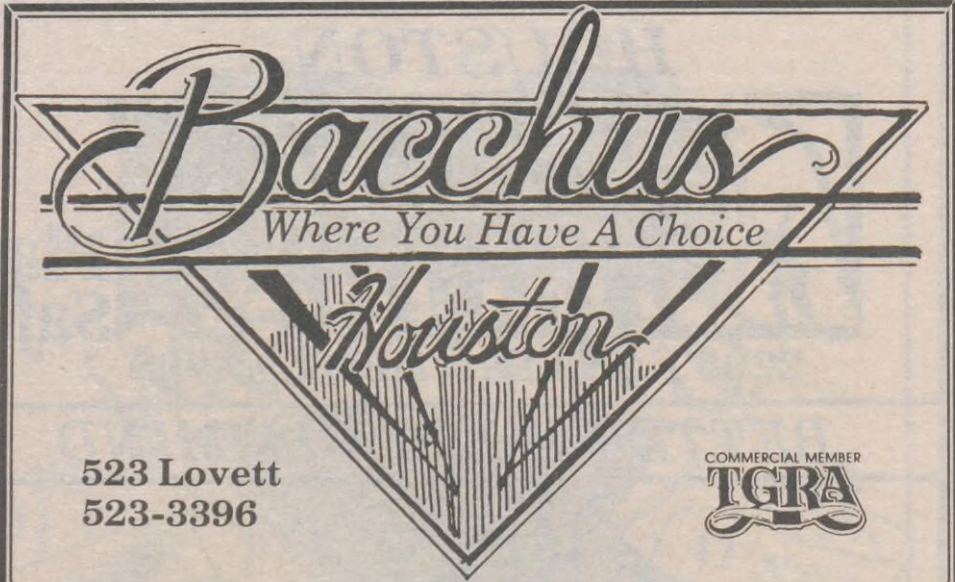
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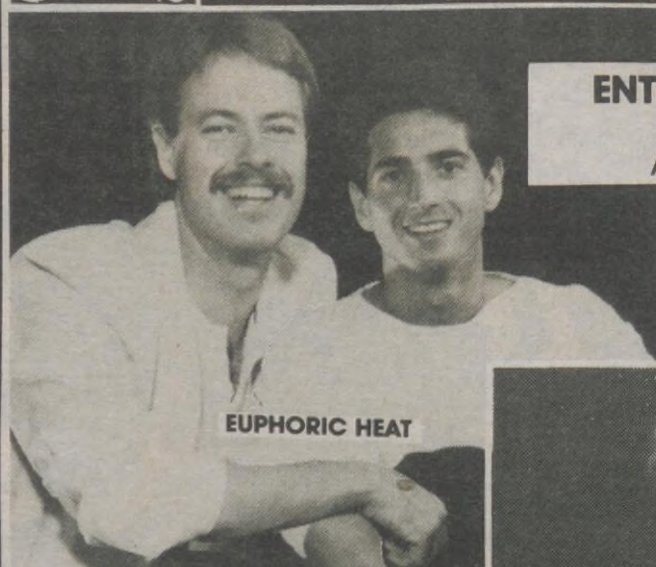
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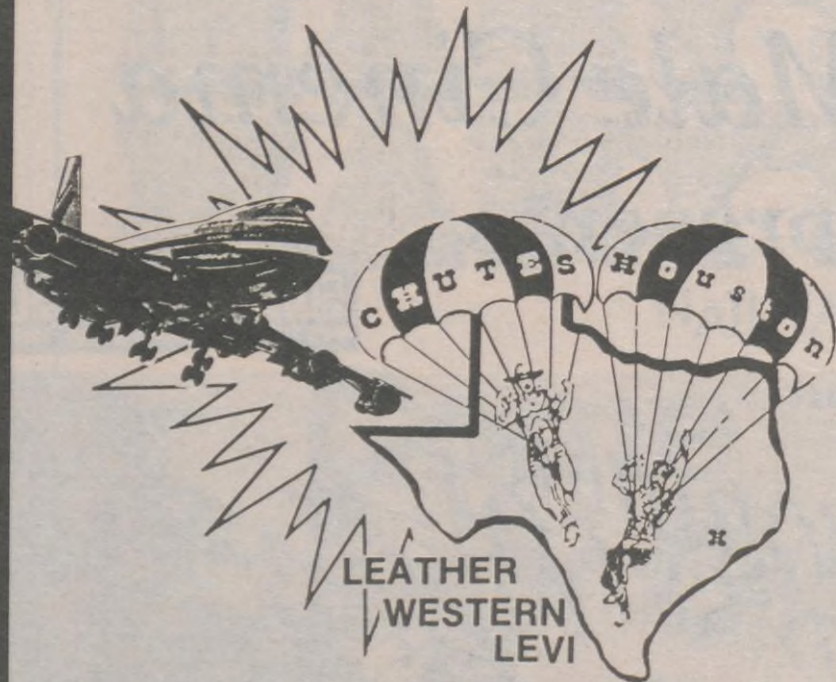
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