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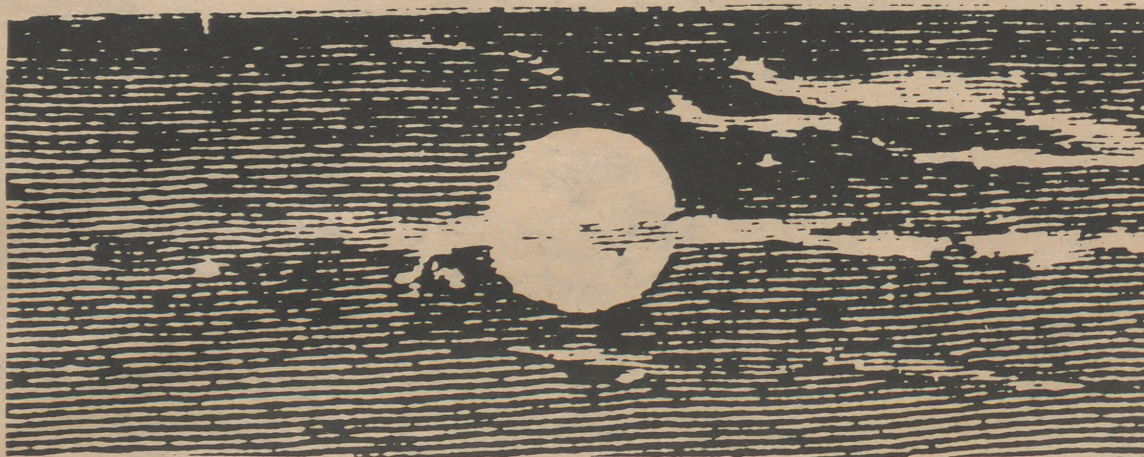
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SAGITTARIUS: You are always one to be on the go, but there's just no sense to this recent round of "ripping and tearing." It's time to come in for an emergency landing. When smoke clears, attend to minor disasters brewing on home front. Play comfy homebody for the rest of the week.

CAPRICORN: Your beauty and charm are surpassed only by your occasional lack of tact. A slip of that lovely lip has someone boiling. Remove foot and make amends. Mending a few fences can make good neighbors.

AQUARIUS: After much steady plodding, you have finally stumbled onto some adventure. You become intensely interested in a person who

is full of whimsy and magic. Enjoy just enough of this intrigue to have a few beautiful memories. Remember, facination with the flame has done in many a good moth, my friend.

PISCES: Step out of the beat of a different drummer. It's playing and you need only lift your noble mane out of the hammock long enough to hear. Partner has closed gates to old beaten path so you must look for a new way to go. If possible, fly united.

ARIES: "Ship to shore" communication is weak. Pull in your sails and head for home port. A person you haven't been able to get through to is now ready to answer your signals.

TAURUS: Retrace your steps. You have forgotten to do something important to your present project. Secret may be hidden in the obvious. Week of rehashing ends with a sigh, but keep on slinging for the solution is closer than you think.

GEMINI: That whistling you hear isn't "Dixie." It's the wheezy breath of Father Time reminding you to keep on taking care of business. As much as you hate to be rushed, you are going to have to keep up with your obligations. Now come on, you

have already stopped and smelled the roses, it's time for a little grindstone before 1979 slips out in less than two months.

MOONBABY: The superior person needs no defense. Do not try to justify any of your actions with words. Even your most ardent critics will eventually be silenced by observing your gentle and consistently good nature. Seek comfort and cheer from one close at hand.

LEO: Retreat is often not only the best policy, it is the only policy. To the rear march and on the double. A mind is made up against you and anything you do is more grist for the mill.

VIRGO: The mystery of Salome's Seven Veils surrounds you. Others press for information, but you must move ever so slowly, revealing only those secrets you are ready to share. A raised eyebrow to overbearing loudmouth will cool badgering.

LIBRA: Sometimes you are not only pound foolish, you are penny foolish. Why buy tho when one will do? Your cupboard is far from bare so fatten up your savings a bit. Week ends with the "clinking" of pennies and dimes into your piggy bank and, as a reward, a few quarters for your favorite pastime.

Police hold youths

Houston police have begun the "long, drawn-out process" of trying to certify as adults two sixteen-year-olds who surrendered in the stabbing death of Delfino Galban, the Houston Astros equipment manager.

Galban, 26, was a divorcee, and had met the youths at an area frequented by male prostitutes, the corner of Bell and Main, sources said.

Galban's body, his throat slashed and with several stab wounds, was found near his apartment at 4001 Watonga in northwest Houston about 3:45 a.m., Saturday morning, Oct. 27.

Police said one of the teenagers, accompanied by his minister, surrendered the next day and admitted killing Galban. The second youth, who had hitchhiked to Houston from

Connecticut earlier in the month, surrendered Monday, Oct. 29.

Investigators said Galban was killed during an argument in his apartment. The body was then dragged outside and his car and some clothing stolen.

Sgt. T.W. Schnetzer of the police juvenile division said the two youths met Galban a few hours before his death. The youths then accompanied him to his apartment.

Schnetzer said he intends to charge the two youths with capital murder if they are certified as adults. The certification process, however, could take months, he said.

"It's a long, drawn-out process," he told the *Houston Chronicle*. "You have to have hearings and psychological evaluations, and that can take a long time."

The two youths are being held in the Harris County Juvenile Detention Center.

Galban, a native of Waxahachie, had just completed his first season as the Astro's equipment manager.

Employees at the Exile, a gay bar near the Bell/Main area hangout of male prostitutes, said they had on occasion seen Galban in the club. They said they had never heard of either of the two youths. ●

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Church votes yes

ST. LOUIS — Delegates to a convention of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) voted Oct. 29 to reaffirm the power of regional bodies of the church to ordain homosexuals as ministers.

The 4500 voting delegates also voted, however, to reaffirm

the church's traditional stand against ordination of homosexuals.

Carol Blakley of the Treasure Valley Christian Church at Caldwell, Idaho, called the vote at the biennial convention a partial victory for gay rights, saying, "We feel like we've gained. ●

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2 cups chopped celery

2 cups chopped fresh parsley
1 cup chopped onion
6 cloves garlic, minced
½-tsp. red pepper
½-tsp. thyme leaves
1 cup olive oil
1 quart diced potatoes
3 tbsp. salt

Remove conch meat from shells and dice. Combine meat with six

quarts water, lime juice, salt. Bring to a boil. Cover and simmer thirty minutes, then, saute green pepper, celery, parsley, onion, garlic, red pepper and time in olive oil until tender. Add potatoes to the conch stock. Simmer 1½ hours. Makes eight quarts.

Now on to another dish:

PETIT FILLET OF VEAL WITH BANANAS BERTIE

4 veal cutlets
salt & pepper
6 tbsp. butter
2 bananas, green tipped
2 tbsp. red current jelly

2 tbsp. brandy
hot cooked rice

Sprinkle cutlets with salt and pepper, saute in four tablespoons butter until tender. Then, cut bananas lengthwise, saute in remaining two tablespoons butter until tender. Brush bananas with current jelly. Pour brandy over the bananas and cutlets.

Serve over hot, cooked rice.

POOR GIRLS POULET

1 frying chicken, cut up
1 cup current jelly
1 tbsp. horse radish
3 tbsp. prepared mustard

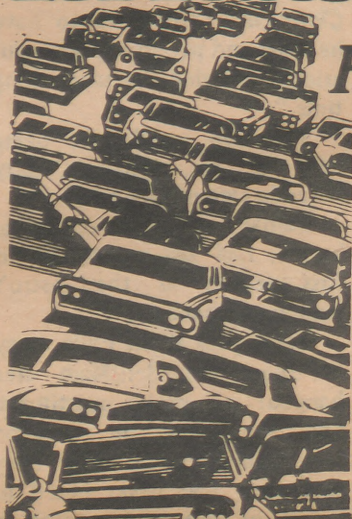
½-cup port wine
½-cup orange juice
½-tsp. powdered ginger
2 tbsp. butter (oleo)
1 clove garlic, smashed (minced)
½-tsp. worchestershire (French's is best)

Simmer everything together except chicken until jelly melts. Pour mixture over chicken and marinate two hours. Cover and bake chicken 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Uncover, increase temperature to 400 degrees for thirty minutes or until chicken has a good glaze.

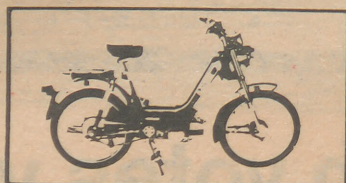
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Stanley

Dear Stanley: I have met lots of nice people in Dallas, but I seem to find it hard to make friends. More like acquaintances that are around for a few weeks and then off in other directions.

Are people in Dallas different?

(signed) Friendless

Dear Friendless: You may be doing what lots of people do — not letting others know you would like to maintain true friendship. Friendship requires maintenance — and that means you have to show friendly interest in others first (or

recognize it if they show it in you and respond).

Do not make sex an important thing. Make people most important. In a short time you will have lots of friends in Dallas — and you will meet more. If you want to take the initiative with someone as a friend and not a sex partner or lover, try the positive.

For example: Call the person and say, "If you are going to be home tonight, I want to stop by and visit, if it will not interfere with your plans." They will respond, "Sure come over," or, "Tomorrow night after dinner for a short visit."

If someone does you this way, wouldn't you feel com-

plimented? They will, too.

It is a positive way to make someone else feel good. It works. But remember: Do not first invite them to your house. It may interfere with their routine and you will get a "no" automatically. They may feel they do not have control of a situation on your ground, and they need to feel secure against having sex as a motive.

Do not involve sex. You will meet plenty of people through your friends as you acquire and maintain them. It is alright to invite someone to your house first if you are having other people over, and they know it. But on a one to one basis, I wouldn't.

Do this: MAKE A LIST OF THE FRIENDS YOU NOW HAVE OR ACQUAINTANCES. List all of them. Then, call one at a time (ahead of time) for a visit. Do this for thirty day, one each day. At the end of a month you will have enough close acquaintances to select the ones you want to maintain as friends! Then, maintain them. Call often. Do social things together often. Mix them together with you, so they can become acquainted, too.

Dear Stanley: How do I answer personal questions about the cost of a purchase, such as clothing, a gift, or mortgage payment? I find it very difficult to avoid the answer and at the

same time I feel it is none of their business.

Can you give me some helpful hints?

(signed) Confidential

Dear Confidential: A soft touch of tact is the best method, and a good example of that is simply said, "I don't remember, I charged it."

For some real fun and tact you might just play up or down on the question. Say, "More than I should have paid," or, "Not as much as you might think." And, if you are questioned about your mortgage or income, simply say, "With the cost of living today, it is rather depressing."



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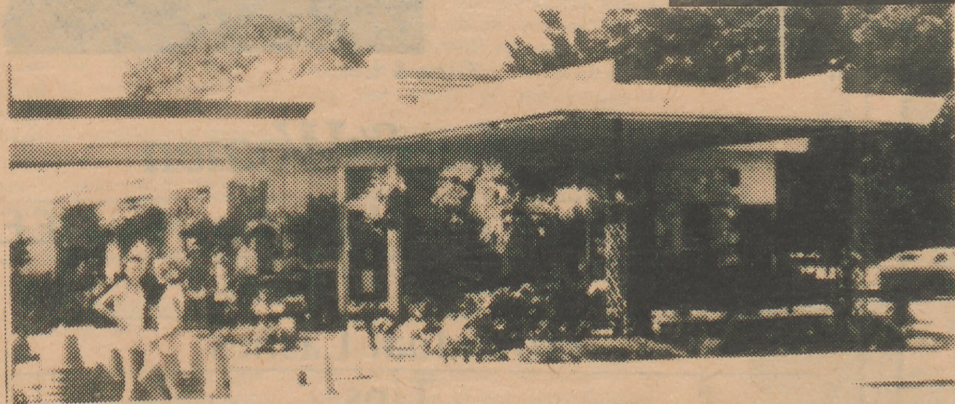
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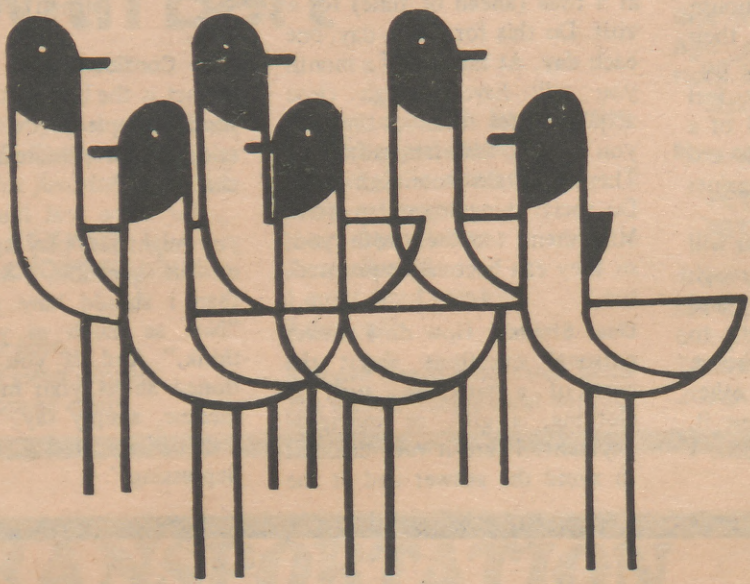
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ELECTION NEWS

Candidates asked about gay cops, after-hours

The MONTROSE STAR recently polled candidates for City Council from District C (the district that includes Montrose) and the candidates for the five at-large city council positions. Many candidates chose to answer our questions, some choose purposefully not to, and others simply didn't take the time.

Following are the questions and answers from the candidates which returned their questionnaires.

Q. What do you consider the major problem facing Houstonians this autumn?

Council position from District C

GENEVA KIRK BROOKS: The increasingly unbearable taxation burden is the major problem on the local, state and national level. Many Montrose homeowners fear that the next tax raise will force them to sell their lovely homes.

BARRY DeBAKEY: The major problem is the inability of the city to provide basic city services and mismanagement of city government.

MORRIS GRAVES: The most pressing issue facing Houston today is the lack of adequate public protection from crime and fires. To improve our current lack of police and fire protection, I am firmly committed to: a) increased revenues for both police and fire departments, b) replacing able bodied officers who are currently serving as intake officers in the jails, and office personnel, i.e. file clerks, radio dispatchers and etc., with handicapped persons, thus returning these abled bodied officers to patrol duty on the streets of Houston and c) return to the "beat-cop" in our high crime areas of the city.

GEORGE GREANIAS: Talking about one issue above all others is wrong. Houston presently finds itself with problems on all fronts: services, crime, transportation, our quality of life — all of these have become critical because of years of neglect. Moreover, while the abilities of the different candidates to perceive the totality of the problems varies all of the candidates are talking about the same problems.

What Houstonians have to ask themselves this fall is, who is best qualified to solve these problems? Who has the management experience in both the public and private sectors? Who has done the most research on specifically local questions? Who offers the most specific proposals, proposals that go beyond rhetoric? Talking about good management is one thing; getting it is another. This fall, we have to choose the best manager. It is only then that all problems are going to stop being our problems.

WESLEY MCGAVOCK: What are we getting for our money? a) Police protection, b) street repair, c) garbage pick-up, d) parks, e) efficient government spending, f) adequate education for our children, g) off-street parking, h) storm drainage, or i) transportation?

The answer is none of the above! And this is the major problem facing Houstonians — waste and no services for the tax dollar expended.

JOHN SHANAHAN: The selection of City Council candidates who have the understanding of the critical urban services issues and the demonstrated experience and ability to resolve them.

MAX SPERO JR.: The problems caused by inept city government such as inflation, higher taxes and increased crime could be solved by a more efficiently run city government. What this city and state need is a Proposition 13 of its own.

HELEN VIOLA: As Houston moves to higher density, effective planning for orderly growth must

assume priority. Civic leaders, public employees and elected officials must recognize the necessity for maintaining the integrity of our neighborhoods. We must plan to co-exist with business expansion if our neighborhoods are to remain strong and viable.

Council at-large Position 1

JEFF DAIELL: The excessive size, power and cost of the city government. I favor more personal freedom and responsibility, and less dominance over the individual by City Hall.

Council at-large Position 2

ELEANOR TINSLEY: Poor provision of basic services by city government; inadequate leadership by Council; poor planning today to avoid city problems tomorrow.

Council at-large Position 3

JOE ALLEN MALLOTT: I believe crime to be the major problem. In many areas of the city our citizens live in fear of the criminal element. Sadder still in some areas citizens live in fear of both the criminal element and the police.

OLGA SOLIZ: Basic city services, police protection, street repairs, garbage pick up, and a concerned and responsible Council.

DON STOCKWELL: New priorities should be established for the Houston Police Dept., emphasizing the apprehension of those guilty of violent crimes, such as murder, robbery and rape.

Council at-large Position 4

W.T. FRASER: You have touched upon the most serious problem facing the people of Houston today in your question #8. That is a complete and continuing lack of confidence in the elected representatives. All too often candidates promise one thing during an election and then proceed to do the opposite while in office. This action would be understandable if the candidates elected were dishonest or of poor moral character. But this is not the case. The problem lies in the fact that few (none) of them have a consistent philosophy of government and do not understand the limits of government. The role of the government is to provide the atmosphere in which the people have maximum freedom to solve their problems. The proper role of the government is to protect the rights (life, liberty and property) of all citizens, and not to interfere in the private lives of anyone who respects the rights of others. Specifically the government must not be the special representative of any group and should not legislate any specific code of morality regardless of how large that group is. Thus if you happen to believe in abortion, the government should not force your belief upon others but at the same time it must not limit your right to make your own decision.

Council at-large Position 5

JANICE JUCKETT: Crime. Real crime, that is, not victimless crimes, which should not be "crimes" at all. Violence and theft are increasing and must be dealt with (without violating the rights of the innocent).

Q. Do you favor retaining Harry Caldwell as Chief of Police? (If not, then who or what type of person would you favor as Chief of Police?)

Council position from District C

GENEVA KIRK BROOKS: I do not have sufficient information to know whether or not Harry Caldwell has done as good a job as he could or should. We certainly need a strong person who will pledge to enforce the laws and do exactly that without favoring one individual or group over another individual or group.

BARRY DeBAKEY: As a city councilman I would have no control

over who would be chosen as the city's police chief.

MORRIS GRAVES: Police Chief Caldwell is doing the best possible job he knows how to do. His inability to deal with the Montrose Community stems from his lack of understanding of different cultures within the Houston community. Should Chief Caldwell be retained, he cannot, he is a man of longtime training in his methods of thinking and handling people.

GEORGE GREANIAS: Chief Caldwell has done an excellent job of improving the general image of the Houston Police Dept., and for that alone he ought to be commended. However, in the course of my discussions with citizens throughout District C, it has become evident that the improvement has in many cases been no more than cosmetic.

WESLEY MCGAVOCK: P.R. (public relations) is not what we need in a police chief. We need a leader who will protect first the interest of the public. Police are Public Servants and the sooner they realize this the better we will be served. We need a confident and competent chief and not one who is paranoid and defensive.

JOHN SHANAHAN: Although this decision is entirely the mayor's, under our charter, I would certainly support the retention of Chief Caldwell. He's a fine police chief and he's worked hard to sensitize police officers to human rights issues.

MAX SPERO, JR.: Yes.

HELEN VIOLA: Yes, at this time.

Council at-large Position 1

JEFF DAIELL: I would certainly consider his removal, but it would require some hard study. The ideal chief, of course, would be a good, experienced police officer with administration ability and sensitivity to the rights of the innocent — a hard combination to find.

Council at-large Position 2

ELEANOR TINSLEY: Yes.

Council at-large Position 3

JOE ALLEN MALLOTT: Under our system it is the mayor who has the option to decide to retain or to appoint a new chief. Caldwell is the first stable chief in several years, but much work remains to be done with H.P.D.

OLGA SOLIZ: Yes, the problem is the internal force, not the chief, alone and some of the people that have not spoken.

DON STOCKWELL: No. Ray Hill could function more effectively than Harry Caldwell as chief of police.

Council at-large Position 4

W.T. FRASER: Since city council does not make hiring and firing

decisions, my opinion of Chief Caldwell is irrelevant. If the mayor chooses to replace Chief Caldwell, I will, as a city councilman, do my utmost to insure that no person who does not respect the rights of all people including racial and sexual minorities gets confirmed by city council.

Council at-large Position 5

JANICE JUCKETT: Replacing the chief of police would require an extensive study. I do not, however, believe he has been correct in his approach to abuse by those officers who engage in abuse. A replacement should be a good administrator, a good policeperson and sensitive to such issues.

Q. Do you believe there is any problem with the mental attitudes of certain policemen in Houston toward minority groups? (If so, what steps do you think could be taken to improve their attitudes?)

Council position from District C

GENEVA KIRK BROOKS: Every person whether he is Polish, Jewish, woman, handicapped, Indian, African, Spanish speaking, French speaking, or blind, is a member of a minority group. We must think in terms of the enforcement of the law equally and without favor. If policemen cannot do this, then they should be dismissed.

BARRY DeBAKEY: I believe that discrimination has no place in the enforcement of the law.

MORRIS GRAVES: There are some very basic problems with some police officers in their attitudes towards minority members in Houston. To help solve this problem several steps must be taken: a) a police chief that provides sound leadership and a "heavy" hand on those officers that abuse their powers in the minority community, b) morale leadership in the chief's office that reflects understanding and tolerance of different views and lifestyles, and c) in-service training for our current officers, coupled with the pairing of minority officers with white officers in field work.

GEORGE GREANIAS: Yes. Steps: a) liaison boards, b) minority officer recruitment, with "jump" placement, c) more careful screening of officers for minority areas, and d) more city council oversight of police activities.

WESLEY MCGAVOCK: There is certainly a "cowboy image" among many Houston police. And they seem to view minorities as the "Indians." This is clear from the shooting

statistics among minority groups. This cannot and will not be tolerated and is one of the major reasons I am running for this office to see that it does not continue. This is also the major deterrent to our recruiting efforts among minorities.

JOHN SHANAHAN: Some police officers have demonstrated their insensitivity to members of minority groups in our community. I would support a program of human relations training in the department to bring police officers into closer understanding of minorities.

MAX SPERO JR.: Yes, I do believe there is a problem with the mental attitudes of some of our policemen toward minority groups. I would like to encourage better understanding of the minority groups through education.

HELEN VIOLA: Yes, I believe there have been problems. I have no suggestions for steps to change attitudes. I am not a social scientist.

Council at-large Position 1

JEFF DAIELL: There are definite problems. We need to instill in our officers enough professional pride, coupled with severe penalties for abuse of citizens' rights, so that officers will not act upon these attitudes; we need to so screen and or train our officers that these attitudes will diminish.

Council at-large Position 2

ELEANOR TINSLEY: Yes, there is a problem on the part of some police officers toward minority groups. Police harassment of any special group should be stopped. Training in community relations and psychological counseling to prepare members of the H.P.D. to deal with minorities is necessary. So is more effective recruitment of minorities as members of H.P.D.

Council at-large Position 3

JOE ALLEN MALLOTT: Yes. Police work under stress. After a continuous stressful atmosphere such conditioned attitudes can occur. I believe the remedy is in-service education and routine counseling or stress evaluation sessions for all officers.

OLGA SOLIZ: Yes. Sensitivity training.

DON STOCKWELL: Yes. Every H.P.D. officer should be specifically instructed regarding his obligations to the citizens of Houston who collectively pay his/her salary.

Council at-large Position 4

W.T. FRASER: The problem of the police is deep-rooted. The very candidates which are attracted to police service are the ones who have the mental set which will most likely lead them to abusing the powers they

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Mayoral candidate Leonel Castillo (right center in suit) met with members of the Gay Hispanic Caucus. The group later endorsed Castillo, along with City Council candidate Ben Reyes (not shown).

Star polls the candidates

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hold. Since it is not practical to replace the entire police force, a series of steps should be taken to insure that the police are responsible to the people and that they will respect the rights of all citizens. First, to reinforce in the minds of the police that they are responsible to the people, a civil review board should be established. This action will also help to restore the confidence of the people in the police. Secondly, there should be special and mandatory training in raising the consciousness of the individual policeman. In these sessions, they should be taught the richness of various minority cultures and a respect for the rights of these people to differ from the majority.

Council at-large Position 5

JANICE JUCKETT: Yes, obviously. We need to crack down on those incidences of abuse that do

occur, have in-service training on minority rights, and instill our officers with enough self-esteem as trained professionals that they will act accordingly.

Q. Do you recognize the existence of a "gay" (homosexual) community in Houston? Do you think one's sexual orientation should be a criterion for employment? Elaborating further, do you favor the hiring of qualified homosexual applicants as Houston police officers.

Council position from District C

GENEVA KIRK BROOKS: Yes, gays exist. Homosexuals should get the law 21.06 removed from the Texas Penal Code if they wish to be treated as persons who are not admitted law violators. Homosexual

conduct is deviate sexual intercourse with a member of the same sex and is a class C misdemeanor. For this reason, no admitted practicing homosexual can become a law enforcement officer.

BARRY DeBAKEY: a) I recognize the existence of a homosexual community in Houston. b) No. c) I am not aware that applicants are turned away because of their sexual orientation.

MORRIS GRAVES: Houston's "gay" (homosexual) community is composed of individual citizens, they are human beings, just as "straight" people in Houston are. Their (homosexual) rights should not be contingent upon sexual orientation. Employment, housing or any other aspect of life cannot be denied these individuals because of their sexual preference. Qualified "gays" should be allowed to participate in all aspects of city government and city employment. Barriers designed solely

to keep "gay" people out of city employment must be removed, with all deliberate speed.

GEORGE GREANIAS: Yes. No. Yes.

WESLEY MCGAVOCK: There is clearly a "gay" community in Houston. The Constitution of the country prohibits hiring discrimination due to sexual orientation. And I favor the law. It's my understanding that homosexuals are now acting as police in the Montrose area because of the lack of adequate city police protection. It's also my understanding that they are doing a great job. Just as Mexicans relate well as police in Mexican neighborhoods and blacks in black neighborhoods, I feel homosexual police could accomplish far more in the Montrose area than the existing force.

JOHN SHANAHAN: Yes. No. Yes. The private expression of sexual preference is not job related and should be no bar to employment.

MAX SPERO, JR.: Yes, I recognize the existence of a "gay" community in Houston. No, I do not think one's sexual orientation should be a criterion for employment. Yes, I

would be in favor of hiring qualified homosexual applicants as Houston police officers.

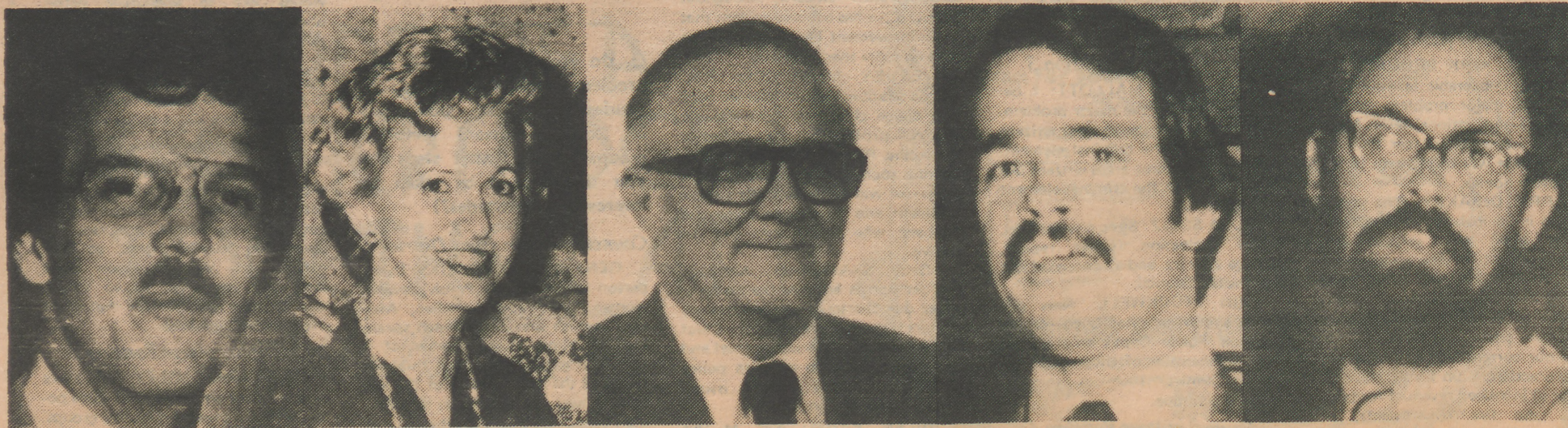
HELEN VIOLA: I understand that there is a "gay" community in Houston. No, I do not think that this should be a criterion for employment. I have no response on the third question.

Council at-large Position 1

JEFF DAIELL: There is a large gay community in Houston which I have worked with on various issues. (I have been endorsed by the Gay Political Caucus.) I believe the sole proper criterion for employment should be individual merit, and I would work for an ordinance forbidding the city government from discriminating on grounds of sexual orientation (including the H.P.D.).

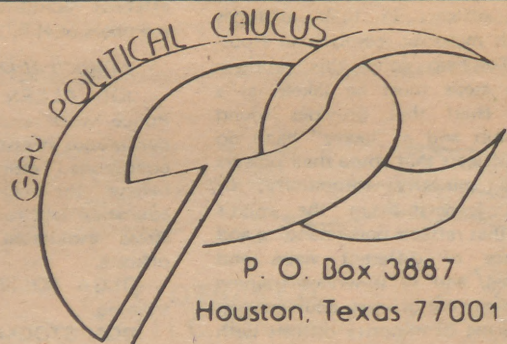
Council at-large Position 2

ELEANOR TINSLEY: Yes, I recognize a gay (homosexual) community in Houston. I would support an ordinance banning any ("any" underlined) form of discrimination in city employment or in the granting



City Council candidates (left to right) Pat Ginther, Eleanor Tinsley, Max Spero Jr., Lance Lalor and Jeff Daiell.

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- At-Large Position 4 — **PAT GINTHER**
- At-Large Position 5 — **JUDSON ROBINSON JR.**
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of city licenses, contracts or permits.

Council at-large Position 3

JOE ALLEN MALLOT: Yes. No. I believe that day is at hand. San Francisco and Washington, D.C., report good results. It may take time in Houston.

OLGA SOLIZ: Yes. No. I believe a person's sexuality has nothing to do with hiring practices.

DON STOCKWELL: Yes, no, yes.

Council at-large Position 4

W.T. FRASER: A gay community certainly exists in Houston and helps contribute to the diverse cultural makeup of the city. Gays have been instrumental in revitalizing the near town area.

The question whether sexual orientation should be a criterion for employment must be viewed in the broad range of human rights. Certainly there should be no bars or prohibitions on the basis of sexual preference for employment by any governmental agency. This includes but is not limited to the firemen and police. In the areas of employment in the private sector, the government should not interfere in establishing employment criteria. This is simply a result of the idea that the government must not legislate morality either for or against any group. Once the stigma of illegality is removed from being gay, most gays would have very little to fear from private employers.

Council at-large Position 5

JANICE JUCKETT: There is a large, well-organized, and much-suffering gay community. The only criterion for hiring should be individual merit. A qualified individual should be eligible for the H.P.D. regardless of sexual orientation. A private employer, however, has the right to hire on whatever basis he/she wishes.

Q. Texas law requires nightclubs to stop serving liquor and confiscate all alcoholic drinks from customers at 2:00 a.m. The state law allows such clubs to stay open after 2:00 a.m. to serve soft drinks, coffee and food and to allow dancing to continue. However, a Houston city ordinance, passed in 1979, requires such clubs not to allow dancing after 2:00 a.m., regardless. What are your thoughts on this city ordinance? (Do you feel city officials should be legislating such things as "after-hours" dancing? Do you think "rolling up the sidewalks" in Houston at 2:00 a.m. has any effect on our national tourist-soliciting effort?)

Council position from District C

GENEVA KIRK BROOKS: I do not see why activities have to be stopped at any particular hour if they are not illegal activities unless the reason for this law is due to the fact that fewer policemen are on duty

after 2:00 a.m. I would have to see the reasons why the 2:00 a.m. closing hour is imposed to have an option. Are there more violent crimes after 2:00 a.m.?

BARRY DeBAKEY: I think it is a poor ordinance.

MORRIS GRAVES: The 2:00 a.m. city ordinance was the most ridiculous ordinance that this City Council has passed in many years. When city government takes on the responsibility of legislating away a person's right to stay out and dance if they so desire, Council must be running out of things to do. I ask you, is stopping dancing at 2:00 a.m. going to combat crime or was it meant as a harassment to the "gay" community?

GEORGE GREANIAS: If Houston were zoned, such that commercial and noncommercial areas were separated, I would favor opening bars later. However, this is not the case. In the Montrose area particularly, residential and commercial properties are immediately adjacent to one another. While the clubs should have the right to operate in full until 2:00 a.m., full operation past this hour is an imposition to homeowners in the area. However, the clubs should be allowed to stay open to serve coffee and other nonalcoholic beverages. As to influence on tourist trade: I think it is negligible; my experience in New York City has been that most night-clubbing and so forth ends by 2:00 a.m., and certainly New York is regarded by tourists as a good place to visit.

WESLEY McGAVOCK: I believe strongly in the free enterprise system upon which this nation was founded. Therefore, I support club owners determining both hours of operation and dancing policies.

JOHN SHANAHAN: I cannot support legislation which attempts to regulate private conduct not injurious to the rights of others. As long as clubs are not keeping the citizens awake, then they should be permitted to stay open as long as they like.

MAX SPERO JR.: I think this city ordinance is ridiculous. I do not feel city officials should be legislating such things as "after-hours" dancing and feel very strongly that "rolling up the sidewalks" in Houston at 2:00 a.m. has a decided effect on our national tourist-soliciting efforts.

HELEN VIOLA: I would support the city ordinance especially in areas where residential housing is in close proximity.

Council at-large Position 1

JEFF DAIELL: The role of City Hall, properly, is to protect us from violence, theft and fraud — not music and dancing. Closing hours are none of City Hall's business (the indubitable in Position One voted for the closing ordinance), and I would seek to repeal the ordinance. I think it does hurt our tourism; being a "24-hour town" is a big tourist attraction point.

Council at-large Position 2

ELEANOR TINSLEY: Unless such dancing endangers the community, City Council should stay out of the issue.

Council at-large Position 3

JOE ALLEN MALLOT: I believe City Council should retain the right to legislate certain hours. However, I believe Houston is long overdue to become a 24-hour city.

OLGA SOLIZ: Good law. Yes. No. I believe not. Maybe the convention/tourist people can speak to this.

DON STOCKWELL: Both the Texas state law and the Houston city ordinance are infringements of the rights of individuals who wish entertainment after 2:00 a.m.

Council at-large Position 4

W.T. FRASER: The city should keep out of the affairs of the people except to protect the rights of all to life, liberty and property. I fail to see how restricting club hours protects the rights of anyone. I do see how it tries to force a certain set of moral values on others. The fact that some may want to booze it up till the sun rises may upset you and offend your morals but it does not give you the right to violate the boozers' rights because you feel he is a sinner. The government must not try to legislate private morality.

Council at-large Position 5

JANICE JUCKETT: A nightclub not actually disturbing the peace has the right to remain open as long as the owner wishes. The role of government is strictly ("strictly" underlined) to protect individual rights, and thus closing hours are none of City Hall's business. And, yes, such laws could hurt our tourist trade.

Q. Next spring, the gay community of Houston will be holding its second "Montrose Day" at Astroworld. Would you and your family be willing to attend as a guest of this newspaper?

Council position from District C

GENEVA KIRK BROOKS: I doubt that you would want me as a guest since I quote what the Montrose Star had to say about me on March 11, 1977: "... there has been controversy raging in Houston, brought about mainly by one woman, a Ms. Geneva Brooks, who has, through sheer intimidation and guts, enlisted the aid of the ministry, the district attorney of Harris county, and through him, the entire vice squad of the Houston Police Dept. in her crusade as self-appointed Carrie Nation of Smut. The D.A., Police Dept., et al, collectively known by local wags as the Brooks Brothers, have all sheepishly acquiesced to Ms. Brooks as she carried all before her." I would be interested to receive your invitation if I might speak briefly at the meeting.

BARRY DeBAKEY: I cannot answer the question until I know the exact date.

MORRIS GRAVES: My wife, son and I would applaud the opportunity to participate in the "Montrose Day" activities at Astroworld and would be honored to be guest of the Montrose Star.

GEORGE GREANIAS: Yes.

WESLEY McGAVOCK: We would be happy to accept your

invitation. As your city councilman, I can't serve one group and not another. We all ("all" underlined) pay taxes.

JOHN SHANAHAN: Yes. As a city councilman, I would be pleased to attend any event sponsored by the voters of my district.

MAX SPERO JR.: Yes, I would be willing to attend.

HELEN VIOLA: Probably not.

Council at-large Position 1

JEFF DAIELL: Yes.

Council at-large Position 2

ELEANOR TINSLEY: Yes.

Council at-large Position 3

JOE ALLEN MALLOT: Yes. It might be a hell of a lot of fun!

OLGA SOLIZ: Yes.

DON STOCKWELL: Yes.

Council at-large Position 4

W.T. FRASER: Yes.

Council at-large Position 5

JANICE JUCKETT: Yes.

Q. (Question #8) I, the so-named candidate above, state that the views expressed by me in response to this questionnaire, are mine personally, as of this date, and are not views put forth solely for the purpose of gaining votes. I consider myself obligated to these views during my term in office, should I be elected.

Council position from District C

GENEVA KIRK BROOKS: (Signed, dated Oct. 15.) I will work for safer, better and more moral communities in which to raise our children, if elected.

BARRY DeBAKEY: (Signed, dated Oct. 17.)

MORRIS GRAVES: (Signed, dated Oct. 17.)

GEORGE GREANIAS: (Signed, dated Oct. 24.)

WESLEY McGAVOCK: (Signed, dated Oct. 16.)

JOHN SHANAHAN: (Signed, dated Oct. 18.)

MAX SPERO JR.: (Signed, dated Oct. 16.)

HELEN VIOLA: (Signed, dated Oct. 18.)

Council at-large Position 1

JEFF DAIELL: (Signed, dated Oct. 17.)

Council at-large Position 2

ELEANOR TINSLEY: (Signed, dated Oct. 19.)

Council at-large Position 3

JOE ALLEN MALLOT: (Signed, dated Oct. 16.)

OLGA SOLIZ: (Signed.)

DON STOCKWELL: (Signed, dated Oct. 16.)

Council at-large Position 4

W.T. FRASER: The views expressed here are based on information I have today. If facts change, then the view may have to change. The philosophy does not change. All individuals have the right to live their lives as they see fit as long as they respect the equal right of all others to do the same. (Signed, dated Oct. 18.)

Council at-large Position 5

JANICE JUCKETT: (Signed, dated Oct. 16.)

Rip this off and take it to the polls

The MONTROSE STAR recommends readers go to the polls Nov. 6 and vote for the following candidates, so that we help obtain the most possible pro-gay, pro-Montrose city government:

Mayor:
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Lance Lalor

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Position 1:
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Position 2:
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Joe Allen Mallott

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Pat Ginther

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Position 5:
Judson Robinson Jr.

City Controller:
Kathryn K. "Kathy" Whitmire

This newspaper has not made endorsements in the other races for city council positions or for positions to the school board. However, for readers of the STAR who live in other districts, we recommend you vote according to recommendations of the Gay Political Caucus. Their choices are:

City Council District A:
no endorsement

City Council District B:
Ernest McGowen, Sr.

City Council District D:
Moses Leroy

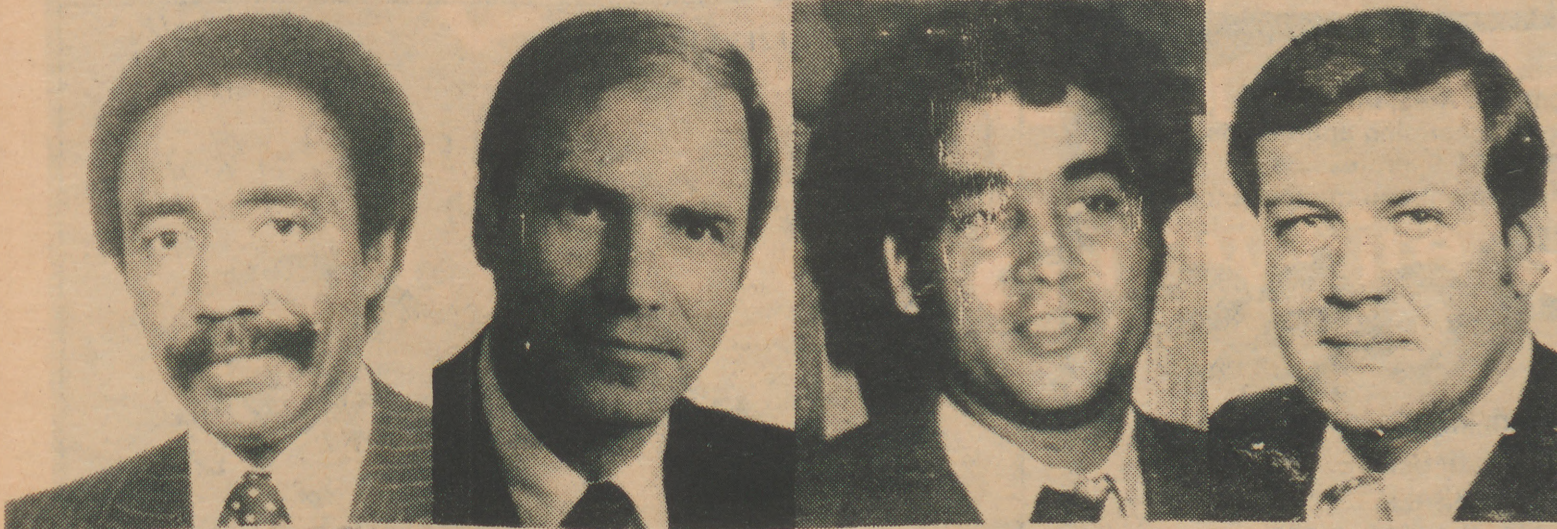
City Council District E:
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City Council District I:
Ben T. Reyes



City Council candidates (left to right) Wesley McGavock, John Shanahan, Ben Reyes and Joe Allen Mallott.

Political notes: Mann, Tinsley, McLeod, Castillo

Candidates for city council's Position Two, an at-large spot, were questioned on the subject of gay police officers at a Jewish political questioning forum Oct. 29.

Incumbant Frank Mann, asked if he favored the hiring of homosexuals as police officers, said, "If they keep it to themselves."

Challenger Eleanor Tinsley

said, "If they pass the other qualifications. I believe in human rights for all individuals."

Another Position Two challenger, Joyce Williams, said, "If he has the macho image and looks like he is qualified, we should have homosexual officers."

Other assorted political notes from around the city:

• Bond was forfeited Oct. 26 for Houston city council candidate Randy McLeod, 20, a Montrose resident, when he failed to appear in court to face charges of soliciting sexual relations for pay with a Houston police undercover officer.

McLeod, running for at-large Position Three, lost his \$400 bond when he failed to appear before county criminal court

Judge Jim Muldrow. Prosecutor Mollie Childs said a warrant was then issued for his arrest.

McLeod was charged by the police officer with offering \$25 to the officer to engage in sexual activity.

McLeod, a carpenter, was the first of nearly 100 candidates to apply for the ballot. Efforts by the media to get in touch with him during the last half of

October failed.

If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of six months in jail.

• Mayoral candidate Leonel Castillo met Oct. 21 with members of the Gay Hispanic Caucus, as did city council candidate Ben Reyes.

Castillo told the group that he favors separate cells at the city jail for gay and non-gay prisoners to limit the threat of violence directed at gay people while in custody.

The Gay Hispanic Caucus meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2204 Brun. Their phone number is 520-6850.

• The Gay Political Caucus is spearheading a "Defeat Frank Mann Campaign Day and Pep Rally" Sunday, Nov. 4, starting at 12:00 noon at Mary's Lounge, 1022 Westheimer. Participants will be given campaign literature and a portion of a list of gay people, and asked to fan out over the area. Those who join the effort will then be invited to a free beer bust at the Inside/Outside Lounge, 1318 Westheimer, at 4:00 p.m., said Steve Shiflett, GPC president.

Others may also come to the beer bust, Shiflett said, but it'll cost them one dollar.

Mann, facing a major challenge for his Position Two council post from Eleanor Tinsley, has been the most vocal councilman in recent years against gay people, frequently referring to them as "oddwads" and "queers."

• The gay Montrose Marching Band will be among several dozen entertainment groups to appear Nov. 4 from 2:00 p.m. to midnight at the Celebrity Circle Theater as a benefit for mayoral candidate Leonel Castillo. Among the other entertainers scheduled were Kinky Friedman and the Lee Rby Parnell Blues Band, Sonny and the Sunliners and the Texas Southern University Jazz Ensemble, Castillo campaign headquarters announced.

The Montrose Marching Band recently led the national gay march on Washington.

Slusser



By Phil Slusser
MONTROSE STAR
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

The Dogpatch 2 on Richmond is finally open. And the club celebrated by donating \$250 to

Notes on clubs & contests

the Gay Political Caucus to help that group promote its endorsed candidates. They have a daily beer bust 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., pool tournament on Wednesdays and a 2:00-4:00 p.m. buffet on Sundays.

After Dark, friends, is still open, and is, despite reports to the contrary, showing all-male movies in the arcade. All-male, but single actor so as not to violate the new law — but

all-male films, X-rated, nevertheless. After Dark is a private, members-only bookstore. Applications available at the door.

The Montrose Activity Center has a new post office box, for all you in the mood to write a letter to them. It's Number 3624, Houston, TX 77001.

The MAC is collecting items for a flea market to be held there in the near future. Bring all donations to MAC on Saturday,

Nov. 10, after 10:00 a.m. All donations are tax deductible.

The Montrose Counseling Center has a new set of people on its board of trustees. They are Bert Hollister (of Bert Hollister Design and the MONTROSE STAR), Marion Coleman (of the House of Coleman Printing), Jim Kuhn (attorney), Zenobia Bedford (retired social worker) and Steve Norvell (of J. Ross Realty). The Montrose Counseling Center is located at 900 Lovett and provides counseling for the gay community and other special services, with the fee figured on a sliding scale, according to ability to pay.

The Houston Gay Writers meet Nov. 5, Monday, at the Spirit Cafe, 243 Westheimer, 6:30 p.m. On the agenda, says coordinator Barney, is making a final decision on the proposal for a printed program for Gay Pride Week 1980 and for a March-April article in *In Touch* magazine.

The Izquierda Ensemble, a women's group, will be presented in an Off the Wall Productions production Sunday, Nov. 4, at Fitzgerald's, corner White Oak and Studewood, 8:00 p.m. Tickets available at Wilde 'n' Stein, B.D. and Daughter and The Bookstore.

Outside the city, in good old New Orleans, we're gearing up for the 1979 Mr. Gay New Orleans Contest at the New Fat Sam's, 308 N. Rampart, Sunday, Nov. 18, 8:00 p.m.

Hot Shot



"Mother Ruth" (left) of the Houston City Health Dept. was honor of a fundraiser Monday night, Oct. 29, to help with her expenses in attending a gay V.D.-expert convention in New York City. Ray Hill (right) served as moderator.

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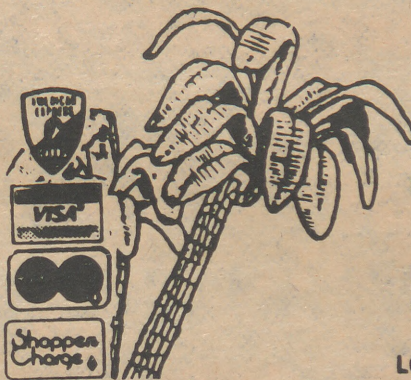
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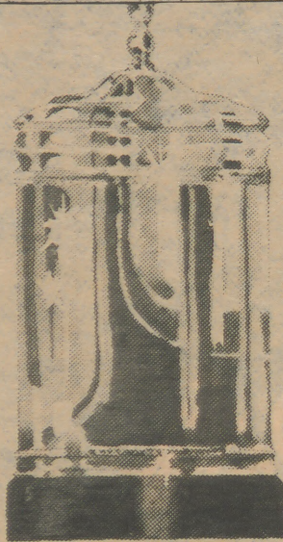
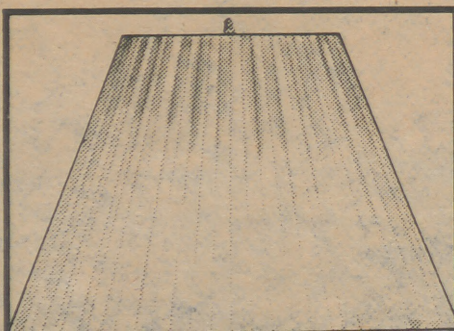
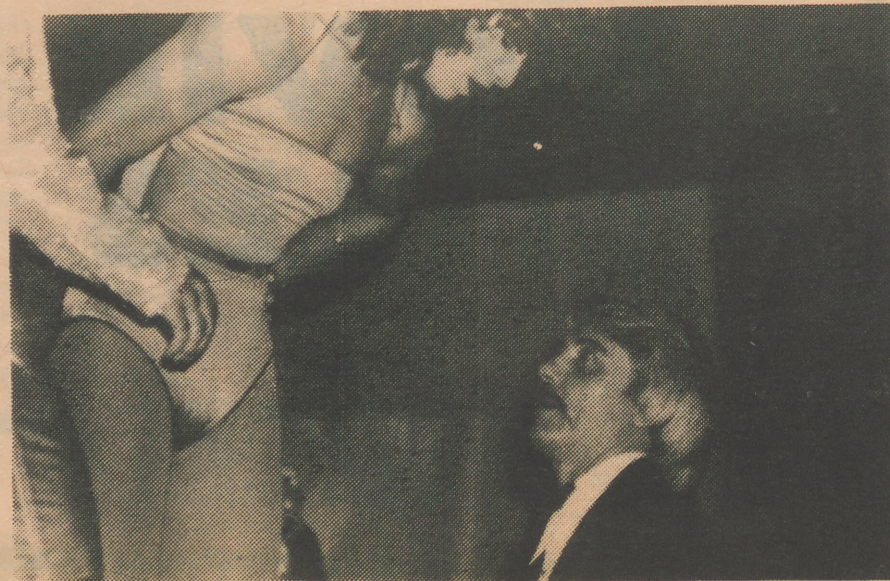
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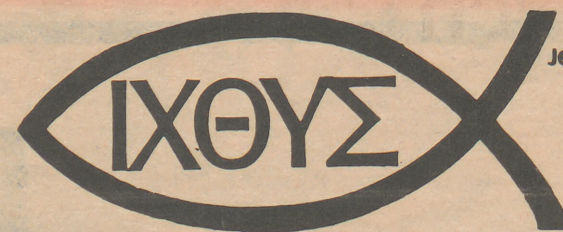
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Cinema

"French Postcards" is so-so

FRENCH POSTCARDS, rated PG. Released by Paramount Pictures. Produced by Gloria Katz. Directed by Willard Huyck. Written by Huyck and Katz. Starring Miles Chapin, Blanche Baker, David Marshall Grant, Valerie Quennessen, Debra Winger, Mandy Patinkin, Lynn Carlin, George Coe, Marie-France Pisier and Jean Rochefort.

French Postcards, a comedy about American college students who spend their junior year in

Paris, is cleverly conceived and assembled, but it suffers from a near-terminal case of cuteness.

The idea behind the film is that many Americans undergo good deal of growth during their junior year abroad. The difficulty with the students we meet in *French Postcards* is that they're so immature at the outset of their year abroad that we take an instant dislike to them.

The filmmakers are operating on the mistaken assumption that we'll find childishness charming.

The childishness here isn't a case of *Animal House* antics, but, rather, of characters whose motivations are so transparently foolish they're embarrassing.

Each of the three students we get to know best in *French Postcards* is so uncool that it's impossible to become involved with their dilemmas.

One major subplot, for example, involves the crush an aspiring songwriter named Alex (David Marshall Grant) develops on the French director of the Institute, where the film is set (Marie-France Pisier). It is typical of the filmmaker's wrong-headedness that they make him a bad songwriter, whose earnest attempts at creativity are humiliating, rather than a good one with whom we would be happy to identify.

The other two students the film singles out are singularly unlikeable as well.

Joel (Miles Chapin) is an introvert who falls all over himself pursuing his first romance (with Valerie Quennessen). Laura (Blanche Baker) is ridiculed for her grim determination to see every tourist site in Paris at the expense of having fun. Her roommate, who has the good sense to ditch her, is only a minor character in the film, which is a shame because she certainly seems like more fun than Laura.

That all three major characters learn their lessons and get over their problems by the end of the film doesn't prevent them from being the last trio of deadbeats you'd ever want to spend time with — in Paris, at home, or even on a movie screen.

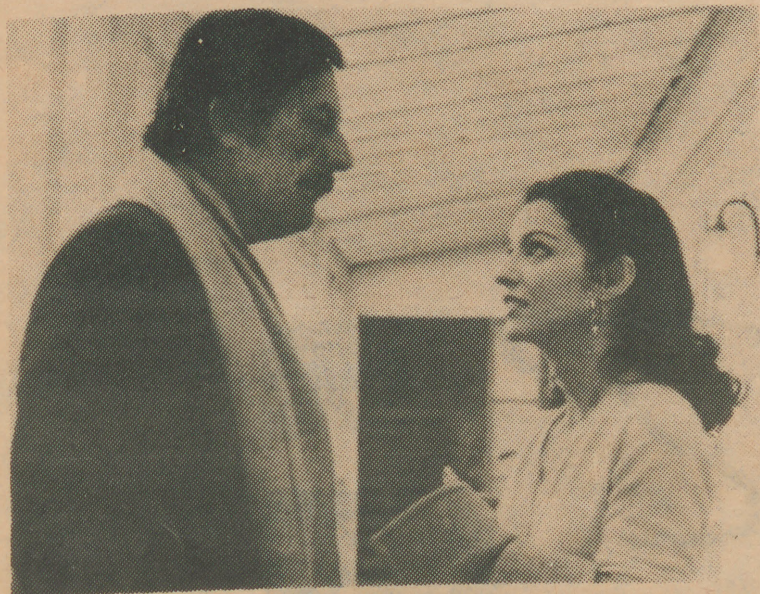
The French actors fare better, perhaps because their characters are used to represent French sophistication. Most notable is Marie-France Pisier as Madame Tessier, the director of the Institute of French Studies. Through her domestic squabbles with her husband (Jean Rochefort) are rather silly, Pisier gets to deliver one of the film's best lines when she describes the decor in her home as being "early Eisenhower."

There are, in this generally lackluster movie, other good lines and scenes that break up the monotony and demonstrate that Willard Huyck and Gloria Katz, who wrote the script and served as director and producer respectively, are not without talent. They have a knack for breezy, intricate plot structures — their first and only major success was *American Graffiti*, which they co-scripted with George Lucas — but they also have a tendency to condescend to their characters and audience.

In *French Postcards* the filmmaker's weaknesses get the better of their strengths.



The tension builds between Jean Rochefort and Marie-France Pisier, who oversee the Institute of French Studies in Willard Huyck's romantic comedy *French Postcards*.



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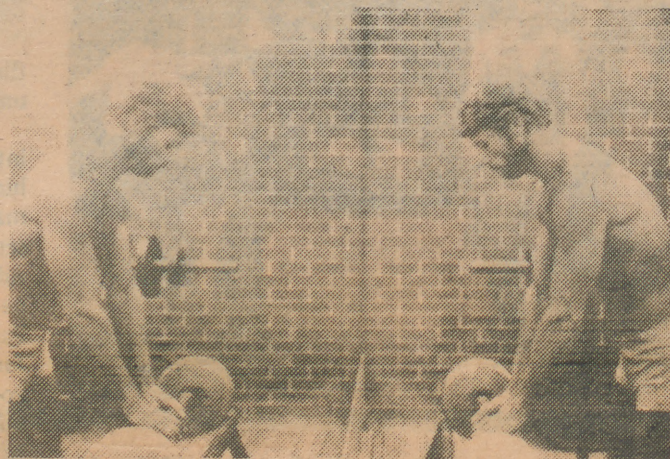
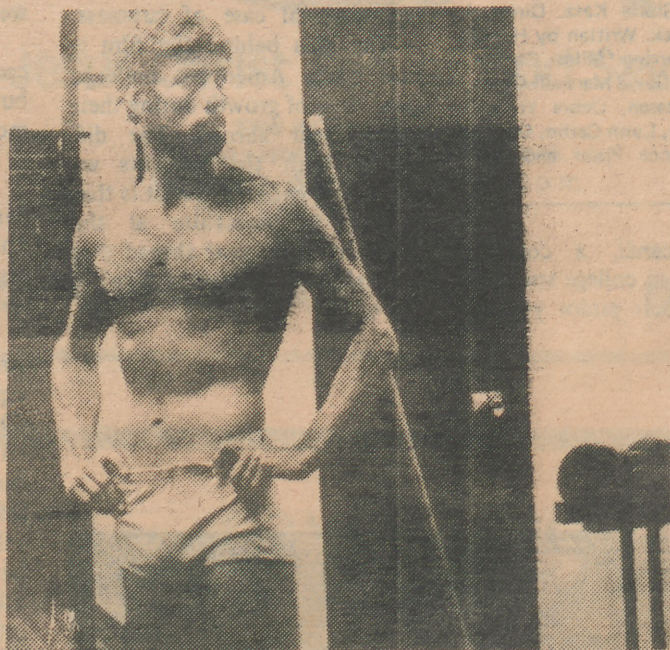
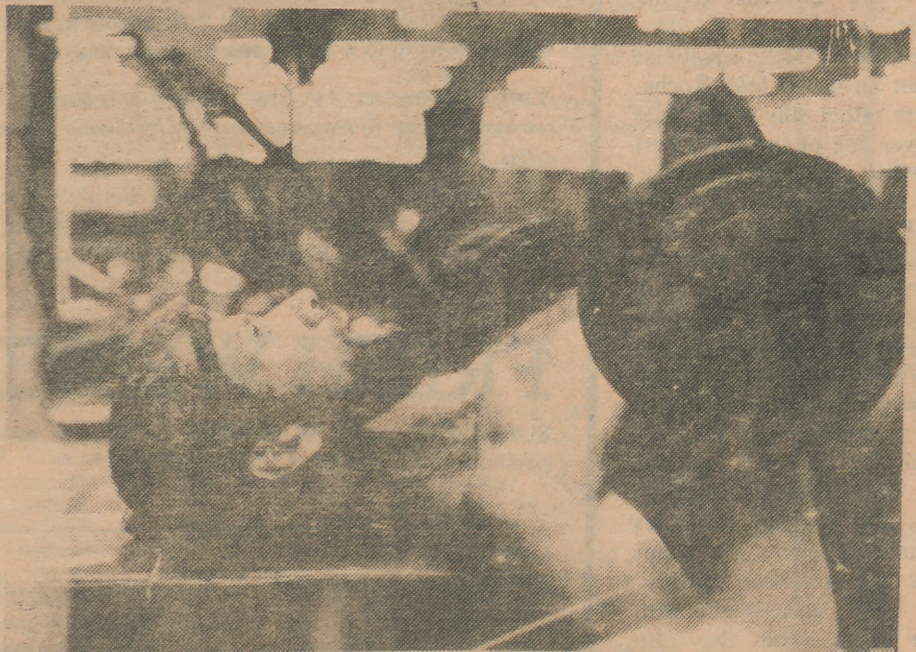
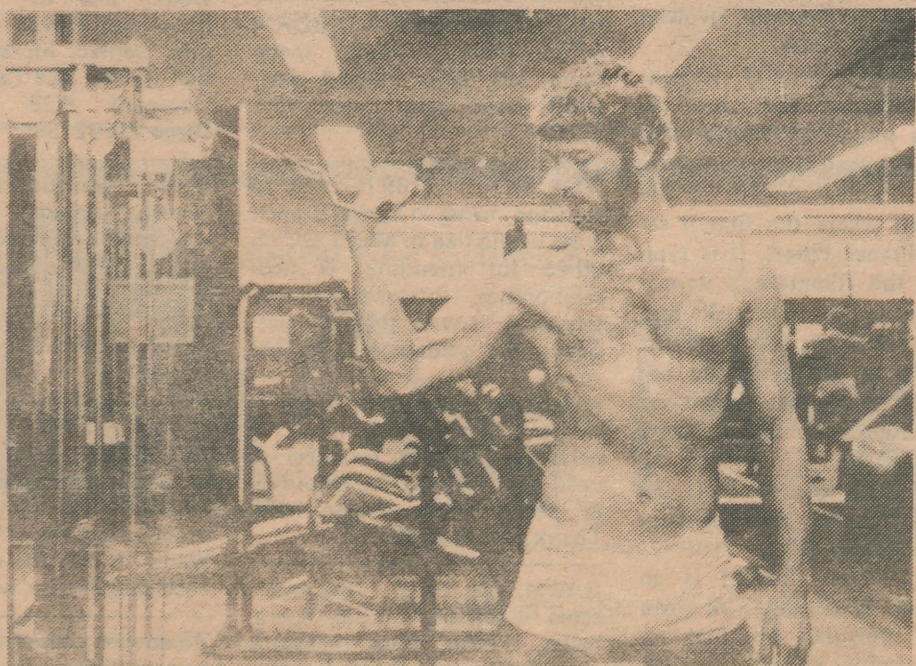
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