

# MONTROSE STAR

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## A Pie in the Face Makes the Streets Safe at Night

### B.K. JOHNSON:

*Rally at City Hall on Monday to Voice Police Chief Designate Disapproval, Lack of Citizen Input.*

By Bill Lubing  
STAR EDITOR

The Houston Gay Political Caucus has called for a peaceful rally to be held this Monday, March 3, at the City Hall Reflection Pool at 7:30 PM. The group will be comprised of those citizens opposing Mayor Jim McConn's choice of Police Chief Designate B. K. Johnson.

The GPC Board of Trustees, at its regularly scheduled meeting last Wednesday evening, February 27, instructed that organization's president to involve people from other minorities in the rally.

Steve Shiflett, GPC president told *The Montrose Star*, "My opinion is if the police chief cannot take a stand on fair and impartial treatment of any group of citizens then it is not worth being police chief."

He went on to say in a meeting with Police Chief Designate Johnson, the GPC asked him for a policy statement concerning equal treatment of gays in custody and on the street, "as well as a policy statement ending slurs (made by Johnson) like 'faggots and dykes,' said Shiflett.

Until last Wednesday Johnson indicated he would not issue such a policy statement. On Thursday Johnson said he would put together a policy statement, working with GPC's suggestions making the policy statement acceptable to the group.

Shiflett said the rally was still on,

statement then the next day he's willing."

"It doesn't bother me that some people who are opposed to B.K. Johnson want to hold a peaceful rally," KILT-FM radio quoted Mayor McConn as saying Thursday evening.

"All I can say is there are many people who feel very strongly B.K. Johnson will make a very good police chief. And we're going to be hearing from those people very soon."

Organizers of the rally are concerned about the lack of community input concerning the appointment of Johnson as chief designate. They feel Houston citizens were not consulted enough by McConn, that his decision was hasty, and ill conceived.

On Wednesday, February 27, Johnson was asked on KPRC radio, "Are you opposed to homosexuality." According to Shiflett, Johnson said, "I am violently opposed to it."

"'Violently' is a harsh word," suggested the reporter.

Johnson reportedly said, "But that's the way I feel about it because of my family upbringing and religion.

Shiflett said in light of the anti-gay statements made by the chief, "If we hear this before the confirmation and the chief is stupid enough to issue statements that he is violently

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## Women's Coalition Formed

Because of a lack of sensitivity on women's issues in the past, a coalition of women has formed in the Gay Political Caucus.

Jenny Willinger, GPC secretary and co-founder of the group told **The Star** the coalition, will serve to "educate the men in the Caucus as well as bring about more assertive action by the women of GPC."

The Coalition was founded by seven women, and the first meeting was held Thursday evening, February 28.

Before the meeting, Willinger said, "We are working up a slate of goals for the coalition. We plan to meet with the president (of GPC) once a month to discuss issues, problems, etc."

The committee will also look into discrimination of women and other minorities from gay business. Willinger also said police brutality will be a big issue with the coalition.

"We will do what we can to increase women's membership in GPC," told Willinger, "and try reaching out to the women in the community to become a part of the caucus."

For more information on the women's coalition, contact Jenny Willinger at 869-7231.

## Counseling Center fundraisers slated; Noted Author to Speak

The Montrose Counseling Center is presenting Charles Silverstein, Ph.D. noted lecturer, founding editor of the *Journal of Homosexuality*, and author of *The Joy of Gay Sex*, *A Family Matter* and soon to be released *Man to Man*.

Dr Silverstein is to be featured at two fundraising events benefiting the Montrose Counseling Center.

Sunday, March 16 at the Brazos River Bottom come by meet, and talk with Dr. Silverstein and the staff of the Center, in addition to the usual good time and band at the River Bot-

tom. The usual \$1 cover is being donated to the Montrose Counseling Center.

Additional contributions will be appreciated.

Monday, March 17 a fundraiser dinner and talk will be held at the Shamrock Hilton. Cost will be \$50 per plate.

For further information and your tickets to the dinner, contact the Montrose Counseling Center at 900 Lovett, Suite 209 in Houston, or call 529-0037.

Your contribution is tax-deductable.

## Gay Pride Week Planning Meeting This Sunday,

By George Barnhart  
Star Staff

Anybody who resided in Houston in 1979 can remember the biggest week that was... Gay Pride Week '79.

The parade, the picnic, the ball game with the cops, the show and memorial services. Who can forget the climatic moment. Gina Constanza, fireworks, and the Star Spangled Banner all combined in a soaring rush of victorious Gay Pride.

Organizers of last years event want to know how many people are interested in repeating that marvelous experience this year-even bigger, if that is possible.

In order to ascertain the magnitude of the upcoming event and organize the participants, a special communitywide meeting will be held Sunday, March 2, at the Family offices in the rear of the Family Activity Hall (entrance in the back of the building.)

The meeting will be starting promptly at 2:30.

Community leaders are anticipating total community involvement in the parade and other full-week activities.

In order to successfully plan for this event all community businesses and groups are urged to have at least one member present at this meeting.

MONTROSE MARK



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"Strange... my name's Mark, too."

## MONTROSE STAR

### Montrose Patrol Benefit WINNER

### Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf





# GRIZZLY ANTICS

## Action in the City Last Week

(Editor's Note: New in the Montrose Star this week is the column **Grizzly Antics**. Written by 'Teddy Bear' he will periodically keep us up to date on what's happening in the city.)

By Teddy Bear  
STAR CONTRIBUTOR

Now that **Mardi Gras** is over and this town is trying (and I do mean *trying*) to recuperate I'll let you know just what did happen this past chaotic weekend -- and let you in on a few events coming up in the future.

As you know, February 22 Houston became a wild town. Friday morning started off with the **Rodeo Parade** downtown. I understand the crowds were large and the cowboys were hunky. Friday night at 9 PM **Mary's** and **Houston Motorcycle Club** hosted registratio for the annual **Let's Entertain You** weekend, put on by the Houston bike and western clubs.

The numerous out-of-town guests were hunky, hungry and gorgeous.

There were bikers from San Francisco, Seal Beach California, Florida, plus clubs from Dallas, San Antonio and Austin.

Also that night at the **Venture-N** the **Lone Star Brigade** hosted registration for the **American Uniform Association Mid-winter Muster**. I understand they registered representatives from New York, London, California and other states.

Saturday started out semi-peaceful. By the end of the night you would have thought you were back at **Mardi Gras**.

At 11 AM **Tejas MC** and **The Dog Patch II Saloon** sponsored eye-openers and more registration for **LEW**. About 75 brave and hung over butch numbers attended this festive little get together.

At the **Brazos River Bottom** Saturday night the **Colt 45's** had a beer bust. At 2 AM the **Lonestar Brigade** had an after hours **Uniform and Colors Together** party at the **Venture-N**. From what I was told with all the butch numbrs at the party any queen in this town could have had her pick of husbands.

The **Imperial Court of Houston** was out Saturday night, also making

a tour of the bars. The **Exile** welcomed her **Imperial Majesty** with open arms.

I went to the **Parade** and caught part of the **Krewe of Olympus** show. If you see a few of our stars here in the city walking around with new gowns I can possibly say where they got the ideas. Want to thank **Jerry Menefee** for bringing such a wonderful show to Houston.

The costumes were *Fantastic!*

**Numbers** had a great show. The **Mardi Gras Madness Party** sponsored by **MGM** was wild from the talk I hear.

Sunday dawned very slowly for quite a few of us. After Saturday night what do you expect, miracles.

At the **Barn** at noon, the **Mustang Club** had a fantastic buffet, with plenty of food and booze. At 1 PM the **Texas Conference of Clubs** met, and finalized plans for **Lonestar 3**. More about that later.

At 3 PM the **Exile** and **Texas Riders** with the **Cobras** held a farewell beer bust.

There were T-dances all over this town Sunday afternoon.

Sunday night there was a benefit show for **Doglady** at the **Dogpatch 2** to help out after the bar was robbed on February 18 -- of over \$1000.

Monday and Tuesday, February 25 and 26, at the **Parade Disco** there was a benefit for the **Montrose Patrol** a very vital organization in the community. I attended Monday night's festivities.

There were different booths, pie throwing, kissing, T-shirt Sales. I saw who else but the **Montrose Star** selling chances for a full page ad in the paper. **Astro Rainbow Society for the Deaf** were the winners on that chance.

Part of the evening was broadcast live on **KPFT** radio, with **Ray Hill** hosting.

On Tuesday evening the barbecue was *hot!*

For all you bikers, leather and western and **GDI's**, here are two dates to remember:

April 11 through 13 will be the **Mustang III** anniversary. May 23 through 26 will be **Lonestar III**. More on these two runs next column.

Growl for now!

## 'Cruising' Viewed From the Picket Line

By Christopher Hart  
Special to the Star

It was by no means the first picket line I had been part of. However, back in New York, in gay demonstrations I happened to be just one out of a hundred or more. Here the situation was a bit different. So far -- February 19 -- we've been somewhere between 10 and 20 people out at the **Shamrock Theatre** which means more visibility for the individual. And how did it work out?

There was some initial nervousness on my behalf - let's be honest - but soon the feeling of doing something positive, something I firmly believe in, took over. The reactions by the prospective movie-goers were various, curious gazes; silent respect;

interest in our cause, our reason to be out there; conversations with people exchanging pros and cons.

And the results; mixed as well. Visible results such as couples and individuals leaving the waiting line, some of which had had no idea whatsoever what the movie was actually about due to the totally misleading commercials, and other seemed turned off by the violence which was depicted in our leaflets.

Of course, there were those folks who claimed: "Gee, we love violence."

Some people said it was their freedom of choice to see the picture which none of the picketers denied.

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Here's an example of the serious partying last weekend when the 'Krewe of Olympus, New Orleans celebrated its tenth anniversary at the Parade Disco.

Photo by Michal Alaniz



# NATIONAL

## US State Department and INS Harassment Discourage Dutch

After several days of meetings with Congressional leaders and administration officials, two members of the Dutch Parliament left Washington Thursday less optimistic about changes in American immigration policy than when they arrived.

The Hon. Harry Vanderbergh (Labour Party) and the Hon. Frederick Porthine (Liberal Party) delivered copies of a petition signed by 133 of the 150 members of the Parliament of the Netherlands to Associate Attorney General Shenefield, Senator Cranston and Representatives Waxman and Holtzman.

The "Letter from the Dutch Parliament to the American Congress" requests repeal of Section 212.a.4 of the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act that forbids foreign lesbians and gay men from entering the United States.

Vanderbergh and Porthine called US State Department and INS harassment of known or suspected

homosexuals as "an antiquated practice unbefitting a friend and ally." The legislators claimed US immigration policy is a clear violation of human rights that contravenes the Helsinki Agreement.

Following a meeting with Associate Attorney General Shenefield, INS Commissioner David Crosland III, and other Justice Department attorneys, Vanderbergh remarked that he expects no change in the Justice Department's current position.

Two other attenders of the Justice Department meeting, Clint Hockenberry of the International Lesbian and Gay Association and Gilberto Gerald of the National Coalition of Black Gays, concurred with Vanderbergh's assessment.

During that meeting Shenefield indicated the Justice Department would base its ruling on the on the legislative intent of the 1952 nCongress.



### INS Petitioned

When asked specifically whether medical certification were necessary for a determination of psychopathic personality or sexual deviation, the Associate Attorney General stated that an admission of being homosexual and other evidence could be considered without Public Health Service involvement.

Porthine and Vanderbergh were similarly discouraged about early passage of pro-gay Senate and House bills amending the 1952 law.

Although Congressional passage of the Cranston and Waxman-Beilenson-Dixon bills may be an uphill fight, the International Lesbian and Gay Association neverthe-

(Left to right): Hon. Harry Vanderbergh, Rep. Henry Waxman, Clint Hockenberry, Hon. Frederick Porthine, Steve Endean.

less enthusiastically endorses the Gay Rights National Lobby's efforts in support of S2210 and HR6303.

Through its member organizations, ILGA is gathering petitions from other European Parliaments.

Already the Danish Forbundet of 1948 and the Swedish Riksförbundet for Sexual Likaberättigande have contacted the Dutch Lesbian-Gay organization, COC, for copies of the their petition. In addition, ILGA will work with foreign government delegations to raise United States anti-gay immigration policies at the Spanish conference on the Helsinki Agreement later this year. •

## Kennedy Criticizes Justice Dept Proposal to Exclude Gay Aliens

In a letter to the National Gay Task Force, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Edward M. Kennedy expressed his concern over recent actions by the Immigration and Naturalization Service at US points of entry and the steps proposed by the Justice Department to implement exclusions used against lesbian and gay aliens.

In 1965 the House Judiciary Committee added the term "sexual deviation" to the immigration act amendments then under consideration by the Congress. The House language carried in the Conference Committee.

"Despite this legislative history," wrote Kennedy, "I believe the Justice Department had considerable room to rule contrary to its narrowly defined memorandum on December

10--placing the Immigration Service in an untenable position. But the need now, however, is not to look to the past -- or to, our discriminatory history -- but to look toward future reform."

"I believe all 33 subsections of Section 212(A) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act, as now written, should be repealed and replaced with reasonable and humane provisions, consistent with current law and practice," asserted Kennedy. "Had these sections applied to American citizens, rather than aliens, they would undoubtedly have been thrown out in court years ago."

Representatives of the National Gay Task Force and their attorneys, Gay Rights Advocates of San Francisco, met with acting Associate Attorney General John H. Shenefield

on January 30 in a final effort to change the December 10 Office of Legal Counsel view that INS must resume exclusion of lesbian and gay aliens without the participation of the Public Health Service.

"The view of our attorneys is that the Office of Legal Counsel memorandum is not supported by the law," commented NGTF Co-Executive Directors Charles F. Brydon and Lucia Valeska. "The Immigration Service cannot develop enforcement procedures different from those prescribed by Congress. The changed circumstances created by advances in the medical and scientific view of homosexuality should be accepted by the Justice Department and the matter closed."

## Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights Attacked

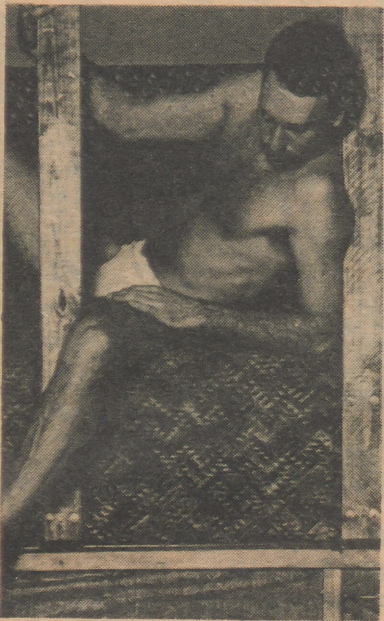
In a recent fundraising appeal, the Christian Voice lobby has called on "concerned Christians" to flood Congress with letters opposing the national gay/lesbian civil rights bill in the House of Representatives, HR 2074. This is the first organized letter writing campaign to Congress on the issue.

A spokesperson for Cristian Voice said, "If homosexuals can impress Congress with 100,000 marchers, then we must impress Congress with 500,000 letters from concerned Christians."

The House bill (2074), if passed, would amend the existing civil rights law to prohibit discrimination based on "affectual preference or sexual orientation" in employment, housing, and the military.



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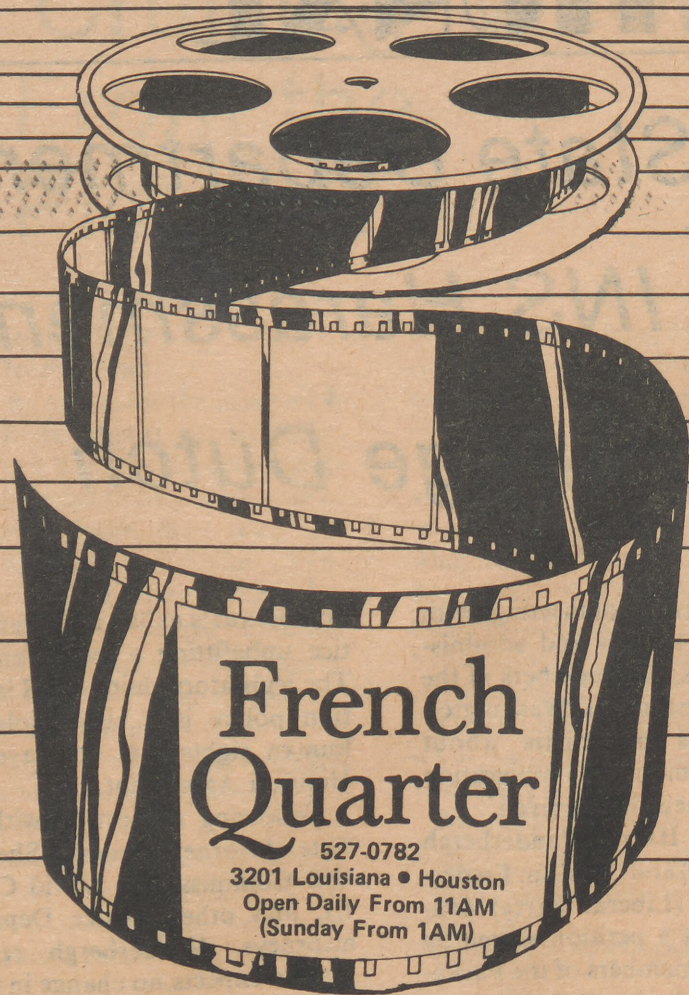
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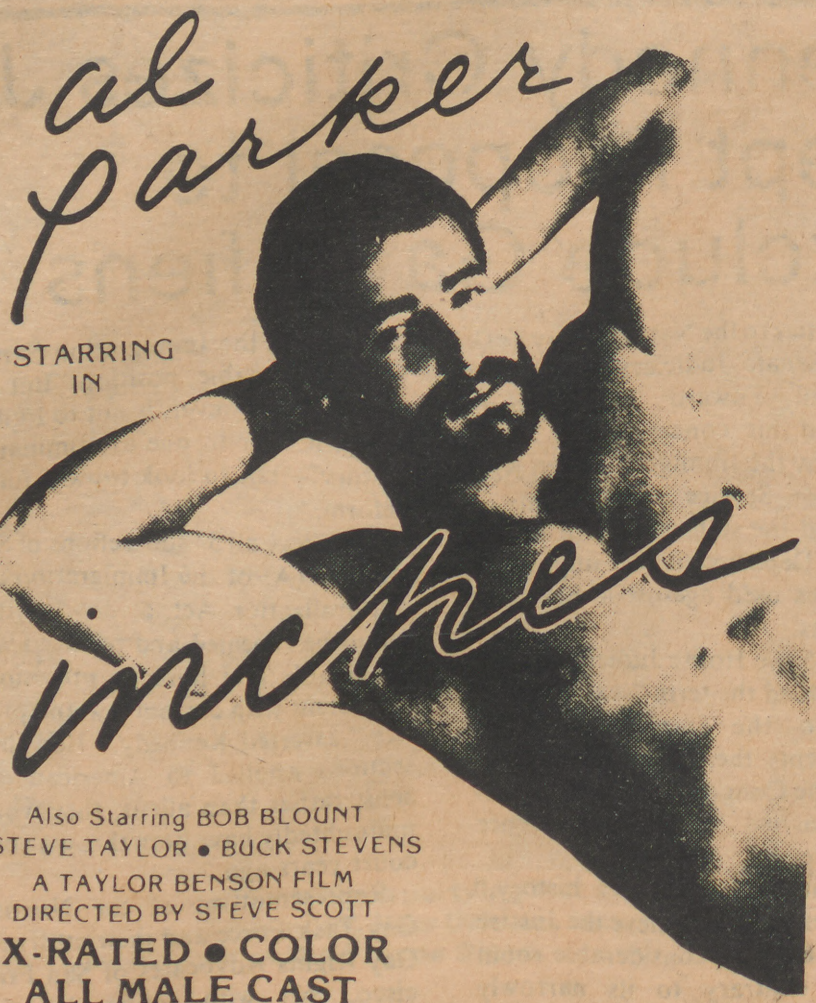
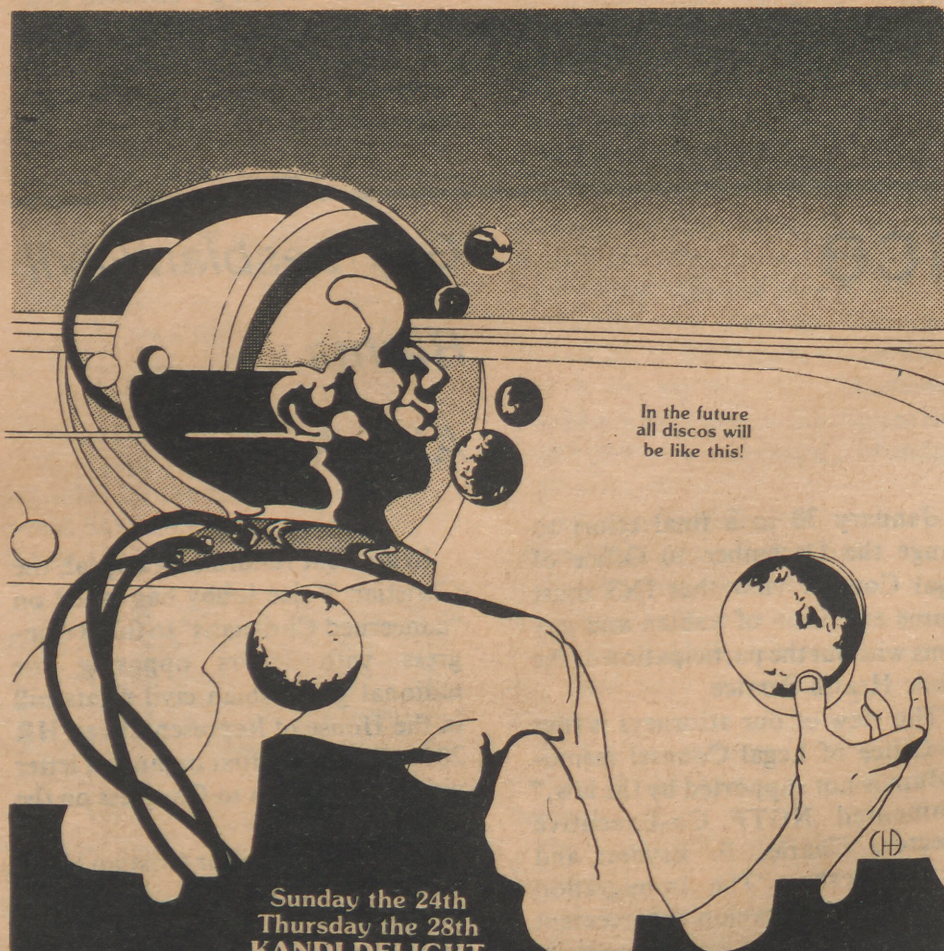
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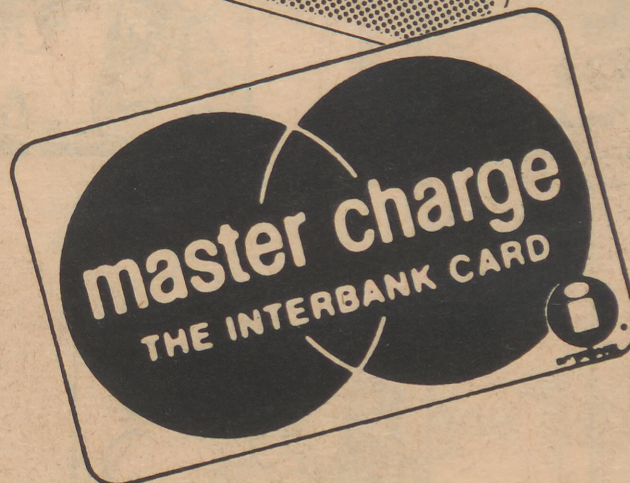
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# NATIONAL

## No Sexual Activity at Women's Institute

SALEM, OREGON -- (IGNA) -- The Oregon Women's Correctional Center has a set of 14 rules. One of the most controversial forbids sexual activity.

Gayle Smith, an inmate, is quoted in the *Oregon Statesman-Journal* this way: "There's just a very few lesbians in here, but they act like all of us are lesbians. Two people can't even be in the same bedroom together. You can't even visit your friends room."

Inmate Theresa King added, "They really magnify a lot of little stuff. If somebody's having a problem, I've

learned the best thing to do is to go over and give them a hug, give them some support. But over here, you can't even touch somebody, let alone hold their hand or put your arm around them. That's homosexual activity."

Female Superintendent Lee Gierloff said, "I've seen a lot of touching, a lot of hugging, and the staff does not deal with it as a sexual activity. It depends on who is doing the touching and who is doing the hugging."

She added: "There are some who have been known to engage in

homosexual activity. They're probably going to be watched more closely, and they may feel harassed and picked on."

While inmates generally rate Gierloff's treatment as fair, many said that other staff members are too rigid. The prisoners believe that the staff relates to them on a parent-child level instead of an adult basis.

Sgt. Richard Holder of the staff acknowledged that the inmates have a valid point, but he said that when control was looser, "the staff felt like they were just being servants and they didn't have the control they needed. I

see very little disrespect, whereas I feel there used to be a lot of it."

Pat Tuthill, the education coordinator, said that 40 women are involved in the prison's educational/vocational programs. She said, "The philosophy of the institution is that the programs are there. But they're voluntary."

She also said: "The women who come here have very traditional ideas of what women should do. We have to pull teeth to get anyone to go over to the Oregon State Correctional Institution (for courses)."

## Gay Teacher Fired, Denied Rehiring

SEATTLE, (IGNA) -- The former Tacoma High School teacher who was dismissed in 1972 for being homosexual has reapplied for -- and has been denied -- a job with the school district.

James M. Gaylord, who taught social studies for 12 years in Tacoma, applied for work as a junior/senior librarian, social studies or resource teacher.

As quoted in the *Seattle Times*, the head of the American Civil Liberties Union, Peter Judge, said: "There's no question in my mind he's been denied because he's a homosexual, and that seems to me unreasonable."

The ACLU is analyzing the school district's decision and may file

another lawsuit to retest the Tacoma School Board's court-backed decision that homosexuals are "immoral."

The state-court ruling was left undisturbed by the United States Supreme Court in 1977.

Gaylord himself has written to the man in charge of personnel, saying: "I have examined this fall's minutes of the board of directors and note the both junior high school social studies teachers newly hired by the district . . . and several of the new resource teachers . . . clearly have educational preparation and teaching experience far inferior to my own."

Willie Stewart, of personnel, answered Gaylord as follows: "The dis-

trict does not respond to an applicant's request for reasons why some person other than the applicant was hired for a position." Thus anti-gay employers are answerable only to themselves.

Since his dismissal, Gaylord has been working part time as a combination business agent and clerk for the Tacoma Federation of Teachers, earning less than half what he was paid as a teacher.

It should be pointed out that Gaylord was never convicted of anything and that he is the one who brought suit, not the other way around.

And yet the board members who fired Gaylord when asked their feelings about rehiring him, said such

things as the following: "I have not changed position one bit. I wouldn't want him at all or anyone like him (because of) what he was convicted for."

David R. Tuell, another board member, answered that he has to be concerned with the potential for a harmful educational situation posed by a gay teacher in contact with "young people."

Jim Boze, another board member, said he would vote the same way. "It's the price they have to pay for being different."

"The ACLU considers the Gaylord decision an abomination," said Roger Winters, office administrator.

**FARLEY**



## 'Babies Without Fathers' Conceived Amid Paranoia

SAN FRANCISCO -- (IGNA) -- Jane R. is a 27-year-old lesbian who wants to be a mother.

So she found a man who was willing to donate his sperm and inseminated herself (with a little help from her friends) in her own home.

She did it by going around the medical establishment.

Fearing legal reprisals, Jane arranged two go-betweens. One knows her; one knows the man, and the go-betweens know each other. This way, any one person involved knows only one other. Nobody knows all the links in the chain.

The secrecy is a result of cases and laws elsewhere. Jane, as quoted in the *Oregon Herald*, said that there have been cases in England where insemi-

nation clinics have been shut down when it was discovered that they were helping lesbians to become pregnant.

So far as she knows, there are no laws covering single women or lesbians in the United States. But she is being careful.

She plans to put her lover's name on the birth certificate as the father. Laura will co-parent. Jane said, "I want a child in my life, but I want other adults to be involved in the day-to-day care as well as in the decision-making."

When asked how she was going to handle the subject of fathers with the child, Jane simply said, "When my child asks about its father, I'm going to tell the truth."



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## Montrose Patrol Benefit nets \$8,500 and A Lot of Fun!

By George Barnhart  
STAR STAFF

Billed as a matter of 'life and death,' the Parade Disco hosted a two day carnival to benefit the Montrose Patrol.

The political, and civic organizations as well as local businesses set up booths featuring food, prizes, drawings, T-shirts, etc., to be sold with the profits going to the Patrol. Included were taco's, and barbecue and haircuts, enjoyed by over 1,000 party-goers.

An unofficial count put the donations to the Patrol at \$8,500 for the retirement of the debt incurred by the Patrol for needed radio communications equipment. For the duration of the two-day festival, Monday and Tuesday, March 25 and 26, the Parade donated its cover charge to the Patrol.

The Montrose Singers, under the direction of Andy Mills, keynoted the commencement of the extravaganza. KPFT radio carried the Montrose Singers and other events live via a live remote hook-up during the Wilde N' Stein radio show, hosted by Ray Hill.

After the singers hilarious comedy was presented by members of the Patrol in a *Saturday Night Live* takeoff.

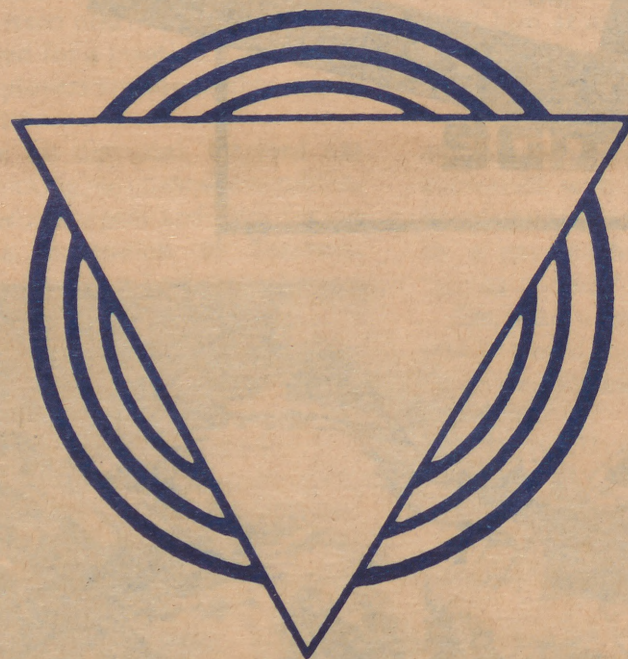
Campy drag was next on the program -- provided by local talent and the Parade, New Orleans.

The second evening featured a Texas style barbecue. Texas style country music was supplied by the Mustang Band and the Brazos River Rats -- reminiscent of days gone by under the previous owners of the Parade, when it was called the Texas Opry House, resounding with the melodic Western tastes rather than the frantic beat of disco. The only difference being the beautiful hunky men dancing WITH beautiful hunky men.

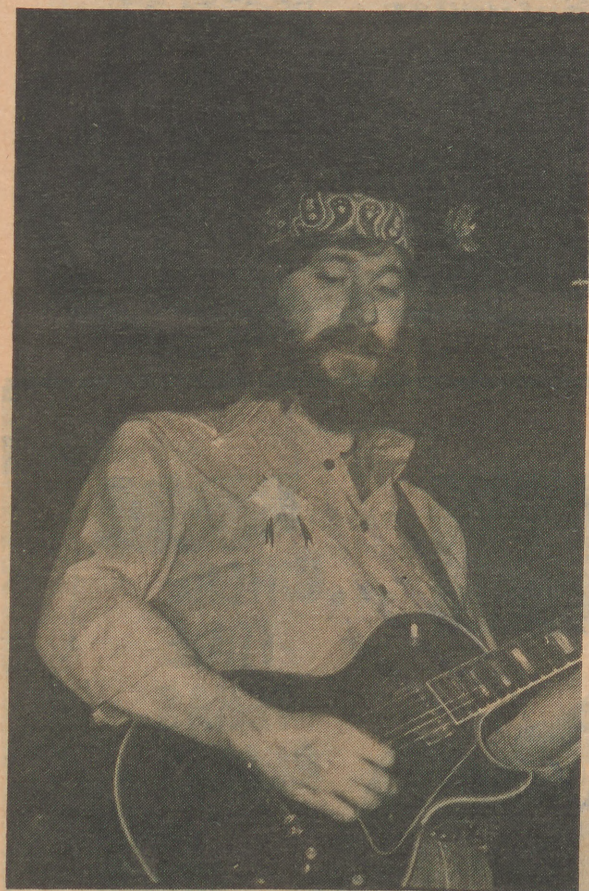
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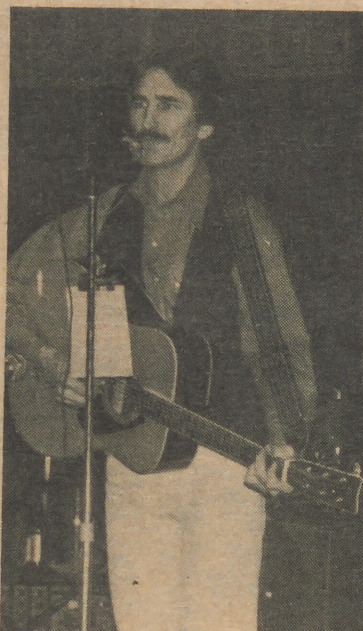
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# HEALTH

## ALCOHOLISM: *The Dangers to Your Health*

Alcoholism is now designated as a disease. It is debatable whether certain individuals have a physiological or psychological predilection for addiction, but the fact remains that it is a self-inflicted disease, since no one need become an alcoholic against his wishes.

The tragedy is that so many unsuspecting drinkers so insidiously destroy their health in the process.

The brain and related nervous tissues are often the first affected. Severe damage results in alcoholic psychosis called Korsakoff-Wernicke syndrome, typified by mental deterioration and memory defects. Computer x-rays can now show alcoholic brain shrinkage. Unsteady

gait, while sober, is another sign of nerve disease.

Alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver is familiar to most everyone. Many drinkers rationalize, however, that taking vitamins and eating regularly can prevent cirrhosis. Not so. They too may end with jaundice, swollen legs and bellies, and death. Since cirrhosis is painless, the liver can literally rot without discomfort.

Alcoholic heart muscle damage (cardiac myopathy) also occurs. This too produces no symptoms until heart failure ensues.

Recent reports that one or two cocktails a day may prevent arteriosclerosis thereby benefiting your heart are highly speculative,

risky and questionable.

"Fetal alcoholic syndrome" is now a well documented disease. Heavy drinking mothers may give birth to mentally retarded children with smaller brains and bodies. Even "social" drinking during pregnancy would thus seem unfair to the unborn child.

Peptic ulcers are aggravated by alcohol, which causes a pouring out of gastric juices. Ulcer bleeding and perforation may occur.

Pancreatitis, often recurrent and chronic can be alcohol induced. Pancreatitis can be fatal. Alcohol also aggravates the regulation of diabetes.

Blood clotting deficiency, the

black and blue marks seen in alcoholics, are caused by a drop in platelets and vitamin K deficiency resulting in a generalized bleeding tendency.

A new FDA report points out that alcohol interferes with the action of at least half of doctor's prescribed medications, a new and very complicated problem.

*COMMENTARY: It is clear from all the above, that you do not drink "to your health." If at all, you drink to sickness. Whether you can drink moderately "socially", and still maintain an optimum state of health is debatable, - while the risk of becoming addicted and impairing your health are great.*

## Mardi Gras: Delightful and Decadent Atmosphere of 'Carnival'

By Roy Hall

Now that Mardi Gras has gone for another year, I can share with our readers some words of wisdom picked up through my own experiences surrounding what was my first Mardi Gras.

- Never go to Mardi Gras with terminal pneumonia. I did. I know it would have been much more fun if I had been in good health.

- Do not carry tons of cameras like I did. Depending on the weather, plan to wear as little and carry as little as humanly possible. We personally liked the idea of the man we saw in a bar Carnival night who was wearing silver gloves and matching boots, along with a few strands of beads. (Right! That's all he had on!)

- Get there early. Even if there aren't parades all the time and even though Tuesday is the day for misrule, the French Quarter alone is worth the time you'll put into walking its streets. You'll find everything there from elegant shops like the maid d'Orleans (a queen's paradise) to a voodoo shop, if you want to hex somebody, to Santa's quarters, which still has a creche and trees in its windows and probably will have all year, to shows like the Unisex Club, whose censored pictures outside would indicate that there is professional coed

totally nude dancing inside. I didn't make it inside, but my hosts told me that this is New Orleans and that probably there was fully nude dancing.

We found nobody making it on the streets, but there were several bars which had patios and one even had (but wasn't showing) dirty movies.

After 10 PM Carnival night, all the gay businesses did a surge in business and all the straights went home. So it was pretty much our town then.

Those famous parades down Canal, the world's widest street -- the crowds waving wildly at the floats, screaming, "Throw me something, mister," (which was cleverly on the trash cans too).

The people riding the floats throw stings of beads, fake doubloons with the name of their krewe and occasionally such things as toy spears and coconuts.

Everybody wants their souvenir.

One woman stood in front of me during the Baccus parade, wearing about fifteen or so strands of beads and kept grabbing for more -- she was taller than me.

A warning: The weather there is fickle, too. Take your earmuffs and your cutoffs a well. Be prepared just in case.

If wild costuming is your scene, you'll love Mardi Gras. Old queens,

young queens, fat and skinny and pimply queens parade up the streets in feathered head dresses several feet tall, praying against a breeze arising. Sequins are everywhere. Skin is much in evidence.

(We overheard ne group encounter a pair of newlyweds who had just been kicked out of Pat O'Brien's because the girl exposed her breasts.)

A young man wearing a feathered Indian head dress and a belt with flaps fore and aft notices two women giving him some obvious attention. He lifts the rear flap -- no, he isn't wearing underwear.

We must throw in a rave for the Golden Star Restaurant. If you're kinky, as I am, you can always get a cheap thrill watching the live lobsters give you the evil eye before they get served up.

And their waiters are just the cutest as a total unit that we could have asked for. One looked like a little doll, but the cut of his shorts told us that he was alive, healthy and male.

Another was being careless while sitting in his cutoffs (without underwear). My waiter was mooning customers and permitting tips to be placed down the front of his jockey shorts instead of on the table.

Oh, yes . . . the food wasn't especially bad, either.

Everyone -- except total prudes

and/or successful suicides -- should attend Mardi Gras at least once in their lifetimes. It's a day so big that an entire town revolves around it.

Stores close down, and almost everything comes to a screeching halt while madness reigns citywide, but centering on that ultimate red light district, the French Quarter.

I personally had listened to people year after year who spoke of their visit (s) to Mardi Gras, telling of the revelry, excitement and the delightful and decadent atmosphere of Carnival. The only way is to experience it for oneself.

Mardi Gras is a festival all its own, and the French Quarter is a little world within its own right.

So, if things in the city get all bogged down and dry and lifeless, there's hope. Start planning to go where the bands are marching, the drums are pounding, the floats are colorful and the doubloons are flying. Lie awake nights thinking of the streets lined with balconies and filled with costumed (and almost totally uncostumed) partying revelers.

Start to work on researching your own personal thesis on the deadly sins of the world. Greed . . . lust . . . pride . . . you'll find them all at Mardi Gras, and more -- the adventure of your life!



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# MAY to SEPTEMBER

## How Not to Cope With a Bisexual Lover



By Ted Brink  
STAR COLUMNIST

*We were in Hollywood, where you can smell the money where the main street sidewalks are inset with gold stars. David, now twenty, and I, searching for the life that begins at 40, had left Michigan to make more than love. Our Glorious TV series hadn't been picked up on second option by the studio. With money running low, David discovered a girl he wanted.*

Life in any metropolitan city can be very much a downer when you are poor. In Hollywood, David and I struggled to keep going, calling on a few pals long distance for donations -- loans, they were called -- and working odd-jobs.

We were together two-and-a-half years there, always broke after the TV money ran out. Now I feel sure we would still be together if it hadn't been for the girl and my lack of understanding about bisexuality.

The time we had together blurs.

During the year and many months remaining we had many happy times. Otherwise David would have left me sooner than he did. In looking back I realize how hard he tried to make things work and how, in the crucial times, I put giant road blocks in the way.

I tried to fill all the hours I could taking him to audition for directors and studios. I developed one extremely close, fine friendship with

a marvelous man who also befriended David.

My friend's name was Gary. He was 40, a writer and composer. Gary invited us over many evenings, knowing that it pleased me to have David with me, that the handsome young man had few moments to even think for himself.

Gary was also the director of the little theatre group we had joined. And so it was that the man whose friendship I treasured most in the world, until his untimely passing, introduced my lover to Betty.

A 'plain-Jane' of a girl, Betty lavished attention on David. He couldn't help but be pleased. I blew up when he told me he was seeing her once in a while. Of course, David, continued seeing her when I thought he was working at some odd task.

I was soon to learn how close they were.

My beautiful canary-colored Chevy convertible had been repossessed. David and I purchased a 1950 Plymouth station wagon for \$50.

I don't know how we did it, but we drove that little black beauty back to Michigan for a quick visit and returned in it to California. It was winter and the car had no operating heater. We sat close, groping to keep warm.

When we returned I found a note taped to our front door. It was from Betty. A nice note it was not.

Betty was very upset that David had gone off without telling her, I read. As my young lover was getting

things out of the car to bring in, I read that she wanted to know when they were getting married!

I was in a state of shock as David took the note from me, read it and went in.

No, he didn't want to marry her. He just wanted to be able to see her.

We had bad words, tears -- I felt my world beginning to fall apart. Finally, I grudgingly agreed that maybe once in a while his seeing her would be alright.

I don't think I'd even heard of the world bisexual then. For several years thereafter, I felt it was a cop-out. So called bisexuals were really gays who just weren't quite ready to face up to gay life yet. In this more enlightened time, I know that isn't always true. But sometimes it is.

In David's case, it was a fact.

I never let loose of the reins on David. Later, when he met another girl, falling in love with her, he left me while I was out on an errand -- without a word or a note.

Before he walked out, David made every effort to keep me happy sexually. I'm sure he hoped I would come to an understanding about realities -- that he wanted me while also wanting to see a girl off and on. My sullen disapproval of this concept of gay life continued on through several lovers, destroying much of the the happiness we could have achieved.

Treating a lover in any relationship, regardless of age differences between them, with such disregard for their basic human rights, will

always cause turmoil. But in a gay relationship where the young lover is 15, 20 or 30 years younger than the older partner, the 'toil and trouble' is compounded by the differing standards of ones' early upbringing.

I found myself expecting -- even assuming -- that since we were lovers, pals able to do many things in equality, the beautiful guy I treasured would have the same values and standards as I did. Remember that great slogan "Never Assume!"

Gary was doing his part trying to keep up together. He knew we were very good together in business, encouraging us to try new projects. But the end was in sight. Gary told me I would lose him. When it happened I fell apart.

I was at Gary Levin's apartment when the worst happened. He had asked David to come over and try and see if something could be worked out.

I was there to meet David. He was living with his new girl, intending to marry her. Our talk was all bad. I couldn't continue.

I fell to the floor sobbing. David left, slamming the door.

I was experiencing my first nervous breakdown.

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**NEXT WEEK: 'Thank Heaven for Gary Levin**



**(Editor's Note:** Bear Capron is an American-born Dutch actor who had his visa to visit the U.S. cancelled by the American consulate in Amsterdam because he was a homosexual.)

I woke up two weeks ago to a morning paper reporting Cyrus Vance's directive to American embassies and consulates around the world. He had written to remind them that the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Act (1917, 1952, 1965) was still law and must be enforced -- specifically that foreign homosexuals are not allowed to enter the U.S. and should not be issued visas.

I feel particularly outraged.

Some people may find it strange that I didn't just keep my mouth shut, hide my way of loving and hold onto my precious visa for visiting my fatherland.

First they told me, "If you just act normal and don't make a point of it you can keep your visa." I simply reiterated that I am so-called homosexual and had come to inquire about my right to the visa stamped in my passport.

The special stamp I would have gotten in my passport was another stigma, like the pink triangles homosexuals were required to wear in World War II. On the 16th of January the Consul cancelled my visa to enter the U.S.

Maybe I should hae been emotionally prepared for this next chapter in American hypocrisy. Still I am shocked.

So I am writing to you in this way to tell you that for no good reason I'm not allowed to return home and to remind you that you can help me and those of

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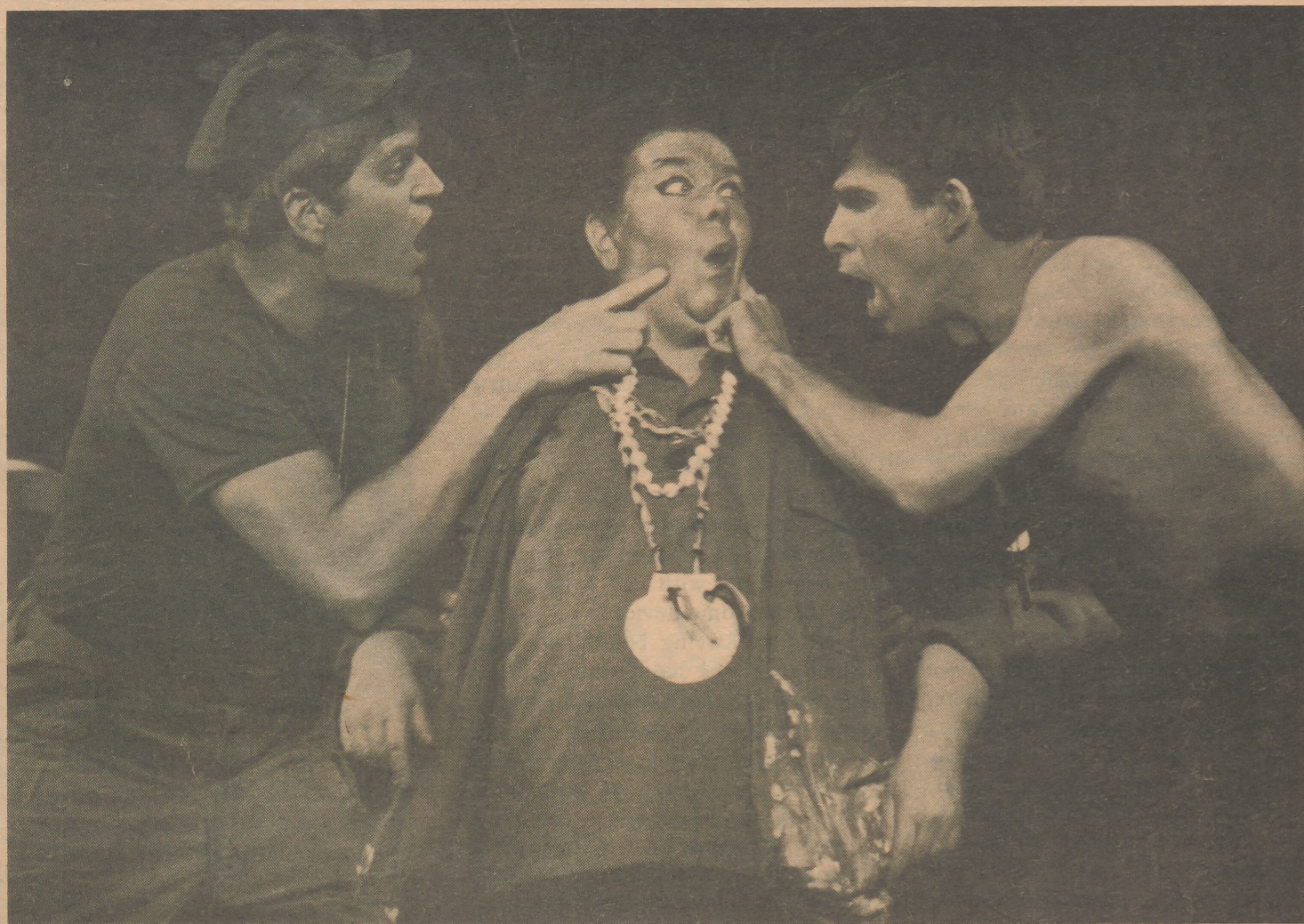
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## Sails Hosting for 'South Pacific' Conclusion

Abner (Rex G. Yon - left) and Pte. Victor Jerome (Dana B. Wilson) tell Bloody Mary (Margaret Leary) that "her skin is tender as a baseball glove" in a rousing number from TUTS' spectacular production *South Pacific*. Starring MGM film favorite Jane Powell and Metropolitan Opera and Broadway stage great Giorgio Tozzi, this romantic Rogers and Hammerstein masterpiece plays now through March 2 at the Music Hall. For tickets call 228-3083.



## Hill First 'Gay Identified' Station Manager in History

The Pacifica Foundation has named the first 'gay identified' station manager in broadcast history.

On February 12 Ray Hill was named manager of the station.

KPFT and Pacifica Foundation are non-profit, tax deductible educational institutions financed through listener support.

KPFT was the first radio station to broadcast discussions of homosexuality. In 1970, in its first broadcast week, KPFT aired tapes of Hill's university lecture series in response to

which a member of the Ku Klux Klan bombed the transmitter, not once but twice. The Wilde n'Stein radio show, airing Monday evenings from 10 PM to midnight, began on the station in 1975. It is now the gay/lesbian radio program with the longest run and most time in the broadcast industry. KPFT also arranged for the live national broadcast from the National March on Washington.

For more information contact Ray Hill at 526-4000, 419 Lovett Blvd.

## Opposition to Police Chief

### From Page One

opposed to gays then we are bigger fools than him to endorse his confirmation."

On the other side of the coin, "I've met a total of five hours with Johnson," said Shiflett. "He seems to be educative and willing to communicate, to have a dialogue with the gay community. He said he was going to separate personal prejudice from action."

Shiflett indicated the best action Johnson could take right now would be to produce his policy statement.

The Houston City Council is divided on Johnson's confirmation as police chief. Shiflett said five members of council are against Johnson's confirmation, five for, with four members, Dale Gortzynski, Eleanor Tinsley, John Goodner and Homer Ford in the middle.

McConn told KILT he expected Johnson to receive City Council endorsement but he didn't expect to get the nod, "from all 15 members of the Council."

For more information, at the Monday Evening rally, contact the Gay Political Caucus, 526-2668.

## Hotel Business is Prospering, Building, Renovation Abounds

By Bert Hollister  
STAR PUBLISHER

For the hotel business Houston is a mecca. Because of the great economic as well as cultural activity in Houston many major hotel chains are building and/or enlarging their facilities.

This means more jobs for gays. Traditionally the hotel industry has been good for gays. The new hotels will mean a demand for bus boys on up to managers.

Because of the construction of the 75-story Texas Commerce Tower, the old Rice Hotel will re-open as a new luxury hotel. The 1,200-room hotel is spending \$50 million in the transformation to a 400- to 500-room luxury downtown hotel.

The Warwick West, to be on the West Loop, designed by internationally known architect, I.M. Pei, (who designed the Houston Neiman-Marcus), will be a 460-room hotel. It is one of the most talked about hotels in many years.

Marriott is planning a 600- to 700-room hotel in Greenspoint. The company is looking at Katy Freeway and other parts of Houston as well.

In Galveston Marriott is spending \$10 million to renovate the Galvez, soon to be called the Galvez-

Marriott. The building is a Texas landmark.

In June the Hotel Meridien Houston is to open. It is a project of Air France intended to appeal to the upper segment of the business market. Its restaurant is to be, 'definitely French,' and should add a great plus to the Houston food scene. The Hotel Meridien is to be downtown.

Like the rest of the complex, the Intercontinental Hilton is enlarging.

Another big plus for 'Mecca Houston' is the University of Houston's Conrad Hilton School of Hotel Management. A degree from here gets graduates invitations from just about all the hotel firms.

At this school you learn food and catering, business . . . the entire spectrum of running hotels. It was donated to the university by the late Conrad Hilton, chairperson of Hilton Hotels Corporation.

There are many other hotel chains entering Houston; Host, Intercontinental Granada, Lowe's Hotels, Four Seasons . . . too many to list.

And there is rumor a small hotel is being considered for Montrose. Its purpose would be to serve people on business in the Montrose Area — much as the Plaza now serves.



# Helen Hooke Concert on March 2 and 3

Helen Hooke has been playing violin and piano since she was nine, and the electric guitar since she was fifteen. She divided her school time between classical studies at the Eastman School of Music and Smith College, and rock 'n' roll bands, eventually meeting Pamela Brandt and Anne Bowen, who teamed with her to form *The Deadly Nightshade*.

They recorded two albums for RCA, and toured America from 1972-1977, playing songs of women's freedom and celebration. Their pioneering spirit and exuberance brought them wide public acclaim, and they appeared with many other artists and groups, including Lily Tomlin, Laura Nyro, Peter Frampton, and Billy Joel, and were on national television on several occasions.

Since then, Helen Hooke has continued as a solo singer/song writer/musician, and has preformed in New York City, where she lives, and around the country with her own music.

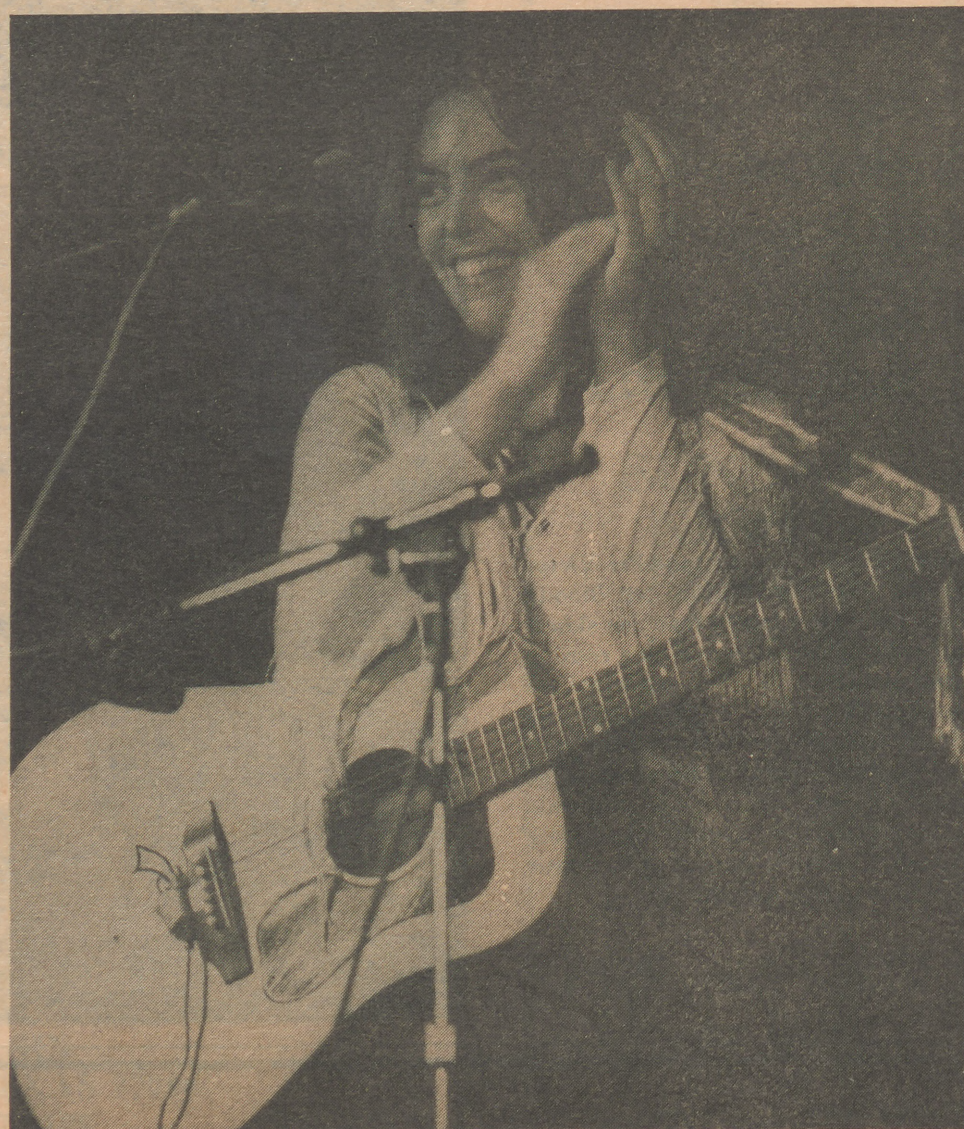
In the last few years she has been increasingly interested in electronic devices and their implementation in today's music. She has worked with EMS synthesizers, and is incorporating a number of electronic

gadgets and modifiers to enhance her performance.

Now Helen Hooke is combining the varied elements of her background to create a fresh new sound. The grit and familiarity of good ol' rock 'n' roll meet the new sounds of synthesized music. Old time country, blues, and bluegrass have become the roots for a modern rock violin style which soars beyond its beginning, with and without the aid of electronic devices.

Without leaving behind her past experience, she has found her own frequency in the 'new wave' which is sweeping and revolutionizing popular music today. And she adds a personal message to all these technical developments -- that of a woman who grew up with the spirit of change on her mind; that of a woman who challenges society's definition of her and creates a new one for herself; and that of a woman who gives the best of herself to each performance and who wants the most from life: "I want Cake -- and I wanna eat it too!"

Off The Wall Productions will be presenting Helen Hooke in concert on Sunday, March 2 and Monday, March 3 at Fitzgerald's 2706 White Oak (corner of White Oak and Studemont.) Both shows will begin



-- Photo by Sherry Collier

promptly at 8 PM.

Tickets (\$4 advance, \$5 door) are available at Wild 'N' Stein Bookstore, The Bookstore, and B.D. & Daughter Bookstore. (\$1 off for out of county residents)

For work exchange information call 229-0526. A copy of the book *The Dinner Party* will be given away as a door prize.

For any further information call 733-0332 or 522-8881.

## Picketing

### From Page Four

We pointed out, however, that this very right also includes the freedom to say no. Unfortunately also quite a number of our brothers and sisters had decided to watch the picture and our hint that the only one missing in *Cruising* was Anita Bryant did not do the trick for the majority of them.

The ideas on how to combat Friedkin and his big bucks, however, focussed among other things on not patronizing the snack bar, if people felt they definitely had to see the film. The suggested two week waiting period, before anyone should give in to that urge, was generously overlooked by many, instead, they tried to comfort us by promising: "Don't worry, we won't buy any popcorn."

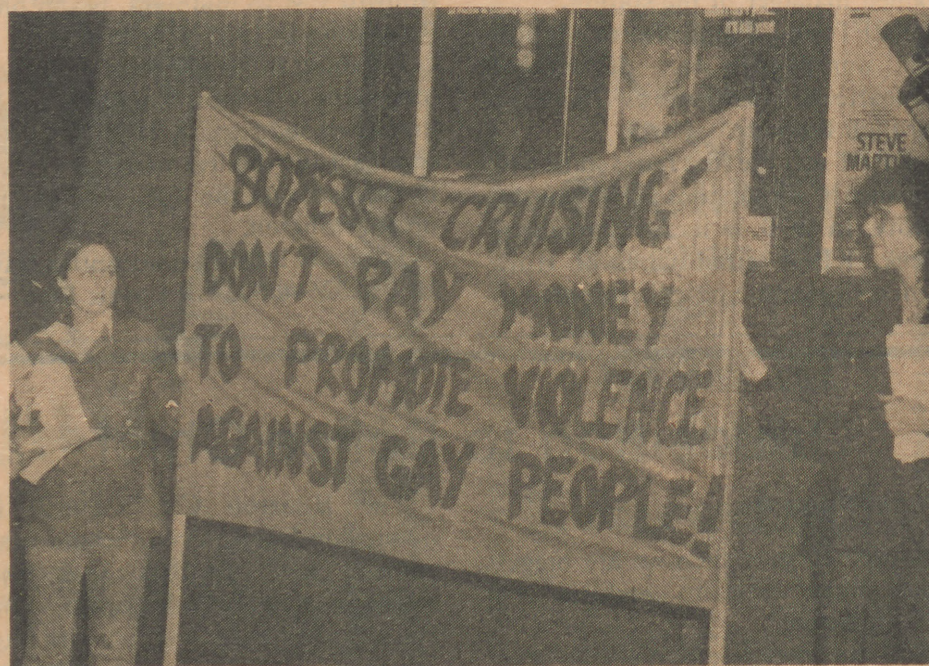
Another suggested strategy was to boycott other stars promoted by the Friedkin/Weintraub people such as John Denver, was, I'm afraid, not one of the brightest and effective ideas either, let's face it, the hard'core fans of the latter artist are most likely not to be found in this community.

Here's the overall impression about all that picketing, as I see it now:

Although many people who had set their minds on seeing Al Pacino actually went through with it, our warnings will probably be remembered when people sit through the bloody spectacle. After all, the major critics - in a rare move - unanimously gave out the poorest remarks possible and, in fact, the comments we heard from people coming out of the show often went like this: "Yugh", "It sucks!" Let's hope our main goal to cut down on the picture's overall running time in this city will be achieved - word of mouth should also be a contributor.

One positive effect should remain in any case; for the first time, it appeared, many Houstonians saw actual real-life gays who did not seem to fit the typical stereotype they had been taught for years and years. Especially Blacks and Hispanics were very sympathetic to us and in one way or another appeared to understand our position.

It would be nice to see other gays and lesbians join our peaceful efforts



and help to outweigh the negative portrait of us made by Hollywood and, thus, help to cut down on the violence this insensitive, narrow-minded movie will most likely create against us.

Let me tell you one thing, honestly, I've met a great bunch of people this way. It feels good to stand up for what we believe is right and we defi-

nately had lots of fun, too. And after all, there's a chance Hollywood might actually wake up and do what the Canadians, French, and Germans are obviously able to put on the screen: honest and fair portrayals of gays.

That would mean no *Cruising II*! Instead, who knows, we might even be able to see *The Front Runner* one of these days.



# CLASSIFIED

## FRIENDS

HOU\*MALE, NEW IN TOWN, looking for a couple that enjoys a threesome, socially as well as sexually. Husband and wife preferable. Female couples too. 180-A

HOU\*G/W/M 26 Goodlooking, Br Hr, beard, New to Houston. Looking for good friends. In to tennis, raquetball, and the arts. Write a little bit about self (photo would be nice.) All replies answered. 178-B

HOU\*DESIRE GREEK - Versatile sex action with clean-shaven, non-smoking, under 170 pounds, age 20-33, white males. Possible lover relationship. 176-A

HOU\*G/W/M 50's, 5'11", 150 pounds, wants black friend. Permanent relationship-to share large apt. near Medical Center. Must be mature, responsible, and employed. Not into baths, games, drinking, or drugs. Serious send photo & phone. 177-A

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

DAL\*GWM, 45, young wants one/one perm. relationship ONLY with ambitious energetic good body/minded G/M. Must like dogs, home/garden, arts, good music/loving. GA Box 10610, Ft. Worth, Texas, 76114 (a)

DAL\*G/F, 22, Would like to meet same. Lonely, and new to Dallas. Would you call TO COMFORT ME. At: 655-7860. 8 -- 11 Am. Ask for Vanessa. Discretion a must.

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DAL\*Ad 171-B, please contact the Metro Star at Box 225915, Dallas 75265 or (214) 528-9944. It's important!

DAL\*G/W/M 31 wants to meet Bi or married hung guys for fun. 18 - 45, discretion assured. No phone freaks or Queens. Call before 10 PM. Tom 559-4894.

DAL\*G/W/M 31 w/b/t seeks same into woodshed discipline. Boxholder P O Box 36258 Dallas, TX 75235.

HOU\*G/W/M, 28. Native Houstonian, 6', 160 lbs, slender build with nice face (not Burt Reynolds but not Don Knotts either) and straight appearance. Professional ecologist/marine biologist with oil company. Enjoy diverse activities--political activism, camping, photography, antiques, dancing, cooking, good music and good friends. Seeking similar person(s) for friendship, relationship, or casual sex. Call and we can go out for dinner/drinks as a beginner. Cheers. Maury 666-6822.

HOU\*G/W/M, 26, 5'9", 160 lbs, desires to meet persons with similar values who are interested in eventually building a committed relationship. Sincere Christian, teacher by profession, various interests, non-smoker. Write 181-A.

HOU\*A fantasy or fetish? Fulfilled with feeling. Write 181-AA.

HOU\*G/W/M Exhibitionist into body shaving & FF wishes to meet same. Vers., picture helpful. 181-BB

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