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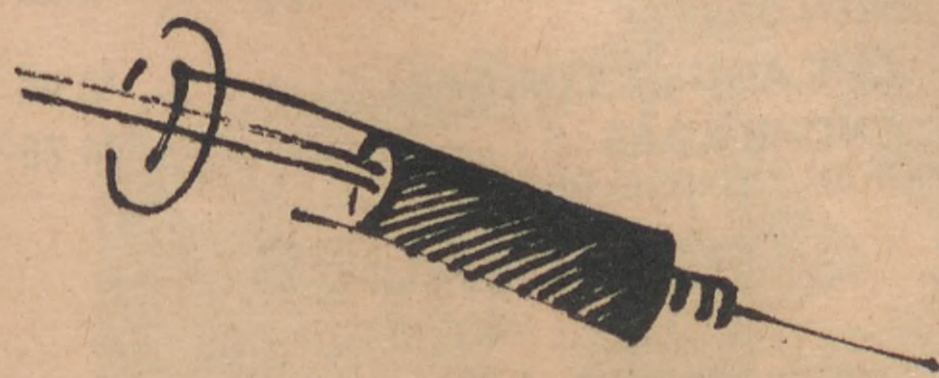
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Montrose Holiday Spending Drops

By Johannes Stahl

Early holiday spending figures for the Houston holiday season were down four percent from last year, according to a report issued from the Federal Reserve.

These figures include the four weeks ending on December 18 and may not accurately reflect the total retail market figures for Houston.

Maurice Aresty, president of the Retail Market Association of Houston, confirmed these figures but said, "These figures may be misleading. The Federal Reserve figures only take into account the larger volume stores." Figures for the remainder of the holiday season will not be available for another week, he said.

An *unscientific* survey of some representative businesses in Montrose indicated a general decrease in sales, but not in all areas.

Most businesses contacted indicated the largest volume of sales came during the last week of the Christmas shopping season. Phillip Bowles, owner of Old English Furniture, 1138 W. Gray, expressed a common belief among Montrose businesses we surveyed:

"People waited a long time to buy this year—our best sales were during the last week of shopping. We had a pretty good year." He attributed this to the increased strength of the U.S. dollar on foreign currency markets, especially the United Kingdom from where he imports a great deal of his merchandise.

Other imports were popular Christmas purchases in Montrose.

A Montrose household supply store told of increased purchases of French kitchen utensils and stem ware. "Prices have really come down," said the store manager, "and we ran out of a lot of this kind of merchandise. Generally, though, our sales were down a lot from last year."

Several Montrose clothing stores said that the sales pattern this Christmas was different than in the past.

A sales clerk at one of the clothing stores said, "People just didn't spend as much this year. They bought more small gifts—like belts and wallets or even athletic clothes. I guess this Christmas was a tight one for a lot of people and they just

watched their spending closer."

Record sales were down, according to a Montrose record store manager. "The albums we had on sale went fast. People really looked for sale records. Blank (cassette) tape sales were really high this year. I guess more people are recording albums that their friends have and not spending as much on the albums for themselves."

Did the economy drive people to drink? Not according to a Montrose liquor store owner, who said, "Sales are very disappointing this year, they're just off as compared to last year's sales. I've talked to several people in the liquor business and it just seems to be hurting."

All of the businesses contacted felt the high unemployment rate and the recession in general caused this slump in retail sales. They all hope for a brighter economic picture in January, when the post-Christmas sales will begin in earnest.

The same report indicated a two percent increase in Dallas sales for the same time period.

As Economy Sags, Hate Activities Surge

Pacific News Service

Frustration caused by tough economic times are finding an outlet in racism and religious prejudice.

The B'nai Brith Anti-Defamation League says acts of vandalism against Jews rose from 120 to 974 nationwide during the past three years, while direct threats and assaults tripled to 350. And, according to Georgia anti-terrorist agent Tony Gailey, Ku Klux Klan activity surges when the economy sags.

"Groups like the Klan are more active because their funding is almost nil," says Gailey. "They are trying to convince folks that minority groups are getting jobs that rightfully belong to them—which is not the case."

Merchants Not Disturbed by Proposed Ordinance

Local reaction from owners and managers of sexually oriented businesses has been blasé to the the proposed ordinance regulating their establishments.

The owner of The Circus Club, in the 500 block of Westheimer, said he won't get disturbed about it until he reads it and can tell what it is going to effect. "They (City Hall) do that every couple of years—they come out with some new ordinance." He indicated he thought that nothing really ever changes. He didn't think topless clubs would be effected.

The manager of Boobie Rock, 1100 block of Westheimer, refused to comment on the issue at all. The query was answered with "No, forget it. I won't talk to you."

Although the ordinance has not yet been drawn up, if some of the proposed regulations are included, club and modeling studios owners may be required to take notice. An increase in the cost of the permit to operate, limitations on signage and location were just a few of the items addressed by witnesses at the recent hearings.

However, for now, it's business as usual on Westheimer.

Crimestopper's (Thank You) Notebook

Pacific News Service

Some police departments use swat teams. In Laudue, Missouri, they use thank-you notes.

In the last seven years, Police Chief Kenneth Krueger says he's sent hundreds of monogrammed notes to residents of the St. Louis suburb, thanking them for reporting everything from suspicious cars to shoplifters.

Says one recipient, "It's like getting a gold star."

Montrose Mouth

Well, Hello 1983

New Year's Eve is the last chance to party this year and your first chance for next year. The staff of the Mouth will be gripping the side of a bar as late as possible tonight. (It's good training for the Mardi Gras coming up in six weeks.)

Although our eyes may appear red and blurred by the end of the weekend, we will still be watching you Montrose and will report back next week.

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If you didn't get your fill of fancy costumes this past Halloween, do not despair. The Copa is having a costume ball tonight. ... Speaking of the Copa, DJ Wayne Barton is sporting a new beard—and glasses "so I can see where I'm going."

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Up north, the Dallas Motorcycle Club is revving up plans for their 10th anniversary bash the weekend of Jan. 16.

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Bette Midler will be in the Summit Jan. 26 with her 'd Tour' tour. And the VOICE has a Bette Midler story and interview, coming up next week.

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Donna Corley and Charlene Wright open Tuesday at Rascal's, 2702 Kirby. But they'll be there just till Jan. 15. So hurry.

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The Montrose Clinic is having a blood drive Jan. 29, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., for all types of blood.

We're telling you this now so you can start to save up your blood? How ridiculous.

When the date gets closer, we'll remind you again.

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Here's your seven-day party calendar from the VOICE to end the old year and start off the new:

(Friday) Dec. 31: It's New Year's Eve. Free champagne at most of the bars at midnight. Party, party, party.

(Saturday) Jan. 1: It's the first day of a new year and the first day of your New Year's resolutions. It's also Paul ("the British are coming") Revere's birthday. He was born in 1735. And J. Edgar "bulldog face" Hoover. He was born in 1895.

(Sunday) Jan. 2: The first successful human heart transplant occurred today in 1968.

(Monday) Jan. 3: On this very important day in 1888 (are you ready?), waxed paper straws were patented. They evolved, of course, into those itty bitty plastic straws we stir our drinks with.

(Tuesday) Jan. 4: "Tom Thumb" was born today in 1838. It's also the birthday of Louis Braille, the man who invented the Braille system for reading by blind people. He was born in 1809.

(Wednesday) Jan. 5: Today in 1914, Ford auto workers got a raise. They were making \$2.40 an hour and worked nine-hour days. But their raise gave them \$5.00 an hour for eight-hour days. Folks, in either case, that was mighty good wages back in 1914.

(Thursday) Jan. 6: The Telegraph was tested for the first time today in 1838. Little did they know that it would evolve into "belly-grams" (a bellydancer delivers your message, not to be confused with "billy-grams" where a young man who sounds like Billy Graham delivers your message) and "strip-o-grams" (We don't have to explain this one, do we?). It's also Sherlock Holmes' birthday. He would have been 129 years old today.

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It's a safe bet the Ayatollah Khomeini has no pubic hair. Depilation of the pubis is mandatory for the most orthodox Moslems. Now I know you were all concerned with Khomeini's pubic hair.

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Christmas at the Clubs ...

The Different Drum (above) celebrated Christmas with a "Sadistic Santa Claus" with bartenders serving as elves-reindeers. At the Mining Company, barback Quentin Martin demonstrated the "Rudolph look."

JOHANNES STAHL PHOTOS

AIDS and Babies

International Gay News Agency

Three infants have died as suspected victims of the mysterious set of diseases known as AIDS. The babies may have developed the ailment before they were born, according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

A fourth child, also believed to be ill with AIDS, is still alive.

The diseases that have killed the babies are rare "opportunistic infections" called such because they attack people whose immune systems are deficient.

More than 800 cases of AIDS have been reported since 1980. 75% have been gay men, and the others are in three high-risk groups: intravenous drug abusers, hemophiliacs, and Haitian immigrants.

All four of the afflicted children were under the age of 2 and all were the offspring of high-risk parents, according to the agency's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

Dead are the 7-month-old daughter of a 29-year-old prostitute and drug abuser with a history of illnesses often seen in AIDS victims, and two Haitian infants in New York and New Jersey. The still-living child is the son of a drug-abusing mother from New York who died of an opportunistic infection.

The primary theory held by investigators at this point is that AIDS diseases are caused by a transmissible agent, most likely a virus related to those that cause herpes or hepatitis B. The major suspect is an organism called cytomegalovirus, which apparently can be transmitted venereally, intravenously or in transfusions of infected blood.

In addition to the four cases considered, the CDC is studying six more children who died with opportunistic infections and unusual immune system defects. One of these is a child who received a blood donation from a man who later died of a variety of infections caused by AIDS.

Chinese Have View of Rock Concerts

International Gay News Agency

The People's Republic of China has issued an official guidebook from its People's Publishing House entitled *How to Distinguish Decadent Music*. It comes in a lavender-colored booklet format.

Good music, it says, gives spiritual nourishment. "But after listening to bad music, one must be very careful to avoid harm."

"Yellow" music, that is, pornographic music, which includes John Philip Sousa marches, "slyly avoids the beat that people expect and forces them to accept the unexpected, the abnormal beat." The booklet also preaches that "the rhythm of jazz is against the normal psychological needs of man. It leads people into an abnormal, demented state of mind."

Modern music is said to be an incurable disease of the capitalist world. In the West, music gatherings are frequent and "always accompanied by excessing drinking, drug taking, gang fights and homosexuality."

This will come as news to many homosexuals.

The Montrose Clinic Test Results

Is your number here?

Each week, as a public service, the VOICE publishes numbers of Montrose Clinic patients whose test results were positive. These results are for those tested from December 21-28.

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Joe Philpot, owner of the popular leather and levi bar Sundance Kids in Dallas, died Christmas night in Dallas Parkland Hospital. The cause of death is unknown but was reported to not be related to AIDS or Kaposi's sarcoma—two diseases which have disproportionately affected gay, urban males.

He had been hospitalized over one year, originally for a parasitic infection known as amebiasis. He was cured of that disease but remained continually sick thereafter, according to friends. His illness prompted treatments at seven different hospitals in Dallas and Houston.

He was buried Monday, Dec. 27, in his home town of Greenville, Texas, north of Dallas.

He had owned the Sundance Kids since it was first opened in Dallas 11 years ago and had also owned several other gay bars including the Swinger, a downtown bar; the Sundowner in Oak Lawn; the Swinger II, also in Oak Lawn.

Management said that business will be "as usual" at Sundance Kids.

Fight to Change Tennessee Law Underway

International Gay News Agency
The American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee has pledged to fight the state's "crime against nature" or "sodomy" law in 1983.

The law has been on the books for many years, carrying a felony penalty of five to

15 years in prison. People have been convicted in the past under the law. In 1981 in Clarksville, Tennessee, 14 men were charged under the law. One of them subsequently committed suicide.

The ACLU, under directors Kathryn L. Hearne and William W. Johnson, says that the sodomy law is unconstitutional, since it forbids consensual sex acts. They also believe the law is discriminatory because it is used to assign an "assumed" criminal status to people who are homosexual.

The ACLU of Tennessee plans to lobby to bring about major changes in legislation.

Big Mac Video Attack

Pacific News Service
Finally, a home video game for junk food

junkies. It's called "Fast Food" and features a set of electronic dentures named "Mr. Mouth," which tries to rack up points by gobbling an endless stream of video burgers, shakes and pizzas.

Purple pickles are the game's no-no's—when Mr. Mouth has had six pickles, the game ends with a burp.

'Light' Peppers Not So Hot

Pacific News Service
The growing popularity of Mexican food has led to a breakthrough in genetic engineering: the hot pepper that isn't hot.

Texas agricultural experts at the Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station in Weslaco say the new pepper, a product of more than 10 years of cross-breeding, is only about a third as hot as the typical jalapeno.



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Texas Law is Vague on Gay Parents in Custody Cases

By Hollis Hood

This is the first in a series of articles on families of gay persons. In the coming weeks we will be dealing with specific topics including gay mothers, the organization Family and Friends of Gays, legal rulings, and, if response permits, an article on gay fathers.

Comments from persons who have custody of their children, or have had experience in these living situations, are welcome and should be referred to Hollis Hood at the MONTROSE VOICE, 529-8490.

All interviews will be confidential.

A child. Perhaps no human is so delightful and fulfilling when wanted in a household. Fragile and vulnerable, the child trusts the parents. But, when the living situation must change, the fate of this small interpretation of all that is humane is decided by a third party—the court.

"Most custody cases are a negotiated settlement outside of court," said Robert Schwab, Montrose attorney. He said the Texas law is very vague about who should have custody of a child—just what appears to be in the best interest of the child at the time. Custody cases may be brought before a jury—but if the jury doesn't find in agreement with the judge, the judge may "re-litigate" or put aside their decision, starting the entire custody process over. He may do this only once.

With those odds, especially when one parent is gay, most would rather settle out of court, he said.

"The care and love for the child is no different because a person is gay," said Schwab, but in a custody battle "every piece of mud that can be dragged up will be used."

It's best, he said as a sidenote, to maintain the best possible relationship with the ex-mate because that is the ultimate defense against being taken to court and taking the chance of losing some parental rights. "By the nature of life, there will be some interaction with this person over a period of years," he said.

Another local attorney said most gay mothers (specifically) simply "keep their mouths shut" unless some issue is forced upon them concerning their children.

If the mother petitions the court to, for example, increase child support, which is allowed within certain time limits, the father may make her gayness an implicit issue in the case. Conversely, the gay father who takes the ex-mate to court stands the chance of losing visitation rights if the court determines the case on the fact that he is gay, and not a person who loves his child. However, Schwab said, it is almost impossible to deny visitation rights.

"I counsel my clients very carefully about whether they want to pursue a custody battle," said Schwab, should that eventually occur. "The financial cost is incredibly high (close to \$15,000 for a vigorously defended case), and, he said, "The emotional cost is equally high. It's hard on the attorneys, but utterly dreadful for the parent."

"The standard family code provides for determination of custody. The gay parent who is attempting to obtain custody faces the difficult task of proving to the judge or jury which (may) have prejudices against gays, that the child's welfare is best served by their having custody."

He said the position of gay parents has been "vastly improved" in recent year. This may be due in part to a more liberal view of father's custody rights in court generally.

A third attorney consulted told of a case that seemed to reflect the liberal view.

A lesbian petitioned the court in an adoption proceeding for a child, which, although not her own (she had inherited her ex-boyfriend's child when the relationship ceased), had nonetheless been living in her household without the father for at least one year.

After extensive investigation by both a social worker and psychiatrist, it was determined that there was no valid reason the child should not remain in the household and she was granted the adoption.

Her cost—near \$5000 for what would have cost a non-gay person much less.

(United Press International reported recently that a similar adoption had taken place in California and that it was the first of its kind. But according to Schwab, Houston was the first.)

The attitude of the court ideally would be that homosexuality alone would not be enough to deny a parent's right to custody. If justice is to be served, each case should be tried on its own merit, without preconceptions.

A custody battle, said Schwab, can be

"bitter and prolonged—and if you don't win—counterproductive."

"Nothing compares with the loss of a child, but the cost and agony of a custody battle are nearly unimaginable."

Next week we will focus on gay mothers.



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Randy Chapman, who is gay, holds his adoptive son, Scotty Chapman. A legal battle has erupted over who will get custody of Scotty: Randy Chapman, or his ex-wife and her new husband, now living in California.

Texas Gay Men Say They'll Fight for Custody

By Joe Baker

Randy Chapman and Doyle Rice of Ft. Worth are spending the holiday season without their young son, who appears about to become the central figure in what may be a long, costly court fight.

The battle will be over who gets custody of Scotty Chapman—his adoptive mother who is non-gay and abandoned him for her new lover or his adoptive father who is gay and has been raising him for the past two and a half years.

In mid-December, a California judge deflated Chapman's and Rice's Christmas spirit when he ordered that Scotty be returned to his mother in California for two weeks during the holidays.

Chapman and Rice, who has been lovers for nearly two and a half years, moved to Fort Worth with Scotty in 1980. Since then the two men have been giving the youngster a home and parental love.

"This is going to be a very lonely Christmas without Scotty," says Chapman. "For two and a half years his mother hasn't wanted anything to do with him; now, all of a sudden, she wants back in the picture. Scotty has been very happy and adjusted with me and Doyle."

"We are his parents. This is his home. I hope Scotty has a nice Christmas, but I'm afraid he won't. He will be spending it with people who are strangers to him now."

Chapman and his ex-wife, Ann, adopted Scotty in 1978, when he was only a few months old. The couple split up in 1980 and was legally divorced in 1981. The divorce court granted temporary custody of Scotty to Ann.

According to Chapman, his ex-wife at first wanted to keep Scotty but then changed her mind when her lover objected because of his race. One of Scotty's natural parents is black and the other white.

Chapman says his ex-wife agreed to let him keep Scotty in Texas as long as she could call and visit. The arrangement was fine with Chapman, who says he could not

stand to part with the boy.

"For two and half years Ann would call Scotty, but that was about all," Chapman says. "On various occasions she promised to send a gift and twice promised to visit him. But neither the gifts or the visits ever materialized. She hasn't been much of a mother."

Now, however, Ann Chapman, apparently wants to assume the role again.

She has filed suit in Santa Barbara, Calif., to gain permanent custody of Scotty and child support from Chapman. Her suit contends Chapman is unfit to raise Scotty because he is a homosexual.

"Ann was aware of my homosexuality before," Chapman explains, "but never made an issue out of it. Now, all of a sudden, she is willing to attack me over it."

"I can't help but think her boyfriend is putting her up to it. I can't believe that either of them really wants Scotty. There is no way they could love him the way Doyle and I do."

Chapman says he thinks his ex-wife is using the custody issue to get back at him.

"Obviously, she wants to hurt me," he says. "But it is Scotty who is going to get hurt. Doyle and I have been the only par-

ents he has really ever known."

Losing Scotty for the Christmas holidays has been bad enough for the Fort Worth couple, but losing the youngster permanently would be worse.

"I can't even think about that happening," says Chapman, "but I realize it is a strong possibility. The courts don't have a very good record in awarding gay parents custody of their children."

"But we are determined to fight for Scotty. He is our son, and he belongs with us—the ones who love him and want him."

Chapman says that his ex-wife's boyfriend has the financial means to wage a long and costly legal battle over Scotty. And that scares him.

"Doyle and I don't have that kind of money," he says, "but we will spend our last dollar to keep Scotty if we have to."

Friends of the two men are just as determined that Scotty stays with his two fathers. Chapman and Rice both regularly attend Agapé Metropolitan Community Church in Fort Worth, and Rev. Jim Norwood and Rev. Jo Crisco, have offered to oversee a special fund to help defray legal costs.



Randy Chapman, young Scotty, and Chapman's mate, Doyle Rice

Community News Trends of 82

By Johannes Stahl

The top story of 1982 is undoubtedly the repeal of Texas' Homosexual Conduct Statute (section 21.06 of the state's penal code) by Federal Judge Jerry Buchmeyer in Dallas, making an estimated 700,000 gay Texans legal, or more appropriately, not illegal. He filed a memorandum of decision on August 19, filed final judgement September 28.

Subsequently, State Attorney General Mark White filed an appeal to that decision on election eve—an election which placed White in the Governor's office. Shortly after the election, White met with a 13-member Gay Political Caucus task force investigating their endorsement for him in his bid for governor and his appeal on 21.06.

State Attorney General-elect Jim Mattox has indicated his office will review the decision to appeal to determine if he, as state attorney general, will pursue the appeal or drop it.

Houston had its fifth gay pride celebration. The year's theme was "A Part of ... Not Apart From" and Gay Pride Parade marshalls were Andy Mills, manager of Mary's Lounge, and Marion Coleman, owner of Kindred Spirits Lounge. Larry Bagneris Jr. was chairperson of the 1982 Gay Pride Week Committee.

Kathy Whitmire spoke at the GPC rally after the Gay Pride Parade, and although this was not her first appearance before the rally, it was the first time she appeared there as mayor of Houston.

Just last January, Mayor Whitmire took office and this January marks the beginning of yet another city-wide election year. We have elections in Houston every year, but that makes it interesting.

While Montrose celebrated gay pride, two major fads emerged. A short, bug-eyed, but adorable creature from space entertained young and old—Extraterrestrial, or as his friends call him, E.T. Actually, E.T. did the calling.

And like, wow, '82 is like the year of, you know, Valley Girl. *Valley Girl* written by Frank Zappa (remember, he was anti-establishment in the 60s) and performed by his daughter Moon Unit, sold more than any previous Zappa album.

It also caused VGs to emerge on a television sit-com called "Square Pegs" and numerous other manifestations—gag me with a spoon.

The epitome would be a VG with an E.T. tee-shirt or E.T. with a Valley Girl Doll, but I guess we already have Malibu Barbie. I predict a movie in 1983 about Valley Girls, perhaps with Brooke Shields—Valley Girl call home, but use daddy's credit card.

Several people have asked whether Dustin Hoffman in the recently-released *Tootsie* is an experiment in cloning involving Mayor Whitmire. This rumor is not true. Dustin Hoffman has a different accent.

This year also saw the cabling of Montrose. Now we can watch the same movies

as they move from channel to channel, month after month. And let's not forget, the *Jeffersons* and *Bewitched* can be seen more times a day than the average nausea level will allow.

Not only were we cabled, we were paved! Westheimer and Alabama were resurfaced, virtually eliminating compact car traps set on the two streets. All is not well on Richmond, though. The city is widening it, but first unsuspecting motorists must dodge the sand traps and decipher the lane control lights which change from block-to-block.

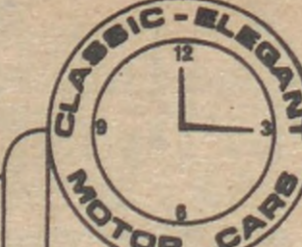
Most important, we all made it through the year. I hope 1983 is a good year for all of you.

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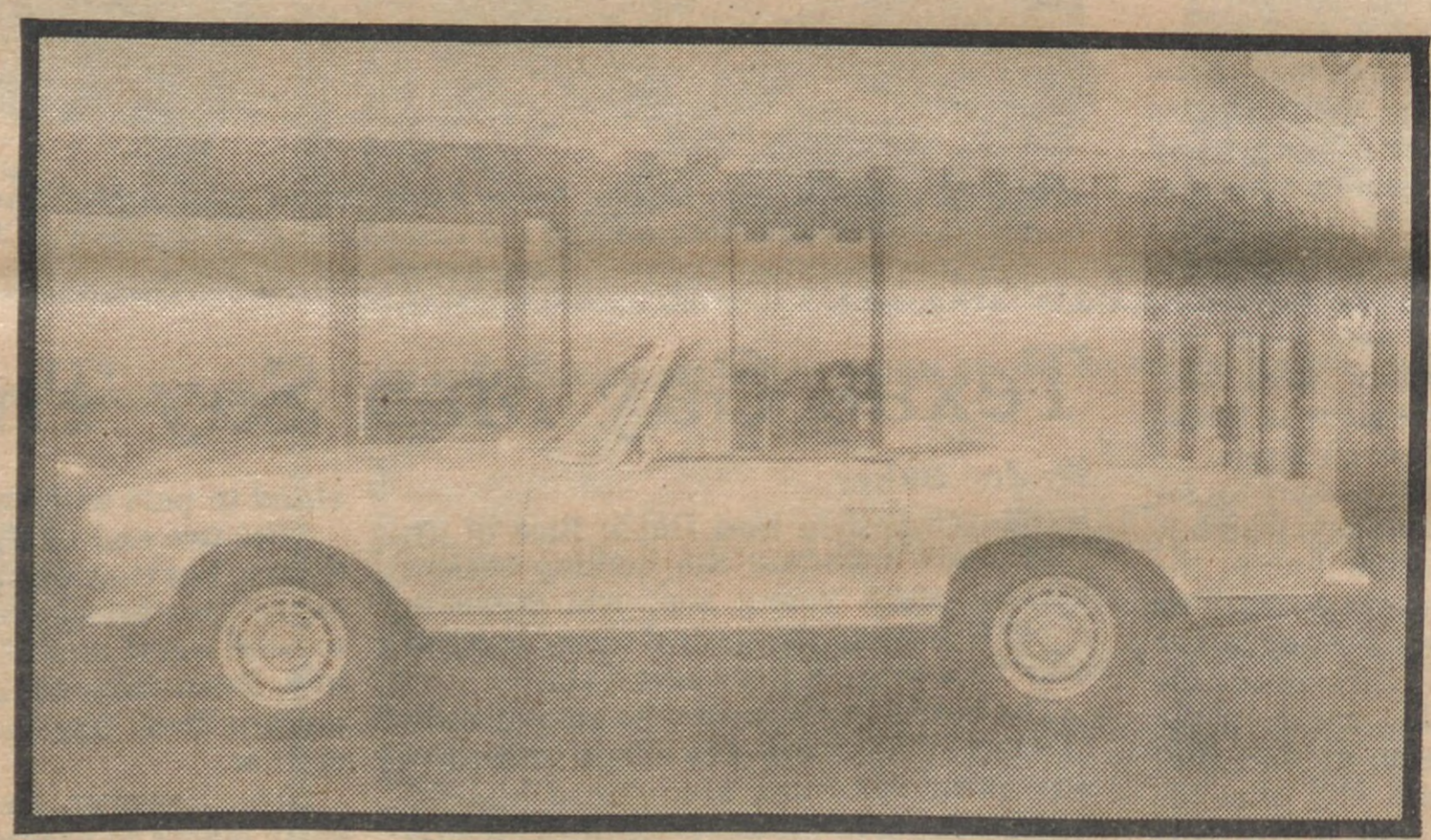
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'Buildings Roasting by an Open Fire...'

Chestnuts weren't the only things roasting at Christmas. Buildings are also high on Americans' torch list, reports *Forbes* magazine.

Insurance industry figures show arson goes up 30 percent in December and January.

The reason, according to former New York City Fire Marshal John Barracato, "People are in need of money. They are unemployed and frustrated."

Barracato, now head of Aetna Life's arson unit, says about half of all arson fires are prompted by revenge, 40 percent by profit, one percent by psychopaths and nine percent by juveniles, who specialize in schools and vacant buildings.

My New Year's Resolutions— In the Open for All to See

By Joe Baker

Well, 1982 has run its course. Not a bad year, but there have been better years. But next year, things are really going to be perfect.

To make sure, I'm going public with my New Year's Resolutions. This way I know I'm going to have to keep them because you all will be watching my every move.

Now, these aren't your run-of-the-mill resolutions. You know, the smoking-eating-drinking resolutions. My resolutions are the this-is-it, go-for-broke, no-kidding, do-or-die resolutions.

1. I will not spend more than half an hour in the shower at the Fitness Exchange.

2. I will quit falling in love with bartenders.

3. After 10 minutes of staring, I will talk to him first.

4. I will give my real name at the Montrose Clinic.

5. I will spend no longer than five minutes trying to decide what color handkerchief I should wear on Saturday nights.

6. I will not measure it, no matter who asks.

7. I will quit telling my relatives that I just haven't met the right girl yet.

8. I will not openly cruise at church.

9. I will make friends with a straight man.

10. After making friends with a straight man, I will not try to make the straight man.

11. I will buy a drink for someone over 60.

12. I will stop expecting to meet the entire Houston Oilers team at the baths.

13. I will have a conversation with someone in a bar who I have no sexual interest in.

14. I won't get upset when my friend Ron cruises the same man who I am cruising.

15. I will quit hoping that Ron catches VD when he goes home with the same man who I was cruising.

16. I will never, never go to another grand opening of a bar or a bar's anniversary party when they are serving free drinks.

17. I will pick somebody up in JR's.

18. I will quit using poppers.

19. I will wear a three-piece suit into the Drum some night.

20. I will learn to eat alone.

21. I will take Donna Day to lunch—in full drag—at Albritton's Cafeteria.

22. I will not criticize my friends' tricks.

23. I will quit hoping that my friend Ross drops his lover Randy so I can have a shot at Randy.

24. I will quit hoping that my friend Randy drops his lover Ross so I can have a shot at Ross.

25. I will stop fantasizing about Cable TV installation men.

26. I will only take drugs that have a safety seal on their packages.

27. I will rip all the little alligators, polo players and foxes off my shirts.

28. When someone asks me, "What do you do?" I won't automatically think he wants a list of my sexual pleasures.

29. I will quit crying about the fact that I'm not living in New York City.

30. I will stop hiding copies of gay publications when my brother comes to visit.

31. I absolutely will find something else to talk to my father about other than the weather.

32. I will stop thinking that I didn't have a good time because I didn't meet somebody.

33. I will clean out my drawer full of telephone numbers.

34. I will not use the words "Queen" or "Mary" unless together, as in "Queen Mary."

35. I will not buy another pair of Levi 501s.

36. I will have somebody to buy a Christmas tree with next year.

Letters

Alternatives to the Montrose Clinic

From Marvin D. Fountain

With the Montrose Clinic now a "pay" clinic, many would be clients may be hesitant to use their excellent services for fear of what it may cost. People who would routinely be screened for STDs may now be going without their regular check-ups.

Therefore, I am enclosing the City of Houston Health Department's clinic's hours, addresses, and phone numbers in hopes you will publish it and make people aware of this free service and the importance of routine checkups for sexually active people.

Central Clinic, 1115 North MacGregor, 222-4201, has hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays but stays open to 8:00 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Lyons Avenue Clinic, 675-7531, Ext. 315, has hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

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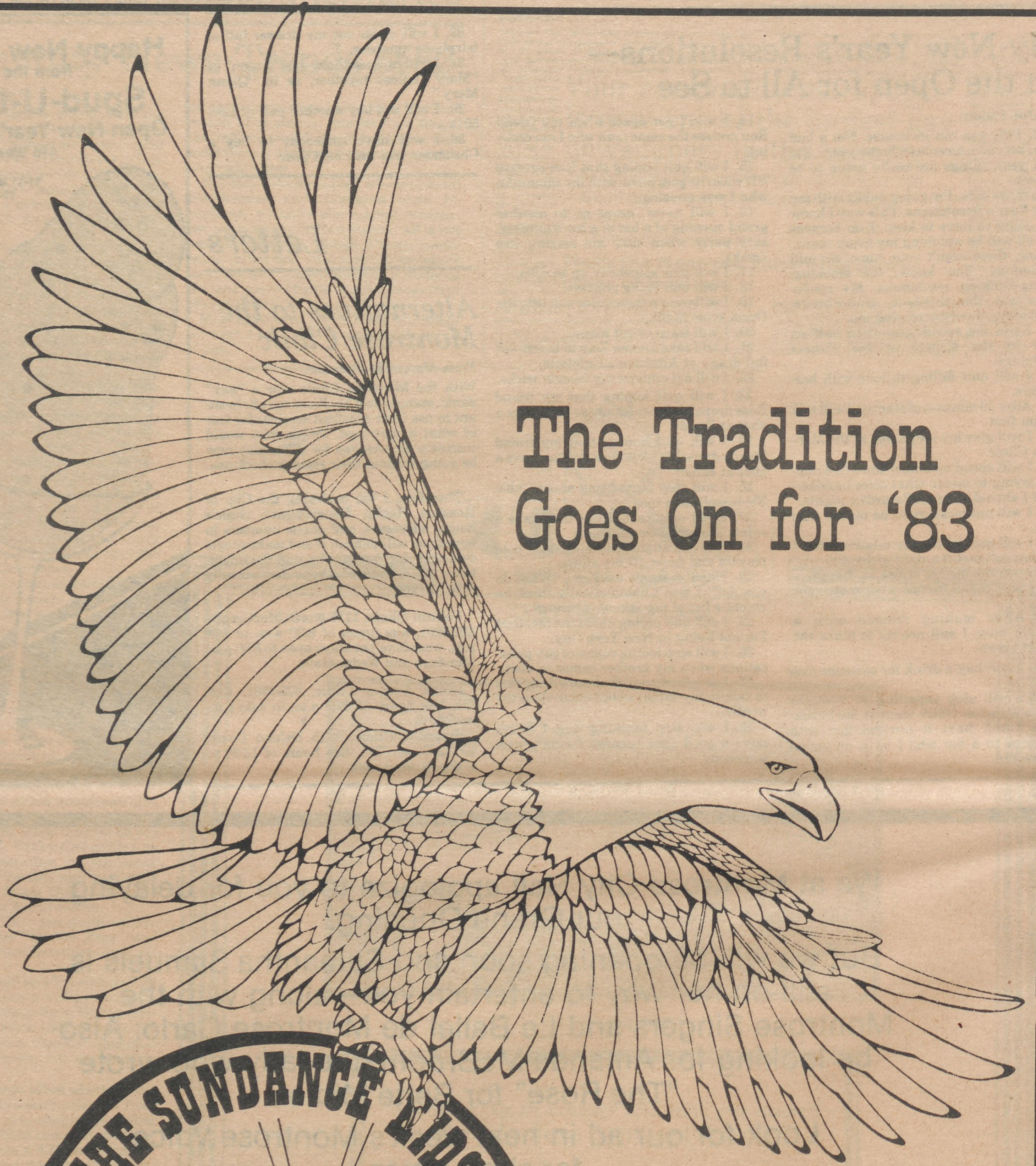


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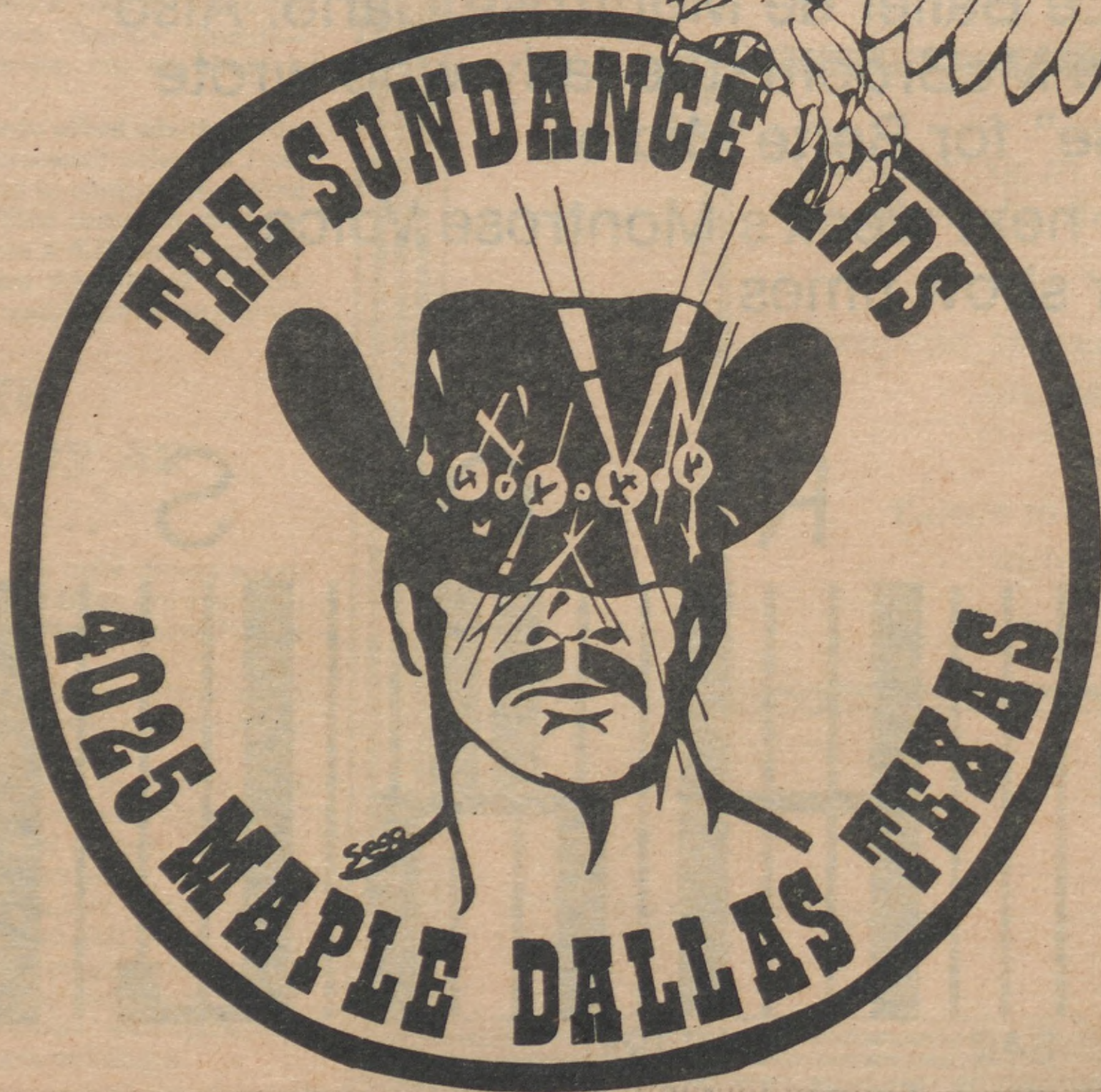
But we will be opening soon and Samantha Samuels is still on her way to entertain you—along with the Montrose Singers and Le Ballet de Montrose Carlo. Also be looking for Amanda McBroom, the lady who wrote "The Rose" for Bette Midler.

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The Tradition Goes On for '83



Tootsie: Dustin Is All Man/All Woman

By John W. Rowberry
International Gay News Agency

You'd think by now that yet another movie about a man in drag might be taking a weak joke too far.

You might think that, if you also thought Sydney Pollack's *Tootsie* was one of the infinite variations on the *La Cage Aux Folles* and *Victor/Victoria* themes. But you'd be dead wrong, honey, because it isn't, and Dustin Hoffman isn't Julie Andrews, and *Tootsie* isn't a heterosexual version of a transvestite joke.

There are four things that lift this film above the two aforementioned: the screenplay, the direction, Dustin Hoffman's sensibility, and the acting. In short, everything.

The screenplay, by Don McGuire and Murray Schisgal, just happens to be based on an original story idea by the duo, and Gelbert is one of the great television writers (he authored 97 segments of *M.A.S.H.*). The pair manages to cover all the bases inherent in a story where a man dresses as a woman and becomes a public figure; he is suspected of being gay by his roommate, he is suspected of being a lesbian by a soap opera leading lady he has fallen in love with; he gets a marriage proposal from her father; he is chased by the leading man from the soap opera series (who has a reputation for seduction to maintain), and every so often he gets his high heel stuck in a crack in the pavement.

But McGuire and Schisgal don't go after the obvious cheap gags, and the humor in all those situations is beautifully conceived and superbly written.

The same goes for Sydney Pollack, a man who carefully chooses the material he works with, and usually scores in a

direct hit: *They Shoot Horses, Don't They?* *The Way We Were*, *The Yakuza*, *Three Days of the Condor*, and *The Electric Horseman*. Right away you could expect something out of the ordinary with *Tootsie*.

Pollack is very good at getting restrained performances from his cast; this time he makes Bill Murray into a calm, just slightly off-beat playwright, Hoffman's roommate, in one of the neatest little acting jobs ever to come from the usually frantic child of *Saturday Night Live*. Pollack does the same with Jessica Lang; her understated character—the soap opera actress that Hoffman falls in love with—is one of the best performances

she's managed.

But when it gets to Dabney Coleman, who plays a tyrant television director, and who admits he loves playing villains, Pollack gives him the free reign necessary for him to pit his character against most of the others.

Pollack also keeps the humor on a consistent, original, honest level—foregoing obvious cross-dressing gags for some highly well-conceived verbal and visual humor. And he doesn't just set up the situations, pull the gag, and go on to something else—every moment is carefully built into a cohesive overall pattern, everything fits in place.

The cast must have individually and collectively loved their roles in this movie because each one is played to the hilt. Terri Garr, as Dustin's semi-girlfriend and a young New York actress getting nowhere fast, is a delightful mixture of post-generation insecurity and driving passion.

Charles Durning, who plays Jessica Lang's father, and who falls in love with the refined, vivacious Dorothy Michaels (Dustin Hoffman), is a joy in both his amorous moves toward Dorothy and his painfully honest self-realization when he discovers Dorothy is a man and that he has made a fool of himself.

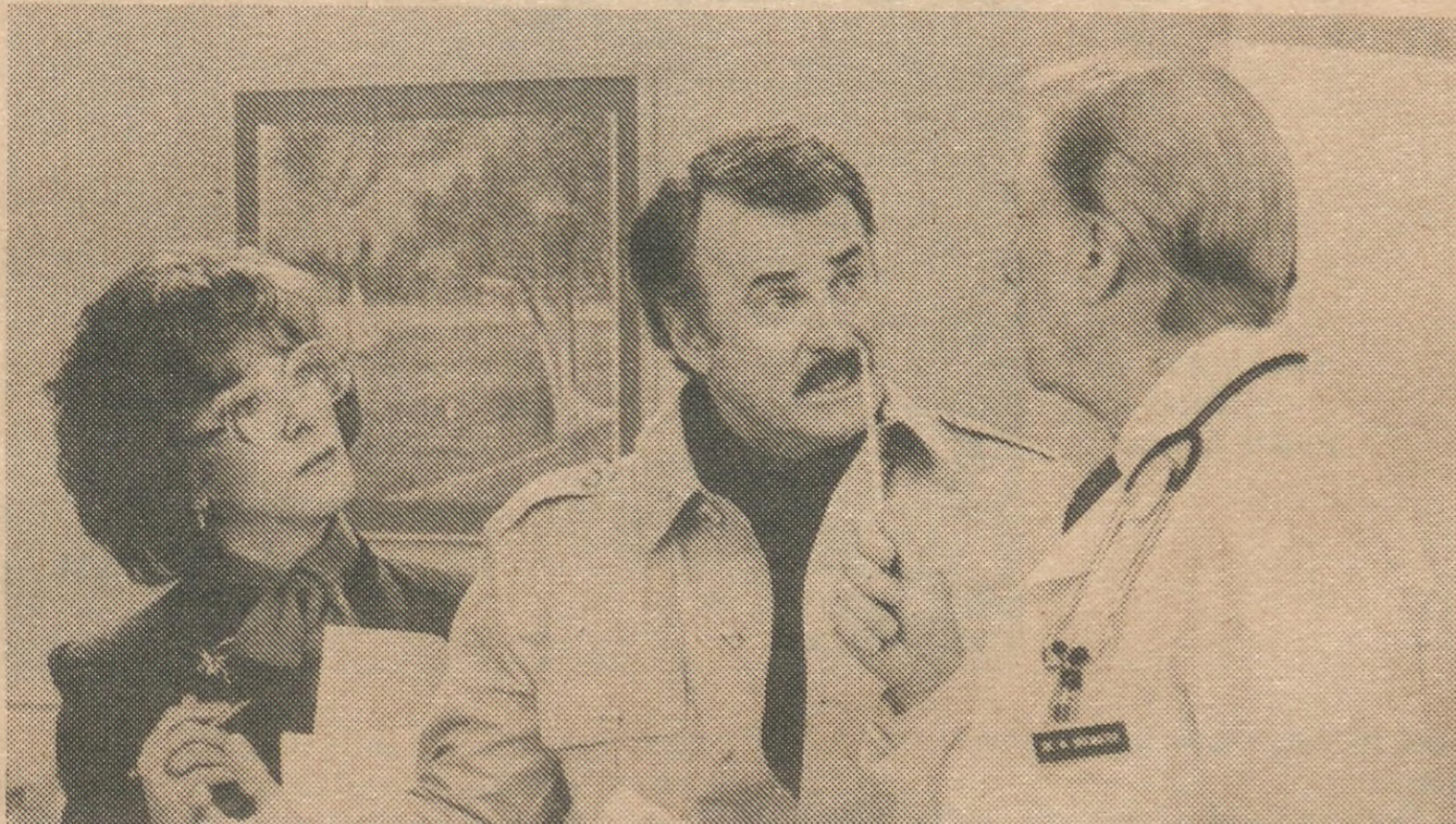
But clearly the film belongs, finally, to Dustin Hoffman, playing a consummate actor who auditions, dressed as a woman, for a role on a daytime soap opera and becomes the toast of television. Hoffman is a consummate actor, one of the real treasures of the stage and films, and, as he has done in the past, shows an extraordinary ability to make his material work far better than one would expect.

His *Tootsie*, the nickname of Dorothy Michaels, is an amazingly delicate, well-considered, finely-hewn characterization that works so well that it is easy to forget Dorothy is really a man.

Tootsie also manages to deal with abstract concepts like sexual duality, gender identification, and sexual role assignment without ever, not for a single moment, sounding preachy. But that's because all the elements of this film, the screenplay, the direction, and the acting, are so well meshed—so artfully executed.

This is *great* comedy, flawless performances, and a totally satisfying movie. Dustin Hoffman clearly deserves an Academy Award for his performance.

Rowberry is the editor of "Drummer" magazine.



Dustin Hoffman is "Tootsie" (left), a struggling New York actor who lands as a soap opera star after passing as a woman. Dabney Coleman (center) plays the soap's director and George Gaynes (right) is one of the soap's stars.



Charles Durning (left) is a passionate admirer of "Tootsie"



Jessica Lange (right) is another of the soap's stars in the movie "Tootsie"



Durning and "Tootsie" order dinner from unidentified but handsome waiter.



Sydney Pollack plays the high-powered agent for "Tootsie."

The Texas Rio Grande Valley

By Bob Damron

The semi-tropical Rio Grande Valley is at the "tip" of Texas, just north of the border with Old Mexico. You may feel like you're in a foreign country, because you'll hear more Spanish spoken than English, even on radio and TV.

Estimates put the number of Mexican-Americans living near the Rio Grande as high as 75%. So if you're a Latin lover or lover of Latins, you'll love it here.

Geographically, Corpus Christi is a ways north of the Rio Grande Valley, but the largest city (population 235,000) in South Texas. It easily identifies with the area.

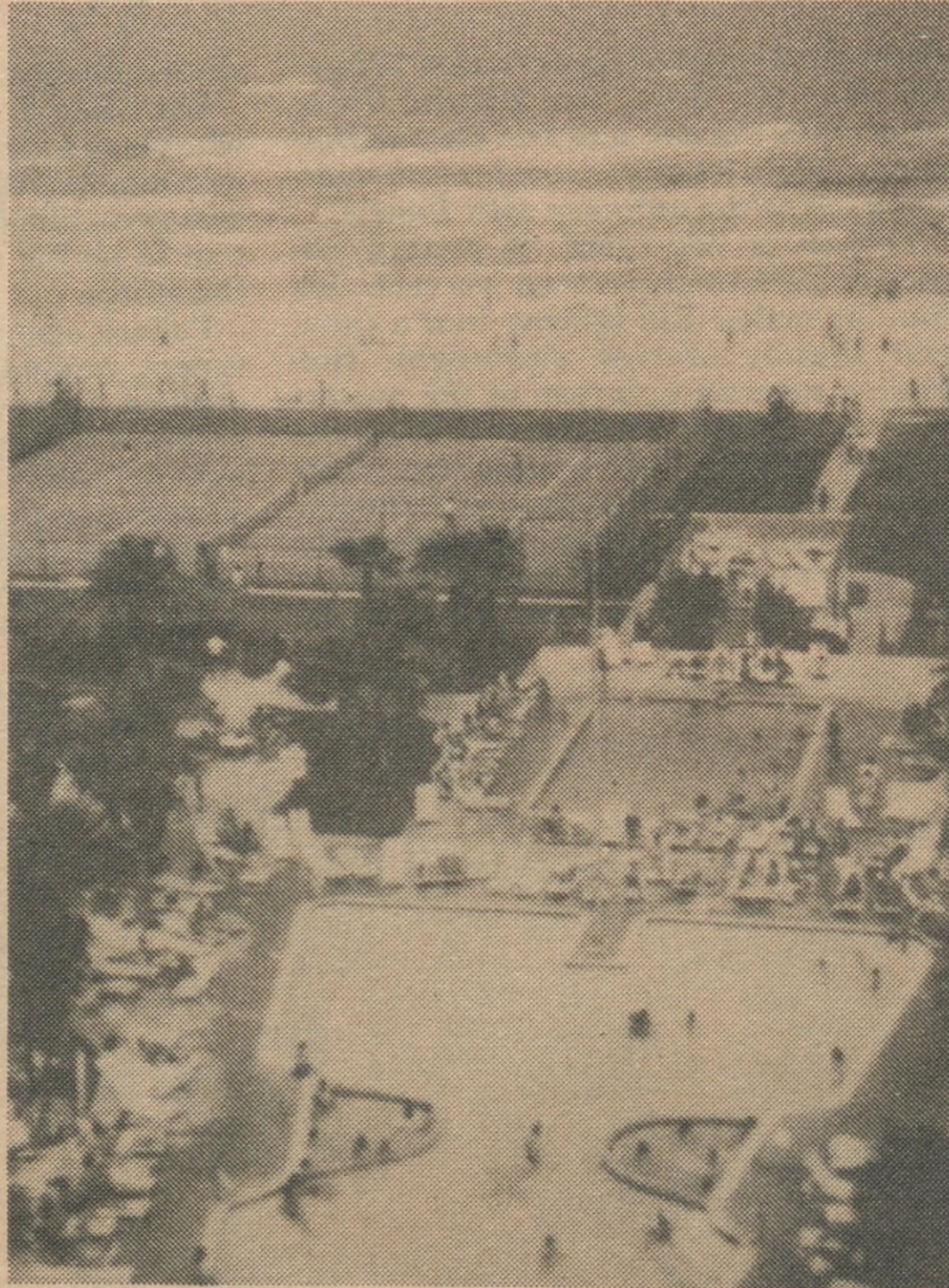
During the Mexican War (as it's called), Corpus Christi was described as "a small village of smugglers and lawless men, with but few women and no ladies." Today it is an important industrial city, livestock center and the ninth largest port in America.

Points of interest include the Yacht Basin and cruises seawall, U.S. Naval Air Station, Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi University, several museums and Mustang State Park. Little shrimp boats ply the waters around Aransas Pass and North Padre Island. Annual events include the All-Texas Jazz Festival, Bay Fest, Buccaneer Days and Kingsville Rodeo.

Corpus gay life has been upgrading itself remarkably, and the gay bars are much better than they were several years ago.

The Hidden Door at 1003 Morgan is a hot western and levi cruise bar, which is open after-hours weekends. The busiest club is the Zodiac, a disco for young people at 6127 South Staples.

Jolly Jack II, downtown at 413 Peoples, gets whatever is left over. All bars have



Looking from
a hotel on
Padre Island

pool tables, serve liquor and close at 2:00 a.m.

The sand-duned strip of Padre Island is in the Gulf of Mexico, and parallels the Texas coast from Corpus Christi in the north to Port Isabel in the south. Causeways at both ends connect to the mainland, but no through road covers the full

stretch of it's 113 mile length.

South Padre Island is one of America's fastest growing new resorts and still relatively unspoiled. It is best during the long summers, but attracts thousands of Texas kids during "Spring Break" and more thousands of Mexican citizens at Easter. South Padre is less than an hours drive

from Brownsville or Harlingen, both of which are served by several flights daily from Houston, Dallas and San Antonio.

The island has a small but enthusiastic gay colony, and although there are as yet no gay bars, the locals frequently invade the Lighthouse Pub, one block from the old lighthouse in neighboring Port Isabel.

Louie's Backyard serves an adequate buffet, humpy waiters, glamorous setting and straight late night disco. For dining the Tiki is fair, and the Yacht Club is better. The Jetties is a beach at the south end of the island, where gays, non-gays, bi's, junkies or whatever converge. Hundreds of cars and vans park or cruise around here late nights.

Brownsville, Harlingen and McAllen are the principal cities in the Rio Grande Valley and typify most rather drab border towns. Best bar bets are the Etc., in McAllen, or the mostly non-gay Studio V Disco in Brownsville.

Elizabeth Street in Brownsville is infamous for young Chicano hustlers, and so is the Plaza, south of the border in Matamoros.

Harlingen hosts an air show in October and Brownsville is noted for Charro Days Fiesta in February. If you need to visit Brownsville, stay at the Fort Brown Motor Hotel, and for non-gay dining, try Lavio's or Leonardo's, a pair of Mexican restaurants that come well recommended.

The Rio Grande valley is not, repeat, not for everyone. The beachcomber in me loves the remoteness of Padre Island National Seashore, and Corpus keeps getting better all the time.

One thing for sure, if the weather up north is cold and nasty, the South Texas Gulf Coast offers a place in the sun with wonderful beaches and warm, friendly people.

Damron is publisher of the *Bob Damron Address Book*, which is sold at Wilde 'n' Stein Books and most gay leather shops in Montrose.

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A Layman's Guide to the Immune System

By Harvey Thompson, M.D.

Antigen, antibody, lymphocytes, cellular immunity, suppressor and helper cells: sound like a Christmas shopping list for a blood bank?

Maybe, but now that 80% of even healthy gay males have been shown to be immuno-suppressed, interest in these terms may soon rival the rush for tickets to a Bette Midler concert.

Understanding the immune system is not easy. What follows is a short course to help you understand the findings of the research that's unfolding on the acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome of gay men (AIDS).

You might remember looking at a blood smear in high-school biology and seeing white corpuscles. You were told that they were phagocytes which, like vacuum cleaners, digested foreign bodies and cleansed the body. But what were those other round cells without cytoplasmic granules that comprised about a third of the white cells?

They were lymphocytes, and those are taking center stage in the current AIDS epidemic.

The source of the immune system are primitive undifferentiated cells found in the fetal yolk sac at about 4-5 weeks gestation. They take separate paths at about that time; some migrate through the thymus gland, and are therefore called "T" cells. Then they continuously recirculate between lymphoid tissues and bloodstream. The lymphoid tissue you're most familiar with are the swollen and tender glands you feel under the angle of your jaw when you get a sore throat. Normally, lymph nodes are *not* swollen in their common locations of neck, armpits and groin. The spleen is a kind of giant-of-a-node in the upper left corner of the abdomen.

The remaining undifferentiated cells, those that didn't take the trip through the thymus, become "B" cells, named after the "bursa" of birds, where they were first recognized. They go on to take up residence in the bone marrow and the blood.

There are two major divisions of the immune system: the humoral and the cellular. The humoral, or fluid portion, is characterized by "antibody" production from the offspring of the "B" cells, blood plasma, in reaction to a foreign protein, or "antigen." Although "T" cells have a regulatory influence on "B" cell antibody production, they mainly comprise the second immune system division: the cellular or cell-mediated portion.

You know the humoral system because of its control of bacterial infections. The cellular system, on the other hand, is mostly responsible for control of mutant cancer cells and infections by virus, fungus, and tuberculosis-related organisms. This latter group of "antigens" is the one that the gay community seems to be having problems with.

An example of humoral system production is the antibody that follows a tetanus shot of toxin (the "antigen") and lingers to neutralize the toxin from an accidental rusty-nail puncture years later. Cellular immunity is produced at the TB skin test site when it is positive; over the next few days, lymphocytes are seen at the spot.

There are six major immune effector mechanisms, or ways in which the body reacts to protect itself from invasion. Four of these involve "B" cells and an antibody, but two are "T"-cell mediated. All of these can be illustrated with the example of a snake crawling into a chicken coop; the snake is the foreign toxin or antigen, and the chickens determine the immune response.

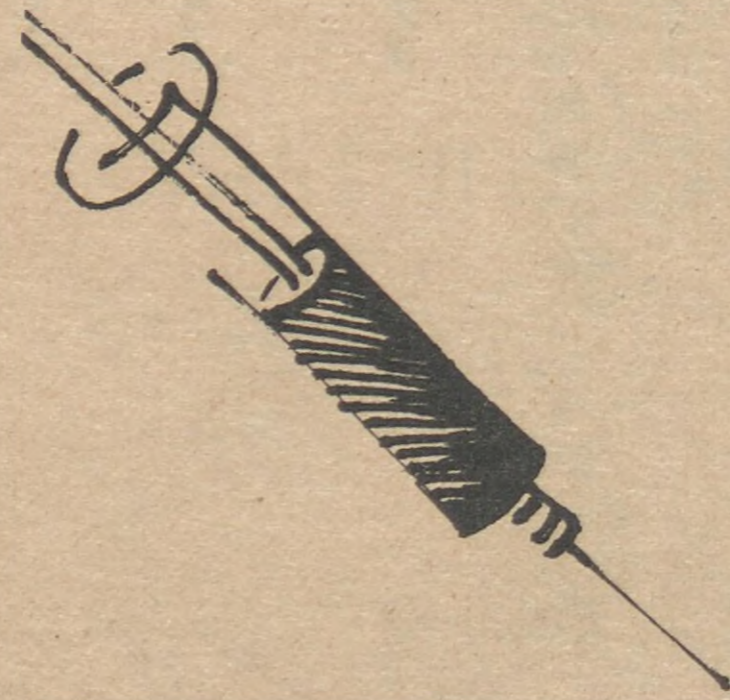
First, some chickens would go into shock and die, just from contact with the snake. This represents a Type I or anaphylactic shock reaction, similar to what happens in some people with a life-threatening penicillin reaction.

Some chickens might immobilize the snake by holding it still (the neutralizing

reaction). Other chickens might scratch the snake and wait for its slow oozing to death. Their claws are what is called a "compliment" in immunological terms, and this is a Type II reaction.

Some chickens would cackle loud enough to call in Farmer White with his corpuscles to destroy the snake—a Type III or Arthus reaction. But the cleverest chicken has a Type IV response; he just ingests the snake, and this analogous to the "Killer T-cell" response of cellular immunity.

Type I, II, and III reactions, and the neutralizing response, represent antibody-mediated reactions of the humoral system, home of the "B" cells. Swallowing the



snake demonstrates "T"-lymphocyte cellular immunity. The "antigen" (the snake) can either be digested (a Type IV reaction similar to the TB trine test), or just held in the stomach intact (granuloma formation similar to leprosy).

There's a connection between the "T" cells and the "B" cells of the two different systems, though. Remember that I mentioned a few paragraphs ago that "T" cells have a regulatory influence on the antibody production of the humoral system? There are two kinds of "T" cells, and they've gotten a lot of press lately. They're called "suppressor" and "helper" subsets. "Helper" "T" cells assist the "B" cells in producing antibodies; "suppressor" "T" cells antagonize the "helpers" and limit antibody production in the humoral system.

It's just this system of checks and balances that seems to be out of whack in the gay male. We have, often, fewer "helper" cells and more "suppressors" than normal. The ratio of helper to suppressor is decreased. You may hear your gay friends discussing this ratio; it's currently a focal point of much investigation. However, the helper cell and absolute lymphocyte count may be more important.

You might expect that with fewer helper cells there would be less antibody production, but such is not the case. Instead, there is *more* antibody production (hypergammaglobulinemia) with elevated antiviral antibodies. This unexplained paradox could result from faulty "T" cell suppressor activity or a high level of immune stimulation in a kind of "rebound" from that suppression.

With this background, you can conjecture all kinds of explanations for the appearance of AIDS in the gay community. Since "T" cells are important in cancer cell surveillance, the final answer will probably also explain Kaposi's syndrome, the gay cancer.

■ Some Possible Explanations

Many viruses (cytomegalovirus, Hepatitis-B, and the Epstein-Barr virus of mononucleosis) cause "T" cell imbalances similar to those seen in AIDS. Perhaps this high level of immune stimulation from one infection after another is overwhelming a suppressor regulation. Or, is there an unknown virus that accounts for the illnesses? This seems likely, since some of the patients have had sexual contact with one another. Many investigators believe

such a yet-undetected virus has a mode of transmission similar to hepatitis-B. That would explain why Kaposi's sarcoma is also occurring among Haitians (whose country is endemic for hepatitis-B), drug addicts and gays (with a high incidence of hepatitis-B), and hemophiliacs (who are exposed to hepatitis-B from blood product transfusions).

In cancer, the rapid growth of malignant cells seems to outstrip "T" cell capacity to ingest tumor cells. AIDS and Kaposi's patients have decreased skin test responses; does this "T" cell sickness of the cellular immune system permit tumor cells to escape "killer" cells?

Is there a genetic predisposition to immune defects which allows tumors to grow? Patients with Kaposi's sarcoma share certain configurations in their human histocompatibility complexes (Human Leukocyte Locus A, or HLA or short). This portion of the sixth human chromosome is the site of the so-called immune response genes. About two-thirds of the gay men in New York with Kaposi's had the HLA antigen DR5, ordinarily present in only one-quarter of the population.

Eight of 15 healthy gay men were found to have lower "T" cell subset ratios than normal. Seven of the eight were amyl nitrite users. Six of the seven non-users had normal ratios. The difference lasted six months. Does amyl nitrite alter the immune system and contribute to AIDS?

One intriguing late-breaking finding is that antibody to sperm has been found to cross-react with helper "T" cells. Many patients with Kaposi's sarcoma have total or near-total lack of sperm. Is it possible that the antibody which eliminated the sperm also decreased the number of "T" cells?

Difficult questions on a difficult and complex subject. New developments are popping up rapidly, and I'll try to keep you up-to-date on them.

(If you have a question for Doctor Thompson, write to him at Stonewall Features Syndicate, P.O. Box 222976, Carmel, CA 93922, and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for reply.)

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Boozing For A Good Cause

Pacific News Service

A Baltimore firm has come up with a way to help you feel better about drinking. For \$5.00 a liter you can buy "Solidarity" vodka and contribute to a good cause, it says.

The firm says it will donate five percent of its gross income to the "People of Poland."

The bottle carries the logo of the outlawed Polish trade union, and the distributor calls it "a toast to the free spirit of people everywhere."

Once in the Morning Does It

Pacific News Service

Bad breath won't kill you, but mouthwash might.

The Food and Drug Administration says there's preliminary evidence that people who use mouthwash several times daily for more than 20 years have a higher rate of head and neck cancer.

Iodine, a common ingredient in mouthwashes, may—according to the FDA—cause genetic defects.

Mouthwashes do kill germs, but, says an FDA dentist who worked on the oral health care products report, the germs come back in about a half hour. The report says rinsing your mouth with water, brushing and flossing your teeth are just as effective—and far less dangerous—ways to rid yourself of bad breath.

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Death of a Mask

By Patrick Franklin
Stonewall Features

Kimitake Hiraoka was born on January 14, 1925, and if that name has no meaning to you, it's not surprising. Neither the name nor the frail physique and overprotected, overmothered child who bore them had much to do with the person who is the subject of this column.

Yukio Mishima, the author of many books, several plays and screenplays, and a spectacular death, was born twenty-odd years later. You may be more familiar with this stern and muscled samurai and his preoccupations with youth, beauty, and death.

Yet they were the same man.

Rarely has there been such a study in contrasts. Mishima's first novel explored a savagely realistic survey of homosexuality; "Confessions of a Mask" won him his first fame. Yet he spent much of his later life in avoiding gay identification. He was raised in a home that presented him with a good background in Western culture, and many of his heroes were Western models. Yet he deplored the effects that Western values had caused in Japanese culture; his death, in its way, protested those very values.

Despite the efforts of recent biographers, Mishima remains a series of puzzles. Each time one is explained, another layer appears that refuses to be solved. Paradoxically enough, not much of his life is secret; he was a public person whose friends in the West were other public people, and each of his appearances and statements was carefully balanced to present a contrived persona.

And, though none of his life is clear, his motives, his motivations, his real values and dreams, Gay readers may find him easier to sympathize with than the rest of the world. Strange as he may seem to non-gay people, there are resonances in his life that most of us will recognize.

His early life was more than comfortable; it was cushioned. He was the son of a high-ranking Japanese civil servant in a period when a strict military hierarchy made that social position very desirable. But he was also the favored child of a dotting mother and grandmother, who took over his training and made him a cosseted and pampered darling.

The home he grew up in was filled with books from the West. One of his first "heroes" was Joan of Arc—until he discovered, much to his dismay, that Joan was a woman. That discovery was disconcerting in several ways. First, in a strictly masculine environment, a feminine heroine was unacceptable. Second, he found that his attraction to the figure of the saviour of the French monarchy was considerably lessened when her sex was changed. Perhaps even more important, he learned about Joan's comrade-in-arms, Gilles de Raiz, that confusing figure of

brave soldier and child molester, and he was fascinated by him.

Mishima began to write his own stories for publication at the age 16. Even his early work concerns itself with questions of masculinity and heroism, so when war broke out and he found that he was rejected for service with the Japanese Army, he was desolated. He vowed to make himself into the kind of man that he thought he should—at least mentally.

Mishima was a good student. He was privileged to attend the Peers' School, a kind of Japanese Eton, and went on to study law at the University of Tokyo. By the end of the war, he found a position at the Ministry of Finance: one both reputable and important. But in 1948 he wrote his first novel under the pseudonym that he is known by. *Confessions of a Mask* was a gritty portrayal of being gay, yet found acclaim throughout the world. As Yukio Mishima, it seemed as if he had found his niche in life.

But things still weren't quite right. He visited the United States, and several famous American authors recount stories of Mishima in New York, in Greenwich Village, trying to find his ideal man. It's rather sad to read how this slight, bespectacled Japanese tried to make out with his fantasies: the big, brawny, dumb body-builders who attracted him. Once more he failed, and once more he decided the fault was in him.

There is a clear progression in his work after that, in *The Temple of Golden Pavilion* (1959), he tells the story of a Zen acolyte whose ugliness obsesses him with beauty. That obsession leads the character to destroy an ancient temple.

Mishima's obsession led him in the same direction. His early love of the Maid of Orleans was replaced by a devotion to Saint Sebastian, the beautiful Christian martyr. The skinny Japanese boy built his body enough to be pictured as the saint, complete with fake arrows piercing his side. He went back to his roots, in a sense, by reinvestigating the traditions of the samurai, eventually publishing a book of pictures, *Young Samurai* in 1967, that lovingly depicted the ideal Japanese warrior in attitudes of physical grace.

Mishima married. Was this an attempt at a final repudiation of the power of his mother, a new identification for a previously gay-identified writer, or a continuation of a Japanese tradition of providing an heir? His prose grew more economical, fragmented into episodic vignettes rather than "Western" style plots and plot development. Was this an attempt at reproducing Japanese literary styles, or an emulation of the sparse prose of Western literary giants?

He founded his own private army, a band of closely-bound young men who subscribed to his own views about Japanese culture and society. The "Tate No Kai" or "Shield Society" was an effort to reestablish the old militaristic might of fighting men.

Yet at the same time, he began to write screenplays, a very "Western" mode of expression. His story "Patriotism" from the collection *Death in Midsummer* was made into a movie in which he himself starred. Ironically, or perhaps intentionally, this tale of a young man who commits ritual suicide as an affirmation of Japan's martial ethic predicts his own death some years later. *The Sailor Who Fell From Grace With the Sea* was made into a movie a few years later.

On November 25, 1970, he and four followers seized the headquarters of the Japanese Army in Tokyo. Mishima gave a 10-minute speech from the balcony of the building, then went inside to perform the ritual act of *seppuku*, or disemboweling. His lover gave the *coup de grace* of beheading him to prevent a long and painful death. The news seized the imagination of the world.

Was it a political act? Perhaps. But to the reader of Mishima's published works, it was more likely a grotesque literary finish to an uncompleted life. He died at the height of his creative and personal powers, exactly as most of his stories had predicted.

For all of his fascination with masculinity, with manhood, with the power of the male image, he gave his mother the last word. "My lover," she said, "has come back to me."

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Summer Camp With A Byte

Pacific News Service

The computer boom has given birth to the "Computer Camp"—where adults who fear the world of bytes and bits can get a crash course in computer-ese.

Dallas businessman Jacques Vroom says more than 100 housewives, upper level managers, and oil and gas men have plunked down \$400 each to go through his three-day computer boot camp. Most of them come, says Vroom, out of fear of being left behind in the computer revolution, though one Vroom trainee admitted he needed computer literacy "to keep up with my kids."

Vroom admits he's not a computer expert. "We teach almost nothing about how they work," he says. "The automobile is a good analogy. All I want to know is how to start it, where to put the gas and maybe how to check the battery."

And for those who don't want to go away to camp, comedian/musician Steve Allen has recorded *Everything You Wanted to Know About Home Computers*, an instruction record designed to combat what he calls "compu-phobia"—the state of being intimidated by a home computer.

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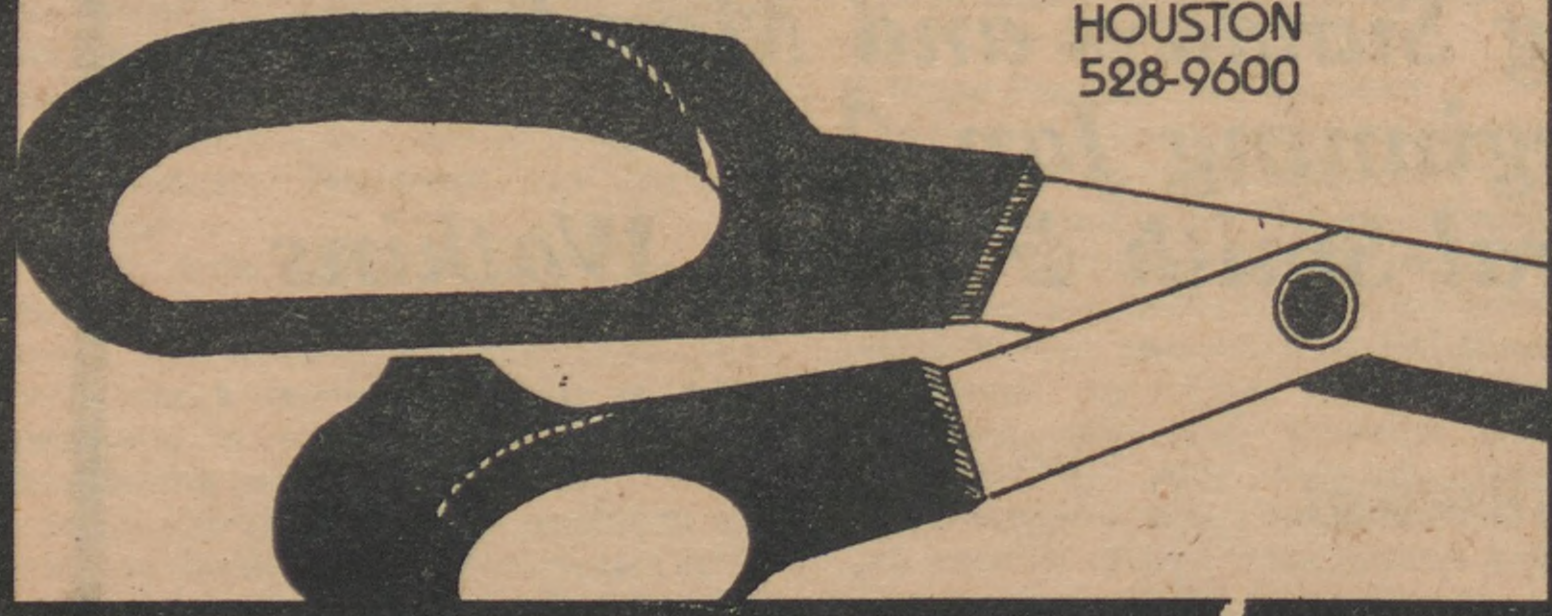
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How Do You Live a Gay Life?

By Patrick Franklin
Stonewall Features

How do you live a gay life? There must be as many answers to that question as there are gay people to ask it. But the question becomes more and more important to us as the gay movement develops splits within itself because of that kind of philosophical uncertainty.

There could hardly be a more dramatic contrast in approach to the question than there was in the case of the two great French writers of this century, Jean Cocteau and Andre Gide. Though both remained wary friends, Gide often accused Cocteau of frivolity, while Cocteau thought Gide a Puritan and prude. It was a situation filled with inconsistencies. Gide remained a very private person in his lifetime, while Cocteau flaunted his gayness in the face of French society. Yet it was Gide who openly confessed his homosexuality in "Si le Grain ne Meurt" in 1924, an explicit account of his life and relationships, while Cocteau still feared to put his name on his own gay book, "Le Livre Blanc" in 1930.

The destinies of the two men offer a great argument in favor of the idea that the early years of childhood shape our lives. Cocteau was raised in a permissive and doting home, surrounded by the niceties of society and the glitter of the *haut monde*. Gide, a protestant by birth, already was an outsider in French society, and the death of his father when he was barely eleven left him to be raised by a mother to whom propriety was all.

As a result, he grew up trying to combine a love for beautiful things with a need for justifying his fascination. It was not enough merely to appreciate beauty; it had to be legitimized by classification or by investigation.



Jean Cocteau and Andre Gide
ACEL CLARK DRAWINGS

Cocteau gives a telling picture of this facet of Gide's life. He recounts watching Gide on a Paris sidewalk, hesitating

before a shop that displayed shells and stones of marvelous color and texture. Gide shook his head, hunched his shoulders, then walked into a second-hand bookstore next to the lovely shop.

In his own words, Gide called himself "a little boy who is having fun, combined with a Protestant minister who is boring him." That was his personal problem; his great talent arose from his being able to speak to us both as that little boy and as the minister, in being able to exist as a feeling person and as an intellectual rationalizer.

Sex had come early to him. One of the great shocks to the reading public must have been to encounter, on the first page of his memoirs, his learning to masturbate with a friend under the dining-room table. But, given his upbringing, it took a while for him to accept the directness of his sexual feelings. That comes in a flash on a trip to North Africa in 1893, when he was 24 years old. There he had his first real homosexual experience, which served as an infusion of life into his previously cerebral writing.

Two years later, he again returned to Algiers, where Oscar Wilde and Lord Alfred Douglas conspired to have him seduced by a young Arab, Athman. Undoubtedly, this was a turning point in his life. The unbridled sensuality of the encounter remained one of his most powerful memories, one that shored up the strength of the "little boy" against the "minister." He even proposed bringing Athman back to France, a scheme his mother violently opposed.

When she died, though, Gide was left in a lonesome quandary. He responded to that by marrying a cousin, Emmanuele. It was an unfortunate personal decision, but one that gave literature a masterpiece. In 1902, he drew on the experiences that resulted from that misalliance and created *L'Immoraliste*, a book considered so

shocking that it had to wait until 1930 for an English language version. In 1954, a stage version, *The Immoralist*, gave us a new kind of star: that nebulously sexual James Dean, whose style still seems to intrigue audiences all over the world.

Gide's "minister" had to deal with these new revelations. In the next few years he wrote *Corydon*, an anonymously published justification of homosexuality based on the examples of nature, and a private edition of *Si le Grain ne Meurt*, his memoirs. By 1924, he had worked out his attitude, one that is familiar to many of us now; immorality and morality are questions that far transcend mere sexual activity. the question of sexual expression is one small facet of an entire life.

But Gide, in publishing his book in 1924, went one step further. In a sense, what he said was "I am a homosexual. I accept that, as I expect others will. Now, let's get on to more serious business."

He went on, but it took the world some time to catch up. Almost immediately after the publication of *If It Die*, as his book is called in English, he was considered for a Nobel Prize in Literature. Twenty-three years later, he won that award. But the year after that, all of his books were placed on the Catholic Index of Forbidden Books. Gide would have been amused. Earlier, he had said, "Catholicism is inadmissible; Protestantism is intolerable; and I feel profoundly Christian."

Gide's preoccupations with morality and philosophy still seem prudish to many gay people. On the other hand, Gide would have been mystified by the question of "Is there a gay sensibility?" He knew only human sensibilities, and ignored any other that stood in their way. How do you lead a gay life? With care, love and examination, Gide would have said, just like any other.

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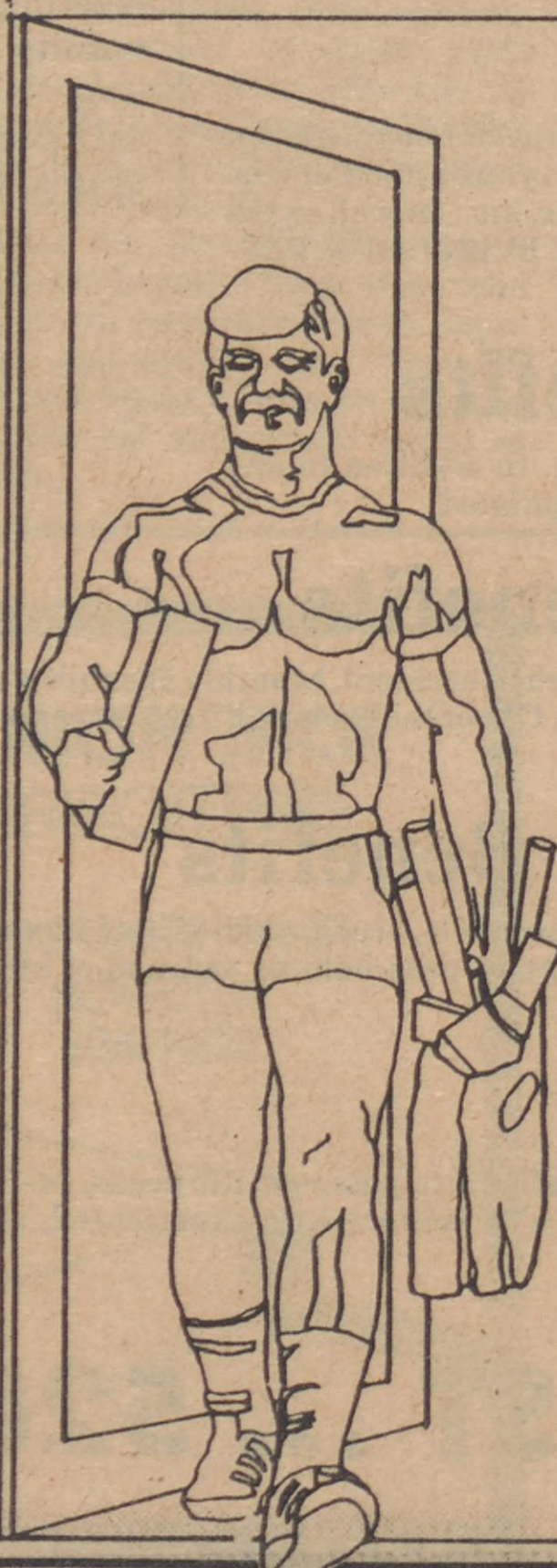
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"Oh, there was a time I considered being a foreign diplomat. But I didn't think they were appointing women to that sort of post then ... and besides I wasn't very diplomatic."

Hard work and a drive to excel that would put most other performers in the shade (and did) has led Midler to develop her seemingly limitless talents, diplomacy or the lack of it, notwithstanding.

She has been acknowledged as one of America's truly great and unique entertainers earning gold records, establishing and then breaking her own concert box office records and being nominated for both an Oscar, *The Rose*, and an Emmy, *Ol' Red Hair Is Back*. With the release of a new album, she has embarked on a national concert tour, and will appear at the Summit, Wednesday, Jan. 26, 8:00 p.m. The event is being produced by Pace Concerts.

Midler developed an interest in acting in high school while living in Hawaii and spent a year at the University of Hawaii studying drama. She began her career as an extra in the movie *Hawaii*, and from that went as quickly as possible to New York to become an actress. "I was a speedy little person. When I left college, I never slowed down. I ran for six years," she said.

She created her own act around the character "Miss M." Ahmet Ertegun, "The Sultan of the Pop World," caught her act and immediately signed her. From there it was only up. Midler has reached the height of every genre she has attempted.

Bette Midler's career, which she affec-

tionately, characteristically bills as "trash with flash" and "sleaze with ease" is certainly a success. But then, it never occurred to her that it wouldn't be.

1983 To Be Heralded with '5th of July'

The Gay Political Caucus will welcome the new year with "Welcome to 1983 GPC Night at the Alley Theater" on January 6, 8:30 p.m., with a benefit performance for the group of Lanford Wilson's play *Fifth of July*.

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Looking Back, Looking Ahead

By Jeffrey Wilson

What a tangled web of success the superstars weave. Follow this multi-talented tale and unravel the truth.

While we were all recovering from Diana Ross' debut album on RCA Records, her third single release from that project, "Work That Body," was still hot on the charts. Ross' second LP for the label, then in the works, was supposedly co-produced by Michael McDonald (Warner Bros.) of the Doobie Brothers. Now hold that thought.

Meanwhile, former Beatle, Paul McCartney (Columbia) and Motown superstar Stevie Wonder recorded the duet "Ebony & Ivory" for McCartney's label, which became a number-one hit worldwide. It turned out our "Michaels" were mixed, as Michael Jackson (Epic) wrote and produced Diana Ross' newest hit, "Muscles" for her *Silk Electric* LP. Jackson then teams up with McCartney to reproduce the magic achieved by Wonder and McCartney. They do, with their current hit single "The Girl is Mine," now contained on Jackson's long-awaited album entitled *Thriller*.

It also took Michael Jackson and Steven Spielberg to save their *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial, The Storybook Album* package from an embroiled battle between Jackson's CBS label and E.T.'s home at MCA. The conflict arose when CBS feared the MCA project featuring would interfere with the sales of his newly-released album. This holiday story has a happy ending as all the differences were resolved and E.T., Jackson, Spielberg CBS and MCA live happily ever after!

GROUPS MAY COME and groups may go. This year ends an incredible era for Doobie Brothers and The Who, both of Warner Brothers Records. These two supergroups have been around for more than a decade and are going their separate ways in a blaze of glory with final tours and another good year of chart success. At Motown however, even the surviving Temptations (original member Paul Williams died ten years ago), formed a reunion that went virtually unnoticed despite an album/tour package and assistance from Gordy labelmate Rick James.

In April, Billy Joel (Columbia) was nearly killed driving his Harley-Davidson motorcycle when a woman ran through a red light at an intersection at better than 40 miles per hour. Joe's right hand was literally torn from the socket, the left hand was crushed as he was thrown over the car and onto his back. After several operations on his hands, Billy Joel is now able to resume his spot at the keyboards which he loves so much, but not without some pain. The success of his current 10-week national tour and the release of a seventh album, *The Nylon Curtain*, spawning two hit singles "Pressure" and "Allentown," should help ease the pain.

It was a quiet year for Barbra Streisand (Columbia), who just brushed the charts with the beautiful ballad "Memory." Yet for Barry Manilow (Arista) this tune is firing up the charts! In a different vein, Manilow is doing some really hot Rock 'n Roll with "I Wanna Do It With You" and "Some Girls" for his *Here Comes The Night* LP. Melissa Manchester (Arista) also rocked the charts this year with "You Should Hear How She Talks About You" and "Hey Ricky," proving that these romanticists can get down and rock with the best of 'em.

Rick Springfield (RCA) and Olivia Newton-John (MCA) never seen to let up steam! For Springfield it was success at the Grammy Awards and 'Livvy two great follow-ups to "Physical" and a television special.

LOOK OUT 1983. The Grammy Awards are celebrating 25 years, Rick Springfield and Diana Ross may do some collaborating on film, Dionne Warwick (Arista) is on the charts and Dolly Parton (RCA) is back on tour!



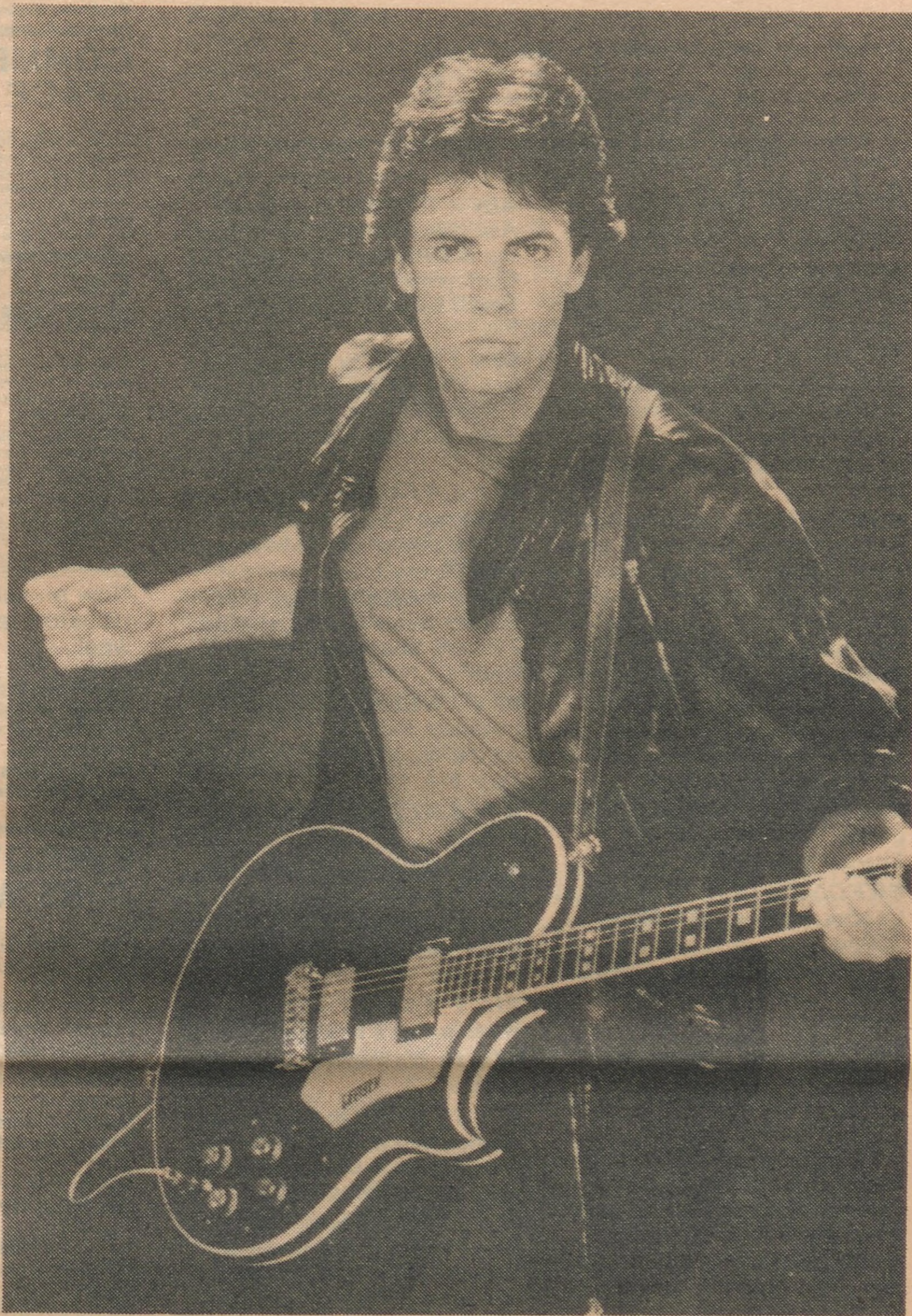
Stevie Wonder

The Year of the Go-Go's

Chalk one up for woman power: 1982's best selling recording act, according to *Billboard* magazine, was the Go-Go's.

Los Angeles's all-female new wave band edged out Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones, for who they once served as an opening act.

The Go-Go's had two top ten albums and three top 20 singles in 1982, although Asia's *Asia* was the best-selling individual album and Olivia Newton-John's *Physical* was the top single. The other best-sellers on the *Billboard* survey: Foreigner, J. Geils, Journey, John Cougar, Rick Springfield and Kenny Rogers, followed by Alabama, Loverboy, The Police, Air Supply and Joan Jett.



Rick Springfield



Olivia Newton John



Billy Joel

Seven Day Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					DEC 31	JAN 1
JAN 2	JAN 3	JAN 4	JAN 5	JAN 6		

For additional information about events listed below, look for the sponsoring organization under "Organizations" in the Montrose Directory.

Selected Events through 7 Days

- **FRIDAY:** New Year's Eve
- **FRIDAY:** Community Coffee-house 7:30pm-midnight, 3405 Mulberry
- **FRIDAY:** Lambda Alanon meeting at First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin
- **SATURDAY:** New Year's Day
- **SATURDAY:** Lambda Bicycle Club meets, then tours, from Paez Center, 401 Avondale, 11am, unless raining
- **MONDAY:** MSA/Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain
- **TUESDAY:** Greater Montrose Business Guild meets, community room, Liberty Bank, Montrose at Westheimer
- **TUESDAY:** MSA/Volleyball games 7:30 p.m., Gregory-Lincoln School, 1101 Taft
- **WEDNESDAY:** Gay Political Caucus meeting, 4600 Main, 7:30pm
- **WEDNESDAY:** MSA/Pocket Billiard competition, various locations
- **THURSDAY:** "Welcome to 1983 GPC Night at the Alley Theater" 8:30pm, Alley Theater, 615 Texas, featuring the "5th of July Play" by Lanford Wilson
- **THURSDAY:** MSA/Mixed League Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain
- **THURSDAY:** Wilde 'n Stein gay radio show 10pm-midnight on KPFT Radio, FM-90

Selected Events in Future Weeks

- **IN 2 WEEKS:** Houston Teneco Jogging 26-mile Marathon, Jan. 16, downtown to Memorial Park and back

● **IN 3 WEEKS:** Gay Press Association winter board meeting & GPA Southern Regional Conference, Jan. 21-23, Marlin Beach Hotel, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

● **IN 3 WEEKS:** Second Position Rounds for MSA Houston Pocket Billiard's League at Red's Lounge, I-10 at I-45, Jan. 22

● **IN 4 WEEKS:** Blood drive at Montrose Clinic, 104 Westheimer, 9am-noon & 1-5pm, Jan. 29

● **IN 5 WEEKS:** Texas Film Society Achievement Awards, Feb. 4-6, Shamrock Hilton Hotel

● **IN 6 WEEKS:** Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12

● **IN 6 WEEKS:** St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14

● **IN 6 WEEKS:** Mardi Gras, Feb. 15

● **IN 6 WEEKS:** Ash Wednesday, Feb. 16

● **IN 7 WEEKS:** Let Us Entertain You Weekend in Houston, Feb. 18-20

● **IN 7 WEEKS:** George Washington's birthday, Feb. 21

● **IN 13 WEEKS:** Easter, April 3

● **IN 17 WEEKS:** Gay Press Association national convention, Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, Apr. 29-May 1

● **IN 17 WEEKS:** Gay Night at Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus, Madison Square Garden, New York, to benefit AIDS research

● **IN 21 WEEKS:** Memorial Day, May 30

● **IN 23 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week begins Houston, June 16 (tentative)

● **IN 26 WEEKS:** Independence Day, July 4

NOTICE

BUSINESS OWNERS: (1) We list free each week in this directory (a) business establishments serving as distribution points for the VOICE, (b) display advertisers, (c) Houston gay bars & private clubs and (d) community organizations.

● indicates Montrose Voice distribution points

COMMERCIAL SPACE

IDEAL SPACE FOR SMALL BUSINESS. Montrose location on active street. Refurbished interior with shop/living quarters. Second building behind. 15 month sublet available now. Sale of interior fixtures, A/C units and select furnishings negotiable. Call 526-5196, Tuesday through Friday, noon til 5pm.

DWELLINGS & ROOMMATES

GWM seeks roommate to share 2 bedroom condo in Northwest Mall area. \$250 per month, includes utilities and all amenities. Call Bob, 682-6000 after 6pm

Responsible GWM seeks same to share 2-1/2 apartment on Timmons. Living, dining and patio on 2nd floor. Bedrooms on 3rd. New carpet. Many closets. \$265 month. All bills paid. \$125 deposit. Call David, 871-8198.

● Grand Central Pipeline Roommate Service—1115 Barkdull—523-3223
See our ad in this issue

Now an estimated 24,400 Houston readers each week—the Voice!

Montrose/West Gray area: Furnished private room plus kitchen use. \$60 per week, \$50 deposit. All utilities paid. No alcohol or drugs. Phone evenings after 6 or Sun. afternoon. 522-6745.

EMPLOYMENT & JOBS WANTED

DELIVERY GIRL needed now. Must have econ. truck or hatchback. M-F, 12noon-6pm. Sharp, attractive, personable. Must be dependable. Commission about \$250/week. Call for Gretchen Mitchell, CPSS, 640-2044.

Help wanted. Part-time. TexEscort is accepting a few applications for guides, models, escort and/or masseurs. 751-9000.

Support, join your community organizations

PIANIST NEEDED

For piano lounge. Male or female, experienced, with personality. Seasoned performers please leave message at 523-3544.

GAY BARS

● Bacchus—523 Lovett—523-3396: live entertainment

● Baja's—402 Lovett—527-9866: restaurant, live music

See our ad in this issue

● Barn—710 Pacific—528-9427: country

● Brazos River Bottom—2400 Brazos—528-9192: country

● Briar Patch—2294 W. Holcombe—665-9678

● Chicken Coop—535 Westheimer—526-2240

● Copa—2631 Richmond—528-2259: disco with shows

See our ad in this issue

● The Deep—2212 Converse—528-8234

● Different Drum—1732 Westheimer—528-8528: leather

See our ad in this issue

● Dirty Sally's—220 Avondale—529-7525

● E/J's—1213 Richmond—527-9071

● Exile—1011 Bell—659-0453: country

● Galleon—2303 Richmond—522-7616

See our ad in this issue

● Gay Boy International (G.B.I.)—1419 Richmond—528-8903

● Grant Street Station—911 Fairview—528-8342

● Hole—109 Tuam—528-9128

● J.R.'s—808 Pacific—521-2519

See our ad in this issue

● Just Marion & Lynn's—817 Fairview—528-9110: lesbian

● Keyboard—3012 Milam—528-6988

● Kindred Spirits—5245 Buffalo Speedway—665-9756: predominantly lesbian

● Lampost—2417 Times Blvd.—528-8921: lesbian

● Lazy J—312 Tuam—528-9343

See our ad in this issue

● Loading Dock—1735 Westheimer—520-1818: leather dance bar

● Mary's—1022 Westheimer—528-8851

● Midnite Sun—534 Westheimer—526-7519: disco, shows

● Miss Charlotte's—911 W. Drew—528-8840: country

● Montrose City Hall—1318 Westheimer—630-0303

See our ad in this issue

● Montrose Mining Co.—805 Pacific—529-7488

See our ad in this issue

● Numbers 2—300 Westheimer—526-6551: disco

See our ad in this issue

● Officer's Club—2701 Albany—523-4084

See our ad in this issue

● Pink Elephant—1218 Leeland—659-0040: with shows

See our ad in this issue

● Ranch—6620 1/2 Main—528-8730

● Rascals—2702 Kirby—524-6272: restaurant, live music

See our ad in this issue

● Ripcord—715 Fairview—521-2792

See our ad in this issue

● Rocky's—3416 W. Dallas—528-8922: lesbian

● Twins—535 Westheimer—520-0244: lesbian disco

● Venture-N—2923 Main—522-0000

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ONLY the Voice saturates Montrose each week with over one hundred distribution locations

ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
Gay Rights National Lobby—POB 1892, Washington, DC 20013—(202) 546-1801
National Gay Task Force—80 5th Ave., New

York, NY 10011—(212) 741-5800
NGTF's Crisisline—(800) 221-7044 or (in New York State) (212) 807-6016

A Capella Chorus (Montrose) Church of Christ

ACLU—1236 W. Gray—524-5925

American Leathermen (social club)—meets at Different Drum, 1732 Westheimer—528-8528: club night Wed.

Astro Rainbow Alliance—524-4793 (voice & TTY)

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church—1440 Hawthorne—526-1017: service 10:50am Sun.

Between 2 Worlds—529-1913: meets every other Thurs.

Black & White Men Together (BWMT)—529-5006, 747-9812

Christian Church of the Good Shepherd—1707 Montrose: services 1pm Sun., Bible study 7:30pm Thurs.

(Montrose) Church of Christ—c/o 401 Avondale—777-9286: services 12:30pm Sun.

Church of Christian Faith—413 Westheimer—529-8005: services Sun. morning & evening & Wed. evening; Bible study Mon. & Tues. evenings; choir practice Wed. evening

Citizens for Human Equality (CHE)—609 Fannin #1301—236-8666: board meeting 2nd Tuesdays

Colt 45's (social club)—meets at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos—528-9192

● Community Coffeehouse—subgroup of I/H Inc.: meets 7:30pm Fridays at 3405 Mulberry

Community Gospel Center—1700 Montrose—523-6018

Cong. Aytz Chayim—meets at MCCR, 1919 Decatur—552-1340, 688-8997: service & social 8pm 2nd & 4th Fridays

Conroe Area Gay Women—756-0354

Crisis Hotline—228-1505

Dial-a-Gay-Atheist—524-2222: Gay Atheist League of America

Diana Foundation—2700 Mason—524-5791

Dignity—meets at Catholic Student Center, 1703 Boisover—520-9269, 528-7644: meetings 7pm Saturdays

Families & Friends of Gays—464-6663, 524-5982: meets 2pm 3rd Sundays at Presbyterian Center, 41 Oakdale, behind First Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main; affiliate I/H Inc.

1st Unitarian Church—5210 Fannin—526-1571: service 11:15am Sun.

Frontrunners—c/o Fred Paez Center, Avondale at Taft—520-9258

Greenspot/FM1960 Area Far-Away Friends—821-9681

Gay & Alive Sharing Experience (GASE)—528-1311, 528-0891

Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas: affiliate of I/H Inc.

Gay Atheist League of America—524-2222

Gay Hispanic Caucus—2722 Newman #12—521-0037: meets 3rd Thursdays.

Gay Italian Group—526-9844

Gay Nurses & Physicians of Houston—c/o GPC—521-1000

Gay Political Caucus (GPC)—POB 66664, 77266—521-1000: meets 4600 Main #217 7:30pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Gay Switchboard—529-3211: affiliate I/H Inc.

Greater Montrose Business Guild—contact through Montrose Voice: meets 1st Tuesdays, community room, Liberty Bank, Westheimer at Montrose

Hepatitis Hotline, project of GPC's Medical Committee—521-1000

Homophile Interfaith Alliance—729 Manor—523-6969

Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists—526-7386: meets 7pm 4th Wednesdays

Houston Community Clowns—862-8314

Houston Data Professionals—meets in East Room, Holiday Inn Central, 4640 South Main—523-6922: meeting 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays

Houston Human Rights League—c/o 401 Avondale—523-6969

Houston Motorcycle Club (social club)—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—528-8851



Murphy's Manor By Kurt Erichsen

I/H Inc.—POB 16041, 77222—694-1732, 529-7014; affiliated groups are Families & Friends of Gays, Community Coffeehouse, Interact, Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas, Gay Switchboard.

Montrose Symphonic Band, Montrose Cloggers; board meeting 7:30pm 1st Thursdays (varied locations); educational forum 7:30pm 3rd Thursdays

Integrity/Houston (formerly Episcopal Integrity)—526-0555; meeting 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays at Aury House, 6265 Main, & 4th Tuesdays at varied locations

Dateline S.F.

The 1982 Frisky Awards

By Randy Alfred

NEWS: Most Boring Story Award is a tie between the pro football strike and AmerAsian children.

Ultimate Hostage Drama Award goes to the anti-nuclear terrorist who threatened to blow up the national phallus with an empty truck.

NEWSPAPERS: Best Satire Award to the *San Francisco Chronicle's* Art Hoppe for his theatrical review of "This Week's Wars."

Best Review Award to the *Chronicle's* Thomas Albright for his minimalist treatment, replete with white space, of Jim Rosen's likewise minimalist paintings.

Best Headline Awards to the *Chron* for "Memories Are Made of This" (microcircuit hardware); the *San Francisco Examiner* for "Papal plea for Polish and human rights; and the *San Francisco Sun-Times*, for "Celebrate The International Month of the Potato." Runner-up is the *Examiner's* piece on tariffs, "Reagan raps 'ugly specter' of trade bars." Has he been hanging out in those places again?

Leap Year Award to the *Chron* for "Normal rainfall during San Francisco's rainy season, measured from July 1 to June 31 of the next year, is 20.66 inches." That's normal?

Narrow Coverage Award to the *Ex* for its 0.8-inch wide by 3.8-inch long column-filler on the Alice B. Toklas Demo Club awards dinner.

Gertrude Stein, Gertrude Stein Award to the *Ex* for running the same story side-by-side, under two different headlines, "Utility help for needy" and "Poor to get gas bill help."

Render Unto Sleazer Award to Emporium-Capwell stores for running, in four northern California Sunday papers, a 24-page glossy lingerie supplement showing more pubes than *The New York Times* ever allowed.

BROADCAST: Skin Flicks Award to the Playboy Channel, a veritable cable nudes network.

What's In A Name? Award, to the Federal Communications Commission, which refused Illinois radio station WTCO's application to change its call letters to WSEX.

Unreasonable Facsimile Award, another tie, to Black Tower wine, whose ads show a mixed, leafy deciduous forest while invoking the spirit of the Black Forest, which is made up of pines; and to Union Bank, whose ads show a California flag that says "State of California" instead of "California Republic," lacks a red stripe, has an oversized star in the wrong place, and its bear facing in the wrong direction.

FILM: Life Imitates Art Award to Karen Stolman, who pretended to be a boy so she could get a part in a Canadian production of *Oliver*, which opened three days after the Hollywood premiere of Dustin Hoffman's *Tootsie*.

Least Likely Double Bill Award to *Making Love* and *Taxi zum Klo*. Past winners in this category include *M* and *Z*; *Yours, Mine and Ours* with *The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly*; and *Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines*, or *How I Flew From London to Paris in Twenty-Five Hours and Eleven Minutes* with *The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton Under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade*. Fit that on your marquee, marquis.

POLITICS: OK, Who's the Joker? Award, to Albania, whose national elections resulted in a 1,627,967 to 1 vote for the Communists.

Greater Love Hath No Man Award to the 39-year old Spaniard who, it was revealed in 1982, offered his body for a transplant of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's brain in 1975.

Greater Faith Have No Voters Award to the Texans who re-elected a state senator who had died six weeks earlier.

Potomac Fever Award, to the congressional-page sex-and-drugs scandal, which turned out to be illusory. It had looked like a clear case of too little advice and too much consent.

Sorry, I Don't Do Windows of Vulnerability Award to the lame-duck House for voting down the MX missile densepack.

1984 Minus Two Award to President Reagan for renaming MX, "Peacemaker."

Keeping Things In Perspective Award to American Baptist Seminary President L. Howard McBain, who, Herb Caen reported in the *Chron*, wrote, "Next to nuclear war, homosexuality may be the most crucial issue facing our society today."

ECONOMICS: Things are Tough All Over Award, our third tie, to the nation of Poland, for rationing rubber condoms; and to Robert Paul Yarrington of San Jose, who police alleged hacked off his foot with an ax to collect \$25,000 in insurance.

Bank On It Award to Robert Heacock, who said savers at the gay-owned Atlas Savings & Loan have "swish bank accounts."

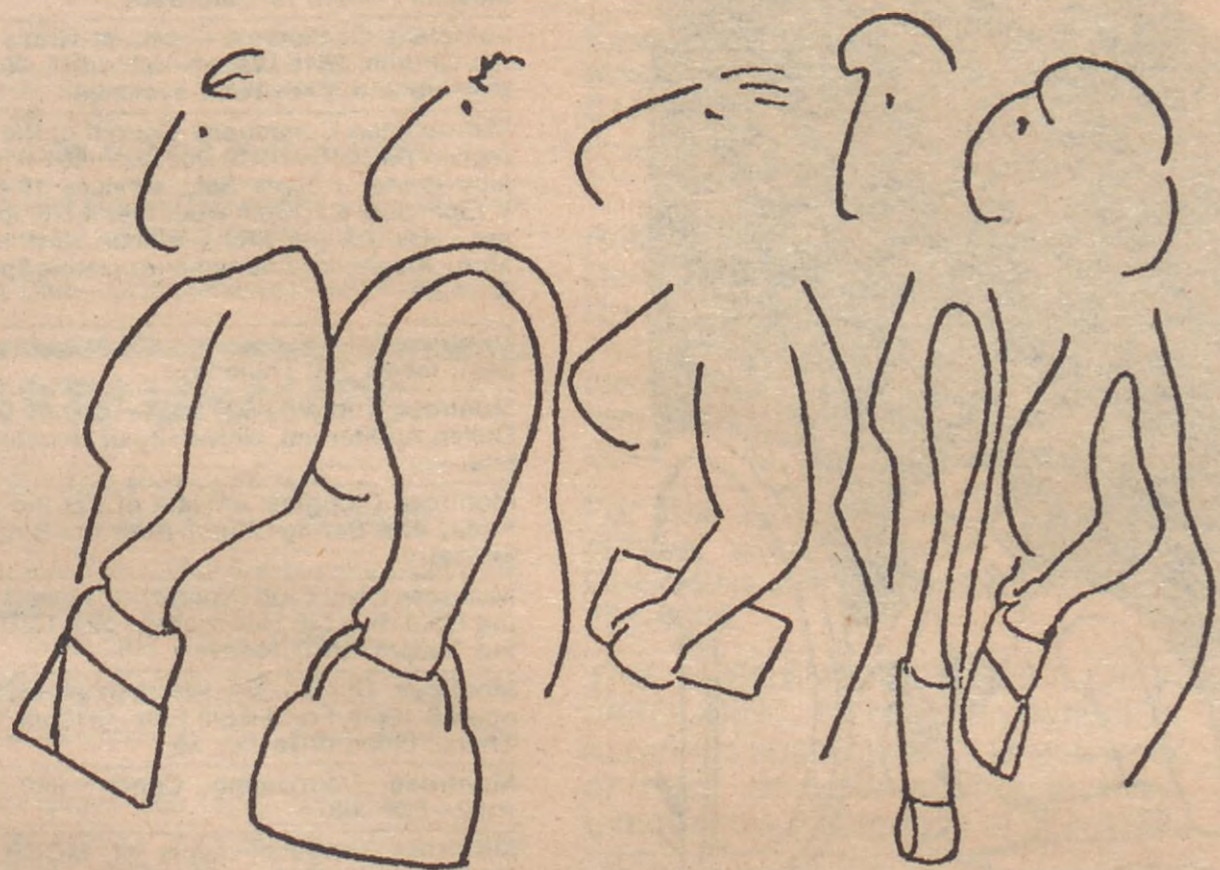
STRICTLY BRITISH: Limited View Award to all the British corporations forced to replace "Ltd." with "PLC" (for "public limited company," to distinguish themselves from private corporations. Can you imagine Gilbert and Sullivan writing *Utopia, PLC*?

Quick, Get Me Rewrite! Award to the Church of England for revising the words of "God Save the Queen" in its new hymnal. There will always be an England, more or less.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Exquisite Timing Award to the Miami biochemist who criticized kosher food for its high fat content, on Rosh Hashannah, the Jewish New year.

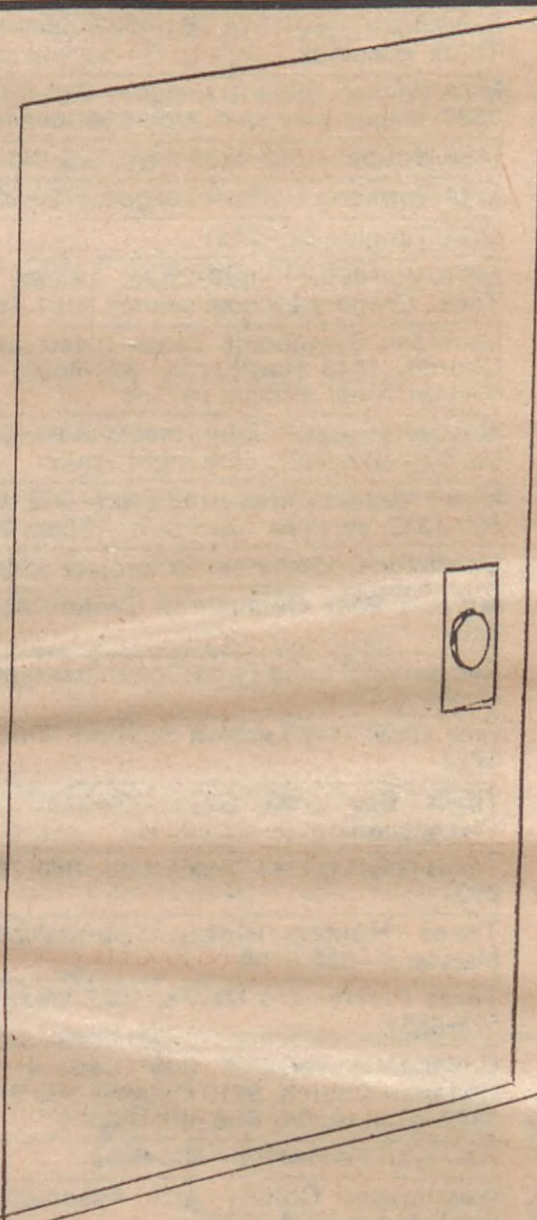
Bizarre Heterosexual Award to the Tifton, Ga., man who threw chunks of lard at women while he drove his car in the nude.

It's Not San Francisco Award to the Collin Street Bakery, which earned Corsicana, Texas, the title, "Fruit Cake Capital of the U.S."



Voice Comics

Kleiber



On second thought, I think I'll sit in the smoking section

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"Well, that does it for my tomatoes."



"Well, for goodness sakes! . . . What is this thing?"

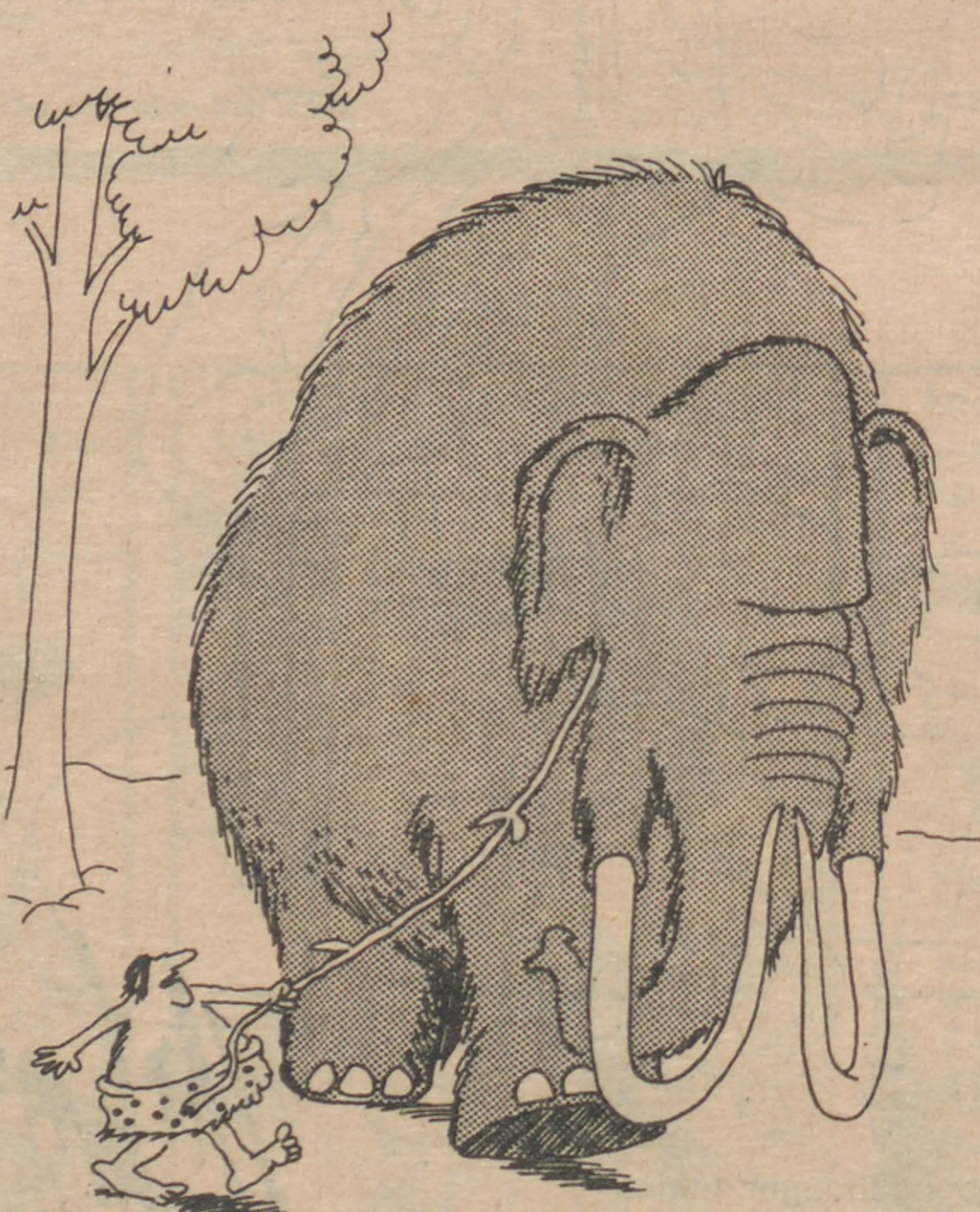
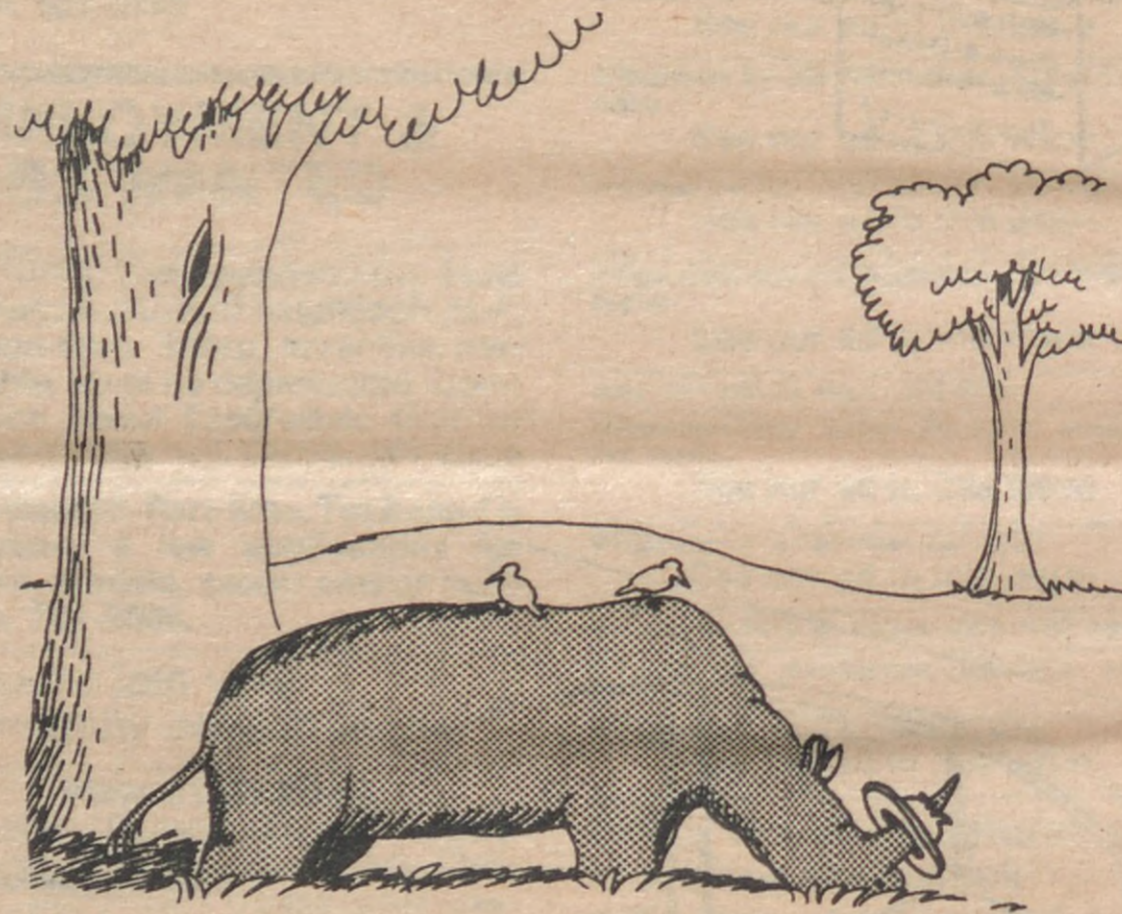


Primitive peer pressure

Gary Larson



"Rapunzel, Rapunzel! . . . Let down your hair!"



"Walkies! Walkies!"

Interact, educational subgroup of I/H Inc.—POB 16041, 77222—529-7014, 694-1732

●KPFT Radio, FM-90—419 Lovett Blvd.—526-4000: "Wilde 'n Stein" gay radio show 10pm-midnight Thurs.

Lambda Alanon—meets at 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin—521-9772: meeting Fri. evening

Lambda Bike (bicycle) Club—meets Paez Center, 401 Avondale—526-2228, 523-9061: meeting, tour 11am Saturdays unless raining.

Lesbians & Gay People in Medicine—665-4760: meeting 7:30pm 1st Saturdays

Lutherans Concerned—meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh—521-0863, 453-1143: meeting 2nd & 4th Tues. evenings

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR)—1919 Decatur—861-9149: potluck dinner 7:30pm Sat.; services 10:45am & 7:15pm Sun. & 7:15pm Wed.; membership inquirers class 7:30pm Mon.; Alanon meeting 8pm Mon.; Alcoholics Anonymous meeting 8pm Mon. & Thurs.

Montrose Art Alliance—c/o 401 Avondale—521-2461: meets 2nd Thursdays

Montrose Chorale—527-9454: concert Dec. 11, Cullen Auditorium, University of Houston campus

Montrose Cloggers: affiliate of I/H Inc.; meets Friday eves Bering Church Activities Bldg., 3405 Mulberry

Montrose Civic Club (Nearthown)—meets at Bering Church, 1440 Hawthorne—522-1000: meeting 7:30pm 4th Tuesdays

Montrose Clinic—104 Westheimer—528-5531: open 6-10pm Fri., 1-5pm Sun., 6-10pm Tues. & Thurs.; blood drive Jan. 29

Montrose Counseling Center—900 Lovett #102—529-0037

Montrose Singers—meets at MCCR, 1919 Decatur—528-0550

Montrose Sports Association (MSA)—622-3304

MSA/Bowling—plays at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain—960-1518, 961-1523: games Mon. & Thurs. evenings

MSA/Pocket Billiard League—222-0200, 699-3333: league play Wed. nights various locations

MSA/Softball—523-8802 days, 523-0413 eves

MSA/Women's Softball League—728-9371

MSA/Tennis—524-2151

MSA/Volleyball—880-2930: games 7:30pm Tues., Gregory-Lincoln school, 1101 Taft

Montrose Symphonic band—meets at Bering Church, 1440 Hawthorne—527-9669: meeting 7:30pm Tues.; affiliate I/H Inc.

Mustangs (social club)—meets at the Barn, 710 Pacific—528-9427: club night Thurs.

New Freedom Christian Church—912 W. 11th—591-1342: services 10am Sun, 7:30pm Wed.

Operation Documentation: project of GPC

●(Fred) Paez Community Center—401 Avondale

Recreational Land Fund Committee—project of Mustang Club

Rice Univ. Gay/Lesbian Support Group—524-0724

Texas Bay Area Gays—332-3737: meeting Thurs. evening

Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force—869-7231, 868-6901

Texas Human Rights Foundation—1519 Maryland—528-9139

Texas Riders—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—528-8851

Unitarian/Universalist Gay Caucus—c/o 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin—520-9767, 528-5842: meeting 3rd Sun. afternoons

Wesleyan Fellowship—864-8899

Westheimer Colony Arts Association—908 Westheimer—521-0133

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PERSONALS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Tension release! Powerful massage includes steam cabinet and full facial! This is the true meaning of a full massage! Normally my sessions run 1 hour, 15 mins. "Thom," 523-6577.

Got a question? Call the Gay Switchboard, 529-3211

BODY MASSAGE. Your place or mine. Afternoon or evenings, Bruce, 521-2009.

Rubdown in your home, \$20. Call Van, 493-4850 before 11pm.

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Randy Alfred's 'Dateline S.F.' twice a month only in the Voice

PRIVATE GAY CLUBS

- Box Office—1625 Richmond—522-1625: male
- Club Houston Baths—2205 Fannin—659-4998: male
- See our ad in this issue
- French Quarter Theater—3201 Louisiana—527-0782: male
- See our ad in this issue
- Midtowne Spa—3100 Fannin—522-2379: male
- See our ad in this issue
- 2306 Club—2306 Genessee—528-6235: male

RESTAURANTS

- Baja's—402 Lovett—527-9866
- See our ad in this issue
- Brasserie Two—1322 Westheimer—526-0355
- Chapultapec—813 Richmond—522-2365
- See our ad in this issue
- D'Amore's—219 Westheimer—520-1864
- Frankie's—Montrose at Westheimer—529-7896
- Greek Island—302 Tuam—522-7040
- Gyro Gyros Sandwich Shop—1536 Westheimer—528-4655
- Harrar's Ethiopian Cuisine—428 Westheimer—526-2895
- Hong Thong—424 Westheimer—528-8275
- House of Pies—3112 Kirby—528-3816
- International Club Restaurant—243 Westheimer—523-2795
- Jade Dragon—224 Westheimer—526-2683
- Kountry Kitchen—Kirby at S.W. Fwy.—520-7246
- 9'ers—1303 Westheimer—528-8823
- Omar's—808 Lovett—528-3569
- Rascals—2702 Kirby—524-6272
- See our ad in this issue
- Raul's Brass Rubbing—914 W. Alabama—529-0627
- Salon Et Vous wine & coffee bar—1336 Westheimer—522-3416
- Spud-U-Like—416 Westheimer—520-0554
- See our ad in this issue
- Star Pizza—2111 Norfolk—523-0800
- Steak 'n' Egg—4231 Montrose—528-8135
- Tim's Coffee Shop—1525 Westheimer—529-2289
- Villani Italian—2907 W. Alabama—522-8852
- Wine Seller—1408 Westheimer—528-3878

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Run the same classified 4 weeks in a row and deduct 15%.

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ALL CLASSIFIED ads must be paid in advance. Sorry, but we cannot bill and cannot accept classifieds over the phone.

SERVICES

Professional massagist specializing in deep, powerful, therapeutic massage in your home or my office. Non-sexual. Call JP, 528-3010.

Relax and enjoy the BodyWorks massage. Evenings and weekends. Call Bill, 526-2470. Gift certificates available.

DELIVERY SERVICE

Reliable service, reasonable rates. Daily airport special, M-F, \$12/100 lbs. To/from Intercontinental 7am/7pm. Call for info. Excellent references. Continental Parcel System South. Gretchen Mitchell. 640-2044.

For that special occasion. Models, guides, escorts and/or masseurs. Discretion with security. TexEscort 751-9000.

THE ELEGANT COMFORT OF A LIMOUSINE. Surround yourself in luxurious appointments as you work or relax on your private journey. Limousines d'Elegance at 523-4352.

Mr. Broom's Maid and Cleaning Service. We need your business. Try me. 523-3223.

Domestic Service. Will clean your house or apt. Excellent references & reasonable rates. Ask for Mr. Harrison. 521-2009.

MOVING, HAULING. Movemasters, 521-3155.

LESBIAN COUNSELING INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES, GROUPS
Dr. Nanette Bruckner
Psychologist
523-2180

- Fitness Exchange fitness center—3307 Richmond—524-9932
- Hairliners hair replacement—710-A Hawthorne—520-7730
- Houston Guest House lodging—106 Avondale—520-9767
- Icenhower Beauty School—327 Westheimer—520-7972

James D. Kristian, Ph.D, hypnotherapist—977-2485

- Kristina's World Guesthouse—3608 Audubon Place—520-5962
 - Kwik-Kall Mail Boxes—3317 Montrose—522-1896
 - Legends Hair Design—906 Westheimer—527-0188
- See our ad in this issue

- Lionel Hair Design—3220 Yoakum—526-4494
- Montrose Voice newspaper—3317 Montrose #306—529-8490
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- Travel Tech travel agency—5719 Kirby—522-8227

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- All-Star Adult News—1407 Richmond—528-8405
- All That Glitters gifts—4325 Montrose—522-6976
- Aquatic Isle pet shop—2011 SW Fwy.—526-6940
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- Asylum Adult Bookstore—1201 Richmond
- Ball Park Adult Bookstore—1830 W. Alabama
- Basic Brothers clothing—1220 Westheimer—522-1626

Got a question? Call the Gay Switchboard, 529-3211

- Bed House—2115 Norfolk—523-8278
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- Blue Iris—3618 S. Shepherd—523-1827
- Boom Town Blooms flowers—3210 S. Shepherd—526-8110
- Cargo House—1802 Park—529-0334
- Cone Dancewear—4704 Montrose—522-1673
- Diner's Adult News—240 Westheimer—528-8950
- Doubrava-Jones, the Manhole clothing—1983 W. Gray—522-1089
- Downbeat Records—2117 Richmond—523-8348
- Dramatika gifts—3224 Yoakum—528-5457
- Facets gifts—1412 Westheimer—523-1412
- Frame of Reference framing—1533 Westheimer—520-0710

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- Hart Bros. Antiques—2030 W. Gray—524-2979, 523-7389
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- International Gift Baskets—2015-A S. Shepherd—522-2538
- Kirby Newstand—3115 Kirby—520-0246
- Montrose Jewelry and Loan—1216 Westheimer—529-5841
- Oh Boy! Leather Goods—912 Westheimer—524-7859
- Old English Furniture—1138 W. Gray—521-9145
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- One More Time resale boutique—1405 California—523-5551
- Plant House—812 Westheimer—529-6050
- Q-1 Leather—408 Westheimer—527-9044
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- Studz Adult News—1132 W. Alabama
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- Timeless Taffeta clothing—1623 Westheimer—529-6299
- Totality Store—1121 W. Gray—526-8780
- Treyman gifts—407 Westheimer—523-0228
- Tropical Fish Imports—7008 Woodridge Dr.—645-7472
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- Union Jack clothing—1212 Westheimer—528-9600
- Westheimer Flea Market—1733 Westheimer
- Westheimer Interiors—1727 Westheimer—520-1357
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- Wilde & Stein book store—802 Westheimer—529-7014: gay

'Texas Men' coming March 3

Fortunes

By Tycho

For Friday evening, Dec. 31, 1982, through Friday evening, January 7, 1983:

ARIES—Confused? While you're in the middle of something big, trying to tie loose ends together, you discover someone or something entirely new that changes the whole picture. Let this excitement guide you, rather than drive you into the new year.

TAURUS—Times are tough, business is bad; meanwhile, you're wondering what all the moaning and groaning is about. Your partner with the fast tongue (and the heavy touch) is someone you're able to trust. Learn to say "I love you" and the new year is all yours.

GEMINI—Once you had a secret love who's not so secret any more. There are no more closets left. You're out there in the world showing your stuff. Hesitation and indecision are out of the picture. Make sure that your resolutions are mindful of others' needs, too.

CANCER—More, More, More! If you keep up this pace, you'll either weight 300 pounds, or have every STD known to man. What ever happened to that laid-back, take-it-as-it-comes Cancer? Question what it is that you really want, and take the proper steps in that direction.

LEO—This first week of the year could be one of its best weeks if you can just avoid telling everyone how perfect you are. Let them discover it for themselves; you're looking and feeling like a winner. No need to scream and holler.

VIRGO—If you haven't planned a party, you should. If you've been hesitant about getting together with old friends and even lovers, now is the time. Reconciliation and making up for lost time is what should be happening. It's Auld Lang Syne, my dear.

LIBRA—In your sign this week: Pluto. Men are a many-splendored thing. No matter what your sex or inclination, relationships with men are at a high. Then, too, you're learning the difference between being overbearing and being decisive. You're a force to be reckoned with.

SCORPIO—In your sign this week: Saturn. Charm, grace, a bright and quick mind—what don't you have going for you? Things may be looking so good at the start of the year that you tend to let things slide. Don't. This is just the time to make the best impression. You're unforgettable!

SAGITTARIUS—In your sign this week: Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune. The needs of others overshadow your own. Someone at a distance may want to be near. Heed the call and get moving. This is not the time to sit on it; it's a time to grow and expand into what you can be. You're growing up, no matter how old you are.

CAPRICORN—In your sign this week: the Sun and Venus. Happy New Year, Happy Birthday! Happiness is not a constant thing, so be ready to enjoy it while it's here. So much can be yours right now if your attitude is right. Accept this good fortune; enjoy life, sex, food, yourself!

AQUARIUS—In your sign this week: Mars. It's cold on the outside, but oh, so warm inside. Finding yourself attracted to someone who is not at all your "type" brings up a lot of special feelings you didn't know were there. Keep the home fires burning—the new year begins with something new!

PISCES—A relationship that up to now has only been a "sideline" could take precedence and become very, very important in your life. This person is not one to take no for an answer. But then, it's doubtful that you want to say "No." Be ready for a big surprise.

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Last Word

Watch Out for Mr. Hot Dog

By Henry McClurg

I said I would never play those video games in the bars.

No sir, not me. You won't catch me plunking those quarters through that bottomless slot for a few minutes of button-punching and zapping rocket ships.

Ah, but the flesh is weak, and now hundreds of dollars later, I have finally managed to master one machine—Galaga.

It's a game where you have this rocketship and you must shoot out these little bugs that come charging at you in outerspace. Yep, little insects hurling rockets at you in outer space. It doesn't really make a lot of sense.

But anyway, this one game I have mastered and can play about 15 minutes on one quarter—which angers other people waiting to play. Tough!

But once you have it mastered, it's not quite as much fun. So I guess it's time to move on to another machine.

How about "Burgertime"? It's so stupid that it's hilarious. It's addicting. And it makes you hungry, which probably explains why they've got one at JR's near the grill.

You are this little chef and the object of the game is the make hamburgers—and the more hamburgers you make running about the maze, the more points you score. But watch out for Mr. Hot Dog. He's the enemy of hamburgers and he's chasing you in the maze.

Gosh, I'm hungry now. I need a JR's burger.

An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids

Such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine

After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment*. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

For more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine to prevent it, contact your doctor, clinic, or the American Liver Foundation. 998 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 (201) 857-2626.

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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not

protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lumplike spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101 °F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In

rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.