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## Lifestyle Changes May be Resulting in AIDS Slowdown

The changing lifestyle of gay men has been credited with the slowdown of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome in New York City, the city with the most number of reported cases.

As reported in the Philadelphia *Gay News*, Dr. David Sencer of New York says that only 293 new cases have been reported as opposed to a predicted 388 cases during the first five months of the

year. For a time, the cases were doubling every six months, but he said, the increase seems to be leveling off.

Indications are that the syndrome is confining itself to the risk populations, the

doctor said.

New York has been hardest hit by the epidemic, accounting for more than half the reported cases nationwide, which currently is 1640.

## Congress Passes Emergency Health Fund

Congress has unanimously passed a bill authorizing a \$30 million "Interagency Public Health Emergency Fund" to be used by any agency of the Department of Health and Human Services to combat "public health emergencies," according to a report from the Gay Rights Lobby.

Floor debate on the measure indicates that the money is to be spent on emergencies such as AIDS. The bill was sent to the President for signature on July 5, but he did not immediately respond.

Even if the president signs the bill, the

Fund will not actually be allocated until Congress passes and the president signs an appropriation for the fund. The AIDS Project will be lobbying heavily in the coming months to get the full \$30 million appropriation, according to Bart Church, legislative assistant for the AIDS Project.

Two other bills calling for \$60 million in federal research funds for AIDS were introduced recently in Washington, D.C., by Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-N.Y.).

HR 3247 calls for \$20 million for the Center for Disease Control and \$40 million in

HR 3248 for AIDS research by the National Institute of Health.

"As individual appropriations bills, Biaggi's bills cannot pass, but they are very important for communicating the need for increased funding for AIDS research," said Steve Endow, executive director of the Gay Rights National Lobby, which will actively support the bills.

The Reagan Administration currently estimates it will spend \$13 million on AIDS research in fiscal year 1983. Con-

gress has passed an additional \$12 million AIDS research appropriation, but the President has threatened to veto the measure.

These bills would double the expenditures on AIDS.

As of June 20, 644 people have died from AIDS and 1641 have been officially diagnosed. Six new cases are reported every day and the total number of cases doubles every six months, according to CDC.

Gay and bisexual men still make up 71 percent of the cases in the 36 states and 17 foreign countries now reporting.

## Local KS/AIDS Foundation Publishes Annual Report

Michael Wilson, president of the KS/AIDS Foundation of Houston, Inc., recently presented the First Annual Report and Financial Statement for that organization detailing the past year's activities, accomplished goals, contributions and expenditures.

Income and donations received totaled \$29,816.25, according to the report, with expenses for printing educational materials and administration coming to \$16,233.72.

"The first year of operation was unusual in many respects," Wilson said. "Not only did the organization have its identity to

establish, but it found itself the target of the complex attitudes directed at the problem of AIDS itself—attitudes we are beginning to realize. The community we were trying to educate and help often met our existence with denial of the problem, or with aggression, paranoia, anger and frustration. When the AIDS problem was distant, people tried not to think about it; as it approached closer and closer, they demanded reasons for inaction."

Wilson stated in the report that since AIDS became a problem in Houston more than a year ago, 100 cases have been documented and the case number doubles

every five months. "Twenty men in Houston are dead," he said, "and the number of potentially-affected is unknown."

Affecting persons in some 25 foreign countries as well as the U.S., AIDS has become a social, psychological, moral, religious and political issue of national and international scope.

The foundation has come of age in just one year, said Wilson, and is attempting to deal with the increasing responsibility of AIDS.

During the past year, the group published an educational booklet, entitled "Towards a Healthier Gay Lifestyle" cir-

culating 20,000 free. It sponsored educational forums and prepared hotline training materials and assisted in production of technical documents for Texas physicians. A representative serves on the AIDS Working Group of the City of Houston. It gave \$9000 to U.T. M.D. Anderson Hospital's Dept. of Cancer Prevention for support of the AIDS Project.

With the slogan "Together, Let's Beat It," the foundation joined some 20 organizations in early May 1983 for a Candlelight Vigil for Public Health on the steps of City Hall.

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## Gay Atheists Float Causes Controversy

A great deal of debate has arisen concerning the Gay Atheists float entry in the recent Gay Pride Week Parade. The entry was a small vehicle with a person dressed in a lion's costume with an inflated doll. The sign read "Christians Leave a Bad Taste in My Mouth."

Larry Bagneris of the Gay Pride Week Committee sent the following press release this past week to the MONTROSE VOICE.

"We, the Gay Pride Week Parade Committee and parade director, would like to inform the gay community of our actions regarding the American Gay Atheist unit in the recent parade. This organization has been officially banned from the parade for a period of four years. This was a unanimous decision on the part of the parade committee. We base this decision on three points.

"1. Before the parade, Larry Bagneris, parade director, instructed the Gay Atheists not to use the blow-up doll in a sexual manner. These instructions were not adhered to. In a large public endeavor such as the parade the final decision must rest with the director and she must be able to trust the participants to carry out the final decision. If this is not done, unnecessary incidents, such as the boeing of the Gay Atheist's float, will result embarrassing the community and overshadowing the positive effects of the parade.

"2. The Gay Atheist unit was not only in poor taste but terribly offensive to a large and important segment of our community. It is regrettable that the American Gay Atheists chose not only to ignore our theme—Unity Through Diversity, but to use the parade to openly insult other organizations and individuals. Their float clearly displayed the fact that they have separated themselves from the diversity within the gay community. It also showed that our unity obviously means very little to them.

"3. The manner in which they used the doll during the parade was clearly against the long standing rules of the parade committee. We do not allow nudity much less simulated sex acts. The parade is not a sex show on wheels!"

"We would also like the community to

realize that we do not object to the goals or beliefs of any organization. It is everyone's right to get their ideas or goals across in their own manner—as long as it does not violate our rules, is done so in a tasteful manner and is not done in a way in which other groups are openly attacked, ridiculed or seriously offended."

Don Sanders of the American Gay Atheists reports that his group experienced unprecedented booing, jeering, and even cup, ice and can throwing at the parade.

Sanders agrees that his group's sign this year, along with a man dressed as a lion who was holding an inflated human doll dressed as a nun, touched off a spark of anger in the crowd.

"I was actually afraid of physical harm upon several occasions," quotes Sanders. "Had we been the last unit, as we have been for two consecutive years, I feel the crowd would not have hesitated attacking us."

A report in *This Week In Texas*, July 8, states that at a June 29 Houston Gay Political Caucus interface meeting, a decision was announced barring the Gay Atheists from future parades for four years. The article did not say how this decision came about or who was involved in this decision.

The same article further stated that the Gay Atheists had hidden from the parade committee their complete presentation as it appeared in the parade. Sanders states that these accusations are untrue, and that at no time was anything hidden from the parade committee. "In fact, the parade chairman, himself, wished us 'good luck' just before we took off. Absolutely nothing was hidden from anyone at any time; we have nothing to hide," says Sanders.

Sanders says that his group was treated unfairly regarding this decision because they have been denied due process, never having been notified that such a decision had been made. "I found out almost two weeks after their (the parade committee's) decision had been made. I read of the decision in the media, like everyone else."

Because of pressure from gay religious groups and because of the cool reception at this year's parade, Sanders feels the parade committee has blatantly violated

his first amendment right to freedom of expression as well as denial of due process of law. "We intend to fight this move made by the parade committee, even if it means taking legal action," warns Sanders.

"We have been the target for discrimination from within our own community."

## Falwell Wants to Close Gay Bathhouses

Jerry Falwell, Moral Majority leader, said the government should close bathhouses frequented by homosexuals and force blood donors to reveal their sexual orientation in an effort to stop the spread of AIDS. This was reported in a recent Associated Press dispatch.

He said herpes, AIDS and venereal disease are a judgement of God upon society. "If the Reagan administration does not put its full weight against this, what is now a gay plague in this country... he personally will be blamed for allowing this awful disease to break out among the innocent American public."

Some 50 people picketed Falwell's news conference chanting, "two, four, six eight, we don't want your hate."

## Third City

Chicago, America's "Second City," seems to have tumbled down to the number three position, reports the Wall Street Journal.

Los Angeles now claims to have about 3,500,000 more residents than the 3,500,000 Chicagoans registered in the 1980 census. So the second city isn't second any more, and while Chicago's famed comedy theater isn't changing its name, the Second City Day School is now the Fox Day School.

Says president Tricia Fox, "We decided we didn't want to change our name every time Chicago dropped a notch."

Actually, that's not too likely. Houston may have overtaken Philadelphia for the number four spot, but both are more than a million residents behind the windy third city.

## Montrose Mouth

### Have Brunch with the Voice this Sunday

This Sunday is our big Montrose Voice Gourmet Cookoff at the Officer's Club, noon to 5pm. We'll be out by the pool, with 16 cooking teams and free Bud Light Beer. So instead of your usual Sunday brunch, this Sunday come by the Officer's Club and sample our 16 taste treats. It's all for a couple of good causes: the Montrose Sports Association and the Media Fund for Human Rights.

Of course when we finish at 5pm, the Officer's Club regular Sunday evening beer bust begins. So it will be non-stop party.

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Waylon Flowers (with Madame in tow) was at Mary's Lounge last Monday, being shown about by manager Cassandra. Waylon even did a short little number on Mary's microphone.

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Did you know that the average home ownership in the Montrose area is seven years. Considering that many residents are 50 plus years of age, that means the other residents are some of the most mobile in the city.

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The popular and dynamic jazz dance group, the Delia Stewart Jazz Dance Company, will be in concert, Aug. 6 at 8pm at the Tower Theater. Tickets are \$8 and \$10 available at Ticketmaster and Ticketron locations.

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The top Lesbianism and Feminism will be featured on NOW night on KPFT radio at 8pm, July 26, Tuesday. Tune in 90.1 FM.

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VD Screening will be conducted by the city health department at the following locations: July 21 (next Thursday) Catch One, 4965 M.L. King, 9pm-1am; July 24, Ripcord, 715 Fairview, 5pm-9pm; and July 27, Copac, 2831 Richmond, 9pm-1am.

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The Rosenberg Gallery, 2015A W. Gray is featuring a collection of African art now until Aug. 27. The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday 11am-5pm.

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John Childress, formerly of Pleasant Pleasant, is now director of food service at the Tropicana Swim Club and Restaurant. Drop by and experience some of his eclectic and exciting cuisine.

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A new book, AIDS, *Everything You Must Know*, by Janet Baker, is available for \$7.95 from R & E Publishers, P.O. Box 2008, Saratoga, CA 95070. Add \$1.95 for postage and tax.

## Eat, Eat, Eat That Cigarette

People will live longer in the future, but they may not want to—the food sounds terrible.

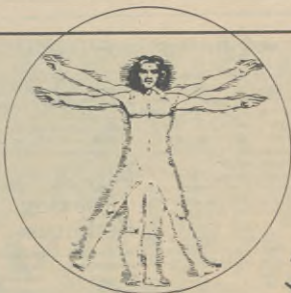
For example, reports the *Chicago Tribune*, researchers at the Agriculture Department have found that tobacco leaf protein is comparable to milk, so they're looking for ways to develop tobacco as food.

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# Latest CHE Meeting Discusses Discrimination Ordinance

By Hollis Hood

Citizens for Human Equality (CHE) members voted unanimously to endorse the concept of a municipal domestic privacy in employment ordinance and heard a report from the Committee on Public Health Awareness during their meeting Tuesday, July 12 at the Watson/deNagy Gallery, 1106 Bedford, 7:30 p.m.

Carl Bohannon and Steve Shifflett will serve as directors of the two different aspects in the Awareness Committee which will be educating and lobbying concerning AIDS to heighten "general public awareness and hysteria reduction," as Shifflett described it. "AIDS is the crisis of the day that the committee will be involved in, but it is not the only health issue that will be addressed."

The group is building a coalition to interpret AIDS as a public health concern, not as it has been labeled as a gay disease. He stressed that the general public does not realize the economic consequences of AIDS because people who are sick cannot work and ultimately may end up on welfare rolls or having the public supported hospitals pick up the tab on treatment because their funds are exhausted. "It costs \$200,000 per patient" for average treatment he said, multiplied by an increasing number of cases equals a hefty sum for the taxpayer to pick up. "We've got to get these people (politicians) off their asses."

A nationwide federation is being formed to coordinate the efforts of all AIDS related groups. "We need to cooperate with one another," he said.

He noted that in Houston some doctors and hospitals have reportedly refused to

treat AIDS patients, and some technicians are refusing to draw blood. One doctor was reportedly heard to say "all queers ought to die," they said. The group will be active in patient advocacy.

"It has become a matter of life or lifestyle," said said Shifflett. He was impressed by the "flurry of activity" by AIDS groups in San Francisco and Los Angeles which have greatly expanded services and office space in the past five months to handle the increasing demand. Houston is behind those cities in numbers, but if the statistics prove correct, will soon see a wave of AIDS cases which it must be ready to handle. Reportedly, the public health department in San Francisco was talking about dispensing syringes to drug abusers to cut down on the transmission of cases in that particular risk group. "That's pretty heavy stuff," Shifflett said. "You become very aware very quick out there that this is an epidemic and you are fighting for your life."

Bohannon said that a support group is forming to aid men in a transition to a less intense lifestyle because of the threat of AIDS "because there is a lot of grief attached to it. It's like going down the freeway full speed and suddenly shifting into reverse. You can do it without it causing some damage."

Shifflett also told members that a Washington march is planned for Oct. 8, and a simultaneous demonstration will be planned for Houston about AIDS.

Gregg Russell, CHE and GPC member, introduced a proposed ordinance prohibiting discrimination in hiring for the municipal offices on the basis of marital status or sexual orientation.

The ordinance would pertain to city government to aid men in a transition to a less intense lifestyle because of the threat of AIDS "because there is a lot of grief attached to it. It's like going down the freeway full speed and suddenly shifting into reverse. You can do it without it causing some damage."

confidential and separate from the applicant's permanent personnel records. Such information shall never be considered in determining salary, wages, or enrollment of employees in either promotion or hiring. ... No disciplinary action shall be taken by the commission, the mayor, a supervisor, or department head against any employee because of sex, race, color, creed, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation. ..."

These phrases are reportedly not in ordinance form, and although it is a "policy" of the City of Houston not to discriminate in hiring, it is not legally binding procedure, Russell said. With the rising concern about AIDS, it makes such a protection of the individual even more necessary, he said, because people are already losing their jobs because they are gay—perhaps not in city offices, but in other areas. "We have found that government takes the lead and the private sector employers follow," he said.

Russell said he had consulted several attorneys about the ordinance, as well as getting legal advice from the City of Houston legal department. He also read a letter from the American Civil Liberties Union assuring him of support should he proceed with introducing the ordinance to City Council.

"If I go to the City Council now, they will say, prove to us there is a need," Russell said, but by the time the need could be demonstrated people would have lost their jobs and it would be too late.

Shifflett, as president of CHE, said that he had been promised an ordinance like this for the past five years. "Well, you've been lied to for the past five years," said someone from the audience.

Russell noted that if a place such as Iowa City, Iowa, could protect the rights of gays with a non-discrimination ordinance, surely Houston, Texas, could. He stressed that the exact wording of the ordinance was not the issue. The issue was whether or not a non-discrimination ordinance should become a community agenda item for follow-through. The membership voiced approval that it should, particularly now, particularly in a election

year.

He was questioned as to the GPC stand on the ordinance. "He has been to GPC and GPC has told him it is not an important issue," one person interjected.

"I say this is something that is long overdue," said Shifflett. "This is something that must be addressed. I say yes, let's support it and make it an agenda item."

The group voted unanimously to make non-discriminatory action a priority in the coming months.

After a brief announcement about the Montrose Voice Gourmet Cookoff scheduled for Sunday, July 17, the meeting adjourned.

## KS/AIDS Foundation Issues Annual Reports

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The current board, 13 individuals and an additional officer, are public health educator administrators, social workers, mental health counselors, private practice and specialty physicians, politicians and business men and women from throughout Montrose.

The key issues facing the foundation for the future include prioritization of funds given to education and medical projects, "keeping the peace" amid the emotionally charged AIDS atmosphere and coordinating fundraisers.

"Overall, the successes have outweighed any problems encountered as the organization underwent its first year's growing pains," said Wilson. Nearly 30,000 was raised last year, but the anticipated need for fiscal '84 is \$100,000 to handle the expanding needs.

The foundation will be publishing newsletters, and a new brochure soon. It is soliciting housing for AIDS victims who have lost their means of support due to illness. It also will be working to document cases of discrimination in employment because of homophobic attitudes concerning AIDS.

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## Library Dedicated to Informing on Present, Preserving Past

By Hollis Hood

Tucked away in the corner of the Metropolitan Church of the Resurrection, 1919 Decatur, is an alcove containing some 2600 gay male and lesbian books and just as many magazines—past and current issues. It is the only circulating homosexual library in Houston, and lives largely through the efforts of its coordinator, Charles Botta.

"I began very simply in 1977," said Botta. "I had a lot of books I wanted to get out of the house, the church didn't have a library and Willie's Stein was not open yet. So that's how it kind of got started."

"He said there was a need then, as now, for a circulating library because 'people sure that books were being written about gays, but they didn't know where to go and get them. We don't have everything we would like to have now, but we have a good start.'"

The library is not set up to be specifically an archival collection, he said. Because archives "are set up to collect data forever and ever and it really is not based on someone seeing those documents everyday. Archives assess literature and do a function as libraries do, although they are very important." He pointed out that archives do not circulate the literature.

"MCC has the only large circulating collection available, and our books are not often of a one-of-a-kind such as kept in the archives," he said.

Botta has made developing the library his hobby during the past years. He goes to garage and book sales where he picks up books to resell to book stores for credit toward new books for the library. Sometimes he can find topical material in used bookstores for literally pennies. "The library cannot afford to go down and pay say \$10 out of the pocket for every new book it needs, we just can't do that. So we spend lots of hours looking for books to trade." He explained that a \$4 book from a garage sale, depending on the book, can be turned into \$1 worth of value toward the purchase of another used book relating to homosexuality.

"It's hard now though," he said, "because the used book stores have just been saturated. They are overstocked and not as receptive, but they are still a good bargain."

Botta has worked essentially alone in collecting the books, but said the number of volunteers is growing. He would like to see the MCC collection become a prototype for a collection in every city that has an MCC church, and set up a network between churches for gay literature reference. There is no communication now like that, he said. "We have to judge the thing on functionality. People have to be able to use it and it has to give them something they want. If they don't get that then we are just building our own monument."

Fortunately, he said, there is ample space for library growth at MCC as many facilities are hampered by lack of space. A problem he encounters is in collecting books that deal with homosexual topics that are not revealed in the title. "If you are reading from a list of titles and it doesn't say anything about gays, or if you are reading authors and you don't know that that author is gay then we may be missing a lot of books that could be in the library." As an example he referred to a book on citizen rights that had a chapter on gay rights, "but you wouldn't know that by the title."

Botta said the public library is "hopeless. There is not a lot there and what is may be under psychology or have been stolen or just have not been put on the shelf. People have to sign these name (library card) to check out books. Some people just won't check out books on homosexuality if they have to do that. And, unless you ask, the public library doesn't

stock gay periodicals."

Some of the best information on the market is found in gay periodicals, he said. "But some of them are going to be collector's items. If we don't get them now, we may not be able to get them at all." He said he would like to be able to index the periodicals by subject or the library, such as indexing *The Advocate*, but is limited by time.

The library is open whenever the church is open, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It accepts donations during those hours as well.

"We'll take almost anything—biography, fiction. We really need more books on homosexuality and religion. But we'll take any book of any kind because it may have some trade value as the used bookstore." Some of the books in the library came from New York and San Francisco, but primarily from Houston, he said. "Montrose is one of the best areas to look for," he said. "Everyone is always having garage sales."

For more information, Botta can be reached through MCC at 861-9149.

## Prayer Meetings Courtesy of Playboy

Atlantic City's Playboy Hotel and Casino wants to rid of its lobby rollers to make room for more high rollers.

A Playboy spokesman, reports the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, says the casino has nothing against the weekly revival meetings of the Rev. Barry Rowe's Atlantic City Christian Center. It just needs the suits he wants to make room for out-of-town gamblers.

However, Rev. Rowe thinks the idea of revival meetings being held in their casino is a dishonor to the Rev. Rowe's Atlantic City Christian Center. It just needs the suits he wants to make room for out-of-town gamblers.

Rowe said he prayed on the matter. "And the Lord didn't say anything to me about leaving Playboy... and I do have a lease."

## Brenda Starr's First Story

After more than 42 years as a reporter, Brenda Starr is about to actually write her first story, reports Herby News Service.

That's according to Linda Sutter and Ramona Pralon, who took over the comic strip from creator Dale Messick last fall.

Brenda's done just about everything but write news stories for the past four decades, but Sutter, herself a former reporter, says "We're going to give her a computer terminal. She's really going to start writing."

## Two Women Aren't a Couple

Two women have sued a Los Angeles restaurant for refusing to seat them in a private booth ordinarily reserved for courting couples.

In their civil suit, reports *Nation's Restaurant News*, Zandra Rolon and Deborah Johnson allege that employees of the Papa Choux Restaurant told them the curtilaged booths could not be occupied by two members of the same sex.

Attorney Gloria Allred, representing the women, says she hopes to give Papa Choux its "just deserts."

Restaurant manager Walter Kulwitsky says the booths are reserved for romantic dinners, adding, "If you can't see people the way you want, you might as well close the place."



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## Westheimer to See Festival Again

The Westheimer Colony Art Festival will be held in the 100 to 1100 blocks of Westheimer on October 15 and 16, Carl Rentz, outgoing president of that organization announced recently.

The membership cancelled the spring festival because it was "losing artistic control" of vendors, and some few merchants along Westheimer refusing to allow the Colony to use their property, preferring to sell the space directly to vendors. "They get the money and let us do all the publicity," one Colony representative said.

For a time, John Green, acting under Colony auspices, lobbied the City Council for an ordinance giving control of the space to the Colony during the festival times each year. The issue was resolved in a meeting between the Colony and Councilman George Greenakis in late spring, so the festival has been rescheduled.

"We received many calls from artists and craftpeople aside from the public when it was announced that there would be no Spring Festival," said Rentz. "However, we explained that the Festival was cancelled to protect the quality of the art to be shown providing that sense of continuity in the high caliber of craftsmanship the Westheimer Colony Art Festival has acquired over the past 10 years."

The popular event, drawing some 750,000 people semi-annually, will continue to be a juried event with only individually created works selected in photography, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fibers, graphics and drawing, wood and paintings in oil, acrylics and watercolor.

Michael Groves of Lloyd, Jones, Brewer & Associates, architect, has been elected the incoming Colony president. Giuseppe Catania of Godfather Restaurant will serve as vice president. Alton Marshall of Palma Nursery as treasurer, Cynthia Owens, attorney, as secretary, Jay Hollyfield, property owner, member-at-large and John Daniel, security officer at Liberty Bank, member-at-large.

The Colony has moved into new quarters in the Liberty Bank Building at 1801 Westheimer, Suite 187. For more information call 521-0133.

## New Church Formed

Another new church congregation has been formed for the gay community in Houston, the Church of Pentecostal Unity, pastored by Rev. Bill Brown.

The church offers Pentecostal style worship, singing and preaching. Services are Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

For more information call 850-7286 or 639-5699.

## Beer in Hot Water

Pacific News Service

The group that publishes Consumer Reports is beginning legal action at the Miller Brewing Company. In a suit filed in Federal court, the Consumers Union charges that brewer with "false and misleading advertising."

At issue: a series of full-page newspaper ads claiming the July edition of Consumer Reports ranked Miller High Life first on a "quality/price list."

Consumers Union spokeswoman Rhoda Karparkin says Miller was merely the cheapest of 11 beers ranked equally for taste. Besides that, Karparkin says, the ads violate the consumer group's longstanding policy against using its ratings for commercial purposes.

Miller spokesman Al Easton says the company may have violated Consumers Union's policy, but not the law.

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## 'Art of Being Yourself'

From Ed Starves

While I was enjoying this year's Gay Pride Parade, I caught one of those plastic medals being thrown from some of the floats. Attached to the necklace was a folded piece of paper with the following printed on it:

"The art of being yourself is the art of unfolding your personality into the man you want to be."

"By the grace of God you are what you are glory in your selfhood, accept yourself and go on from there. Dare to be different and to set your own pattern."

"Be gentle with yourself for only as we have the right attitude toward ourselves can we have the right attitude toward others."

"Create the kind of self you will be happy to live with all your life."

I find this speaks well to the need of our community to develop a more positive image toward ourselves. I do not know the composer of this writing. Maybe you or someone else might know as they do deserve credit.

Thanks for a continually excellent publication.

## 'Sharing Group'

From Carl Hokanson

As a delegate from the Committee for Public Health Awareness, I recently attended the National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference in Denver. It was an impressive display of expertise. The amount of information presented was overwhelming, but as I review the conference, two workshops stand apart from all the rest: "Meeting the Needs of Persons with AIDS" and "The Effect of AIDS on the Lifestyle of the Gay Male."

The Needs of Persons with AIDS workshop was heart-rending. At that workshop I gained a fuller understanding of the gravity of this health crisis and the profound changes our community will undergo because of it. I found myself confronted with the absolute necessity to change my lifestyle. Yet I still have difficulty bringing this change about.

At the latter workshop, experts made brief presentations about various aspects of the gay male lifestyle. The presentations were frank and without condemnations. About 50 people were present ranging from early 20s to late 50s from self-styled sluts to asexuals, and from recently out to being out all one's life. Many of us shared our experiences and you could feel the love and concern.

One man talked about working through the grief he experienced after deciding to change his lifestyle. What a revelation! It never occurred to me that I could be grieving over the loss of a lifestyle, but that is

exactly what I have been experiencing. Many strongly expressed the need to work through the grief of change once the decision to change had been made. And those who had gone through it all claimed a whole world of possibilities opened to them and they were much happier as a result.

How do you decide to change and to deal with the anger and grief that decision may bring? One way for sure is the open, genuine sharing of feelings and experiences within a trusting group. We were advised to get involved with or start just one such a group when our relationships there. There is strength and wisdom in our shared experiences and that sharing will build the caring, loving relationships upon which we can rebuild our lives if we choose.

To me this is the most important aspect of the Denver Conference. There are probably many gay men experiencing severe anxiety over the AIDS health crisis.

If you are interested in such a sharing group, please let me hear from you. When you write include the best times and area for you to meet as well as how I may contact you.

Write Sharing Group, P.O. Box 3045, Houston, TX 77253.

## Atheist Leader Defends Fault

From Don Sanders, National Director, American Gay Atheists

I hope by writing this letter that I may be able to explain American Gay Atheists' entry in the 1983 Houston Gay Pride Parade and to clear the minds of those who were shocked at our sign which read, "Christians Have a Bad Taste in My Mouth."

A number of letters have appeared in the letters to the editor column and I sincerely wish to explain the position of our organization. For, I believe, many people have misunderstood our purpose.

American gay Atheists' purpose is to educate the public, both gay and straight, of the atrocities committed upon humanity and especially gay persons, in the name of religion. Our purpose is to stimulate and promote freedom of thought and inquiry in the gay community concerning religious beliefs, dogmas, tenets, rituals, etc. Because most of us have been so thoroughly indoctrinated by religion since our birth that the United States was founded upon Christian principles, it is, by no means, a menial task which we have undertaken to educate citizens of the erroneous nature of this conception. Therefore, before I continue, brief history lesson shall be required in order that you may understand our intent.

We have constantly felt that this country was founded on the principles of Christianity. It is in the best interest of Christianity to make you think that they have

always had the best reign (or terror) which they enjoy today, however, a look at the history of the founding of this land proves otherwise. Our Founding Fathers were so fed up with the religious persecution practiced in the colonies, that they, for the most part, practiced a form of religion called Deism. Deism was the intellectual's position that there only existed "Nature and Nature's God," identified in that way in the Declaration of Independence, which was not alone a declaration of freedom from England, but also of our independence from restrictive Christian ideas.

So much intolerance and hypocrisy were practiced in the colonies before the founding of this nation, that our Founding Fathers repudiated Christianity over and over again. Of course, you probably have never read this in your high school or even your college history books simply because the Christian religion has so thoroughly dominated every idea and principle which is taught to children. Therefore, you must go outside the classroom, to your library, to get a more objective and accurate view of the history of our country.

During the colonial period, hundreds of persons suffered unjustly under laws which required the use of stripes put forth. For example, in Virginia, in 1812, Gov. Thomas Dale enacted the "Laws Divine, Moral and Martial," which required church attendance of every citizen. This edict declared that if anyone broke the sabbath, and we have remnants of this in our present "blue laws," the first offense brought the stoppage of allowance, the second offense, whipping and the third—death!

Payment of tithes was made compulsory for all, and a first fine was put on every resident's tobacco to make certain that he paid his tithe. All parish churches were built by local taxation. Puritan clergy were banished from the state or forced to attend Anglican services. Quakers were fined, imprisoned or banished. Catholics were disqualified from public office and any priest who dared to come to Virginia was subject to expulsion from the state.

How does all that grab you? In the state of New York, all residents were compelled, under penalty of arrest, to contribute to the support of the church. All children were required to be baptized, and they could only be baptized by a "reformed" minister in a "reformed" church.

Probably the most famous of the "Acts" which gave "religious freedom" was enacted in the state of Maryland and was known as the "Act of Toleration." This act was passed in 1649 and has been hailed everywhere as a right to freedom of religion. So, like many culpable, as atheists are designated, let us take a look at the famous character of religious liberty. The first section of the act imposed "the penalty of death and forfeiture of estate" on any person who "shall henceforth blaspheme God, that is curse Him, or deny our Saviour Jesus Christ that is the Son and Holy

Ghost, or the Godhead of any of the said Christ who called another person "a heretic, schismatic, idolater, Puritan, Independent, Presbyterian, papish priest, Jesuit, Jesuited papist, Lutheran, Calvinist, Anabaptist, Brownist, Antinomian, Barrowite, Roundhead, Separatist or any other name or term in a reproachful manner relating to religion."

The second section of the act imposed fines, whipping and imprisonment of any person who called another person "a heretic, schismatic, idolater, Puritan, Independent, Presbyterian, papish priest, Jesuit, Jesuited papist, Lutheran, Calvinist, Anabaptist, Brownist, Antinomian, Barrowite, Roundhead, Separatist or any other name or term in a reproachful manner relating to religion."

The third section imposed fines, whipping and imprisonment on any person who profaned the Lord's day. And the fourth section declared that any person believing in Jesus Christ would be protected by the state from being compelled to believe in any other form of religion other than the Christian one.

I have barely touched upon these laws in only two of the 13 colonies. However, I think to have brought to you an example of the meaning of "religious freedom" during the colonial period. Let us not forget that it was upon these shores, in the colonial state of Massachusetts, that persons deemed heretics (non-believers in Christianity), "witches," and homosexuals were burned and put to death.

When the Constitution of our nation was being drafted, the framers were aware of these laws in each state. They had to fight for the First Amendment to the Constitution and it was not ratified in all the states until 1791. Because of the religious persecution of many hundreds of persons, our nation's leaders rejected the principles of Christianity.

The First Amendment strictly forbids the "establishment" of religion. When asked what he meant by the First Amendment, its author, Thomas Jefferson, replied in a letter addressed to John Adams. It is intended to build a wall of separation between church and state.

In another letter written by Thomas Jefferson, he wrote, "This would be the best of all possible worlds if there were no religion in it." So it goes that George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, Benjamin Franklin, James Madison were all deists. These men intentionally decried any reference to God, Christianity, or Jesus Christ from the Constitution. These men must turn lips in their graves every time someone says that they were believers in the mythical Jesus Christ and the mysterious Christian religion.

Since the founding of our nation, Christianity and its leaders have been hard at work to take credit for "the founding" of our nation, and unfortunately, have been very successful in their attempts. Through the educational system, the American religion has worked its insidious way into the minds of young children, carefully distorting history so as to make itself look good.

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By glossing over such embarrassing matters as the murder of tens of thousands of "witches" (many of that number being gay men and women) during medieval Europe, the Inquisition and the Salem witch trials, the Scopes trial, the Hitler holocaust, the McCarthy scare, and the Vietnam war, religion and the government make themselves look favorable in the eyes of the reader.

To further reduce the chances that the school systems might turn out a rational, thinking individual, fundamentalists are now assaulting the sciences. If these zealots prevail, students will soon be confronted with superstition (creationism) being presented as an acceptable alternative to the well-supported scientific theory of evolution.

It is not surprising that most people born after World War II do not understand that this nation was not founded upon Christian principles. The religious community knew, that with the takeover of the nation's symbols during the early 1950s, that they soon would have complete control of the nation. During the Eisenhower days of the 1950s, our national motto, "E Pluribus Unum," was changed to "In God We Trust," and it was also during that period that a law was enacted to place the religious slogan "In God We Trust," on coins and currency printed thereafter. It was not until 1954, some 178 years after the founding of our nation, that the phrase, "Under God," was intruded into the pledge of allegiance.

To make matters worse, the FCC requires that all radio and TV stations set aside a certain amount of time each day for religious programming.

It is very important that gays and lesbians know the facts about our country, for they are the one group that has suffered most under the rule of religion from the very beginning of Christianity. The very term "flag" refers to the bundle of sticks used by the church to roast suspected homosexuals, "witches" and heretics during the Middle Ages. According to Jesus quoted in the Bible) "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved; he who does not believe shall be condemned." It's nice to speak of Christian tolerance, but let's face it, it is practically non-existent.

There are many gay persons who attempt to express their spiritual aspirations within the framework of Christian churches. These people are guilty of hiding from themselves the painful but truthful awareness that at the heart of the gay liberation movement is the conflict that has been waged for almost 2000 years between Christian and pagan values. There is nothing more deeply destructive than the concept of "sin," yet, many so called gay Christians profess to the creed that has destroyed many of their fellow gay brothers and sisters throughout the ages.

Can homosexuals realistically expect the church to say it has been wrong all along? For Christian leaders to admit error would be undermining the very syndrome of authority by which they hold captive millions of followers. Homosexuals have been the most persecuted under Christianity for almost 2000 years, while today, gay churches try to smooth over the atrocities committed by the Christian world by preaching stores of "love." The gay church covers up the truth of the one main source of oppression upon gay people.

Let us not forget that during the so called Dark Ages, so named because of the repression of inquiry by the church, millions of person in Christian Europe were put to death for sodomy. Even in this century, a religious (Roman Catholic) Adolf Hitler tortured and murdered millions of homosexuals, Jews and others he considered "unfit" for his aspired utopia.

It is a basic human right for any person to practice any sort of religion one chooses. We Atheists uphold the right for we believe that people have the right to choose for themselves what is best for their lives. We also uphold that every individual has the responsibility to become informed on all issues which affect his/her life. Because Christianity has dis-

torted fact, and has replaced lies for truth, we feel that it does not deserve any respect whatsoever.

When institutions, such as churches, condition children to follow leaders, distrust their own judgement, and unquestioningly obey "authority" figures, we feel it is time we step in and try to offer that individual some education. The Atheist thinks that being submissive is not good for one's self-esteem. Being independent of all arbitrary assumptions of authority or creeds is necessary for one's happiness. However, in this society being self-directed and independently necessarily involves resisting the efforts of religion to control one's thinking and to curtail what few freedoms we have.

The sign, "Christians Leave a Bad Taste in My Mouth," as quoted by out Athen lion, is a very mild statement when one considers the atrocities committed in

the name of Christianity. It was our intent to forcefully challenge the "sacred" beliefs of gays and lesbians, so that they may be able to enjoy life to its fullest here and now, for in reality here and now is all that there is. I am pleased to say that our efforts paid off. True freedom and liberation shall never be attained until, first, there is liberation of the mind, and until the shackles of religious oppression have been thoroughly discarded.

When I think of what Christianity has done to gay people, I can only regret the lack of sufficient lions in the Roman Empire.

## Thanks to the Clowns

From Tom Sanders, New York  
Well my vacation is over tomorrow and I

will be leaving Houston with great feelings.

I just wanted somehow to thank the crazy clown with the green and gold hat in the Gay Pride Parade for giving me such a beautiful poem attached to my beads. My lover died seven weeks ago from AIDS and the poem sums up his last days.

Please print this poem so that others may not fear these people and this disease but understand them as I had to.

I have been very touched by Houston and its people.

"After a while, you learn the subtle difference between holding a hand, and churning a soul."

"And you learn that love doesn't mean leaning, and that company doesn't always mean security."

"And you learn that kisses aren't contracts, and presents aren't promises."

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"After a while you learn that even sunshine burns if you seek too much. So you plant your own garden, and decorate your own soul, instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers."

"And you learn that you really can endure and that you really are strong and that you really have worth."

"And you learn, and you learn..."  
"With every goodbye... you learn..."  
(Poem by Wayne McStay, Houston Community Chorus.)

## Will Join the Atheists

From L. Whitworth

I won't attend another gay parade now that the atheist group has been barred. Why? Can somebody tell me?

I was by the reviewing stand when they passed and I could not hear the announcements for the band. I don't like crosses, but I didn't boo MCCR.

The gay atheists now have my support and I intend to join this week. Hopefully, I can help them get in next year's parade.

## In Defense of the Atheists

From James Fairchild

In issue 140 of your paper, I read a couple of letters criticizing the atheists' entry in the Gay Pride Parade.

I was there, for the first time, for I have recently moved to Houston from New York City. Every year, atheists march in the big gay pride march there, and no one tries to boo them or batter them off the streets. They have the same right to march as any other group.

There certainly did not seem to be much "animosity" in Houston, especially after the atheists passed. Everyone around me was buzzing with such words as, "How disgusting," "They should die," and "Why were they allowed in the parade." Please! I'm quite ready to go back to New York after seeing how an unified this community really is.

Why didn't anyone boo at all those gay religious floats that were out there? It seems to me that it is the religious groups that are really duping the gays, not the atheists. At least the atheists have the guts to take on an uphill battle. Houston, you've got a lotta growing up to do.

## 'Booing Was Appalling'

From R. Craig Bales

Truth does have a bad taste in some mouths—fortunately Truth is good food for the mind and body!

I, for one, was also appalled at the lack of the gay community's acceptance of an opposing view, as given by the entry of the American Gay Atheists in Houston's Gay Pride Parade 1982. The response of the audience appeared genuine (the only jeers and booing I have ever heard at a gay parade in Houston) and appalling. As has happened before in some gay and lesbian bars and organizations in this city, there appear to be many homosexual women and men who easily and openly discriminate against another homosexual's right to freely express his/her views.

I say appalling because we of all people should allow for minority views to be expressed. Appalling because it is obvious those who booed were mostly "Christian" folk who are supposed to have tolerance of others and nothing, but love in their hearts for their adversary.

Appalling because we always voice such strong opposition to those who advocate

or perpetrate acts of physical violence against us. (Bottles, cans, and other objects were thrown at the AGA entry.) Appalling because their response shows the overwhelming preponderance in our gay community of our lack to understand and appreciate the Truth—the real reason we as homosexuals must ban together for gay pride; the reason there needs to be a gay rights movement; the reason that our parade committee felt the need to proclaim Unity Through Diversity; the reason we have so much frustration and anxiety in coming out to our parents, friends and employers; the reason we cannot walk late at night between our places of entertainment without fearing physical and verbal abuse from others; the reason we are discriminated against in housing, employment and society in general; the reason we must fear policemen (whose salary we pay, whose motto is "The Badge Means We Care").

The Reason. The Truth: we have been discriminated against, say outlawed and banned by Christianity for 2000 years. We have been burned at the stake, drowned, shot, hung, jailed, harassed, tortured and even "Loved" by Christians of every sect, creed and denomination. Yet, we as gays and lesbians cling to that despicable and most vile organization. When, oh when, will we grow up and face reality; let the tiger's tail go before it bites us again; stand on our own two feet, use our wonderful brain, and claim our own destiny in this life we each have.

Each and everyone of us can, if we want, stand alone and with one another in love, happiness, honesty, sorrow and death without the crutch of a god or a church whose doctrine overwhelmingly states that we are "evil," "castouts" and "condemned."

I, for one, shall no longer accept Christianity's poppycock! I shall always adhere

to everyone's right to present an opposing view without threat of reprisal from any other minority or majority. However, I shall also believe that we gays should not adhere to the principles of any association of people, who, in the name of any god, book or word, so cruelly and deceitfully prey on another people's minds and bodies. Read history and read your Bible; they cry in despair how you have been deceived. Truly, Christianity does leave a bad taste in my mouth. Thanks American Gay Atheists—we needed you to bluntnly remind us.

Let us hear from you.

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Funda Funda will be in attendance at the Montrose Voice Gourmet Cookoff this Sunday, July 17, at the Officers Club, 2700 Albany, and will give her famous stout chicken recipe to all attendees. This happens foremost, of course, of Montrose, Nancy Ford, has delighted audiences with her presentation of Scandinavian cookery when she was with Houston Off Broadway, and now comes to the cookoff.

Joining her entertaining will be Diana Rogers and Richard Askin, both known for fine voices, plus surprise entertainers. Some 15 teams have signed up for the cook-off to blend culinary talents and delight the taste buds. Also Dr. Peter Mansell will be there cooking chili and Councilman George Greenleaf will be there to taste it.

There will be fun, frolic, food, beer (lots and lots of beer) and a super auction featuring the work of artist Steven Beaseman, a 6-month membership to the Fitness Exchange, five dinners at local restaurants and much more.

So if you don't want to miss the event of the summer—Be There!

g with you as you move on. **HardMV:139** (Tycho/hum 24-July) K3 ARIES-Gay Fyde is leading out all over, and Arnie is right at the head of all the action. The leader takes

### □ Sara Dash a Smash at Numbers

By Jon Chetwood

I never did approve of LaBelle breaking up, but if they just had to, I'm glad that Sara Dash has remained in the limelight of the recording industry.

Sara slipped into Numbers, 300 Westheimer, always well produced Sunday night slot perfectly tripping the already jubilant Independence Day crowd into hyper-celebration.

Although I will always take issue with the brevity of these programs, I must admit they do their job. They're a Sunday night shot in the arm—or wherever—and sustain memory evoking quality.

Sara's tune "Close Enough" displayed her intimate rapport with her audience. The torchy tune showed her ability to relate to the crowd not only as a professional entertainer but also as a woman.

The lighting and special effects were superb and added the crowning touch to already festive show. During the remainder of the show she displayed a very human aspect of herself with the crowd of holiday hearers.

She also sang songs catering to those who appreciate more upbeat disco music, such as her newest release, "Low Down Dirty Rhythm." An encore of "I Love You" proved to the house what a talented and versatile performer she is.

Thank you, Sara, and come back soon.

### □ "Hear Ye, Hear Ye"

Hear ye, Montrose and all of Houston! A rollicking outdoor romp through the Renaissance is in store for you at A Place in the Sun on Wednesday night, July 20. King Henry VIII and all his Court Players will be at Fairview and Stanford to lead you merry dance, regale you with song and drama.

The Court Players are the stars of the Texas Renaissance Festival for nine years, and have been featured on national TV.

Admission is \$2. For an additional fee, Daniel Lantz will draw you into the onstage—before, between or after the Court Player's performance, as he talks about art in four languages.

Cherry Wolf of KPTV's *Breakthrough* will emcee the program, which may also include a mime troupe and/or Shakespearean actors. Some Renaissance fun time, if possible, but don't stay away because those heat naught but blue jeans.

### □ It's Time for 'Whoopee'

Roll down your seat, pinwheel your hair, pack a picnic supper and head for Henderson, Pa., where the knee-slapping, hard-driving 1920s are again in full swing. Theatre Under the Stars' campy revival of the hit Ziegfeld musical, *Whoopee*, starring Broadway's Charles Boyce, a second-eyed Eddie Cantor prototype, hits the stage July 16-30 at Miller Outdoor Theatre. And it's free!

Full of 20s hit songs and rip-roarin' non-sens, *Whoopee* has music by Walter Donaldson, lyrics by Gus Kahn and a book by William Ashbury & McGuire. The score includes "Yes Sir, That's My Baby," "Love Me or Leave Me" and "Makin' Whoopee."

Based on an E.J. Rath short story, *The Nervous Wreck*, the wildly popular musical version was produced first in 1928. Curtaintime is 8:30 nightly except Sunday. Free tickets are distributed at the box office after 11:30 a.m.

### □ In the Swing, Come to Risky Business

By Jon Chetwood

Risky Business, 2700 Albany, opens a new show this week, taking a '40s Swing at things. The many who saw their debut show can expect more musical virtuosity as well as humorous irreverence from their exceptionally talented cast.

For those who did not have the luck or foresight, to see the first show, it's definitely time to jump on the wagon and catch the freshest, most entertaining new idea to hit Houston since Astroworld.

Swing will be running for four weeks, Thursdays through Sundays with two shows. Free tickets are distributed at 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. If you've been there before, you'll come back. If you haven't been, don't be foolish—go.

### □ Simon and Garfunkel Return

There will be anything but the sounds of silence when internationally acclaimed folk-rock duo Simon and Garfunkel perform in the Astrodome August 17.

"A Summer Evening with Simon and Garfunkel" will be an uninterrupted two-hour performance blending the legendary harmonies of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, who between them, have amassed 13 Grammy Awards and 19 gold records. The duo's insightful, intelligent lyrics and flowing, natural melodies helped define and shape the face of popular music in the 60s with such memorable hits as "The Sound of Silence," "Mrs. Robinson," "Homeward Bound" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

The pair split in 1970 and after a more than ten year solo career space, stunned and delighted the pop music world when they announced their reunion at Central Park, proving the music is as timeless as ever.

Tickets are now on sale at Ticketmaster and Ticketnet. The concert is produced by Pace Concerts, headquartered in Montrose.

### □ NOW Plans Pageant of Women and a Program on Homophobia

A Pageant of American Women, the first special program directed by the National Organization of Women's Montrose chapter, will be Wednesday, July 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the San Jacinto Room of the University of Houston.

The play, said local chapter president Peggy Hall, is a repeat of a March perfor-



From "Makin' Whoopee", Henry Williams is surrounded by the bridesmaids



'King Henry' will appear at A Place in Sun this Wednesday

mance and is about women's fight for rights since the first Seneca Fall Convention in 1848.

"Seeing and hearing feminist forebears, who understood and resisted oppression so bravely and so uniquely, is very different and infinitely more moving than simply reading their words," read the description in *Horizons*, the NOW newsletter.

Admission is free to the 40-minute play. On July 28 at 8:00 p.m. in the Parliament Room at UH, NOW and the UH Gay/Lesbian Student Association will present a program called "Homophobia: The Effect on Young People."

### □ Alley Features Classic Films

The Alley Theatre's Summer Film Festival is underway featuring legendary screen teams each week at the Alley's Lounge Stage.

On July 18, 20, Clark Gable and Jen Harlow match tempers and 1932 style innuendoes in *Red Dust*. Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant learn all about *Bringing Up Baby* in the 1938 screwball comedy which will be shown August 2 and 3. The immortal Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall

kindled flames on and off the screen in the 1946 murder mystery *The Big Sleep*, playing July 25 and 27.

Underwritten by a grant from United Energy Resources, the films play Monday through Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2 available at showtime in the Alley Box Office, 615 Texas, 288-8421.

Also scheduled in August are *Buster* Marie starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy and *End Street* with Ruby Keeler and Dick Powell.

### □ An Evening With Women Planned

All women are invited to attend "An Evening With Women" at the Swim Club, 2114 Peckham, on Saturday, July 23, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to meet Houston City Council members and candidates and find out about the numerous avenues for political and economic raising involvement.

The event is co-sponsored by Gay Political Caucus, Area III NOW, Choices and the Houston Area Women's Center.

Admission is \$3 (includes food) and there will be a cash bar. Swimming will be available.

# Come See What's Cookin'

## Montrose Voice 1st Annual Cookoff



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## Introductions '83 Introduces New Artists

By Hollis Hood

The fifth annual look at fresh art talent on a city-wide scale opened this past weekend at 12 member galleries of the Houston Art Dealers Association (HADA), most of which are in Montrose. Paint, metal, paper and all mediums are represented. Of particular interest is the display at Kaufman Galleries, 2702 West Alabama, of the work of Helena de la Fontaine.

Fontaine, an Austin artist, works in paper creating symphonies of papered pieces portraying movement and emotion.

"You should see it gradually," the Brazilian-born artist said, "like listening to music. People will stand in front of the collage and say oh, and look again and say, oh, I see it now."

Her pieces are as lyrical as her name and as effusive as her personality as she discusses them and her beginnings in art. "I was always drawing. Whenever I wasn't studying in school, I was drawing or painting." That interest led her to seriously study art at schools in Paris and London. While working in interior design in London, she continued to investigate the concept of colors and the possible range of mediums.

"It is like the many, many possibilities that a musician has to create music. There are limitations and rules, but there are so many things that can be arranged to create the finished work," she said.

Her hands move with her speech as if she were trying to weave the words into the paper tapestries which have become her trademark. "I became intrigued with deconstructing and reconstructing with the strips of paper, and what I could create with patterns and weaves. It is a more fluid way of assembling a web of lines in different direction, yet being treated as a



Helena de la Fontaine at the Kaufman Gallery

whole."

Maximum use of form, almost taking on a new texture because of the weaves, she forms the collages and patterned pieces into delicate, whitely-treated presenta-

tions of time and space.

"My work is the result of all my experience, just as individuals are the result of all they have known or done. Experiences of childhood, experiences in Paris," the Texas resident of 14 years said.

She said as a child studying art she never felt she had done enough, but her exciting work surely will please the Houston gallery goer.

Other galleries exhibiting new artists to Houston are Arrowby, 2517 University; Davis, 2402 Addison; Davis-McClain, 2818 Kirby; DuBois, 2800 Kirby; Harris, 1100 Bissonnet; Hooks-Espinoza, 1200 Bissonnet; Meredith Long & Co., Jack Miner Gallery, 2310 Bissonnet; Moody Gallery, 2015 J West Gray; Robinson Galleries, 1200 Bissonnet; Watson-DeNagy & Co., 1106 Bertha. Most of the works will be showing through August. Portions of sales go to benefit the art museums of Houston.

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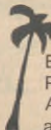
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## That Question: 'Why Aren't You Married Yet'

By Joe Baker

I just "gave" my baby sister away. Oh, my Dad had the official honor, but as I sat in the church pew, I felt as if it was my little girl who was becoming a woman.

Actually, Anne had become a woman many years earlier. I guess I just really hadn't noticed. But now, at the age of 22, there was no doubt about it that Anne had grown into a beautiful young woman. And today, she was a bride.

She looked so radiant in her white gown. It was her day—the day she was going to make a commitment; the day she was going to give priority to another man in her life.

I don't know how my Dad felt, but I felt kinda empty. I knew how fathers the world over feel when their little girls grow up and take husbands of their own.

Anne was one of those "accident" babies. She was born when the rest of us kids in the family were in high school. And if she surprised my parents, you can imagine how my brother, two sisters and I felt.

The last thing we wanted in the house was some screaming little rug rat. All those feelings changed, however, the day Anne came home from the hospital. There is nothing like a baby to fill a house with love and peace.

Anne grew up with more "parents" than she knew what to do with. Naturally, she was spoiled rotten and always overprotected.

Somehow, though, she managed to make it—despite all our good intentions and interference.

As I watched Anne walk down the aisle and take hold of her groom's arm, I realized that Anne would probably be the only "daughter" I would ever "give away" in marriage.

As a gay man, I don't intend to marry a woman or have children. It's not that I don't love children or wouldn't want to have a family. It's just that I know who I am and what I am—and my lifestyle, at least at this time in my life, is not conducive to raising children.

I had been very apprehensive for weeks about making the trip home to Michigan for Anne's wedding. As a closeted gay, visits home have always been somewhat uncomfortable.

This time, I expected things to be even worse. After all, the baby of the family was beating me to the altar and two other sisters and my brother had already been there.

I was sure I was going to be asked at least 100 times by all my relatives why I wasn't married, if I was dating anybody seriously, etc. etc.

On the way to the airport, I had joked with a friend about appropriate answers I could give. My friend Bill thought I should tell them that it was against the law for Texans to marry Yankees. I said a better response would be for me to say that I was unable to get "it" up and I didn't think it would be fair to marry a woman.

I would have loved to see the expressions on several of my old aunts faces after that remark. Fortunately, I never got the chance to use my line; although I probably would not have had the guts to say it anyway.

I come from a very large family with nearly 200 uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces. So I was surprised only to have one relative ask me that touchy questions about marriage.

The only one to ask was a baby-factory cousin of mine who already has had three husbands and she's just barely 25.

I don't know why I find that question sensitive, because I am not ashamed of being gay and I don't find the single lifestyle—straight or gay—an unattractive one. I'm sure my immediate family suspects I might be homosexual, but the time hasn't been right yet to discuss it with them.

As for the rest of the relatives, it is really

none of their business and most of them wouldn't understand or accept it anyway.

Still, the question irks me. Let's face it, most people in the world—although things are changing—believe that marriage is the only way to have a rich and meaningful life.

They think that if you aren't married, there is no way you could be happy. If you don't have children, there is no way your life is going to be rewarding.

How can they believe that considering today's divorce rate and the problems parents have with children is beyond me. But I guess they just want the single people to be as "happy" as the married ones are. Some happy.

Out of all my many relatives, there is only one other cousin who is not married. The woman is fast approaching 30, and she too is feeling a lot of pressure from her parents and society about not being married.

We got a chance to talk at my sister's wedding reception, and I was pleased to hear that she was experiencing the same discomfort as I.

"You know," she said, "people think that if you live alone and aren't married—then you must be lonely. Right now, I don't need their kind of happiness. I may never. I hope the day comes when my family realizes that you don't have to get married to become a woman. I would really like for

them to accept me for what I am and let me live my life the way I want."

I don't know if my cousin is straight or gay. But it doesn't really matter. Heterosexual or homosexual—single people have lots of the same problems and concerns.

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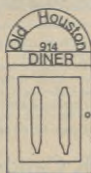
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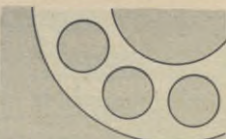
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# 'It's 3:30 a.m., and All's Right with the World'

By Sharon McDonald

Like many of us in these uncertain times, I've moved a lot in the last decade or so. With an unusual clarity, I can remember every landmark who raised the rent, every neighbor's dog who wouldn't let me into my own yard, and every couple upstairs whose high decible lovemaking installed in me a proud curiosity tinged with envy.

The list of my previous addresses is a veritable tally sheet of my economic and emotional victories and defeats: starring in Bridgeport, baking bread in Phoenix, swooning in Santa Monica, divorcing in Los Angeles.

There was the trailer, and the room over the garage, and the basement in Denver that also housed bugs large enough to knock over a full can of Raid with a casual flick of a feeler.

One memorable apartment was next door to an unemployed trumpet player. (They told me he traveled a lot, and that he never practiced at home. They lied again.)

The manicurist who lived upstairs drank tequila while listening to rock music full blast each evening, and would often pass out and remain oblivious to her neighbors' attempts to break down her door and kick in her radio. Meanwhile, the trumpet player was audible through the bathroom wall as he chatted with his girlfriend while performing his nightly toilette. Most nights he complained about his receding hairline, although occasionally he'd throw in a detailed report on his complexion for variety.

One night as I lay in bed with an amour, we heard him enter his bathroom. "I still have this diarrhea!" he whined. And they wonder why we don't want to marry men.

The gayest, and coincidentally the strangest, place I ever lived was the Hollywood Hawaiian Apartments. I knew there was something special about the place when I called the number in an apartment-rent ad and got Ralph, the building's resident manager. He allowed as how, yep, there was a vacancy, alright, but there was something I ought to know right away.

"I'll tell you right now, we've just got nice people here, and only want nice people. So if you're not a nice person don't bother to come over."

"Uh, well I, uh..."

"We've got all kinds here, and everybody's nice. We've got your black and your white, your red and your yellow, and your gay and your straight, and we all get along and respect each other. And if any of that bothers you, just don't bother to come over here."

"I'll take it."

Ralph was a man of his word. The Hollywood Hawaiian's tenants comprised a miniature United Nations, and included enough gay men and lesbians to form a new contingent in the Gay Pride parade. The sight of a dozen stuffed mailboxes on the day the gay paper got delivered warmed this lesbian's tenant's heart.

During the 50s, the Hollywood Hawaiian had been a luxurious hotel for affluent tourists. By the time I arrived there in the 80s, however, the hotel rooms had been converted into apartments that only a starving artist could love. What may have been spacious for a weekend's stay in 1950 was not exactly roomy for everyday living in 1980. But what we tenants lacked in elbow room and privacy, we more than made up for in camaraderie.

Populated largely by persons of indeterminate occupation and no visible means of support, the building housed every social configuration from traditional heterosexual families to a gaggle of extravagantly graceful black gay men whose movements were so willowy that they gave the impression of wearing scarves even when they weren't. There was the Latino with the big ears and "Amor de Madre" tattooed on one shoulder, and the person parading in safari jackets whose sex, to say nothing of sexual orien-

tly, I never did ascertain.

Perhaps the family unit that epitomized the Hollywood Hawaiian's live and let live spirit was DeAnn and Bobby, a gay couple, by which I mean a lesbian and a gay man. They were living together and raising their newborn son, while maintaining fulltime relationships with their respective same-sex lovers. When asked how their essentially platonic friendship had produced a baby, DeAnn shrugged, "We got real drunk one night," while Bobby offered a philosophical, "Life is funny..."

Scenes from my days and nights at the Hollywood Hawaiian return:

I knock on Ralph's door to deliver my sixth request that he repair the six-inch hole in my bathroom wall. There is a long wait punctuated by a series of unidentifiable noises, each mysterious clatter coming closer to the door. Eventually it opens to reveal Ralph, bathrobed and bleary-eyed, with a huge bandage around his foot.

"I'm not even gonna ask," I say. "And never mind. Is there anything you need?" "No, the doctor's got me pretty doped up," he grins. A pause while the grin widens. "He told me to go home and put my legs in the air, so I'm doing just fine!"

The crazy lady is chain-smoking and sunning herself poolside in a bikini top, shorts, and support pantyhoes.

It is earlier on a Sunday morning than anyone is ever up unless they haven't gone to bed yet. I wake to a familiar sound from the bedroom above me, where Edna and Erwin, a gay and potbellying middle-aged couple are apparently not sleeping. I have become accustomed to the rhythmic sound of their bed hitting the wall semi-weekly, but never before at this hour. "Oh well," I think, "maybe it's their anniversary." I send them best wishes and snig-

gle deeper into my pillow before I remember Erwin's out of town.

I've almost made it to my apartment carrying too many bags of groceries when I round a corner and run smack into an apparition clad only in scanty charrtruse shorts and sporting a vivid green face. I drop the bags. Equally startled, my gay neighbor is squealing, "Oooh, I was hoping nobody'd see me while I got my facial on!"

Retrieving a rolling orange and his compressor, he gallantly helps me pick up my groceries while instructing me on the virtues of lime facials.

It is 3:30 a.m. when I'm awakened by voices outside my window. The black gay men from upstairs are arguing about where to get a pizza. They settle on a destination, and the conversation turns to gossip. As I drift back to sleep I hear, "Girl, I gonna throw that bitch in the pool!" and I know with a warm certainty that they are not talking about a female person. It's 3:30 a.m. at the Hollywood Hawaiian, and all's right with the world.

McDonald, who lives in Los Angeles, is co-author of the 1983 *Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Work in Feature Writing from the Gay Press Association*. Her column appears here and in other gay newspapers.

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## Some Leading Teams Totter as Season Closes



Pete Hosous controlled the pitching and some of the hitting as the Voice shut out the Gallean last weekend.

By Eddie Chavez

As the end of the 1984 season of the MSA Greater Houston Softball League nears, some leading teams are having trouble staying on top. That's the way it was for the Gallean, the Montrose Voice and Dirty Sally's last weekend.

### □ Voice Shuts Out Gallean

In the first game last Saturday, excellent pitching by Pete Hosous of the Voice held the Gallean to only three hits and no walks. And at bat, Pete was 3 for 4, with 2 RBIs and 2 triples in shutting out the Gallean 11-0 and moving to within a half game of their number one position.

The Voice's 18-hit attack also drew five walks.

Other batting leaders were Timmy Boates batting 3 for 4 with 2 RBIs. Don Davidson, David Pace, Dave Gebert and Dennis Duncan all shared two hits each. Five runs in the first inning aided by three Gallean errors gave the Voice the momentum to defeat them again. (Their previous meeting gave the Voice 11, Gallean 1).

### □ Teasing DeSale

I called Jerry DeSale this week and teased him by saying if his Dirty Sally's team didn't start hitting again, they would would lose again.

"I know but I don't understand how we can be up to take a tournament and then not be able to keep hitting," he replied.

"Don't worry, Jerry," I said. "Look at the Astros, Oilers and the Rockets. After their great year, they were in the cellar, but your team was just down for that game."

Maybe so, but that doesn't take any thing away from a team that played their butts off.

Charlotte's almost game Sally's its second defeat of the regular season by holding the lead until the last minutes of play. Ryan Wayne was 3 for 3, perfect! Mario Blanco had an in the park homerun scoring 3 RBIs. Overall Charlotte's displayed good defense against the division leading Sally's.

Mike Morrison was the only Sally's player with 2 hits, but the team batted four runs in the last inning to edge Charlotte's 5-4. Herb Muenchow drove in Mario Marchena with the winning hit.

### □ Voice Struggles Over Jim's Gym

The next day, Sunday, the Montrose Voice had a close one. In a very slow moving game, it seemed the team could get no momentum even after having decisively sunk the Gallean's ship the day before.

Luckily for the Voice, they received 11 walks, and got three hits off irregular pitching by Jim's Gym team. The game was not decided until the bottom of the last inning when Dodie Ramirez hit a drive with the bases loaded.

Jim's Gym hitting was lead by Mike Seogains and Geno Escamilla's 2 RBIs. Final score: Montrose Voice 4, Jim's Gym 3.

### □ BRB Slashes Barn

Usually hitting wins a game. Not so for the Barn team. They hit but lost the Brazos River Bottom by two hits but hit the game 9-5. Hits by Sammy Spaniel, Mario Arzola and Brad Hay were not enough as six unanswered runs in the bottom of the sixth decided that game.

BRB's Jim Traweek's 2 for 3 and 2 RBIs; Ken McGaughey's 2 for 3 and hits by 9 out of 10 starters called it a weekend of sports action.

### □ Four Forfeits

In other softball action last weekend, Jim's Gym forfeited to the Briar Patch, Mining Company/JR's team forfeited to the BRB and Dirty Sally's while Catch One forfeited to the Briar Patch.

### □ Chavez Resigns

Eddie Chavez, faithful and enthusiastic sports editor for the MONTROSE VOICE, resigned officially Thursday, July 14.

Chavez' contributions to the newspaper's sports coverage were innumerable and he was always dependable in reporting events, taking a personal interest in the Montrose sports scene.

Due to changing employment commitments, he will no longer be writing, and his contributions will be missed. Thanks, Eddie, for your good stories and good attitude.

### MSA Greater Houston Softball League

#### RESULTS

	Saturday, July 9	0
Montrose Voice	11	Gallean
Briar Patch	7	Jim's Gym 0 (forfeit)
BRB	7	Montrose Mine/JR's 0 (forfeit)
Dirty Sally's	9	Charlotte's
	Sunday, July 10	4
Dirty Sally's	7	Montrose Mine/JR's 0 (forfeit)
Briar Patch	7	Catch One 0 (forfeit)
Montrose Voice	5	Jim's Gym
Brazos BRB	9	Barn

#### REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct	GB
South Division				
aGallean	10	3	.769	-
xMontrose Voice	11	4	.733	-
Briar Patch	6	7	.462	4
Jim's Gym	3	11	.214	7 1/2
Catch One	0	14	.000	10 1/2

#### North Division

xDirty Sally's	14	1	.833	-
xBrazos River Bottom	10	3	.769	3
Charlotte's	5	8	.385	8
Montrose Mine/JR's	5	9	.357	8 1/2
Barn	5	9	.357	8 1/2

x clinched playoff spot

#### BATTING LEADERS

through July 10

based on at least 30 times at bat

1 Bill Schmidt DS	41	23	561
2 Jerry DeSale DS	20	13	345
3 Ryan Wayne CRB	23	11	345
4 Mario Marchenn DS	39	23	513
5 Robert Arzaga BRB	40	18	500
6 Mike Morrison DS	45	16	489
7 Phil Lowland Mine/JR's	43	11	450
8 Tom Boates MV	39	14	457
9 Harry Goldberg DS	35	10	456
10 Bob James MV	46	16	478

#### THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Saturday, July 16

Dirty Sally's vs. BRB 4pm  
Montrose Mine/JR's vs. Charlotte's, 5pm  
BRB vs. Dirty Sally's, 6pm  
Briar Patch vs. Montrose Voice, 7pm  
Jim's Gym vs. Gallean, 8pm

Montrose Voice vs. Briar Patch, 9pm  
Sunday, July 17  
Brazos River Bottom vs. Charlotte's, 6pm  
Calch 1 vs. Jim's Gym, 7pm  
Briar Patch vs. Gallean, 8pm  
Barn vs. Montrose Mine/JR's, 9pm

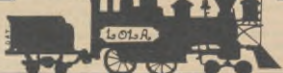
#### MSA Volleyball

##### STANDINGS

following July 12 competition

	W	L
Hurricanes	4	0
Houston Sci	3	1
USA Recs	2	2
Diamonds	2	2
Magni	1	3
Remnants	0	4

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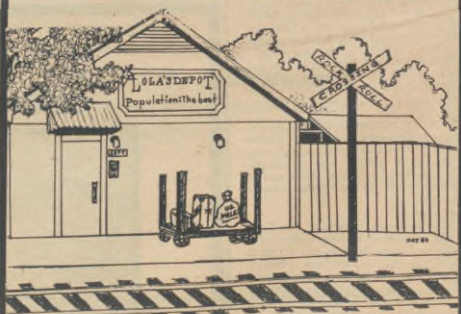
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## Seven Day Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JULY	JULY	JULY	JULY	JULY	JULY	JULY
17	18	19	20	21	15	16

For additional information or phone numbers for events listed below, look for the sponsoring organization under "Organizations" in the Montrose Classified.

### Selected Events through 7 Days

- **FRIDAY-SATURDAY:** International Gay Assoc. Conference in Vienna, Austria, concludes
  - **FRIDAY-SUNDAY:** Metropolitan Community Church general conference, Toronto, concludes
  - **SATURDAY:** Lambda Bicycle Club meets, then tours, from 3pm, unless raining, at 210 Fairview, apt. 1
  - **SATURDAY:** MSA Volleyball teams participate in Pegasus Volleyball Tournament, Dallas
  - **SATURDAY:** Choice's Lesbian Mothers' Group meets 6:30pm, 210 Fairview, apt. 1
  - **SUNDAY:** Montrose Tennis Club plays 10:30am-1:30pm, MacGregor Park
  - **SUNDAY:** Montrose Voice Gourmet Cookoff, noon-5pm, Officers Club, 2700 Albany, benefit for Montrose Sports Association and Media Fund for Human Rights
  - **SUNDAY:** GayRun '83, 10am, San Francisco Golden Gate Park
  - **SUNDAY:** Choice's meets 8:30pm, YWCA, 3615 Wilshire
  - **SUNDAY:** Unitarian: Universalist Gay Caucus meets 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fanning
  - **SUNDAY:** Families & Friends of Gays meets 2pm, Presbyterian Church behind 1st Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main
  - **MONDAY:** AIDS victim support group meets 6:30pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Blvd., Suite 203
  - **MONDAY:** MSA Summer Session Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesman
  - **TUESDAY:** Montrose Symphonic Band meets at Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 7:30pm
  - **WEDNESDAY:** "A Place in the Sun," 7pm, 704 Fairview, presents the Court Players
  - **WEDNESDAY:** Gay Political Caucus meets 4600 Main #217, 7:30pm
  - **WEDNESDAY:** Montrose Choral rehearsal at Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 7:30-9pm
  - **THURSDAY:** *Wide n' Stein* gay radio show 7:30-9pm on KPFT Radio, FM 90
  - **THURSDAY:** MSA Mixed Bowling League bowls, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesman
- ### Selected Events in Future Weeks
- **JN 1 WEEK:** Full moon, 6:28pm, July 24
  - **JN 1 WEEK:** Montrose Civic Club (Neartown) meets 7pm July 26, Bering Church, 1440 Harold
  - **JN 1 WEEK:** Luthereans Con-

cerned meets July 26, Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh

■ **JN 1 WEEK:** Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists meet July 27, 7pm

■ **JN 2 WEEKS:** Greater Montrose Business Guild meets 7:30pm Aug. 2, Liberty Bank community room, 1001 Westheimer

■ **JN 2 WEEKS:** 8th International Conference of Gay & Lesbian Jews opens Aug. 4, lasting to Aug. 7, Miami

■ **JN 2 WEEKS:** Reno National Gay Rodeo opens Aug. 4, lasting to Aug. 7

■ **JN 7 WEEKS:** Sixth Biennial International Convention of Dignity, Seattle, Sept. 2-5

■ **JN 7 WEEKS:** Gay World Series Softball Tournament, Chicago, Sept. 3-5

■ **JN 7 WEEKS:** Labor Day, Sept. 5

■ **JN 7 WEEKS:** "Come Out and Sing Together," 1st North American Gay Choral Festival, opens Sept. 8, lasting to Sept. 11, Lincoln Center, New York

■ **JN 10 WEEKS:** Autumn begins at 9:43am Sept. 23

■ **JN 10 WEEKS:** Human Rights Campaign Fund annual dinner, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, Sept. 27

■ **JN 11 WEEKS:** Texas Renaissance Festival opens near Plantersville Oct. 1 and 2, also running Oct. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 & Nov. 5 & 6

■ **JN 12 WEEKS:** Oct. 8 deadline to register to vote in November elections

■ **JN 12 WEEKS:** Columbus Day, Oct. 10

■ **JN 13 WEEKS:** Westheimer Colony Art Festival, 100 to 1100 blocks Westheimer, Oct. 15-16

■ **JN 15 WEEKS:** Halloween, Oct. 31

■ **JN 16 WEEKS:** Houston city elections, Nov. 8

■ **JN 18 WEEKS:** Thanksgiving, Nov. 24

■ **JN 19 WEEKS:** Gay Academic Union 9th National Conference, San Diego, Nov. 25-27

■ **JN 28 WEEKS:** Gay Press Association Southern Regional Convention, Jan. 27-29, Houston

■ **JN 43 WEEKS:** New Orleans World's Fair opens May 12, lasting to Nov. 11

■ **JN 48 WEEKS:** 1984 Gay Pride Week begins, 15th anniversary of Stonewall uprising, June 15-24

■ **JN 59 WEEKS:** Houston hosts 1984 Gay World Series Softball Tournament, Sept. 1-2, 1984

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- Envy—1011 Bell—528-9453 country

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- Tami—533 Westheimer—520-0244 lesbian disco
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 Human Rights Campaign Fund—POB 1398, Washington, DC 20011-0261-646-2828  
 Lambda Legal Defense—32 W 43rd New York, NY 10018—(212) 664-9466  
 Media Fund for Human Rights (Gay Press Association)—POB 33605, Washington, DC 20033—(202) 387-0430  
 National Association of Business Councils—Box 15143, San Francisco, CA 94115—(415) 985-0803  
 National Association of Gay & Lesbian Democratic Clubs—1742 Main Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20005—(202) 341-3104  
 National Gay Rights Advocate—541 Casino, San Francisco, CA 94114—(415) 863-3624  
 National Gay Task Force—80 59 Ave, New York, NY 10011—(212) 741-9800  
 NGR's Crusade—(800) 221-7664 (outside New York State)  
 Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force—POB AK, Denton 75001—(817) 387-8476  
 A. Cappella Chorus—(Montrose) Church of Christ 777-6208  
 A Place in the Sun—c/o Grassroots Books, 704 Fairview—525-7692 subgroup of VH Inc. concerts Tom Tate  
 ADU—1236 W. Gray—524-5925  
 AIDS Hotline—c/o Gay Switchboard—529-3211  
 American Gay Alliance—457-6660  
 American Leatherman (social club)—meets at Collierville Dr., 1732 Westheimer—528-8528 club night Wed.  
 Arno Baroque Alliance—520-9451 (voice), 520-9652 (TV)  
 Bayou D'U: see Montrose Churate  
 Bearing Memorial United Methodist Church—1441 Harco—526-1017 service 10:30am Sun, Black & White Men Together (BWMAT)—c/o Gay Switchboard, 529-3211  
 Choices—c/o Gay Switchboard or Canal at 529-8973, meets FW, Sat 8:15, Wed, 12:30pm 3rd Sun.; also see Lesbian Mothers  
 Christian Church of the Good Shepherd—1707 Montrose services Tom Tate, Bible study 7:30pm Thurs  
 Montrose Church of Christ—1700 Montrose—777-6206 services 11am Sun.  
 Church of Christian Faith—211 Fairview—528-8206, services 10:45am, Sat., & 7:15pm Wed, Bible study 7:15pm Tues & Sun, choir practice Wed. after services  
 Church of Pentecostal Unity—525-7286, 520-5566 Services 7:30pm Fri., 11am Sun.  
 Citizens for Human Equality (CHE)—509 Fannin at 131—726-5696 board meeting 2nd Tuesdays  
 Civil 45's (social club)—meets at Brazeal Plaza Bottom, 2400 Brazos—528-9182  
 Community Gospel Center—1703 Montrose—523-6014  
 Cong. Aylet Chapin—meets at MCCR, 1915 Harco—525-1343, 688-6601 service & social 10pm 2nd & 4th Fridays  
 Concrete Area Lambda Society—Jan at 756-0354 or Ray at 756-4097  
 Crisis Hotline—228-1005  
 Drea-Gay Alliance—457-5660 American Gay Alliance  
 Church Foundation—2700 Mason—524-5793  
 Dignity—meets at Catholic Student Center, 1703 Bollen—593-9099, 528-7644, meetings 7pm Saturdays  
 Families & Friends of Gays—454-6663, meets 2pm 3rd Sundays at Presbyterian Church at Oakdale, behind First Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main  
 1st Unitarian Church—5210 Fannin—526-1571, services 11am Sun.  
 Frontrunners—529-4258  
 Gay & Alive Sharing Experience (GASE)—528-1211, 528-0881  
 Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas affiliate of VH Inc.  
 Gay Arab Club—2615 Waugh #124 77006  
 Gay Hispanic Caucus—2722 Neumann #12—521-2015, meets 3rd Thursdays  
 Gay Italian Group—526-4844  
 Gay Nurses Alliance—880-9486  
 Gay Political Caucus (GPC)—POB 38864, 77386—521-1000, meets 6:00 Main #217 3pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
 Gay Pride Week '83 Committee—c/o Marion Crocker, House of Commons, 901 W. Alabama—523-5257  
 Gay Switchboard—POB 3624—529-3211, information, counseling, referrals, TV, AIDS Hotline  
 Greater Montrose Business Guild—connect through Montrose Voice, meets 7:30pm, 1st Tuesdays, community room, Liberty Bank, 1001 Westheimer  
 Dreamteam/FM190 Area Far-Away Friends—821-6641  
 Homophile Interfaith Alliance—729 Manor—523-5660  
 Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists—529-7556, meets 7pm 4th Wednesdays  
 Houston Community Clergy—880-8314  
 Houston Data Professionals—meets in East Room, Holiday Inn Central, 4640 E. Main—523-6522, meets 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays  
 Houston Motorcycle Club (social club)—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—528-8841  
 Houston North Professionals—POB 3840, Humble 77336—Bill at 821-7136  
 IAT (Inc)—POB 10267, 77222—894-7132, 528-7014, affiliated groups are Interact, Grassroots & Place & Place at 884  
 Interact—Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas, Gay Switchboard, Montrose Business Guild, Montrose Cloggers, board meeting 7:30pm 1st Thursdays, (also see locations, education forum 7:30pm 3rd Tuesdays)  
 Integrity/Houston (Interconnect)—POB 86008, 77268—529-8555, meets 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays at Aultry House, 8205 Main, & 4th Tuesdays at varied locations  
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 KPFT Radio, FM 90—419 Lovell Blvd—526-7208, 7:30pm  
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 Lesbians & Gay Parents in Medicine—880-5486  
 Lesbians 7:30pm Sat Saturdays  
 Lesbian Mothers, subgroup of Croixes, meets 1st and 3rd Sat, 8:30pm, 1140 Westview, apt. 1  
 Lutheran Concerns—meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 2915 Weaver, Wednesdays, 9:15-11:30am, 2nd & 4th Thurs, evenings  
 Metropolitan Community Church of the Republic (MCCP)—1913 Church St, monthly services begin 7:30pm, 1st & 7:15pm Wed, membership Tues, 7:30pm Tues, education classes Tues, 4 Wed

Montrose Art Alliance—521-2461, affiliate (H) Inc, meets 2nd Thursdays  
 Montrose Chess and Board Games—Robert King, c/o 521-2046, informal 7:30-10pm Wed at Bering Church, 1440 Harwin  
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 1440 Harwin  
 Montrose Sports Association (MSA)—622-3304  
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 Church, 1440 Harwin—527-9889, meeting  
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 Neighbors (social club)—meets at the Bering, 710  
 Pacific—529-8427, club night Thurs  
 Newport Association (Montrose Civic Club)—  
 meetings at Bering Church, 1440 Harwin—529-  
 1020, meeting 7pm first Thursdays  
 New Freedom Christian Church—912 W 11th—  
 591-1342, services 11am Sun, 7:30pm Wed  
 Park Fellowship—212 Neighbors Community  
 Fellowship—141-2521  
 Pax y Liberacion—POB 60063, 77260—523-  
 9048  
 Recreational Land Fund Committee—Mutual  
 Club House  
 Rice Univ. Gay/Lesbian Support Group—524-  
 0124  
 Texas Gay Alliance—529-3327, meeting  
 Thurs, evenings  
 Texas Gay Area Gay Youth—332-3771, meetings  
 weekly  
 Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force—469-7231, 866-  
 9623  
 Texas Human Rights Foundation—1915  
 Westheimer—529-2829  
 Texas Riders—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—  
 528-8551

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 Lutheran Church, 9210 Fannin—529-8787,  
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**For Yecho**  
 Friday evening, July 15, 1983, through Friday evening, July 22, 1983:

**ARIES**—Think twice! Something that looks like an offer you can't refuse, or someone who looks like a perfect ten could be just what you need. You don't have to develop a full-blown paranoia, but be more cautious than usual. Don't let the bull fool you.  
**Taurus**—While everyone else is planning vacations and trips, you will be more than satisfied to stay home. In your unusual calm and peacefulness, small everyday things will give you great pleasure and joy. Ferdinand the bull stops to smell the rose! Life is beautiful.

**GEMINI**—Last week you were showing someone else how to do it, but this week, someone's showing you. In trying too hard to be everything you want, this person may put you off. But it's too much to rush off. Communicating with an old friend will put you back on course.

**CANCER**—In your sign this week: Mars and the Sun. In the search for that perfect lover, you keep on running into yourself. Self-discovery will lead you to learn some things you don't really want to know, in the long run you gain a lot. Becoming a bigger and better person isn't always easy.  
**LEO**—In your sign this week: Mercury. Something weird and wonderful comes right at you from a most unlikely place. There's no way to plan for or expect who or what it is, but wowiee and wahoo! What kind of love is this? You're going to love it, whatever it is, that's for sure.

**VIRGO**—Venus is in Virgo at this time. That little thing on the side that keeps growing larger all the time. You just can't keep your mind off of its current attraction, as it becomes a real distraction from what should be important to you. Like a silly song you can't help singing, it's forgettable but cute.

**LIBRA**—In your sign all week: Pluto and Saturn. Passing through the Moon, until Sunday evening, Relief from the confusion that started on the month still isn't in sight, but a good guide in this time is to emphasize the spiritual over the physical. Some old events might take you to a higher place.  
**SCORPIO**—The Moon passes through Scorpio Sunday evening to Tuesday afternoon. You've put away your magic stinger and you have different mores secrets to conceal. The light and fun that carried you through last week can now be brought into your work and business life. You've got a lot to give, and those around you will do more than appreciate it.

**SAGITTARIUS**—In your sign all week: Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune. The Moon will pass through on Tuesday afternoon to early next Friday morning, the 22nd. Put on your traveling shoes and shuffle off to—well, maybe not Buffalo, but you won't have to go far to get a thrill of adventure. You've been longing for it, so if you can't get out of town, let your mind do the travelling. A good fantasy, couldn't hurt.  
**CAPRICORN**—The Moon will enter Capricorn next Friday morning, the 22nd. Let your intuitive, yielding side guide you through this time of decisions. You can continue to stand at the crossroads, and you've got to be able to trust yourself before you choose your turn. Meditate on what's central to you, and most important.

**AQUARIUS**—Forming a business partnership should be done with as much care and understanding as a romantic one. The details are different, but the same rules apply. This is a good time for joint ventures. You can give a lot.  
**PISCES**—Old friends and close relatives will benefit from your deep, deep love. You're able to reveal very part of yourself to those you're really close to, and that allows them to do the same. The past enters into the present in a very odd, helpful way.

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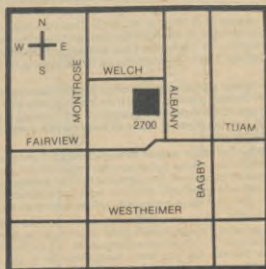
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