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Shelter at Christmas: A Clean, Well-Lighted Place

By Pamela Wolfe

They gathered near the church.

One pensively poised young man sat against a wall—well apart from the clustered ciques. Close by, an older, scruffy gentleman lay snoring softly within the dark shadows of trees, hardly aware of the cold night air. In front of the closed church doors, a posted sign read "Shelter will open at 9:00 p.m."

Inside, volunteer C.J. Croix debated; the homeless waiting outside were getting cold, so C.J. opened the shelter at 8:25 p.m.

Responding to the desperate needs of the burgeoning "new poor" and to anyone who needs emergency shelter, Rev. Ronald Pogue of the Bering Memorial United Methodist Church and countless volunteers opened the church's facilities on Dec. 6. The shelter housed eight persons the first night. With only a bare floor to sleep on, hot coffee and a clean, safe, well-lighted place to rest, many of the homeless guests relish the opportunity to leave the streets of Houston at night.

Rev. Pogue explained, "Many have been beaten on the street or under a bridge, just over a bench or a box. One contribution the shelter provides: nobody's going to get beat up or robbed here. The peace of mind in staying here will have to compensate for the lack of luxury."

Though after two weeks in operation, sleeping mats, hot chili and sandwiches were provided to 65 men, women and children by various volunteers and contributors.

According to Alyce Coffee-Scott, United Way Information and Referral Service, emergency housing for families in Harris County is badly needed.

"Our churches have calls for all kinds of help. However, in the past, the calls have been from people who had a place to stay, but they needed food and/or clothing, transportation or were looking for shelter. In the past three to four months, the requests for shelter have increased dramatically. And that's just the ones we've seen," maintains Rev. Pogue.

Alyce reports that requests for shelter increased by 20 percent in the past 12 months. United Way estimates that 40,000 families will be evicted from their homes in 1982, marking a 62 percent rise. Already Rev. Pogue has observed that "30 to 40 percent of the visitors are from Houston or



Entrance to the Bering Church Shelter on 1440 Harold. Early arrivals await 9:00 p.m. opening.

from within the state of Texas."

Director Graff of the Salvation Army residence for women and children, 416 McGowen Street, stated: "Everybody that comes here is homeless. Most have been layed off, hold temporary jobs and they just can't afford rent or house payments anymore."

Before the Bering Church opened its doors to the homeless, only 67 shelter accommodations were available to families. Some of these figures may be exaggerated, because of duplication, said Coffee-Scott. She reported, "If you're a boy over seven,

you're in trouble." In most county shelters, these boys are ineligible and shelters accepting adult men require the men to be 18 years of age.

Bering welcomes men, women and children of all ages.

The homeless are from all walks of life. Most are unemployed, though some hold low-paying temporary jobs. A secretary, clerical worker, lab technician, pipe fitter, tug boat crewman, oil field roughneck, radio broadcaster, maintenance man, winos and many others share the same roof.

"Most of the people here are just down in luck," said Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Cady.

The majority are men 25-35 years of age, although quite a few older men in their 50s and 60s stay the night. During the day, many head towards the labor pools, apply for jobs, collect food stamps or social security; several visit Ben Taub Hospital for medical attention.

Jimmy, a 36-year-old with 14 years of welding experience, hopes to gain employ-

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Only One File Found on GPC, Says FBI

By Johannes Stahl

The Houston Federal Bureau of Investigation office disclosed that only one document exists on the Houston Gay Political Caucus—a document created when GPC filed a complaint with the FBI. This is according to FBI information provided to former GPC President Gary Van Ooteghem and former GPC Chairman of the Board Robert Schwab.

The letter, written by James A. Dathorp, Supervisory Special Agent of the FBI states:

"During the review of the FBI documents concerning the Gay Political Caucus, one document consisting of one page was located."

According to the FBI report, an unnamed individual representing the GPC filed a complaint with the U.S. Attorney J.A. Canales' office in Houston and was turned over to the FBI on May 13, 1980, by Samuel Longoria, Assistant U.S. Attorney Samuel Longoria. The complaint was in reference to two letters the GPC had received from an organization calling itself "Headquarters. Yes On Euthanasia for Sexual Perverts." Both letters were dated May 10, 1980.

The FBI file names the character of the case as "extortion."

This was a result of part of the letter to GPC which states: "We know that you secretly long for the peace of oblivion, and no one wants to sit down somewhere and hear you homos spit out the dirbble that you spread, so until we come for you, you will do well to help us out by refraining from your idiotic propaganda."

"And keep your hands off straight girls, because you could get your heads blowed (sic) off, if you don't."

In a letter from FBI Supervisory Special Agent Allen J. Herron, received August 6, 1980, Longoria was paraphrased:

"Mr. Longoria was of the opinion that there was no extortion since there was no open ended threat and that the letter was considered by him to be a form of hate mail. In light of the above facts, no further investigation will be conducted by this office."

Schwab said: "Thus far, the material released does not indicate improper activity

on the part of the FBI in Houston and wide-spread fears of massive surveillance appear to be unfounded in fact."

"I do encourage other groups or individuals that feel that they may have been under surveillance by the FBI to request disclosure of files."

Schwab and Van Ooteghem filed for the

release of information concerning the GPC or GPC members under the Freedom of Information Act.

Schwab originally learned that there was FBI-held information of the Caucus through a letter he received from FBI Special Agent James A. Dathorp dated July 22, 1982.



Mike Amoretti explains probable uses of the Firehouse community center

Work Continues on Firehouse

Construction is progressing on the Firehouse Project at 1413 Westheimer, said Mike Amoretti, Neartown Association representative.

When completed, the renovated old firehouse building will be used by numerous civic-oriented groups, said Amoretti. "We will have a living room for small meetings," he said, as well as office space for organizations. The Women's Caucus for

Art will house a gallery in the building.

Right now they need help with electrical work, such as rewiring, and some OJT concrete assistance, he said.

Plans for outside color schemes will be the topic of discussion in an upcoming Neartown meeting, Amoretti said.

John Zipprich said they still need volunteers for physical work and brainstorming. (Apologies to Zipprich and Tad, not Pat, Anderson for the mixup in names in last week's VOICE.)

Contributions may be mailed to Neartown Association, Firehouse Fund, 3317 Montrose, Suite 131, Houston 77006.

Montrose Mouth

Stars & Stripes for Orca

When Orca, Montrose Symphonic Band member and former Mary's bartender, arrived back in Houston after a visit to Seattle, 20 members of the band greeted him at Intercontinental Airport—playing away in the baggage claim area.

"I was wrecked," said Orca. "But all the baggage security persons loved it."

Speaking of the band, four of their most sterling musicians have been serenading patients at Houston hospitals the past two weeks.

The Montrose Community Christmas Tree shines brightly every night in the 1000 block of Westheimer. The tree, by the way, was paid for by Numbers with the Westheimer Art Colony Association chipping in on the decorations.

It has been brought to our attention that community activist George Barnhart is really *the Rev. George Barnhart*, and he is affiliated with the Community Gospel Center, a gay Pentacostal group at 1700 Montrose.

Rev. George also serves as chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Fred Paez Community Center, 401 Avondale.

Mark and Clark Erwin—and the crew of the Mining Company—threw their annual Christmas Party at the Erwin's castle on Austin Street last Tuesday.

The throngs partied till 7:30 the next morning.

As their invitations stated, "Prepare to call in sickith the next morning for work. If you're still here, use our phone."

Many did.

Here's your party-excuse calendar from the VOICE:

(Friday) Dec. 24: It's Christmas Eve. Howard Hughes was born today in Houston in 1905. He's buried here now at Washington Cemetary, just on the other side of Buffalo Bayou from Montrose. Also, on this day in 1809, Kit Carson was born.

(Saturday) Dec. 25: It's Christmas Day. And on this day in 1924, Rod Serling was born. Sir Issac Newton was born today in 1642. And songwriter, composer and Houston gay community friend Morada Jane Benton is 82 Christmas Day. She wrote "Ditch Diggin' Daddy" and "I Love Texas," among others.

(Sunday) Dec. 26: Steve Allen was born today in 1921.

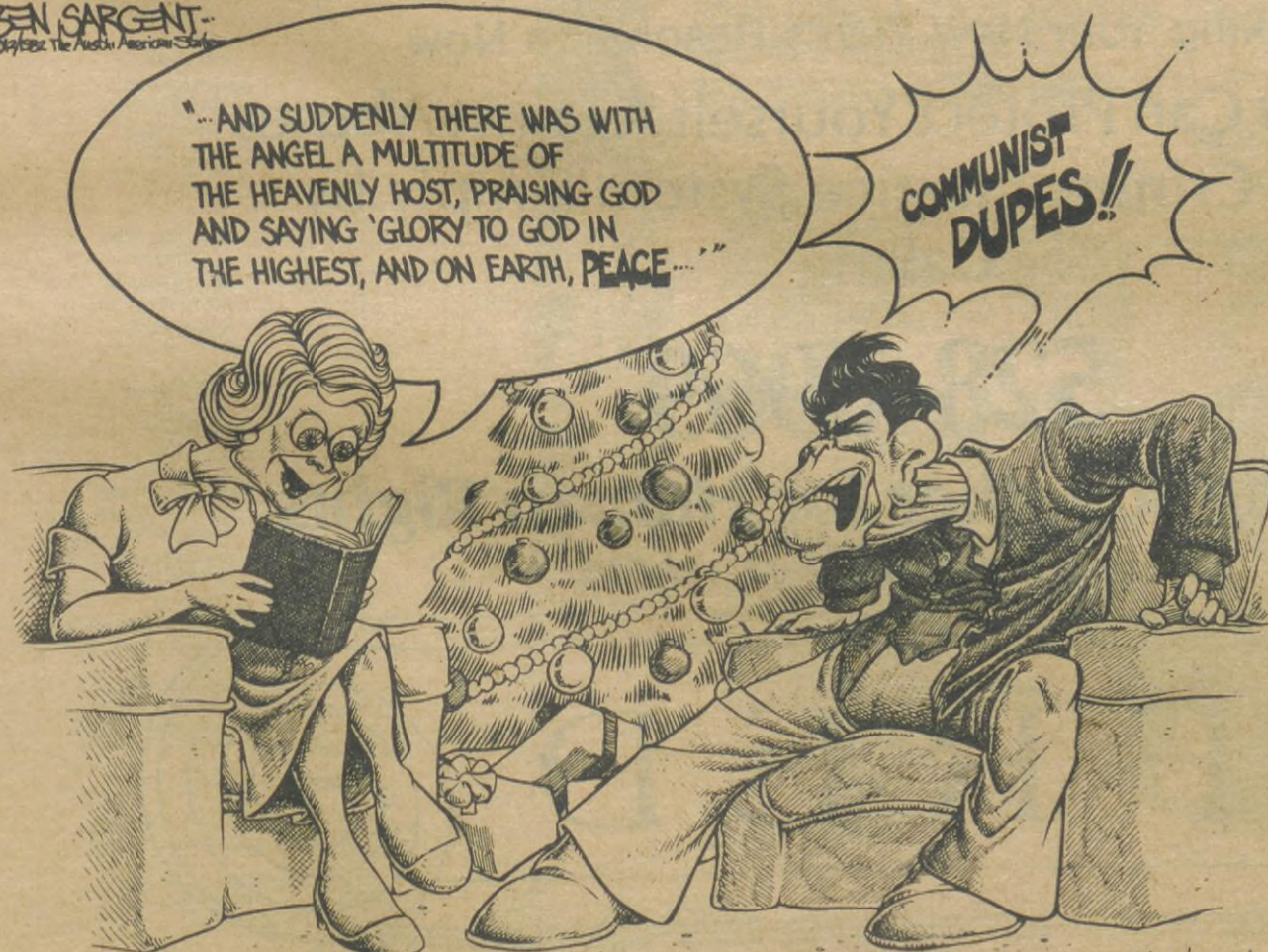
(Monday) Dec. 27: Radio City Music Hall opened today in New York City in 1932. And today is the birthday of Marlene Dietrich, born in 1904 in Berlin.

(Tuesday) Dec. 28: Woodrow Wilson was born today in 1856.

(Wednesday) Dec. 29: Rest up for New Year's Eve. Or forget resting, and start early to celebrate New Year's Eve.

(Thursday) Dec. 30: It's Tiny (Tiptoe through the Tulips) Tim's birthday. Would you believe he's 59 years old today? The Gadsden Purchase occurred today in 1853, which added portions of southern New Mexico and Arizona to the U.S. And there's a full moon occurring today at 5:33 a.m.

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— From an Actual Houston Human Rights League case history

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Reaction to Proposed 'SOB' Ordinance is from Both Sides

By Hollis Hood

Reaction to the recent hearings on the proposed sexually-oriented businesses (SOB) ordinance is divided into two schools of thought—those who represent persons who say it is desperately needed and those who represent persons who fear it may violate the First Amendment.

The proposed ordinance would apply to all of Houston; however, it appears that the highest concentration of SOBs is in Montrose. It, therefore, would be the most radically affected. Hearing committee members have stressed that the main purpose of the regulation would be to control location and signs of facilities.

Rita Heck, representative of the Avondale Civic Association, said that organization would support such an ordinance.

"Not so much because of the moral issue involved," she said, but because of the influx of the criminal element which such places seem to attract. We have noticed an increase in muggings, burglaries and prostitution in our area," she said. "It's impossible to have a safe neighborhood."

She said they are protesting the fact that open prostitution and open drug sales occur on lower Westheimer—Brazos to Montrose. "There may not be regulations about the businesses," she said, "but there are laws against prostitution and there are laws against drugs." She also said that parking for the establishments so impairs vehicular movement at night that firetrucks can't pass through the streets to answer calls.

"When I moved here, the area was safe and I didn't feel afraid walking my dog at night. There were some gays around, but they were peaceful and didn't bother anybody." Now, she said, with the popularity of such places as the (heterosexual) modeling studios, safety just cannot be taken for



Houston gay activist Ray Hill address SOB meeting at City Hall

granted.

Some residences are trying to get deed restrictions on their property to help protect its value, she said. She is concerned about the neighborhood deteriorating. "There is an area near Avondale that has been designated a historical district," she said, and she thinks there are at least two buildings that can gain historic recognition on Avondale.

"It won't do any good to close down just one establishment," she said. "That's like taking one bee out of the nest, but leaving the hive. You don't accomplish anything." There needs to be enforceable regulations regarding the SOBs, she said.

Ann Benson of the Neartown Association, said that organization favors an ordinance that would require SOBs to be separated by a distance—possibly 500 feet—from each other.

"We are concerned about the concentra-

tion of the businesses," she said. Parking, or lack of it, creates a problem in that area, and such an atmosphere fosters prostitution and drug selling, she said.

If the intent of the ordinance is to regulate strip clubs and modeling studios, but in its wake it regulates the regular bars, said attorney Rick Young. "I'm not too sure that the gay institutions will not be significantly affected."

Young, who represents an enterprise which owns several adult bookstores in Montrose, said he is concerned about which businesses will eventually fall under the ordinance's jurisdiction.

"We don't know what kind of grandfather clauses they may come up with," he said, "or other stipulation or definitions." He indicated he thought the city's decisions on regulation would depend on "competing political ambitions" of the City Council.

Depending on the definitions used in the ordinance, it could affect large segments of Montrose, he said.

"I'm not convinced that they (City Council) should have the right to manipulate businesses," said Young.

As to the nuisance of SOBs on Westheimer, Young state that the area has historically been "fairly well cluttered" with such places. The neighborhood has had modeling studios and strip clubs as long as Montrose has been here, he said, "It's not like it's particularly new."

Young said that people who want the establishments removed because "they don't like that sort of thing" may be infringing on the First Amendment right of the persons who do enjoy the places.

Young said he will be watching what takes place regarding the ordinance with great interest. "I don't know all the kinds of things they are looking for," he said. "The desire for political points will depend on who they tear up."

If they come after the adult bookstores, Young said, he can guarantee there will be lawsuits.

Public hearings on the ordinance draft are scheduled to begin the end of January.

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ment in maintainance after January 1. "It was a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time," he exclaimed. He found himself in between two knife-wielding men the night before he was to start a maintainance job. The six inch knife wound on Jimmy's forearm disqualified him from the position. Meanwhile, he remains at the shelter during the day, working on odd jobs.

Stan Cooper, a 55-year-old "tramp," as he calls himself, spent 28 years in radio broadcasting on the West Coast. Stan explained that the depression has even affected winos, including himself, in downtown Houston. "The problem alcoholics have now is unemployment. In the past, you couldn't walk down a whole block before a labor corps truck would come by looking for you. You had to hide from work. They'd even come into shops looking for workers," adding that the truck is seen rarely now.

Rev. Pogue considers that winos comprise only 10-20 percent of the visitors. Though the shelter receives overwhelming support from church members and non-members alike, he concedes that invalid impressions of the types of people staying at the shelter disturbs some neighbors in Montrose.

The majority of those homeless have until the past few months been working. In fact, Rev. Pogue claims, "No one is reluctant to take odd jobs. Everytime that a job's been offered through us, they've been glad to have the income."

"Those who are still laboring under the assumption that anybody who wants to work can find a job really need to take a second look at the situtaton today, because it's changed."

But the warm, generous Christmas spirit of Montrosians and Bering Memo-



Gus Geary, Houstonian



Alex, unemployed from New Jersey



A late arrival

rial Church members could brighten this bleak outlook. Already gift items have been donated. One volunteer offered to prepare breakfast on Christmas morning,

while another plans to treat the guests with a Texas barbecue.

Rev. Pogue said it's inspiring to see that Christmas Eve was the first night on the

calender to fill up with volunteers. "In the past 15 years there's been more compassion, openness and diversity in Montrose. I hope it doesn't change."

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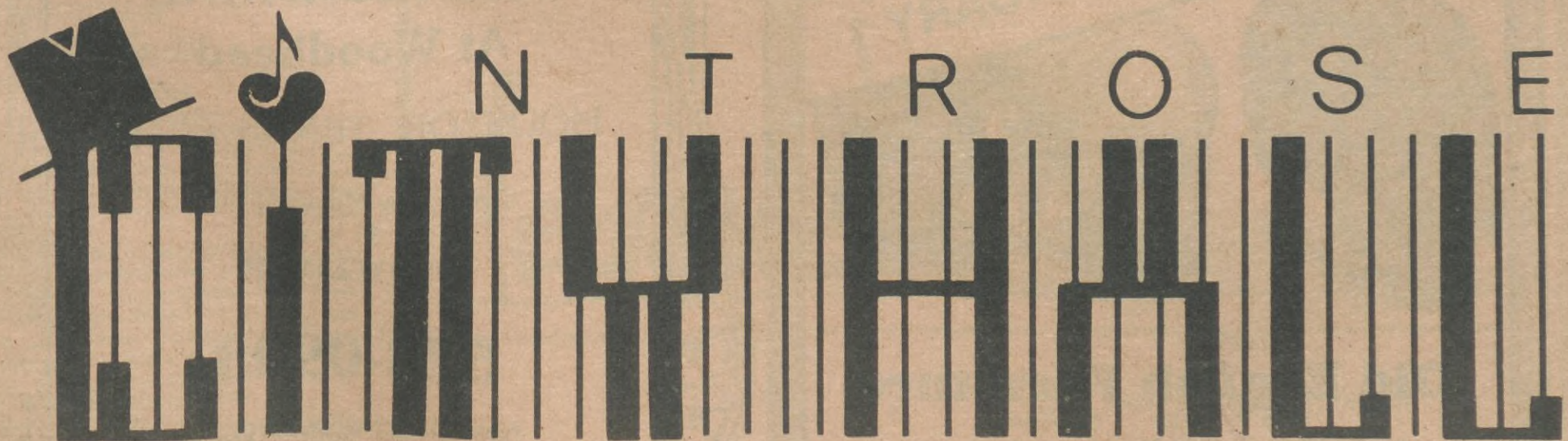
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'Do You Read Ads Like This One?'

Stonewall Features

One of the tiniest rip-offs ever recorded has been running in many papers and magazines lately. It occurs in an ad that has a title similar to the title of this column, and it's part of an offer that seems to reward you for reading by allowing you to buy a diamond for \$5.00.

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If you read the offer closely, you'll see that the diamond you get for \$5.00 is a .25 point stone. If that doesn't mean much to you, don't feel stupid. That's what the come-on is all about. Too many people don't know the descriptions, weights, and measures used in retailing unusual merchandise, and that can get you into trouble.

This case is not too bad, since you won't be out all that much money, anyhow. But it's a good illustration. Diamonds are measured by weight, not size, as many people think. Standard unit of weight for gemstones is the carat—with a "c"—and it has nothing to do with the measure of the purity of gold, the karat—with a "k."

Now a carat is a small measure itself. It equals 200 milligrams, or 3.086 grains troy weight. A carat is divided into 100 points, so each point is 2 milligrams, or .03086 grains. The diamond offered was one-quarter of a point. That's equal to one half of a milligram, or, if you'd like a more familiar English version of the weight of \$5 diamond, it's .00007 ounce, or seven-hundred thousandths of an ounce.

That's hardly enough to dazzle anyone

at the next Glitter Ball you attend. For the price, it's a real rip-off, even though you're not, as we said, out that much if you bought it. Consider it an education. At the rate of \$5 for this stone, that rounds out to an even \$2000 per carat, a good price for a truly excellent gemstone. With the diamond market in a downspin, you could do much better.

Another similar ad is now running for a digital quartz watch—YOU have been selected, say the mail flyers, for a special marketing offer. YOU can buy the watch for \$5 plus shipping and handling charges of only \$2. We haven't seen those watches, but if you go to the neighborhood drug-store, you can find carded digital throw-away watches for \$3.95. Our suspicion is that they're the same or similar items.

Too often, these problems arise when consumers don't take the time to read and understand the fine print. They see the words "Digital" and "Watch" and the amount "\$5" and let it go at that. They fail to notice that the watch is disposable—that there's no way to replace the battery when it wears out—and though they get exactly what was offered, it doesn't live up to expectation.

"Diamond" is even more loaded a concept. It creates visions of wealth and luxury, and even the most careful reader wouldn't have discovered the trick to that ploy without noting the weight. Even then, many folks thought ".25 point" was either a quarter-carat or that the decimal was misplaced. Too many more didn't know what a "point" was and ignored the information that was there.

As purchases get more and more sophisticated, it becomes more and more imperative to learn the language of the merchandise. What if you buy gold or bul-

lion? What about silver? How many ounces are there in a pound? You might be shocked to find that there are only twelve in troy weight, the system used to measure precious metals, and that a troy ounce is only .9 of an ordinary or avoirdupois ounce. And how about that karat system for gold? That's a measure of neither weight nor volume, but a ratio of purity. Pure gold is 24-karat gold, meaning that of 24 parts of the substance, all 24 are gold. 18-karat gold is an alloy of 18 parts of gold mixed with 6 parts of another metal. 12-karat gold is half gold, half baser metal. An advertisement that states only "made from karat gold," which is a phrase that's been popping up lately, is totally meaningless.

Fooling around with weights and measures is an old-time gimmick that may be making a comeback. If you're buying an unfamiliar substance or item, be sure that you know how it's measured, and what all the terms used to describe it mean. If there are grading systems for your purchase, learn what their rankings are, and what the differences are in quality among its various grades. "Grade A" may sound good, until you discover that there's a "Grade AAA Fancy;" "jumbo" olives are big, until you find out that you could have bought "colossal," a legitimate and recognized size.

Comparison shopping, that real mark of the knowledgeable consumer, is impossible unless you compare items of equal size and value. An eye for quality is of no use unless you know how much of the quality you're getting. This is an area in which the slimmest and sveltest of us have to be dedicated and careful weight watchers.

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Right to Privacy Foundation Appoints Education and Research Director

Rick Davis has been appointed education and research director for the Right to Privacy Foundation, a Washington, D.C.-based organization set up to engage in research, analysis and education on public policy issues of national legislation of interest to lesbians and gay men, according to a Dec. 9 press release.

Davis, who moved to Washington to take the job, lobbied the Minnesota legislature in 1973, 1975 and 1977 on gay civil rights issues, they said.

He served as an openly-gay member of the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights from 1979 to 1981, they announced.

Steven-Endean, president of the Right to Privacy Foundation and also executive

pany of Merck Sharp & Dohme. The program is being funded by a grant from the pharmaceutical company.

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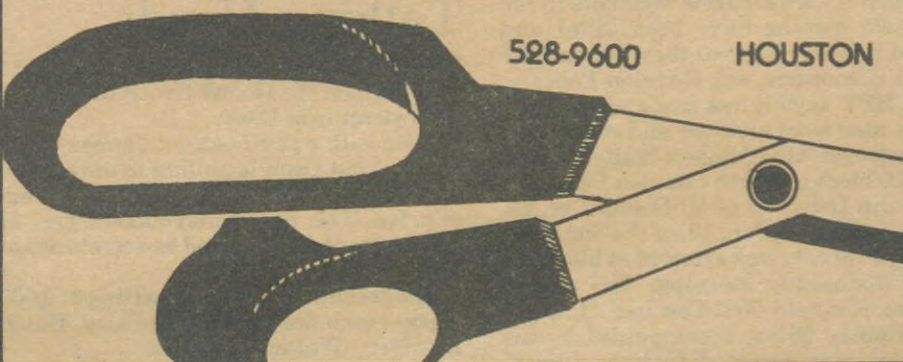
A Canadian researcher is making "garbage chips." That's party snacks concocted out of a fungus that feeds on such delectables as manure, sludge and coffee grounds.

Use them as an exotic party food, suggests inventor Murray Moo-Young in Waterloo, Ontario.

As for their somewhat distasteful origin, he says, "Expensive, exotic food such as lobsters and crawfish also eat a lot of garbage."

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Rick Davis, new RPFA officer

director of the Gay Rights National Lobby, said the group was created when he realized that no organization existed which concentrated solely on research, education, and analysis of issues of gay-related national legislation.

Foundation Promotes Hepatitis-B Awareness

The American Liver Foundation launched in November an advertising campaign directed toward gay males pointing out hazards of hepatitis-B infection. Gay males are at great risk of contracting the disease.

The program is believed to be the most extensive ever conducted in the gay press.

Full-page advertisements have been placed in some 88 national and regional gay publications. During the awareness campaign, the message is appearing in each issue of the weekly, bi-weekly or monthly publications selected.

According to the American Liver Foundation, this approach was developed because there is a need to disseminate detailed, factual information about hepatitis B infection and the protective effectiveness of Heptavax-B, a vaccine developed by the pharmaceutical com-



Back row: Midge Smalley, Richard George, Jan Braham, Simon Sikora. Front row: Vicki Vreeland, Eddie Diveley, Susan Beckworth, Lillie Lee, Charlie Ray, Rick King

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3 Men Arrested in 2 Killings that May Have Had Sex Overtones

Two men in two separate incidents in the past two months have been killed and robbed possibly by men they had met for sexual encounters, say Houston Police.

But HPD says it has made arrests. Two men were arrested and charged in the beating death of Robert Walter Jewell, 43, 2700 block of North Camden Parkway, Sgt. John Donovan of HPD said Dec. 23.

Ron Lynn Brogdon, 18, of the 800 block of Saddle Brook, was arrested at his home early Wednesday morning. The second suspect, Kenneth Neil Benthall II, 20, of 1000 Rainey River, accompanied by his attorney, was reported to have surrendered about 5:00 p.m. the same day at the Harris County District Attorney's office.

Police said the apparent motive was robbery and that both men were denied bond on the capital murder charge.

Police learned, they said, that Jewell had left an adult bookstore in the 7100 block of North Shepherd about 4:00 a.m. Dec. 18 with two men. His nude body was discovered around 12:30 the next day in a hotel room in the 15,000 block of North Loop East.

Jewell was a longtime television news director for KTRK, Channel 13.

In another case, law enforcement officials said a transient has been charged in the November killing of Paul Michael Sherman of Sugar Land. Sherman was gay.

Lawrence Wayne Cruax was charged with murder, according to a Fort Bend Sheriff's representative. No background on Cruax was provided by the official.

Robbery may have been the motive, as the victim's wallet, automobile and stereo system were taken.

Sherman, 34, lived alone, and was discovered in his suburban home by officers with his throat cut. His parents had called authorities when Sherman did not arrive in Connecticut for Thanksgiving.

According to a friend, he had apparently allowed the intruder into his home.

NGTF Responds to Discrimination of Gays in Campus Recruitment

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) through its Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund has now responded to a letter issued back in May, 1982, from the Judge Advocate General's office regarding its suggested policy of discrimination in on-campus recruitment.

Hugh J. Clausen, Judge Advocate General, wrote to many law schools in May, urging that the Judge Advocate General's Corps be allowed to discriminate on the basis of sexual preference in on-campus recruitment by organizations such as the Army, Navy and Air Force.

NGTF's response said that homosexuals had long elected to become members of the armed forces and that their exclusion would be "wasteful, expensive and damaging to the military preparedness of the nation." They did not elaborate on this point.

Clausen's letter also claimed that homosexuals would impair the morale and cohesion of the unit and include a class of likely criminals under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

In response to that supposition, NGTF wrote that homosexuals could not cause more derision than existing racial tensions but that the military is actively recruiting racial minorities.

"As to the point about a potential increase in violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice—governmental limitations on the practice of non-commercial, consensual, sexual activities of adults are

of dubious validity," the NGTF statement said.

The NGTF statement urged the Judge Advocate General to reconsider the policy toward the law schools that would encourage discrimination against gay men and women.

Talking Heads

Pacific News Service

The word on the lecture circuit these days is: Watergate is Dead.

Even with a new book out, former White House John Dean is pulling in only \$2000 or \$3000 a speech—about half Ralph Nader's fee. The top moneymakers are, of course, ex-presidents and ex-secretaries of state.

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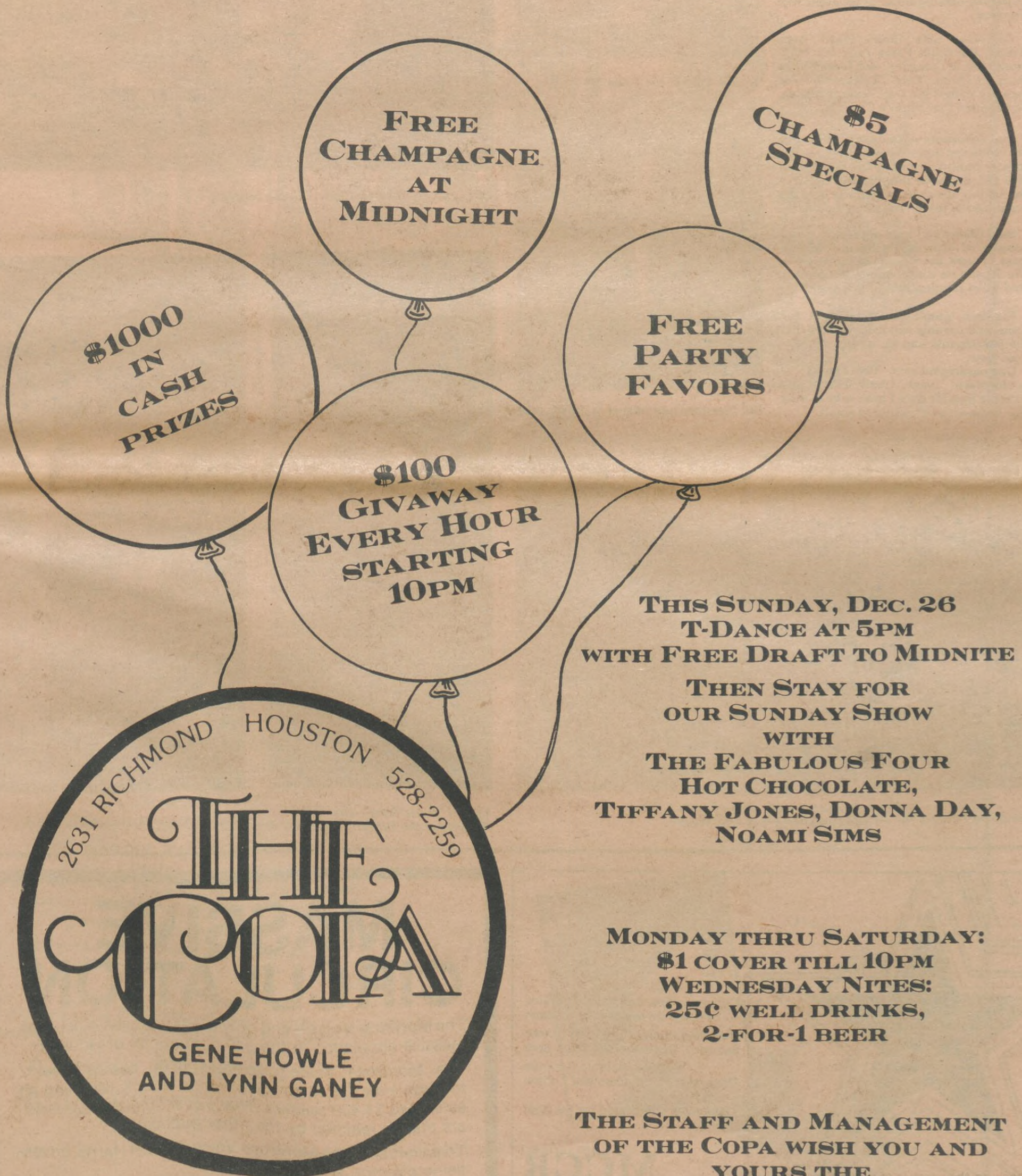


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Montrose Bartenders Collect Funds and Toys for Local Kids

Photostory by Johannes Stahl

Over \$1000 in cash and about \$600 worth of toys were collected Thursday, Dec. 16, at a benefit show at the Midnite Sun, 534 Westheimer, according to Midnite Sun bartender and organizer of the event Will Johnson.

Co-emcees were "Roxie Starr" from Twins, Randolph Parks from the Montrose Mining Company, and Danny Villa from the Drum. "Colt" Thomas, who was recently named Mr. Gay Texas in Dallas, represented the Officer's Club.

The Volunteers of America will disburse the funds and toys to needy families in the greater Montrose area. VOA representative Bill Clements thanked the audience for holding the event, which will help the organization serve 1200 needy families.

Said Clements: "I am appreciative, personally, of your generosity and willingness to come out tonight to support this. We depend on contributions 100 percent, and we're running behind this year."

Nineteen people participated in the show, and not only was money raised, but the participants and the audience had a good time.

One participant said, "Gee, I guess this is a lot of fun... yeah, it really is! You can't imagine how far gone I have to be to wear this dress—it's two sizes too small."



Danny Villa of the Drum



Bill Clements (not related to the governor)



Dirty Sally's "Andrew Sisters" at the benefit

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Co-MC "Roxie Starr" with Colt Thomas of the Officer's Club



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Gay activist, Montrose businesswoman Marion Coleman with the Voice's graphics artist, Acel Clark



Bill Swenson of Houston Data Professionals with GPC president Larry Bagneris



Voice reporter Pamela Wolfe and Kent Speer, aide to City Councilman George Greanias



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Freda Jerrell and Ann Moser of Family and Friends of Gays



Marion Coleman with Houston attorney Jim Kuhn

JOHANNES STAHL PHOTOS

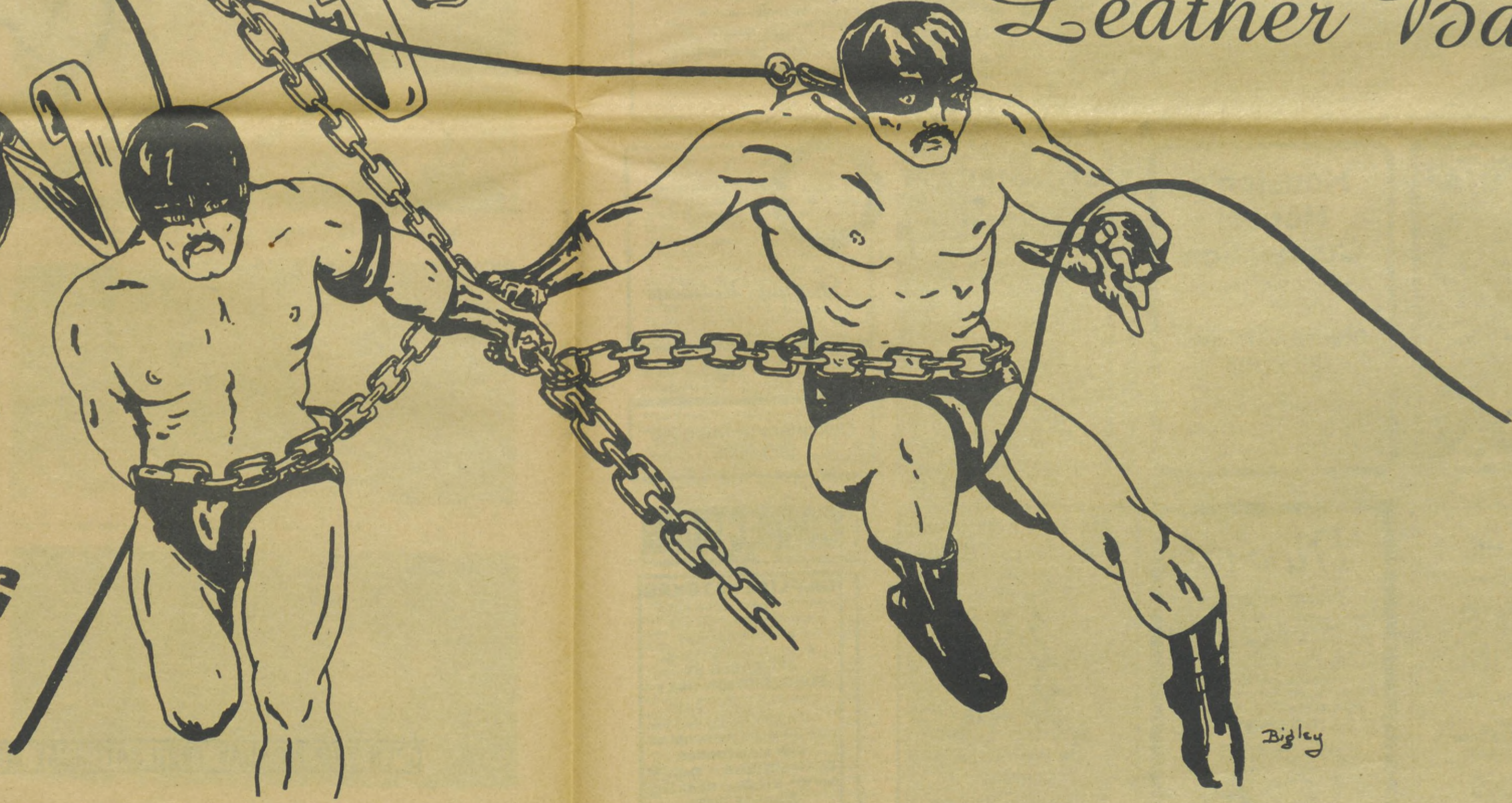
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Clogging for Christmas Time

By Johannes Stahl

The Montrose Country Cloggers performed two shows last Friday, Dec. 17, for two entirely different groups of people, but at one place—the Community Coffeehouse at Bering Memorial Methodist Church.

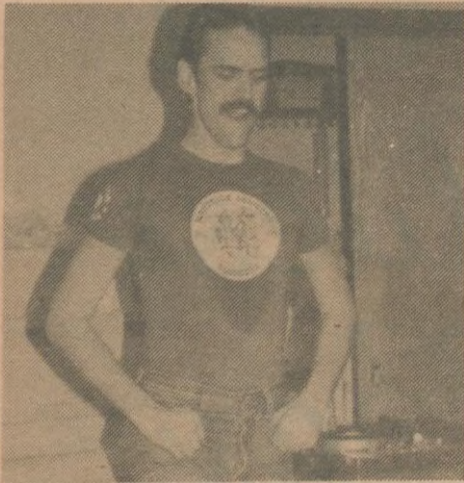
The first performance was for those people attending the coffeehouse, sponsored by various groups within I/H, Inc.

Their second performance was for the homeless people sheltered in the church. Clogger manager Rusty Stubbs said he was glad to be able to perform for them.

Rusty said the group has no plans to perform again "before sometime in February. We're working out some new routines and we're going to not practice for a lot of the holiday season. People are going out of town and that sort of thing."



Clogging feet are happy feet



A Clogger practices his step

Road Warriors

Pacific News Service

Fender-benders are the least of Houston's traffic problems, according to local police, who say the city's hot, crowded freeways are turning into urban combat zones.

In the last 10 months, there have been 161 formal complaints of violence, ranging from fistfights to fatal shootings.

Houston police Lieutenant Chester Massey says most arguments stem from drivers who cut in front of other cars. But a deeper problem is a clash of cultures.

"You get people from all over the country," Massey says, "a lot of drivers with a lot of different driving habits."

A major source of conflict, he says, is

non-Texans who sit on the horn. "It's considered rude" in Texas, Massey says. "You can get shot."

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Drinking is as American as Apple Pie, Motherhood and the American Way

By Pat Streilein

Americans have always had a taste for libations, but the average drinker today would be considered practically a teetotaler by the founding fathers' standards, according to a University of Houston history professor.

Early Americans came to the New World with a love for liquor, and wherever and whenever there was a reason to get together—weddings, militia musters, baptisms, funerals, parties, ministerial ordinations, barn-raising—they "slipped and tipped," says Dr. James Kirby Martin.

He and Dr. Mark Lender, associate professor of history at the Rutgers University Center for Alcohol Studies, have co-authored the first complete account of American drinking behavior. A somewhat satirical, humorous, but also serious look at Americans' love/hate relationship with alcohol, *Drinking in America*, just released by The Free Press/Macmillan, spans 350 years of belting down the "good creature of God" and damning the "Demon Rum."

Early Americans—men, women and children—believed alcoholic beverages had medicinal value, and consumption of it was an integral part of personal and community life, says Martin.

Colonial Americans consumed almost six gallons of pure alcohol per capita (persons 15 years and older) annually, or about 34 gallons of beer and cider, slightly over five gallons of distilled liquor, which is about double the modern alcohol consumption level of 2.9 per capita.

"In homes, alcohol was more common at the family table than today; even children shared the dinner beer," says Martin.

"Steady drinking at home was reinforced by activities outside the home," he continues. "Communal projects such as clearing fields or raising the town church seldom proceeded without a public cask of spirits to fortify the toiling citizenry."

Drinking on the job was common practice, according to Martin. "Labor, both on farms and in towns, was back-breaking work, and timely jolts of beer, cider or spirits helped deaden the pain," he says. "And instead of making tea or coffee, shop, office and field workers halted their work at the appointed hours for an 'elevener' and a four o'clock dram."

Without booze, soldiers wouldn't fight, voters wouldn't vote, mourners wouldn't mourn, workers wouldn't work. Ministers and politicians looking for followers travelled about the countryside a "Good Book" or speech in one hand and a bottle in the other.

"Provincials, however, were not problem drinkers," says the professor. "At least if social policy against alcohol abuse is used as a measure."

There was little public outcry about alcoholism, and those who over-indulged to the point of public scorn, easily found forgiveness within the Puritan Church.

He notes, "Social standards of the day had an important restraining effect on intemperance. The world was inflexible in many ways, and most colonialists willingly conformed to community values. Thus, anything deemed inimical or offensive to the community could be restrained for the good and safety of all."

With a few exceptions, the attitude that libations were a positive social and personal good prevailed until the beginning of the 19th century.

"As the 1800s approached, it became increasingly clear that the social norms that previously had controlled individual behavior were loosening. Americans were moving into the frontiers where the population was generally scattered, with few institutional controls to reinforce personal moral standards or check deviant public conduct," notes Martin. "Visitors to the western regions of the colonies reported that the sight of down-and-outers sleeping off their whiskey had become an accepted part of life."

Between 1790 and 1810 consumption rose from an annual average of 5.8 gallons of absolute alcohol per capita (persons 15 years and older) to a record 7.1 gallons, he says. The Americanization of drinking—a movement away from beer, cider and other light alcoholic beverages—also took place during this 20-year-period. Fear that intemperance was getting out of hand and would ultimately undermine the ideals of the Revolution, causing a breakdown in morals, anarchy, and civil disorder, paved the way for the reform movement that followed.

Martin adds that wide acceptance of a respected physician's opinion that chronic drinking is a progressively addic-

tive disease combined with a move toward more conservative philosophical thought, helped along by the Industrial Revolution, aided efforts of those who hoped to cork the nation's bottle.

Noting that a 120-year-old battle for National Prohibition only enjoyed 13 years of limited success, Martin concludes, "Americans will never again willingly accept abolishment of drinking as a cure for alcoholism and related problems. However, there seems to be a growing consensus that drinking be kept within limits society can tolerate, which may reflect a more flexible return to the orderly communal ideals of the past."

Drunk Drivers Defy Tough Penalties

'Tis the season to be jolly, but an excess of spirit on the highways will land many Americans in trouble with the law this holiday season.

The *Denver Post* reports more and more states are adopting tough drunk driving laws. But will they work?

In Sweden, police commonly set up roadblocks to conduct random breath checks, and lock up offenders for a month. Still, officials there admit it took years for the stringent penalties to produce results, and even they are ineffective against two groups: youths aged 18 to 24, and chronic drinkers.

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Winter in the Colorado Mountains

By Ed Martinez

With the holiday season in full swing, some Texans were celebrating a white Christmas at a gay resort in Colorado.

This unique Colorado facility fills every fantasy, from snow capped mountains, roaring fires in log cabins to rugged mountain men hosting ski parties and *apres ski* evenings. That facility is the Bunkhouse, located in Breckenridge, about 80 miles from Denver just off Interstate 70.

Breckenridge is a former mining town, nestled in a valley surrounded by towering snow-covered peaks. Breckenridge is somewhat unusual as a skiing community. Unlike Vail, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, and was simply manufactured out of whole cloth as a skiing community and nothing else, Breckenridge has a history and a feel all its own. No chain restaurants, Holiday Inns, or other commonplace fixtures of tourist traps found throughout the U.S. for this town.

Breck, as the folk up in the mountains call it, has preserved its Victorian architecture and flavor. The main street is virtually a Currier and Ives picture postcard, with streetlamps colorfully decorated, and snow, snow and more snow everywhere. The elevation is 9600 feet, and the air is crisp, clear, and totally free of the smog, pollution and humidity found in so many large cities.

The Bunkhouse is unique in all of Colorado, and, for that matter, in the U.S. Founded in 1972 by Rudy Gardner, who built it himself with the help of various associates, the Bunkhouse was originally a miner's cabin. Rudy added to the original structure, completing the huge stone fireplace, adding other rooms, injecting modern conveniences until the facility can now accommodate 22 guests. The facilities include large, comfortable bunk beds, a water bed that could accommodate probably 6 people, a TV viewing area, dining room, and a stunning slide show to introduce guests to the lure and charm of the mountain country complete with sound track.

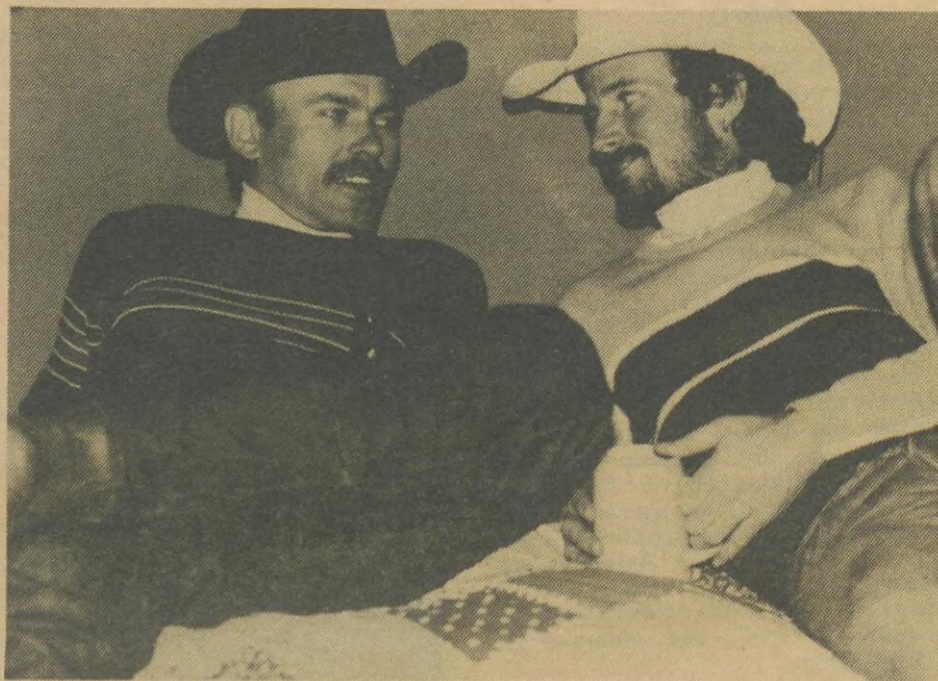
Rudy and his partner, Adam Rudziewicz, who has worked with Rudy in the Bunkhouse for the last four years, provide hospitality and serve as guides and hosts throughout the Summit County area for guests. Summit County includes three main skiing areas, Keystone, Copper Mountain and Breckenridge. For \$35 per day, guests enjoy all the facilities of the Bunkhouse, including a hearty breakfast daily and the use of a complete health club located atop a mountain with swimming pool, sauna, hot tubs, workout room and racquetball.

- Rudy and Adam admit that the winter is reserved pretty much for skiers or those who wish to learn. The reason for this is that non-skiers are simply left with little or nothing to do during the day while everyone else is out on the slopes. However, first time skiers and novices are welcomed.

In the summer and fall, the Bunkhouse offers jeep rides in the mountains, horseback riding, and yes, there's evening sailing in the summer on a nearby mountain lake, Lake Dillon.

The Bunkhouse is the only gay ski lodge in Colorado, and one of only two in the U.S. For those tired of the ordinary and predictable, who seek a touch of the taste and feel of real mountain living and rugged landscapes, the Bunkhouse offers it in abundance. And for those who like or would like to try snow, this area *only* gets about 200 inches of snow per year.

The Bunkhouse can be reached at (303) 453-6475.



Adam and a guest loll on a bunk



Landscape in Breckenridge with ski trails in the background



Rudy and Adam lounge before the fire with Misty, the mascot of the Bunkhouse

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What, Me Worry?

Pacific News Service

The economy may be a mess, nuclear destruction may be imminent, but it doesn't seem to be getting us down. University of Virginia sociologist Theodore Caplow says Americans are, by and large, pretty happy these days.

Caplow has been asking Americans how they feel about their lives every year since 1972. In the past decade, he says, the people he's talked to have consistently said they like their lives.

Currently, nearly 85 percent say they are either "very happy" or "pretty happy." The latest poll also shows most of us like our jobs, and nearly half lead "exciting" lives.

Caplow says the trend to personal happiness is nothing new—it showed up in surveys two generations ago. Nor, he says, is it limited to the United States. A French poll yielded similar results five years ago.

Caplow has noticed some changes since 1972, however. People are more open on social issues, for instance. He says there's been a steady increase in the number who are willing to vote for a woman or black person for president, and who think it's okay for women to work even if they have husbands capable of supporting them.

Gay Night at the Circus to Benefit AIDS research

The Gay Men's Health Crisis, a New York organization of health workers, plans to reserve the April 30 performance of Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus at Madison Square Garden in the hope of raising more than \$150,000 to be used for health research.

The group raises funds for research into the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and provides support services for AIDS patients. AIDS has disproportionately affected urban gay males but has recently been diagnosed in children and in Haitians.

More than 17,500 tickets have been set aside, they said.

The entire weekend will be part of "Aid for AIDS Week," which will include a wide range of social activities including special parties at gay discos and clubs in the New York metropolitan area, said organizers.

Tickets for the circus are available at \$10 and up.

Gay Sex Probers Announce Results: Zilch

International Gay News Agency

The U.S. House Ethics Committee "found no merit whatsoever" in charges by two former pages that members of Congress engaged in sexual misconduct with them, but the Committee is furthering its investigation into other examples of possible drug use or illicit sex involving House employees.

The 138-page report, issued after months of probing, with an estimated cost of \$400,000, dismissed accusations by former pages Leroy Williams and Jeffrey Opp as lies or distortions, motivated in Williams' case by anger over his being fired as a "bad apple" by his House supervisor.

The report also said there is a possibility that another employee of the House engaged in illegal sexual conduct (and) illicit use and distribution of drugs...."

Committee Counsel Joseph Califano severely criticized "the House as an institution" for its failure to oversee after-hours page activities. "There is abundant and convincing evidence, in the case of some pages, of excessive use of alcohol, all-night parties, some drug use and a variety of other activities that no responsi-

ble parent would tolerate," the report said.

The report implied criticism of CBS News because it was responsible for sensationalizing the case by interviewing Williams and Opp on national television, creating a scandal where none existed.

Williams left the page program in January 1982 after he reportedly stole a wallet and a car. Opp left after he was interviewed by CBS on June 30.

Williams later retracted his accusations under questioning by the FBI, and Opp was described in the report as having "extreme political views" associated with the far left and as a person "prone to exaggeration."

CBS issued a statement saying its reports included accusations and the subsequent denials. The stories, it feels, were appropriate to broadcast, since both federal and local investigations were, in fact, underway at the time.



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Pocket Billiards Up and Coming

By Eddie Chavez

With the formation of a 24-team, 140-player league, president Ann Mayes, has outlined plans for one of the largest leagues in the nation.

"Plans are in the mill to establish scheduled individual double elimination tournaments. Two such tournaments are being considered. One for league members and one for league and non-league players. In addition, we are contacting Dallas, Ft. Worth, Austin, San Antonio and El Paso to determine the feasibility of Houston hosting an all state tournament with leagues from these cities," she said.

"Once again, January 22, 1983, has been set aside for the league's first 'Team Double Elimination Tournament' format which will allow teams from division A to play teams from division B. This tournament will again be held at Red's Cocktails and Billiards on I-10 at Uvalde," she added.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in making the first position round a great success. The entire staff at Red's helped immensely. With 1983 approaching, I would like to express seasons greetings to all the community for bringing men and women together in friendly competition," she concluded.

□ Softball Officers Busy

It may be Christmas time but the officers for the MSA Softball League and the MSA Women's League have been busy.

Women's president Martha Richie has met with the officers to begin planning for a second season for women's softball.

Meanwhile, MSA Softball officers have started their planning even earlier. "We got a lot planned out at the last officer's meeting," said MSA Men's Softball League president Jerry DeSale.

And as usual, softball jocks can't wait.

□ The Softball Wizard

When you think of MSA Softball League's accomplishments throughout the last three years, many people are to be thanked.

But when you think of the leadership it has taken to organize one of the most public sports attraction in Houston, you automatically think of their four-term president, Jerry DeSale.

Under his leadership, the league has flourished, enabling friendly competition with inter-league play. As assistant commissioner of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance, Jerry interacts with many cities to assure communication from the Alliance to its members. The foremost achievement has been the awarding of the 1984 Gay Softball World Series to Houston.

An outstanding diplomat, compromiser, athlete and leader, Jerry's personal sacrifices are appreciated by over 150 members.

□ North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance Organizes

The North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance had primarily organized to be the international softball organization.

Even though the Alliance is softball-oriented, there are provisions in their by-laws for other sports, whose competitive basis comprise members throughout the North American community.

The Alliance's objectives are to be a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of amateur athletics for all persons regardless of age, race, creed, religion, sex, natinal origin or sexual orientation/preference with special emphasis on the participation of members of the gay community.

Other objectives are to establish uniform athletic rules and regulations for the

Pam Weaver of the Montrose Bicycle Club, which pedals out every Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. around the neighborhood



Alliance members, and encourage the formation of autonomous and unique associations with consistent organizational support. Active membership in the Alliance may be sustained as deemed desirable for the advancement of gay amateur athletics.

The Alliance will also promote, encourage, and when appropriate, financially support Alliance-sanctioned and conducted tournaments including an annual gay amateur softball championship to be known as the "Gay Softball World Series." Furthermore, the Alliance will encourage the education and training in the proper skills of athletics by promoting, organizing and conducting clinics, seminar and training courses.

Leading this year's officers for the softball division will be Commissioner Bill Muldoon from Twin Cities (Minneapolis-St. Paul), Minnesota; Assistant Commissioner Jerry DeSale from Houston; Secretary Ray Kush from Twin Cities; and Tom Salzsieder from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Until a second sports group joins NAGAA as a separate division, the softball division council will act as the interim executive and legislative bodies for the Alliance.

□ Weaver and Irish Place in Miller Tournament

One out three qualifying couples placed in the Miller High Life Doubles Tournament in San Antonio last weekend. Thursday Night Bowling's Pam Weaver and Butch Irish came back victorious with cash in their pockets.

"I averaged me best score ever—a 223. It was the most professional tournament I have bowled in," he said. "I guess I had pumped myself for a good series. I just concentrated and set my mind right to it."

Said Irish: "Pam bowled a 485 series scratch with 90 percent of 210 going as a handicap. My score was 670 scratch with only 80 percent of 210 for handicap. Our series score was 1366. We placed 32nd unofficially."

And that means Pam's average was higher and incorrect. Therefore the duo may have done better.

□ Sports Quiz

What is the most amount of trophies won by a team in the International Gay Bowling Tournament during Memorial

Weekend, Houston, in 1981?

The Answer next week in the Sports Page of the MONTROSE VOICE.

Answer to last week's question: Swimming, tug-of-war and sculling (boating with oars) are the three sports won by having to compete in a backwards motion.

MSA Pocket Billiards League

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1 Lazy J #2	1 Barn #2
2 Mary's #1	2 Barn #1
3 Galleon #2	3 Lazy J #1

MSA Monday Night Bowling

STANDINGS

Following Dec. 13 competition

A DIVISION	C DIVISION		
1 Queen Pins	1 The Hole		
2 Galleon I	2 Alley Cats		
3 The Other Men	3 Sisters of Mercy		
B DIVISION	D DIVISION		
1 Bushwackers	1 Barnyard Hoers		
2 Barnyard Biddies	2 Copa		
3 Bad, Bad Boys	3 Officer's Club		
HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES		
SCRATCH	SCRATCH		
Mike Burroughs 224	Terry Wolber 586		
Terry Wolber 222	Rick Baskin 559		
Craner Ford 217	Steve Stepleton 542		

MSA Thursday Night Mixed Bowling

STANDINGS

Following Dec. 16 competition

A DIVISION	B DIVISION		
1 Rockettes #1	1 Natives R Restless		
2 Seagulls	2 Thursday Knights		
3 Generic #1	3 Tidy Bowlers/BWMT		
4 Barnyard Animals	4 Five Pins		
5 Mar&Lynn 5 Alive	5 BP Pacesetters		
HIGH SERIES	HIGH SERIES		
SCRATCH	HANDICAP		
Martha Richie 649	Jerry Newton 739		
Butch Irish 647	Martha Richie/Bev Small 712		
HIGH GAME SCRATCH	HIGH GAME		
Steve McCanaughy 276	HANDICAP		
Martha Richie/Bev Small 254	Bev Small 306		
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Rare and Well-Done

By Dick Rogers
Stonewall Features

After last spring's flowering of "commercial" gay films, Hollywood quickly retrenched itself in the safer genres of science fiction, macho adventure, and old-fashioned romance. Recent mainstream films have totally ignored the existence of alternate lifestyles, and filmgoers have found themselves knee-deep in the conservative corn.

Nor do the current holiday attractions offer much relief from this menu. Of the new openings, only *Tootsie* is remotely off-beat. And, although Dustin Hoffman plays an actor who poses as a woman to get work, his sexuality is never much in question. For all its flirtation with "deviate behavior," *Tootsie* is a soft-centered candy packaged to offend no one.

Outside of the Hollywood system, however, there are a myriad of independent and foreign films awaiting distribution. Many of these works tend to be more open in their treatment of lifestyles and sexual mores than studio products that must gross \$30 million to break even. Yet most of these movies languish in storerooms while theater owners vie for vehicles featuring big-name stars and directors.

Even in this buttoned-down environment, however, there is hope for the sharp-eyed and fleet-footed film buff. Three decidedly eccentric works are currently receiving limited distribution, and all of them are worth a special trip. Two are independent films (*Eating Raoul* and *Come Back to the 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean*) and the third is Canadian (*By Design*).

Paul Bartel's *Eating Raoul* is a cheerful little comedy about S&M, murder and cannibalism. The film had received almost no distribution until it was featured at the

New York Film Festival last fall. Since then, it has acquired bookings in several major cities and is doing moderate business. However, it is unlikely that a movie about a boring, conservative couple who go around murdering swingers for their money is going to nose out *Six Weeks* as a holiday attraction.

Bartel's film follows the hallowed tradition of John Waters' *Pink Flamingos* in attempting to offend everyone. Straights, gays, conservatives, swingers, and fetishists are mercilessly lampooned as gross, slobbering bores. Yet the most sympathetic character in the story is a neighbor who befriends the rampaging couple and give them a demonstration of S&M etiquette while feeding her baby. She is the only character in the film who has enough perspective on human foibles to respect people's humanity even while she's cracking a whip.

Although *Eating Raoul* may be a turn-off to the squeamish or then-skinned, its sheer lunacy is bracing after so much Hollywood pablum.

Robert Altman's *Come Back to the 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean* is another off-beat venture enjoying some success in a limited release. Altman originally directed the story as a Broadway play with Cher, Sandy Dennis, and Karen Black. When the show flopped, he raised \$800,000 and filmed the play in 16mm. The result is a stagey, but intriguing piece of moviemaking.

Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean is set in the Woolworth's of a small Texas town where a group of women have gathered to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the death of James Dean. As they discuss their remembrances of the legendary star (who supposedly filmed *Giant* nearby), they begin to reveal their own secrets and



fantasies. And as might be expected, they are not what they seem, either socially or sexually.

Under Altman's astute direction, the unlikely trio of stars represented by Cher, Dennis, and Black make their own case for individuality that underscores the film's premise. Each of these actresses has her own peculiarities and limitations; yet each possesses some singularly arresting qualities. The director plays on the fact that their styles don't quite mesh to highlight his tale of unusual women trapped in a routine environment. In this sense, *Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean* is a genuine achievement—the triumph of the extraordinary over the humdrum.

Yet, by far the most controversial (and least seen) of the three films is *By Design*, directed by Quebec-based Claude Jutra. The award-winning director and his producer, Beryl Fox, have spent almost two years seeking a distributor for their comedy-drama about a lesbian couple who want a child. So far, the film has had a short run at a theater in Boston and is tentatively booked in San Francisco.

What distinguishes *By Design* (and ironically may account for its dim commercial possibilities) is the fact that the lesbians are portrayed as confident, con-

tented, and chic women. Although the film is often quite funny, the humor is not based merely on homosexual stereotypes. In fact, the filmmakers may have tried to hard to avoid the usual clichés. The couple seems so "normal" and there is so little overt affection between them, that we sometimes forget they are lesbians.

In a surprising stroke of casting, Jutra signed Patty Duke Astin to play one of the lesbian women. Astin, who has alternately sored (*The Miracle Worker* twice) and slumped (*Valley of the Dalls, The Swarm*) through a bumpy career, delivers a gutsy, daring portrait of a capable woman who prefers other women to men. As her lover, Canadian actress Sara Botsford matches her in humor and intensity.

Although it has its clumsy scenes and a somewhat sentimental fadeout, *By Design* is at least as honest as *Personal Best*. In the current boom-or-bust film marketing climate, however, very few audiences may get a chance to see this rare view of women in love.

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Life Imitates Heart

Pacific News Service

Dr. Robert Jarvik has received much acclaim for implanting the world's first artificial heart, but apparently it isn't a first, even for him.

Dr. Jarvik designed a similar one two years ago for a movie entitled *Threshold*, a fictional account of a surgeon who implants the world's first artificial heart.

According to producer Michael Burns, no movie company would buy it when it first came out.

"They just thought it wasn't too realistic," says Burns, who adds that since the real thing happened, his phone has been ringing off the hook.

20th Century Fox has picked up the film and plans to release it in January.

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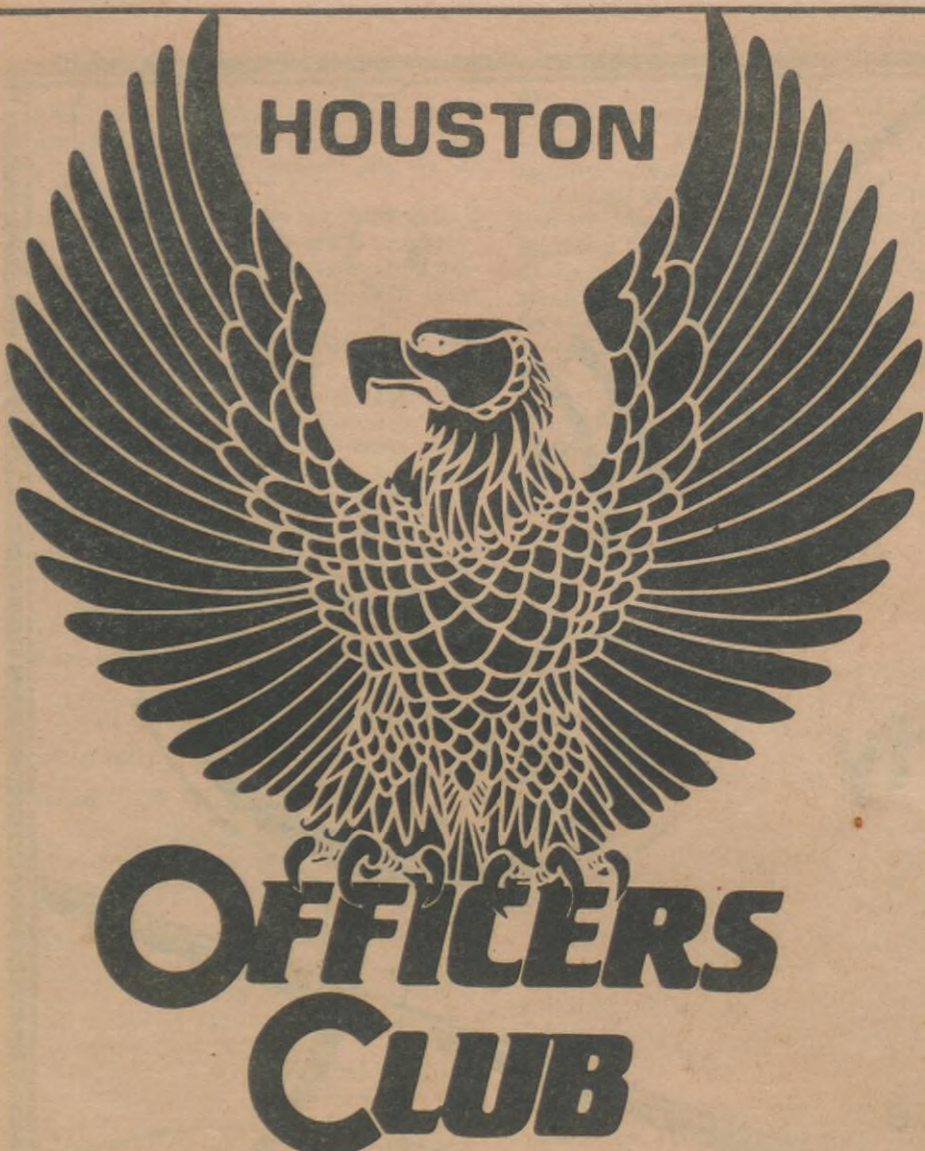
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Jimmy Emerson



Texas club owner Gene Howle with "Roxie Starr" at the Copa in Beaumont

Jimmy Emerson and 'Roxie Starr': Two Sides of One Man

By Billie Duncan

"It's Jimmy Emerson they ask to do all the benefits. And Jimmy Emerson is real nice and concerned and says 'yes.' Then Jimmy Emerson has to turn into Roxie Starr and become a bitch. I guess they like it."

With that statement Jimmy (Roxie) summed up the double existence that he leads.

Most of the time it suits him just fine, but there are those instances when even friends do not stop to think of the difference between his public image and his private self.

"People expect you to be always flamboyant, and funny and on. People call me up and say, 'Say something funny. I'm depressed.' They don't stop to think that maybe I'm depressed."

A look at Jimmy's schedule would leave a person to wonder when he has time to be depressed. He is a full time bartender at the Chicken Coop, he does a regular Sunday night show at Twins, he sings with Mickey Rankin whenever Mickey is playing, and he has done no less than a dozen benefits in the last year.

"A lot of times I'd do more if I were asked to do more," said Jimmy.

So how did Jimmy Emerson get to be the outrageous Roxie Starr?

He was born in Sealy, Texas, he explained, "on a queen-sized posturpedic."

When he was six months old, his family moved to Orange, Texas. He spent 20 more or less wonderful years growing up in Orange before he took the big leap and went all the way to neighboring Beaumont to attend Lamar University. He studied theater and was a star in the department.

"Then Gene Howle did something very foolish. He opened the Copa (Farm House) in Beaumont and asked me to be show director. Foolish for me, actually, not for him. Because the Copa in Beaumont opened the Copa in Houston."

At the same time, he was working at Joske's. Juggling school, show business and a real job was quite an act, but he managed.

There were some overlaps. "It's pretty bad when the professors start grading you for ... well, half the teachers hung out at the Copa."

But he was in for some surprises. "When I came to Houston, I really thought I would go to TUTS (Theater Under the

Stars) or the Alley and be a star. Because I was a star in Beaumont."

In high school, he met Mickey Rankin,

Perfect Performance is Entertainer's Goal

By Hollis Hood

Far from the atmosphere of gusty music, high stepping dance and club chatter, Kashaka Snipe lounges on the floor of her new apartment petting her cat "Music" and listening to semi-classic recordings.

"Once I decided what I would do (to be an entertainer), I never questioned that desire," she said.

Kashaka, who recently finished an engagement at Rascal, is a multi-talented person who says she enjoys every aspect of performing.

"I became interested in performing professionally when I was 18," she said. Until that time, she had only made appearances before her family, which included her sister and two brothers. "We would get together and do little skits and things and make our parents be the audience."

"But I didn't really have any confidence and was terribly introverted," she said. One of her early instructors (among them her favorite, Elaine Funk), saw she had talent and began channeling her energies toward realizing her potential.

She enrolled in Bowie State College near her native Washington, D.C., but decided after two years that algebra had little to do with modern dance. The formal studies would have to wait, indefinitely, while she toured with a dance company and became a serious student of dance. She studied five years in ballet, jazz and other dance forms.

"Then I became interested in an acting troupe" she said, and she studied acting while with them some three years.

In addition, she has studied voice including opera and classical music. "You can't stop studying," she said. "You can't stop working at being your best."

She eventually moved to New York and through her sister's encouragement, began auditioning for Broadway musicals. "I didn't really think I was ready for Broadway. I was shaking almost to death

my first audition," she said. In spite of the apprehension, she kept coming back and finally realized, "That wasn't so hard."

However, Broadway had little to offer black entertainers at the time, especially if "you were little like me," the petite lady said. "And they were looking for a big showgirl type. Getting chosen from one of these 'cattlecalls' was like looking for a needle in a haystack. You could do that for years and not get discovered!"



Kashaka Snipe

When she did get parts, it seemed she was always type cast as the ingenue. "I was really sick of playing a 16-year-old," the 30-year-old said.

In order to support herself between roles, she got involved in nightclub singing in New York for a couple of years, and found she enjoyed the audience interaction the bar atmosphere provided.

"In that atmosphere an entertainer can be herself, and that's basically what people expect," she said. "You can get feedback from the audience and I enjoy

who was his teacher and choir director. Every step of the way, Jimmy Emerson was recognized as being a very talented person.

Then came Houston.

Jimmy was like the kid from the Midwest who comes to Broadway with her tap shoes in her suitcase, and right away gets the big break. Except Jimmy did not get the big break. He got a series of jobs slinging drinks.

But he never stopped performing. However, no one knows him as Jimmy Emerson any more. "I can do my same show out of drag, but it's not as entertaining."

"The audience wants to see bugle beads, feathers and sequins."

He really enjoys putting on all his female finery and then putting on a show. He feels fortunate that people have noticed.

Roxie is working very hard to bring in some big talent to Twin's stage but it is not easy. "We can't get real top names in Houston 'cause Gene Howle's got them all sewed up."

"I loved Donna Day, Tiffany and Naomi, but they've been doing the same basic act for years. I want to do something different." Then he added, "I'm not putting down the Copa shows. They've got terrific shows."

He particularly likes Donna Day's material. "I do her acts better than she does. But I don't have a live-in seamstress."

When Jimmy was growing up, acceptance was evident. "Of course, he (his father) wanted us to play sports. But when I asked for a baton, I got a baton. When I asked for a tea set, I got one."

His only real regret right now is that he seems to have lost part of himself amid the feathers and the glitter. "Roxie Starr, I think, has a good name in Montrose, but who is Jimmy Emerson?"

talking to them. You are a reality. As an actress you are hiding behind a character and in dance you are playing a role."

At that point, she decided her best career opportunity would be to develop a cabaret act drawing from all her talents and training. "I use my own ideas, I move when and how I want." And her performances eventually led to Houston.

After a tour of the U.S. and Canada with the New York company, Spider Woman Theater (which toured Europe last year), she hopes to return and make Houston a part-time home.

"I have met so many nice people here. I've been told that Houston is hungry for good cabaret entertainers, and that's encouraging. I'd like to see if it's true," she said.

Eventually, she said, she would like to own her own cabaret that would feature vaudeville-type acts, variety and skits.

But she never doubts that music in some form is her personal medium. "I love people and I thank God that I have a talent to communicate," she said. "What I do is a vehicle for communication, not just for show."

"Artists are insecure people that have to learn to deal with rejection; you can't develop a complex about it. When we fall short of our expectations of ourselves, it's very depressing. We just must keep working and striving for perfection. Even when I feel bad—I give it my all. I don't believe in cheating the audience," the (self-defined) collector of small antiques said.

"I'm only human and vulnerable. I try to relate to the people who come to hear. I give my best and that's all that can be expected. I try to express myself through song—and leave it there for them."

The sunlight dims outside the window blinds, and the cat has drifted to sleep. But for Kashaka the day is just beginning—time to get ready for another performance.

They Won't Be Home For Christmas

By Billie Duncan

For many, the season known as Christmas is a time for joy, a time for family. But when a person is separated from his home, sometimes the joy is tinged with pain.

There are many reasons for separation and many forms of separation, some of which are much more painful than others.

Three people who are away from home this year are Linda Gerard, Diane Marchal and Toby Hall, who are appearing at Baja's, 402 Lovett.

When they took the booking, they did not know how tough it would be to be away from home this time of year. Said Linda, "We thought about it. Then we said it might be fun. But now we just look at four walls and each other."

Diane said, "I miss my house. I feel exactly the way she (Linda) does."

Toby said, "You're more aware of the fact that you're alone at Christmas."

One incident brought a note of cheer into their lives, though. Toby explained, "Diane stole (translate: borrowed) some decorations from the back room (of Baja's) that they hadn't used." She was going to surprise them both by doing a little Christmas decorating.

"I tried to surprise them," said Diane. She could not find a time, however, when Toby and Linda were out of the apartment for long enough to get the job done.

Finally, she told them that she wanted to take a nap and she wished they would leave. They did, and she got the job done.

As singers, they are expected to include Christmas songs in their act. "We do some of them," said Linda, but I find it too emotional to sing, like, 'White Christmas'."

"We get them to sing along," said Diane. "Or we'd be basket cases," Linda added.



Toby Hall

Their six-week engagement at Baja's will come to an end after New Year's Eve.



Diane Marchal

But just being away from home itself is not what is bothering them right now. "Four



Linda Gerard

of the six weeks don't matter," said Toby, "but this week, it matters."

Holiday Happenings in Montrose

Corks are popping all over greater Montrose during this warmer-than-usual holiday season.

Between the myriad of private parties, the clubs have a series of holiday surprises.

Linda Gerard and Dianne Marchal, accompanied by Toby Hall, will appear at Baja's, 402 Lovett, through New Year's Eve. Favors and champagne will be provided.

Their chef has prepared a special New Year's Eve menu that will add one more resolution to your list—dieting!

Rascals, 2702 Kirby, will feature Montgomery, Mayes & Stritch through New Year's Eve. Shows at 9:30, 11:00 and 12:30.

Keeping on the cabaret circuit, Montrose City Hall, 1318 Westheimer, will hold its grand opening New Year's Eve featuring Samantha Samuels plus guest appearances from the Montrose Singers and Le Ballet de Montrose Carlo.

There will be no cover charge and free champagne to bring in the new year and the new club.

Kindred Spirits, 5245 Buffalo Speedway, will have the Mustang Band Sunday, December 26, and on New Year's Eve will feature the Kindred Spirits Ensemble—regulars, but live wires.

Spirit's owner Marion Coleman said the club will be open at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve so that employees can spend time with family and friends.

The Mustang Band will also perform at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos, Christmas evening and New Year's night. Champagne and favors will be given New Year's Eve, and no special cover charge.

Keeping in the fine tradition of the South, black-eyed peas will be served New Year's Eve at the BRB.

The Barn, 710 Pacific, will be having a buffet dinner Christmas Day, 1:00-6:00 p.m. There will be the first Western/

Leather New Year's Eve Baby Contest—two categories, two winners—for men under 40 and at 12:30 a.m., Western/Leather Father Time—again, two categories, two winners—will be selected for men 40 or older. See, everyone can qualify for this one.

Speaking of leather, Sadistic Santa will be at The Drum, 1732 Westheimer, tonight (Friday) Dec. 24. Will everyone caught being naughty get switches stuffed in their stockings?

Additionally, a Christmas dinner is planned from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Drum.

Congratulations to the Drum's Danny Villa who won the 39-and-over contest at E/J's Wednesday night.

Right across the street, at Houston Loading Dock, New Year's Eve will be celebrated with champagne. No cover will be charged and of course dancing. Check out their new bar in the back area.

Mary's, 1044 Westheimer, will be open all day Christmas Day with champagne being served. Get well, Peaches.

Plans are not yet firm for New Year's Eve, but what is a new year without Mary's!

Champagne from the stroke of 12 to closing on New Year's Eve, along with party favors at the Midnite Sun, 534 Westheimer.

The Chicken Coop, across Westheimer, will have champagne and party favors from 10 p.m., no cover.

Dirty Sally's, 220 Avondale, will have champagne, party favors and special prizes—including passes to their infamous liquor bust—from 10 p.m. on. Again, no cover.

The Copa, 2631 Richmond, will be giving \$1000 in various cash prizes, and will have free champagne to midnight.

Look for other drink specials, too.

Down the street, the Galleon, 2303 Richmond, plans a New Year's Eve party beginning at 8:00 p.m. with prizes and free champagne.

At Gay Boy International (GBI), 1419 Richmond, on New Year's Eve, starting at 8:00 p.m., they'll have a buffet. The cost is \$5 per ticket and can be purchased now or at the door.

The Ranch, 6620½ Main, plans champagne from midnight on. Additionally, for \$5 you can join in a buffet/champagne after-hours breakfast or stay and party without charge if you don't feel like grabbing a bite.

Heading downtown, stop by at the Venture-N, 2923 Main, and hear Bobby Konrad spin records—interesting light display too. The Venture-N surely gets the Montrose Christmas decoration award.

The Exile is another good stop on our tour. They plan a buffet on Christmas Day at 5:00 p.m. and live country music, of course. New Year's Eve plans are still developing.

A hiccup, skip and jump away is the Pink Elephant, 1218 Leeland. They will be open all day Christmas Day and have happy hour prices.

Christmas night, the Pink Elephant's Bill Smith is planning the "First Annual Hooker's Ball" to be held at the American Legion Post No. 52 at 3006 Brazos. Come dressed as your favorite "hooker or pimp," they said.

Keoki Kona will be at the organ—upstairs in the Pineapple Palace of the Hole, 109 Tuam—no cover. Mele Kalikimaka.

Ab and the Rebel Outlaws will perform Friday nights—Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve—at the Lazy J, 312 Tuam. Come see the guys in their new location.

The Deep, 2212 Converse, has party plans to begin at 9:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve but wouldn't reveal their secrets about it yet.

Still with us? Good.

E/J's, 1213 Richmond, will have a Christmas Day buffet starting at 5:00 p.m. to "whenever the food runs out," said Ed Moniger.

Ed said they plan champagne at midnight on New Year's Eve, no cover for either event.

Numbers 2, 300 Westheimer, will have a post-Christmas tea dance Sunday, Dec. 26, featuring Henry Wenslow, guest DJ in from the Saint in New York City.

Numbers' New Year's Eve party will feature free champagne at midnight, favors and that sort of thing. Dance in the new year and enjoy all those pretty lights!

Be careful driving. Cabs, if necessary, are cheaper than DWIs and safer too. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season and all our best for '83.

Miller Time for Willard

Pacific News Service

Scientists at the University of Texas in Austin report the discovery of a strain of rats that seem to enjoy "social drinking."

Most rats just get sleepy after consuming alcohol, which is after all, a depressant. But the Texas rats seem to be stimulated by small amounts of booze, just like humans.

The researchers say the "social drinking" rats may help them learn how alcohol produces pleasurable feelings in the brain.

Dentists Looking Down in the Mouth

Pacific News Service

If your dentist is looking down in the mouth lately, he may have good reason.

Income is down, stress is up, and it seems like no one wants to go to dental school anymore. A Texas survey indicates dentists' earning may be off as much as 20 percent this year, thanks to the economy—and better oral hygiene on the part of their patients.

As one dental school dean laments, "We're putting ourselves out of business."

As for stress, psychologist Richard Hark characterizes the typical dentist as a "a very critical, practical, realistic, logical and somewhat impersonal fellow" with a tendency towards perfectionism.

All this takes its personal toll. In New York City alone, the divorce rate for dentists is 75 percent, and their national suicide rate is 50 percent higher.

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Selected Events through 7 Days

- FRIDAY:** Community Coffeehouse 7:30pm-midnight, 3405 Mulberry
- FRIDAY:** Lambda Alanon meeting at First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin
- FRIDAY:** Deadline to enter Houston Tenneco Jogging Marathon
- SATURDAY:** Christmas Day
- SATURDAY:** Lambda Bike (bicycle) Club meets, then tours, from Paez Center, 401 Avondale, 11am unless raining
- MONDAY:** MSA/Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain
- TUESDAY:** MSA/Volleyball games 7:30 p.m., Gregory-Lincoln School, 1101 Taft
- WEDNESDAY:** MSA/Pocket Billiard competition, various locations
- THURSDAY:** Full Moon, 5:33 a.m.
- THURSDAY:** MSA/Mixed League Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain
- THURSDAY:** Wilde 'n Stein gay radio show 10pm-midnight on KPFT Radio, FM-90

Selected Events in Future Weeks

- IN 1 WEEK:** New Year's Eve, Dec. 31
- IN 1 WEEK:** New Year's Day, Jan. 1
- IN 1 WEEK:** Greater Montrose Business Guild meets Jan. 4, community room, Liberty Bank, Montrose at Westheimer
- IN 1 WEEK:** Gay Political Caucus meeting, 4600 Main, 7:30pm, Jan. 5
- IN 1 WEEK:** "Welcome to 1983 GPC Night at the Alley

- Theater" 8:30pm, Jan. 6, Alley Theater, 615 Texas, featuring the "5th of July Play" by Lanford Wilson
- IN 3 WEEKS:** Houston Tenneco Jogging 26-mile Marathon, Jan. 16, downtown to Memorial Park and back
- IN 4 WEEKS:** Second Position Rounds for MSA Houston Pocket Billiard's League at Red's Lounge, I-10 at I-45, Jan. 22
- IN 6 WEEKS:** Texas Film Society Achievement Awards, Feb. 4-6, Shamrock Hilton Hotel
- IN 7 WEEKS:** Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12
- IN 7 WEEKS:** St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14
- IN 7 WEEKS:** Mardi Gras, Feb. 15
- IN 7 WEEKS:** Ash Wednesday, Feb. 16
- IN 8 WEEKS:** Let Us Entertain You Weekend in Houston, Feb. 18-20
- IN 8 WEEKS:** George Washington's birthday, Feb. 21
- IN 14 WEEKS:** Easter, April 3
- IN 18 WEEKS:** Gay Press Association national convention, Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, Apr. 29-May 1
- IN 18 WEEKS:** Gay Night at Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus, Madison Square Garden, New York, to benefit AIDS research
- IN 22 WEEKS:** Gay World Series Softball Tournament, Chicago, May 28-29
- IN 22 WEEKS:** Memorial Day, May 30
- IN 24 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week begins Houston, June 16 (tentative)
- IN 27 WEEKS:** Independence Day, July 4

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- A Capella Chorus** (Montrose) Church of Christ ACU—1236 W. Gray—524-5925
- American Leathermen** (social club)—meets at Different Drum, 1732 Westheimer—528-8528: club night Wed.
- Astro Rainbow Alliance**—524-4793 (voice & TTY)
- Bering Memorial United Methodist Church**—1440 Hawthorne—526-1017: service 10:50am Sun.

- Between 2 Worlds**—529-1913: meets every other Thurs.
- Black & White Men Together (BWMT)**—529-5006, 747-9812: Thanksgiving potluck dinner at Paez Center, 401 Avondale, Nov. 20; election eve party Dec. 3; Christmas party Dec. 11; rap group Dec. 17; Christmas caroling Dec. 19
- Christian Church of the Good Shepherd**—1707 Montrose; services 1pm Sun., Bible study 7:30pm Thurs.
- (Montrose) Church of Christ**—c/o 401 Avondale—777-9286: services 12:30pm Sun.
- Church of Christian Faith**—413 Westheimer—529-8005: services Sun. morning & evening & Wed. evening; Bible study Mon. & Tues. evenings; choir practice Wed. evening
- Citizens for Human Equality (CHE)**—609 Fannin #1301—236-8666: board meeting 2nd Tuesdays
- Colt 45's (social club)**—meets at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos—528-9192
- Community Coffeehouse**—subgroup of I/H Inc.; meets 7:30pm Fridays at 3405 Mulberry
- Community Gospel Center**—1700 Montrose—523-6018
- Cong. Aytz Chayim**—meets at MCCR, 1919 Decatur—552-1340, 688-8997: service & social 8pm 2nd & 4th Fridays
- Conroe Area Gay Women**—756-0354
- Crisis Hotline**—228-1505
- Dial-a-Gay-Atheist**—524-2222: Gay Atheist League of America
- Diana Foundation**—2700 Mason—524-5791
- Dignity**—meets at Catholic Student Center, 1703 Bolsover—520-9269, 528-7644: meetings 7pm Saturdays
- Families & Friends of Gays**—464-6663, 524-5982: meets 2pm 3rd Sundays at Presbyterian Center, 41 Oakdale, behind First Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main; affiliate I/H Inc.
- 1st Unitarian Church**—5210 Fannin—526-1571: service 11:15am Sun.
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- Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas**: affiliate of I/H Inc.
- Gay Atheist League of America**—524-2222
- Gay Hispanic Caucus**—2722 Newman #12—521-0037: meets 3rd Thursdays.
- Gay Italian Group**—526-9844
- Gay Nurses & Physicians of Houston**—c/o GPC—521-1000
- Gay Political Caucus (GPC)**—POB 66664, 77266—521-1000; meets 4600 Main #217 7:30pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
- Gay Switchboard**—529-3211: affiliate I/H Inc.
- Greater Montrose Business Guild**: sponsoring members E/J's club, Frame of Reference, Montrose Voice, Speedy Printing, Spud-U-Like, Travel Tech travel agency; meets Jan. 4, community room, Liberty Bank, Westheimer at Montrose
- Hepatitis Hotline**, project of GPC's Medical Committee—521-1000
- Homophile Interfaith Alliance**—729 Manor—523-6969
- Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists**—526-7386: meets 7pm 4th Wednesdays
- Houston Community Clowns**—862-8314
- Houston Data Professionals**—meets in East Room, Holiday Inn Central, 4640 South Main—523-6922: meeting 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays
- Houston Human Rights League**—c/o 401 Avondale—523-6969
- Houston Motorcycle Club (social club)**—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—528-8851
- I/H Inc.**—POB 16041, 77222—694-1732, 529-7014: affiliated groups are Families & Friends of Gays, Community Coffeehouse, Interact, Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas, Gay Switchboard, Montrose Symphonic Band, Montrose Cloggers; board meeting 7:30pm 1st Thursdays (varied locations); educational forum 7:30pm 3rd Thursdays
- Integrity/Houston** (formerly Episcopal Integrity)—526-0555: meeting 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays at Autry House, 6265 Main, & 4th Tuesdays at varied locations
- Interact**, educational subgroup of I/H Inc.—POB 16041, 77222—529-7014, 694-1732
- KPFT Radio**, FM-90—419 Lovett Blvd.—526-4000: "Wilde 'n Stein" gay radio show 10pm-midnight Thurs.
- Lambda Alanon**—meets at 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin—521-9772: meeting Fri. evening
- Lambda Bike (bicycle) Club**—meets Paez Center, 401 Avondale—526-2228, 523-9061: meeting, tour 11am Saturdays unless raining.
- Lesbians & Gay People in Medicine**—665-4760: meeting 7:30pm 1st Saturdays
- Lutherans Concerned**—meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh—521-0863, 453-1143: meeting 2nd & 4th Tues. evenings
- Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR)**—1919 Decatur—861-9149: potluck dinner 7:30pm Sat.; services 10:45am & 7:15pm Sun. & 7:15pm Wed.; membership inquirers class 7:30pm Mon.; Alanon meeting 8pm Mon.; Alcoholics Anonymous meeting 8pm Mon. & Thurs.
- Montrose Art Alliance**—c/o 401 Avondale—521-2461: meets 2nd Thursdays
- Montrose Chorale**—527-9454: concert Dec. 11, Cullen Auditorium, University of Houston campus
- Montrose Cloggers**: affiliate of I/H Inc.; meets Friday evas Bering Church Activities Bldg., 3405 Mulberry
- Montrose Civic Club (Near town)**—meets at Bering Church, 1440 Hawthorne—522-1000: meeting 7:30pm 4th Tuesdays

- Montrose Clinic**—104 Westheimer—528-5531: open 6-10pm Fri., 1-5pm Sun., 6-10pm Tues. & Thurs.
- Montrose Counseling Center**—900 Lovett #102—529-0037
- Montrose Singers**—meets at MCCR, 1919 Decatur—528-0550
- Montrose Sports Association (MSA)**—622-3304
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- MSA/Women's Softball League**—728-9371
- MSA/Tennis**—524-2151
- MSA/Volleyball**—880-2930: games 7:30pm Tues., Gregory-Lincoln school, 1101 Taft
- Montrose Symphonic Band**—meets at Bering Church, 1440 Hawthorne—527-9669: meeting 7:30pm Tues.; affiliate I/H Inc.
- Mustangs (social club)**—meets at the Barn, 710 Pacific—528-9427: club night Thurs.
- New Freedom Christian Church**—912 W. 11th—591-1342: services 10am Sun, 7:30pm Wed.
- Operation Documentation**: project of GPC
- (Fred) Paez Community Center**—401 Avondale
- Recreational Land Fund Committee**—project of Mustang Club
- Rice Univ. Gay/Lesbian Support Group**—524-0724
- Texas Bay Area Gays**—332-3737: meeting Thurs. evening
- Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force**—869-7231, 868-6901
- Texas Human Rights Foundation**—1519 Maryland—526-9139
- Texas Riders**—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—528-8851
- Unitarian/Universalist Gay Caucus**—c/o 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin—520-9767, 528-5842: meeting 3rd Sun. afternoons
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A Disturbed Peace

We Are All Sexists—
To Begin With

By Brian McNaught

Most women I know are sexist. Most homosexuals I know are heterosexual. Most Blacks I know are racist. Most Jews I know are anti-semitic. It is the rare soul who had deprogrammed herself or himself today.

When you meet a woman who doesn't consider herself a person without a penis; who rejects a pre-conceived role; who celebrates the gifts of her womanhood and who sees equal rights not merely as a justice issue but as an opportunity for society to become enriched, spend some time talking with her. Consider what such a woman has overcome.

Can we men imagine growing up in a world in which every supreme authority is female? What if God, Jesus, Santa Claus and the breadwinner in our family was a woman? What if every U.S. President, every judge, every visible police officer, every priest and rabbi, every major author and corporation president was a woman? What would that do to our sense of importance? Our sense of pride? Our sense of equality?

What if men's penises were thought of as elephantiasis of the clitoris? What if male body hair was socially offensive and we were forced to daily shave our underarms, legs and chest? What if we had to resort to electrolysis or bleach to remove that which grew naturally? What if male puberty was considered a "curse," wet dreams disgusting and semen a frightening sight which should be disposed of with a sanitary napkin? What if our culture demanded that men insert devices into our penises to prevent pregnancies? What if developing massive pectorals at age 14 was viewed by society as essential if we wished to get a date?

Speaking of dates, what if we weren't allowed out at night unless a girl asked us out? What if women stood every time we went to the "powder room", opened every door, pulled back every chair and paid every check? Would we not feel weak and dependent as opposed to "special"?

What if we only had two sexual role models in life, the whore or the saint? What if girls who peeked into our locker rooms when we were naked were considered "red blooded" and when we did the same to them were labeled "sluts"?

What if a limited family income only allowed our sister to go to college because boys don't need an education to be happy—they merely need to meet a successful woman? Besides, our only career options would be teaching and secretarial work.

What if we finally did get a job in the women's world and discovered that to compete we had to not only be equal to women but better? And what if we found that on pay day, women were paid nearly twice as much for the exact same job? What if a successful male was always described as being cute or handsome rather than sharp, intelligent and industrious?

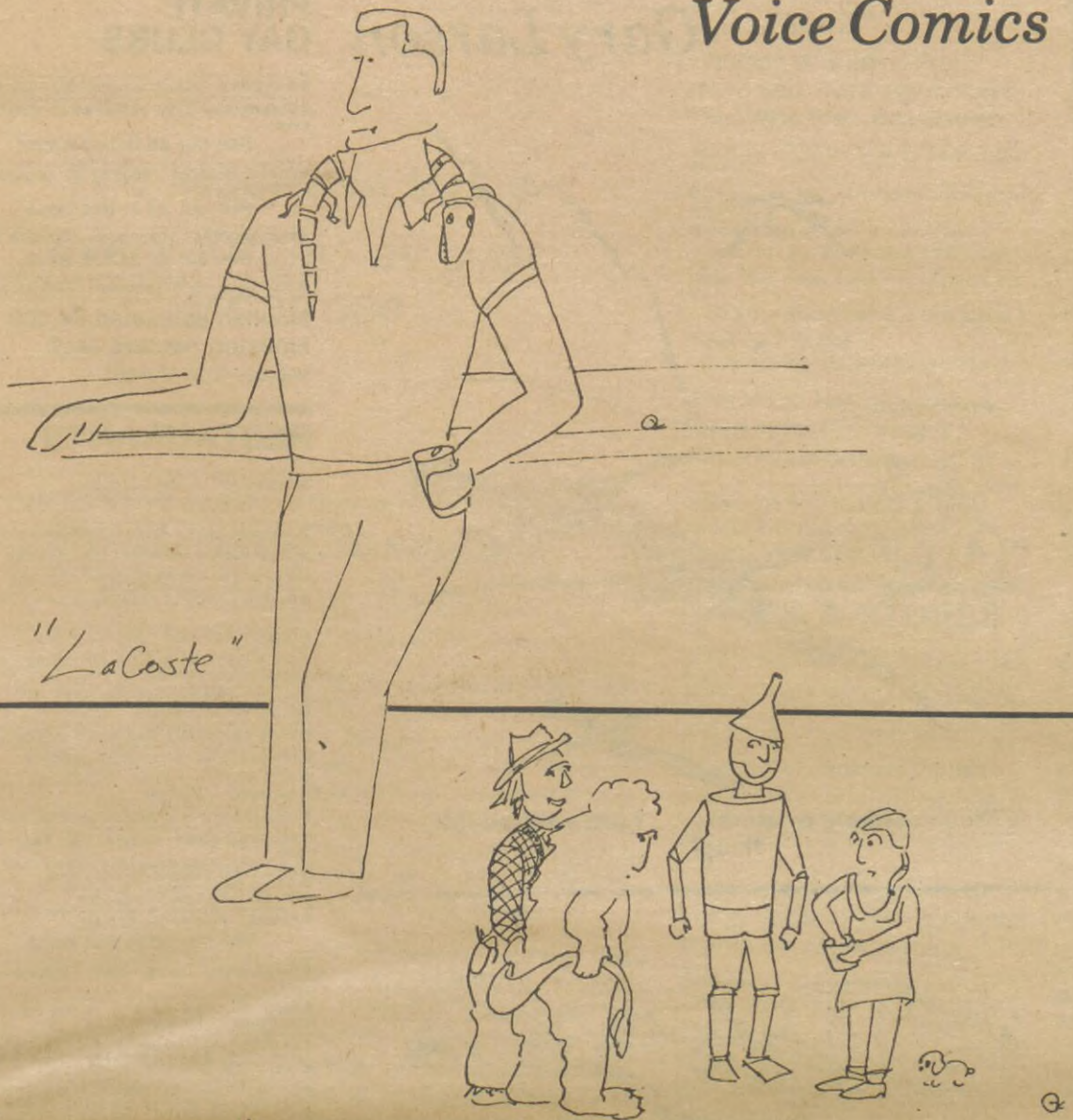
Would we not be angry? Would we not become assertive—even "aggressive"? We would not begin demanding that womankind share power with us? Would we not demand that language be changed to reflect the presence of men in the world, and history books be changed to reflect the achievements of men in history and customs be changed to reflect the self-sufficiency of men? Some of us would but many of us would not.

Given those circumstances, many of us men would be afraid to challenge thousands of years of culture. Many of us would fear that if we boldly proclaimed our disgust of the status quo, women might not date us, like us or stay friends with us. We would fear the reaction of our families and male friends. Worst of all, many if not most men would have a hard time believing that we were equal to women. While we talked about pride, we would feel in our gut that there is really something basically inadequate about being a man. We would ask women to help us understand ourselves just as we had in the past when we plopped ourselves down on the couches in the offices of women psychiatrists, the examining tables of women doctors and the pews of women spiritual leaders. We would be sexist because we would believe that if we had our druthers, we would really rather be women. To paraphrase the line in *Animal Farm*, "All people are equal but women are more equal than men."

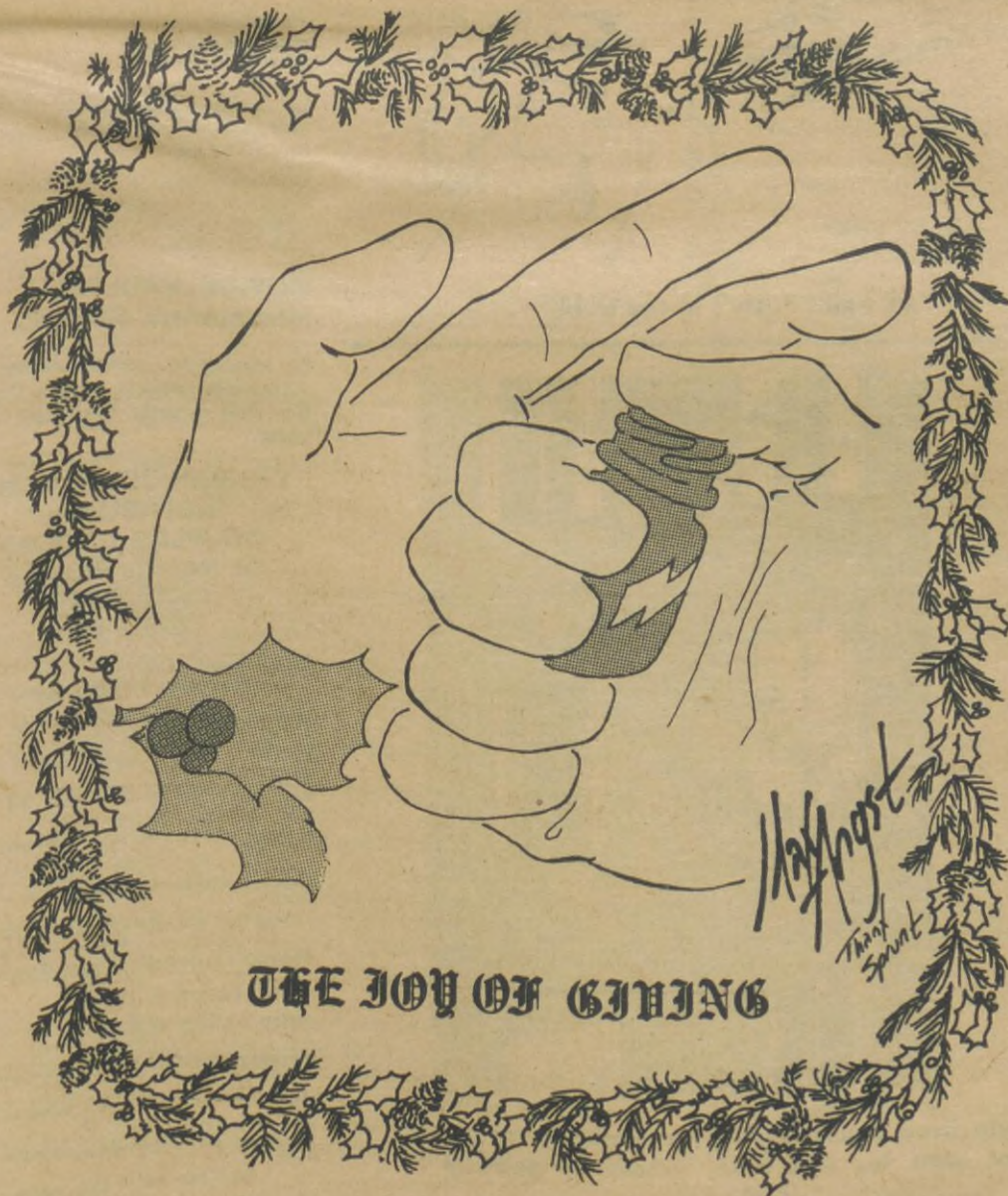
As a man living in a male world, I acknowledge my sexism. I work hard at eliminating it, but it shows its ugly face more often than I would like to admit. I have attempted to understand what it is like being a woman but it is difficult to feel fully the rage most women do or should feel. My best bridge in spanning the emotional gap between myself and women is my reflections on what it is like growing up homosexual in a heterosexual world. As a homosexual who is outraged by my heterosexual tendencies. I feel more comfortable suggesting the awful truth that many women are sexist.

Heterosexism and sexism are prejudices based upon the assumption that one sexual orientation or one gender is more equal, more preferred, more "normal" than another. Most of our battles against heterosexism, sexism, racism, anti-semitism, etc. have been based upon arguments of injustice. But even when arguments are cogent and we are successful in eliminating inequalities, we don't succeed in eliminating prejudice; we don't root out of ourselves and others the sexism, for instance, which is at the core of the injustice. What has helped me attack my own heterosexism is the process of examining not only why my sexual orientation is "just as good" as that of heterosexuals, but, more importantly, what makes me special. I am less likely to be heterosexual when I begin celebrating the unique

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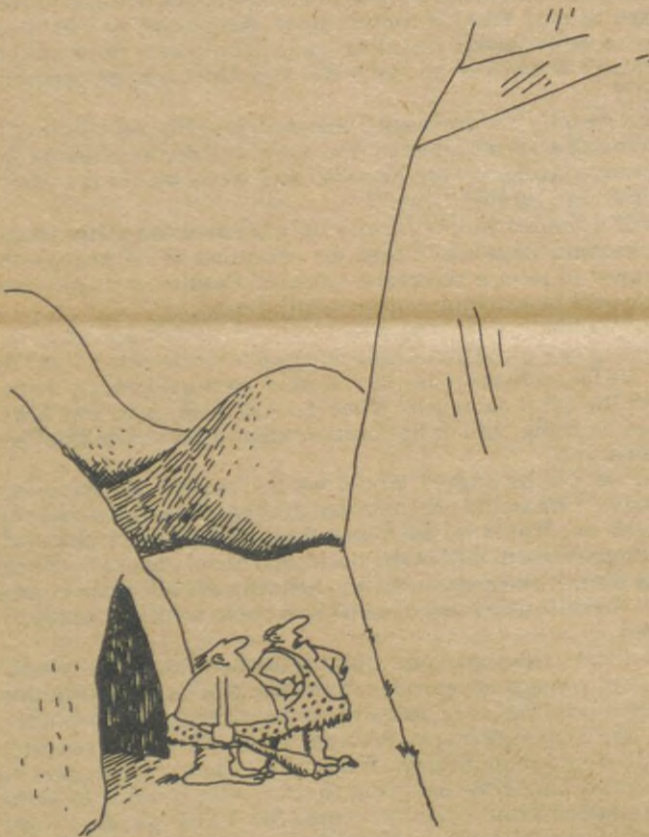
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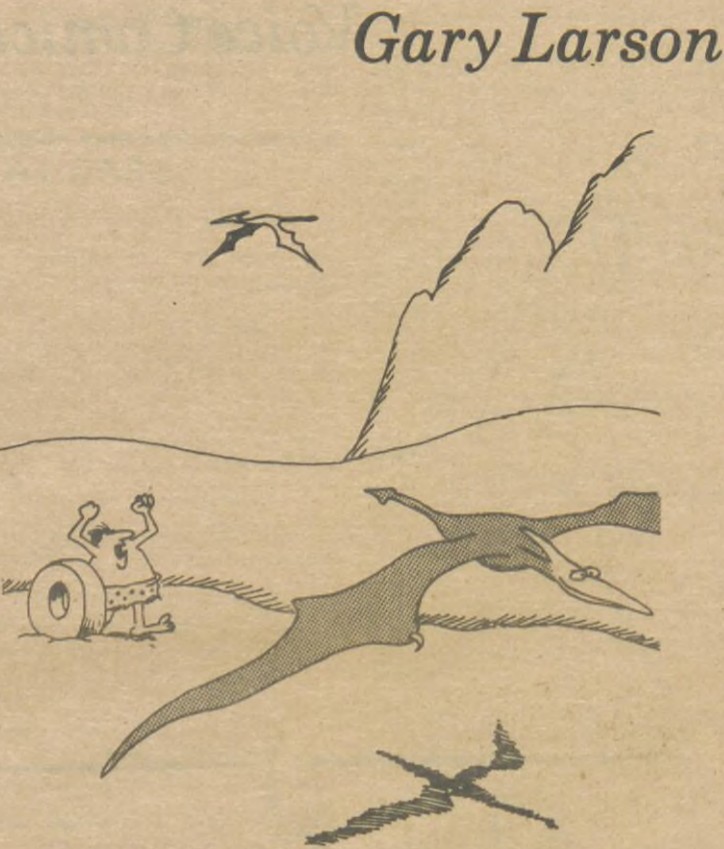
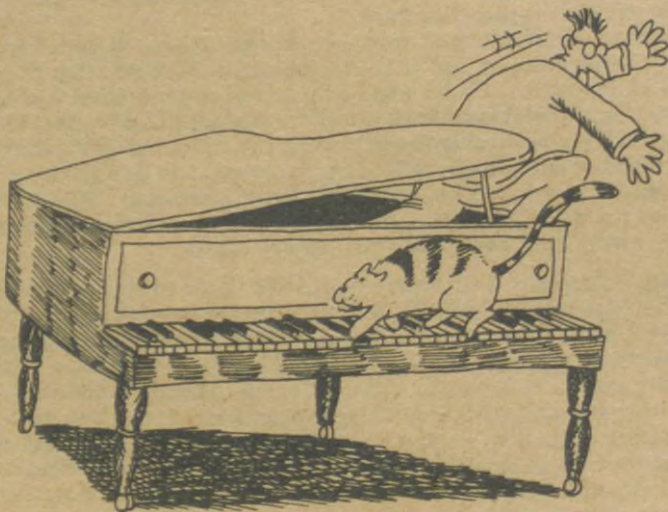
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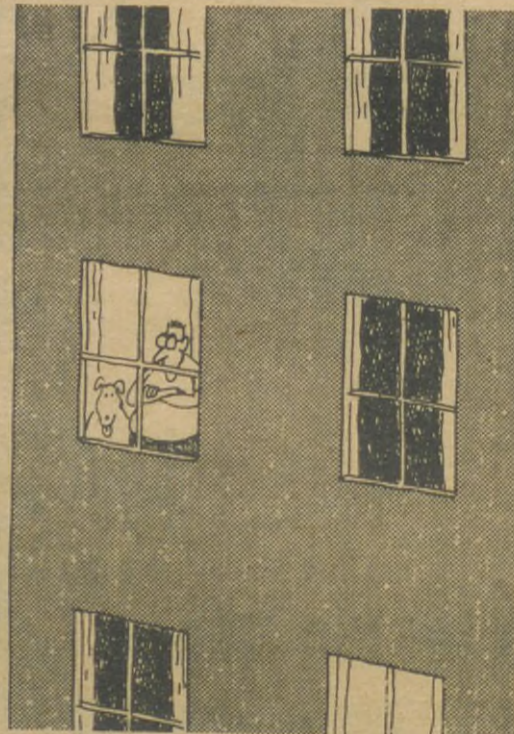
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A Disturbed Peace

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beauty of my being gay and the unique contributions I am making to society and nature because of my homosexuality.

My sexism and that of my women friends is best attacked when I examine, with the tutoring of women, the unique beauty of the female, the unique glory of the female perspective, the unique contribution to society and nature of the female mystique. I don't owe it to women to eliminate my sexism by discovering the unique perspectives and gifts of women; I owe it to myself.

Like most men today, I have been deprived of half of reality. It's as if one of my eyes and one of my ears have been eliminated; as if I have only been allowed to eat pre-designated foods and read pre-selected books; to smell only half of the flowers; to encounter only half of the truths. Men have deprived me of my entire inheritance as a human being by burying half of life's treasure under mounds of ignorant, self-serving bias. I am less whole because of this deception. I am less healthy, less liberated, less in tune with nature because of this deception.

It we doubt there is a special new beauty to be discovered, it is our sexism, our years of indoctrination which gives birth to and nurtures those doubts. To challenge those doubts and to set about the task of discovering the whole melody of creation is an exciting, compelling adventure. It is for that reason that I suggest that if you meet a woman who celebrates her womanhood, do yourself a favor and listen to her song.

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Fortunes

By Tycho

For Christmas Eve through New Year's Eve, 1982:

ARIES—In your sign this week: the Moon, until mid-day Christmas Day. This is not going to be your typical Christmas. You may find yourself with people you didn't expect to meet, or perhaps the day's ritual will be changed somehow. A Scorpio or an Aquarian could pop up and make it a sexy holiday.

TAURUS—In your sign this week: the Moon, from mid-day Christmas Day, to Monday afternoon. You've learned something important in the past week. It might have to do with sitting back and letting someone else do the doing and the talking. If you've been very good, you can take what you've learned and make Santa very happy. You may get a special bonus at work.

GEMINI—In your sign this week: the Moon, from Monday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon. You're keeping it all inside again! All of those hopes and plans and dreams of yours could happen a lot faster if you share them with the one you're with; and they would mean a lot more, too. If you don't have an ear to share them with, try an Aries on for size.

CANCER—In your sign this week: the Moon, from next Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 29, to Friday afternoon, Dec. 31. Everybody knows this is the family time of year, but none better than Cancans. The opportunity for some real communication is there, but you may have to bend or change the old rules to get across.

LEO—It looks like a traditional Christmas with all the trimmings. Appreciating the past while celebrating the present is not something everyone can do. You can, but don't be surprised if you get a real surprise! The tried and true rings clear, but something new is in the air.

VIRGO—You've never looked better. What have you done, or had done? This special glow in your physical appearance won't go unnoticed. The special wavelength that your lover and you share is humming with a heavenly sound.

LIBRA—In your sign this week: Pluto. Whoa! Who do you think you are? Heavy direct confrontation isn't your usual style, but something or someone is pushing you toward it. The situation is too powerful to avoid. You'll do it; just don't forget what charm and grace are.

SCORPIO—In your sign this week: Jupiter (leaves Saturday evening) and Saturn. The new responsibilities you've taken on are causing you to see things in a different light. You're feeling extremely creative, and you can bring it all together in a way you've never done before. Let it flow. You can give a push, but with a gentle touch.

SAGITTARIUS—In your sign this week: Jupiter (enters Saturday evening), Mercury, Uranus and Neptune. Aggressive, powerful, dominant. The planet Mars is in the right position to give you these qualities and let them flow from you to your beautiful other. Nothing is weirdly macho about your approach, just a fine and sure way of being and acting with others.

CAPRICORN—In your sign this week: the Sun and Venus. Get out of town! Go away for the holidays if you can. A long love on a long cruise would be nice, but even a short weekend spree would suffice. At any rate, start making plans for a getaway vacation. A change of scenery and new bedroom fixtures are just what you need.

AQUARIUS—In your sign this week: Mars. While the season brings good cheer, letting go, partying and having a ball, you're feeling the need to make some firm decisions about where your life is headed. You can do both in their own sweet time. Seek out a Sagittarian or an Aries for the sweetest.

PISCES—You're right at the center, the heart, the meat of things. Your awareness and vibrancy are irresistible. You've got it together, and you're passing Go. A heavenly Capricorn might come up with even more you didn't know you were missing.

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Last Word

How Santa Got His 'Ho Ho Ho'

By Henry McClurg

Gather round the fireplace kids and I'll tell you the story of how ol' Santa Claus got his famous laugh.

You see, it was a cold night at the North Pole a long time ago and Santa and Mrs. Claus watched as dozens of little elves made all the toys. Why, they were just scampering round here and there, busy, busy—so happy and gay.

Strange thing, though. Santa and Mrs. Claus had each other for, shall we call it, "company." And Santa often wondered about those little elves, all male elves at that. So late one night he had a brilliant idea. On Christmas Eve he would drop the elves off in town while he made the trip to all the little boys and girls. And they could find themselves some wives.

He had to tell the elves about it right away, so he jumped out and bed and waddled down to where all the elves slept, swung open the door, and—gasp!—you would have thought you were in the steam room at the baths.

Santa stuttered, "Ho-ho-ho" trying to say "homosexual." But he just couldn't get the word out. And he's been trying to say it ever since. And that's a true fairy tale for Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas, ya'll.

An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

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

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

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

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

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

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

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

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

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

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

**For more information
about hepatitis B and the
vaccine to prevent it, contact
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Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

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

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

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

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

rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

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

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