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The Man Who Draws Those Cartoons

Meet Gary Larson.

If you beat your dog in Seattle and the dog howls, and your dog-loving neighbors complain to the Seattle Humane Society, the next face you're liable to see at your door is that of 32-year-old Gary Larson, a friendly, quiet, humorous but no-nonsense animal protection officer whose job it is to see that you stop. Right away.

He also, in his own words, likes to "scuba dive, ski, jog, hoard small children in my basement, etc. . . the regular stuff. . ." He also likes snakes, and collects them. "Mostly kingsnakes, with the exception of one 14-foot, 150 pound python I innocently raised from a hatching. It provides some cartoon material but does nothing for my social life."

While not watching out for other animals (and, warily, for his python, Gary Larson uses a pen to create odd creatures, human and otherwise, to people a land of his own creation. This is "The Far Side" and every week in the Montrose Voice we present some of its inhabitants and their predicaments.



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Tina Turner to Star at Rally

By Hollis Hood

Tina Turner, legendary mistress of rhythm and screaming soul, will headline the Gay Political Caucus rally culminating this year's Gay Pride Week celebration on Sunday, June 26, Larry Bagneris announced at that organization's regular meeting Wednesday, June 1 at the Main Street Holiday Inn.

Dale Beverly told members that there will be a "media blitz" very soon and that tickets have already gone on sale at Ticketmaster, Ticketron and the Summit box office. Terry Harris suggested that persons buy tickets at the Summit saving a 75¢ commission fee.

June 14 is the scheduled date for a press conference about Gay Pride Week. Representatives of all 62 participating organizations will present a brief outline of their organization's purpose and involvement in the week of festivities.

Bagneris solicited volunteers to help the day of the rally at the Summit. Persons representing the media, telephone and mailing committees also asked for volunteers to assist with various immediate projects.

Voter registration tables will be set up on Westheimer during Gay Pride Week, as well as at the Summit, they said.

A reception for out-of-town visitors will be held June 25, Saturday. "Everybody talks about what we have done here in Houston," said Bagneris, "and we need to give the people in Shreveport and Oklahoma City and all the other places that will be visiting the energy to go back and organize to get out the bloc vote in 1984."

He expressed appreciation to Ed Jamail, Ray Collins and Walter Strickler for their help in Summit negotiations.

The contract with the Summit's 32 legal pages in length, Bagneris said, and "at one point we thought they were going to charge us rental on the restrooms for the event." That was only the beginning. Ms. Turner's contract stipulates that she must have fresh fruit, 24-hour limo service and "presidential accommodations" to name a few. Harris said the Caucus is looking for twelve camp rooms for her entourage.

"But we added a contract rider of our own," said Bagneris, "Ms. Turner will ride on the GPC float in the parade that day."

In new business, it was noted that the Comedy Workshop will have a fundraiser on Thursday night and that Men Together, a New York-based gay troupe will premier in Houston on Friday. "Men" is sponsored by Citizens for Human Equality.

Norman Guttman informed the gathering of a Democratic rally at Bavarian Gardens, near Waugh at Memorial, on Saturday, June 4. He asked for volunteers to help assemble the booth at 11:00 a.m. that day. In return, helpers will receive food and drink and a chance to meet the governor and other dignitaries.

In closing remarks, Bagneris again appealed to members to encourage participation in the GPC rally. "Dallas may not have a gay pride week parade because of lack of unity," he stated, "so invite your friends from Dallas down. Throw a cot on the floor and let's have everyone here to bring this celebration to the national level with San Francisco and New York."

Citizens Rally to Oppose MTA Bond Referendum

By Hollis Hood

Opposition is mounting to the June 11 MTA bond referendum on financing the heavy rail system, said the opposition group's spokesperson, Mary Jane Smith.

"We are organizing in neighborhoods and the response has been very successful," she said. The purpose of the group is to organize all the smaller groups who oppose the rail into one coalition which will have more clout.

"MTA has not lived up to its promises thus far, and it would be foolish to authorize them to spend \$3 billion more for a train that will only service 1.8 per cent of the population," she said. "They cannot claim to help clear up the freeways—they will always be filled, so how is the train going to help congestion?"

Councilman John Goodner agreed to chair the committee which is distributing material, addressing civic groups and in other ways initiating opposition to MTA's plan.

House Bill 2138 Dies in Committee

With the ending of the current Texas legislative session, the threat of House Bill 2138 coming to a vote also ended. The bill died in committee.

Even so, gay men and lesbians need to continue lobbying efforts against such a proposal, said an aide in Rep. Debra Danburg's office. "The people with the Alert Citizen's Committee and the Dallas Doctors Against AIDS are not going to let this issue die just because it didn't pass this session. We have seen what they have been able to do in two months of mobilization. They will not stop so neither can we."

Wheels Fall off Skate Craze

They're still clogging the boardwalk in Venice, California, but elsewhere in America, skaters seem to have rolled to a stop.

The Los Angeles Times reports that a national poll by the Roller Skating Rink Operators Association has discovered that half the households surveyed had at least one "lapsed skater"—someone who hadn't strapped on skates in the last year.

Association spokeswoman Susan Cloidt says the glamour skaters of a couple of years ago are gone. Says Cloidt, "We've lost the Gentleman's Quarterly type of customer."

Household Vending Machines

You may soon be able to get a Coke from a vending machine without ever leaving home. The soft drink industry is worried that, what with home video games, computers and cable TV, people may never leave their homes to pick up a six-pack.

So, reports Beverage Industry News, they're busily developing an in-home soft drink dispenser, which sells for about \$125.00.

Industry observers say these dispensers could be the biggest thing since the non-returnable bottle.

Montrose Mouth

Daytime Hours now at the Montrose Clinic

The Montrose Clinic will be open during the day beginning June 6. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays the schedule will be 10am-5pm and open again Monday through Friday evenings 6:30-9:30pm. Appointments are preferred during the day by calling 528-5531.

A small service fee of \$15 is required which includes a complete STD exam, testing and medications if needed. This action is in response to increased patient needs and it is hoped will reduce patient waiting time, said Frank Berrier, clinic director.

Harris County Democrats will host a "country fair" fund raiser June 4 at Bavarian Gardens with Gov. Mark White. Then that night, they'll have a black tie (optional) "Bayou Cotillion" at the Meridian Hotel.

Linda "Luly" Simpson—and her hubby—and the new owners of the "same ol' Hole" on Tuam. She's formerly of GBI, so stop in and say howdy and see the changes in the bar and patio.

The Lambda Bike Club rode a leisurely 15 miles around Memorial Park (twice) last Saturday.

June 4 the Bike Club will be riding through the streets of Montrose in an attempt to pick up new members along the way. The ride will cover Fairview, Westheimer, Alabama and Richmond from Bagby to Kirby. They will be wearing white shirts. Anyone desiring to be "picked up" should wear a white shirt and ride the streets of Montrose from 11:30 to 1:30, they say.

The bikers will end the ride with a pool-side party, sponsored by Sports Coverage Unlimited, at 3333 Cummins.

Saturday June 11, the group will load their bikes into a pickup and head for Galveston for a ride along the seaway. For this ride, bring your own lunch and the cost of the gas will be split among the group. Bring your swim suits and prepare for a full day of fun in the sun, a spokesperson said.

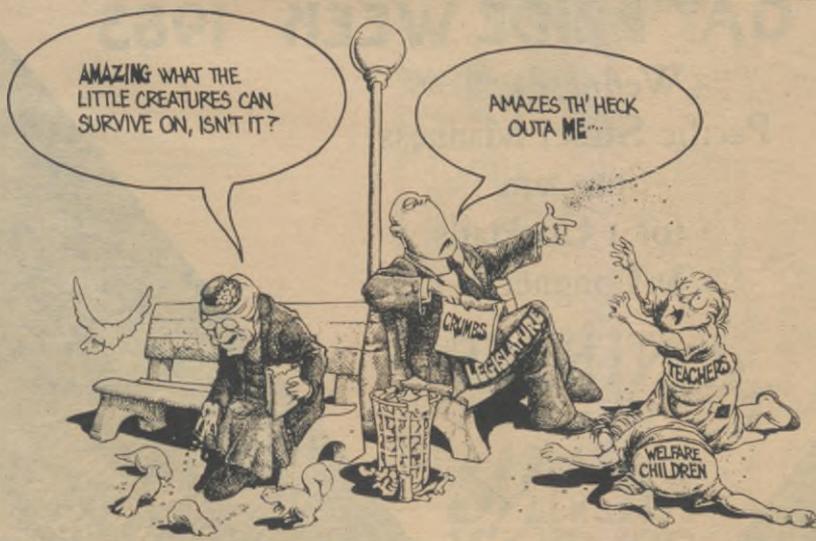
Charlotte's annual "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas Review" featured "the Weathergirls"—Shelby Morton and Greg Burgess" doing "It's Raining Men." All tips for the performance were donated to M.D. Anderson Hospital for AIDS research. Morton and Burgess said \$150 was collected during their three-minute song and extend thanks to everyone for making the evening so successful.

The City Health Dept. Mobile Unit will be at Charlotte's, 911 Drew, Sunday to conduct VD screenings 5-9pm. Screenings will also be held at Midtown Spa, 3100 Fannin, Monday, 9pm-1am.

Neartown Civic Association's affiliate group, the Montrose Watch, will meet for a training session at 7pm Wednesday, June 8, at the Firehouse, 1413 Westheimer. Applications for volunteers to help patrol the neighborhood are being accepted.

The Montrose Chorale is now an independent organization separate from the Montrose Symphonic Band, according to Chorale director Robert Moon. Everyone who enjoys singing is invited to "become a part of our song" at Bering Church, 1440 Harold on Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Galveston's newest gay bar, Trampp's, is located just about a block from popular Stewart Beach. Owners Chip Herber and Steven Futrell invite all of us beach bums from Houston to visit their new club at 627 Winnie Street at 7th.



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Citizens for Responsible Transit Release Plan for Houston

Citizens for Responsible Transit, a loose coalition of individuals and groups opposed to MTA's transit alternative and bond referendum, released an alternate transit plan last week.

The plan first demands that MTA honor its commitment to put 909 buses in the fleet by 1983; they are 387 short of that figure. (This includes extra buses and alternates). It further demands that MTA install frequent, comfortable cross-town bus service as promised, and implement the road improvement and grade separations as set forth in the 1978 plan.

It should initiate unbiased transportation research including the opinions of the MTA Citizen Advisory Board and the taxpayers on what would be the best alternative for Houston. Major transit researchers have discouraged the use of heavy rail in Houston and even MTA's own efficiency experts advised against building a rail at this time.

CRT wants MTA to pledge to develop a conservative, flexible system which is cost effective: subsidy to each bus route must be limited to 60 per cent of operating expense as stated in the 1978 plan, MTA must apply recommendations of the McKinsey Report, and live up to the pledge of pay-as-you-go for capital projects made in 1978. The referendum is a clear violation of that pledge, they said.

"The essence of this plan was endorsed

by four transit specialists who spoke in Houston this past April," said Klein. "Those four gentlemen came here without fee to advise us against heavy rail. We had better heed their warning."

Gays Organize for New Hampshire Primary

The gay community in New Hampshire, home of the nation's first primary, has begun to prepare for the 1984 presidential election.

On the weekend of May 20-22, representatives from several gay organizations met with Tom Chorlton, executive director of the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs, the group announced.

Chorlton explained New Hampshire's plan for electing delegates to the 1984 Democratic convention in San Francisco and presented an overview of the six Democratic presidential campaigns. According to Chorlton, "All six campaigns have responded positively to the National Association's ongoing lobbying efforts which began last September."

Jim Fullington, a leader of a successful gay organization in the Hanover area and the National Association's key state contact, was invited to meet with Senator Allen Cranston and his New Hampshire staff less than a week after Fullington's name was submitted by the National Association, they said.

Lesbian Mothers to Meet

Shelia King will speak on the topic "You Have Nothing to Fear Unless You're a Lesbian Mother" at the next meeting of Choice's lesbian mother's group at 6:30 p.m. June 4, 210 Fairview, apartment 1.

Local attorney Patricia O'Kane will join King with information on custody and family law in Texas.

The group will also discuss summer activities with, and without, the children's participation. The mother's meeting is a subgroup of Choice's Unlimited. It meets the first and third Saturdays of each

month at 6:30 p.m. at the above address on Fairview.

Forum on June 11 MTA Bond Referendum

The League of Women Voters of Houston will present a forum to inform the voters on the issues involved in the June 11th, \$2.25 billion bond referendum for bus and rail. The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 7 in the conference room of the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC), 3701 West Alabama, at 7:30 p.m.

Alan Kiepper, general manager of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, and John Privett, executive director of the Tax Research Association of Houston and Harris County, will be the speakers. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation of the speakers.

The public is invited to attend. There is no charge and reservations are not required.

New Legal Rights for Unmarried Couples in Calif.

The California Court of Appeals has held that unmarried people who live together have the right to sue for loss of consortium. An action for loss of consortium means that one spouse can recover for loss of the other's sexual services.

The Appeal Court, in the case of Butcher v. Superior Court of Orange County, ruled that a couple need not be married as long as they had a stable and significant relationship.

Leonard Graff, legal director of National Gay Rights Advocates, said the holding was a significant development in the law. "The court didn't, in any way, limit its decision to heterosexual couples. There is no reason why this ruling shouldn't apply to gay couples as well."

The Court held that a person who injures another adult can "reasonably expect in our contemporary society that the injured person may be cohabiting with another without benefit of marriage."

Conference Asks: 'Who Are My People?'

The 8th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will be held in Miami August 4-7.

The word "Miami" when translated into Hebrew, becomes "Mi-Ami" and means "Who Are My People." This coincidence provides a theme for the conference which asks, "Who Are My People?"—as Jews, as gay men and lesbians, and as responsible adults.

For registration information, contact: The 8th International Conference Committee, 19094 West Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach, FL 33180.

Association to Benefit from San Francisco Party

The Media Fund for Human Rights, the charitable and educational arm of the Gay Press Association, will be one of the beneficiaries of a giant Gay Freedom Day benefit party in San Francisco on June 26.

Dick Collier, Jr., owner of the popular dance club Trocadero Transfer, has rented Brooks Hall, located directly underneath the Civic Center, site of the post-parade celebration, for the event he has dubbed "Metropolis."

"There's never been a party where the parade actually culminates," says Collier, who has lined up Grace Jones and Technique to provide entertainment. A multimedia presentation will recall parties of previous decades, and a light show by Laserium will feature the first indoor use of a 22-watt krypton laser.

Metropolis was conceived as a non-profit party, but Collier's application came too late to clear the bureaucratic hurdles. Instead he's offering a portion of the profits, mostly to the fight against AIDS and to the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee, but to a number of other civic and community projects as well, including the Media Fund for Human Rights.

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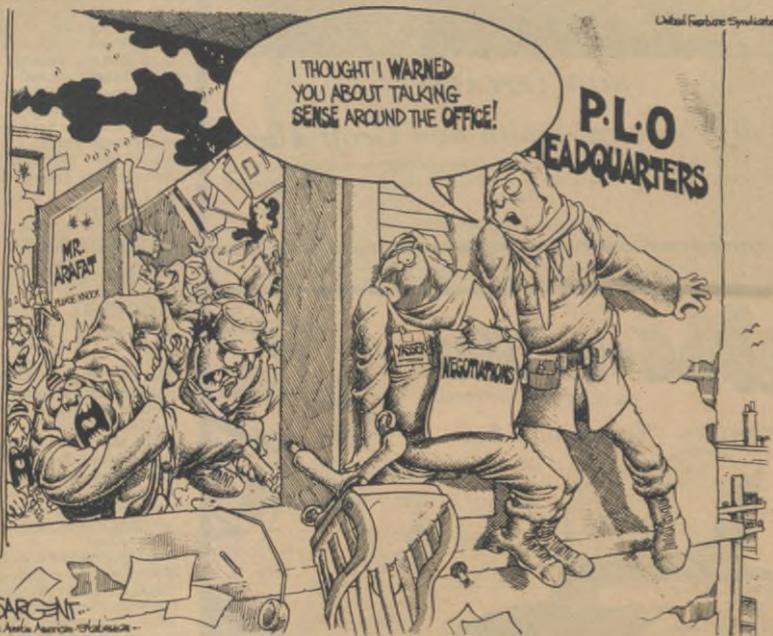
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Virginia Apuzzo (left), executive director NGTF; New York Governor Mario Cuomo (center) and keynote speaker U.S. Army Sgt. Perry Watkins at the sixth annual Fund for Human Dignity Awards May 16 in New York

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N.Y. Governor Addresses Gay Awards Dinner

Mario M. Cuomo, governor of New York, announced formation of an "interagency task force" to coordinate the work of state agencies involved with AIDS in his address at the Fund for Human Dignity's sixth annual awards dinner May 16.

Prefacing his remarks before a capacity audience of 450 in New York's Plaza Hotel's Grand Ballroom, with "I know your special concerns," Gov. Cuomo called AIDS "a bizarre, savage killer," and announced, "Yesterday we issued an executive order which sets up an interagency task force on the crisis that will bring together all relevant state agencies and a concerted all-out effort to find ways to help."

Prior to this, Cuomo designated April as "AIDS Awareness Month" in New York State and authorized a \$100,000 grant to Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc.

The governor also promised a state level executive order "to deal with the subject of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation will be issued by me as governor." His appearance marked the first time a state governor had appeared at such a gathering.

The Fund for Human Dignity is affiliated with the National Gay Task Force.

The benefit annually recognizes people who have made "distinguished contributions to the education of the American public about the lives of gay men and lesbians" and which, this year, also celebrated the 10th anniversary of the National Gay Task Force.

Former Congressman to Head GRNL's Special AIDS Lobby

The Gay Rights National Lobby has announced that former Congressman Jim Corman will head a special AIDS Lobbying Task Force.

The task force is expected to significantly assist the short-staffed GRNL in dealing with the many AIDS-related measures on Capitol Hill, as well as bringing considerable extra clout to GRNL's AIDS lobbying efforts, they said in a prepared press release.

Joining former Rep. Corman are Judy Goldsmith, the president of the National Organization for Women, and Dan Bradley, former head of the National Legal Services Corporation. Allan Jonas, the former president of the American Cancer Society, has agreed to serve as a special advisor to GRNL on its AIDS efforts.



Former Congressman Jim Corman

GRNL's Executive Director, Steve Endean, indicated that other prominent community leaders may also soon join the AIDS Task Force.

Rep. Corman, who represented the San Fernando Valley of Calif. for 20 years, can be expected to substantially enhance GRNL's Capitol Hill AIDS efforts, GRNL said. During his time in Congress, Corman was a leading advocate of both civil rights and national health insurance.

New Head Person at Human Rights Campaign Fund

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national pro-gay civil rights political action committee, recently announced the



Vic Basile, new executive director Human Rights Campaign Fund

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appointment of Vic Basile as its new executive director.

Basile is a Washington, D.C.-based gay activist and labor union organizer.

HRCF, in its first major elections in '82, raised more than \$600,000 and won 81% of the Congressional races it entered.

Some SF Police Alarmed Over AIDS Contact

International Gay News Agency
San Francisco police officials will start issuing plastic resuscitation devices and rubber gloves in response to officers' fears that they might catch AIDS during emergency first-aid work.

The announcement has been greeted by a mixture of hoots and groans from the gay community because of the misinformation about how AIDS might be transmitted implied in the police action.

Health care officials have also said that the police are using ill-judged, alarmist tactics.

The gloves and face masks will be distributed at police stations throughout the city. "We think this should resolve the problem," Deputy Chief James Shannon said. "All we're doing is putting in a little more hygienic practices for officers. And if they use these hygienic practices, they're not going to get AIDS."

Dr. Constance Wofsey of the AIDS Clinic at San Francisco General Hospital, said that she had tried to better inform the police about AIDS, but her explanatory session has been reduced to a 10-minute tape shown to police officers.

Wofsey said that she "emphasized that AIDS cannot be spread through casual or professional contact" that does not involve sexual relations or exposure to blood. There are no cases of AIDS being transmitted solely through contact even in hospital or laboratory situations, she added.

The distribution of masks and gloves came after the Police Officers Association issued a bulletin claiming that officers were at risk if they were spit upon or bitten by an AIDS victim. The bulletin also recommended that officers submit a written report if they handled clothing of an AIDS patient.

Spokesman Shannon explained the hysteria by saying, "There's going to be a lot of hysteria when you don't know what the hell is going on. But we're not running at this like a bull in a china shop. We should have made gloves available to officers years ago, just as a matter of hygiene."

Captain Richard Klapp of the Mission Station, which includes the gay Castro District, said, "I've seen no manifestation of wild alarm or panic and I'm out there with the officers every day. They just want to know more about it because they're concerned for themselves and their families."

Mike Hebel, welfare officer for the POA, said he would like to see better mouth-to-mouth resuscitation devices and zip-lock plastic bags in which officers could store evidence from possible AIDS patients without being exposed to blood.

"Let's say an AIDS victim had been beaten up, there's a knife wound and blood on the jacket," said Hebel. "We'd like to see the same kind of plastic bags used that people at San Francisco General Hospital get."

Deputy Fire Chief Charles Cresci said that rubber gloves were also distributed to firefighters two weeks ago. The department had already been using resuscitators equipped with disposable plastic mouth guards.

"The more we were reading in the paper about AIDS," said Cresci, "the more concerned people got. We now take the same precautions with AIDS that we would with hepatitis or any infectious disease. It's all the same with us."

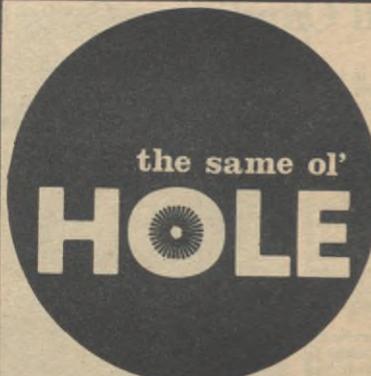
National AIDS Forum to Plan Long Term Strategy

Taking what gay medical and political leaders called a much needed step towards long term planning, AIDS researchers,

organizations and health career providers will gather in Denver June 9-12 for an intensive strategic summit conference to map out national planning for patient care, organizational cooperation and political strength.

Billed as the Second National AIDS Forum, the workshop-oriented meeting "is really targeted to those directly working with AIDS care, politics and research," said Jeff Richards, Forum program co-chair and San Francisco board member of the National Gay Health Education Foundation.

Co-chair Helen Schietinger, outspoken coordinator of the University of California, San Francisco, Kaposi's Sarcoma Clinic, said, "It's just now dawning on our community that AIDS is not going to disappear tomorrow. That's true. We have to plan strategies at every level now for the long haul ahead. And our planning must be cooperative, and national."



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City Council Candidate Opts for Central Jail

By Hollis Hood

A centralized booking procedure in a central jail is one way to help alleviate jail overpopulation currently plaguing enforcement facilities in Houston, said David Jones, recently announced City Council candidate for at-large position place four. That council seat was previously held by the late Homer Ford.

Jones, a mayoral appointee to the Police Chief's Advisory Committee, encouraged Mayor Whitmire and County Judge John Lindsay in a resolution to appoint a study committee to examine the factors contributing to jail overpopulation and abuses of prisoners detained in the Houston City and Harris County jails.

He has been marshalling support for the resolution. The Gay Political Caucus is one of many organizations which has voted to endorse the resolution.

"The system as it exists affects poor people generally more than anyone else," he said. "The blacks think it discriminates against them, but it actually discriminates against all disadvantaged people. Justice is blind to the ethnic, but it is sometimes blind to the humane concerns as well."

Jones an attorney and former staff member in the district attorney's and attorney general's offices, said he got out of the system because he didn't like the values that it fostered.

"I had occasion to visit many jails and prisons during the nine months I was working on the Ruiz case, which eventually resulted in prison changes." He described the conditions as dehumanizing. People were sleeping on cold wet slabs or on table tops in community cells.

"It was smelly. It got in my nostrils until I became really sick of it. I was so disgruntled by where I saw these people. We take a person and make him as unpleasant as possible. It's a disorienting effect on those dealing with them. You begin to become immune to the stench, and you begin to cease to see them as people. That's when it's time to get out."

Since that time, Jones has been actively pursuing ways to streamline the jailing system and keeping the jail population down.

"Medical emergencies as well as assaults by prisoners are well documented," his resolution reads. "If these problems are not addressed by responsible officials, innocent Harris County citizens will suffer and the city and county could be liable for large money damage awards to people injured in the jails."

He recommends that the study committee explore these specific remedies: allow police officers to write citations for jailable misdemeanors that could be reduced to Class C misdemeanors or municipal violations. Better utilization of the county's pre-trial release program for non-violent defendants. Provide full time magistrates to review bail and pre-trial release options. Establish a centralized booking procedure in a single jail. Establish a bona fide classification system to reduce assaults and prevent suicides.

He explained that when someone is picked up for a minor charge, that the bond might be so high, the person would spend three days in jail because he cannot make the bail. After that time he may end up with a fine, but has still lost three days of time he could have been out earning the money to pay his fine.

The doubling of customary minimum bonds for all offenses and the increase in arrests in 1982 has not deterred crime, said Jones, but only increased jail population. The matter of how to accommodate these extra prisoners becomes a serious consideration at budget time.

He noted a duplication in booking procedures where county prisoners are taken to the city jail first. Booked there, they then wait to be transferred to the county jail where they are booked through the same procedure again.

He propounds that one central jail facility with one booking procedure would be



David Jones, candidate for Houston City Council

more applicable. This has been tried in some other cities and seems to work.

The important thing, he stressed, is to get the petty offender out of jail and back to earning a living. It costs the law enforcement agency \$30 per day to hold a prisoner. A court-appointed lawyer is \$100

for perhaps a 20-minute court appearance. "If they were out of jail, it would save the agency money and they could hire their own lawyer."

Jones also favors liberalization of pre-trial release procedures, a power judges have, but rarely use. Of 39,000 persons booked in 1982 only six per cent were released on personal recognizance. Austin's figures reflect 86 per cent release and Galveston 25 per cent.

Jones was instrumental in getting clerical work in the police department turned over to clerks and freeing up officers for police duties. He was also involved in the scheduled overtime for officers so they could earn extra money on the beat and not as security persons at a bar. But all government is not in law enforcement, he emphasizes.

"A councilman should be involved in all levels of government," he said. "Especially in a city like Houston. He has to be aware of how the city is being affected by all legislation at the national and state levels as well. I see that a councilman of the future will have to take a new role in city government. A much more expanded role that just representing one area."

Jones says he favors a fair housing ordinance and would move toward ending sexual preference discrimination wherever it was found. He favors regulating the amount of political contributions to campaign funds so councilpersons will not be swayed by special interests.

Jones has mixed feeling, he says, about MTA's proposed transit plan. "I was for it at first, but the more I read about it and research it, the more I wonder if it's the right thing to do. I definitely think an elected MTA Board is something to consider."

In addition to Jones, Anthony Hall and Nikki Van Hightower have also announced to run for this council seat.

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Right to Privacy Foundation Announces Projects

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the relatively new Right to Privacy Foundation, they approved an 1983-84 program focusing on documentation of discrimination, analysis of the federal gay civil rights bills, what the impact has been of local gay civil rights laws, and extended investigation into the political viability of candidates supporting gay civil rights.

This is all according to a press release published by the group.

The board also approved the establishment of a network of "Research Associates" who will, according to Rick Davis (the Foundation's Educational and Research Director), provide an important research and analysis base previously missing for those working in the area of gay civil rights.

Foremost among the projects approved will be completion of the foundation's efforts to document discrimination in employment, housing, and public services against gay men. The foundation will publish a short pamphlet presenting the discrimination experiences of a number of individual lesbians and gay men rather than focusing just on cold, abstract statistics.

A second of the four projects will report and analyze what happens to elected officials who stand for re-election. Are they defeated because of their support for gay civil rights. Are they attacked on that issue? Or does their support bring them additional campaign workers, contributions, and votes?

The third major project involves a careful analysis of the current federal gay civil rights bill. Among other things, this study will examine whether, as Rev. Jerry Falwell and others have charged, those bills would grant "special privileges to homosexuals."

The final major project is that of determining and documenting whether those places which passed gay civil rights laws some years ago have experienced the "parade of horrors" opponents warned of: teachers advocating homosexuality in the classroom, churches forced to hire homosexual ministers, etc.

Lubricant May Reduce STDs

Tests of a new lubricant at medical schools have been termed "stunning" in its effectiveness at killing viruses and bacteria in sexually transmitted diseases, according to a recent article in *Update*, a Southern Californian newspaper.

Bruce Voeller, founder of the National Gay Task force, and a biologist have been collaborating with David B. Goodstein, Advocate publisher, in developing the lubricant. The group recently donated the controlling interest in the prevention project cooperation to the Mariposa Foundation.

Tests results show that the lubricant killed herpes 1 and 2 viruses completely within 60 seconds, and killed bacterial causing gonorrhoea, syphilis, trichomonas, and chlamydia. It may also be effective against other diseases.

The "main" tests will come through the Family Health International in North Carolina and Voeller expects Food and Drug Administration certification to follow a successful result of these tests.

The Bottom Line

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Perry Confident of Eventual Acceptance into National Council of Churches

By Steve Warren

The acceptance of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) into the National Council of Churches (NCC) is hardly a foregone conclusion, but Rev. Troy D. Perry remains buoyantly optimistic.

"We're behind the scenes and we know where our support's at," said Perry, founder and moderator of the Board of elders of the primarily gay denomination. "I believe with all my heart that we can pass the eligibility test if that comes up in November. ... We passed it with their committee, but the committee report they keep pushing back...."

The 266-member NCC Governing Board met recently in San Francisco, where the UFMCC question was the main item on their agenda. The board is scheduled to vote in November on whether to accept the report of their committee which has already declared that UFMCC meets the criteria for membership. If the report passes, the full NCC will vote next year on UFMCC's application, with two thirds needed to win.

"We feel like the longer they wait the better off we are," Rev. Perry said. "To know us is to love us. ... The longer they wait on us the longer we have the opportunity to dialogue with them ... and as they discover who we are and what we're all about and what we're teaching, that makes all the difference in the world."

The two days of dialogue in San Francisco attracted national media coverage, mostly centered on the statements of a few individuals representing opposing points of view within the council.

Father Alexander Dourmouras, a Greek Orthodox priest, suggested that his and seven other Eastern Orthodox churches might leave the NCC if UFMCC joins. Rev. Cecil Murray, pastor of an African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, was quoted as calling lesbians and gay men a special threat to black families, which he indicated are in enough trouble already.

"It's very interesting," said Rev. Perry. "That the CME (Christian Methodist Episcopal) church has issued a press release saying 'We don't agree with the AME ... they do not speak for us. There are people on our Governing Board delegation who are supportive of the membership of UFMCC.' so that's a breakthrough for us that all at once the black churches are dividing on this issue."

Valerie Ford, a lay member of the Christian Church (Disciples) told the press she felt more comfortable in MCC worship services than those of her own church or the NCC because of an anti-feminist attitude in the mainline churches.

Rev. Don Eastman of Dallas has been one of UFMCC's liaisons to NCC's Faith and Order Commission. In San Francisco, Rev. Perry said, "they had a panel discussion—seven of them to our one (Eastman). I leaned over to Nancy (Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson) and said, 'My God, that's just not fair—seven to one.' She said, 'Oh no, this is real good. It's usually ten to one.' I was so pleased because he was really able to hold his own. He was just brilliant."

"The next morning the ... Membership Constituency Committee of the National Council of Churches gave their presentation and they were very supportive of our entrance. Then we had three people who gave their testimonies: Jim Samnir (pastor of Golden Gate MCC and newly appointed chaplain to the San Francisco Police Dept.); Pat Evans, a black lesbian from San Jose, a deacon in our church there; and Nancy Wilson—and they were all brilliant."

"That night we held a worship service in the Old First (Presbyterian) Church and had 805 people in attendance. (There are lower estimates, but all over 500.) We were pleased. That building was full—the balcony, every thing. We had about 150

members of the (NCC) Governing Board who came to worship service...."

Don Eastman's theme on Tuesday morning had been "God always made room for the exceptions, no matter what the law said: Barren women, eunuchs, people who were not Jewish, and homosexuals; and we really hit them with that."

"My message to the (NCC) in my sermon was twofold. One was, people still tell us we're dying and going to hell. All we can say to them is as the blind man did who met Jesus one time. The religious leaders of his day said, 'Don't you realize the person who touched you had to be a sinner because he healed you on the Sabbath?' The man's answer was, and ours is too, 'I once was blind but now I see. That's all I can testify to, what happened to me.'"

"The other (sermon point) was, I told the group very honestly they don't have to worry about the UFMCC too much; we only have 27,000 members ... but that means of the 22 million gay people in America the largest portion of those are still in their churches, and they're going to have to deal with the gay people in their churches."

"I believe with all my heart that there must be at least a million or so gays who are in their churches ... closeted and frightened to death and trying to come to terms with their sexuality; and if homophobia reigns supreme in those groups and they can't deal with it, then definitely there's problems."

The worship service apparently opened the eyes of a few NCC members. In the receiving line afterward, Rev. Perry said, "If I had one I had a hundred who told me, 'You've made a difference here in this worship service tonight for me.'"

In their interaction with UFMCC, a

number of NCC members, including some on the Governing Board, have come out as lesbians and gay men. "Some of the Governing Board members wish we wouldn't say that," Rev. Perry remarked. "Not the gay ones necessarily, but some of the other ones don't want their denominations to know they have gay people there. Well, that's not our problem, that's theirs. We won't name names because we feel those individuals have to decide to do that, but definitely there are gay people there."

"Tomorrow the National Council, the next day the World?" Surprisingly Rev. Perry revealed that that time-table may be reversed:

"You can't join the World Council of Churches until you are members of a national council somewhere, that's the way it works. Of course we may still wind up in the World Council by joining the National Council of Churches in Nigeria. We're praying about that and our group may do that, so we may end up through a third World country still members of the World Council of Churches."

UFMCC has seven member churches in Nigeria. The denomination, which marks its 15th anniversary this fall, is in nine countries now with a total of over 200 churches.

The UFMCC biennial general conference will be held outside of the United States for the first time July 10-17, in Toronto, where the first MCC established outside the U.S. will be celebrating its tenth anniversary. The main order of business will be considering a replacement for the fellowship's present organizational structure.

Rev. Perry believes the one being proposed "will last a hundred years, with a little fine tuning."

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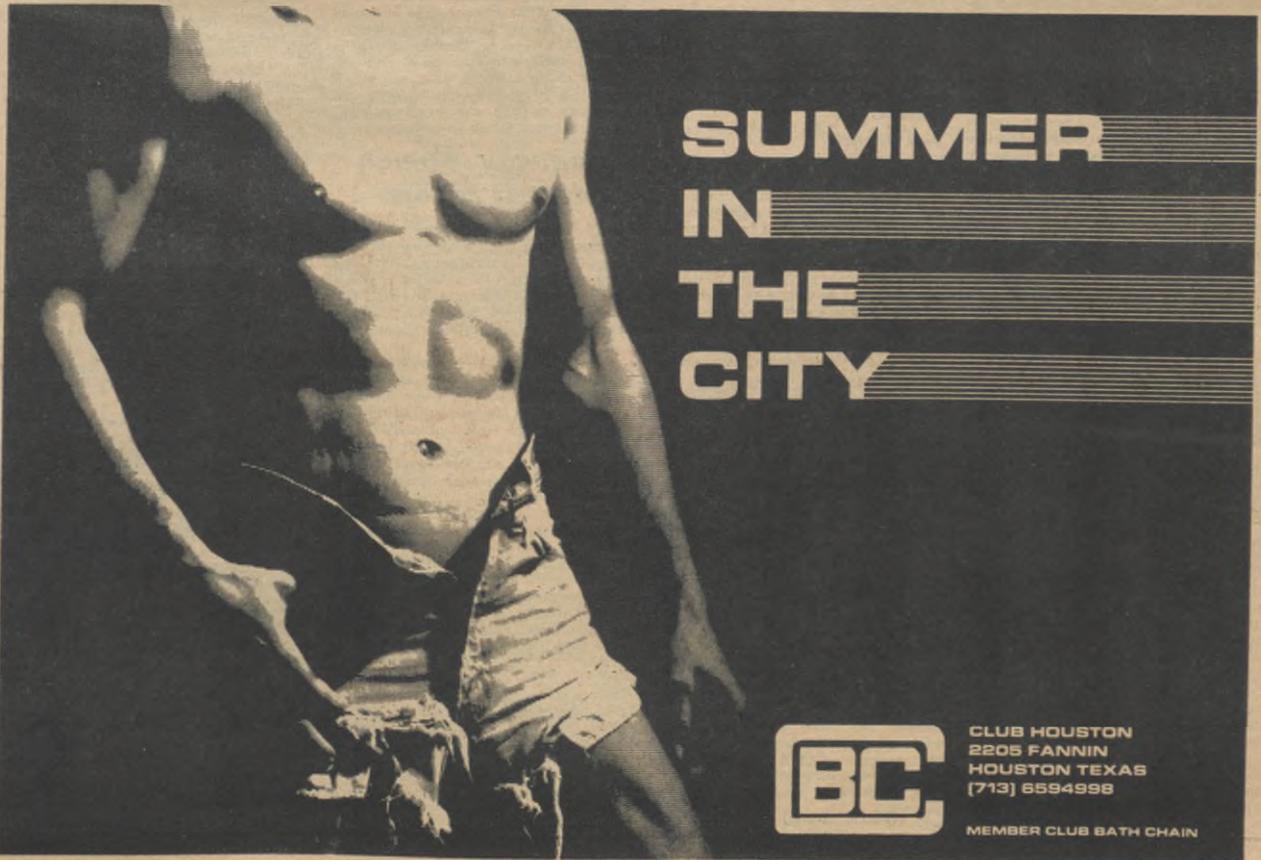
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'Let's Do It One More Time'

From Gene Leggett

The Southwest Texas conference of the United Methodist Church (held) its annual meeting in San Antonio May 29-June 1. In the olden days the primary excitement was the reading of ministerial appointments. Methodist preachers are not called traveling preachers for nothing.

Folks never know whether they were staying at their churches for another year, or if they had to start packing parsonage parcels immediately. Hysterics were an acceptable response to this reading—whether motivated by the joy of leaving a really drudge of a church or the pain of finding oneself appointed to that drudge of a church.

Nowadays Methodist conferences are not nearly so exciting. Reports are heard, monies are allocated and a few safe debates over helping third world leftists are drolly recited while wives shop at Joke's.

However, since 1971, things have been different for the San Antonio conferences! In 1971, the conference took away my ministerial orders because I was a homosexual. Unfortunately for the conference, this was not done in the usual "let's get him quietly out the back church door and continue our little business at usual church games."

Some radical gays from East and West Coasts (the Sugar Plum Fairies), some early U of T gay libbers along with a few hardy San Antonio gay movement folks (including one or two street jotas—God bless them) insisted that the oppression of gays and lesbians by church structures come to an end. The resulting conflict—which devastated the straights and invigorated the gays—was reported around the world.

Every major newspaper in the U.S. carried the story, *Newsweek* and *Life* ran pictures and *Esquire* gave the Methodists a dubious achievement award. At the conclusion of the *Newsweek* article, the bishop was quoted as saying "The Gene Leggett affair is closed."

Well, dear readers, that was only the beginning! There has not been a conference since 1971 without strong and visible gay currents stimulating and stroking the frightened libidos of the Methodist hierarchy. What good has this done? In terms of Methodist politics and policies, practically nothing was accomplished until two conferences ago when a new sympathetic bishop came to town. (He also happened to be black.) It was to be a new era of dialogue and loving exchanges that would validate self-esteem and elevate the gay "problem" to the same boring level as world hunger.

(Don't get me wrong—I am against hunger and know personally the terrible reality of the "haves" who don't give a damn for the "have-nots.")

After 12 years of hard struggle, one lone gay United Methodist layman—Troy Stokes—got elected to a minor position, and all hell broke loose from the rabid fringes of our Christian flocks. This year's conference may see homophobic craziness at a new all time high.

If the return is so little, why invest the energy? As usual, it's the little things that count. (And you can embroider that and hang it over your beds!) Gays and lesbians come up to me and say "I read about it and it helped." Ministers who are closet gays secretly come around for a handshake and even an embrace. Straight ministers whisper that their personal ministries have been enriched; good old lay people from our country churches drop me a note and say that for the first time they understand and can talk to their lesbian daughters. I love it!

So, sweet gays and lesbians of San Antonio, we're going to do it one more time!

(Editor's note: Leggett's letter was written just prior to the conference. At the gather-

ing on May 30, the United Methodist Church of Southwest Texas affirmed its ban on gay people in the ministry.

Leggett staged a silent protest by kneeling at the meeting after he was refused permission to address the delegates.

The vote against Leggett's position was about 800 to 100.

Leggett is an active lay member of the Oak Lawn United Methodist Church of Dallas.)

KS/AIDS Foundation Responds to Atheist Group

To Don Sanders, American Gay Atheists From Michael B. Wilson, M.Ed., president KS/AIDS Foundation, Houston

Thank you for your recent letter of May 13, 1983, and your many comments and suggestions. Your observations are interesting indeed and I appreciate your obvious concern and taking the time to express your opinions to our group.

As I'm sure you must realize, there is a segment of our society who feels comfort and accomplishment from participating in such activities as the Candlelight Vigil for Public Health and the Evening Prayer Service. We as an organization are dedicated to accepting all views and working together against the AIDS epidemic, coordinating and cooperating with various and differing beliefs. We feel we can all work together against a common foe.

Therefore, I invite your group to join with us in supporting our cause in the way you best see fit. We would appreciate your organization having some type of fundraising event tailored to your own beliefs in our behalf. Please find a "Fund-Raising Event Endorsement Application" enclosed which needs to be completed prior to such an event.

Thank you for your organization's help in our fight against AIDS. Together, let's beat it!

Voting No on June 11

From Neil Isbin

While I have not followed the details of the MTA's bus and rail proposition, I have felt increasingly uncomfortable with their questionable reasoning and their arrogant and heavy handed behavior. Over the last few months, I have appreciated the excellent coverage of the rail vs. monorail debate by the MONROSE VOICE and I would like to publicly thank Hollis Hood for her in-depth reporting and analysis.

The solution being told by MTA officials that the solution to our traffic problems lies in a heavy rail system that the public must approve. At the same time, they admit their proposal will reduce freeway traffic by less than two per cent. Something is not right.

Since most of the congestion is along the freeways, it seems reasonable, quickest and most cost effective to build an initial "rail" system above the freeways with convenient intersecting bus lines (and future intersecting rail lines). However, the MTA says it cannot build above the freeways because the State Highway Department has jurisdiction and plans to double deck the freeways—that is not a reason, but an excuse.

Opposition to the monorail has focused on (a) that no other city has one, therefore it cannot be a good idea, (b) that the federal government allows financial aid for heavy rail, but not monorail systems and (c) that the monorail is inadequate and unsafe. The first two arguments are excuses and not reasons. Given the excuse type reasoning of the first two arguments, I don't believe the MTA officials when they use the third "catch all" argument—especially when they decide that the monorail is safe and adequate for part of

their Phase II plans.

Such reasoning caused me to view the MTA proposal with suspicion. However, their heavy handed and arrogant approach to the public solidified my distrust. It is heavy handed to tie any and all bus improvements to the rail plan, telling voters they cannot have any bus improvements unless they vote for the rail plan. It is heavy handed to contract to purchase the rail cars before a decision has been made to build the rail system. The tax credit deadline argument for the purchase is an excuse and not a justifiable reason for "forcing" the public's hand.

In addition, the MTA's confusion of wishful thinking with public assurances that their financial plan was in order makes me distrust them even further.

However, in my opinion, the last straw concerns the arrogance of the MTA leadership. When a group of concerned citizens organized a major public forum—with experts from across the country—the MTA refused to accept an invitation to participate.

The MTA proposal might still be of performances. Tickets are \$8-\$25 at Ticketmaster or Union Jack. The event is sponsored by Citizens for Human Equality.

Theater or Theatre

From Billie Duncan

Although the preferred spelling for movie houses and playhouses in the dictionary is "theater," the preferred spelling for those establishments in practice is "theatre."

All textbooks that I used during both undergraduate and graduate work used the spelling "theatre" when speaking of the entire realm of plays and play production.

In Houston, almost all playhouses use the spelling "theatre" in the names of their establishments. Two exceptions are Chocolate Bayou Theater and Main Street Theater.

(Editor's note: It's always a pleasure to hear from Billie Duncan. She is correct that most Houston live theaters are referring to themselves as "theatres," using the British spelling of the word. But the voice will continue to be stubborn and keep it our policy to spell it "theater," the American spelling—the exception being in case of typos, which we are famous for.)

League of Women Voters is Active

From Phyllis Frye

Although I've been a member for more than 5 years, I never really got involved with the League of Women voters (LWV) until this past January. The following observations are personal—yet, I feel that they are accurate observations of a member.

When I studied LWV in depth, I saw its strengths as well as how lesbians and gay men could benefit as members. (Men can join.) I saw that almost every position that LWV—national, state and local—has on issues is closely parallel to my own view on many issues. Also, the issues on which LWV has a position are wide ranging. The range covers but is not limited to reproductive choice, D.C. self-government, ERA, national security, water quality, toxic substances, domestic violence, renewable energy sources and regulation of hazardous radioactive waste.

Strengths of LWV can be summarized in three phrases: in-depth study, grass-roots consensus and extensive monitoring and lobbying. Once LWV has a researched consensus, it does monitor and it does lobby. LWV is very political. But LWV is non-partisan, issue-oriented, political. Policymakers and politicians perceive LWV in a variety of ways, but always with respect for what it says. They may or may not like or agree with what LWV says. They know that it went through a laborious process of study and membership consensus to obtain its position on the issue, usually taking a minimum of two years.

LWV is not reactionary and politicians know it.

Currently, LWV in Houston is studying three issues that are of interest to all citizens. The national study on national security and arms control is a two-year endeavor. What are the elements of national security? World hunger, support of dictatorships, excessive budget deficits or limited natural resources? Is arms control only a nuclear issue? Or is the sale of conventional arms, reduction in military salary or the John-Wayne-swagger of our leaders also involved? Only with thorough study can the membership be adequately informed.

LWV-Houston is also involved in a continuing study of women under Texas law. Thus far, the committee members have published pamphlets on intestacy and wills, choices of attorneys and spouse abuse. The study continues into the other areas of domestic violence including child abuse as well as lobbying the DA's office for policy change and monitoring of district courts.

A third study is new and will be within the natural resources portfolio. The new committee will study the quality of Lake Houston water. This includes buildup in the watershed, effluent quality and drinking water standards.

Once the studies are completed, they're presented to the membership for group discussion and consensus. With consensus, appropriate committees can lobby legislators, monitor and testify at hearings.

LWV-Houston is to begin a new statewide study on redistricting. Redistricting is of special interest to any of our GPC types. This study is beginning soon in leagues throughout the state: tell your friends around the state to get involved. The plans including having a completed study and membership consensus prior to the 1985 Legislature. LWV can then lobby to have meaningful laws passed many years prior to the next census—before legislators get anxious about the next redistricting.

There exists a position on the Administration of Justice Committee which reads, "support of removal of certain areas of human behavior from criminal prosecution." There is also a position on prison reform. Yet, the committee is unstaffed.

The Health Committee is understaffed. One of its positions reads in part "support the establishment of comprehensive public health services." Surely AIDS should fit within the word, comprehensive. By helping to staff the committee and updating its position, you may see LWV as another recognized lobby group pressing for inclusion of AIDS in current programs. (Note: I emphasized the word, inclusion, for the benefit of many folks who disappointed me greatly last August through October.)

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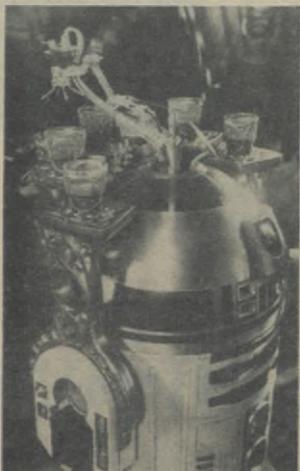
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'Return of the Jedi'

By Steve Warren

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R2-D2 (Kenny Baker inside)

and C-3PO admit—as we've known since *Star Wars*—that they're lovers, and reveal how droids do it.

Actually, nothing about *Jedi* is much more surprising than those details, save the disclosure that Luke has a twin sister (guess who—when there's only been one female character in the series); and that comes early on.

To compensate for the script's predicta-

Gargle Your Smoking Habit Away

If you're trying to kick the smoking habit, a Canadian doctor may have figured out a way to gargle it away.

As reported in *New Scientist* magazine, Montreal physician William Najaar says his mint-flavored mouthwash is 85% effective against smoking. It's called "Tabarin," tastes like green mint and sells for about \$14 a bottle in Canada.

The doctor says it contains mineral salts that won't affect the taste of your food. But take one puff on a cigarette, and your mouth will feel like "four dozen chewed-up cigars."

bility, director Richard Marquand moves the action along with the pace if not the coherence of *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. There are fewer dead spots than in either of the first two parts of this trilogy.

The first half-hour is spent resolving the situation from the end of *The Empire Strikes Back*. Han Solo (Harrison Ford) has been captured by Jabba the Hutt—a lizard-limbed Orson Welles—and frozen in carbonite. Within 24 hours—or whatever constitutes a day on Tatooine—all of our heroes penetrate Jabba's impenetrable fortress and rescue Solo. Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher), in an iron bikini, has never looked so feminine nor acted so masculine.

Meanwhile, back at the Galactic Empire, they're rebuilding their space station to make the Death Star "the ultimate weapon." All that stands in their way is the rebel force led by Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), "the last of the Jedi."

Luke's goodness is pitted against the evil of his father, Darth Vader, who has succumbed to the "dark side" of The Force. Dark equals evil is a racist concept, but that's countered by having Lando Calrissian (Billy Dee Williams) as the dark side of the good side.

The plot, Freudian father-son conflict and all, is just an excuse for a string of adventures which already look like the video game they will soon become, and which find the protagonists facing certain death at least every 30 minutes. The best of these episodes is during a high speed forest chase on the equivalent of airborne motorcycles.

The special effects, while not always as perfect as I remember them being in *Empire*, are still astonishing. The Rebels' war room is equipped with what looks like holographic computer animation, and most of the action is so lifelike we can accept it without question.

Then there are the creatures, a mixed bag in more ways than one. Our old favorites have never been in better form—except poor Yoda, whose cameo is badly synched and largely unintelligible. New to this film are the marvelous bloblike Jabba and his Felliniesque court, some of whom suffer from too much Muppet influence; and the 66 Ewoks, a forestful of stuffed animals come to life.

Nitpicking aside—and my mother always told me not to pick my nits—*Return of the Jedi* is a powerfully pleasing package that reminds us what the joy of moviegoing is all about.

'Track Two' Did Its Job

By Steve Warren
Via Gay Press Association Wire Service

Track Two left me feeling I know everything there is to know about Toronto's gay



Harrison Ford as Hans Solo, Luke Skywalker as Mark Hamill and Peter Meyheu as Chewbacca, their hands tied behind them, are brought before Jabba the Hutt

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Luke and Darth Vader (David Prowse in this scene) in a lightsaber duel

ALBERT CLARKE PHOTO

community. A dangerous attitude perhaps, but that's my problem; it shows the film did its job.

On Feb. 5, 1981, Toronto police spent an estimated \$250,000 in tax dollars raiding four gay bathhouses. They arrested 286 men, most of whom have since been acquitted. This incident was the catalyst that politicized the city's gay community, bringing thousands to the streets for the first time the following night.

The raids and their aftermath form the core of *Track Two* and take up nearly half the running time. The rest is spent recalling the rather limited history of Toronto's gay movement.

Body Politic, the city's gay newspaper, has been publishing for more than a decade, and efforts to secure gay rights legislation have been going on nearly as long. The paper still operates 60s style—run by a collective with no payment to writers or other professionals who volunteer their services; yet they've been having to raise money for four years to pay legal expenses stemming from charges that might be seen as a response to their confrontational politics.

The "moral majority" in Canada goes by the name "Renaissance." Despite their influence in the wake of Anita Bryant, liberal John Sewell was elected mayor in 1978. He spoke to a rally after the first *Body Politic* bust, declaring, "I believe that good mayors do stand up for communities that are under attack." (This got an ovation from the San Francisco premiere audience which had once hoped to hear such sentiments from "Lady Di"—Mayor Dianne Feinstein.)

Two years later Sewell was up for reelection and openly gay George Hislop was running for alderman in the 6th ward. Homosexuality was a major issue in the campaign, the mayor never backed down from supporting us; both men lost.

Homophobic forces in the police department read the election results as a mandate, and the bath raids occurred shortly afterward.

Unless producers Gordon Keith, Jack Lemmon (not the actor) and Harry Sutherland have done a subtle, skillful propaganda job, the balanced view they offer shows Toronto's gay community hasn't yet "progressed" to the point where it's torn apart by factionalism. On the other hand, divisiveness could be the reason it's taken them so long to accomplish anything. They certainly aren't as far along as San Francisco, where even relatively small factions wield some power but we waste most of our energy fighting each other.

There are flaws in *Track Two*: redundancies that should have been eliminated; too much time given to certain individuals; and a silly "dramatization" of a raid on a bath full of young men engaged in wholesome activities—swimming, playing pool and dining at the snack bar—that looks like an outtake from *The Ritz*.

There are no reasons to avoid *Track Two* when it plays in your area. Unlike most so-called documentaries, this one pushes information rather than a point of view. Depending on the situation in your city, you can look on the state of Toronto's lesbians and gay men as either nostalgia or a preview of the future.

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Windows Open Environments for Artist and Patrons

By Hollis Hood

Sunlight filters through soft browns and orange tones painting a prism on the work table. A radio murmurs to itself in the corner. The only other sound is the humming of a fan and occasional sliding of glass pieces being placed into a door. The atmosphere could be isolating for some, but for Gene Hester, Montrose stained glass artisan, it is the atmosphere for creating enduring pieces of art from multi-colored bits of crystalline sand.

"I try to assist people in realizing that a window is more than something that separates the outside environment from the interior. It can be a work of art, as well," he said.

Hester has received national, state and local recognition for his work, among them his "windows," free-standing window-sized stained glass pieces. In 1981 he placed third in a national competition, and recently he was a semi-finalist in the Fragile Art '82 in the architectural/traditional category. His work has been showcased in Glass Magazine and he is one of seven glass artists featured in the March issue of *Texas Monthly*.

A native of the tiny west Texas hamlet of Haskell, Hester didn't grow up entertaining thoughts of becoming a renown artist. "Everybody was satisfied doing what had always been done. I was expected to be satisfied too, but there was something missing."

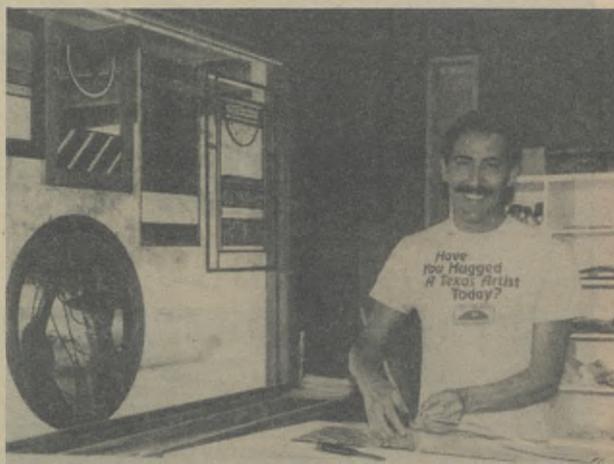
Looking for that missing something led him to creative pottery work in college. He earned a bachelor's degree in art/biology at Midwestern State University and later returned to gain another fine arts degree



"Windows" are Gene Hester's favorite in free form glass design

in ceramics and printmaking.

Between periods of study, Hester joined the Peace Corp as a volunteer in Malaysia. The culture impressed him greatly. "Everything was so simple there," he said. "Those people didn't worry about insurance, or bills or traffic. We didn't have television. I didn't even look at TV for a year, and found I could do just fine without it." Doing without many "modern conveniences" made him realize how complicated people allow their lives to become.



Gene Hester at Genesis Art Glass Studio

"I try to keep that same simplicity of purpose in my work," Hester said. "Most of my truly 'artsy' work deals with simple shapes, concepts of color and space. I like to use the 'raw' edge of a piece of glass," he said running his hand over a wave-like crest in a stained sculpture.

Hester became interested in glass while trying to survive economically from pottery making. He first learned the technique, taught it to others and as he mastered the craft adapted it to his own interpretation gaining expertise and patrons.

He is one of the founders of the Houston Glass Artist Association and was president of that organization for five years. Its purpose is to promote appreciation of glass arts.

He takes commissions to support his favorite "habit"—the free form windows and personalized stained glass art pieces that adorn his studio. An expert at restoration in all traditional styles, he is much sought after for detailed work. However, Hester says his real joy is in taking an idea and making a truly unique piece of art from it.

"Someone will come in with a picture and say 'I want it to look exactly like this.' I'll say, 'But this picture may not represent the true colors in the glass, or a different design would be more personalized for you,' but I make it exactly as they want it." Making it exactly, perfectly, has led him to commissions throughout the U.S. He is now consulted regularly by several devel-

opers when stained glass is called for in a structural design. He also works with an etching studio in the Heights on custom pieces.

"I like taking different kinds of glass and using them together," he said and illustrated with a work currently undergoing completion. It was a double door constructed using beveled glass, textured glass and even shower door glass. All cut in flowing style to create the illusion of a free form madonna with the halo in the archway. "Because the doorway reminds me of a church," he said.

"I don't prefer the realistic interpretations," he said. "Anybody can make a flower look like a flower. I like the stylized. There is no reason to hang on to the past in art when it is 1983 and there is a big exciting world out there to experience in art," the festival veteran said.

Hester hopes to combine his gallery pieces with the architectural work in even more provocative ways, he said. He also expressed interest in glass blowing; the use of "hot" glass. "Stained glass is cold as opposed to hot glass which is blown," he explained. The one thing that has kept him from experimentation is Houston's hot summers.

"Can you imagine getting a furnace hot enough to melt glass in the middle of the summer here? It just isn't worth it."

But, as with his other art forms, if he decides it's worth it, it surely will be. And the pieces he will create will be as graceful and colorful as the windows that shade his world.

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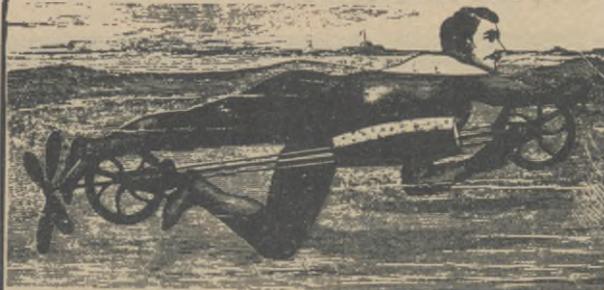
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Montgomery, Mays and Stritch: Music in the Air

By Jon Cheetwood

The excitement of this group is truly infectious, and they have recently been infecting crowds at Rascals during a three week engagement.

They charmed crowds in Austin and Corpus Christi also when they opened last month for a touring David Brenner show. "We had all the people doing our little signs and stuff," said frolicsome blonde Sally Montgomery. "They really got into it. Which is neat."

Their enthusiasm should carry into their recordings as well. "We were in the studio in March," she said. "We recorded four tunes, that will hopefully be put in a mini album, if it gets picked up."

"We are shopping three major labels," said Billy, the Stritch and pianist of the trio.

"We're hoping, waiting," said Mays.

The future is filled with possibilities, they said. Perhaps they will do a college tour with Brenner; possibly the record will hit big. They are also looking forward developing a circuit in the southeast for performances, and developing new material.

But one thing is assured: success for this group with their "off the wall humor. (Please don't say anything about our bad jokes!)"

Since Sally and Sharon Montgomery met in 1978 at the University of Houston (Sharon played a tap-dancing tree and shrub), they had been fast friends. Then in 1981 they discovered Billy and have been a performing threesome ever since.

"Our first job was at Rascals," they said. And this past month they celebrated their anniversary as a group there.

In addition to local clubs, the group has played in the north (Dallas), and the far north (Rhode Island), in Corpus and in Austin.

"We've been very lucky in Houston," said Montgomery, "because there are a lot of influential people here. Some people who have seen us know concert promoters. They say they have worked very hard in the past year preparing for the "big break" and intend to be ready when it comes.

While waiting, however, they are involved in the University of Houston's production of *The Wizard of Oz*. "It's mostly because we love Cecil Pickett, who is directing the show." He taught Sally and Sharon acting.

The group likens themselves to brother and sisters. After one missed plane too many tempers will flare, but "we'll peek out and say are you having fun without me? We fight together, but we love each other," said Mays. "When we concentrate on business we all concentrate on business very hard and we are not thinking about being friends, but sometimes we just have to go off and play."

They are also very complimentary of one another. "Billy does all the harmony and comes up with most beautiful arrangements."

"I pay them a lot to say that," added Billy.

The group is developing a security within itself which is apparent in their shows. As they say "our senses of humor mesh."

So next time you have the opportunity to see them, request the House of Pies Song—it's a sweetie, and they'll love doing it.

Men Together Opens Tonight

Men Together, an eight-man gay dance troupe opens tonight in Houston at the Tower Theater on Westheimer. Performances are scheduled through June 5.

Houston is the final stop on a 10-day Texas tour for the New York-based company, having performed in Austin and Dallas.

The group traces its roots to Gay Pride Week 1981 when Roger Tolle and John

Torre performed "Images of Men" as part of the celebration. With the support of the Glines Foundation, the company was formed under the artistic direction of Tolle.

Tolle previously danced with the Beverly Brown ensemble, Theatre for Bodies and Voices and toured with the New York Baroque Dance Company.

Men Together is brought to Texas by Community Productions, a Dallas-based gay arts company founded and directed by Don Baker, former president of the Dallas Gay Alliance. It is the nation's only company solely devoted to promoting gay arts outside New York and San Francisco.

"Men Together promises to be our most exciting event so far," said Baker. "Plus, ten per cent of the ticket purchased will go to a gay support group of the purchaser's choice."

Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. for all performances. Tickets are \$8-\$25 at Ticketmaster or Union Jack. The event is sponsored by Citizens for Human Equality.

Boys in the Band Comes to Montrose

After a successful off-Montrose run, *The Boys in the Band*, starring several locals, including KRBE radio personality Joe Watts, comes to Channing Hall, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, on June 10 at 8:00 p.m. as a benefit performance in the fight against KS/AIDS.

James Der's new production of Mart Crowley's classic comedy-drama looks at gay life during the 60s and brings up the many changes that have occurred since then. "Several new touches have been added," said Watts, "to this production to make it more tender and not quite so negative. It's a classic play and quite entertaining."

The play will run June 10, 11, 17 and 18 with all the box office proceeds at \$6 per ticket going to benefit KS/AIDS victims or to research or administration costs. The production was well received at its Baytown premiere in April.

Seating is limited so reservations are necessary, 522-2204 or 424-1928.

Theatre Southwest Slates Champagne Opening

The world premiere run of *The Joy of Hex*, a satirical comedy about an Arizona Indian beauty who becomes a TV superstar, will kick off with a champagne opening Friday June 3, said director Bonnie McFerrer.

Sharon Arpel plays the lead in *Joy*. Her character is an overnight success, but she still has the tribal curse hanging over her. Her situation is worsened when she tangles with some advertising and public relations zanies.

Others in the cast are Rich Moore, Leon Charbonneau, Clay Henry, Don V. Beveroth, Marilyn Thibodeaux and Wendy Pitschel.

The play is written by Montrose based author Eddie Cope and his collaborator Joe Hale.

The comedy will run four weekends. For reservations call 660-5527.

Montrose Chorale Schedules Rehearsals

The Montrose Chorale has regrouped as an independent community chorus whose unifying factor is music and whose goal is excellence of performance, said its director Robert Moon.

Moon experience ranges includes vocal performances with Dallas Summer Musicals, Houston Grand Opera, Texas Renaissance Festival and Cambrata Soloists. He holds a bachelor's degree in music from North Texas State University



PHOTO DON BERKMAN

Lucky Leon Charbonneau is in the middle of a squabble (Sharon Arpel on the left, Wendy Pitschel right) in *The Joy of Hex*, opening June 3 at Theatre Southwest



PHOTO OTTO BERK

Roger Tolle and Drew Minter perform in "Men Together," a gay dance show opening tonight (Friday) at their Tower Theater



Rex Gillet (left) and Joe Watts star in "Boys in the Band" in Channing Hall June 10, 11, 17 and 18 as a KS/AIDS victims benefit

and a master's in music from the University of Houston.

The chorale is slated to perform at the Fred Paez Memorial Concert June 25 and at "Men and Women Together, An Evening of the Arts" on June 20. An ensemble of chorale members, Bayou B'lu, will also be featured on those occasions.

"The new Montrose Chorale rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 10 in the choir room of Bering Church, 1440 Harold," said Moon. "We encourage anyone with vocal aspiration to come join us and become a part of our song." For more information call 521-2006.

□ **Planetarium Follows Numbers**

To the beat of reverberating music, laser images of pure intense color will dance across the 50 foot domed ceiling at the Burke Baker Planetarium in the Houston Museum of Natural Science beginning June 10 through September.

This unique form of entertainment is called "Laser Magic" and displays all laser capabilities accompanied by classical, pop, country-western, jazz and rock music.

Since its discovery in 1960 by Theodore Meiman, lasers have been used for such diverse and useful tasks as delicate surgery, welding surveying, checking grocery prices and printing newspapers, as well as lighting up one of Houston's most popular clubs, Numbers.

Performances at the Planetarium are \$4 and are scheduled on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

For more information call 526-4273.

□ **Country Playhouse Salutes Tennessee Williams**

The Country Playhouse's Theatre Lab will present "An Evening in Tribute to Tennessee Williams" in the Black Box (rehearsal hall) June 8-11 at 8:00 p.m. The program will be two one-act plays, *This Property is Condemned* and *I Rise in Flame, Cried the Phoenix*.

Property stars Sandre Charbonneau as Willie and Matt Rippy as Tom. *I Rise* features Patrick Mitchell as D.H. Lawrence, Joan Brooks as Frieda and Pam Edelen as Bertha. Both plays are directed by Arlene Baker.

□ **Ravi Shankar in Concert**

Pandit Ravi Shankar, sitar virtuoso schooled in the purist traditions of North Indian Classical Music, will perform in Jones Hall June 5, Sunday at 6 p.m.

Acclaimed in Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas, his artistry has been compared to that of Horowitz, Keifitz, Casals and Menuhin. He has composed several innovative works merging the concepts of Western and Indian Classical Music including "Concerto of Sitar and Orchestra" commissioned by the London Symphony Orchestra and the "Garland of Ragas" commissioned by the New York Philharmonic.

Shankar enjoyed a lengthy association with the rock group the Beatles at one time. He has written numerous film scores, most recently for "Gandhi."

Tickets are available at Ticketron for \$10-\$30.

□ **Funny Thing Happens at CBTC**

The Tony Award winning musical, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Bert Shevelove and Larry Gelbert is now playing through July 2 at the Chocolate Bayou Theater, 1823 Lamar.

A combination of the nonsense of Roman comedy and the madcap pace of vaudeville, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* concerns the connivings of a slave who tries to smooth his masters way to the love of his life in order



PHOTO JON CHEETWOOD

The "Mother of Montrose" contest at Mary's recently saw Scott (right) win the title



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to gain freedom. The mishaps along the way create mounting confusion and comedy.

Mainstage tickets are \$7 and \$8 dollars for Thursday-Saturday curtain at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

□ **Big Early Ticket Sales for 1983 'Texxas Jam'**

If first-day ticket sales are any indication, the "6th Annual Texxas World Music Festival" will match its predecessors as one of the biggest, best-selling rock 'n' roll events in the area.

In Houston, more than 20,000 rock fans turned out in torrential rain, high winds and occasional tornadoes to buy tickets for the Astrodome show set for June 19 with Styx, Sammy Hagar, Triumph and Ted Nugent. With similarly discouraging weather to contend with, over 15,000 intrepid music buffs in Dallas bought their tickets for the June 18 Cotton Bowl show featuring the same hard rock line-up.

The "Texxas World Music Festival" is produced by Pace Concerts of Montrose and presented by Budweiser.

□ **UST Faculty Presents Concert**

The University of St. Thomas Department of Music has announced a faculty concert for this Sunday, June 5, at 8:00 p.m. at UST's Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon.

The program entitled "Music America" will feature works of several American composers: Louise Farrene, Phyllis Tate, Thea Musgrave, Scott Joplin, and Aaron Copland.

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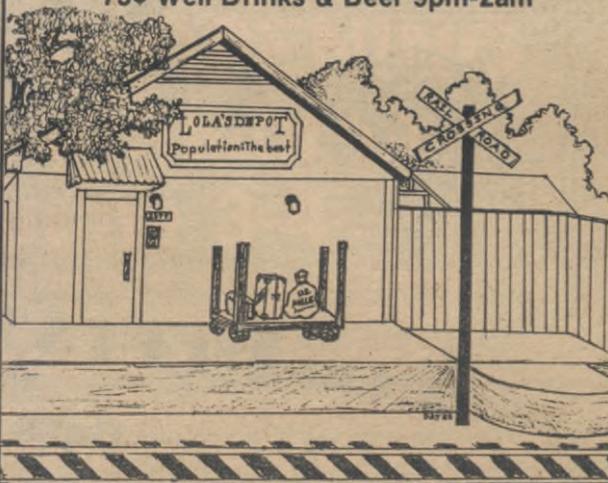
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A 'No' Vote is a Positive Vote

By Hollis Hood

Radio commercials sponsored by the Committee for Houston Bus and Rail stress that a "yes" vote on June 11 for the bond referendum will be a vote for an expanded bus system and the beginning of a solution to all of Houston's transit woes. Nonsense.

The commercial doesn't say that the Metropolitan Transit Authority gets some 80 per cent of its funds for bus improvements from grants already, and that it could double its system and operate it for free with sales tax revenue without a referendum. The commercial doesn't point out that a mere 20 per cent of the funds asked for will go toward buses. If it did point that out, citizens might question why that alternative hasn't been accomplished already.

Metro is happy to trot its statistics on improved on-time performance, increased vehicle miles between accidents and breakdowns, but they are not as anxious to point out that the bus fleet is still only half of what it was supposed to be by 1983 and there is still no effective crosstown service. They do not point out that none of the grade separations promised, along with the previous two promises in the 1978 Regional Mobility Plan, have been accomplished.

The point of all this consternation, folks, is that if they can't do what they were supposed to with the money they were given, why should we trust them with billions of dollars to do something of questionable value to moving people from one place to another, namely the train.

The public relations efforts of the Committee are laudable. But then they have the service of MTA's own public affairs director who took a one year leave to orchestrate its activities. Leave without pay—isn't it wonderful to know altruism

is not dead. Check out where the vacation expenses come from next year.

Metro has certainly changed its arrogant, antagonistic tune in the past two months when they found out they needed money from the people that they had been treating as robots: You will have rail and you will like it! Invariably the piper plays the tune he thinks you want to hear when he knows you hold the magic penny.

The public relations effort is beautiful—and beautifully deceptive. A yes vote doesn't mean there will be less traffic. It doesn't mean that the system won't require massive subsidies after installation. It doesn't mean anyone will ride it. (I get visions of all the drivers on the freeway looking at one another saying, but you were supposed to start riding the train.)

A yes vote doesn't mean that Montrose will be not be blown away in five years by commercialization and high rise condos. It doesn't mean that a monorail couldn't do the job just as well, in most cases by MTA's own admission, and more cheaply.

MTA, listen up, people will ride the monorail—they love it. Not so the heavy rail outlook in Montrose.

There are many opponents to the referendum, but they aren't big developers with lots of money to spend on printing and radio spots and subtle PR pieces disguised as news on Channel 13. They are just people who have taken the time to become informed, and with that information, become outraged.

A no vote on June 11 is a vote for progress, progress we can pay for as we go, as was promised in the 1978 plan. Progress to make the MTA accountable to the people it allegedly serves. A no vote won't leave them without recourse. If they don't have a contingency plan... well so much for people who would want to freeze Buffalo Bayou.

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Dealing with AIDS

By Henry Walter Weiss

Only a year ago I read in the paper of the death to AIDS of a man to whom I had once given legal counsel. At that time the disease was something without immediacy. It was sad, perplexing, but at a distance.

This last year has changed that. As a professional whose prime focus is the preparation of wills and the administration of decedents' estates, I have been called upon frequently to deal with AIDS-related problems.

The experience has been both sobering and heartening. Our humanity, with all its frailties and nobility, is exposed at the deepest level. Here are a few vignettes from this past year of experience.

CHARLES: He called in May to find out how long it would take to draft a new will. He didn't mention his disease, but others had told me he had AIDS.

He told me he wanted to make substantial changes. His old will, which left everything to his parents, no longer reflected his wishes. He said he would call in a day or two. He never did.

Six months later an uncle called to say Charles was dead. Charles had never written that new will. He had been unable to face his own mortality, perhaps hoping that delaying writing a new will would somehow delay the ultimate end.

BARBARA: Barbara didn't look old enough to have buried a 32-year-old son, Paul. When she first came to see me she had just come through a three-week siege which ended with his death. She was sad at a life lost but there was no bitterness or rancor.

She was proud of accomplishments, supportive of his life and fully understanding of his expression of himself as a gay man. When the hearings on local gay rights bills were taking place in the New York City Council, Barbara was honored when she was asked to speak in support of the bill.

"But what could I say?" she asked, not fully appreciating the powerful effect of the pro-gay testimony of the mother of a deceased victim of AIDS.

MAJOR SMITHFIELD: At the other ends of the spectrum was Major Smithfield, the father of another AIDS victim. When I spoke to him about the will in which his son left everything to a lover of four years, the retired Army major became abusive.

He warned that he had substantial financial resources and would fight the will. Finally, he threatened to expose the surviving lover as a "queer."

KENNETH: Kenneth was diagnosed with AIDS in January of 1982. He was in and out of the hospital for nearly a year. His lover, Ralph, was not about to suggest that he write a will.

Finally, Kenneth was hospitalized for one last time. His condition deteriorated; he could barely sign his name. A non-lawyer friend hastily drew a will which Kenneth signed, three days before his death. The will, which leaves everything to Ralph, is being contested by Kenneth's older brother. In the end, bad planning benefits no one.

BRUCE AND BOB: Bruce was worried and frightened when he came to the office. His lover, Bob, had been diagnosed with AIDS and was hospitalized with serious medical problems.

Bruce was worried for the future—Bob's,

his, theirs together. But he was clear-headed, and he understood that there were a variety of legal tools a lawyer could contribute to ease the burden.

I prepared wills, mutual powers-of-attorney and designations of committees for each of them. Six months later Bob is alive, his disease symptoms in remission, and he is optimistic for the future.

AIDS, like any other calamity, offers the opportunity to see the human condition in microcosm. Sadly, it is providing us with a whole new set of heroes: victims, love's and friends.

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IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE

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Houston Teams Win Honors

By Eddie Chavez

Cities like Tulsa, San Francisco, Chicago and San Diego certainly saw many Houstonians visiting their communities as they competed in regional, national and international tournaments this past weekend, May 28-29.

Dirty Sally's Brunch Bunch, led by manager Dimples DeSale, flew back after capturing the Sooner's Invitational Softball Tournament in Tulsa. The first game saw them taking on the Fox Trax from Kansas City. That game scored a wallowing 15-0 for Sally's. In game two they took on the Kansas City Rangers and overpowered them 12-4.

They met their match in the third game when the Topeka Lambda Lancers overwhelmed them 13-3.

Tim's Outlaws from Tulsa went down 10-1 then the championship began. The Lambda Lancers were caught unaware and lost their first game 12-1. Sally's came right back in the second game of the series and solidly beat them 15-1 to gain the Southwest regional crown.

The Montrose Tennis Club sent their top players to San Francisco for the Third Annual U.S. Openly Gay Tennis Tournament. Don Kessler captured second place, Tim Calhoun placed third and Rich Ryan came in a fourth. That folks, says a lot for the Houston tennis players.

A reception is planned to honor these winners at a member's home at 3:00 p.m. Sunday. For party information and location call Jim Kitch, 527-9178, or Rich Corder, 524-2151.

The Windy City lost some money to our bowling leagues. In an exceptional bowling series, Ed McKelvey (a former president of MSA bowling) represented Houston in one of the highest achievements. A singles series of 674 for bowling forefather. Gerald Hagan, first president of MSA bowling, placed in the singles category also.

Monday's Prez Steve McConaughy and Randy Tutoo Ellis placed highest in doubles competition followed by the notorious Pam Weaver and the Thursday's sexy Rich Mayer. Noberto Kemper placed in all events.

The Balboa Volleyball Association welcomed members of the West End Stars (former national champs) and the Houston Hurricane. The Hurricane placed seventh while the West End Stars took fifth. West End member Sammy Ramirez was named the first all-star of the tournament receiving a standing ovation. The West End team also received a standing ovation on their sportsmanship and their competitive playing.

Women's Playoff Scheduled for Sunday

This Sunday four teams will be battling for the top spots in the MSA Women's Softball League. The River Rats, Briar Patch Renegades, Sports Coverage Unlimited and the Montrose Voice's First Edition are all deadlocked in a four-way tie.

Action begins at 11:00 a.m. at Fonde Field with the last game scheduled at 4:00 p.m.

Barn's Spaghetti and Sock Hop

Tony Fonzarelli has announced the Barn's fundraiser hit of the softball league. 'A Fonzarelli Spaghetti Dinner' is on the menu along with wine and a dinner salad for June 8, Wednesday. The food will go down good as cheerleaders will treat you to a great surprise.

Prizes will be awarded for the 'Oldies But Goodies' Sock Hop participants for the many contests that are planned. The Barn softball players will assist as guest bartenders from 7:00 p.m. until midnight.

"The entire bar will be set up for the fundraiser," he said. "The upstairs, downstairs and patio bars will be available. For



Barn player swings and misses one in game against Dirty Sally's two weeks ago. Sally's won the match 13-6 game

PHOTO BOB JONES



Brazos River Bottom player runs for a score in upset game won by Charlotte's two weeks ago, 8-7

PHOTO BOB JONES

\$3 a ticket you couldn't buy more fun. It's also for a good cause. The Barn's fundraiser hopes to raise enough money to send the team and its cheerleaders to the Kansas City Tourney in September.

MSA Women's Softball League

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct	GB
River Rats	8	2	.800	-
Sports Coverage Unlimited	8	2	.800	-
Montrose Voice 1st Edition	8	2	.800	-
Briar Patch Renegades	8	2	.800	-
Kindred Spirits	6	4	.600	2
Twins	5 1/2	4 1/2	.550	2 1/2
T-shirts + Hi Hopes	5	5	.500	3
Coffee Beans Special Blend	2 1/2	7 1/2	.250	5 1/2
Double R Swangers	2	8	.200	6
MCCR Angels	2	8	.200	6
Marion & Lynn's Just Us	0	10	.000	8

THIS WEEK'S GAMES
(All games at Fonde Field)

Sunday, June 5

Playoffs, 11am-5pm, between River Rats, Briar Patch Renegades, Sports Coverage Unlimited, Montrose Voice 1st Edition

Montrose Tennis Club Challenge Ladder

Following recent competition

A LADDER

1 Rich Ryan	8 John Ryan
2 Jan Mauldin	7 David Robicheaux
3 Don Kessler	8 Jon Colbert
4 Tim Calhoun	9 David Garza
5 Ron Landrum	10 Randy Dickerson

MSA Thursday Night Mixed Bowling

STANDINGS

Following May 26 competition

1 Calamity Lane
2 Marilyn & the Fab 4
3 Kindred Spirits Overdrive 5

HIGH GAMES: Larry Salas 253, Mart Hall 214, Steve Stepleton 204

MSA Greater Houston Softball League

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, May 28

no games scheduled

Sunday, May 29

no games scheduled

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct	GB
South Division				
Galleon	7	1	.875	-
Montrose Voice	7	2	.778	1/2
Jim's Gym	3	4	.429	3 1/2
Briar Patch	2	6	.250	5
Catch One	0	9	.000	7 1/2
North Division				
Dirty Sally's	8	0	1.000	-
Brazos River Bottom	5	3	.625	3
Montrose Mine/JRs	3	5	.375	5
Charlotte's	3	5	.375	5
Barn	3	6	.333	5 1/2

BATTING LEADERS

through June 22

based on at least 18 times at bat

	AB	R	H	AVG
1 Bill Schmidt DS	26	18	18	.692
2 Jerry DeSale DS	19	10	12	.632
3 Mike Morrison DS	24	12	14	.583
4 Mario Marchenn DS	21	15	12	.571
5 Tim Boates MV	23	8	13	.565
6 Jimmy Gates DS	18	6	10	.556
7 Bob James MV	29	11	16	.552
8 Ken Bailey DS	26	14	14	.538
9 Gary Gano BARN	23	7	12	.522
10 Scotty Paulus MV	23	16	12	.522

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

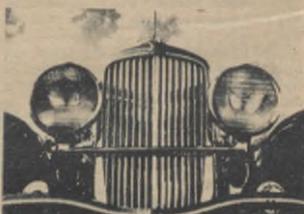
(All games at Levy Field. From Montrose, go out Richmond, past Kirby, left on Eastside.)

Saturday, June 4

Jim's Gym vs. Charlotte's, 5pm
Catch One vs. Montrose Mine/JRs, 6pm
Barn vs. Montrose Voice, 7pm
Briar Patch vs. Dirty Sally's, 8pm

Sunday, June 5

Galleon vs. Montrose Mine/JRs, 6pm
Jim's Gym vs. Barn, 7pm
Dirty Sally's vs. Catch One, 8pm
Montrose Voice vs. Brazos RB, 9pm



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When Elton John Got Mad

By Sharon McDonald

You should read the column I was going to write you this time. I had it all planned. It was going to be about the time Elton John got mad at Tom Snyder on the *Tomorrow Show*, and then it was going to talk about gay anger in response to homophobia.

See, I was going to start out telling about how Snyder was interviewing Elton, asking him about the year he'd stopped performing and gone into seclusion, 1978 or thereabouts. Anyway, Elton had gone into this long isolation, and emerged a year later with new music and an announcement of his bisexuality. And Snyder hunched forward and raised those furry eyebrows of his and asked, "You knew when you made your bisexuality public that a lot of people might not like it and might stop buying your records, didn't you?"

And right on cue, the camera zoomed in for an extreme closeup of Elton John's face. It was angry. He made no attempt at politesse as he shot back, "Yes. And that's just *Tough*."

Well, then I was going to talk for a while about how I loved that Elton had scowled and that he didn't act in the least accommodating. And I was going to say that yes, I know some gay people think Elton pulled



Sharon McDonald

his punch by saying he's bisexual instead of gay. But despite my never missing an issue of *People*, I am not personally well enough acquainted with Mr. John's sex life to make an authoritative statement on that point.

And then I was going to talk at some length about anger in general ("It's a natural human response to pain") and gay anger in particular ("Gay people who feel no anger about the status of their people in society have something wrong with their perception"). I hadn't quite worked out how I was going to wrap it all up, but I'm sure it would have come to me. Instead, I got that damn phone call.

There are probably fewer than ten adults in the contiguous United States who have never received an obscene phone call. I am not among them. As a rule, obscene phone calls do not upset me. I pick up the phone, listen for 30 seconds, and hang up. They're an occupational hazard of urban life, and sooner or later everyone's number, literally, comes up. There's only one obscene phone call I've ever had that's disturbed me, but I'll get to that in a minute.

Here's the kind of phone call I got when I sat down last night to write this column: the phone rang, I picked it up and said hello, and the caller quietly hung up. This might have been a wrong number, and at worst a minor annoyance, but for the fact that it was the fifth time this week. And

this is the third week I've been getting these silent calls.

My first reaction to a call like this is to either ignore, deny, excuse, or forget it. Who wants to really think about such things? I don't know what made last night different; maybe it was because it was dark, and quiet, and I was alone. I couldn't shake the creepy feeling for hours afterward, and for the first time I allowed myself to acknowledge the effects of those calls.

For starters, I felt manipulated, tricked, humiliated, and ridiculed. I also felt invaded, powerless, and most of all angry. That's how I feel whenever I've been used, whether it's a betrayal by a friend, an inequity at work, or a stranger on the phone. But when I stopped to confront the change in my heartbeat last night, I found more than anger and hurt; I also found fear.

This is not a random caller looking for an anonymous ear. The repeated calls. The stubborn silence. The feeling that lingers has an ugly familiarity. If what I suspect is true, this is someone who knows me, and the incidents then take on a sickening quality. Someone has feelings—either positive or negative that they cannot express directly, and yet feel compelled to vent anonymously. Someone who's in my life, as a friend, as an associate, as an acquaintance. This queasy feeling of undefined yet intimate jeopardy is what I've brushed aside all the other times.

It reminds me of the one blatantly obscene phone call that I couldn't brush aside. It, too, was from someone I know. He called me by name, then said some things I wish I'd forgotten by now. He is a gay man.

The sense of shock I felt then was profound. I'd taken it on faith that gay men were one category of people who could be counted on never to sexually harass women. Politically maybe, but not sexually. To find that the one place where I expected to be totally safe from sexual harassment was no haven was deeply disturbing; all the more so because I knew that others would have as much trouble accepting that as I did. I knew instinctively that, like the rape victim questioned about her whereabouts and style of dress, the burden of proof would be on me. When I did eventually tell several lesbian friends what happened, they were disbelieving: was I sure I'd heard right? How could I know for certain it was him? Couldn't I have misunderstood?

I never confronted the caller, even though we ran into each other fairly often at gay events. I was afraid; afraid of him, first of all, though he is hardly an imposing figure. But he had intruded on me in an intimate way, and now I was frightened. And I was afraid of further humiliation if I confronted him and he called me a liar. So for more than five years I've silently weathered a wave of dread, revulsion, and anger each time I've seen this man, who parenthetically is a hardworking community activist. All of which brings me back to Elton John.

I had set out last night to write an orderly progression of remarks on the subject of anger, but was interrupted by a phone call that threw me into the mental and emotional chaos of the real thing. I don't know what I can do about the phone calls I'm receiving now; the caller hangs up much too fast to witness the visceral anger he or she generates in me. But I do know what I can do about the man who called me several years ago. I can tell him to his face what I think of what he did, and if he doesn't like it, that's just *Tough*.

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



Read This If You Are Concerned About AIDS

Every day the press presents new articles, statistics and theories about AIDS, and it's up to us to try to sort them all out. Many of us are not able to make much sense out of the bewildering assortment of information provided by the daily papers, the gay media, magazines and television. They tell us we are at a high risk, yet the medical community can provide no answers about the causes of AIDS or give us hope for a cure.

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A Year Ahead

By Randy Alfred

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM: The 1984 Democratic National Convention is coming to town, with 3923 delegates, 1310 alternates, and 2600 accredited journalists. The conclave will meet in the arched, underground cavern of the Moscone Center, named after the mayor was assassinated in 1978 along with Supervisor Harvey Milk.

The Moscone Center is located in the city's South-of-Market neighborhood, only a couple of blocks from a score of gay bathhouses and leather bars. In fact, the current floor plan for the convention calls for the podium to be on the south side of the center. That's Folsom Street.

ALSO IN 1984: *The Advocate*, national gay news-magazine, will return to L.A. It moved its headquarters from Smogland to the S.F. suburb of San Mateo in 1974 to be out of reach of the demonstrative activists of both city centers.

THREE R's: State Assemblymember Art Agnos (D-S.F.) has a new strategy for Assembly Bill 1, his legislation to ban employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. In past years, Agnos has been unable to move the bill out of committee.

This year, Agnos has A.B. 1 through two committees and ready for a floor vote whenever he thinks he has the votes to pass it. He needs 41 votes, and he thinks he's got 35 or 36 "hard" votes, 39 or 40 "soft," and that depends on who's nervous on any given day.

The prestigious *Los Angeles Times* has endorsed the bill, as has the *Sacramento Bee*. San Francisco's newspapers remain to be heard from. Agnos has his staff soliciting endorsements from every paper in the state that had the good sense to oppose 1978's unsuccessful Briggs Initiative, which would have banned gay teachers.

Other lobbying is aimed at the three R's: ruralists, religionists, and Republicans. To get the 45 votes he wants before bringing the measure to a floor vote, Agnos wants to get support from Republican legislators from liberal, suburban districts and from solons of both parties who represent the state's Central Valley and mountainous east and north.

Wisconsin is the only state with a gay-rights law. Agnos is impressed that the law's author, Representative David Clarenbach, got Republican Governor Lee Dreyfus to sign it. Clarenbach's campaign for the law was spearheaded by clergy, and Agnos is now attempting to line up clerical backing for A.B. 1.

Will California's new Republican governor, George Deukmejian (called Deukreagian by some), sign it, if both Assembly and Senate pass it? Agnos is hopeful: Deukmejian has said he is studying it, and the governor also has the option of allowing the bill to become a law without his signature. Furthermore, the new governor has not rescinded former Governor Jerry Brown's executive order banning discrimination by state agencies.

We'll keep you posted.

GROOVES OF ACADEME: The University of California is making its own progress. David Thomas, Associate Professor of Political Science at U.C.-Santa Cruz, convinced the administration there to appoint Australian gay liberationist Dennis Altman Regents' Lecturer. Thomas and Altman are now teaching a spring-quarter course, "Sexual Politics: Lesbian and Gay Liberation." Thomas says the Altman appointment is "unprecedented."

ABUSE: Arthur J. Bressan, Jr.'s film *Abuse* played at the Castro Theater in April as part of the 26th San Francisco International Film Festival. It's about a graduate-student filmmaker preparing a documentary on child abuse. He encounters a 14-year old abuse victim, and they fall in love, gradually and inevitably.

The documentary within the semi-

fictional, semi-autobiographical story expertly delineates the child-abuse problem in America. The wrap-around story contrasts a supportive, non-abusive, counter-abusive man-boy love affair.

Abuse is a disturbing film both visually and ethically. You may not be able to watch some of the graphic scenes between the teenager and his parents, or some of the photo stills of abused infants and children. And you may not be able to forget the staggering questions the film poses about social-service and legal systems that threaten the rescuer and protect the abusers.

BOOKED UP: Lenny Giteck's *Cruise To Win* is an excellent guide to positive thinking and non-zero-sum gaming as a way to develop more satisfactory relations with new acquaintances. That means more

satisfactory, as well as more relationships, so you can use the book as a guide to developing permanent relations and not just for tricking.

It's available for \$12.45, including postage and handling, from Pantera Press, P.O. Box 99389, S.F., CA 94109, or \$10.95 at bookstores. If that sounds like a lot, think what it would cost you to attend just one of the half-dozen or so "workshops" summarized in *Cruise To Win*.

OZ AND ENDS: I've finally got it figured out. Hu Na will play tennis on the Mall, and Mainland China will grant asylum to the Beach Boys.

Remember, real men eat leather quiche.

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HOUSTON — June 3, 4, 5-8 pm
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Selected Events through 7 Days

- **FRIDAY-SUNDAY:** Denver First Gay Rodeo
 - **SATURDAY:** Lambda Bicycle Club meets, then tours, from 11am, unless raining, at 210 Fairview, apt. 1
 - **SATURDAY:** Choice's Lesbian Mothers' Group meets 6:30pm on "You Have Nothing to Fear Unless You're a Lesbian Mother," 210 Fairview, apt. 1
 - **SATURDAY:** Lesbians & Gay People in Medicine meet 7:30pm
 - **SUNDAY:** Montrose Tennis Club plays 10:30am-1:30pm, MacGregor Park
 - **MONDAY:** AIDS victim support group meets 6:30pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Blvd., Suite 203
 - **MONDAY:** MSA Summer Season Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain
 - **TUESDAY:** "Gracielynn," feminist duo, 7pm, Gracielynn Books, 704 Fairview
 - **TUESDAY:** Montrose Symphonic Band meets at Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 7:30pm
 - **TUESDAY:** Greater Montrose Business Guild meets 7:30pm, Liberty Bank community room, 1001 Westheimer
 - **WEDNESDAY:** Montrose Watch training session, 7pm, the Firehouse, 1413 Westheimer
 - **WEDNESDAY:** Montrose Choral rehearsal at Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 7:30-10pm
 - **THURSDAY:** 5th National Lesbian/Gay Health Conference opens, lasting to June 12, Denver
 - **THURSDAY:** Wide 'n Stevin gay radio show, 7:30-9pm on KPFT Radio, FM-90
 - **THURSDAY:** MSA Mixed Bowling League bowls, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain
- Selected Events in Future Weeks**
- **IN 1 WEEK:** Gay Composers Concert, June 10, New York
 - **IN 1 WEEK:** Wrangler M.C. annual Stampede in Dallas, "Celebrating a Decade of Decade," June 10-12
 - **IN 1 WEEK:** Flag Day, June 14
 - **IN 1 WEEK:** Lutherans Concerned meets June 14, Grace Lutheran Church, 2516 Waugh
 - **IN 1 WEEK:** Citizens for Human Equality (CHE) meets June 14
 - **IN 1 WEEK:** Houston Data Professionals meet 7:30pm, June 14, East Room, Holiday Inn Central, 4640 South Main
 - **IN 1 WEEK:** Gay Political Caucus meets, 4600 Main #217, 7:30pm, June 15
 - **IN 1 WEEK:** Gay Pride Week ("Unity Through Diversity") begins in Houston, June 16
 - **IN 1 WEEK:** Gay Pride Week: Anniversary of police raid on Mary's, 1022 Westheimer, June 16
 - **IN 2 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: "A Salute to Gay Businesses," June 17
 - **IN 2 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Families and Friends of Gays reception, Liberty Bank Community Room, 1001 Westheimer, 12-3pm, June 18
 - **IN 2 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Montrose Sports Assoc. softball game, June 18
 - **IN 2 WEEKS:** Father's Day, June 19
 - **IN 2 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Houston's "Salute to Dallas Day," June 19
 - **IN 2 WEEKS:** Dallas Gay

Seven Day Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					JUNE 3	JUNE 4
JUNE 5	JUNE 6	JUNE 7	JUNE 8	JUNE 9		

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

- Pride Parade, "Marching Out of Obscurity, Into the Dream," June 19
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Black and White Men Together afternoon and evening events, June 19
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: "Men and Women Together, An Evening of the Arts" at the Swim Club, 2114 Peckham, June 20, with Montrose Chorale and Montrose Art Alliance
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** 7th Annual San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival opens June 20, lasting to June 25
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** Summer beings at 6:10pm June 21
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Montrose Sports Assoc. variety show at Numbers, 900 Westheimer, June 21
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Variety show sponsored by Gay Switchboard, Montrose Counseling Center & Montrose Clinic June 22
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: "National Day of Remembrance" sponsored by gay religious groups, June 23
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: "Salute to Gay Youth" June 23
- **IN 3 WEEKS:** Latino Day, Gay Hispanic Caucus 5th anniversary dance, Noche y Dia Ballroom, 2103 N. Main, 8pm-2am, June 24
- **IN 3 WEEKS:** 1st Latin American & Caribbean Gay/Lesbian Conference June 24-29, Bogota, Columbia
- **IN 3 WEEKS:** Full moon, 3:33am, June 25
- **IN 3 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Mardis Gras Madness Inc. afternoon fundraising carnival for AIDS research, June 25
- **IN 3 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Montrose Symphonic Band, Montrose Chorale and Kindred Spirits Ensemble in Fred Paez Memorial Concert, "Festival Chorus," Cullen Auditorium, UofH main campus, June 25
- **IN 3 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Gay Pride Parade down Westheimer, 5:30pm, June 26
- **IN 3 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Parades June 26 in San Francisco ("Strengthen the Ties, Break the Chains") and Memphis ("Gay Rights are Civil Rights"); and Gay Pride March in New York City
- **IN 3 WEEKS:** Gay Pride Week: Gay Political Caucus evening rally at the Summit, June 26
- **IN 3 WEEKS:** Montrose Civic Club (Near town) meets 7pm June 28, Bering Church, 1440 Harold
- **IN 4 WEEKS:** Twin Cities Good Time Softball League invitational July 1-4, Minneapolis
- **IN 4 WEEKS:** Lone Star Gay Softball Classic, Houston, July 2-3
- **IN 4 WEEKS:** Blue Boy Classic Bowling Tournament, July 2-4, Seattle
- **IN 4 WEEKS:** Independence Day, July 4
- **IN 5 WEEKS:** Metropolitan Community Church general conference, Toronto, opens July 10, lasting to July 17
- **IN 5 WEEKS:** International

- Gay Assoc. Conference opens July 11, Vienna, Austria, lasting to July 16
- **IN 8 WEEKS:** 8th International Conference of Gay & Lesbian Jews opens Aug. 4, lasting to Aug. 7, Miami
- **IN 12 WEEKS:** Reno National Gay Rodeo opens, Sept. 1, lasting to Sept. 4
- **IN 13 WEEKS:** Sixth Biennial International Convention of Dignity, Seattle, Sept. 2-5
- **IN 13 WEEKS:** Gay World Series Softball Tournament, Chicago, Sept. 3-5
- **IN 13 WEEKS:** Labor Day, Sept. 5
- **IN 13 WEEKS:** "Come Out and Sing Together," 1st North American Gay Choral Festival, opens Sept. 8, lasting to Sept. 11, Lincoln Center, New York
- **IN 16 WEEKS:** Human Rights Campaign Fund annual dinner, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, Sept. 27
- **IN 17 WEEKS:** Texas Renaissance Festival opens near Planterville Oct. 1 and 2, also running Oct. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 & Nov. 5 & 6
- **IN 18 WEEKS:** Oct. 8 deadline to register to vote in November elections
- **IN 18 WEEKS:** Columbus Day, Oct. 10
- **IN 21 WEEKS:** Halloween, Oct. 31
- **IN 22 WEEKS:** Houston city elections, Nov. 8
- **IN 25 WEEKS:** Gay Academic Union 9th National Conference, San Diego, Nov. 25-27
- **NEXT YEAR:** Houston hosts 1984 Gay World Series Softball Tournament, Sept. 1-2, 1984

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 National Gay Rights Advocates—540 Castro—San Francisco, CA 94114—(415) 863-3634
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 NGTF's Crossline—(800) 221-7044 (outside New York State)
 A Capella Chorus—(Montrose) Church of Christ—777-9286
 ACLU—1236 W. Gray—524-5925
 AIDS Hotline—c/o Gay Switchboard—529-3211
 American Gay Athletes—457-6660
 American Leathermen (social club)—meets at Different Drum, 1732 Westheimer—528-8528; club night Wed.
 Astro Rainbow Alliance—520-9451 (voice), 520-0552 (TTY)
 Bayou B'n: see Montrose Chorale
 Bering Memorial United Methodist Church—1440 Harold—526-1017; service 10:50am Sun.
 Black & White Men Together (BWMT)—c/o Gay Switchboard, 529-3211
 Calvary Pentecostal Church—5210 Fannin—520-5437; Services 12:30pm Sun.
 Choices—meets Bering Church, 1440 Harold—840-9641 or Carol at 529-4975; also see Lesbian Mothers
 Christian Church of the Good Shepherd—1707 Montrose; services 1pm Sun., Bible study 7:30pm Thurs.
 (Montrose) Church of Christ—1700 Montrose—777-9286; services 11am Sun.
 Church of Christian Faith—413 Westheimer—528-8005; services 10:45am Sun. & 7:15pm Wed., Bible Study 7:15pm Tues. & Sun.; choir practice Wed. after services
 Citizens for Human Equality (CHE)—609 Fannin #1301—236-9698; board meeting 2nd Tuesdays
 Coit 45's (social club)—meets at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos—528-9192
 Community Gospel Center—1700 Montrose—523-6018
 Cong. Aylz Chayim—meets at MCCR, 1919 Decatur—552-1340; 886-8997; service & social 8pm 2nd & 4th Fridays
 Conroe Area Lambda Society—Jan at 756-0354 or Ray at 756-4097
 Crisis Hotline—228-1505
 Dial-a-Gay-Altheist—457-6660; American Gay Athletes
 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; meets 2pm 3rd Sundays at Presbyterian Church, 41 Oakdale, behind First Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main; community reception 12:30pm, June 18, Liberty Bank Community Room, 1001 Westheimer
 1st Unitarian Church—5210 Fannin—526-1571; service 11:15am Sun.
 Frontrunners—520-9258
 Greenspot/FM1960 Area Far-Away Friends—821-9681
 Gay & Alive Sharing Experience (GASE)—528-1311, 528-0891
 Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas, affiliate of I/H Inc.
 Gay Hispanic Caucus—2722 Newman #12—521-0037; meets 3rd Thursdays; 5th anniversary dance June 24, Noche y Dia Ballroom, 2103 N. Main
 Gay Italian Group—526-9844
 Gay Nurses Alliance—880-9486
 Gay Political Caucus (GPC)—POB 66664, 77266—521-1000; meets 4600 Main #217 7:30pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
 Gay Pride Week Committee—c/o Marion Coleman, House of Coleman, 901 W. Alabama—523-2521; meets various Sundays, 2:30pm, Kindred Spirits, 5245 Buffalo, Spiceway
 Gay Switchboard—POB 3624—529-3211; information, counseling, referrals, TTY, AIDS Hotline, Gay Pride Week show June 22
 Greater Montrose Business Guild—contact through Montrose Voice; meets 7:30pm, 1st Tuesdays, community room, Liberty Bank, 1001 Westheimer
 Hepatitis Hotline—521-1000; GPC's Medical Committee project
 Homophile Interfaith Alliance—729 Manor—523-6969
 Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists—526-7366; meets 7pm 4th Wednesdays
 Houston Community Clowns—862-8314
 Houston Data Professionals—meets in East Room, Holiday Inn Central, 4440 S. Main—528-8922; meeting 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays
 Houston Motorcycle Club (social club)—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—528-8851
 Houston North Professionals—POB 3640, Humble 77335—Bill at 821-7126 or Lee at 440-0365; meets monthly
 I/H Inc.—POB 16041, 77222—694-1732, 529-7014; affiliated groups are Intract, Montrose Art Alliance, 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 (Episcopalian)—POB 66008, 7266—526-0555; meets 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays at Aury House, 6265 Main, & 4th Tuesdays at varied locations

Interested educational subgroup of I/H Inc.—POB 1641, 7222—526-7014, 694-1732

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KSJ AIDS Foundation—1001 Westheimer #193—524-AIDS

Lambda Bicycle Club—David 662-0456, Carol 529-4975; meets 11am Saturdays, unless raining, at 210 Fairview, apt. 1

Lesbian/Gay Resource Service—University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun, box 309, 77004—740-1253

Lesbians & Gay People in Medicine—880-9486; meeting 7:30pm 1st Saturdays

Lesbian Mothers subgroup of Choices; meets 1st and 3rd Sat., 8:30pm, 210 Fairview, apt. 1

Lutherans Concerned—meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 W. 14th, 694-1183, 453-1143; meeting 2nd & 4th Tues. evenings

Metropolitan Community Church of the Reconciliation (MCCR)—1919 Decatur—861-9148; potluck dinner 7:30pm 1st Sat. monthly services 10:45am & 7:15pm Sun. & 7:15pm Wed.; membership inquirers class 4pm Sun.; education classes Tues. & Wed. evs.

Support, join your community organizations

Montrose Art Alliance—251-2461; affiliate I/H Inc.; meets 2nd Thursdays; Gay Pride Week event, "Men and Women Together: An Evening of the Arts" at the Swim Club, 2114 Pechan, June 20, with Montrose Art Alliance, in concert with Montrose Symphonic Band and Kindred Spirits Ensemble in "Festival Chorus," Fred Paz Memorial Concert, June 25 at Cullen Auditorium, UofH main campus

Montrose Chorale and Bayou B'lu—Robert Moon, dir.; 521-2006; rehearsal 7:30-10pm Wed. at Bering Church, 1440 Harold, in concert at "Men and Women Together: An Evening of the Arts" June 20, Swim Club, 2114 Pechan, June 20, with Montrose Art Alliance, in concert with Montrose Symphonic Band and Kindred Spirits Ensemble in "Festival Chorus," Fred Paz Memorial Concert, June 25 at Cullen Auditorium, UofH main campus

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

Montrose Civic Club; see Neartown Association

Montrose Clinic—104 Westheimer—528-5531 open 6-10pm Fri., 1-5pm Sun., 6-10pm Tues. & Thurs.; women's emphasis program 1-5pm Sun.; Gay Pride Week Show June 22

Montrose Counseling Center—900 Lovett #203—529-0037; AIDS victim support group meets 6:30pm Mondays, Gay Pride Week Show June 22

Montrose Singers—John-Michael Albert at 749-2832 day, 791-9486 evenings; rehearsal Mon. evenings, Bering Church, 1440 Harold

Montrose Sports Association (MSA)—622-3304

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MSA/Women's Softball League—728-9371

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Montrose Watch; subgroup Neartown Assoc.; training session 7pm June 8, Firehouse, 1413 Westheimer

Mutualists (social club)—meets at the Barn, 710 Pacific—528-8427; club night Thurs

New Freedom Christian Church—312 W. 11th—531-1342; services 10am Sun., 7:30pm Wed.

Park People—c/o Neartown Community Firehouse—741-2524

Paz y Liberacion—POB 600663, 77260—523-9081

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

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

Texas Bay Area Gay Youth—332-3737; meeting bi-weekly

Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force—669-7231, 868-6921

Texas Human Rights Foundation—1911 Commonwealth—522-2824

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

Unitarian/Universalist Gay Caucus—c/o 14 Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin—520-4767, 528-5842; meeting 3rd Sun. afternoons

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By Tycho
For Friday evening, June 3, 1983, through Friday evening, June 10, 1983:

ARIES—The Moon passes through Aries Sunday morning to Tuesday morning. Nothing's going to stop you now. You know exactly what you want and you think you've found the way to get it. This will be a surprising time for many of the signs; for you, dear Aries, what you get may not at all resemble what you were after.

TAURUS—Mercury remains in Taurus all week. The Moon passes through from next Tuesday morning (the 7th) to next Thursday afternoon (the 9th). If you're one of those bulls who have a hard time saying "I love you," this is the time to change your ways. The ability to verbalize your warm and tender feelings is strong. Strong body, strong feelings, and words of love combine for a fine period for you and yours.

GEMINI—In your sign all week: Mars and the Sun. The Moon enters next Thursday afternoon, the 9th. The object of your desire may change from day to day or even from hour to hour, but the subject of "desire" is constant now. Life may feel like an obstacle course, but your cleverness and agility will guide you to one fling after another.

CANCER—Venus leaves Cancer Monday morning. No flitting and flirting around for you! You're into a relationship that takes everything you've got to keep it going. It's deep as the ocean and can take you as high as the sky; between those extremes, you can learn a lot about limits.

LEO—Venus enters Leo Monday morning. Advice and words of warning are hardly what you're after. But—if you don't control that sense of urgency that's flowing through you, you could fall off the deep end and land on your butt. Take it one fantasy and one excitement at a time. (Sure you will!)

VIRGO—Others will see you as someone who has a firm grip and a constant grasp on what's important. You ability to juggle and balance may be impressive, but you're looking for someone else with just those qualities yourself, someone to relieve the pressure. Ahhh!

LIBRA—In your sign this week: Pluto and Saturn. Ambitious! I suppose you could call it that. For you it seems that there is so much to accomplish, so many fine goals and plans. Others, however, may find you a bit truthless and relentless. Watch out that your lover understands this driving time in your life.

SCORPIO—Ah, the swimmer who knows the cool water and the warm earth on the other side, the lover who loves how and where to move, the friend who knows when to speak and when to listen, you can honestly be all things to all people now. That's just fine.

SAGITTARIUS—In your sign this week: Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune. Attacking others verbally or physically isn't going to change anything. The argument you're having is with yourself, and the sooner you recognize that, the better. Confusion reigns, and you're reacting to every wind that blows. Watch those arrows, Archer!

CAPRICORN—You have something important to say to a woman in your life, but have no patience at all with a man. What if you all got together? It couldn't hurt, could it? As in—three heads and hearts are far better than one.

AQUARIUS—You get the prize, and you get the surprise. It was you who figured it out, and you who worked it out. You did it. Take some credit. Enjoy this time of reward and accomplishment, and don't confuse yourself any further. This is it.

PISCES—In your sign this week: The Moon, through Sunday morning. Deep within your soul you know that there must be some reason for all this, but on the surface it's hard to figure out what all this chaos and constant change is about. Stay calm. You must take control in order to have and make choices.

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