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## INS tells agents to stop harassing gays

SAN FRANCISCO — The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, which recently has barred entry to some foreigners suspected of being gay, issued a temporary directive Aug. 13 telling agents such visitors may not be detained simply for reasons of sexual orientation.

"We are delighted," said Don Knutson, executive director of the San Francisco-based Gay Rights Advocates, a kind of "gay ACLU."

A deportation hearing had been scheduled for the next day for two Mexicans — Eduardo Ramon Martinez, 22, and Arturo Javier Cruz Garcia, 38 — who were detained at San Francisco International Airport Aug. 3 when INS officers reportedly found cosmetics in their luggage. It was not explained why the agents assumed the men were gay because of the cosmetics.

Current law requires immigration officials to turn away persons who have psychopathic personalities, are sexual deviates or are mentally defective. However, on Aug. 2, U.S. Surgeon General Julius Richmond ruled that homosexuals are not mentally defective by definition and he instructed his officials not to cooperate with INS in "testing" people for homosexuality.

This left INS with no alternative except in cases where the foreigner admitted to at least having committed a homosexual act at some time in his life. This latest directive from top INS officials now prohibits lower employees from barring from entrance into the U.S. even admitted homosexuals which otherwise qualify for entrance.

However, San Francisco INS district director David Ilchert is not pleased.

"As I read it," he told Associated Press, "he (U.S. Public Health's Surgeon General) has said that homosexuality is not a medically disposable mental condition. What he is saying is that you can't tell that a person is homosexual without him admitting it."

Ilchert added, "Our position is that where homosexuality is not in doubt — where a person admits homosexuality — the surgeon general should continue to issue medical certificates finding them sexual deviates or psychopathic personalities."

Lew Lasher of Gay Rights Advocates said that some INS officials, apparently including Ilchert, had been attempting to interpret immigration laws as they saw fit, even without the cooperation of the Public Health Service.

Lasher said these officials had been using coercion and interrogation in order to attempt to get an admission of homosexuality.

Last June Carl Hill, an antique dealer from London but coming to the U.S. to photograph Gay Pride Week events for London's Gay News newspaper, was detained also at San Francisco's airport after officials noticed him wearing a gay pride button.

Knutson's group took up Hill's case and on the same day that the Mexicans were detained, the Justice Dept. dropped its case against Hill.

The INS directive said that until legal issues involving the current law (section 212-a-4 of INS regulations) are resolved, INS officers may not detain homosexuals which are otherwise qualified to enter.

Knutson said the directive eliminated the necessity of "years of litigation" and gave Congress the responsibility of who should be excluded by immigration law.



Photo by IGNA

Carl Hill, the photographer for London's Gay News newspaper who was threatened with deportation after agents saw him wearing a gay pride button, is shown here marching in the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade with an oversized button. The INS (Justice Dept.) subsequently dropped its case against Hill. He returned to London August 10.

## Hill arrives back in U.K.

LONDON (IGNA) — Carl Hill, the British gay man who was stopped by U.S. Immigration because he was wearing a gay pride button, returned home August 10.

Hill, according to Lew Lasher of the San Francisco-based Gay Rights Advocates, at no time underwent the psychiatric examination that U.S. Immigration had demanded. The U.S. Public Health Service had refused to administer the examination.

While in the U.S., Hill remained technically on parole.

Hill and his lover, Michael Mason, news editor of London's Gay News newspaper, are considering settling in the U.S. ●

## German deported

FRANKFURT, W. Germany (IGNA) — Regardless of any late changes in policy by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, at least one bisexual German male is back home, after having been refused entry to the U.S. at Minneapolis.

A spokesperson at the American Consulate in Frankfurt confirmed that the law (section 212-a-4 of INS regulations) was of great concern to homosexuals and that "it seems wrong to us that it is the law."

The spokesperson said she was certain that not all gay people were being deported or refused entry, in that it was being applied only at certain locations. ●

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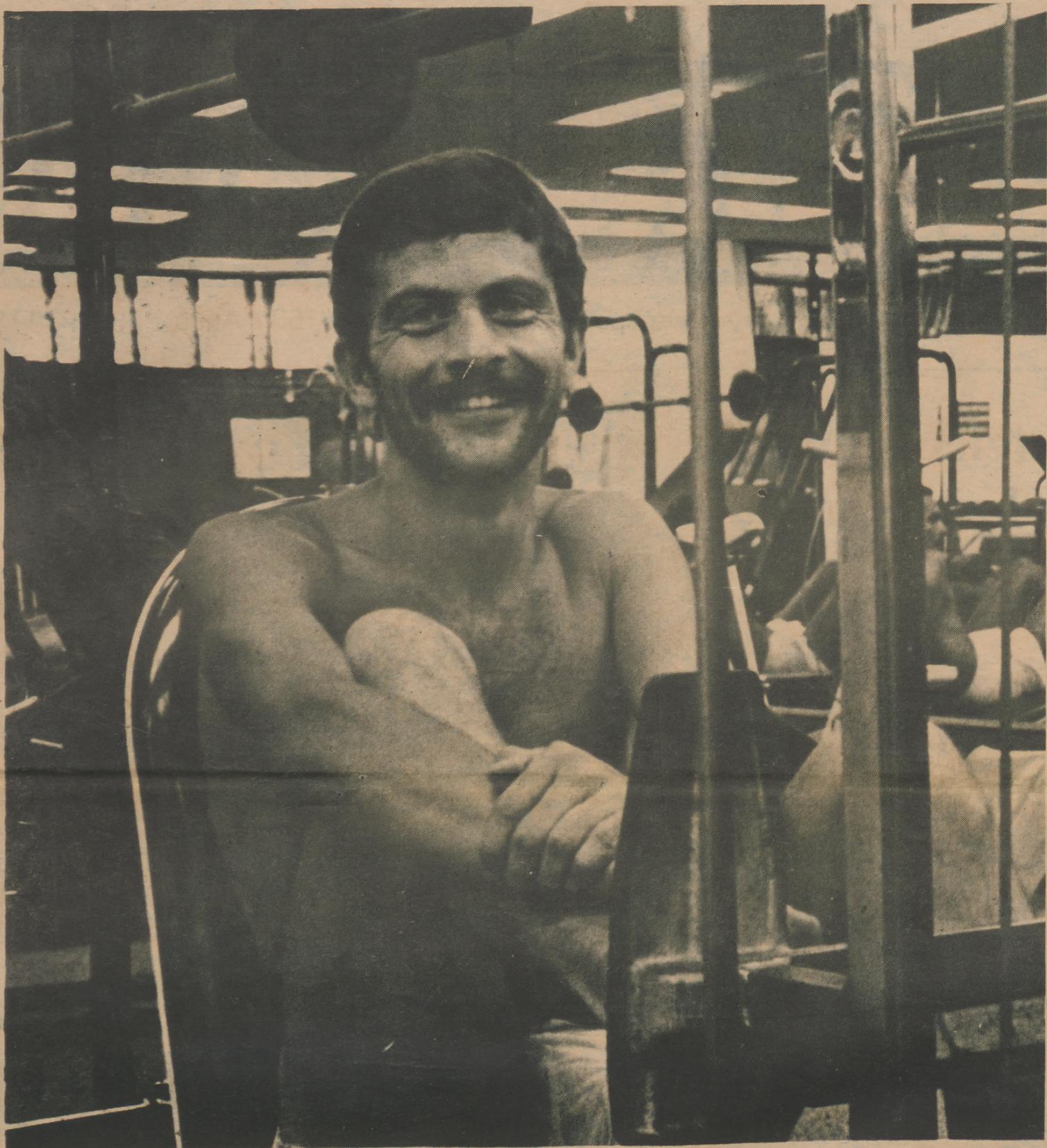


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## Jury convicts cop of assaulting SF lesbian

SAN FRANCISCO — A jury of ten women and two men found police officer Daniel Marr guilty of one count of disturbing the peace and one count of battery on charges evolving out of a March 31 fracas at Peg's Place, a gay women's dance bar.

His co-defendant, a civilian, Kevin Guerin, was found guilty of a count of disturbing the peace, but not guilty on the count of battery with which he was also charged.

Municipal Judge Edward Stern was considering a motion by the defense to set aside the disturbing the peace verdict on the

grounds that it was solely based on the charge of battery, the San Francisco Sentinel reported in its August 10 edition.

The trial, which began July 24, was long and sometimes tedious but never boring, journalist Duke Smith wrote in the Sentinel.

During its course, a man attempted suicide by jumping off the second floor balcony of City Hall and the largest earthquake recorded in years shook the stately building sending some of the jurors running down its marble halls in terror.

Marr and Guerin were charged with verbally and physically assaulting the doorwoman of Peg's Place, Alene Levine, and indirectly assaulting others on the premises.

"The prosecution's case was at least superficially complicated by the unusually high number of contradictions that arose in the testimony of its witnesses to the actual event," reporter Smith wrote. "This proved to be a backhanded blessing for Marlin Wallach, the prosecutor."

"The discrepancies were so blatant that it virtually destroyed efforts by defense attorney Stephen Bley to portray collusion on the part of the women in Peg's Place to the jury," Smith reported.

Guerin and Kelly contended that Symaco had refused to return Kelly's identification to him, and when he tried to retrieve it she pushed him in the chest and Levine allegedly hit Kelly on the head with a sawed-off pool cue used as a window opener.

The women said that Kelly attacked Symaco as she was trying to read the California drivers license when someone yelled "the cops are here."

Levine said that she was trying to pull Kelly off of her lover, Symaco, when Guerin hit her on the head with the pool cue. The jury evidently had sufficient doubt about this to find Guerin not guilty. •



Photo by James Jason

Here's a Hot Shot of Houston's hot country band, the Mustangs. They frequently play at gay functions around the town and are shown here at the Exile.

## Earthquake interrupts discrimination ordinance debate

SAN JOSE, Calif. (IGNA) — A meeting of the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors debating an anti-gay discrimination ordinance was interrupted by the recent California earthquake.

Female religious fundamentalists in the audience started to scream that the earthquake was "an act of God!"

The meeting was attended by more than a thousand people, most of them fundamental religionists, who arrived early in busses from the Los Gatos Christian Church.

The Board of Supervisors ignored their unscientific explanation of the cause of the earthquake and voted four-to-one to approve the pro-gay ordinance.

The lone dissenter on the board has since started to circulate a petition to have the ordinance repealed. During the first week of August, he claimed to have five thousand workers and said he expected to gather fifty thousand signatures. •

## Anti-porn group gets promise from police chief to crack down Sept. 1

HOUSTON — Anti-pornography leaders urged City Council Aug. 15 to take the lead in the state in enforcing a new state obscenity law which becomes effective Sept. 1.

The Rev. Albert C. Walling, an organizer of the group and rector of the St. Alban's Episcopal Church, said he had received commitments from both Police Chief Harry Caldwell and new District Attorney-designate John B. Holmes that the Texas law would be enforced.

Walling is affiliated with Citizens for Decency Through Law Inc., a national anti-porn group.

The new state law makes it a felony to sell materials depicting sexual intercourse. But, as explained by Walling, the law

does not affect "soft-core" adult-oriented publications such as Playboy and Penthouse.

A group of adult bookstore

dealers have retained noted attorney Clyde Woody to seek and have the state law overturned. •

## Horoscope

### Virgo: tempted and confident

**VIRGO:** Temptation to overextend must be curbed. A teaspoonful of patience taken twice a day is strongly advised. Before week is over, contact those you owe money. Creditors always have better memories than debtors. But week does end on note of confidence.

**LIBRA:** No matter how rejected you may feel, you are loved. So love back. And forth. And so forth. If you are rebuffed (and the chance is negligible), would knowing that a friend still loves you help cushion the blow?

**SCORPIO:** Emotional twister could arrive without notice. Fragmentary clue to "the meaning of it all" results in sudden illumination. Week of personal satisfaction ends on note of creativity.

**SAGITTARIUS:** The weather is hot as a hot tub and so are you. Enjoy yourself. Make no important decisions. Stall for time, if pressed. To know what is cooking, you must get into the kitchen. Week ends on key of C for cookie, cocky and climax.

**CAPRICORN:** No matter how tall you stand, you're still going to have to do some fancy stretching. That succulent n-u-m-b-e-r you have your little heart set on is j-u-s-t beyond your easy reach. But then, 'twas ever thus. Week ends on key of G for grasp, grab and goody.

**AQUARIUS:** Be careful of what you accept and what you reject this week for the real and the fake are sometimes difficult to separate. If

contracts must be signed, be sure you understand the terminology. A light for one is a light for a hundred.

**PISCES:** A brief taste of happiness is highlighted for week ahead. Enjoy. Don't permit cheeky associate to spoil your week. On last day, friends may drain you of time, energy and capital.

**ARIES:** Seek love from one whom you respect first. The, before week is over, you should do something spiffy and go prowling... perhaps at your favorite neighborhood gay bar.

**TAURUS:** Situation apt to arise which could trigger unenjoyable reaction. Person who rings bell is a real ding-dong. Keep your temper in leash. Week of uncommon commotion ends on key of D for drivet, drool and drat.

**GEMINI:** Listen. Dilemma which has been brewing can come to head this week. Be brilliant, friend, and conserve your energy by recycling your emotions.

**MOONBABY:** Enjoy, enjoy, enjoy. The Houston gay festival is coming and whether you go or not, celebrate where you are. The more, the better. This will be your week, whether you spend it in New Orleans, Bumfuck or Houston — or at your home.

**LEO:** Dear sweet and wonderful, please don't exhaust yourself this week trying to satisfy the masses. Stop trying to service the whole bloomin' world. Just settle for the whole city. Now give it a whirl. •

Has an item in the Star provoked a thought you'd like to share with other readers? Then write a Letter to the Editor, Montrose Star, P.O.B. 70282, Houston, TX 77007.

# Gay life in the Soviet Union remains mostly a mystery

By C.O.C.  
NETHERLANDS GAY GROUP  
IGNA

AMSTERDAM — Information on the treatment of homosexuals in the Soviet Union is scarce. However, a few facts are known:

The case of film director Serge Paradjanov was highlighted through a demonstration — a one-man demonstration by one Angelo Pezzana — in Moscow.

In July, 1978, Viktor Paitkus, a Soviet dissident and member of the Helsinki Committee in Lithuania, was sentenced to three years in prison, seven years of forced labor and five years banishment to Siberia. He had already spent sixteen years in labor camps. His crimes were anti-Soviet agitation and homosexuality, along with, supposedly, involving minors in "criminal activities."

In November, 1976, young Leningrad poet Gennady Trifanov was sentenced to four years of forced labor. His trial was behind closed doors. Part of his "crime" was a series of poems about his love for a another male.

These are only widely publicized cases of homosexuals sentenced under Soviet law.

Article 121 of the Soviet Penal Code lists punishment for homosexual acts between adult males as five years imprisonment. Homosexual acts with minors or with violence or the abuse of authority can lead to a maximum of eight years imprisonment. The existence of this article is little known outside the Soviet Union.

Certain gay organizations elsewhere in the world are trying to make Article 121 of the Soviet Penal Code public knowledge. In Holland, the Human Rights Organization and Jewish groups are campaigning for political, religious and other types of dissidents in the U.S.S.R. At a public meeting of the Committee for Solidarity with the Jews in the Soviet Union in July, 1978, the C.O.C., a Dutch gay group, presented the following statements:

1. C.O.C. expressed its

solidarity with the persecuted Jewish dissidents in the Soviet Union.

2. C.O.C. said it was convinced of the necessity of keeping up an on-going campaign in the West in favor of the freedom of all dissident groups.

3. C.O.C. said it favors the freedom of homosexuals, who face prison terms

and compulsory psychiatric treatment.

C.O.C. also said it was convinced that the International Gay Association should organize a worldwide protest against the treatment of gay people in the Soviet Union to coincide with the official opening of the Olympic Games in Moscow in 1980. ●

## Australians organized into effective rights group

SYDNEY (IGNA) — Campaign Against Moral Persecution, or CAMP for short, is an on-going organization in Australia devoted to furthering public education about homosexuality. It supports full legal, political and social equality for gay people and they work against all forms of discrimination and persecution directed against the free expression of sexual preference. CAMP conducts workshops

on homosexuality and gay lifestyles for other agencies and takes an active part on conferences of similar organizations.

CAMP has mounted opposition to several community organizations, particularly religious and extreme political groups which wish to deny civil rights to homosexuals.

CAMP can be written c/o Box 5074, GPO; Sydney, NSW 20001; Australia. ●

## Parade in Sydney largest gathering

By David Fagan  
IGNA

SYDNEY — Five hundred lesbians, male homosexuals and supporters took part in a march for gay rights here as part of the final day's celebration for Gay Solidarity Week.

The week was organized by the Sydney Gay Solidarity Group as its contribution to actions marking the tenth anniversary of the Stonewall riots in the U.S. and the birth of the modern international gay liberation movement. Sizeable contingents from as far away as Melbourne and Canberra represented gay groups in those cities.

Chanting "What do we want? Gay rights! When do we want them? Now!" and "Drop the charges. Gay rights now!" the marchers proceeded through

Sydney streets in peak shopping hours on Saturday, June 30. It was endorsed by a wide spectrum of individuals and organizations, including George Peterson, a Labor member of Parliament; socialist and Communist political parties; a local Jewish synagogue; and by dozens of local gay social and political groups.

Finishing in a nearby park, marchers were treated to several speeches, a feminist street theater, and a mini festival.

For most people, however, the highlight of the week's activities (which included a series of gay films, a form on child sexuality and a candlelight gay parade to Parliament House) was the fancy-dress Mardi Gras ball held Saturday night.

Over 2000 attended the late-night festival, making it the largest gay action yet held in Sydney. ●

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## Hundreds attended French conference

PARIS (IGNA) — More than 800 participants gathered in May at the Palace of Congress for nearly two weeks of discussion over the anniversary of the French homosexual movement.

André Baudry, leader of the group, made opening and closing speeches.

Le Monde, a leading daily French newspaper with a half-million circulation, conducted a poll among its readers just prior to the gathering, and delegates spent much of the time debating the results of the poll.

Special interest groups within the French gay rights movement set up tables and some adopted special projects of their own. For example, the French gay Catholic group voted to petition the Catholic Church to accept homosexuals as equals. Over 90% of the French are Catholic. ●

## GAY WORLD

### Demonstrators throw eggs

GRONINGEN, Netherlands (IGNA) — A group of demonstrators recently threw roses and eggs before the feet of the participants in a conference of Holland's Catholic bishops.

The demonstrators did so, they said, to emphasize their feeling that Bishop Gijsen of

Roermond and Bishop Simonis of Rotterdam, in particular, are "treading on eggs" with their attitude toward homosexuality.

The demonstrators were upset over the failure of the Catholic Church to publicly clarify its stand on homosexual behavior. ●

### Government sponsors gay meeting

BERGEN, Netherlands (IGNA) — Earlier this year about 100 delegates from seventeen countries participated in the first annual congress of the International Gay Agency. The Dutch government sponsored the event, along with Holland's leading gay rights organization, C.O.C.

Among the subjects treated were a repeal of the World Health Organization's decision to continue to list homosexuality as a sickness and the recognition of I.G.A. as a viable

institution for the "defense of human rights."

The participants also formulated a demand that Amnesty International reconsider the cases of those imprisoned around the world because of their sexual orientation. IGA, likewise, endorsed political action because of the alleged violation of the rights of gay people in Spain to hold meetings, and urged the same against the Canadian government for its attack on Body Politic, the leading Canadian gay newspaper. ●



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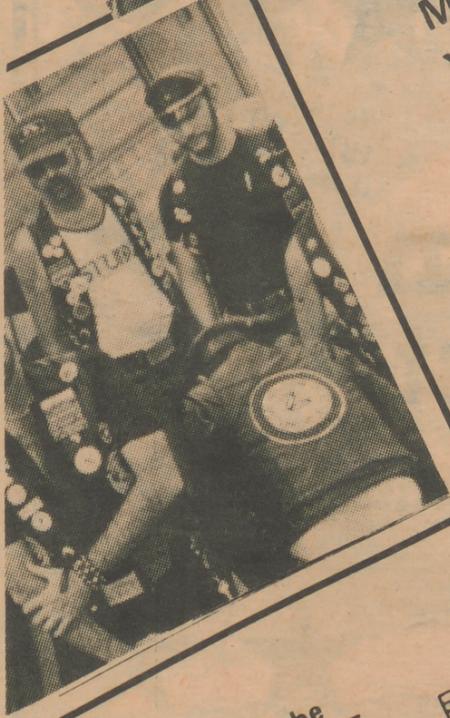
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## Worried about losing your sex drive with old age? Maybe you won't

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Male and in your 30s? Worried about losing your sexual drive?

Male sexual ability does decline with age but doctors have never been quite sure of the reason but now one doctor at the National Institute on Aging believes he knows one reason why male sexual ability

does *not* decline with age: male menopause in your twenties or thirties is a myth.

In a study of 73 men from 25 to 89 years old, Dr. S. Mitchell Harman says, in the August 20 edition of *Time*, that levels of testosterone remain remarkably stable after age 30 — so there is no such thing as a “male meno-

pause.”

Harman's studies conflict with other studies in the past few years but he says it's because the other studies were not careful in selecting participants. These subjects, for example, were picked from hospitals and nursing homes, and many times included people

affected by chronic illness, obesity or alcoholism. These conditions, and not simply age, may have been the cause of declining testosterone in the body.

So if the testosterone level stays level but yet there is a decline in the sexual drive, you ask, what causes it? Perhaps obesity, alcoholism or chronic

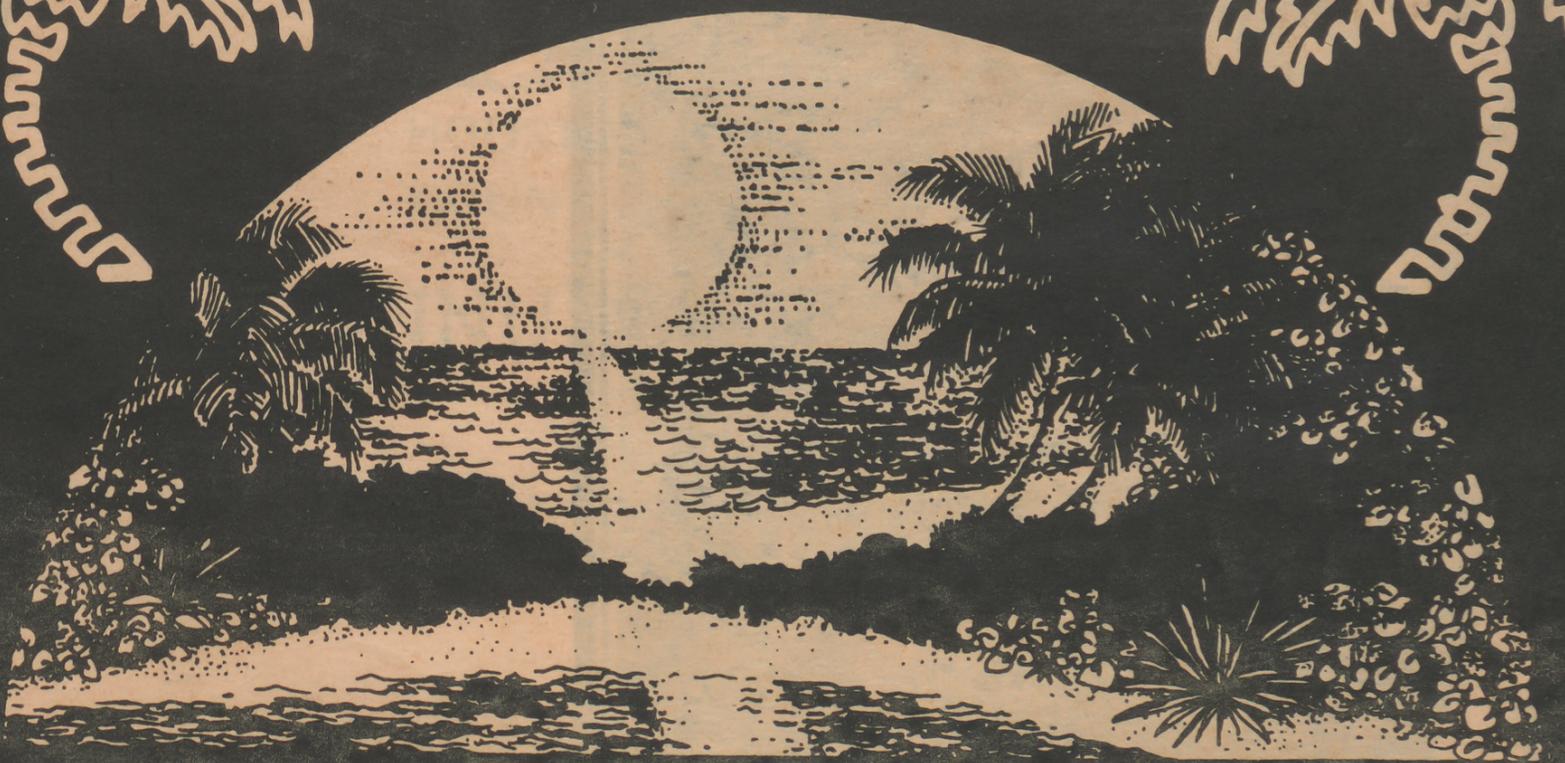
illness, or other conditions, which affect the central nervous system's ability to send messages.

In other words — you're still just about as virile as you ever were but your nervous system may not be sensitive enough to let you know it. ●



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The Montrose Star surveyed major gay discos throughout America and determined that these were the top songs as of August 16, 1979:

(Editor's note: Beginning this issue, the Montrose Star presents a national gay disco top 30 and regional top 10's, along with the top 3 songs from selected cities and top 5 songs from spotlighted discos.)

ranking — title — artist

- 1 Born to Be Alive — Patrick Hernandez
- 2 Good Times — Chic
- 3 I've Got the Next Dance — Denise Williams
- 4 Sunset People — Donna Summer
- 5 H.A.P.P.Y. (Radio) — Edwin Starr
- 6 Here Comes That Sound Again — Love De-Luxe
- 7 Undercover Lover — Debbie Jacobs
- 8 The Boss — Diana Ross
- 9 This Time Baby — Jackie Moore
- 10 Crank It Up — Peter Brown
- 11 Found a Cure — Ashford & Simpson
- 12 You Can Do It — Al Hudson
- 13 Want Ads — Ullanda
- 14 When You Wake Up Tomorrow — Candi Staton
- 15 The Main Event — Barbra Streisand
- 16 Put Your Body In It — Stephanie Mills

- 17 Boogie Wonderland — Earth, Wind & Fire/Emotions
- 18 Stand Up, Sit Down — AKB
- 19 Come On & Do It — Poussez
- 20 Ring My Bell — Anita Ward
- 21 Red Hot — Taka Boom
- 22 I Just Keep Thinking About You Baby — Tata Vega
- 23 Shanghaied — Letric Funk
- 24 Let Me Take You Dancing — Bryan Adams
- 25 There's No Business Like Show Business — Ethel Merman
- 26 Have a Cigar — Rosebud
- 27 Savage Lover — The Ring
- 28 Dance With You — Carrie Lucas
- 29 Everybody Here Must Party — Direct Current
- 30 Get Up & Boogie — Freddie James

- WEST COAST AREA REGIONAL AVERAGE
- 1 Here Comes That Sound Again — Love Deluxe
  - 2 I've Got the Next Dance — Denise Williams
  - 3 Undercover Lover/Don't You Want My Love — Debbie Jacobs
  - 4 Want Ads — Ullanda
  - 5 Crank It Up — Peter Brown
  - 6 Born to Be Alive — Patrick Hernandez
  - 7 Happy Radio — Edwin Starr
  - 8 Stand Up, Sit Down — AKB
  - 9 Red Hot — Taka Boom
  - 10 Shanghaied — Letric Funk

- Phoenix average
- 1 Stand Up, Sit Down — AKB
  - 2 Red Hot — Taka Boom
  - 3 Shanghaied — Letric Funk
- Seattle average
- 1 Born to Be Alive — Patrick Hernandez
  - 2 Happy Radio — Edwin Starr
  - 3 Undercover Lover/Don't You Want My Love — Debbie Jacobs

- GREAT LAKES AREA REGIONAL AVERAGE
- 1 Here Comes That Sound Again — Love DeLuxe
  - 2 Crank It Up — Peter Brown
  - 3 Good Times — Chic
  - 4 I've Got the Next Dance — Denise Williams
  - 5 Born to Be Alive — Patrick

- Hernandez
- 6 This Time Baby — Jackie Moore
  - 7 "Bad Girls" LP — Donna Summer
  - 8 When You Wake Up Tomorrow — Candi Staton
  - 9 Happy Radio — Edwin Starr
  - 10 I Just Keep Thinking About You Baby — Tata Vega

- Chicago average
- 1 Here Comes That Sound Again — Love Deluxe
  - 2 Crank It Up — Peter Brown
  - 3 Good Times — Chic

- UPPER EAST COAST REGIONAL AVERAGE
- 1 Good Times — Chic

- 2 Here Comes That Sound Again — Love Deluxe
- 3 The Boss — Diana Ross
- 4 Found a Cure — Ashford & Simpson
- 5 This Time Baby — Jackie Moore
- 6 You Can Do It — Al Hudson
- 7 "Bad Girls" LP — Donna Summer
- 8 Born to Be Alive — Patrick Hernandez
- 9 Put Your Body In It — Stephanie Mills
- 10 I've Got the Next Dance — Denise Williams

- New York City average
- 1 Good Times — Chic
  - 2 Here Comes That Sound Again — Love Deluxe
  - 3 The Boss — Diana Ross

- THE SOUTH REGIONAL AVERAGE
- 1 Born to Be Alive — Patrick Hernandez
  - 2 Bad Girls/Dim All the Lights/There Will Always Be You — Donna Summer
  - 3 Happy Radio — Edwin Starr
  - 4 I've Got the Next Dance — Denise Williams
  - 5 The Main Event — Barbra Streisand
  - 6 Undercover Lover — Debbie Jacobs
  - 7 Good Times — Chic
  - 8 Boogie Wonderland — Earth, Wind & Fire/Emotions
  - 9 When You Wake Up Tomorrow — Candi Staton
  - 10 Come On & Do It — Poussez

- Chattanooga average
- 1 The Main Event — Barbra Streisand
  - 2 Born to Be Alive — Patrick Hernandez
  - 3 My Sharona — Knack
- Nashville average
- 1 Born to Be Alive — Patrick Hernandez
  - 2 Undercover Lover — Debbie Jacobs
  - 3 Come On & Do It — Poussez
- Norfolk average
- 1 Happy Radio — Edwin Starr
  - 2 "Bad Girls" LP — Donna Summer

- 3 Born to Be Alive — Patrick Hernandez
- Raleigh average
- 1 Good Times — Chic
  - 2 I've Got the Next Dance — Denise Williams
  - 3 Born to Be Alive — Patrick Hernandez

- TEXAS/OKLAHOMA REGIONAL AVERAGE
- 1 Born to Be Alive — Patrick Hernandez
  - 2 Sunset People — Donna Summer
  - 3 I've Got the Next Dance — Denise Williams
  - 4 Happy Radio — Edwin Starr
  - 5 The Boss — Diana Ross
  - 6 Undercover Lover — Debbie Jacobs
  - 7 Ring My Bell — Anita Ward
  - 8 Here Comes That Sound — Love Deluxe
  - 9 Let Me Take You Dancing — Bryan Adams
  - 10 There's No Business Like Show Business — Ethel Merman

- Austin average
- 1 Let Me Take You Dancing — Bryan Adams
  - 2 I've Got the Next Dance — Denise Williams
  - 3 Sunset People — Donna Summer
- Dallas/Ft Worth average
- 1 I've Got the Next Dance — Denise Williams
  - 2 Undercover Lover — Debbie Jacobs
  - 3 Here Comes That Sound Again — Love DeLuxe

- Houston average
- 1 Happy Radio — Edwin Starr
  - 2 The Boss — Diana Ross
  - 3 Born to Be Alive — Patrick Hernandez
- Oklahoma City/Tulsa average
- 1 There's No Business Like Show Business — Ethel Merman
  - 2 The Boss — Diana Ross
  - 3 Born to Be Alive — Patrick Hernandez
- San Antonio average
- 1 When You Wake Up Tomorrow — Candi Staton
  - 2 "Bad Girls" LP — Donna Summer
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## Important legal events occurred recently

By Henry McClurg  
PUBLISHER/EDITOR

HOUSTON — Several events occurred during the past few weeks which affect the relationship between the gay community in your city and the police department.

The most significant was the filing of a sweeping lawsuit by the U.S. Justice Dept. against the entire Philadelphia police department, and against specifically several individuals — most notably Philadelphia Mayor Frank L. Rizzo, a former policeman.

Naturally, the cops hollered. They proclaimed their innocence while at the same time shouted their right to run their police department as *they* saw fit. (Do these two points seem contradictory to you too?)

The Justice Dept. suit did not mention abuses against gay people but we are involved, none-the-less.

In effect, what we've done, is get, at least on the federal level, authorities to *admit* that police abuses do occur. But still, on the local level — in Philadelphia, Houston and Atlanta, among other cities — police officials still deny with one hand that *they're* not obeying the law while with the other hand they're literally beating citizens.

Here in Houston, Police Chief Harry Caldwell claims he has received assurances that Houston will not be the recipient of a similar suit. Caldwell's source for his assurances, however, was an independent lawyer in Washington who has a friend in the Justice Dept. Caldwell's assurances did not come direct. Houston could, indeed, and I hope it is, be the recipient of a similar suit.

Now, over to another level of legal jurisdiction: the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, which this past week issued an order to its employees *not* to deny entrance into the country solely because of homosexuality.

Much credit for this order belongs to Texans. The Texas Human Rights Foundation, and principally gay attorney Mort Schwab, presented their case to outgoing INS Director Castillo, a Houstonian. The T.H.R.F. has made accusations against INS agents on behalf of Richard Longstaff, owner of Union Jack clothing stores in Houston and Dallas.

Longstaff has been in the U.S. for several years and has been seeking a permanent visa. INS agents, investigating his request and upon learning of Longstaff's homosexuality, began a campaign of harassment.

Castillo, upon hearing of Longstaff's case, and the case of Carl [unclear] in San Francisco, said he was not aware of the situa-

tion and issued the recent order barring agents from denying entrance to the country solely on the basis of homosexuality.

Finally, a personal note, involving my arrest two months back where I was charged with public intoxication and assaulting a police officer (when in fact, it was just a situation of two homophobic police officers with an extra space in their back seat, and needing to bring someone, anyone, in).

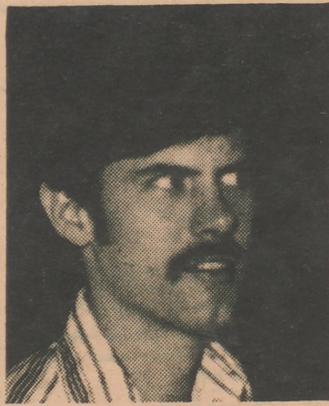
Contrary to the charges against me, in the process of my arrest, I was assaulted by the two police officers. I was also verbally humiliated and even threatened with death. (The exciting details are all in the Star



of eight weeks back.)

Well, to bring this story to a close, last Monday the judge threw the case out. In other words, folks, I won. I won without having to post bond and without having to retain a lawyer (although, in panic, I did for a short time).

And you can be successful too, friends, if (or more likely, when) it happens to you. If you're arrested simply as a result of harassment by police officers, stand your ground. You DON'T



have to take NO shit, as the saying goes. And in the long run it'll be THEM, not YOU, who'll have to answer.

If arrested, DON'T plead guilty and DON'T plea bargain. Stand firm. And when it f gets before a judge, he'll throw it out. (If you're low on funds and don't want to post bail, you can request to be released on personal recognizance, and you will be, unless you have a bad previous police record.) If it's just *their* word against *yours*, you *cannot* be convicted. Your's is as good as their's.

Now this brings up another problem — filing your own suit against them for their abusive actions. Again, it's your word against their's. So again, their word is as good as your's, and you too will get nowhere against them — unless you have witnesses or other evidence.

But the big point you have in your favor is certain other things you can do. You CAN file a complaint before the Police Internal Affairs division. You CAN write a letter to the mayor and to your councilperson. Usually, they'll then write a letter to the police chief, asking through their channels for an investigation. All in all, it puts the offending police officer(s) in a case of having to explain, time and again, to different groups of investigating bodies, what went on.

And if we put the offending officers threw all the harassment they were attempting to put us through, they'll start to think twice about "harrassing the faggots."

## Gay Fest set for Sept. 2

(Editor's note: The "Bar Talk" column in the Montrose Star has been divided into Phil Slusser's column, which will cover all the Houston social and political news, and "Gay America," which will cover social and political news from other cities.)

By Phil Slusser  
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSTON — The Labor Day Gay Festival and Super Show — that's the official title, and it's set for noon to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 2. Different clubs and groups will set up booths along two blocks of Lovett Blvd., and entertainment will be provided right on the spot — by "Naomi Simms" and a cast of thousands.

The different organizations participating will be donating 25% of their proceeds to The Family, an organization of gay business owners and managers. The Family will use the proceeds for a) political purposes in Houston, such as expenses involved in endorsing pro-gay candidates in the upcoming election, and b) helping with Houston's share for the expenses of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

The Family has been meeting weekly, on Tuesday nights, in the Annex bar at the Silver Phoenix, and the meeting is open to all gay business representatives. I wish to thank publicly the Silver Phoenix for hosting these meetings.

Now — speaking of the Silver Phoenix — this club apparently is starting its own Wednesday night tradition. Last Wednesday they had an exciting "circus night" and next Wednesday, they'll have a buffet — so come hungry. And come early.

The Astroworld Gay Day is firm now — Sept. 30 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. Technically, it's called "Montrose Day," but that's to make it easy for those still in the closet to go. But it's going to be G-A-Y. Tickets will go on sale in the next few days at most every gay bar and business in the city. Price will be \$9.25, with \$3.00 of the sale price being kept by the gay community for political endorsements and for the March on Washington.

Buy your tickets in advance! If you wait and buy them at the gate, Astroworld gets the full \$9.25. You'll still have a good time but the gay community won't get any rebate.

Astroworld has just one rule for a dress code: You must wear a shirt. (Pants and shoes too, of course, but they didn't mention it.) However, you can take your shirt off (guys only) once inside. They won't let you through the gate without a shirt.

The Montrose Activity Center held an after-hours party last



Saturday to celebrate the saving of the building from creditors. It was also supposed to celebrate our victory in the "No to Nine-Five" election. But we didn't win, as you know. In fact, we lost in a landslide citywide. But in Montrose precincts, Nine-Five was defeated, although not overwhelmingly. It seems enough of us just didn't bother to go to the polls — and now we're going to pay for it with a more unsympathetic City Council than we could have had.

Back to Labor Day doings. Labor Day weekend is also the time for the annual Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. This is an event gay people have traditionally been involved in. This year several fund-raising parties are planned, including a benefit at Just Marion and Lynn's this Monday, the 20th, and a "Charity Ball" on the 25th at a location we'll announce next week.

Noted gay author Larry Kramer will be in town — with an autograph signing session at Wilde 'n' Stein, Wednesday, August 22, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Kramer currently has a gay best seller with *Faggots*.

The new restaurant in town — Bradley's — is open. It's conveniently located next to the Inside/Outside, so you can bop back and forth from one to the other.

The adult bookstores in Houston are getting itchy as Sept. 1 approaches, the date that they're supposed to stop selling materials that depict "sexual intercourse." It's still not clear just how this law is going to be applied (even if the city of Houston will choose to enforce it) but word around town is that one adult chain has already announced it would close its doors Sept. 1 and another has announced that it would not.

The Ram Rod Tavern, out on the north side, has a couple of events coming up: The Miss Latin Houston Contest will be Sunday, the 26th, and the Miss Gay Butch Houston Contest will be Friday, Sept. 8.

The cast for *Women Behind Bars*, the current production of the Montrose Players, is set to open Sept. 6 for a one-month run.

Tickets for the 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows will be \$5.00, available at the door, or in advance by calling 960-1612.

Families and Friends of Gays will have their next meeting Sunday, Sept. 9, 2:30 p.m. at the MCCR building, 1919 Decatur.

The Texas Gay Task Force is meeting in Austin this weekend — and I'm there, along with a large group from Houston. ●

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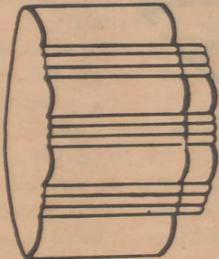
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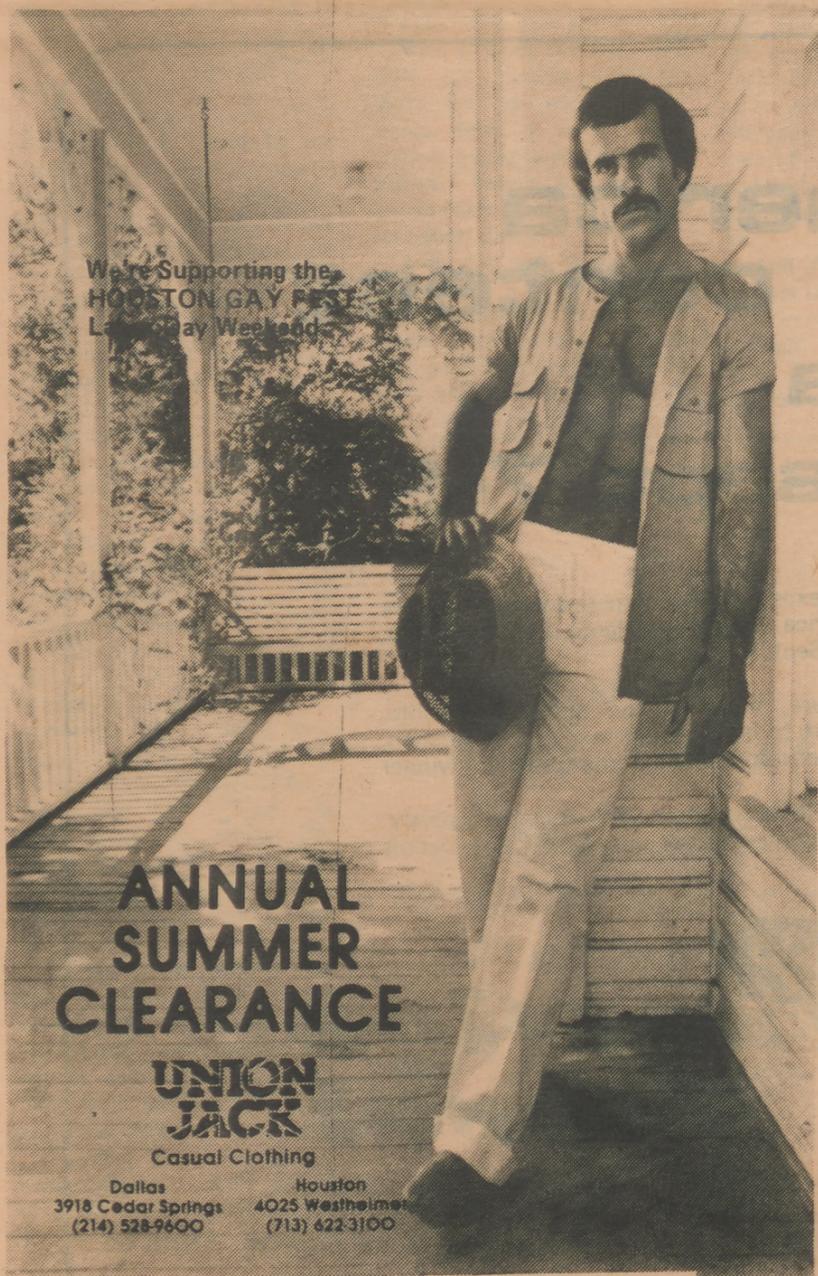


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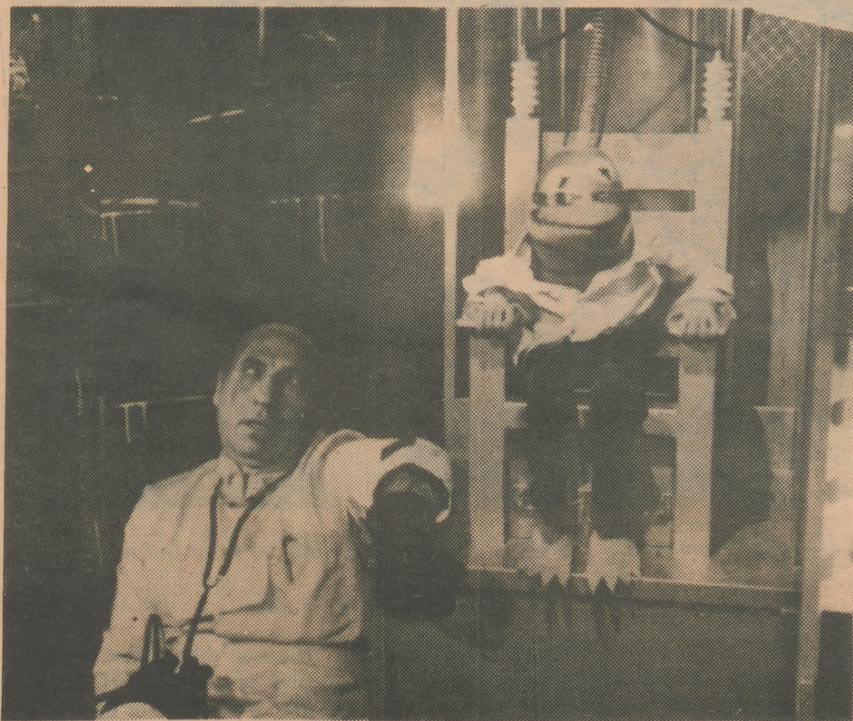
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## Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog are stars of highest caliber



Mad scientist Mel Brooks straps Kermit the Frog into a machine that will "turn his brain to guacamole."



The search for the right actress to star in "The Muppet Movie" ended with radiant young beauty queen Miss Piggy.

THE MUPPET MOVIE, rated G. Released by Associated Film Distribution. Executive producer Martin Starger. Produced by Jim Henson. Directed by James Frawley. Written by Jerry Juhl and Jack Burns. Starring the Muppet Performers: Henson, Frank Oz, Jerry Nelson, Richard Hunt and Dave Goelz with Charles Durning and Austin Pendleton and with fifteen special guest stars.

By Seth Cagin  
FILM CRITIC

Jim Henson's Muppets, the stars of television's *Sesame Street* and *The Muppet Show*, have been around for 23 years, so they burst onto the screen in *The*

*Muppet Movie* as fully developed characters with a lengthy history.

Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy and company are internationally recognized superstars; if such a thing is possible, these puppets are seasoned performers. They take charge of the movie the way first-rate flesh-and-blood performers do. Indeed, as entertainers, the Muppets outshine most of their human co-stars in *The Muppet Movie*.

The primary appeal of the Muppets is plainly to children, but this is a form of child's play that has become all-too-rare in

recent years.

The dialogue is sharp and witty, the humor is sophisticated, the songs are tuneful. This is children's entertainment that never condescends, and thus it plays to adults as well as kids.

The delightful sense of satire, for example, with which Miss Piggy is characterized as a pretentious but loveable socialite, is light years ahead of anything else that passes for children's entertainment in today's cinema.

The story of *The Muppet Movie* purports to be the saga of how the Muppet "family" first met, and of how they traveled to

Hollywood, where they found fame and fortune. The plot itself is nothing more than a loosely related series of adventures that befall Kermit as he makes his way to an audition for talented frogs. The rest of the Muppets are picked up along the road.

Kermit's going is made perilous when he is spotted by Doc Hopper (Charles Durning), the owner of a chain of fast food restaurants featuring French fried frogs' legs. Hopper

wants Kermit to star in a TV commercial advertising his restaurants, but Kermit can't stom-

ach the idea. The chase is on.

Kermit's road to Hollywood passes through the El Sleezo Cafe where he meets Fozzie Bear; an abandoned country church where he meets the rock band, Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem; and a country fair where he meets his great love, Miss Piggy.

The deliciously charming courtship between Kermit and Miss Piggy is among the movie's highlights. The story builds to a climactic confrontation between Kermit and his archenemy Doc Hopper in an old western ghost town, and then it's on to Hollywood. At the finale, *The Muppet Movie* features a rousing large-scale musical number.

The film's message, quite simply, is that dreams can come true — which is not a bad sentiment to express to kids, or to adults either. The Muppets, in their crazy diversity also suggest that the world is full of all kinds of people, few of whom are perfect, but most of whom are good at heart.

It's a shame that the human characters are uniformly depicted as villains or fools, but most of the actors making guest appearances, including Edgar Bergen (in his last performance), Mel Brooks, Dom DeLuise, Bob Hope, Telly Savalas, Steve Martin and Orson Welles, give enjoyable performances.

On of the songs composed by Paul Williams and Kenny Ascher, Kermit's opening ballad, *The Rainbow Connection*, the road song, *Movin' Right Along*, and the finale, *The Magic Show*, are especially memorable.

Director James Frawley does keep things moving right along, and Muppet originator Jim Henson, who served as the film's producer, adds another chapter to the Muppet success story. ●

## "Frisco Kid" seems unlikely but turns out enjoyable

THE FRISCO KID, rated PG. Released by Warner Bros. Executive producer Howard W. Koch Jr. Produced by Mace Neufeld. Directed by Robert Aldrich. Written by Frank Shaw and Michael Elias. Starring Gene Wilder and Harrison Ford.

By Seth Cagin  
FILM CRITIC

*The Frisco Kid* is an unlikely, uneven, ultimately enjoyable comedy about the friendship between a rabbi and an outlaw in the Old West.

Gene Wilder and Harrison Ford star in this amiable movie which, after a slow start, works its way through several amusing scenes to an unexpectedly touching conclusion.

*The Frisco Kid* was directed by Robert Aldrich, best known for action adventure films like *Apache* and *The Dirty Dozen*.

The film's premise is to reflect the rarely acknowledged ethnic color which surely played a part in the settling of the American west. The orthodox



Gene Wilder stars as a Polish rabbi lost in the American West and Harrison Ford plays an outlaw who befriends him in "The Frisco Kid."

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## Wilder and Ford create a witty parable of the Old West in "The Frisco Kid"



Gene Wilder stars as a Jewish rabbi in "The Frisco Kid," an amiable comedy set in the Old West.

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Jewish rabbi from Poland, Avram Mutz (Wilder) looks drastically out of place at first, but over the course of the film he becomes an integral part of the landscape. He's certainly no stranger than that Amish community which befriends him at one point, or the hundreds of Orientals who came to America to help build the railway.

*The Frisco Kid* recognizes that a crazy cultural hodgepodge was an essential characteristic of the time.

Still, Avram Mutz is hardly adapted to cope with the rigors of the frontier. Shortly after arriving in America, midway

through Pennsylvania in his trek westward to San Francisco where a job and a wife await him, he is robbed of all his money.

What's worse, he has no idea where he is. Back in Poland he had been told that San Francisco was "near New York." On his own, without a cent and unusual in dress and manner, Avram is in trouble.

Avram's misadventures are the basis of the film's comedy until he meets outlaw Tommy Lillard (Ford) and the focus of the humor shifts to their unlikely partnership. Avram is entirely dependent upon Tommy to get him to San Francisco, but it is hard for him to accept

Tommy's professional activity.

Tommy can't understand Avram's morality, which includes not only an objection to bank robbery, but an unwillingness to ride a horse on the Sabbath even when he's being pursued by a posse. Yet these two characters become very fond of one another.

Gene Wilder has tended to-

ward an increasingly facile brand of slapstick in his recent movies, and it's a relief to see him develop a character with more depth. He still overworks his character's Jewish mannerisms to the point of stereotyping him, but at least Avram Mutz isn't a wide-eyed, bumbling fool — he displays a little feeling and intelligence.

Harrison Ford, best known for his portrayal of Han Solo in *Star Wars*, hints at the depth behind a two-dimensional character as if by second nature.

Between them, Wilder and Ford create a witty parable of the Old West, combining macho values and spirituality, which elevates *The Frisco Kid* above its more foolish digressions. o

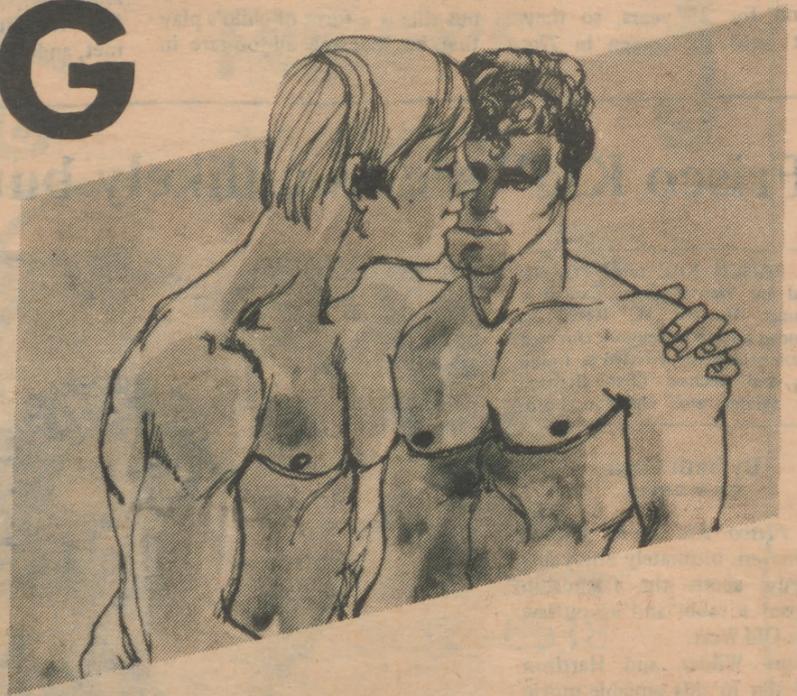
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Crew — 309 W Market  
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Executive Baths — 305 E Houston

Faces (disco) — 119 El Mio  
Galleria News — 6724 San Pedro  
Mary Ellens — 815 Fredericksburg Rd  
San Antonio Country (disco) — 1122  
N St Marys  
Santa Fe Jct — 6322 San Pedro  
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## WantAds

### BEAUMONT AREA

GAY WOMEN: See ad 153-A under Houston

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

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FOR SALE: NORTHLINE, nice home, 2-1 w/attached garage. 862-8165

G/W/M, 40, 135, health nut, looking for similar for lover. Helpful if handy at fixing properties. No fats. 522-5660

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G/W/M seeks young, to 24, G/W/M. No fat, fem, dope, to share. Ad 152-R

MONTROSE CONDO for sale, excellent location. 1 bdrm, assume mortgage. Asking 32,500. Kay Little, Going & Co Realtors, 523-8877, 524-1586

ARE YOU SOMEONE SPECIAL? Articulate & professional Asian, 31, 5'6", 135, wants to meet sensitive G/W/M, 28-40, who is tired of bar scene, games & 1 niters & wants a stable relationship. Enjoy theater, music, creative writing, cooking & quiet evenings. No fats, fems drugs, S&M. Ad 152-F

LONELY HOUSTON, 34, G/W/M, 160, 6', blond, green eyes, would like to meet Mex-Am, Arab or any compatible person. Pls call 784-9117. Ask for Ray

MASSAGE WITH VELVET TOUCH. Tenderloving care. Call Abel. 529-4816, 521-0604

G/W/M MUST MARRY in order to get resident visa. German, 25. Ad 152-E

G/W/M, 30, 5'7", 145, dark hair, hazel eyes, medium build, warm, sensitive, sincere & intelligent, enjoys theater, film, music, communication & literature. Seeks someone w/similar interests, mature, stable, over 25. Interested in poss relationship. Ad 152-K

GLDKNG BLOND SWIMMER, 25, wants hot men 20-30 for J/O buddies & good fantasies. Description requested. Ad 152-C

FULL-TIME SECURITY OFFICER WANTED, own uniform. 10pm-6am, 6 days. Salary open. Call Midtowne Spa, 522-2379, ask for Hal Goldstein

WANTED: copies of old "OBC" or "Richard Models" porn. Will trade or buy. Ad 153-B

PUT YOURSELF IN NEXT WEEK'S STAR. Call (713) 529-8188, and we'll make YOU a STAR.

BE A RECORD PRODUCER. Local gay recording project to get underway in Sept. Need financial backers. Call Craig, 528-2551

Would like to MEET A FRIEND/PLAYMATE. I'm 6'2", 27, 180, for afternoon sessions. Write Craig, 3201 Louisiana, no. 2, Houston TX 77002

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### TENNESSEE

GLDKNG Chattanooga G/W/M, 27, blond, blue eyes, 5'9", 142, university staff, very affectionate & serious, seeking W/M, 21-35, for serious friendship or poss relationship. Must be sensitive, intelligent, stable. Pls enclose photo. Ad 151-B