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Good Evening
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Art Festival Well-Attended, But All Not Happy

By Johannes Stall

Local media estimated that up to 400,000 people attended the Westheimer Colony Art Festival last weekend, Oct. 16 and 17. Philip Peicella, Festival Coordinator, concurred with this figure.

Apeicella said that there were 310 official exhibitors. And he estimates there were 700 unofficial exhibitors at this festival.

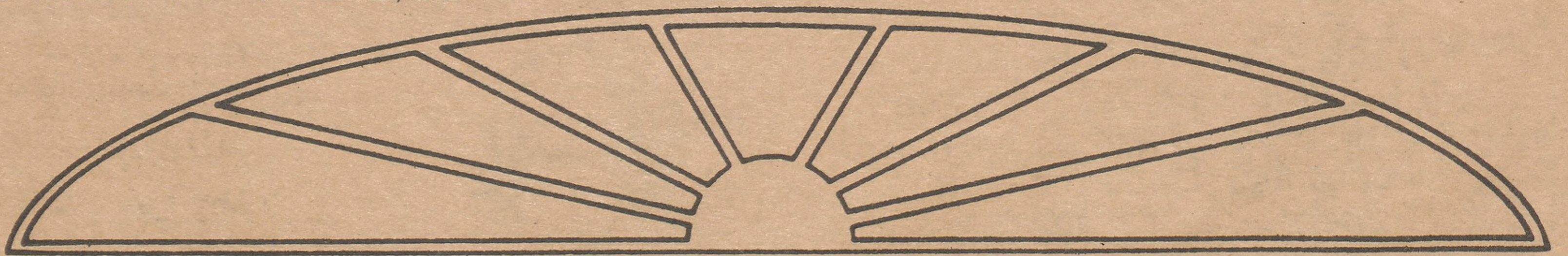
"The Association has voted that it can't continue to present the festival under these circumstances," he said. He elaborated the circumstances as the festival "taking on the air of a flea market. How would you feel as an artist, if you were judged and juried and the guy next to you was selling junk jewelry or cheap imported luggage?"

Apeicella said he received several complaints from participants concerning such commercialization and drop in quality of art. He said that the Westheimer Colony has no control over merchants along Westheimer and what they chose to sell.

Just off Westheimer, at the Fred Paez Community Service Center, the Houston Human Rights League held an open house and the Montrose Art Alliance displayed art works. It was a respite from the crowds filling Westheimer, which was closed to traffic as it was the spring festival this year.

Concurrent with the festival, the Montrose Clinic held a blood drive for the community blood bank. Frank Berrier, clinic administrative director, said that 27 pints of blood were collected Saturday, October 16.





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Motion to Rescind GPC Endorsement for White Fails

By Pamela Wolfe

A motion to rescind the Gay Political Caucus endorsement for Attorney General Mark White, Democratic candidate for governor, received a resounding defeat at the GPC meeting last Wednesday, Oct. 20. The vote was 4-39 opposing such action.

Acting on his "gut feelings" and on the basis that "White has not made a definitive stand" on appealing or not appealing a federal decision declaring the state's "Homosexual Statue" unconstitutional, caucus member Gregg Russell made the motion to rescind GPC endorsement for White.

Caucus President Larry Bagneris, Jr., on the basis of parliamentary procedure, refused the motion since Russell had not voted in favor of the original endorsement. Bagneris told Russell the only way to proceed with such action would be to challenge the chair's (Bagneris') decision.

Another member who had voted for the endorsement made the motion for the sake of expediency.

Debate was brief—less than 10 minutes—and GPC boardmember Gary Grant received applause when he called the question, a procedure which ends debate on a motion.

On other subjects, GPC members said that 45,000 leaflets were distributed at the Westheimer Colony Art Festival. They reported adding 252 names to GPC's mailing list.

According to Barbara Ciganero, precincts 34, 38, 60 and 123 obtained 3179 voter registrations, topping other Harris County precincts. However, those registered at the festival will be unable to vote in the November 2 election because they were registered after the deadline.

A unanimous vote passed a motion to buy radio advertising for the GPC.

GPC Election Central '82 is scheduled to be held at Kindred Spirits, 5245 Buffalo Speedway, on election evening at 8:00 p.m.

Bagneris urged anyone having difficulty in the voting process to call the GPC offices, 521-1000, during the time that the polls are open. He also called for volun-

teers to contact GPC if they have time to contribute for the election.



GPC member Gregg Russell



GPC Vice President Terry Harris

FDA Calls Lubricant Claims to Prevent VD, Herpes Exaggerated

By Johannes Stahl

"Any product (lubricants claiming to prevent sexually transmitted diseases) that makes these claims are grossly exaggerated," according to Food and Drug Administration Compliance Officer Kenneth Ewing in Houston.

"These products have not been tested or approved by the FDA," he added. "There's a great deal of different drugs like this sold on the street and none are ever sold through legitimate trade channels."

The product in question is a water-soluble gel being distributed in Houston and Dallas under the name of ForPlay or Prepair, according to a statement from local distributor Terry K. Williams.

Williams' statement on the product includes a claim that the product "kills the viruses which transmit syphilis, gonorrhea and herpes genitalis. This amazing news was presented by biochemist Dr. Bruce Voeller, past president of the National Gay Task Force and currently president of the Mariposa Foundation in Los Angeles."

Williams quoted Dr. Voeller as saying the new lubricant "has undergone testing at three prestigious laboratories. The results showed that the product, under lab conditions, killed 100 percent of all three viruses within one minute of contact." The names of the three laboratories were not included in Williams' statement.

Syphilis and gonorrhea are caused by bacterial agents, not viruses, according to Ewing.

"The FDA is currently involved in an OTC (over the counter) drugs review and we have higher priorities to follow," said Ewing. "A monograph—a cookbook of the active ingredients, so to say—should be published with the clinical evidence of these claims."

Montrose Mouth

Here's your seven-day party calendar from the VOICE—six excuses for six parties over the next seven days. (We're all going to rest on Tuesday this week.)

(Friday) Oct. 22: The first parachute jump took place today in 1797—from a balloon, naturally, since airplanes hadn't been invented yet.

The story goes that Andre Jacques Garnerin rose 3000 feet over Parc Monceau in Paris—and jumped. However, during his descent, he started swinging back and forth like a pendulum, and got sick. He threw up on the crowd below.

(Saturday) Oct. 23: It's Gore Vidal and Johnny Carson's birthdays. Both are 57 today.

(Sunday) Oct. 24: Women's nylon hosiery went on sale today for the first time. It was in 1939. Drag shows have not been the same since.

(Monday) Oct. 25: Helen Reddy was born today in 1941.

(Tuesday) Oct. 26: We have searched and searched, folks, and honestly, we cannot find anything that happened on this day worth celebrating. So try instead resting up for Halloween weekend, which starts in three days.

(Wednesday) Oct. 27: DuPont announced the invention of nylon in 1938. (See Sunday, above.)

(Thursday) Oct. 28: The Statute of Liberty was dedicated in 1886.

Eddie Chavez, a former director of the Montrose Sports Association, this week assumes duties as Sports Editor at the MONTROSE VOICE.

Pamela Wolf, a former reporter for *Newsweek*, has joined the staff of the VOICE as Entertainment Editor. She will also cover general news items.

Lyt Harris has been promoted from advertising representative to Advertising Director at the VOICE and Bill Marberry from Advertising Director to Business Manager.

Meanwhile, our editorial and advertising sales offices has moved from suite 306 to suite 204 in the 3317 Montrose Blvd. building, with typesetting and production staying in suite 306.

Your community newspaper keeps growing.

The City of Houston Health Dept. VD Testers will be at the Briar Patch next Wednesday, 5 to 9pm.

There will be about a million Halloween contests next weekend in the Montrose community. Well, maybe not a million, but at least a hundred thousand.

One of them will be at Kindred Spirits Sunday night, with the judges to consist of state rep Debra Danburg, city councilman George Greanias and local personalities Catherine Randolph, Barbard Ciganario and Andy Mills.

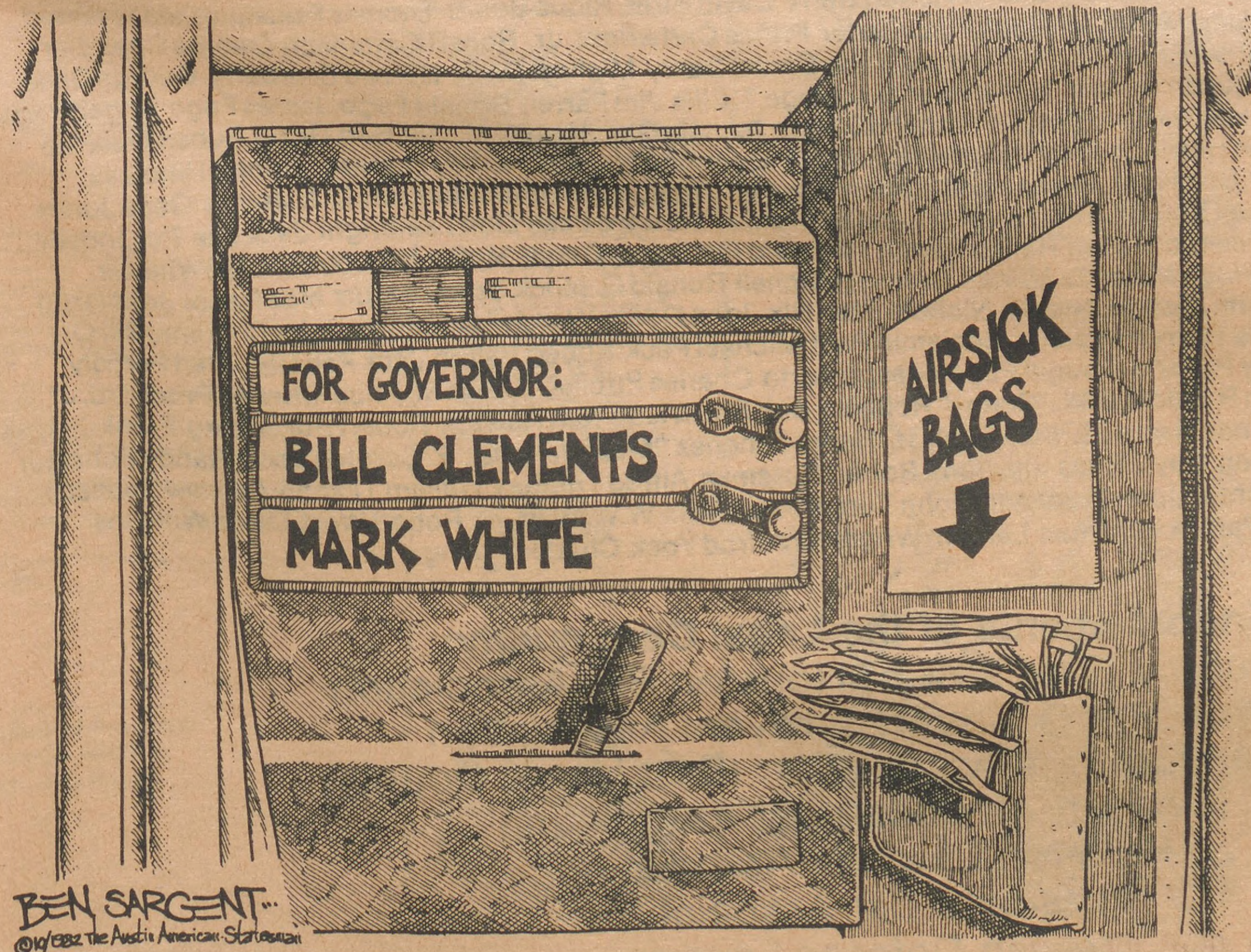
Ray Hill informs that next Thursday, Oct. 28, he, ex-gay Aggies, present gay Aggies, and representatives of some Montrose religious groups, will be at Texas A&M to host a political forum at the MSC. Booths have been secured by the local Gay Student Service Organization, the N.O.W. chapter and the Houston Human Rights League.

Ray says additional financial help would be appreciated. He's at 523-6969.

Did gay emperors cause the downfall of Rome? Hardly, informs Pat Franklin of Stonewall Features. The Empire reached its greatest expansion in the reign of Hadrian, himself gay, nearly 80 years after the death of the dissolute Caligula.

The first recorded instance of the word "Queer" used to denote a homosexual appeared in a 1925 issue of *Variety*, the show business journal.

Henry VIII like his sex, but only with women. It was in his reign that the first English sodomy statutes were enacted, making gay love a capital offense.



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1 Year Ago

Oct. 26, 1981:

"White night" rioter got felony conviction

Two and a half years after the evening of angry reaction to the lenient sentence given to assassin Dan White, one of the defendants was convicted on one felony charge and another defendant convicted of a misdemeanor.

Judge Claude D. Perasso, a Ronald Reagan appointee during his time as governor of California, sifted the final evidence presented at a hearing, including two photographs submitted by the district attorney's office.

Defendant David A. Waddle was found guilty of throwing an empty bottle at a line of police officers on the steps of City Hall, a felony.

Oct. 27, 1981:

Wisconsin assembly approved gay rights bill

The Wisconsin Assembly made history by giving final approval to a Gay Rights Bill—the first time that any house of any state legislature had passed such a law.

The measure, Assembly Bill 70, authored by state Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison), was approved on a vote of 50 to 46, but was then sent to the State Senate, which Clarenbach believed would act favorably on the bill early in 1982.

Noted Atheist Keynoted Gay Atheist Convention

By Pamela Wolfe

"I'm so heterosexual that it's absolutely disgusting. I've been square, square, square, but it appears to me that even if I am as square as Jerry Falwell, I'm not so nutty as he!" declared the famous and infamous founding president of the National Organization of American Atheists, Madalyn Murray O'Hair.

As key speaker at the Annual Banquet Dinner of the Second Annual National Convention of the Gay Atheist League of America, held at the Americana Hotel in Houston on October 27, Madalyn O'Hair strongly endorsed GALA in her bold, brash and brazen manner on the basis that the rights to freedom of speech must be protected for all individuals. The sign "Jewish Nazi's, Black Klansman, Gay Christians", GALA's symbol of perseverance and the right to freedom of expression, hung in full view.

"Ten years ago this would never have happened", commented Houston Chapter President of GALA, Don Sanders, to a banquet room full of 85 atheists, non-atheists, gays and non-gays. Jon G. Murray, Director of the AA Center in Austin, and son of Madalyn O'Hair, stressed that AA and GALA do strive for the same principles and shared similar difficulties. He admitted that it was difficult in forming an atheist group because people were scared to become involved.

Madalyn O'Hair introduced herself to the audience with a brief autobiographical sketch, full of earthy and somewhat perverse anecdotes. She reminisced about her early experiences with the gay community in Houston of 1950, pointing out that homosexuality was tolerated only within the elite class.

Records, books and clothing dealing with homosexuality were available. There was even an enormous elitist club called "Gay 90's" for male and female gays, she said. Contrary to the 1950's, Madalyn added, "What we are seeing today is that anybody can go buy Chateaubriand and anyone can be a homosexual.

She absorbed the audience's thoughtful attention by reading excerpts from the



autobiography of James H. Motsinger, a Kentuckian farmer who was once committed by his family to the Kentucky State Institution because he was (is) a homosexual. Relating "How to Seduce a Man Without Being Aggressive" and other short essays conveying the feelings and experiences of an oppressed homosexual demonstrated that Madalyn O'Hair has tried to empathize and understand the gay movement.

On this somber note, Madalyn spoke about her principle concerns. "You must fund GALA!", she declared passionately, "It took 8000 years to get a 40 hour work week. When I was your age I worked 12 hours a day. You must pass it on. You must have freedom of speech!"

She continued fervently, "The beast (religion) is dying all over the world. They're out of religion in France, Scandinavia and Germany." Forty percent of Americans still attend Church in the United States, she contends, where religion is being resurrected to condition people towards being more dependent, fear-ridden and having more feelings of self-inadequacy, thus allowing the government to take control, compelling us towards the Armageddon.

Elaborating further on this weighty proclamation, Don Sanders explained later that GALA supports the theory "that

there is a plot underway by the religious Right to destroy our freedoms. We have people who believe the Nuclear Arms Race will be the answer to the Armageddon," that they're being called by God to bring us to push the button."

After being awarded as the "Straight Atheist of the Year," Madalyn concluded her speech in her usual blunt, attention-getting style. "Take the money from one trick. Instead of taking him to dinner, take it (money) to GALA. That's all I can say."

To the contrary—Madalyn O'Hair. Presently, Madalyn O'Hair is working on *Jesus Christ Superfraud*, a review and assemblage of all of the histories written about Jesus Christ. A hard and fast writer, she is also working on three additional books.

Arnald Via, Director of the Virginia Chapter of American Atheists, announced via taped radio broadcasts that the GALA chapter in Grottoes, Virginia was issued a permit to picket Jerry Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church. The American Atheists will support the GALA protest because of Falwell's constant violation of basic human rights, they said.

The GALA convention included films workshops, and speeches by several top atheist leaders from across the United States.

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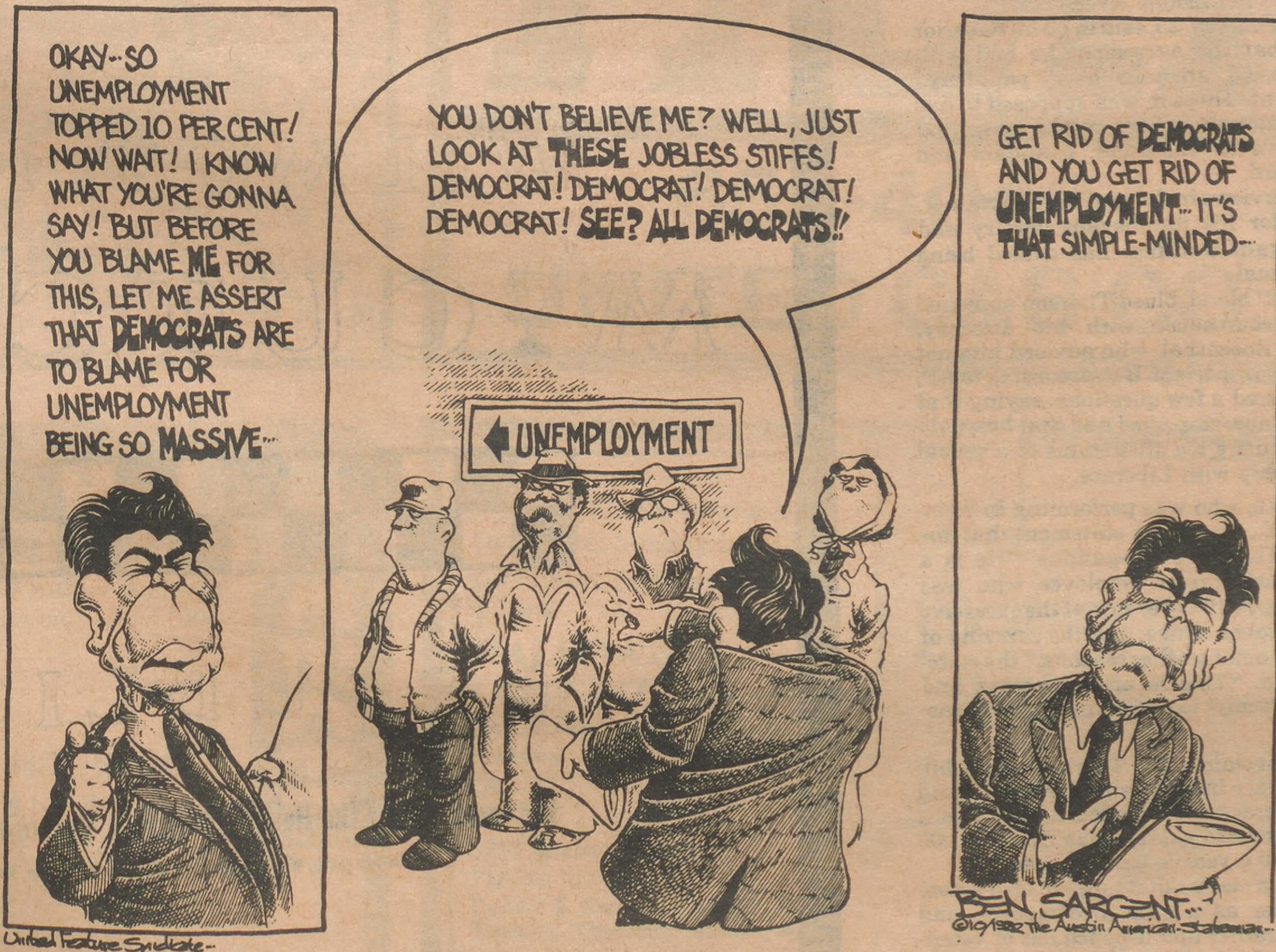
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Sparks Fly Over 'Gay-Police Alliance' in San Francisco

International Gay News Agency

San Francisco gay Supervisor (councilman) Harry Britt is embroiled in a controversy over his attempt to create an alliance between the gay population of San Francisco and the Police Officers Association.

Britt says he hopes to reduce police-gay confrontations by lending his support to POA hopes for measures on the November ballot that would give police officers time and half for working overtime. Opponents believe that the police will offer nothing in return, although Britt wants to create some kind of review board to investigate charges against police officers, a board that will, unlike the present one, not consist of fellow members of the police department.

Accusations of "selling out" to the police in exchange for political gain have been hurled, with Britt replying that tensions between gays and the police are never going to get better unless efforts are made at compromise.

Supervisor Britt wants voters to pass Proposition A, which would create an Office of Civilian Complaints about police misconduct under the control of the Police Commission and the Chief of Police. Propositions I and J, if passed, would give the police more money and better working conditions.

The controversy has been aggravated by rumors of closeted gays in high positions in the Police Officers Association and by a recently passed bill in the California Assembly that allows police officers to sue those who file official complaints of misconduct against them.

Liberace Sued by Man Claiming to be Ex-Lover

International Gay News Agency

A young man who says he was Liberace's lover and employee sued the colorful pianist for \$113 million on October 14, saying that the entertainer violated an agreement for sex and financial support.

It is a case similar to that of Billie Jean King and her female lover.

Scott Thorson, 23, said in Calif. Superior Court that the agreement he had with Liberace, 63, amounts to a "palimony" agreement. Thorson was supposed to live in an intimate sexual relationship and also serve as chauffeur, confidant and bodyguard.

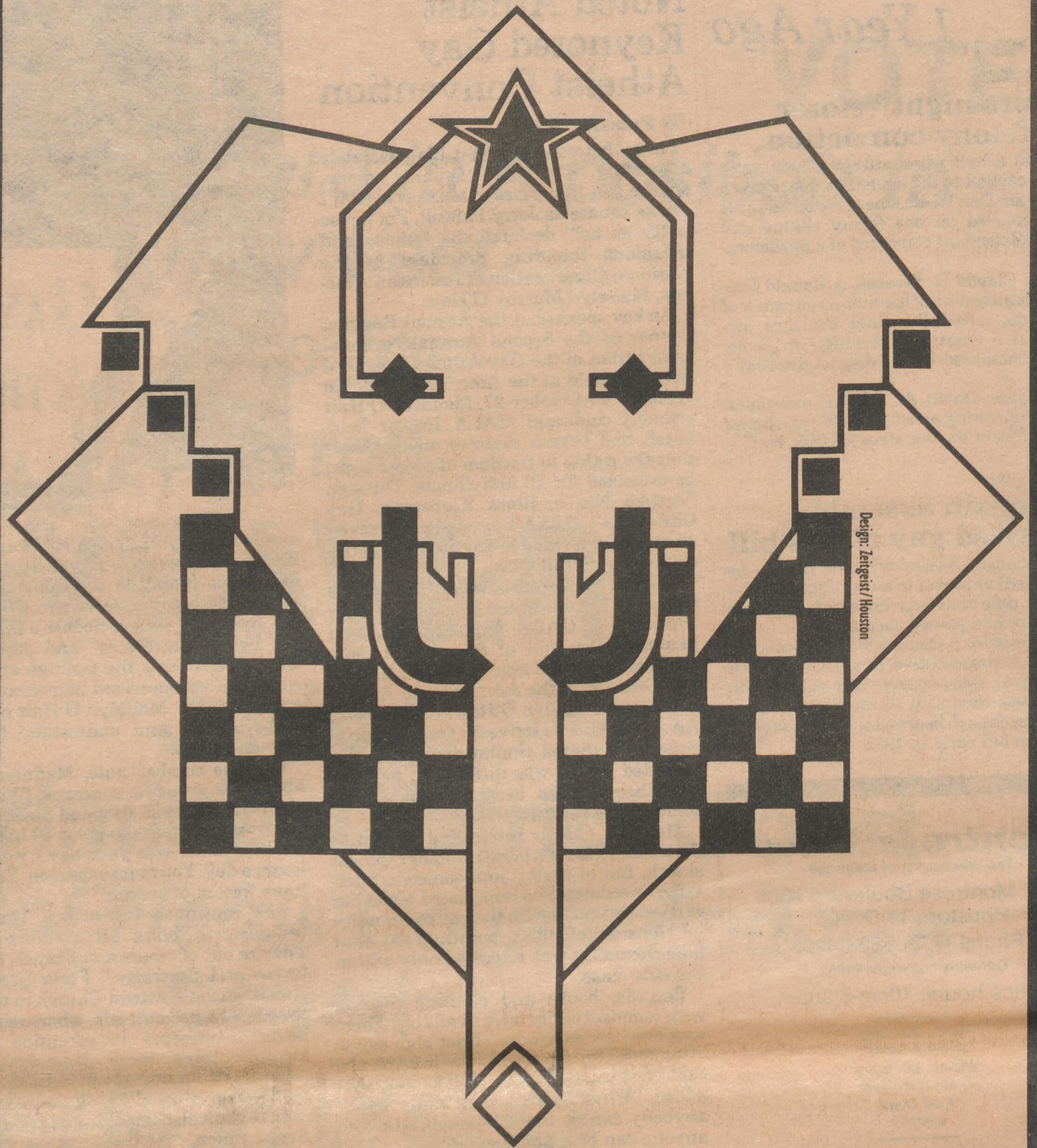
In interviews in the past the entertainer, known for his flamboyant jewelry and extravagant clothing, has denied being homosexual.

The 6'2" blond, blond-Thorson appeared at the courthouse with his attorney, Michael Rosenthal, who advised him not to speak to reporters. But, according to AP, he answered a few questions, saying that he is not now employed and that he would not later deny his allegations of a sexual relationship with Liberace.

Liberace, who was performing in Westbury, N.Y., released a statement that dismissed Thorson's allegations. "He is a disgruntled former employee who was fired in early 1982 because of the excessive use of alcohol, drugs, and the carrying of firearms, among other reasons," the statement said. "This is an outrageous and vicious attempt to assassinate my character."

The suit claims that Thorson began dating Liberace in 1976, when he was 17, and that Liberace soon agreed to pay him a \$7,000-a-month salary, plus from \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year to care for pets.

Thorson claims that he gave up a potential career as a dancer, composer, and animal trainer and dropped out of veterinarian school to live with Liberace.



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Grimes: '94, Libertarian and Proud'



By Johannes Stahl

Aileen Grimes, the Libertarian Party candidate for state representative, District 131, says she's different than her Democratic and Republican opponents. "First of all, I'm 94 years old," she said.

"I don't feel that old," she quickly added.

Of the differences she said, "I believe in a good government, and I'm against raising taxes. I'm also against (federal) income tax."

Grimes describes herself as a firm believer of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It was because of such libertarian views, she said, that "some of them (Libertarians) wanted me to represent them in Texas."

"We should treat all people right," she said in response to questions of civil and gay rights. She said she does not feel the government has any right to tell someone how to live "as long as you don't hurt someone else."

Grimes blames big government for high interest rates and inflation. "The government should pass no laws hampering free enterprise."

"Vote as you please," she said, "You don't have a bearcat sitting over you to tell you how to vote."

Grimes eats her lunch every day at the YWCA because she is on a fixed income and still takes time for pen and ink drawings. "I want to get into acrylic (painting) next month at the YWCA."

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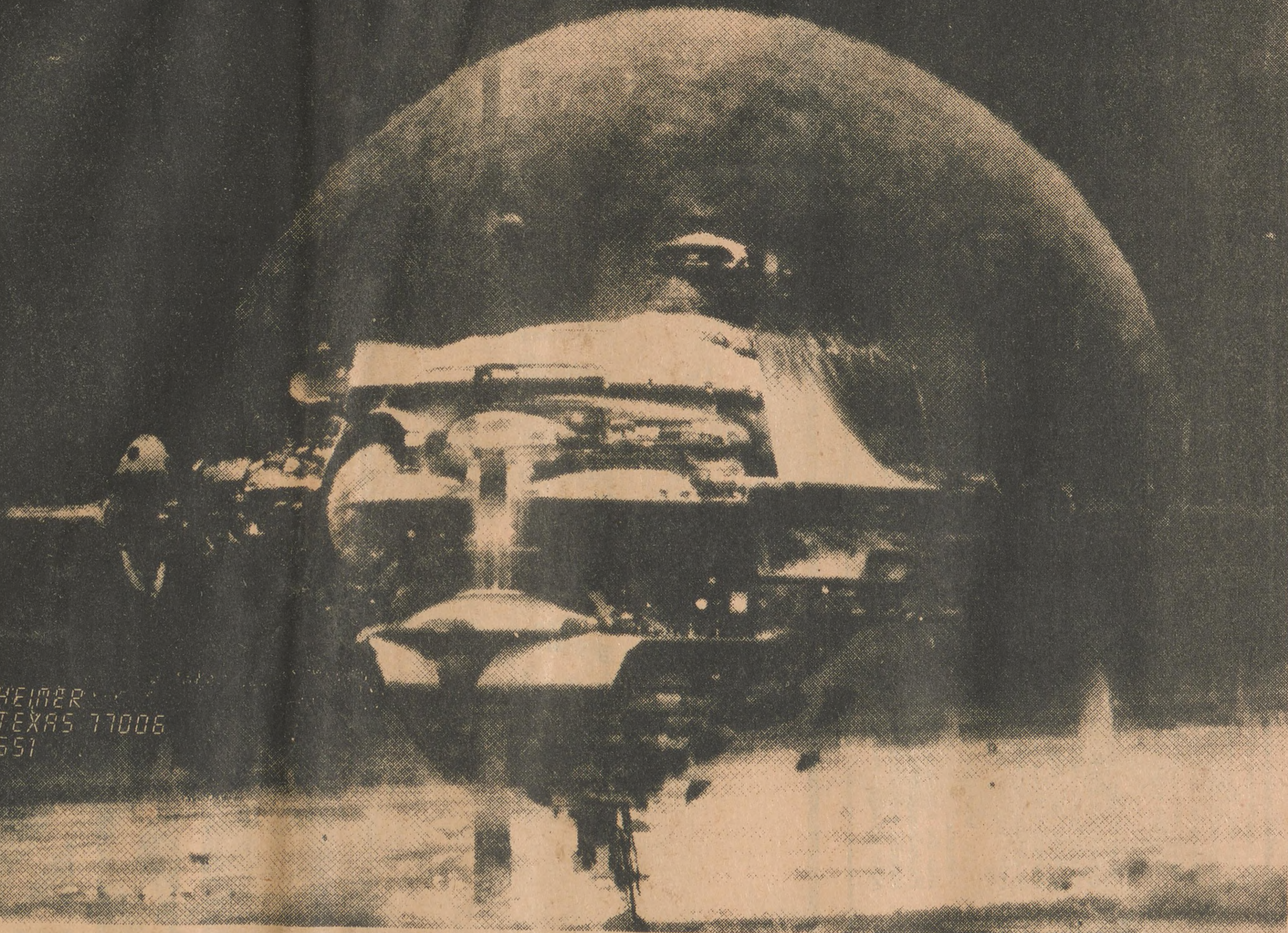
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Dallas Activists Get First Major City Hall Reception

Three members of the board of directors of the Dallas Gay Alliance met with Dallas city leaders October 13 to discuss the problems and concerns of the gay community.

Bill Nelson, Don Baker and Ann Brown met with Charles Anderson, city manager; Levi Davis, assistant city manager; Lee Simpson, city councilman; Joe Haggard, city councilman; and Ricardo Medrano, a city councilman who was responsible for setting up the meeting.

Although the topic of police/gay relations was frequently brought up, the conversation also presented an over-view of

the relationship that the gay community has experienced with city government and suggested that, although there has been progress in many areas, that generally the city has not taken an active role in assessing the needs and concerns of the gay portion of the population.

Ann Brown presented examples of programs and publications from other cities which have addressed the gay issue already and suggested that the talent, resources, and willingness are all present in Dallas to produce similar materials if only City Hall would show an interest.

City Manager Anderson said he was interested in pursuing a line of inquiry into the concerns of the gay community. He indicated that he wanted to review personally programs and publications from other cities, as well as suggestions that the

Dallas gay community might provide. Councilman Haggard admitted, as he has in the past, that he does have some problems in dealing with the issue of homosexuality, but said that he strongly felt that all citizens of this city were entitled to equal treatment.

Although personal encounters have taken place, this was the first official meeting with Councilpersons Simpson and Haggard addressing the concerns of gays.

BWMT Celebrates 2nd Birthday

"It's been a year of enlightening experiences, organizational achievements and fellowship," boasted proud president Ken Sievers at the Second Anniversary of

Black and White Men Together, held at Omar's Restaurant, 808 Lovett.

"For two years we have worked together but 1983 will offer many new challenges for us," he added. "We are visible in the community and we must show our pride not only in ourselves but in everything we do," he said.

"BWMT surfaced this year in spirit, fellowship, and unity as the membership showed their pride during the Gay Pride Week Juneteenth Celebration in conjunction with the Montrose Sports Association. They succeeded to march their colors in the Gay Pride Week parade displaying the pride that made the 1st Annual BWMT/MSA Juneteenth Celebration a successful event. It brought over 20 organizations together and with their spirit. Next year will be even better," one member said.

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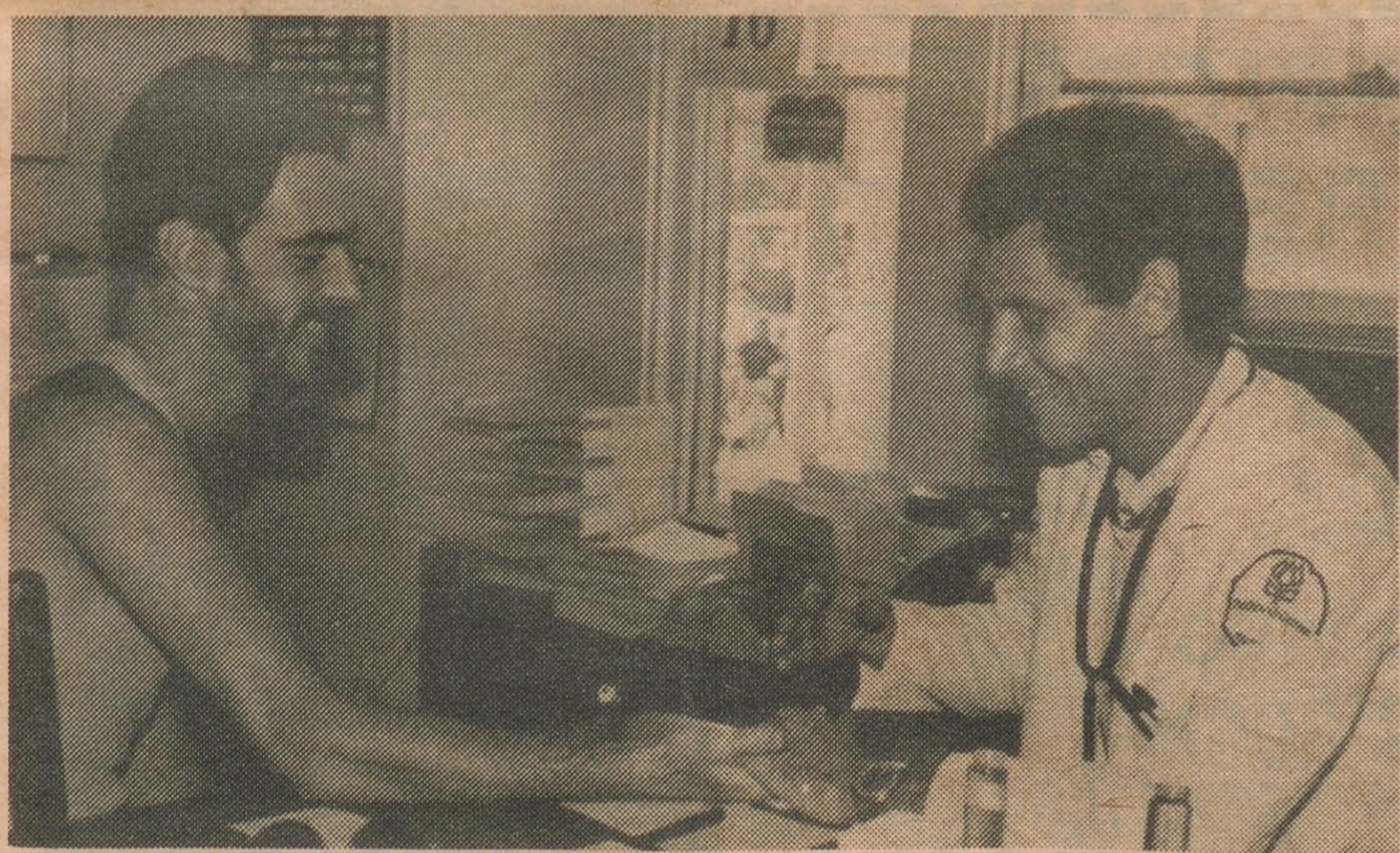
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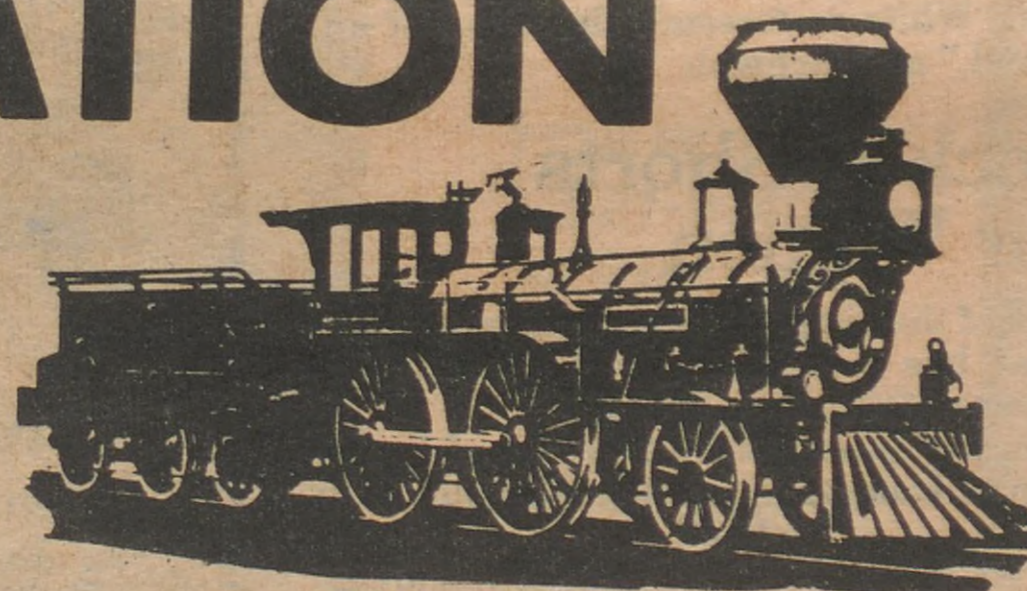
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White Campaign Official Causes Stir When Quoted by Tyler Newspaper

By Johannes Stahl

"Mr. White (state Attorney General and Democratic candidate for Governor) has planned to appeal the ruling from the outset," said Mary Hardesty, White's press secretary, according to an article that appeared in the October 8 edition of the *Courier-Times Telegraph* in Tyler.

The headline on the article, however, went further than Ms. Hardesty said she had anticipated, announcing, "Appeal Planned by White on Homosexual Court Ruling."

Other aides in White's campaign office claimed the candidate himself had not made any such decision. White was said to be unavailable for comment.

The ruling is in reference to Federal Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's decision declaring Penal Code 21.06—a law proscribing consensual sex acts between adults of the same sex for non-commercial purposes—unconstitutional. Final judgement was filed September 28, making October 28 the deadline for an appeal or request for 30-day extension, according to M. Robert Schwab, Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) president. THRF selected and funded the case for the constitutional challenge.

According to the newspaper report, Hardesty said White began making plans to appeal the ruling September 2.

Hardesty was said to have spoken with *Courier-Times Telegraph* reporter Glenn McCasland on Thursday, October 7—one day after White's campaign manager, Dwayne Holman, asked for an endorsement for White from the Houston Gay Political Caucus. White received the endorsement at that meeting, after about one hour of debate which included concern that White would make such an appeal, thereby discrediting the Gay Political Caucus and the credibility of their endorsements in the fall elections.

GPC decided to go with the White endorsement on the grounds that he was a better choice than incumbent Republican Bill Clements.

Hardesty, according to the article, said White is required under Article 43.95, Vernon's Civil Statutes, to defend state law and represent the state in any appeal of federal court rulings overturning state law.

Jim Barber, attorney for plaintiff in Baker vs. Wade, said it would not be "a surprise to me" that Mark White would appeal. "However, my research has indicated that an appeal is not required by statute."

Hardesty, in a phone conversation Thursday, October 21, confirmed her statements made to reporter McCasland but said the report "was exaggerated."

Schwab said, "I can assure the community that we're fully prepared to defend this hard-fought victory" in the event White or any county district attorney forces an appeal.


"Speaking as a gay individual, I strongly urge the community to bring whatever political influence it has with Mark White to forestall the filing of an appeal," said Schwab.

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Courts Rule Military Can Continue Official Discrimination Against Gays, But Orders One Exception

The U.S. military continues to deny gay people a right to serve their country in the armed forces.

But Staff Sgt. Perry Watkins, a 14-year veteran, has been told by a federal court that the Army should make an exception in his case.

Watkins was informed by Army officials in 1979 that he would not be permitted to re-enlist when his current tour ended in October, 1982, according to a report in *The News* in San Antonio. A self-admitted homosexual since his pre-induction physical in 1967, Watkins was disqualified by the Army, which argued that homosexuality is an adequate reason for their decision. A Department of Defense regulation states that homosexuals are unsuitable for military service.

But U.S. District Judge Barbara Rothstein of Seattle ruled on October 5 that Watkins is now eligible to re-enlist. Rothstein's decision did not overrule the Army's policy toward homosexuality, the report said. It was based on the fact that Sgt. Watkins had declared himself a homosexual before and after his induction into the Army in 1967.

Rothstein ruled, "Plaintiff was candid with the Army about his homosexuality; that factor is central to this case."

In another case, James L. Dronenburg, was discharged from the Navy because of his homosexuality. Represented by National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), Dronenburg filed a lawsuit against the Navy to contest the decision. But U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch of Washington D.C. upheld the Navy's exclusionary policy on October 5, according to a NGRA spokesperson.

The Navy argued that "the presence of a (homosexual) member in a military environment seriously impairs combat readiness, efficiency and security."

"Maintenance of the effectiveness, discipline, and morale of the nation's naval forces is a legitimate Navy policy", ruled Judge Gasch.

NGRA legal director Leonard Groff stated "to discharge a serviceman with this kind of record, solely because of his sexual orientation, is a violation of basic constitutional rights." Jean O'Leary, executive director of NGRA, explained that "the only legitimate standard for serving in the military is the ability to perform the job requirements. The military's policy of excluding lesbians and gay men is an irrational discrimination."

Together, the NGRA and its co-operating law firm, Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe, will appeal Dronenburg's case, said a report from NGRA.

Kill First, Start War Later

A Harvard law professor has a suggestion that may make President Reagan think twice before starting a nuclear war.

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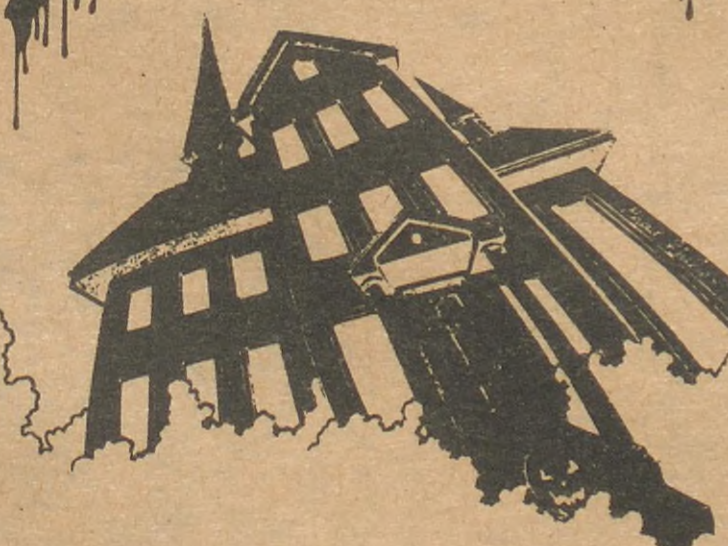
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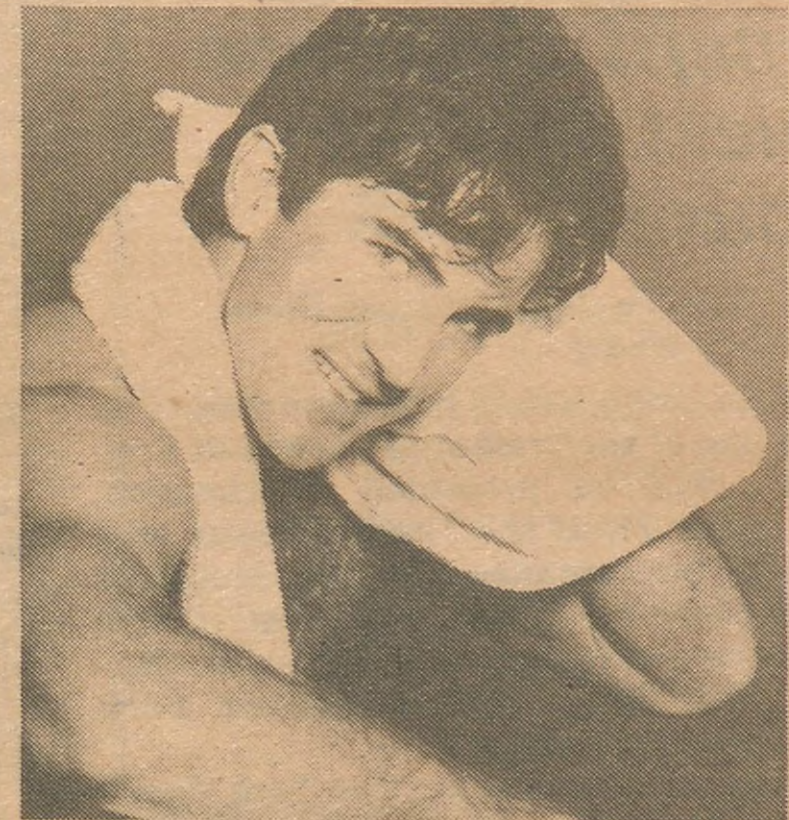
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'An Evening with Quentin Crisp' to benefit Montrose Guest Recovery House

From Ron Taylor, Montrose Guest Recovery House

Quentin Crisp, a man who *Time* magazine calls one of the "reigning queens of England", will be presented to Houston, November 28, at the Tower Theater in a benefit performance for the Montrose Guest Recovery House, a residential facility for recovering gay and lesbian alcoholics. His show has delighted both audiences and critics alike.

Crisp, as described by *New York Times* critic Richard Eder, is "... witty, touching ..." with "... the artistic deference that marks the genuine performer. His interest in ideas more than in himself. ... He is the message in the bottle." A world acclaimed author, Crisp's works include *Chog*, *A Gothic Fable*, *All This and Bevin Too*, *Love Made Easy*, and *How to Have a Lifestyle*. His autobiography, *The Naked Civil Servant*, was filmed and televised in the fall of 1976, causing the late Kenneth Tynen to proclaim that it alone might justify television's existence. Mr. Crisp is a seer of our times who writes: "I am not a dropout; I was never, never in."

Quentin Crisp has brought his wry, indefatigable humor to stages around the world as well as to host of talk shows, never failing to amuse his audiences. He considers Los Angeles "... a happy Ireland" and designer clothing "a commercial for someone's merchandise."

But Crisp's message is much stronger. He is a rugged individualist who belief in

the self is not only to be admired but emulated as well. At a time when the "Me Generation" has given way to the quest for "self-actualization", Crisp has been a model practitioner for over 50 years. "You must know yourself. This may require considerable effort. Self-knowledge is not the easiest thing in the world to come by. But it is the best thing in the world to have." His life is his art and fine art it is.

"An Evening With Quentin Crisp" will be at the Tower Theater, 1201 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas on November 28, 1982, at 8:00 p.m. Seats are \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00 with special patron seats at \$50.00 and \$100.00. The price of all tickets are tax deductible. Patron tickets include an invitation to an after-theatre party with Mr. Crisp. Tickets are available at the Tower Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. For phone and credit card order (Mastercharge and Visa) call 522-2452.

Setting the Political Agenda

From Neil Isbin, community activist

In his recent speech before CHE (Citizens for Human Equality), city Councilmember George Greanias stated that the spring of 1983 would not be a good time to introduce and pass a gay rights ordinance. However, he suggested that a year later, after Kathy's Whitmire's re-election, would be a more opportune time.

Finally a date has been set. After three years of continual promises being dismissed with "the time is not right" argument, a plan of action has been proposed. Another 15 to 16 months is not too long to wait.

But what about the interim? Certainly the city council is not going to plunge into the gay rights issue with a comprehensive civil rights ordinance without testing the

water of public opinion.

Changes in the police department training and hiring policies should precede any civil rights ordinance. If the spring of 1984 is the date for the civil rights ordinance then the spring of 1983 should be the target date for changes in the police and fire departments.

In the interim between now and the spring of 1984, Mr. Greanias says that we should expect administrative changes in the police and fire departments. The question is, how long do we wait for voluntary administrative changes before we find the need to legislate such changes?

Police Chief Lee Brown is definitely better than past police chiefs. However, when it comes to the gay issue, Chief Brown has yet to demonstrate the courage to take the initiative. In a surprisingly candid statement (MONTROSE VOICE, June 25, 1982), Chief Brown, while agreeing with the principle of gay rights, said that it was a legal issue and not a moral issue—that he really couldn't do much until the laws were changed.

Frankly, I'd expect that kind of statement from a straight white liberal, but not from a black man. Certainly Chief Brown remembers the early 1960s when the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was being debated; certainly Chief Brown remembers how Presidents Kennedy and Johnson both stated that civil rights was no longer a political issue, but a moral issue.

Although (section) 21.06 (of the Texas Penal Code) was declared unconstitutional two months ago (thanks to the Texas Human Rights Foundation), no action has been forthcoming. Supposedly the mayor's office is studying the issue. In reality, they are sitting on it—waiting to see if the decision will be appealed.

If it is not appealed, we can expect to see a number of pro-gay administrative decisions. However, they will be rationalized

to the public as legal necessities. First the politicians say to us, "Look our hands are tied, we can't do anything because of 21.06." Then they say to the public, "Look our hands are tied, 21.06 has been declared unconstitutional and we can't legally discriminate." So much for political integrity.

I would hate to think of where we would be if it wasn't for the wisdom of the THRF to challenge the constitutionality of 21.06.

But suppose the 21.06 decision is appealed. Will the mayor and police chief demonstrate their political integrity and advance administrative changes, or will they continue to sit tight and wait for the final outcome? The appeal of the 21.06 decision could take years. How does that fit into George Greanias' timetable?

While both Kathy Whitmire and Lee Brown are decent and sympathetic people, neither have demonstrated the courage to take the initiative on the gay issue—they are afraid of the political consequences. Should the 21.06 decision be appealed, it is unlikely that the administration will act unless they are forced to by a city council ordinance.

The die has been cast, we must now wait to see if the 21.06 decision will be appealed. If there is no appeal, everyone saves face—we get what we want and the city delivers with the image that it is was legally necessary for them to act. However if the decision is appealed, the city council must take the initiative.

The Texas Homosexual Conduct Statute

From M. Robert Schwab, Texas Human Rights Foundation president

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using litigation as a tool for obtaining equal rights and equal treatment under the laws for all gays, and for educating the general public concerning gay rights.

It became immediately apparent that the cornerstone to state-wide discrimination against homosexuals was Penal Code Sec. 21.06, which made consenting non-commercial sexual acts of adults in private a crime. A challenge to 21.06 became the priority goal of the organization.

A constitutional challenge to a state statute impacts the lives of persons around the state. In order to mobilize the resources necessary to effectively mount this kind of challenge, the organization was re-organized as a state-wide entity with offices in Dallas and Houston. It was renamed the Texas Human Rights Foundation. The THRF obtained a tax-exempt status for the organization and prior approval from the IRS for its challenge to 21.06. To avoid any appearance of potential conflict of interest, under the rules of this non-profit corporation, no fees or salaries can be paid to officers or trustees.

The first objective in structuring the challenge was that it serve a public educational function to show that gays are normal, productive members of society. All known arrests under 21.06 had taken place in bookstores, bathhouses and parks. Therefore it was decided that it would be preferable to seek a declaratory judgement attaching the statute by a person that had not been arrested under it. We determined that a case of that nature would negatively impact our public educational function of THRF's challenge to 21.06, the Texas Homosexual conduct statute.

The decision was then made to seek out the best legal counsel for this challenge, and to compensate that attorney for professional activities. In 1978 a state-wide search was undertaken. Jim Barber of Dallas was selected because of the theories he proposed and his excellent record as well as his involvement with an earlier gay rights case (Cyr vs. Ft. Worth). That choice has never been regretted.

The THRF then began its search to obtain "the perfect plaintiff" to meet the requirements of challenging a statute under the federal declaratory judgement act, and to meet our public education goals. We needed a person who understood the difficulties involved, had the bravery to personify the case in the public mind, could be familiarized with the complex legal issues involved in the case and who would be willing to be a public spokesperson for the gay community in this action. We were most fortunate that Don Baker agreed to serve as plaintiff.

The THRF, using the many resources of the gay community, obtained a number of expert witnesses to testify at the trial. Working with Jim Barber, we selected Judd Marmor, past president of the American Psychiatric Association; Dr. Bill Simon, formerly of the Kinsey Institute, now at the University of Houston, Department of Sociology; Victor Furnish, theologian at SMU; and Campbell Reed, statistician at SMU.

In reading the opinion of the Court it is clear that the great effort expended in this area was well rewarded. The trial court was most impressed with the plaintiff's expert witnesses, particularly, Dr. Marmor and Dr. Simon, and the opinion adopts many of their theories and terms.

From the moment that the strategy became clear, the THRF launched a long-term financing campaign to underwrite the costs of the legal fees, expert witnesses, honorariums, publicity and related costs. About \$40,000 was raised prior to the trial on June 15, 1981. Special appreciation to Dallas Gay Alliance and the other organizations and businesses which sponsored fundraisers and mailers.

The success of our public education function is evident from the number of public appearances made by Don Baker and the THRF spokesperson. Over 150 newspapers in Texas carried the story of our victory. Public education about gay rights is a critical ongoing process and the Texas Human Rights Foundation remains committed to it.

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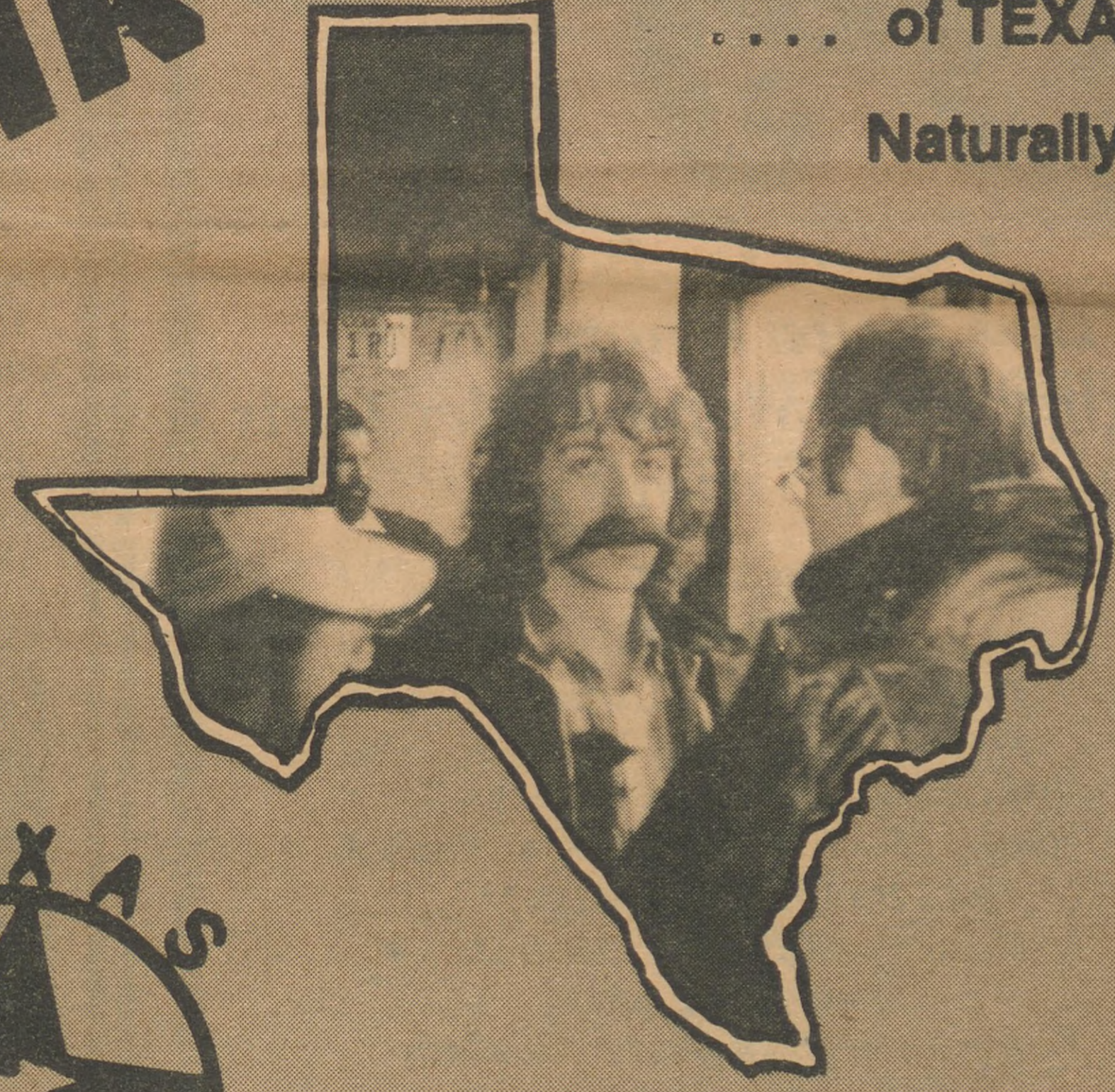
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GPC Member Says He's Disillusioned

From Gregg Russell,
Gay Political Caucus member

I joined Gay Political Caucus only a few months ago. For years I have wanted to join and I have taken an active interest in gay politics since I came out three years ago. I have held back, again and again, because I have read and heard stories and

reports of the vicious politics which occur in GPC.

Finally, this summer at the rally at Spott's Paak, I was stirred sufficiently to join.

Although I am new to GPC and the politics which surround it, I am not new to politics. Ever since I was a cub scout I have been interested in politics. I have attended both a Republican and Democratic state convention as a delegate to (each). I studied debate for nearly four years in high school. I have always tried to look at issues objectively and to understand the "why" behind the issues.

I have learned to trust my sense of logic and reason. I will listen to facts, but I cannot comprehend opinions which are based on blind partisanship.

When I joined GPC, I had an understanding that this was an organization which stood for "Human Rights"—more particularly, gay rights. The repeal of

21.06 has been an issue which this caucus has represented for years. It is probably the central theme of the screening committee.

The questionnaire which we so proudly present to our candidates advocates "the complete eradication of article 21.06 of the state penal code." That is an end which I hope we will see soon. I for one, am tired of facing the legal implications which it forces upon me, and the bigotry which is associated with it.

Although I am new to the caucus, I did participate in the screenings of over 20 candidates. I sat through the attorney's recommendation panel and I actively participated on the screening recommendations committee. I can attest to the stringent requirements placed on candidates in that selection.

When adhered to, the screening process works. I support the findings of the committee. I do not support the partisan poli-

tics which have followed that committee, particularly as they apply to the recent reversal of the original decision for "no endorsement" recommendation in the governor's race.

As a participant on the screening committee, I can also say the exclusion of 21.06 as an issue was never even considered in another race. Mark White has failed to give us a clear definition on his position in regards to 21.06. Although he has made token gestures to solicit our vote, his personal absence should be an obvious sign to this caucus.

Not only should his personal absence be questioned, but his obvious unwillingness to even issue a signed letter acknowledging us or our issues. Would anyone buy a house on a loosely worded, non-specific, verbal agreement? Why should the value of our endorsement be different?

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payment could be made? Why should GPC endorse a candidate who is not sure on our issues? Particularly, why should GPC endorse a candidate who has a political record which is clearly marred by unkept and empty promises.

It is a sad day when we, the group claiming to represent the 300,000 gay men and women of the greater Houston area, deliberately and clearly put the issues of partisan politics above the issues of our constituency. The question here is not what candidate is the lesser of two evils. The issue we should be recognizing is which candidate will stand firmly behind our issues.

It is clear that neither candidate has enough insight into our issues for us to grant endorsement in this race. The original decision of "no endorsement" maintained the integrity of this organization. It allowed gays to make up their own minds on other issues, since neither candidate will take up for ours. It showed that this caucus truly represented a non-partisan view. The reversal of that position by a minority group within the GPC has brought the credence of this organization into criticism within the community.

To those who have been so fully involved in the caucus and in the election process, may I submit the "talk of the street?" Sometimes we get so involved in our little group that we do not take time to keep in touch with what is going on "out there." Although I have been involved in the caucus in this election, I have taken a great amount of time to ask around the community concerning the endorsement in the governor's race. I have found a general sentiment ranging between outrage and anger to confusion and apathy.

In all of our glory as a gay political organization, we have lost touch with our community in this election. Because we think we know so much, we have offended a great many people and have brought considerable condemnation upon our group.

Since I have made known my intention to fight the White endorsement, I have

received considerable criticism and derogatory comments from many from within the group. But, among my friends "out there," I have received praise and appreciation.

I have been constantly informed by members of the caucus that my credibility as a member of GPC is on the line. I submit to them that the credibility of this organization is on the line if it does not take swift steps to rescind the endorsement of Mark White.

In reference to credibility let me also say that I have to be credible to myself first and if I did not take this stand, I could not rely on my own judgment again. I have always been one to speak up and say what I feel and if some in this group cannot handle that, I am sorry for them. This is an issue which I feel strongly about and I cannot turn my back and pretend that it doesn't exist.

The fact is that the clear and imminent danger of the appeal of 21.06 does exist. Some in this group want to pretend that it doesn't. But, I ask them to go deeper in their minds and in their hearts and ask themselves if they can truly stand before this caucus and put their personal pride and personal ambitions above the objectives of this organization. Can they separate themselves from their politics for just a moment? Can they look beyond the frosting on the cake?

I have never trusted a man who talks out of both sides of his mouth. I believe in saying what is really on my mind. I do not believe that the GPC has any business defending candidates when their arguments can only be seen as purely partisan politics.

Editor's note: See story page 3. Russell's motion Oct. 19 to rescind the endorsement was ruled out of order. Another member's motion was ruled in order but Mark White's endorsement remained intact with a vote was 4 to 39 to rescind.



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Family and Friends of Gays Announce Bake Sale & Looks for Books

From Freda Jerrell, president Family and Friends of Gays

Family and Friends of Gays will have a bake sale Oct. 23 at 2:00 p.m. at Marys, 1022 Westheimer. Come and buy all kinds of delicious home-baked goods. A beautiful hand-made afghan is being made by one of our members. It will be worn by some lucky person.

This is the only way we have of raising operational funds to support our organization and gay rights. Be generous. Bring your non-gay family members and friends also. Let us all have a good time together.

Family and Friends of Gays is in need of "hard or impossible" to find books for our library for education. If anyone has the following books and would care to donate them to us we would be most grateful to receive them.

Christian Sexuality by Richard R. Mickley; *The Church and the Homosexual* by Jn. J. McNiel, S.J.; *The Homosexual Dialectic* by Jaas. A. McCaffery; *Sexuality and the Western Christian Tradition* by Derrick S. Bailey; *Phallos: A Symbol and It's History in the Male World* by Thorkil Vanggaard; *The Punishment Cure* by Stephen J. Sonsweet; *Time for Consent* by Norman Pittenger; *Now What* by Bill Hutchinson; *Our Right To Love* by Ginny Vida; and *Society and the Healthy Homosexual* by George Weinberg.

Or any other books that will encourage your family members and "straight" friends to understand what "gay" means and to accept it.

Hill Urges Vote for Mattox

From Ray Hill, community activist

I fully understand that we (gay & lesbian political organizations) have been quarrelling with Jim Mattox. But if you take a few minutes to study his opponent, you will quickly realize that Mattox should receive support in our community.

Mattox's tough guy style, reminds us of classic good-ol-boy politics, but he has voted in our interests in Congress and is strongly committed to everyone's civil rights. His opponent needs only to be remembered by his commitments to the Moral Majority (which fortunately is neither) causes.

My quarrels with Mattox were loud and heated this spring and summer but he grows supportable as the election date approaches. Whatever problems we have with Mattox, the problems we will have with his Republican opponent would be greater.

Editors note: Jim Mattox is the Democratic candidate for state Attorney General.

Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf Plans Halloween Contest

From Astro Rainbow Alliance spokesperson

Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf will sponsor a Halloween drag party at the Fred Paez Community Service Center, 401 Avondale in Montrose, on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 9:00 p.m.

Part of the proceeds will be used to purchase a new teletypewriter (TTY) for the Houston Gay Switchboard. The TTY will be used by the switchboard to communicate with Houston's hearing-impaired community.

The TTY device for the deaf is a machine

which enables a hearing-impaired person to send and receive messages over the telephone. The conversation is typed and read.

Cash prizes will be awarded for \$100 and \$50. Third and fourth place will be a surprise prize. Three judges will be on hand, one each from the GPC, Gay Switchboard, and the MONTROSE VOICE.

Donations at the door are \$5 for people wearing costumes and \$7.50 for those not wearing a costume. Drinks and snacks will be available and the public is invited. For further information, call 524-4792 after 8:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Supper and Revival Meeting

From Rev. Alvis Strickland, pastor, Community Gospel Center

The Community Gospel Center, 1700 Montrose, which is a member of the National Gay Pentacostal Alliance, will hold its first revival meeting starting Tuesday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m. and will continue indefinitely, according to Rev. Alvis Strickland, pastor.

A spaghetti supper is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, instead of services. However, there will be fun and games. Plan now to bring your spouse, a date or a friend, and get your "tummie" full. There will not be a charge for the supper, but donations will be appreciated.

This will be a great opportunity to meet and see Christian friends.

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Reader Commends Police Chief on Festival Patrolmen

From John N. Hubert

To Houston Police Chief Lee Brown
Dear Chief Brown:

I enjoy attending my second Westheimer Colony Art Festival this past weekend. While the art booths were outstanding, the happy, celebrating crowd is what makes this twice a year event so memorable.

The police, I believe, add to the atmosphere with their smiles, friendliness and reasonably liberal attitudes. In Los Angeles, for example, there would have been hundreds of arrests for beer drinking and chilling atmosphere of police repression.

I was particularly pleased once again to see all of the rollerskaters on Westheimer during the festival. They didn't seem to be causing any problems despite the crowded conditions.

Last June, Larry Bagneris, Jr., chairperson of the Gay Pride Parade Committee, announced to the gay press that the Houston Police Department had banned rollerskaters for the Gay Pride Parade and that any rollerskaters would be arrested.

While rollerskaters' rights may seem an insignificant issue, it seems that if the police wish to seek the respect and admiration of the citizenry, that they should try to eliminate all areas of prejudice and repression. If rollerskaters are allowed on Westheimer for the Art Festival, why would the police want to ban us and arrest us during the Gay Pride Parade?

I will be happy to share your response.... May your wish that the HPD become a beacon of light for the police profession be realized soon.

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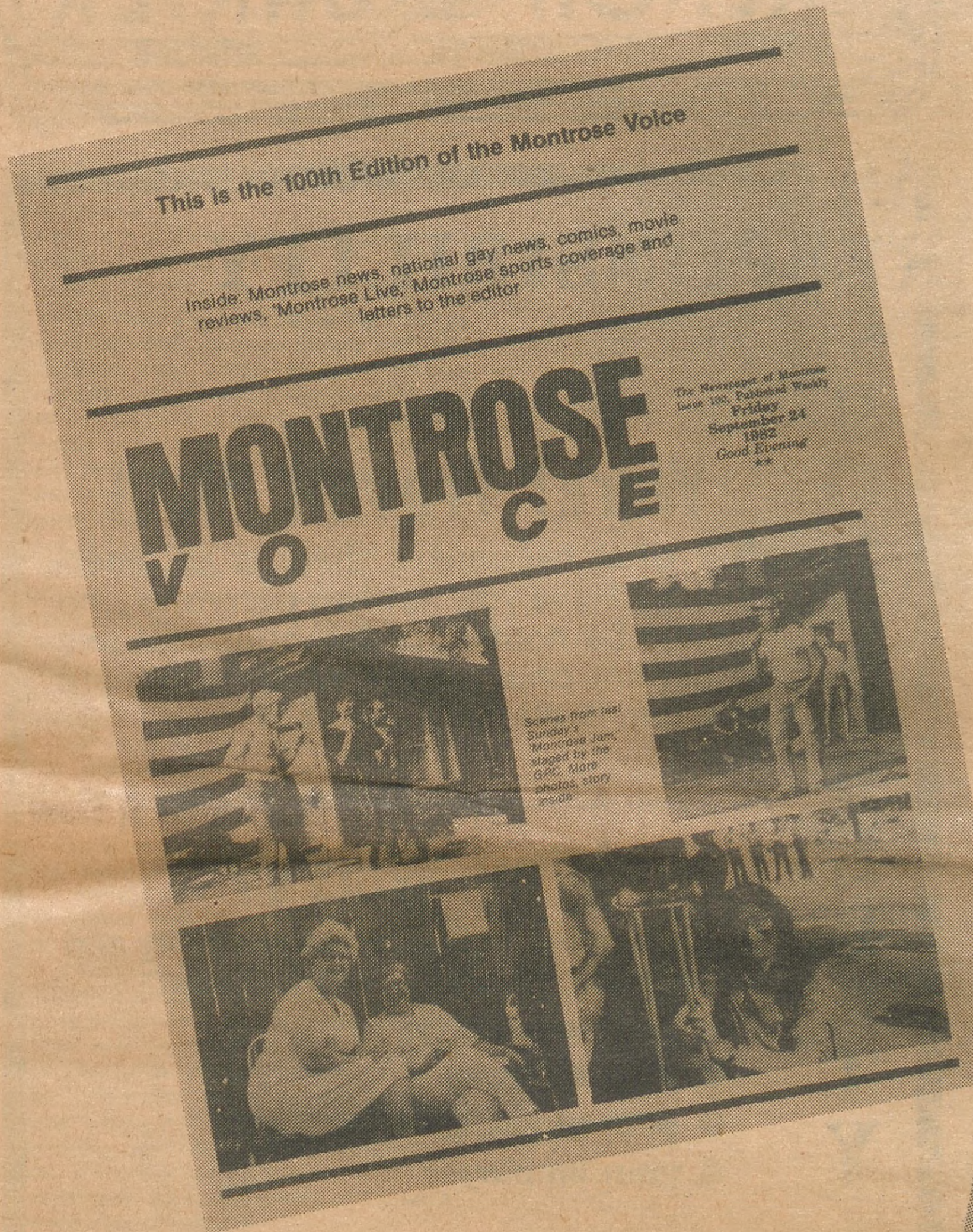
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Some MSA/Tennis 1982 Club Champions Now Known

By Eddie Chavez

Finalists for MSA/Tennis' 1982 Club Championships have now been determined for championship levels I and III.

Texas/OU Classic Singles A Winner Dr. Rich Ryan will face the number 2 seed, Fred Lopez, in a match that will determine MSA's finest tennis player.

In the semi-finals, Ryan beat Bobby Hopkins 6-3, 6-2, while Lopez and Jim Kitch had a closer match ending 6-4, 6-3. Lopez is noted as the only tennis player that won a set from Ryan during the Texas/OU Classic in Dallas.

The Level III finals surfaced two new players since the Spring Open. Terry Rich battled Jim Olson to a 7-5, 6-0, while Thomas Cortez eliminated Rick Martinez at 6-2, 6-4.

Level II will feature Jon Colbert battling it out with Michael Houston. Donny Kelley, Lester Vela or David Robicheaux will stroke their way to victory as the eventual winner will face Colbert or Houston for Level II championship. In earlier competition, Colbert beat Larry Elliott 6-0, 7-5, while Houston breezed by Fred Luna 6-0, 6-0. The upset—Kelley over Mike Green 6-3, 6-4, to move into the semifinals.

"Hopefully, the finals will be completed Sunday, October 24. Most of the club will be able to enter the Lion's Club Tournament at Memorial Tennis Center on October 30 and 31. That tournament will serve as a warm-up for the Second Annual HouTex sponsored by MSA/Tennis on November 6 and 7 at MacGregor Park Tennis Center," said president Rich Corder.

MSA/Women's Softball League Picks Officers for New Year

By Eddie Chavez

"Another prosperous year is in store for MSA/Women's Softball League," announced President Martha Richie. "I'm pleased to be able to serve another term as president. Efforts will be made to strengthen the leadership of the board so others can continue in our paths," she added.

Besides Richie heading up the league as president, Lea Machoney will assume the office of vice-president, while Nancy (last name withheld) makes sure minutes of general and special meetings are kept.

And Annette Beal will be kept very busy depositing lots of money into the bank, for MSA/Women's Softball is the only league that had a record breaking balance during its first year.

Active Claire Vasiloy once again will churn her way as Special Events Coordinator, while Kelly Caswell will hold one of the league's most profitable jobs—concessions.

MSA's Annual Awards and Sports Extravaganza on the Way

By Eddie Chavez

Dancers, singers and special talents are awaiting for their first organizational meeting at the Briar Patch, 2294 W. Holcombe, with MSA sponsor Jerry Kauffman, on Saturday, Oct. 23, 3:00 p.m.

Why? Well its for the Montrose Sports Association Annual Awards and Sports Extravaganza!

This is the time when all good jocks

come out of their softball uniforms, tennis shorts, bowling shirts, and other sports wear to sing, dance and entertain a house-filled audience at Numbers 2 set for Tuesday, December 14.

The Montrose Sports Association will cite MSA's finest contributors to the organization during the show.

Rehearsals will begin at Numbers 2 probably on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, or Tuesday evenings.

Entertainers can Kauffman at 266-1052 or call the Briar Patch at 665-0678.

Houston Delegation to Again be One of the Largest at D.C. Bowling Tournament

By Eddie Chavez

Houston's delegation will once again be recognized as one of the largest from any city outside the hosting area, according to Capitol Halloween Invitation Tournament (CHIT) director Gene Sides.

Gay bowlers from 15 other cities will be represented as Washington, D.C. braces itself for the Halloween weekend tournament.

The Washington prize fund is \$6000, and Houston bowlers hope to bring a big share of that back home.

Racquetball League Signs New Members

By Eddie Chavez

Officers of the Montrose Sports Association's new Racquetball League were busy as beavers Tuesday night, Oct. 19, at their host bar, the Barn, 710 Pacific. Seems like racquetball is taking off like a big bird.

Ray Hubbard and Don Rodriguez spoke to another 10 prospective members, which would increase the membership to 32.

"The deadline is October 24, 1982, for competition during the first 10 weeks," reminded Don Rodriguez. "However, persons joining after the deadline will be able to participate but not be eligible for league competition during the first 10 weeks. We will accommodate every participant that wants to join," he said.

Prospective members can reach Racketball League officers at 432-7851, 526-9736 or 869-2869, they said.

MSA Monday Night Bowling

STANDINGS		
Following Oct. 18 competition		
A DIVISION		C DIVISION
1 Queen Pins		1 Galleon Boys
2 Galleon I		2 Fuzballs
3 Eurotan Int'l		3 Alley Cats
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1 Barnyard Biddies		1 Copa
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MSA Thursday Night Mixed Bowling

STANDINGS		
Following Oct. 14 competition		
A DIVISION		B DIVISION
1 Seagulls		1 Up & Coming
2 BP Blossoms		2 Thursday Knights
3 Montrose Hair Design		3 Calamity Lane
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Diana Ross' New Album—Most Daring

By Jeffrey Wilson

After her 60 or so album releases since 1963, you probably thought Diana Ross had done it all.

Last year she really tested the waters of her new-found creative freedom signing with RCA Records. Opinions will vary as to whether *Silk Electric* is her finest LP performance, but I will certainly say it is her most daring. The singer is now unmistakably a producer, writer, arranger and publisher.

What about Diana Ross doing rock? Instrumentally and vocally the Pop/R&B sound from Detroit pulls no punches. Co-written by Ross, "Fool For Your Love" is quite a surprise. She sings loudly and her voice can get down and gritty. Surprised? The song is produced quite well, complete with a driving beat that does not become monotonous and lyrics you can hear and understand.

Let's see if the rock stations are clever enough to pick up this one.

"Love Lies" is slower paced, although I'm not sure it's a ballad as the arrangement digs deep into the vocals with synthesizers and shrill electric guitars. Another of these rock tunes co-written by her is "So Close," a mid-tempo tune with a decidedly 50s flavor; so much so, it could have been one of the better tunes on the original soundtrack to "Grease." The best description might be equal parts 50s and a shot of John Lennon's "Starting Over."

While "So Close" might come across a bit camp, be assured the other songs are really rock and roll. As a matter of fact, "Fool For Your Love" is anything but contemporary rock. "I Am Me" is light in reggae beat with subdued rock and nicely written.

"Still In Love" is a ballad with a good lyric line and melody kept simple and uncluttered, direct, with the professional delivery one would expect.

"Anywhere To Run To" is a more positive, uptempo love song. A good number with simple lyrics and nicely accented throughout with brass, the beat is strong and lively. The bridge is punctuated and not a filler for the next verse.

The first single release from "Silk Electric" is definitely a new direction with her sultry and impassioned pleas for a man with "muscles from his head down to his toes." "Muscles" is written and produced by her prodigy/discovery of more than 13 years ago—Michael Jackson. Augmented with a searing string arrangement, this five minute track has plenty of "muscle" for topping the charts.

"In Your Arms," the album's finest track, is simply beautiful and the delivery surpasses any ballad by Diana Ross to date. This is not an overstatement. As many people might have thought "Mahogany" or "It's My Turn" could never be topped; but this new creative freedom the artist has allowed for herself is quite evident in this song.

The music is Michael Masser. The lyrics, "hold me, touch me, I will, love you, with sweet surrender..." written by Linda Creed are developed into a gorgeous love song. Ross' delivery is superb, even providing her own haunting background vocals. Paul Riser's string arrangements add the finishing touches to best song on *Silk Electric*.

And finally, there's Diana Ross with E.T. and the 70 second close to side one in a futuristic sound compelling you to turn the record over.

Silk Electric's packaging is dramatic with four portraits of Diana Ross painted by famed New York Artist Andy Warhol. The inner sleeve appears as one of these paintings wrapped for delivery. One side is the wrap, the other, the credits.

It never crossed this reviewer's mind that Ross need broaden her horizons any further since she already tops her field; so maybe next she will conduct a symphony or become a UN ambassador.

Don't laugh, it could happen.



Pets Cause Happiness, Grief

Pets can bring much happiness into our lives, but some psychologists warn they can also bring intense pain, reports the *Detroit Free Press*.

Herbert Nieburg of the Animal Medical Center in New York City says losing a pet can cause severe depression.

He cites the example of a 25-year-old woman who was overcome with crying fits and guilt when two of her cats died. "Pet loss is a very complex phenomenon," he told a meeting of the American Psychological Association in Washington.

At the University of Pennsylvania, researcher James Quackenbush studied 138 people whose pets had died. He says 64 percent had trouble dealing with the loss, while another 15 percent felt "prolonged grief."

Grief for a pet, he says, "has the poten-

tial to create for the owner a response similar to the loss of a human companion."

TV Can Make You Unhappy With Job

Television is making Americans unhappy with their jobs. At least that's the conclusion of a University of Texas sociologist who polled 15,000 workers about their attitudes towards their work.

The results were published in *Changing Times*.

Dr. Norval Glenn asked the question: "Do you enjoy your work so much you have a hard time putting it down?" Only one-quarter of those under 29 said yes, compared with 45 percent of workers over 50.

Glenn blames job dissatisfaction among the young on unrealistic expectations created by television, where jobs are typically portrayed as glamorous.

I'm Not a Crook—I'm an Author

Pacific News Service

Former President Richard Nixon is about to release another book, reports the *New York Times*.

The latest work, *Leaders*, discusses post-World War II political figures like Winston Churchill, Charles de Gaulle, Douglas MacArthur and Nikita Khrushchev.

Insiders say Nixon puts particular emphasis on those who were disgraced before returning to power—an idea dear to the heart of the ex-President.

As he wrote in the preface to the 1979 edition of *Six Crises*, "One is not finished when he is defeated; he is finished when he quits. Always keep fighting."

The book is due to hit stores October 25.

Non-Escapist Films Expected for the Fall and Winter

By Dick Rogers
Stonewall Features

It's always difficult to second-guess Hollywood, particularly with the taste of this summer's escape films still fresh in the mouth. But a longer-range view gives some kind of perspective on what's happening there.

Five years ago, the big screen hits were *Star Wars*, *Annie Hall*, *Julia*, *The Turning Point*, *The Goodbye Girl*, and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. It was a exhilarating year for movie buffs, ushering in a new era of advanced film technology as well as a more enlightened awareness of changing male-female relationships.

Following years saw an incredible proliferation of science fiction and fantasy films, including blockbusters like *The Empire Strikes Back*, *Superman*, *The Black Hole*, *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, and *Excalibur*. This trend culminated this last summer with the simultaneous release of *Conan the Barbarian*, *E.T.*, *Blade Runner*, *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*, *The Sword and the Sorcerer*, and *The Beastmaster*, as well as re-releases of *Star Wars* and *Raiders*.

But on a more human level, there was also a rise in the number of engrossing dramas and character-related comedies. In the past few years, Hollywood gave us *The Deer Hunter*, *Kramer vs. Kramer*, *Apocalypse Now*, *An Unmarried Woman*, *Ordinary People*, *Coal Miner's Daughter*, *The Great Santini*, *Manhattan*, *Atlantic City*, *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, *Reds*, and *On Golden Pond*. This is rather an impressive list for an industry that is often accused of paying more attention to box office receipts than to social and political issues.

So far this year, the list of satisfying

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dramas and comedies has been less impressive. In a severe economic and political climate, the average American moviegoer is more inclined to turn to light entertainment as a means of escape. This was true in the Great Depression of the '30s, and it still appears valid.

Sensing this trend, the film industry focussed its attention on escapist fare, making this year the most profitable one in its history. Still, the spring and summer brought us some creditable features of the human interest variety: *Shoot the Moon*, *Personal Best*, *Victor/Victoria*, *Diner*, *The World According to Garp*, and *An Officer and a Gentleman*.

The fall and winter months are normally better times for non-escapist films, and this year is no exception. The Disney studio will bring us *Tex*, a low-budget story about two brothers in Oklahoma; Francis Ford Coppola will return to the human interest movies with *The Outsiders*, which concerns teenage gang warfare in the '60s; Lucie Arnaz will portray an emancipated woman with two men in pursuit in *Second Thoughts*; Ted Kotchoff will explore the issue of cult life in *Captured*; and Jon Voight and Ann-Margaret will play losers with one more to look good in *Lookin' To Get Out*.

The Christmas holidays will feature William Styron's *Sophie's Choice*, Mary Tyler Moore and Dudley Moore in *Six Weeks*, Paul Newman in *The Verdict*, and Linda Ronstadt and Angela Lansbury in *The Pirates of Penzance*.

The last five years have been tumultuous ones in the movie business, as in other fields of the arts. Survival has sometimes superseded quality as the guiding factor. But the early rumors from the set of *Superman III*, from George Lucas' *The Revenge of the Jedi*, and from John Irving's *The Hotel New Hampshire* are enough to stir the pulse of any red-blooded film buff. It makes one impatient to see what big-screen treat the next five years will bring.

Quickies

Murder-movie buffs have a choice of styles in two recent releases. Pick your own style:

Garde a Vue: Claude Miller's new film is an impeccably acted and sleekly edited drama about a police investigation into the rape and murder of two teenage girls.

On a rainy New Year's Eve, a prominent attorney (Michel Serrault) is called into police headquarters after he discovers one of the victims. The inspector (Lino Ventura) begins to suspect that the man may be the perpetrator, rather than the discoverer of the crime.

Using a confined space and wonderfully defined characters, Miller accelerates the investigation into a deadly verbal game of cat-and-mouse. Just when you think you know the outcome, he delivers a powerful double-twist ending.

The late Romy Schneider co-stars as the attorney's unsympathetic wife. It's not one of her largest roles, but she is chillingly effective as a woman who would willingly see her husband swing from the gallows.

I, the Jury: Mike Hammer slugs and shoots his way through a maze of murders in an overheated update of the 1946 novel.

When Spillane's book first burst upon the public, it was too sexy and violent to be filmed intact. A 1953 version was a pale imitation of the original story. Ironically, now the tale seems tame by today's standards, and the filmmakers have added generous (and gratuitous) dollops of gore and flesh.

Armand Assante, however, is a magnetic Hammer, projecting enough grim humor and sensuality to keep the storyline moving between beatings. Barbara Carrera does everything but purr as a slinky femme fatale in the Barbara Stanwyck mold.

I, the Jury might have been interesting as a period piece, but if you like the old macho, two-fisted gumshoe genre, this new version is diverting enough to hold your attention.

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'Pot' Roast Power

Watch out, OPEC, America has discovered a new energy source: the killer weed, marijuana.

Utilities in Arizona and Florida have been burning confiscated pot instead of coal, reports the *Wall Street Journal*. Customs officials in Florida estimate they've saved \$300,000 by turning the grass into electricity instead of paying an incinerator company to burn it.

But don't look for a big drop in electric bills.

Arizona's Public Service Company burned 35,000 pounds of the weed earlier this month, but figures it saved only \$300. The street value to smokers, by the way, was around \$35 million.

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The R&R Express: On The Right Track

By Billie Duncan

When the CJ Express came into the Double R, owner Poppa Bear (Rita) asked bass player Suzie Schenosky to listen to them. She did and she like what she heard.

Suzie and keyboard player Craig Tannery started talking and then they started playing together. The combination worked so well that they decided to join forces and the R&R Express was born.

They are now the house band at the Double R, playing on Sundays, Tuesday and Wednesdays. If the crowd's reaction last Tuesday was any indication, they should be playing there for a very long time.

They play so many different types of music that it is hard to try to classify them. "We're not gonna try to go country," said Craig. "We're not gonna try to go rock."

Craig explained, "In this club in particular. You've got so many different kinds of people who come in here."

A look around the club confirmed his observation. Although most of the customers were women whose primary interest was in each other, there was a sprinkling of men and even one brave man-woman couple.

The three men in the band are all married. Craig and his wife have a year-old baby, and guitar player Dana Price's wife is Craig's sister.

Craig was born in San Antonio and grew up in Freeport. He has not been in Houston for very long, but he said, "It's okay. I don't have to drive during the day, so it don't bother me."

He also explained that even though drummer Jorge Lopez was married, he had "no kids. Just four sets of drums."

The image of a warm, unpretentious person that Craig projects off stage comes on clearly when he is on stage as well. Another fact that is clear is that Craig knows how to play the piano. He has hummingbird fingers, but can go right into downhome key-thumping in the grand style of Jerry Lee Lewis just as well.

He also has a very pleasant voice and is carrying most of the vocals right now, with Suzie and Dana adding harmony. The selection of his songs makes it obvious that he spent a long time as a piano bar entertainer.

Suzie also sings lead, but not enough. Perhaps as the band grows and expands, she will add more as far as vocals are concerned.

Her most successful song was "I'll Always Love You" by Dolly Parton. Someone brought the sheet music to her last Friday and she had the song down by Saturday. She does it exceedingly well, with a wonderful gutsy smoothness.

The evening's selections included country, rock, pop and dixieland with a smattering of the blues. The groups's rendition of "Blue Suede Shoes" gave Jorge a chance to show off on a rather nice drum solo.

Dana Price seemed to be having a bad night on Tuesday. One problem was that all their sound equipment was stolen out of the Double R last week and Dana was having to pay his guitar through a bass amp with no monitors.

The result was an overcompensation to the treble side and a guitar that seemed to stay a bit out of tune through a good portion of the evening.

Many people will recognize Suzie Schenosky as the bass player for Mata Hari which features lead singer Maryanne Mahoney. Suzie continues to play in Mata Hari on weekends. It is really nice that such a talented person has the opportunity to work and expand here in the Montrose area.

The band is a friendly, talented group with a variety of popular music. They are just starting out as a group, so they will need time to really get tight.

But they are certainly on the right track. They sound like they will be an excellent house band for the Double R.



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Food's Great, Entertainment's Relaxing at Villani's

By Nick Fede

Great Italian food cooked by a master chef with elegantly appointed surroundings and relaxing live music—you might be at Villani's.

Villani's Ristorante Italia, 2907 W. Alabama, is an unusual combination of a fine European restaurant that is executed with a Boomtown flair.

Luciano D'Avanzo is a "four-star chef" whose culinary talents have earned him international recognition.

Anita, his wife, is a classically trained pianist who performs what she describes as "classical music adopted into modern arrangements."

Her versions of *Send In The Clowns* and *Misty*, among others are "tunes you're hearing on the radio, but with a classical adoption," she said.

Luciano also sings, and the couple has performed together in Italy, Germany and Australia.

Ermanno Mauro, who is in Houston performing with the Houston Grand Opera in the production of *Turandot*, said, "I love Houston because Villani's is here." The

operatic tenor met the D'Avanzos after a performance of the opera and is the restaurant's newest fan.

The delicate pasta dishes are liberally laced with light sauces and the menu is varied with delicacies for discriminating tastebuds.

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Selected Events through 7 Days

FRIDAY: Interact's Community Coffeehouse 7:30pm-midnight, 3405 Mulberry
FRIDAY: Lambda Alanon meeting at First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin
SATURDAY: Family and Friends of Gays bake sale, 2:00 p.m., Marys, 1022 Westheimer
MONDAY: MSA/Pocket Billiard League board meeting 7pm, Grand Central Station Family Pool Hall, 5886 San Felipe
MONDAY: MSA/Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain
TUESDAY: MSA/Volleyball games 7:30 p.m., Gregory-Lincoln School, 1101 Taft
WEDNESDAY: MSA/Pocket Billiard competition, various locations
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IN 1 WEEK: Daylight Savings Time ends, 2:00 a.m., Oct. 31

IN 1 WEEK: Elections, Nov. 2
IN 2 WEEKS: MSA's Hou-Tex Tennis Open Tournament, MacGregor Tennis Center, Nov. 5-7
IN 3 WEEKS: 2nd National Lesbian & Gay Business & Professional Convention, Nov. 12-15, Washington, D.C.
IN 4 WEEKS: Thanksgiving, Nov. 25
IN 7 WEEKS: Chanukah, Dec. 10
IN 7 WEEKS: Human Rights Day, Dec. 10
IN 7 WEEKS: Montrose Choral first concert Dec. 11, Cullen Auditorium, University of Houston
IN 9 WEEKS: Christmas Day, Dec. 25
IN 10 WEEKS: New Year's Eve, Dec. 31

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- **BRIAR PATCH**—2294 W. Holcombe—665-9678
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- **NUMBERS 2**—300 Westheimer—526-6551: disco
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- **OFFICER'S CLUB**—2701 Albany—523-4084
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- **PINK ELEPHANT**—1218 Leeland—659-0040: with shows
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- **PLAY PEN**—1225 Westheimer—528-8716
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- **RANCH**—6620 1/2 Main—528-8730
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- **ROCKY'S**—3416 W. Dallas—528-8922: lesbian
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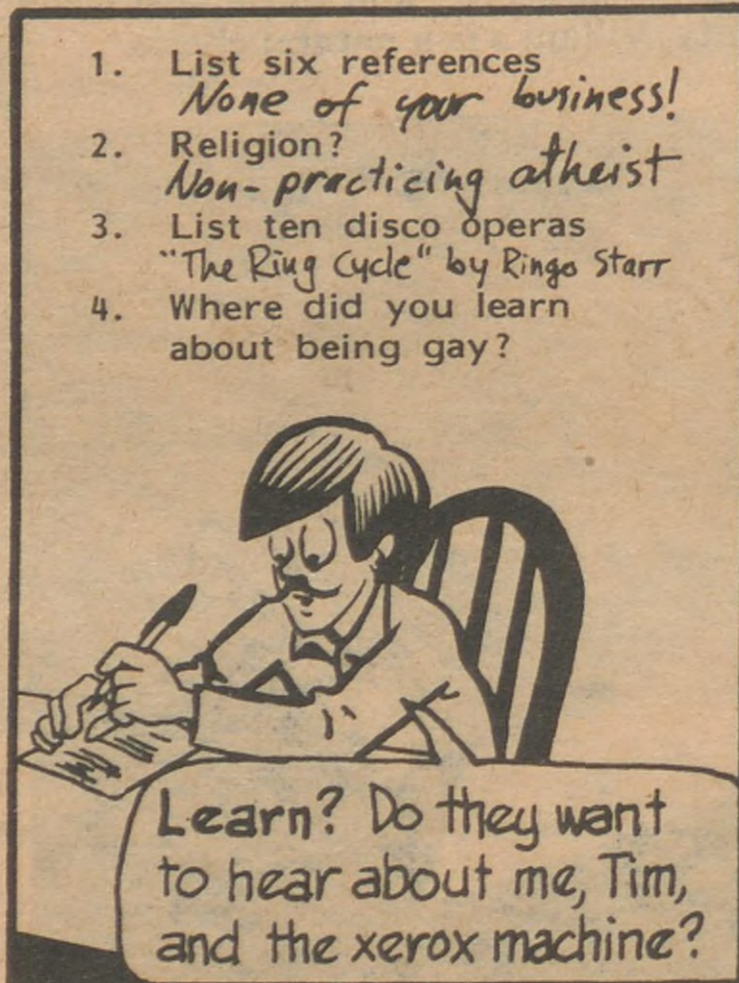
- **A CAPELLA Chorus: part of (Montrose) Church of Christ**
- **ASTRO Rainbow Alliance**—524-4793 (voice & TTY)
- **BERING Memorial Methodist Church**—1440 Hawthorne—528-1017: United Methodist worship service 10:50am Sun.
- **BETWEEN TWO Worlds**—529-1913: meets every other Thurs.
- **BLACK & WHITE MEN Together (BWMT)**—529-5006, 747-9812
- **(Montrose) CHURCH OF CHRIST**—401 Avondale—777-9286: worship services 12:30pm Sun.
- **CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN FAITH**—413 Westheimer—529-8005: worship services Sun. morning & evening & Wed. evening; Bible study Mon. & Tues. evenings; choir practice Wed. evening
- **CITIZENS FOR HUMAN EQUALITY (CHE)**—609 Fannin #1301—236-6666: board meeting 2nd Tuesdays
- **COLT 45'S** (social club)—meets at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos—528-9192
- **COMMUNITY COFFEEHOUSE**—project of I/H Inc.: 7:30pm Fridays at 3405 Mulberry
- **CONG. AYTZ CHAYIM**—meets at MCCR, 1919 Decatur—552-1340, 688-8997: service & social 8pm 2nd & 4th Fridays
- **CONROE AREA Gay Women**—756-0354
- **CRISIS HOTLINE**—228-1505
- **DIAL-a-Gay-Atheist**—524-2222: project of Gay Atheist League of America
- **DIANA FOUNDATION**—2700 Mason—524-5791
- **DIGNITY**—meets at Catholic Student Center, 1703 Bolsover—520-9269, 528-7644: meetings 7pm Saturdays
- **FAMILY & FRIENDS of Gays**—524-5982: meets 2:30pm 3rd Sundays at Community Coffeehouse, 3405 Mulberry
- **FIRST UNITARIAN Church**—5210 Fannin—526-1571: worship service 11:15am Sun.
- **FRONTRUNNERS**—c/o Fred Paez Center, Avondale at Taft—520-9258
- **GREENSPPOINT/FM1960 Area Far-Away Friends**—821-9681

- **GAY & ALIVE** Sharing Experience (GASE)—528-1311, 528-0891
- **GAY ARCHIVES of Texas:** project of Interact
- **GAY ATHEIST League of America**—524-2222: national convention Oct. 15-17, Americana Hotel, 3301 Southwest Fwy., Houston
- **GAY HISPANIC CAUCUS**—2722 Newman #12—521-0037: meets 3rd Thursdays
- **GAY ITALIAN Group**—526-9844
- **GAY NURSES & PHYSICIANS of Houston**—c/o GPC—521-1000
- **GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS (GPC)**—POB 66664, 77266—521-1000: meets 4600 Main #217 7:30pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
- **GAY SWITCHBOARD**—529-3211
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- **HOMOPHILE INTERFAITH Alliance**—729 Manor—523-6969
- **Houston Area GAY & LESBIAN ENGINEERS & Scientists**—526-7386: meets 7pm 4th Wednesdays
- **HOUSTON COMMUNITY CLOWNS**—862-8314
- **HOUSTON DATA PROFESSIONALS**—meets in East Room, Holiday Inn Central, 4640 South Main—523-8922: meeting 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays
- **HOUSTON HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE**—523-6969
- **HOUSTON MOTORCYCLE CLUB**—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—528-8851
- **Houston TAVERN GUILD:** members are Barn, Dirty Sally's, Exile, Mary's, Midnite Sun
- **I/H Inc.**—3405 Mulberry—529-7014, 694-1732: Community Coffeehouse 7:30pm-midnight Fri.; board meeting 7:30pm 1st Thursdays (varied locations); educational forum 7:30pm 3rd Thursdays
- **INTEGRITY/Houston** (formerly Episcopal Integrity)—526-0555: meeting 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays at Aury House, 6265 Main, & 4th Tuesdays at varied locations
- **INTERACT,** education subgroup of I/H Inc.—3405 Mulberry—529-7014, 694-1732
- **KPFT Radio, FM-90**—419 Lovett Blvd.—526-4000: "Wilde 'n Stein" gay radio show 10pm-midnight Thurs.
- **LAMBDA ALANON**—meets at 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin—521-9772: meeting Fri. evening
- **LESBIANS & GAY PEOPLE in Medicine**—665-4760: meeting 7:30pm 1st Saturdays
- **LUTHERANS CONCERNED**—meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh—521-0863, 453-1143: meeting 2nd & 4th Tues. evenings
- **METROPOLITAN Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR)**—1919 Decatur—861-9149: pot-luck dinner 7:30pm Sat.; worship services 10:45am & 7:15pm Sun. & 7:15pm Wed.; membership inquirers class 7:30pm Mon.; Alanon meeting 8pm Mon.; Alcoholics Anonymous meeting 8pm Mon. & Thurs.

- **MONTROSE CHORALE**—527-9454: concert Dec. 11, Cullen Auditorium, University of Houston campus
- **MONTROSE CIVIC Club** (Near town)—meets at Bering Church, 1440 Hawthorne—522-1000: meeting 7:30pm 4th Tuesdays
- **MONTROSE CLINIC**—104 Westheimer—528-5531: open 6-10pm Fri., 1-5pm Sun., 6-10pm Tues. & Thurs.
- **MONTROSE COUNSELING Center**—900 Lovett #102—529-0037
- **MONTROSE SINGERS**—meets at MCCR, 1919 Decatur—528-0550
- **MONTROSE SPORTS ASSOCIATION (MSA)**—622-3304
- **Montrose Sports BOWLING**—plays at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain—960-1518, 961-1523: games Mon. & Thurs. evenings
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- **Montrose Sports WOMEN'S SOFTBALL League**—728-9371
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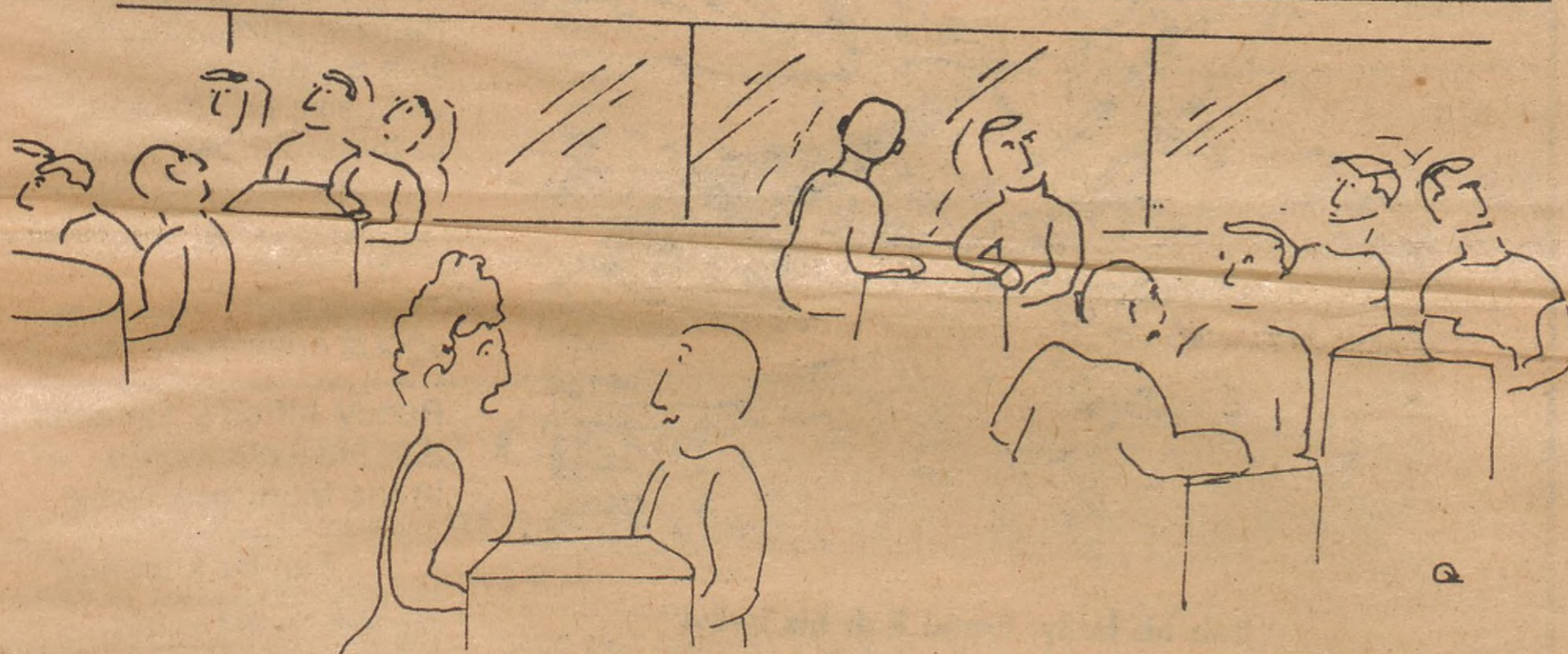
By Kurt Erichsen



Voice Comics
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Why do all these gay restaurants have so many MIRRORS?



When I have a lover, I don't what to do with him. When I'm between lovers, I don't know what to do with myself.

Max Ernst
Thank you

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TEXAS GAY TASK FORCE—529-7014, 522-1659
TEXAS HUMAN RIGHTS Foundation—1519 Maryland—528-9139
TEXAS RIDERS—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—528-8851
UNITARIAN/UNIVERSALIST Gay Caucus—c/o 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin—520-9767, 528-5842; meeting 3rd Sun. afternoons
WESLAYAN FELLOWSHIP—864-8898

Commentary

Tempest in a Tearoom

By Peter Harrison
Stonewall Features

Brothers and sister, you and I have a patriotic duty. We have to tell the Congress of the United States that there are gay people in Washington, D.C., in Omaha, Tallahassee and New Paltz. They keep forgetting.

It's really not charitable of you to holler that we've just had a Gay Pride Day Parade this past summer, and that you and your friends have been writing letters to your congresspersons for years. That's all about you and me. What we have to remember is that the Congress is composed of demi-gods who regard themselves as a breed apart. They can hardly be expected to keep in mind the needs of a silly minority of a mere 20-30 million.

For example, they had all that horrible work in balancing the budget to do. I think it's neat to recall how concerned they are with the effects of their work. Our all-volunteer army is easily bored, so they voted them all kinds of money to buy new gimmicks to keep them occupied. Our old folks, on the other hand, should have devised ways of keeping themselves amused by the point in life that they've achieved; so they considered cutting Social Security benefits.

They knew that the pressures of the job they perform are formidable. You'll notice that they never considered cutting their own pensions, which every former member of Congress is entitled to. They realize the hardship of their lot, flying back and forth to Washington on a slender \$75 extra a day, with only \$30,000 extra a year for office staff. The free printing, mailing and research is barely enough to keep a poor politician alive!

So when an investigation comes up that involves Congressmen with young pages of both sexes, and that indicates that they also used cocaine, you may well imagine the betrayal those men must feel. A little diddle with a female page and a toot or two of nose candy is certainly excusable. These guys work hard; sometimes as many as two or three days a week!

It's the gay thing that they can't understand. Everyone knows by this time that Congressmen are supposed to go to the Capitol Johns when they want gay sex, or, barring that, to the Washington YMCA. There are plenty of precedents for this kind of action, at least as far back as FDR's cabinet during World War II.

Fortunately, it seems that the page (male) who engaged in a h-m-s-x-l act with a representative may have been lying. What a relief! Now that that's over, we can forget those allegations of snow-snorts and page-piddle with females. After all, we've grown accustomed to naked dips in the Reflecting Pond, right? It's not so bad after all.

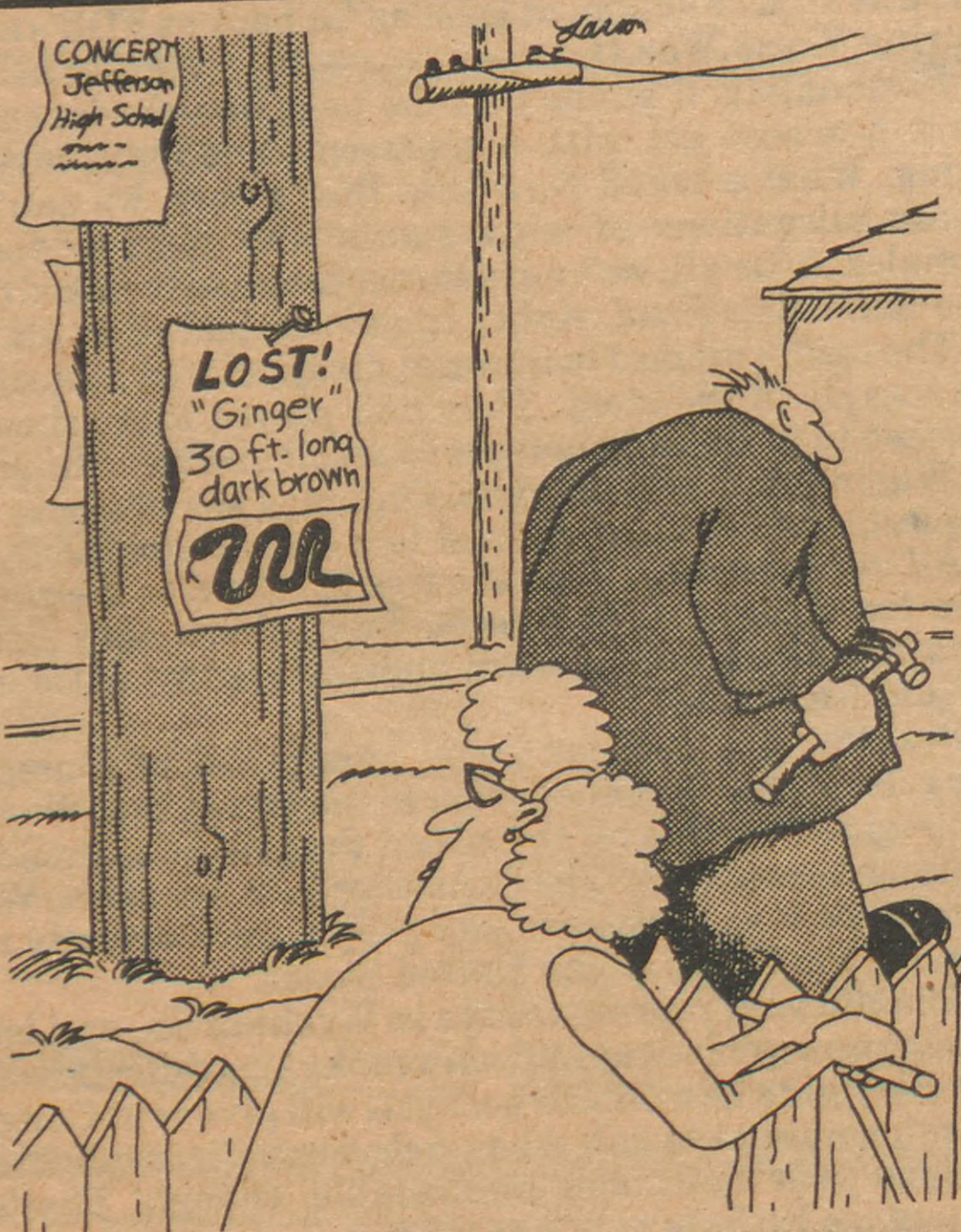
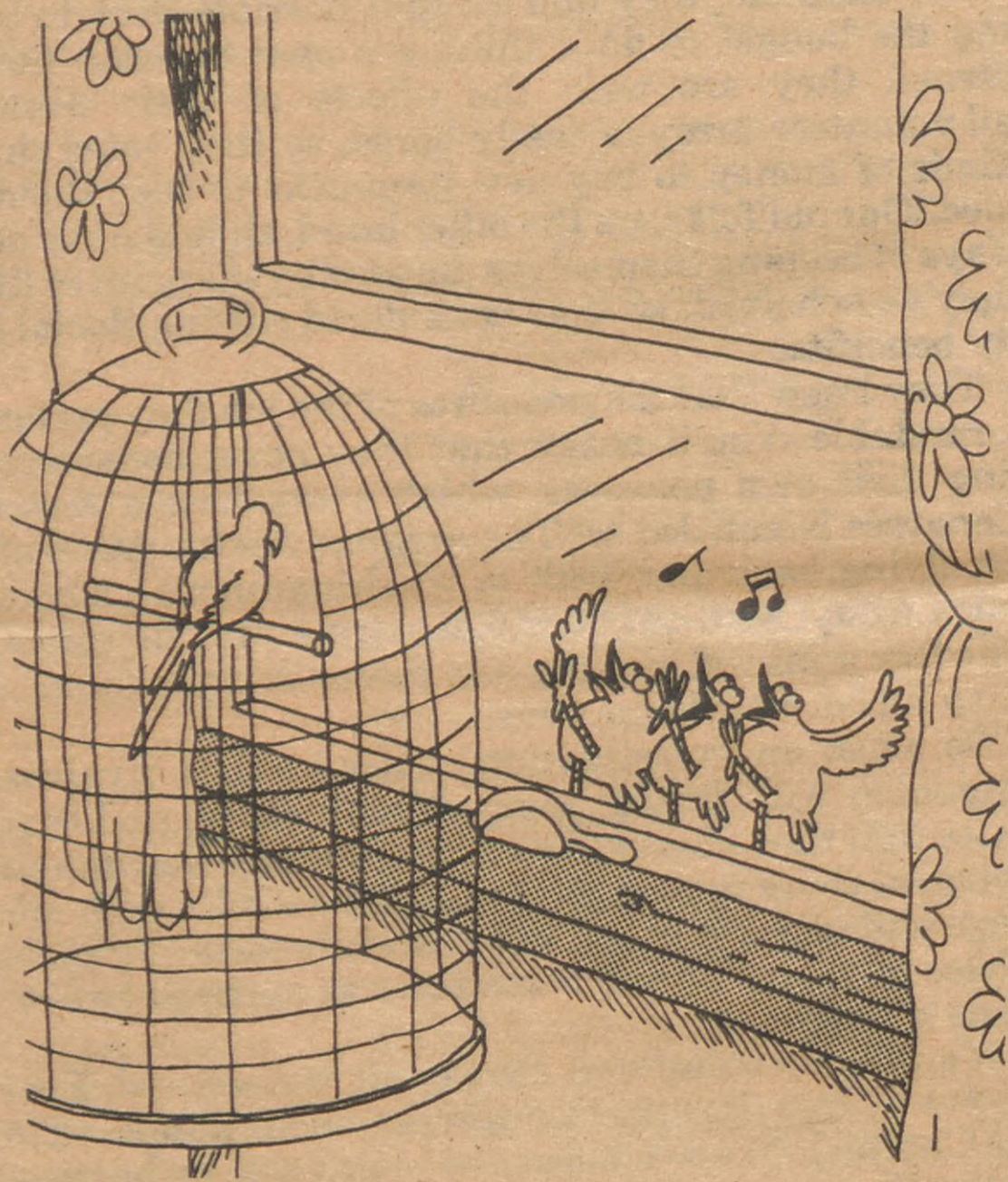
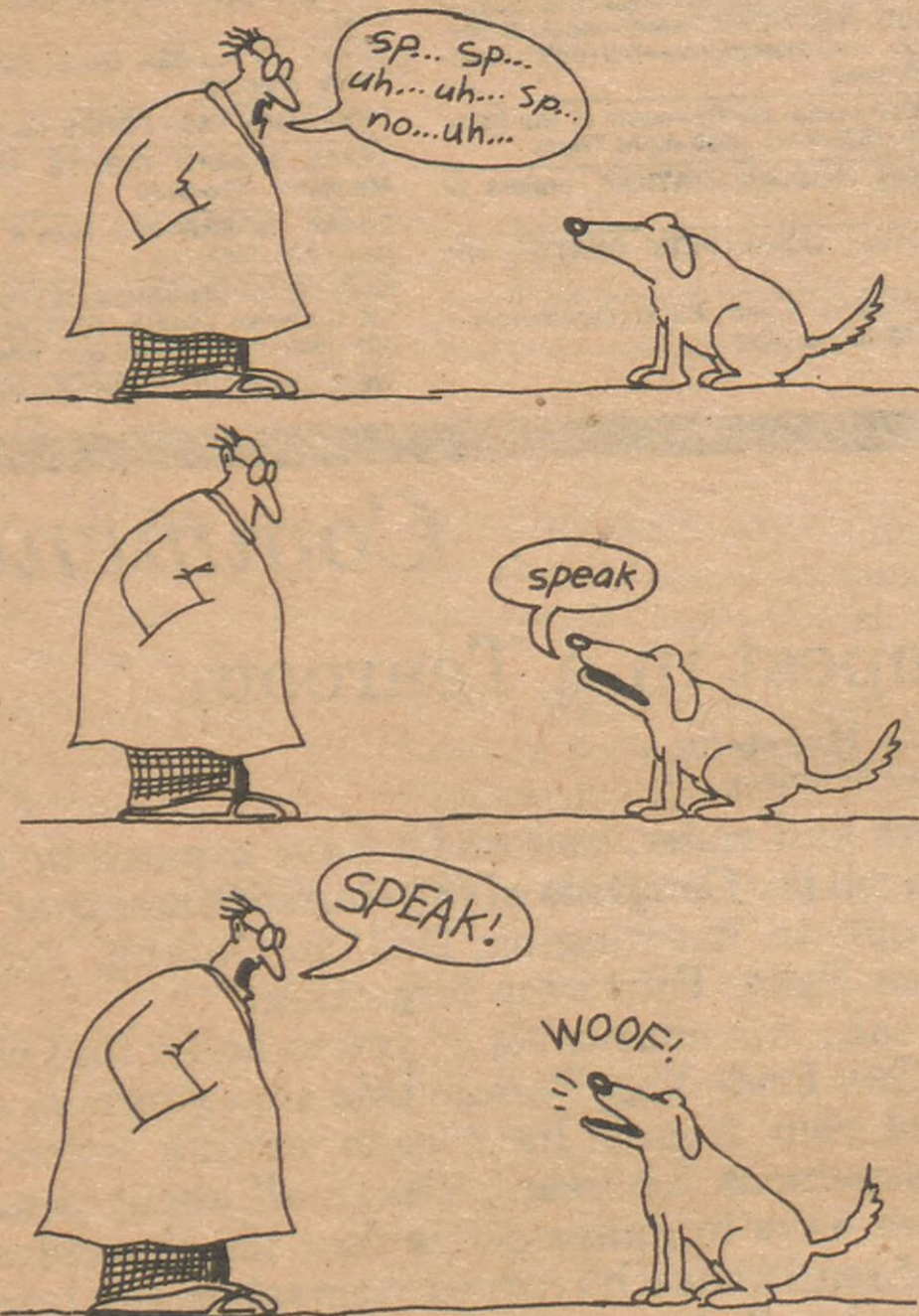
The media seemed somewhat disappointed at losing the gay angle in the story. They had played it up, since that seemed to be the only hotspot in an otherwise ordinary tale of Washington shenanigans. Ordinary sex is a bore in the capital, and a little drug bust is a daily dullness.

All our representatives are free to return to their respective tearooms and/or closets. From there, they can feel secure again in voting down another District of Columbia Sexual Rights Act.

Regular "het" sex can go on unimpeded, of course, and drug users can continue to toot to the extent that Washington residents judge by the sound that steam railroads are making a comeback. That's neither here nor there. What's worrisome was that some gay people were actually representing the voters of the United States.

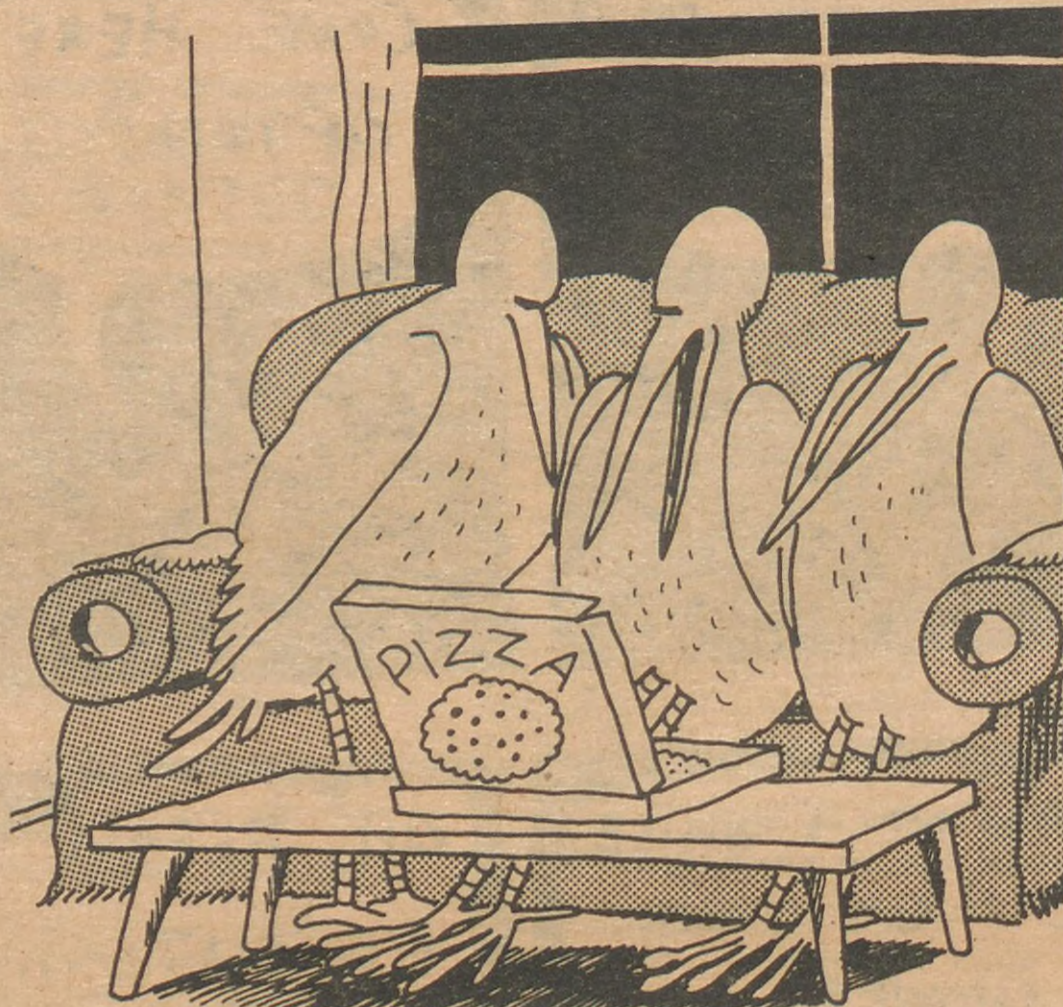
So write your representative in Washington, and let him or her know you're gay. It won't make any difference as far as your rights as a citizen go, but it will give your Congressperson someone to call when he's home for a quickie.

Make your bathroom comfortable, though! That's the only place he feels safe having sex.



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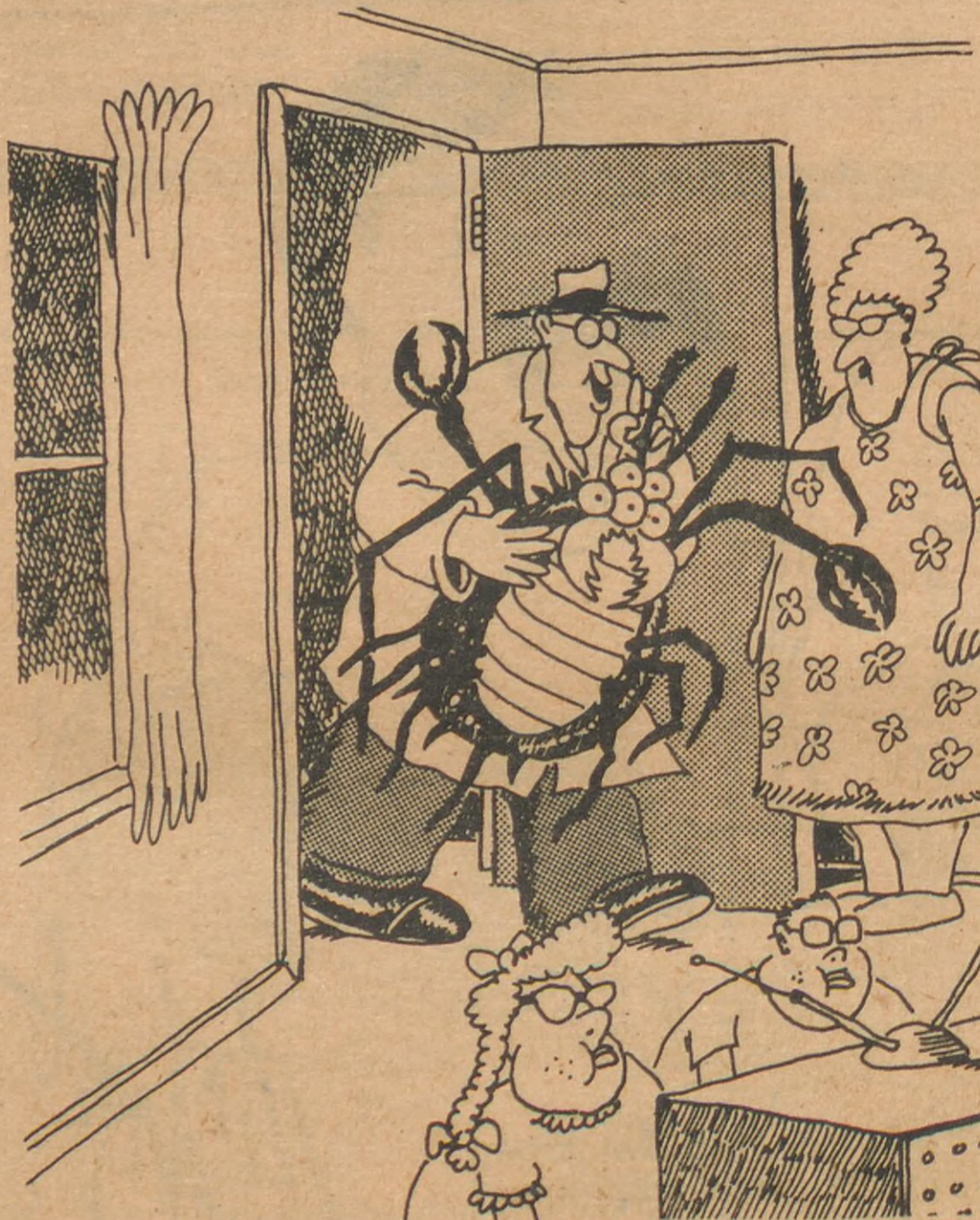
Gary Larson



"Let's see — Mosquitos, gnats, flies, ants ... What the? ... Those jerks! We didn't order stink bugs on this thing!"



"Rub his belly, Ernie! Rub his belly!"



"Shhhhhh ... I wanna surprise the kids."

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908 Westheimer—521-0133: fall festival

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- 2306 CLUB—2306 Genessee—528-6235: male

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- GYRO GYROS Sandwich Shop—1536 Westheimer—528-4655
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- HARRAR'S Ethiopian Cuisine—428 Westheimer—526-2895
- HONG THONG—424 Westheimer—528-8275
- HOUSE OF PIES—3112 Kirby—528-3816
- INTERNATIONAL Club Restaurant—243 Westheimer—523-2795
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- JADE DRAGON—224 Westheimer—526-2683
- KOUNTRY KITCHEN—Kirby at S.W. Fwy.—520-7246
- 9'ERS—1303 Westheimer—528-8823
- OMAR'S—808 Lovett—528-3569
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- RASCALS—2702 Kirby—524-6272
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- SPUD-U-LIKE—416 Westheimer—520-0554
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Randy Alfred's 'Dateline S.F.' twice a month in the Montrose Voice

By Tycho

For Friday evening, October 22, through Friday evening, October 29, 1982:

The Moon is in Capricorn as the weekend opens, enters Aquarius at 3:37 p.m. Sunday afternoon, passes into Pisces at 3:13 a.m. Wednesday morning and enters Aries at 11:26 a.m. Friday morning (Oct. 29), staying there until Halloween day.

ARIES—New ideas and thoughts abound. You're full of a kind of pizzazz that can take most anything and make something else out of it. That special touch will mean a lot to the one who's your wonderful one. Lots of deep appreciation.

TAURUS—Some kind of reunion is on the horizon. Old friends will get together, rekindling yesterday's flames. The light from that fire illuminates some realizations. You'll know better just who you are as you remember where you've been.

GEMINI—Your lover—or a friend—wants you to spend more time together, but you're so involved with work and career that you just can't manage it at the moment. Explain the importance of what you're doing, and what's taking your attention. Don't sacrifice one part of your life for the other.

CANCER—Looks like you may have a secret admirer—who may not be so secret by the end of the month. In fact, this is a period in which all kinds of things will come out of the shadows and into the light. Very interesting.

LEO—Ambition finds the perfect vehicle. The wheels of harmony and understanding that were turning full speed last week are now directed toward a specific goal. Now that you know what you're up to, don't feel like you have to do it all right now.

VIRGO—You're feeling so impressionable and vulnerable that there's almost no way to avoid being hurt. All of your emotions are on the surface. The strangest thing could make you cry. You might want to say "To hell with the phone bill," and call up an old friend.

LIBRA—In your sign this week: *The Sun (leaves mid-day Saturday), Venus (leaves Monday evening), Mercury, Saturn and Pluto.* You could learn a lot from a one-night stand. In fact, what looks like a temporary situation could turn into a whole lot more. Whether it is or not, you're up for a very special encounter. Keep yourself open ... for suggestions.

SCORPIO—In your sign this week: *The Sun (enters mid-day Saturday), Venus (enters Monday evening) and Jupiter.* You could learn a lot from a one-night stand. In fact, what looks like a temporary situation could turn into a whole lot more. Whether it is or not, you're up for a very special encounter. Keep yourself open ... for suggestions.

SAGITTARIUS—In your sign this week: *Mars, Uranus and Neptune.* X-ray eyes could get you into trouble. Be careful. You feel like you're seeing through everything and everybody. At the same time, you're attracted to the exotic and bizarre. Lots of tingles up your spine, but watch out.

CAPRICORN—All right, it's time to take care of all that work that's been piling up. You can do whatever needs to be done. Though you may not see the purpose behind it, what you accomplish this week could have far-reaching results.

AQUARIUS—All of a sudden your heart sings. Letting all those feelings out last week has its rewards. There's a light and carefree childlike attitude about you that doesn't go unnoticed. There could be a Libra or a Sagittarius in your romantic picture.

PISCES—Bring it in off the streets to the comfort of hearth and home. Cool autumn nights make for good snuggling weather. Satisfaction and warmth are what's happening for you now. Best place for that is at home. Snuggle up.

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Last Word

No More 'New Right'?

By Henry McClurg

Sensing disaster in one week at the polls, the New Right says it doesn't like the sound of its own name anymore.

From now on, they said this past week, please refer to them as "Populists."

I guess they'd like you to think they are the "popular" choice of the people, which they clearly are not and which will be clearly shown Nov. 2 when America goes to the polls.

During the last major national election two years ago, many fiscal conservatives voted along the same lines as the social conservatives (the New Right). The social conservatives became confused and thought all those fiscal conservatives were on their side on issues such as abortion, required religion in public schools, gay rights and a dozen other issues.

Over the past two years, the fiscal conservatives have realized they've gotten into the company of some pretty weird fellows, and will be departing that company in one week.

The new breed of politician in 1982: fiscally conservative but socially liberal (our Mayor Whitmire fits this mold).

But sure to vote a week from now—and then watch the returns as the New Right gets some national egg thrown on its collective faces. Their pollsters have already told them its coming.

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