

# Reagan Administration 'Dances' with AIDS Issue

By Larry Bush

WASHINGTON—When Congress returned from its summer recess, it began completing its action on the fiscal 1984 budget, which covers government operations beginning October 1. It now appears that, for the first time since 1977, deceased Rep. Larry McDonald (D-Ga.) will be unable to attach a restriction to the Legal Services Corporation budget banning services to lesbians and gay men.

Prior to McDonald's death, a committee action had already adopted language which leaders out the McDonald restriction, and it is expected that House action will have to move so quickly that a McDonald-type rider will be swept aside by the simple need to beat the calendar.

At the same time, it appears likely that Congress will not pass a complete budget, but will—as in years past—turn to a continuing resolution that funds government programs in lieu of regular appropriations measures. Since such measures almost always adopt the language and funding levels set in committees, it also appears unlikely McDonald sympathizers would succeed in an alternative on that measure.

The major focus for gay groups, of course, will be the final proposal for the AIDS programs. The House subcommittee already has acted but is closely guarding the information on what budget is adopted until the full Appropriations Committee meets in September. It is believed, how-

ever, that the subcommittee set the figure at around \$35 million, up from the \$17 million the Reagan Administration had asked at the time the subcommittee met in July.

The AIDS budget for the coming year has see-sawed back and forth for a number of reasons, and provides some insight into how the Administration has responded generally to the AIDS situation. A brief recap of the current and future year looks like this:

The Administration asked for \$14 million for AIDS programs in fiscal 1983. When pressed whether that was sufficient at an April 1983 hearing held by Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.), Administration officials said it would do the job. Two

weeks after that hearing, on May 12, the Reagan Administration changed its mind, and said it could use another \$12 million for AIDS programs before fiscal year 1983 ran out this month (September)—It asked for that amount to be transferred into AIDS programs from other government efforts, but Congress refused and instead passed a supplemental appropriation giving them new money. That made the total fiscal 1983 budget \$16 million.

For fiscal 1984, the Administration proposed \$17 million—a drop from the previous total, even though it reported no real progress in finding the cause or cure of AIDS and even though no leveling in new cases was being reported to federal health

officials. The House appropriations subcommittee is believed to have looked at that proposal and found it inadequate. Among other considerations, the panel is believed to have looked at projects launched under the supplemental \$12 million budget and decided that more money was needed to keep the programs funded that had just been started under the wire.

When Rep. Ted Weiss (D-N.Y.) held hearings on the federal AIDS response, however, he asked Reagan officials again whether they had sufficient resources to handle the AIDS crisis; he was once again assured that all that was needed was available. About two weeks later, how-

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### 'AIDS Play Safe Week': Conquering the Killer

By Robert Hyde

"AIDS is not going away," Dr. Peter Mansell of UT, M.D. Anderson said this week. "At one Houston hospital alone, there have been 35 cases of Kaposi's sarcoma and over 50 serious AIDS-related infections; there have been 30 Houston deaths, including two reported last week."

In the wake of this dark blanket that is currently smothering our gay community, Houston's KS/AIDS Foundation is launching a massive educational program involving a multitude of the area's bars, businesses, organizations and clubs. Over 12,000 flyers have been dropped throughout Montrose, and it is difficult to visit any of the popular establishments in the area without confronting evidence of what is probably the biggest campaign yet to get members of the community to do one thing: get educated and face the facts about a dreaded killer that is crippling our once devil-may-care lifestyle.

The Foundation has deemed this giant effort as "AIDS Play Safe Week" in an attempt to brighten a very morbid issue. The organization is calling the community to school for some serious lectures and at the same time is promising several recess periods so the boys can go out and play. Just for a minute, they're asking us to stop and listen.

Many community bars have scheduled some entertaining event that will raise money for AIDS research, from the Galleon outside Montrose to the Mining Company deep in its heart. On Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m., Rich's Disco, usually booming with the latest rock blasting amid its carnival lightshow, will stage an entertaining multi-media show and then invite attendees still celebrating life to respond to a team of educators, medical experts, epidemiologists and psychologists concerning precautions against AIDS.

"AIDS Play Safe Week" (September 18-25) will officially begin Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the middle of the Montrose Jam, an inner-city street fair in the 1000 block of California (one block north of the intersection of Montrose and Westheimer).

For members of the community wishing to get a closer look at the problem, Houstonians with AIDS will hold a question and answer session and talk about their fight for survival at 8:00 p.m. Monday at Bering Memorial Church.



A researcher at Houston's M.D. Anderson Hospital

The psychosocial impact of the disease on our lifestyle and on our mental attitudes toward it will be discussed extensively at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Local and state politicians will address the politics of the issue at the Tropicana Swim Club on Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

A prayer vigil will be held at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 25, at St. Stephen's Episcopal for the religious.

"Our philosophy and rationale for doing

this is based upon a study of the Houston gay male population which showed they were not aware of safe sexual activities as a disease preventive measure," said Michael Wilson, president of the Foundation.

The study was based on a survey of men who came to M.D. Anderson for screening "simply because they were frightened and worried," Wilson said.

"They did not know what safe sex was," Wilson added. "And I don't think the aver-

age person walking around does."

At the moment, a good education and safe sexual practices are our best defenses against the killer, rather than walking around seemingly apathetic when what most of us really feel is confusion and frustration.

On a more personal level, Kent Sumrall, Foundation board member and public relations expert, magnifies what may be prevalent within our community when he says that many people are "afraid of trusting other gays" in determining whether a potentially intimate partner will be honest concerning his sexual behavior.

"I want to touch on a few sensitive questions diplomatically without offending a person," said Sumrall, who refuses to shut himself off from the gay world. "But it's very difficult to do that in an effective manner unless people are attuned to the problem. It's almost as if you scare them away when you ask if they're practicing safe sex."

Making people less afraid is what this giant effort is all about. The Foundation is even suggesting that our typical keys and handkerchiefs be replaced with their "I Play Safe" buttons which will be distributed throughout the week.

The Foundation's campaign is also an attack against what many people see as a growing apathy in the community toward the disease.

"People don't realize the problem exists until someone they know is infected," Sumrall stated, "and there are too many people who have not been personally touched by the disease. Unfortunately, these people don't care."

But others do care. They're scared. And whether we like to admit it or not, there's a very subtle air in the bars these days, a hint of caution among the cocktails and the haze of smoke. There's talk of needing to get out of town and head for the baths in New Orleans. There's talk of playing Russian Roulette. But more phone numbers are being exchanged and less sharing of one-night stands. There's Mother Nature standing in the corner telling us we have to get responsible.

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# AIDS Statistics From CDC Being Questioned

By S. Christopher Hagin

ATLANTA—At least 75 percent of AIDS cases are not being reported for one state by the Centers for Disease Control here. Dr. Richard Lelg, of CDC, has said, "The number of reported AIDS cases might be only half the number of cases."

A source within CDC's AIDS Project said, "These figures (speaking of CDC's official AIDS statistics) are incorrect because Dr. (Edward) Brandt (Assistant Secretary of Health) wants it that way. Less money will be appropriated for AIDS research if the numbers are smaller."

Brandt could not be reached for comment.

In July, Tennessee reported having eight confirmed cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, but CDC in its monthly report states the Volunteer State only has two AIDS cases. In late June, CDC issued the same report, but the Tennessee Department of Public Health was reporting five cases then.

Dr. Gary Swinger, Assistant State Epidemiologist for Tennessee's Public Health Department, has written in a letter to this reporter, "As of July 19, we have eight confirmed cases of AIDS with four deaths in Tennessee."

In the August 5 issue of CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), it was stated as of August 1, Tennessee had two reported cases.

The five total cases as of July still had not shown up on the August report.

In explanation, Chuck Fallis, a spokesperson for CDC, said in response to why the Tennessee cases were not being properly reported, "I don't know, but my best guess is that there is a lag time in reporting from the state health departments to CDC. The most accurate information on the number of cases, at any particular time, can best be obtained from the state health departments, not CDC."

Fallis also explained, "There's a lag time after their reports are received. The cases have to be logged in and numerous forms must be filled out; this has to happen before they (the number of cases) appear on our computer printout."

When asked if the lag time was two months or more, as in the case of Tennessee, Fallis retorted, "I don't know how long it takes. The five cases probably

haven't shown up yet, but they will show up eventually. As of August 18, Tennessee was still listed as having reported only two cases."

Fallis said that he would have the head statistician on AIDS, Tom Starcher, return this reporter's call to explain the possible shaving of statistics; however, in six hours, Starcher never called.

The Texas Public Health Department of August 18, reported 62 cases, but the August 15 MMWR indicated only 47 AIDS victims in that state.

Representatives of the National Gay Task Force and a United States House of Representatives subcommittee indicated they might poll the states to see how many actual AIDS victims and deaths there are.

After being appraised of the situation, Rep. Ted Weiss, D-Manhattan, chairman of the House subcommittee investigating the AIDS epidemic and the government's handling of it said, "I have serious concern about the scope and accuracy of our national surveillance system for AIDS. My subcommittee is currently conducting an investigation at CDC to ascertain the adequacy of the agency's surveillance in the AIDS crisis."

# American Conservative Union Seeks to Oust Gay Founder

By Larry Bush

WASHINGTON—Former congressman Robert Bauman, who surprised his conservative allies by announcing he was gay and would be working for passage of gay civil rights protections in Congress, now faces a move to oust him from the group he co-founded, the American Conservative Union.

Bauman was a key figure in the conservative movement until he appeared in court in 1980 to agree to undergo a counseling program rather than face a trial over charges that he had solicited sex from a 16-year-old go-go boy who danced at a strip joint near the FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The publicity cost Bauman his congressional seat, and he told reporters this year that his decision to come to terms with being gay and end dependence on alcohol had cost him his

Susan Steinmetz, Weiss' subcommittee staff director, said, "These are the kind of discrepancies we are looking for at CDC. We can't get them to admit it to us."

Lance Ringel of NGTF remarked about the comparison of the CDC and state figures. "It's outrageous! There has been problems from the beginning with CDC's reporting."

He continued, "To have the correct number of cases would help us in our lobbying to get the proper amount of funding for AIDS research and victims. These incorrect numbers hurt our lobbying effort."

A gay congressional aide, who did not want to be identified, said, "Bob Bauman, our new brother, says Reagan is good on gay issues. If he is, why is his administration lying about the number of AIDS victims?"

"I'll tell you why. Because Reagan does not care about gay lives and he does not want to spend the money."

Inaccurate reporting of statistics is just one additional gay organizational complaint against the Reagan administration's competency and dedication to the AIDS crisis.

conservative entree.

Among the people who are seeking to force Bauman's removal as a director of the American Conservative Union is David Keene, erstwhile campaign manager for current vice president George Bush; among the Board members who will consider the issue is Terry Dolan, the leader of the ultraconservative National Conservative Political Action Committee who startled people with his frank interview on gay civil rights (anti-bias, but anti-legislation).

Dolan, himself a confirmed bachelor, reportedly has taken up Bauman's defense among Board members, expressing outrage that they might moralize over Bauman's homosexuality or support of gay civil rights legislation, and claiming that at least three Board members have been convicted of adultery in divorce courts.

## Play Safe Week

This week, and through next weekend, has been designated "AIDS Play Safe Week" by Houston's KS/AIDS Foundation.

Events are planned around the city—from entertainment to educational. They're all outlined in the group's ads and in the VOICE's famous "Seven Day Calendar" at the start of our classified section.

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The Art League of Houston is currently presenting "Contemporary Views of Houston" at the Art League's Gallery at 1953 Montrose. The exhibition is displaying award-winning works by 37 area artists and is the result of a local competition that involved 163 entries. The art will be shown through October 7.

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The Houston Area Gay and Lesbian Engineers and Scientists have changed their meeting day each month from the fourth Wednesday to the fourth Tuesday. For more information, contact James H. Baker, 21 Pine Dale, No. 8, Houston 77006.

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Famous atheist leader and founder of American Atheists, Dr. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, has recognized the Houston-based American Gay Atheists. This is the first time Dr. O'Hair has officially recognized any gay organization, said the local group.

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Now over to the other side of coin.

The Church of Pentecostal Unity is having its dedication services for its spiffy new facilities all next weekend, Sept. 23-25. They're at 1217 Richmond and invite everybody by for some old time religion—gay style.

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It was a festive time last Wednesday night at the tenth anniversary celebration of Just Marion & Lynn's club on Fairview. Joining in for the food and entertainment by the Rio Frio Trio were VOICE staffers Lyt Harris, Mark Drago and Sonny Davis. Yep, Just Marion's & Lynn's has been in business for 10 years.

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Baja's Summer Splash continues, even through the official start of autumn is one week away. (Yep, one week.)

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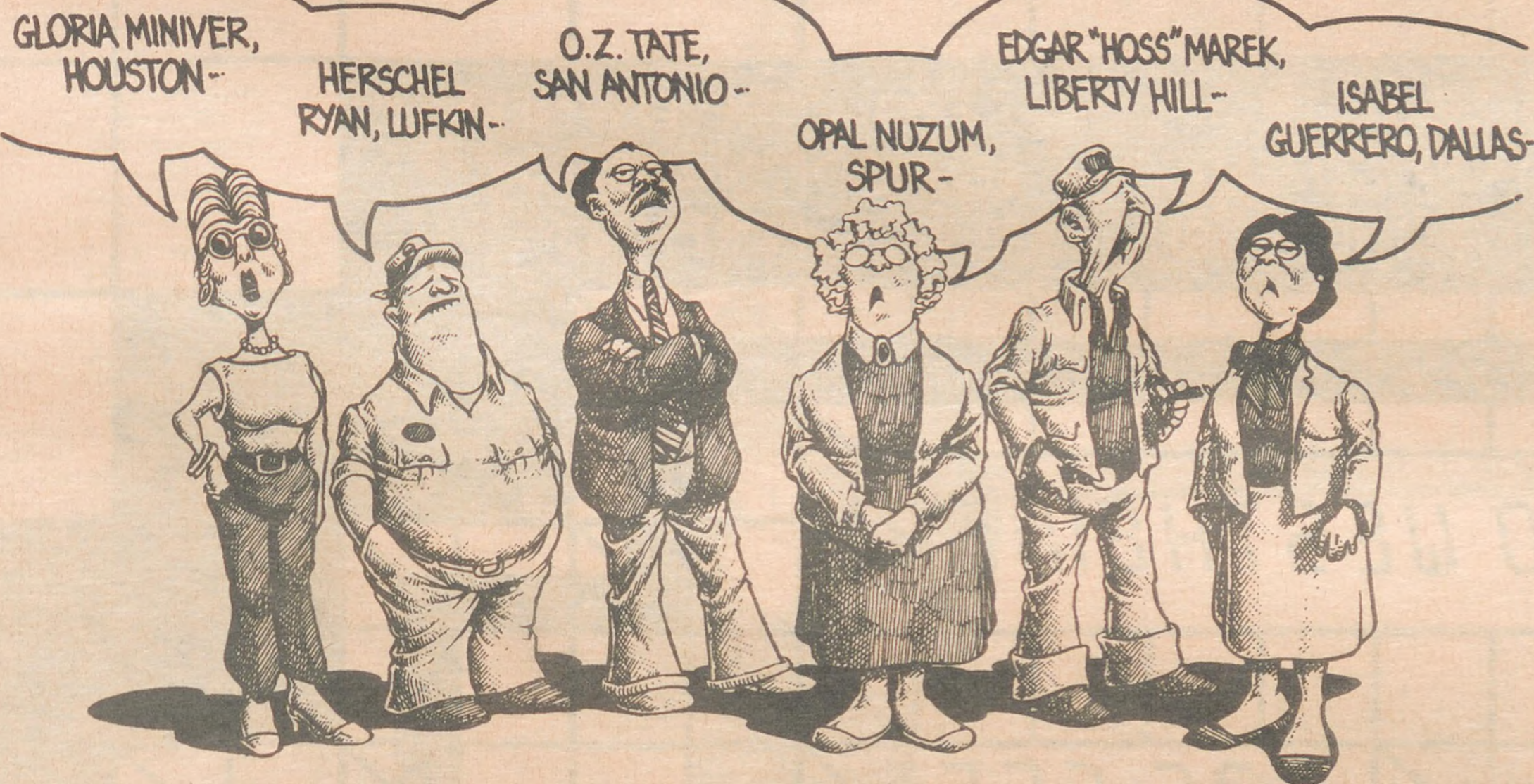
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# Gay Catholic Group, Dignity, Converges on Seattle

By Steve Warren

SEATTLE—Dignity, Inc., moved toward a more prophetic role in dealing with the Roman Catholic Church on behalf of lesbians and gay men at its sixth biennial international convention held here Labor Day weekend. Feminism, social justice, sexual ethics and racial minorities were issues signaling the shift from a conciliatory stance to a more aggressive vanguard position.

A new commitment to feminism issues and a supportive stand toward the San Francisco task force which developed the report "Homosexuality and Social Justice" were accomplishments of which this convention could boast. The road to the future was marked by the creation of a task force on sexual ethics and the unofficial formation of Dignity/Third World, a committee to increase the effectiveness of the organization's ministry to racial minorities.

It was evident that change was in the air from the warm welcome given the roughly 700 registrants by Raymond G. Hunthausen, archbishop of Seattle. He authorized the use of St. James Cathedral for a Saturday night eucharistic liturgy and prepared welcoming remarks which had to be delivered via videotape when the archbishop was—by a suspicious coincidence—called to Rome with 22 other U.S. bishops to hear the pope's latest message condemning homosexuality, ordination of women, birth control, etc.

(This was contrasted with the 1981 convention in Philadelphia where not only was Dignity forbidden to use church facilities, but clergy were warned to have nothing to do with the convention—although many did anyway.)

Archbishop Hunthausen spoke in his address of some Seattle Catholics for whom "... your (the conventioners) presence here is a source of wonderment and



Mike Kaney and George Wetzel of Houston at the Dignity convention in Seattle

confusion, even anger and resentment. They find it difficult, if not impossible, to understand why the church should engage in a special ministry to persons of homosexual orientation..."

Sure enough, about a hundred of those people (500 had been expected) held a prayer vigil across the street from St. James during the Dignity mass, carrying signs, singing hymns and saying a rosary. The peaceful protest was welcomed by the 1,260 lesbian and gay Catholics and their supporters—including about 100 vested priests and other religious—inside the cathedral, who thanked the demonstrators for their prayers and prayed for their enlightenment.

A full-page ad in that morning's *Seattle Times*, headlined "Don't Be Misled," was a source of excellent publicity that the convention could hardly have afforded to buy. While refuting them with official church teachings and the worst translations and paraphrases of the standard *Bible* verses, it presented excellent statements of Dignity's point of view from its newsletters and the published words of major convention speakers.

The ad also said, in part, "We are ... saddened that 'Dignity' will be allowed to use our St. James Cathedral (NOTE: The Christians who give you trouble are those who think churches belong to them rather than God) for it's 'major liturgy.' ... We

believe this convention to be not only an occasion of confusion, but also of scandal. ... We join ... in the prayer that all those homosexually oriented may lead chaste lives in accordance with the church's teaching..."

Sponsoring the ad (and requesting donations) was a group of "Roman Catholic Laity of the Archdiocese of Seattle" calling themselves "National Parents League, Inc." All that is known of Chairman (sic) Mary Royer is that she is neither the Mary Royer who was registered for the convention nor the wife of Seattle mayor Charles Royer, who extended a welcome at the opening general assembly which was both warm and funny. ("The last religious convention we had here came with a \$10 bill in one hand and the Ten Commandments in the other and never broke either one of them!")

Press coverage was generally good with both daily papers reporting on the convention and two TV stations sending film crews to the cathedral Saturday night. Even if they were hoping to shoot a confrontation which never happened, their stories were balanced, one station leading off the 11 o'clock news with the event.

Elected to succeed Atlanta activist Frank Scheuren as president of the international (U.S. and Canada, with affiliated groups in England—Quest—and Australia—Acceptance) organization was

John Hagar of Washington D.C. The most important thing about the convention for him, he told us, was "the kind of sharing experience that renews and gives new life to everyone in the organization ... a celebration of love..."

While the idea of Dignity/Third World was not officially presented to the convention, Hagar was aware of it. "It's about time," he commented. "We've been fighting being a 'male organization.' (Now that we've addressed women's concerns this year,) that's the next step. ... The number of minorities here is incredibly small."

Dignity/Third World is the project of Clyde Sams of Philadelphia, who intends to formulate a plan to present to the 1985 convention in New York. In an exclusive interview, he told us he has the unofficial support of seven chapters in his effort "to be recognized that we (of the Third World) are a people, very much a part of Dignity as a whole." Being black, Sams seems more concerned about ministry toward blacks than the much greater potential in the large gay Hispanic population; but he promised that Dignity/Third World would include Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans and other minorities as well as his own race.

The question of women was dealt with through the addition of a fifth "area of concern" to Dignity's Statement of Position and Purpose:

Feminist Issues. We shall dedicate ourselves to develop the potential to become more fully human; and to work toward the eradication of all constraints on our personhood based on the ascribed social roles of women as well as men.

The Task Force on Sexual Ethics will develop a report based on "Fifteen Principles for a Renewed Sexual Theology" which relate to heterosexuals as well as homosexuals. A statement in relatively final—though not inflexible—form is to be presented to the 1989 convention, incorporating feedback evoked by a preliminary version in 1987.

Dignity's present policy, in line with the teachings of Vatican II, according to Frank Scheuren, is that "Sexuality is a personal thing. Your conscience should be your final guide." Some have accused him, he says, of giving out the wrong informa-

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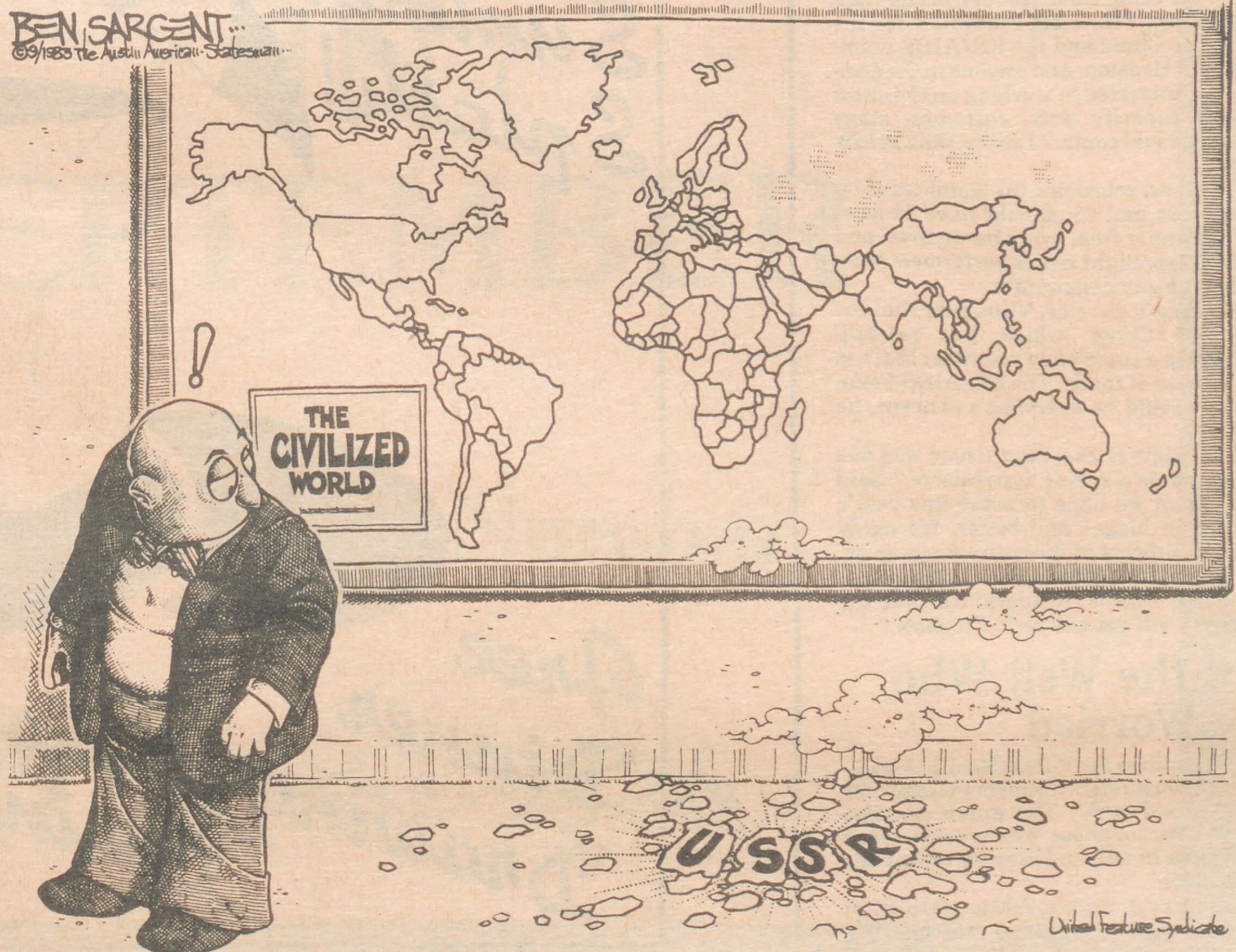
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ever, Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler appeared at the bedside of a New York man with AIDS and told reporters her department now believed it needed an additional \$22 million to handle AIDS for fiscal 84.

Following along, this now means that the Administration is asking for a total of \$40 million for fiscal '83, but has brought up the new figure after Congress got started on its own process. It turns out that Reagan health officials have decided about \$14 million is needed to continue programs begun under the supplemental (bringing the original \$17 million and the continued program budget of \$14 million to \$31 million—about what the subcommittee is believed to have already concluded on its own).

Reagan health officials say that about \$8.3 million is needed for new programs in fiscal '84 that it had not foreseen. That figure interests Congress enormously, because it will show what the latest thinking is on AIDS research directions and support programs, and may indeed move them to fatten their own proposals.

What emerges from this Reagan Administration dance is a pattern of underestimating funding needs, seeking to borrow the money from other programs at the last minute and apparently overestimating their ability to solve the crisis.

This has not been lost on Congress, and congressional sources now say they expect the House to balk at the latest Reagan proposal to shift money away from programs into AIDS efforts. Instead they are more likely to simply add new appropriations to take care of both the AIDS efforts and continuing valuable existing programs.

As in other appropriations issues, it is expected that Congress ultimately will not pass a budget bill for these programs, but will instead again pass a continuing resolution to fund the efforts. And, as before, that means the funding level and program directions spelled out at the committee

## Volunteers Needed for 'Zap Clap Revue Two, Too'

Plans are being finalized for the *Zap Clap Revue Two, Too*, a big fundraiser for the Montrose Clinic and the KS/AIDS Foundation of Houston, and anyone in the community interested in working on the show in any capacity (sets, costumes, stage hands) should contact Danny Villa at 528-3139.

The show, scheduled for Numbers II on October 24 and 25, should have at least one performer from every bar in town and will also spotlight major performers from Houston's gay community.

The show's director, Villa, said that the Montrose Clinic, which has recently reverted to a completely volunteer basis, is in dire need of funds. The KS/AIDS Foundation should be everyone's concern, he said.

"The original *Zap Clap Revue* was one of the clinic's major fundraisers," said Villa, "and we hope to make this year's show even bigger and better. We really need the support of the entire community. The money we raise could ... save someone's life. And we'll guarantee that the audience will get one hell of a show."

## For the Well Who are Worried

The Committee for Public Health Awareness is sponsoring a "Sharing Group" for the "worried well." The group provides information for those who are concerned about their health and lifestyle during the AIDS crisis.

It meets each Friday, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett St., Suite 203. For information, call 522-5084. The Sharing Group is a free service.

level likely will be adopted and become the new AIDS program.

Interestingly, among those not heard from following the latest Reagan Administration admission that it does not have enough AIDS money are the three Republican congressmen on Weiss' subcommittee who sought to ridicule National Gay Task Force director Virginia Apuzzo when she said that the funding was inadequate and that people were going to suffer as a result. Shortly after that congressional testimony, Apuzzo and other AIDS groups representatives met with Assistant Secretary for Health Edward Brandt to again make the case that more funds were needed, and Apuzzo told reporters afterwards that she would be disappointed if they had not persuaded the Administration to at least double its request. That is exactly what happened.

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tion from which a conscience choice is to be made. "We do not endorse celibacy," he adds; "we do not endorse promiscuity; we do not endorse any particular lifestyle."

Rev. Troy Perry, founder and moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, addressed Dignity's House of Delegates on behalf of the idea that their organizations should hold simultaneous conventions in the same city in 1987, including a day of joint activities. The concept was approved, and Dignity's Board of Directors authorized to work with MCC's Board of Elders on site selection (St. Louis has been mentioned most often) and planning. Other gay religious groups will be invited to join the largest ones.

Though carefully worded in a positive manner, the San Francisco resolution is probably the strongest stand Dignity has yet taken against the church:

"... Dignity Inc. applauds and endorses 'Homosexuality and Social Justice' as an historic and prophetic accomplishment of lesbian and gay theological reflection ... (and) commends the gay and lesbian groups that have returned 'Ministry and Homosexuality in the Archdiocese of San Francisco' as theologically inadequate and therefore unacceptable...."

The former report was prepared by the Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Issues of the Commission on Social Justice, Archdiocese of San Francisco, Kevin Gordon chairman; the latter was the priest senate report written as a negative response to it. The archdiocese disbanded the task force, but Gordon is reorganizing it independently on a national basis as the Consultation on Homosexuality, Social Justice and Roman Catholic Theology.

Among the points of the resolution passed here, it was noted that the action was being taken "with a love for the church which honors its teachings but also exercises the right and duty of responsible, respectful and informed dissent in the pursuit of dialogue and possible change."

Besides President Hagar, new officers elected at the convention were Judy Carton of San Diego, secretary; and Elinor Crocker of Washington D.C., treasurer. Crocker had formerly served as secretary.

Dignity Inc. claims 4500-5000 members in 106 chapters in the United States and Canada. Each has the autonomy to operate in a manner appropriate to conditions in the area it serves. More than half of the chapters have permission to meet on church property.

The principal speakers at the convention were Ginny Apuzzo, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, and authors Matthew Fox, O.P. and Mary S. Calderone, M.D./M.P.H.

Calderone, who enjoys being described as "a 79-year-old sex lady," discussed everything from fetal erections and how to

explain sex to very young children to the sources of our oppression: "People who hate homosexuality and homosexuals are people who love to hate. ... It's difficult to be homosexual. I know. I've shared your pain with you. It's difficult to be heterosexual, too. It's difficult to be sexual in this society." Her biggest ovation came when she told about answering the questions of schoolboys who were especially concerned over masturbation. "There isn't such a thing as too much," she finally told them. "When you get tired, just stop."

Fr. Fox summarized his concept of "creation centered spirituality," calling it the "oldest Western tradition," starting from the original blessing rather than the original sin. "The homosexual has had to create his or her own lifestyle," he said at

one point. "It was not given in a package."

Apuzzo, introduced as "just another dyke from the Bronx," described the process through which lesbians and gays achieved representation in the August 27 march on Washington. "If we ask minority groups and women to address homophobia in their ranks," she cautioned, "are we prepared to seriously address the issue of racism in our own?"

Concerning the convention theme, "Let Us Build a City of God," Apuzzo pondered other "cities of God," saying that Jamestown perished because the people wouldn't dirty their hands to dig sewer systems and thus died of dysentery, but "Plymouth grew in grace until today they are represented by Gerry Studts!" She praised the gay community for its response to AIDS,

which she called "the second step in coming out—reaching out.... If our objective is simply to make it okay to be gay, then I ask you how much faith we have in our potential. ... Our agenda must be to make it a better world ... (or) be relegated to a nostalgic footnote in history."

Seattle withheld its famous rain from the conventioners as they went through a weekend of worship, business, social activities and professionally-run seminars. They returned to their local chapters with a new agenda—to initiate dialogue within the church, rather than maintaining a defensive responsive posture. The degree to which this can be implemented will vary from one area to another, but I would hate to get in the way of the city-builders who left Seattle on Labor Day.

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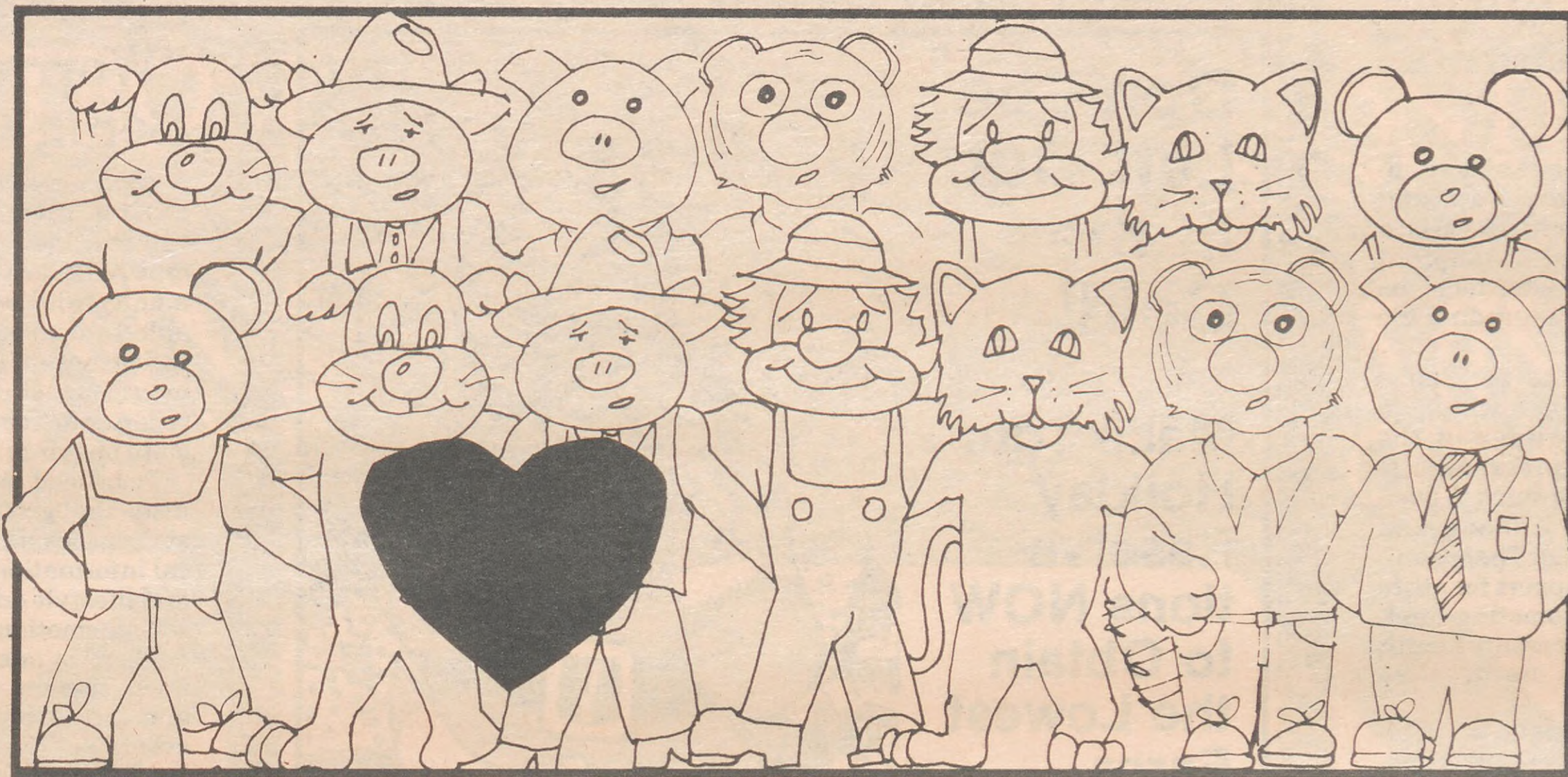
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 honoring the Montrose Counseling Center
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 Bering Memorial Methodist Church, Activities Building, 1440 Harold  
 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm.  
 honoring the Montrose Clinic
- thurs., sept. 22** the politics of aids  
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## Local Group Forms AIDS Educational Committees

Feeling that a large percentage of the non-gay community is harboring fears and near-hysteria regarding the AIDS crisis, a local group has established a nonprofit educational corporation to ease tensions outside the gay community regarding the disease, they announced.

Known as The Committee for Public Health Awareness, its purpose will be to increase the public's knowledge of the health issue through media programs, lectures, forums and outreach groups to businesses, professional organizations and private institutions, they said. The organization will also organize support for other health related groups by promoting funding of research and other necessary health services for people in need, they announced.

To make important in-roads on the political front, the group's sister organization, The Committee for Public Health Awareness Lobby Fund, Inc., will focus on educating political leaders and government organizations concerning the needs created by AIDS, especially in terms of funding, they said.

Anyone wishing to assist either of these committees may contact The Committee for Public Awareness, Inc., at 528-6333 or 522-5084.

## Tebedo New Regional AIDS Organization Rep

As of August 29, Michael G. Lonergan, director of the Committee for Public Health Awareness, Lobby Fund, Inc. relinquished his seat on the national steering committee of the Federation of AIDS Related Organizations to Terry Tebedo of the Dallas AIDS Action Project.

Lonergan explained, "This will give better regional representation as both Dallas and Houston would be on the national board." He will retain his seat on the steering committee of the national AIDS Lobby Project, because "our corporation's only purpose is to lobby government for funds for research and patient services."

## Fund Awards Grant to Parents & Friends Group

The Board of Directors of the NGTF Fund for Human Dignity, Inc., has unanimously approved a grant of \$500 to the National Federation of Parents and Friends of Gays to help that organization respond to a deluge of mail generated by two Ann Landers columns. This is the first award in a small pilot program which allows the Fund to grant to organizations other than the National Gay Task Force.

"The Fund for Human Dignity is the public education affiliate of the National Gay Task Force," Executive Director Virginia Apuzzo noted. "Keeping communications open with lesbians, gay men and their friends and relatives across the country is consistent with our goal of educating the American public about the lives of gay men and lesbians."

## Remington in Space Brings Peace on Earth

NASA has avoided a messy legal battle by a whisker. This issue: Norelco's claim last June that its razor had been endorsed by the space shuttle astronauts.

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To be lead by professional psychotherapists, the "group experiences" will address such issues as individual concerns, medical information, high-risk sexual behavior and lifestyle adaptation, as well as related social, emotional and health issues.

There is one four-hour Saturday afternoon session remaining in the seminar and three two-hour sessions on Thursday evenings. There is a fee of \$20 for each session, and insurance is welcome. For required reservations, call 527-9051 or the church office at 526-1017.

## Vietnam Vet Facing Court-Martial for Gay Sexual Affair

A Navy Vietnam veteran who was awarded the Bronze Star will face a court-martial for allegedly having an affair with a hospital corpsman who has a history of drug and alcohol abuse, reports United Press International.

Commander Gerald Vanderwier was relieved in June of his command of the frigate Edward McDonnell after Vice Admiral Edward Briggs, commander of the Navy's Atlantic Surface Force, heard the testimony of Petty Officer John Rainville that he had had sexual relations with Vanderwier several times.

Vanderwier could receive 15 years' confinement, be dismissed from the Navy and forfeit all pay if he is convicted.

No date was immediately set for the trial.

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Ford has a better idea for getting you to watch its television ads. This year, rather than dropping pickup trucks from airplanes, they're driving them off cliffs.

In both cases, it's a trusty parachute that comes to the rescue, but the parachutes aren't always that trusty. Last year, the airplane gimmick cost the company 12 trucks but no skydivers. This year, reports the *Los Angeles Times*, the cliff stunt cost only one truck.

## Killer of Gays Said to be Stalking Indiana, Illinois

A two-state probe by Indiana and Illinois authorities has been launched to solve a series of gay murders which authorities believe began in October 1982, reports Associated Press.

Eight victims, ranging in age from 17 to 28, were repeatedly stabbed, and their bodies were dumped "a short distance from the Interstate," Lake County, Indiana, Sheriff Robert Babcox told AP.


"All eight of these (men) are of similar type deaths, being victims of stab wounds, and all have ties with the gay community," the sheriff said.

The news service reported that six of the victims worked or lived within two miles of each other in an area of Chicago known for its gay community. The two other victims had ties to the gay community in Indianapolis.

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# Despite Internal Tension, Black Leaders Endorsed Gay Rights

By Larry Bush

WASHINGTON—National Black civil rights leaders, at the urging of the National Coalition of Black Gays and the National Gay Task Force, held a Washington press conference on the eve of the March on Washington late last month to endorse civil rights legislation for gays.

The press conference, which included such figures as Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Joseph Lowery, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Rev. Cecil Williams, pastor of San Francisco's Glide Memorial Baptist Church, and Benjamin Hooks, head of the NAACP, was the first ever called by Black civil rights leaders to endorse the gay civil rights movement's goals and marked the first time many had gone on record personally. Only Atlanta mayor and former Martin Luther King aide Andrew Young and former CORE leader James Farmer had publicly endorsed gay civil rights legislation before.

"When we marched in 1963, the result was the 1964 civil rights act," Lowery told a gathering of reporters at the District of Columbia's mayor's conference room. "Now, in 1983, it should lead to an amendment to the 1964 act protecting the rights of lesbians and gays."

Also making the endorsement was D.C. congressional delegate Walter Fauntroy, who earlier in the week had announced at a press conference that gay rights was too "divisive" among Black leaders to be included in the March on Washington goals. Appearing, but not speaking, was D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, a longstanding gay civil rights supporter.

The endorsements were called "historic" by New York gay activist Virginia Apuzzo, who had participated in a late-night telephone conference call with the Black civil rights leaders to iron out difficulties that emerged following a press conference by D.C. delegate Fauntroy, chairman of the March and the "Coalition of Conscience."

Fauntroy had been quoted by the *Washington Blade* as having told an earlier planning committee meeting that gay civil rights was "extraneous" to the March agenda and reportedly had compared gay civil rights to "penguin's rights." Although Fauntroy denied having made that remark at his public press conference, the charge continued to hover as several marchers carried stuffed penguin toys or carried signs reading "When They Came For The Penguins, I Didn't Speak Because I Was Not A Penguin."

Fauntroy did state publicly, however, that the Coalition of Conscience had barred a gay civil rights speaker at the March and that his umbrella group found the issue, along with abortion rights, too "divisive" to be included.

That posture outraged gay rights activists who had planned to participate in the March and led four Washington-area activists to stage a sit-in protest in Fauntroy's congressional office that resulted in

their arrest.

Adding to the local Washington tension among activists is the fact that Fauntroy, a Baptist minister, is a co-sponsor of federal gay civil rights legislation himself and participated in the House debate to protect a D.C. city council reform of sex laws in 1981 that had been opposed by the Moral Majority. Fauntroy also was endorsed by the local Gertrude Stein Gay Democratic Club in his last election.

Notwithstanding such outward signals of support, however, Black gays and many other Washington gay activists have felt that Fauntroy was a particularly weak ally, noting he has never attended any gay rights function and did not return candidate questionnaires or meet with gay leaders during his campaign. Fauntroy himself sought at the March press confer-

ence to distinguish between supporting gay civil rights and "advocating" a gay lifestyle, suggesting that an openly gay speaker would be seen as an endorsement of lifestyle. That distinction, however, only puzzled his critics.

Nearly all the focus on a gay response fell early to the National Coalition of Black Gays and the National Gay Task Force. The Gay Rights National Lobby's Steve Endean was in his home state of Minnesota throughout the week on what his office termed a "working vacation" and could not be reached by either Black or gay civil rights leaders. GRNL Deputy Director Jerry Weller said that GRNL's role would be "to be supportive of the National Black Coalition and Ginny (Apuzzo)."

Apuzzo pressed the Black movement

leaders to add a gay speaker, finally settling on Audre Lorde's participation as one of the "litany" readers shortly before Mrs. King spoke; to appear at a joint press conference to endorse the federal gay civil rights bill; and to establish an open dialogue with gay civil rights organizations to educate each other about their agendas and priorities.

Most of the negotiations took place after Black leaders held a two-and-one-half hour conference call with each other from midnight onwards on the night of August 23, when National Organization for Women president Judy Goldsmith reportedly led the pressure to discuss issues with gay leaders, and a follow-up call with Apuzzo joining the Black leaders the night of August 24, again for about two-and-one-half hours.

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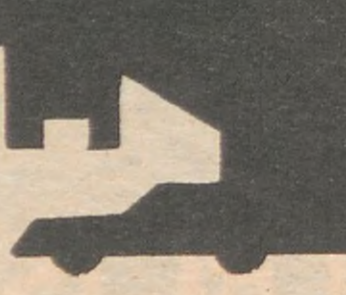
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## Love Train

By Tom Dolan

Dear Tom:

I've been reading your column ever since I woke one morning on somebody's kitchen floor and saw it under the cat dish. (I can't resist reading newspaper spread out on the floor.) You might say I've been a fan ever since. Lately, though, my life resembles one of your columns and that unsettles me.

You see, I never fall in love, but other guys are always falling for me. So when Charlie said he was falling in love with me, my first thought was, "Oh, no!"

"You know what that is?" I told him. "That's just a bunch of endorphins being secreted into your brain. It's something like a 'runner's high.' It'll wear off."

I told Charlie I wasn't in love with him, which he pretty much accepted. "That's okay. Love takes time," he said, and added redundantly, "You can't hurry love," which for some reason made me think of Diana Ross.

I didn't think we had much in common, but the sex was fantastic. We're both versatile, and when two versatile people get together the variations and permutations are almost infinite. We went through the *Kama Sutra* the first night and added a new chapter every time we got together. It was the best sex I ever had. Maybe that's why I put up with his obsessive-compulsive behavior.

Like phone calls that seemed to come every 15 minutes, even at 3:00 a.m. when he lay awake thinking of me. (Occasionally his calls interrupted my lovemaking with somebody else.) I was even able to handle the fact that he was sometimes inspired to toss pebbles at my bedroom window. If he called and the line was busy, he wanted to know who I'd been talking to, how long I'd known them, and if we'd ever been to bed together. When we met a friend on the street, he wanted to know if I'd ever had sex with him. "Were you lovers?" he would ask. "Did you ever sleep with him?" When he took an apartment in the building across from mine, though, I began to feel really uncomfortable. I knew he was watching to make sure I wasn't seeing someone else.

A number of times I asked him to "give me a chance to fall in love, give me the time and space I need." But, no, Charlie was like an express train rushing to its destination. He was obsessed by thoughts of living together and joint bank accounts.

One of the reasons I saw him as often as I did, apart from the sex, was that after we made love, he did my housework. That's right, he cleaned the house, attacked the pile of dirty dishes that had been sitting in my sink since his last visit. So, in a sense, Charlie was a real find. A treasure. Friends asked me to pass him along when I was finished. No dust balls under my bed, I wondered if I would eventually fall in love with what Charlie was able to do for me.

Housework was just the beginning. There's a lot of stress in my life, and Charlie smoothed the wrinkles and untangled the knots in my forehead when I got home from work. He helped undo the effects of the eight hours and 18 cups of coffee at Amalgamated Office Supply.

Of course, Charlie is gone now. He finally got the message that I was never going to fall in love with him. And, you guessed it, somebody else fell for Charlie. At last he's getting the love he's always deserved. The dust balls are back in full force and dirty dishes are reaching new heights.

I can't say he didn't warn me. A few weeks before he left, Charlie spoke of "temptations" he was wrestling with. At the time I was glad to know he had something else to think about besides me. He told me his birthday was coming, but somehow I missed it. That was the day he met Boyd.

It was a mistake to visit Charlie and his new lover in Charleston. But I looked on it

as a cheap vacation and didn't expect to have feelings, as I observed Charlie interacting with somebody who truly appreciated him. I noticed they did things for each other. They took turns cooking and cleaning. Charlie seemed to like that. They even clipped each other's toenails. It was very touching.

Some of my friends say Charlie and I were an impossible combination, that Charlie was ready for a relationship and I wasn't. That we were doomed from the start. They say Charlie was never what you'd call a hunk. They don't understand why I still need to talk about him. All I know is that he loved me as nobody else ever has.

For Chrissake, I didn't even know I had a relationship with Charlie 'til he left town

with Boyd. It's funny the way I miss his late-night phone calls. Six months later I wake at 3:00 a.m., my trick sleeping beside me. I wish the phone would ring. I wish it would be Charlie.

Yesterday I lost the ring Charlie gave me on our second date. I think I left it in the soap dish at the "Y." (I only go there for the showers.) Of course, when I went back to look for it, it was gone. Nobody had seen it. Nobody had turned it in. Why did I have to lose Charlie like that ring in order to appreciate him?

There's so much I never told him. Like "Somebody with a butt as nice as yours doesn't need to wear drum tight clothes in order to be noticed." Maybe falling in love would have forced me to deal with stuff like that, would have forced me to com-

municate with Charlie. If only I had.

Maybe others will profit from my experience if you sign me "Bereft in Bonita."

Dear Bereft:

Communication is everything. And here's a little communication from me: Get on the next plane for Charleston. You can use your Master Charge. Call Charlie every 15 minutes. Toss midnight pebbles at his bedroom window. Scrub his floors and wash his dishes. Chase his dust balls. If necessary, even make a fool of yourself.

If Charlie is still in love with you, it won't take long to find out. Sometimes we have to lose things in order to find them.

Dolan is a syndicated gay columnist who lives in San Diego. His articles appear here and in other gay newspapers.

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# Film: 'Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence'

By Steve Warren

In simpler days, films about cross-cultural differences took simplistic approaches to increase our understanding of other peoples. Epics such as *The Sand Pebbles* and *The Bridge on the River Kwai* left Westerners feeling we comprehended Easterners just a little bit more.

Wolfgang Petersen's *Das Boot* showed that the Germans were just like us when you squeezed them into a submarine, more concerned with survival than political ideology.

None of this prepares you for *Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence*, Nagisa Oshima's prisoner of war camp drama which, instead of helping us understand the Japanese captors, makes their British charges almost equally inscrutable.

One of the many unusual aspects of this compelling but unsatisfying film is the abundance of gay content expressed and implied, especially when Oshima and co-writer Paul Mayersberg were working from a novel, *The Seed and the Sower* by Sir Laurens Van der Post, which reportedly has no gay elements at all. Indeed the closest thing to a plot in this episodic multiple study of individual and national characters is the attraction of camp commandant Captain Yonoi (Ryuichi Sakamoto) to enigmatic Major Celliers (David Bowie).

This begins with a hokey love-at-first-sight sequence when Yonoi sits in on Celliers' trial. The camera moves in toward the captain as he stares, and the music swells. He becomes flustered when Celliers takes his shirt off to reveal a scarred back, and intercedes to save the major's life, getting him sent to his own detention camp in the process.

Yonoi inquires about Celliers—"What kind of man is he? ... What kind of soldier



Confrontation between David Bowie, as Major Straffer Jack Celliers, and a captain in "Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence"

is he?" ... ignoring questions of why he is interested. Celliers also questions the captain's interest—"If he's got something on his mind, why doesn't he come out with it?"—although he may return it but keeps his feelings more deeply buried. "I've not had many romantic interludes of great importance" is all we learn of the major's sexual history.

When Celliers is in solitary confinement, Yonoi visits him every night until Yonoi's aide tries to kill the "evil spirit" who would destroy the captian. The presumably nonphysical affair climaxes when Celliers defuses a tense situation by publicly kissing Yonoi, who swoons in a dead faint.

Most of the above, like virtually everything in *Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence*,

is subject to alternative interpretation.

The title character, actually Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence, is played by Tom Conti in the film's best performance. A student of Japanese language and culture, he tries to understand both sides and, while serving as referee, is frequently caught between them.

It is of Lawrence that Sergeant Hara (Japanese television comedian Takeshi) asks, "Is it true that Englishmen are all homosexual?" In the opening sequence, Hara is goading a Korean prisoner into *harakiri* for being caught bugging an attractive young Dutchman; but later Hara tells Lawrence, "You (English) all fear homosexuality. A samurai doesn't fear it." If Hara's not afraid, he's certainly damned curious.

Far more time is devoted to pointing out cultural oddities than explaining them, but Hara sheds some light on the apparent low value the Japanese put on their lives when he explains that he dedicated his life to the emperor at the age of 17 and has considered himself dead since.

Perhaps the Japanese sense a kindred spirit in Celliers, not knowing that his death wish stems from a sense of guilt at having betrayed his hunchbacked younger brother in a school initiation.

Oshima puts too much faith in the power of visuals to communicate complex ideas. While his film is visually impressive, it leaves us understanding only how little we understand.


It's curious that this Japanese director should make his Japanese characters more stereotypical than the English, and that he should emphasize the sadistic streak in his own people, showing them as given to frequent outbursts of unmotivated violence.

Ryuichi Sakamoto, who plays Yonoi, is a Japanese pop star who also composed the score that enhances the puzzling nature of several scenes. Both he and Bowie are competent actors, but neither gives us more information about his character than the script provides.

Celliers' survival instinct clashes with his desire for death; Lawrence tries to make peace between two sides who want only war; Yonoi is upholding his country's traditions; Hara is a soldier just doing a job. As much as *Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence* tries to attribute their differences to cultural heritage, it only ends up proving that no two people are alike, affirming Lawrence's resolve, "I don't want to hate any individual Japanese."

Perhaps the year's most ambitious film, *Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence* achieves more in its failure than most do in success.

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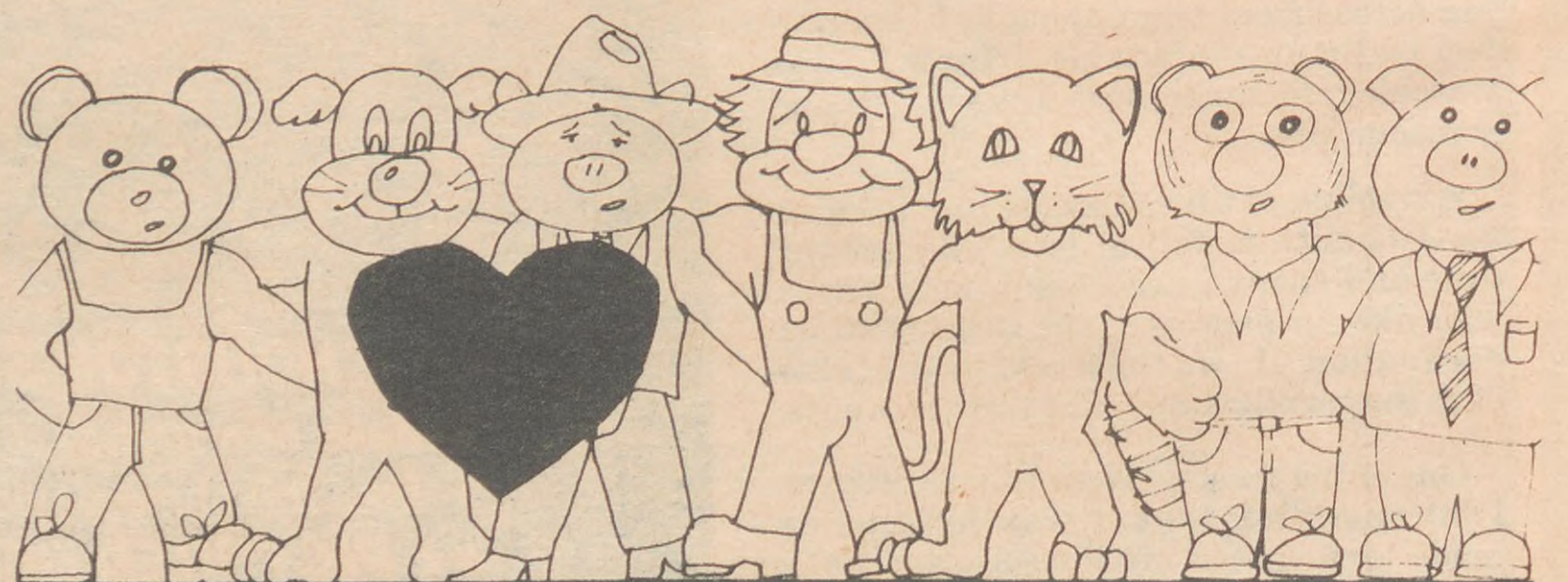
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Commentary

# This, That and a Lot of Other Things

By Joe Baker

Time to clean off the top of my desk again. Sometimes I think I could write a daily column considering all the notes, letters, suggestions and newspaper clippings I gather over the months. But, please, don't anybody ask me to.

—□—

On the subject of AIDS and the Not-Very-Rev. Jerry Falwell, leader of the Moral Majority: He is roaming the country ranting about what he calls the "gay plague."

Since the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta reports that all the homosexual AIDS victims are male, this raises a question for Falwell. Is God being selective in imposing his "plague" because he hates male homosexuals more than gay women? I didn't realize that God was a sexist.

Then there's also the question why God hasn't cursed homosexuals with equal vengeance in all of the world. Does Falwell think God hates American gays more than those in England, Italy, the Soviet Union, China, Japan and Mexico?

Just as homosexuals are the special victims of AIDS, blacks are the primary victims of sickle cell anemia and Jews of Tay-Sachs disease. Does Falwell believe that blacks and Jews have been singled out by God for these special curses?

—□—

I read the following on the placemat while having lunch at TGI Friday's: "Monday's Child is fair of face, Tuesday's Child is full of grace; Wednesday's Child is in the know, Thursday's Child has far to go; Friday's Child is loving and giving, Saturday's Child works hard for a living; And a Child that's born on the Sabbath Day, is fair and wise and good and GAY."

So that's what causes homosexuality!

—□—

A Los Angeles group called Parents and Friends of Gays says after seven years and thousands of case histories they know absolutely that:

1. The gay child is often aware of his or her sexual orientation at a very early age.
2. None of the children were influenced or taught to be gay by any person.
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## Love Among the Reruns

Some couples prefer a background of soft music, but a new survey shows many Brits make love with the TV set on.

The British magazine *TV Choice* found 12 percent of those polled leave the TV on during lovemaking, and that, on the average, people pay attention to what's on the tube only about 30 percent of the time, reports the magazine.

foundation.

4. In families where gay children try to become heterosexual, all attempts fail.

—□—

In the world of business, news reports inform me that Anita Bryant—you remember her—has designed and is marketing a new line of "Christian eye glasses." I guess they will have little halos and crucifixes on the rims.

What some people won't do to make a buck! The trouble is, though, that Bryant will probably make a million from her venture. You wouldn't believe how fast statues of the Virgin Mary standing on a tacky seashell sold in Florida.

—□—

Ed Hurst of Dallas writes that he has been cured of his homosexuality by a "compassionate church other than the gay church." He didn't like the *Dallas Times Herald's* recent article on the Metropolitan Community Church.

Hurst failed to mention how he was cured, however. Also, he didn't say if he is just not practicing homosexuality anymore, but still has the desire.

I've talked to a lot of "former" gays over the years, and everyone of them has said the same thing: They have never been able to kill the desire for members of their same sex, but they consider themselves "cured" because they no longer have sexual relations.

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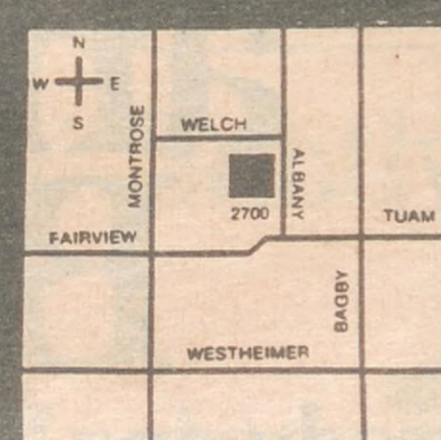
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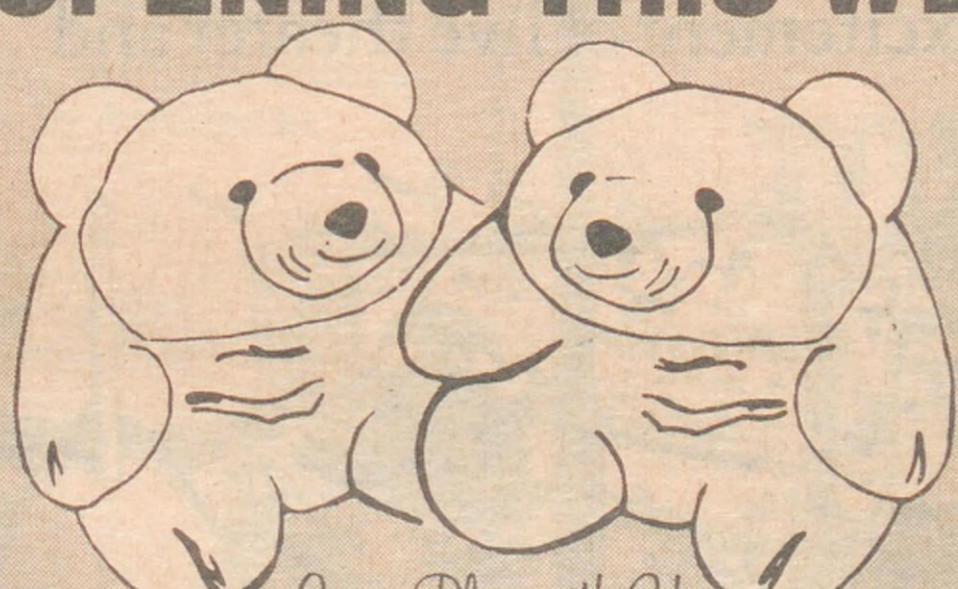
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## Women's Fall Season Opens with a 'Rage'

By Chuck Meredith

The MSA Women's Softball League opened its fall season under overcast skies last Sunday with a full schedule of games featuring both divisions.

Opening day saw a surprising Rage team take two games from a pair of powerful opponents, Kindred Spirits and the Briar Patch Renegades. Only time will tell if the Rage team is the rage of the fall season or if last Sunday was just a fluke.

This Sunday's games will be held at Levy Field (Richmond at Eastside) from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. but will return to Memorial No. 1 the following weekend.

Following are the results of last Sunday's games.

Rage 5, Kindred Spirits 4  
MCCR 7, T-Shirts Plus 2  
Rage 5, Briar Patch Renegades 0  
T-Shirts Plus 5, Marion & Lynn's 4  
Briar Patch Renegades 3, Cyanide 1  
Special Blend 8, Marion & Lynn's 0  
Cyanide 2, Montrose Voice 0  
Special Blend 13, Double R Saloon 1  
Montrose Voice 4, SCU 4 (time expired)  
Double R Saloon, River Cats (rained out)

### □ Thursday Night Bowling Involved in 'Three-Way'

The Briar Patch Rabbits have led the MSA Thursday Night Bowling League's summer season since the early weeks of play. This past week, however, they were joined at the top by the Thursday Night Trick and Flirtation heading into the final night of competition. Marilyn and the Fabulous Four were only one game back as the season came to a climatic conclusion on the 15th.

Steve McConaughy celebrated his election as MSA president by bowling a 666 series only hours after being elected to the position during a MSA board meeting. His game scores were 232, 231 and 203. Congratulations, Steve!

Following an awards ceremony Sunday at Kindred Spirits, the League will begin work on its winter season, with play starting September 29. There is still space available for individual members or entire teams. Interested persons should call Richard Dauchy at 644-5479.

### □ McConaughy New MSA President

The MSA Board of Directors elected Steve McConaughy to fill the unexpired term of MSA president last Thursday evening. The election became necessary when term President Jim Reagan stepped down, and Vice President Gene Russo indicated he would be unable to assume the spot because of his involvement with the Gay World Series VIII committee.

McConaughy is currently the president of Monday Night Bowling and has been active in supporting all of the MSA subgroups. He has been particularly visible at the Women's Softball League functions, as well as supporting the Briar Patch of the MSA Softball League.

Although his term expires December 31, all those who know Steve believe he will give MSA the kind of responsible, steady leadership it needs as another busy year comes to a close.

### □ Montrose Tennis Club Members Vie for Championships

In the final weekend before play begins for the 1983 Singles Championships, the club members were really active in trying to improve their play and ladder rankings—hence their Championship seeding positions.

The only change in the Top Ten Ladder was Victor Chapman (from Wharton) who overcame Mike Green 7-5, 7-6 (13-11) in the first really extended tie-breaker we have witnessed. Jon Colbert defended his No. 7 ranking against new player Richard

Pregeant 6-2, 6-0. So the Top Ten are Rich Ryan, Tim Calhoun, Jan Mauldin, Don Kessler, Ron Landrum, Jim Kitch, Jon Colbert, Lester Vela, Victor Chapman and Mike Green.

B Ladder activity saw D.C. defend his ranking against Armi Alabanza 6-1 and 6-4. The big move was made by Randy Dickerson as he jumped three spots by defeating Rich Corder 6-2 and 6-2. (Might add that Randy was returning to form after being lazy and dropping five notches. He is a former Top Ten member well on his way back up!) Then Randy played another challenge match and beat Tom Cardinale 7-6 (7-2) and 6-0. Tom had already defended his rank against Terry Rich 6-3 and 6-3. Robert Arriaga pulled a clever trick after being beaten soundly by Don Smith (another Top Ten player hav-

ing to play his way back up the ladder) 6-3, 6-7 (6-8), 6-3. He got Corder to play him the same day and again beat him 6-3, 6-4, jumping three notches above Smith who had just beaten him. Good work, Robert. So the B Ladder lists Donny Kelley, D.C., David Garza, Armi Alabanza, Ron Bell, Randy Dickerson, Tom Cardinale, Robert Arriaga, Rich Corder and Terry Rich.

The C Ladder was the busiest as new members played their way into contention. Mark Dingman got on the ladder for the first time, beating Thomas Cortez 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. Then Cortez defended against Richard Pregeant 6-2, 6-2.

The club will begin its five-week Singles Championship September 18. A field of 32 members is scheduled to compete, resulting in championships in four levels of

play. Last summer Rich Ryan won the top Level I, Jon Colbert won Level II and Terry Rich won Level III. The format has been modified this year to provide better competition.

Pending late seeding changes, Tim Calhoun is seeded to win the Championship Level. Donny Kelley is seeded to win Level I, Danny Casillas is expected to win Level II, and Eddie Chavez is seeded for the bottom Level III.

Play is Sunday at Homer Ford Tennis Center (MacGregor Park) from 9 a.m. 'til noon. Come on out for some really good tennis. There's no admission fee.

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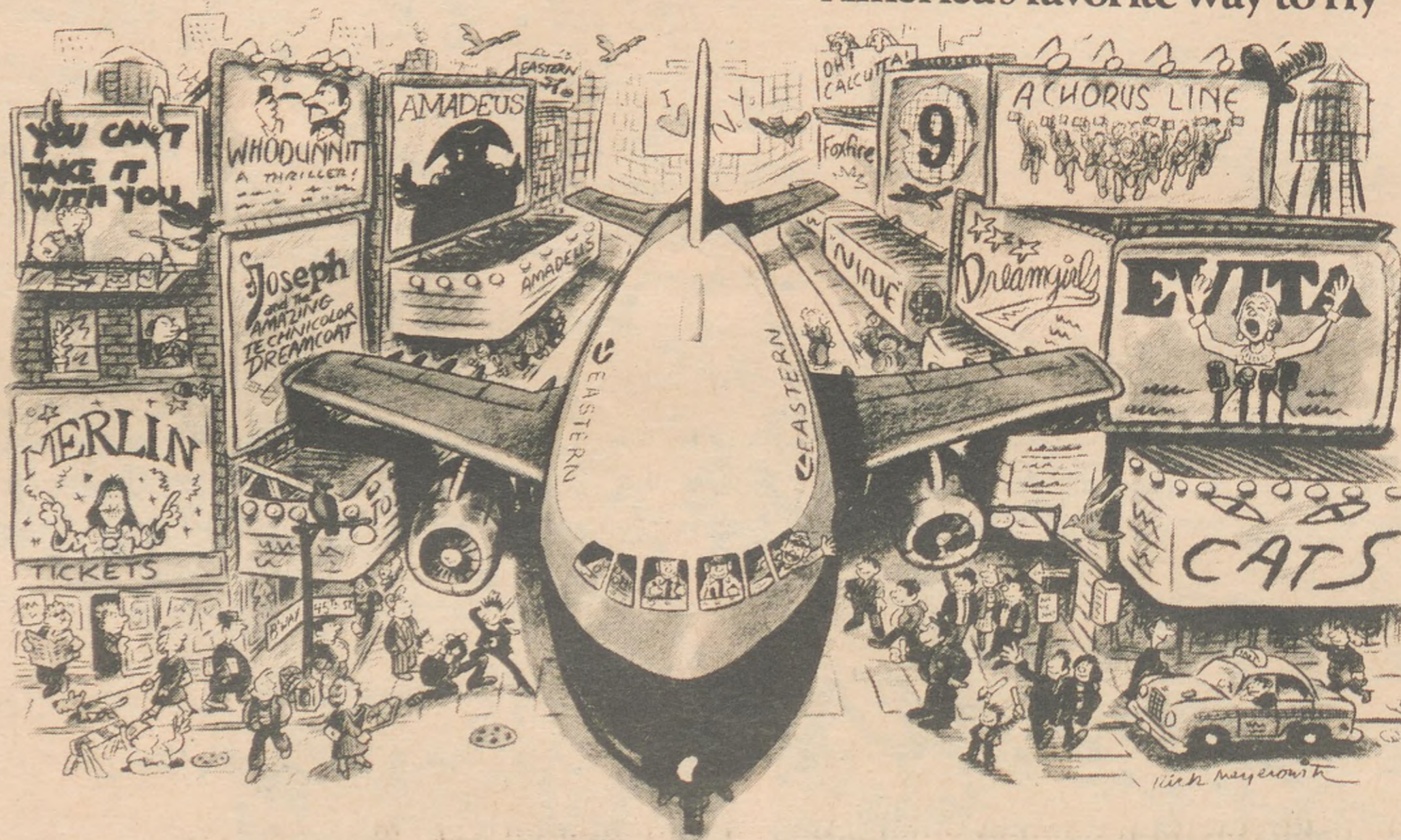
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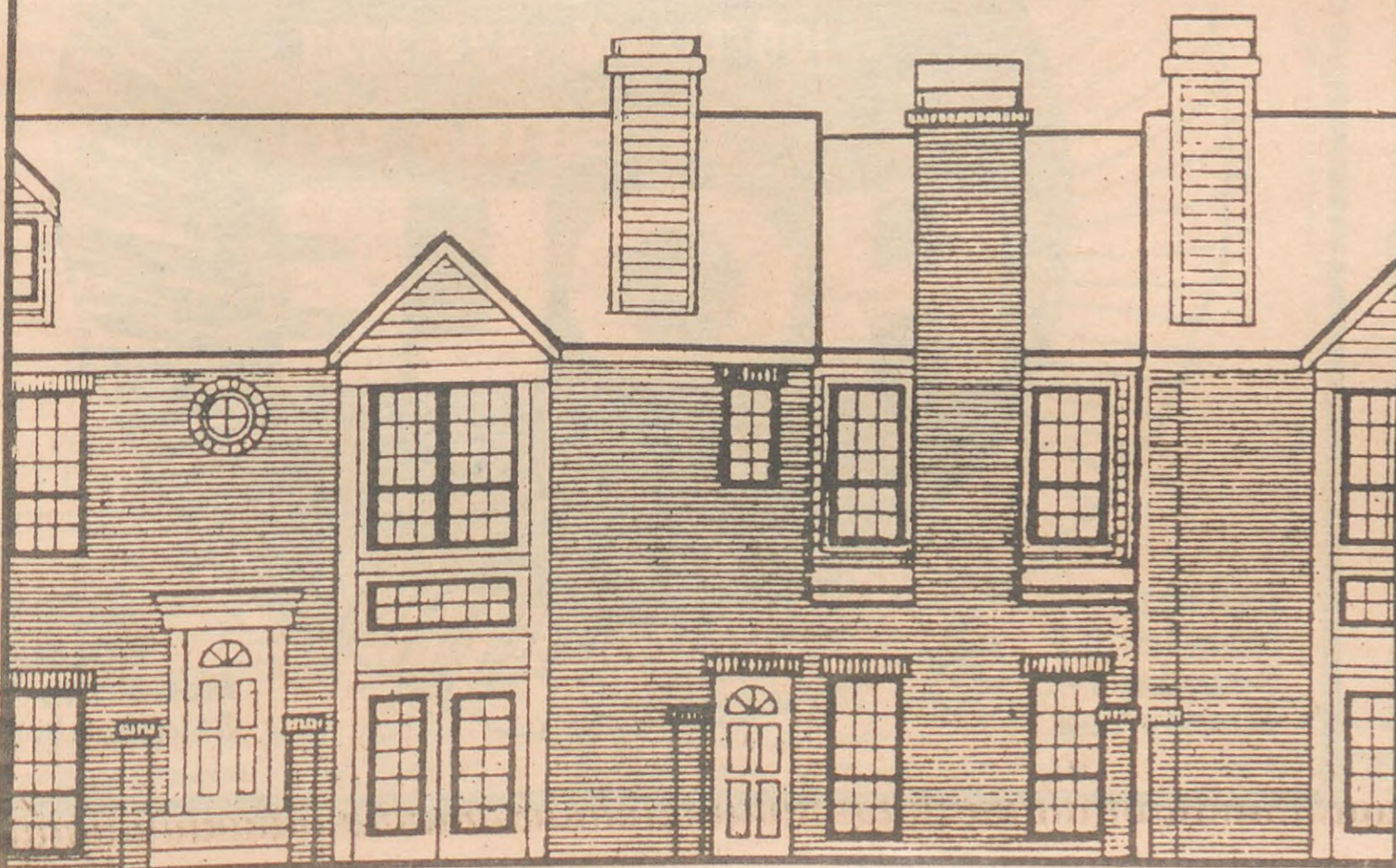
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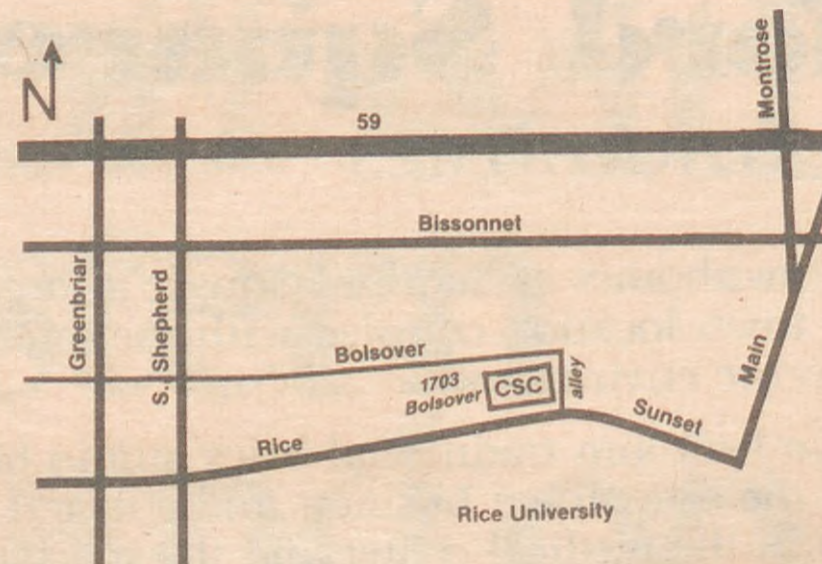
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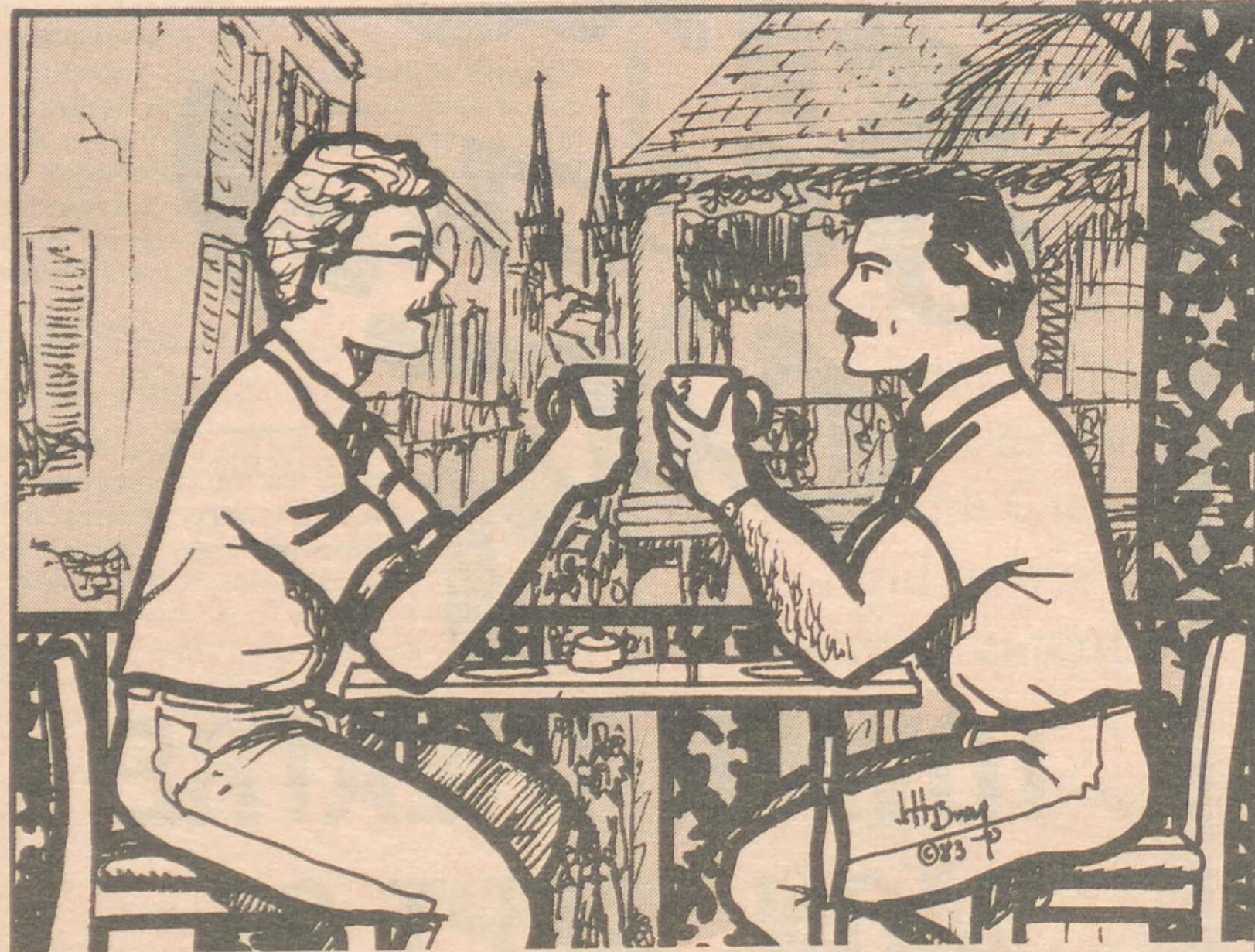
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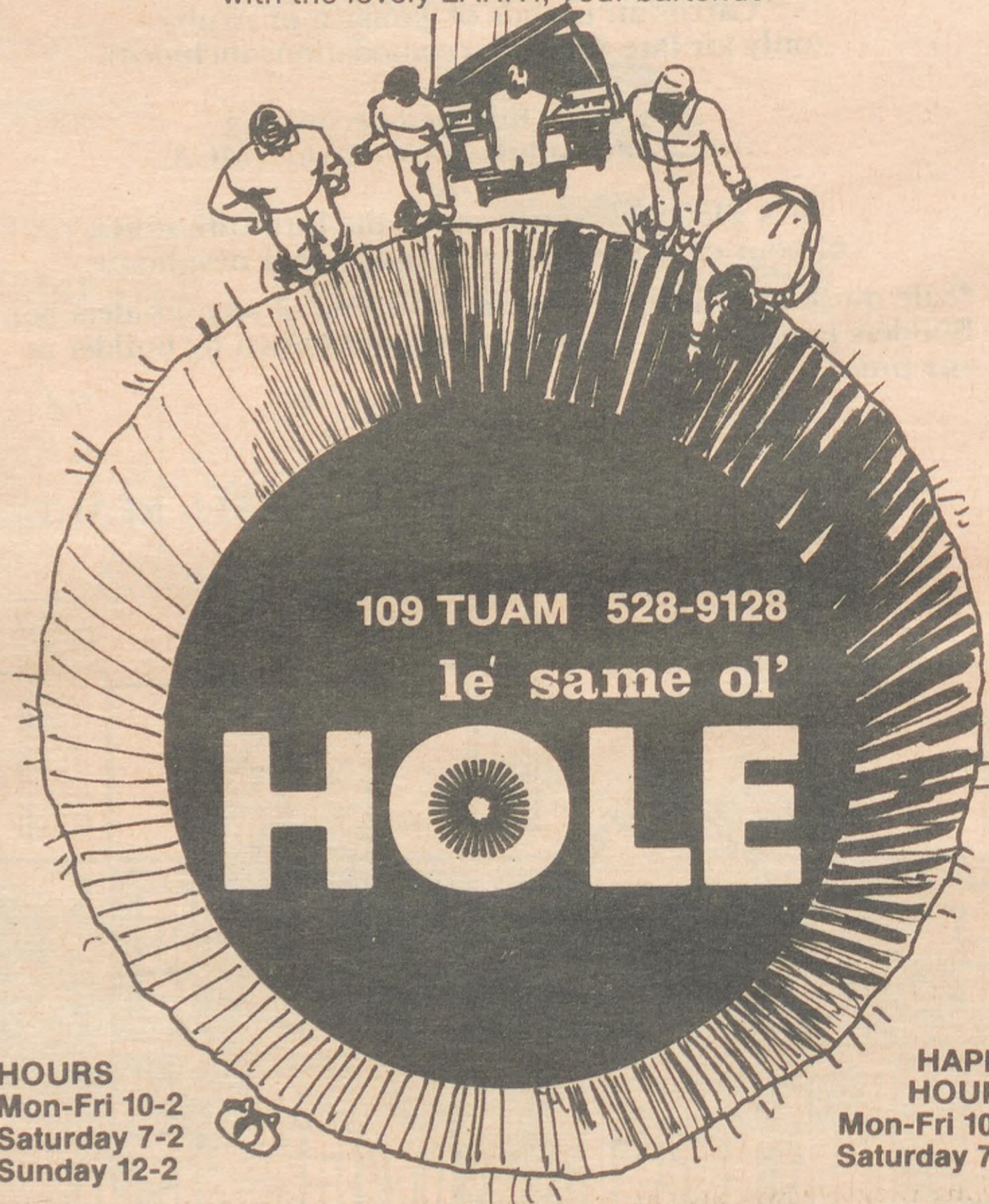
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For additional information or phone numbers for events listed below, look for the sponsoring organization under "Organizations" in the Montrose Classified.

### Selected Events through 7 Days

■ **FRIDAY:** Yom Kippur, Jewish day of Atonement

■ **FRIDAY:** Greater Houston MSA Softball League awards, Treebeard's Restaurant, 315 Travis, 7-10pm

■ **FRIDAY:** Committee for Public Health Awareness's "Sharing Group for the Worried Well," 7-8pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett

■ **SATURDAY:** Lambda Bicycle Club meets, then tours, from 3pm, unless raining, at 210 Fairview, apt. I

■ **SATURDAY:** Choice's Lesbian Mothers' Group meets 6:30pm, 210 Fairview, apt. 1

■ **SUNDAY:** Montrose Tennis Club plays 9am-noon, MacGregor Park

■ **SUNDAY:** Montrose Tennis Club's 1983 Singles Championships begin, MacGregor Park, 9am

■ **SUNDAY:** Choices meets 12:30pm, YWCA, 3615 Willia

■ **SUNDAY:** AIDS Play Safe Week: Montrose Jam, 2-8:30pm, 900 California, honoring AIDS Working Group

■ **SUNDAY:** Unitarian/Universalist Gay Caucus meets 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannind—

■ **SUNDAY:** Families & Friends of Gays meets 2pm, Presbyterian Center behind 1st Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main

■ **MONDAY:** AIDS victim support group meets 6:30pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Blvd., Suite 203

■ **MONDAY:** AIDS Play Safe Week: "People with AIDS Day," Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 8-10pm, honoring Montrose Counseling Center

■ **TUESDAY:** Montrose Symphonic Band meets at Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 7:30pm

■ **TUESDAY:** AIDS Play Safe Week: "Can We Talk?" at Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto, 8-10pm, honoring UT M.D. Anderson Hospital & Tumor Institute

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Montrose Chorale rehearsal at Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 7:30-10pm

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Gay Political Caucus meets 4600 Main #217, 7:30pm

■ **WEDNESDAY:** AIDS Play Safe Week: "Sex—The Times, They Are a'Changin'," 8-10pm Bering Church, 1440 Harold, honoring Montrose Clinic

■ **THURSDAY:** *Wilde 'n Stein* gay radio show 7:30-9pm on KPFT Radio, FM-90

■ **THURSDAY:** AIDS Play Safe Week: "Politics of AIDS" 8-10pm, Tropicana Swimm Club, 2114 Peckham, honoring GPC, CHE and CPHA

■ **THURSDAY:** MSA Mixed Bowling League bowls, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain

### Selected Events in Future Weeks

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Autumn begins at 9:43am Sept. 23

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** AIDS Play Safe Week: Sarah Dash concert, Numbers, 300 Westheimer, 10pm Sept. 23, honoring Gay Switchboard and KS/AIDS Foundation

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** AIDS Play Safe Week: private social Sept. 24 for AIDS victims honoring Diana Foundation

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** AIDS Play Safe Week: "The Big Finale," 2-4pm Sept. 25, Officers Club, 2700 Albany

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** AIDS Play Safe Week: prayer vigil & forum 7-8pm, Sept. 25, St. Stephen's Church, 1805 W. Alabama

■ **IN 3 WEEKS:** Columbus Day, Oct. 10

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- Exile—1011 Bell—659-0453: country

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- Galleon—2303 Richmond—522-7616
- Hole—109 Tuam—528-9128
- J.R.'s—808 Pacific—521-2519
- Just Marion & Lynn's—817 Fairview—528-9110: lesbian
- Kindred Spirits—5245 Buffalo Speedway—665-9756: predominantly lesbian
- Lazy J—312 Tuam—528-9343
- Lola's Depot—2327 Grant—528-8342
- Mary's—1022 Westheimer—528-8851
- Memorial Park Motel Bar—50 Waugh Dr.—861-1311
- Midnite Sun—534 Westheimer—526-7519: disco, shows
- Miss Charlotte's—911 W. Drew—528-8840: country
- Montrose Mining Co.—805 Pacific—529-7488
- Numbers 2—300 Westheimer—526-6551: disco
- Officer's Club—2700 Albany—523-4084
- One on One—1016 W. Gray—528-8503
- The Outlaws—1419 Richmond—528-8903
- Pink Elephant—1218 Leeland—659-0040: with shows
- Ranch—6620½ Main—528-8730
- Rascals—2702 Kirby—524-6272: dining, live music
- Rich's—2401 San Jacinto
- Ripcord—715 Fairview—521-2792
- Risky Business—2700 Albany—528-3611
- Texas Renegades—1318 Westheimer—521-3475

- Tropicana Swim Club—2114 Peckham
- Twins—535 Westheimer—520-0244: lesbian disco
- Venture-N—2923 Main—522-0000
- West Playland—3012 Milam—528-6988

**ALEXANDRIA—**  
● Silly Sally's—924 Jackson—448-9164

**BEAUMONT—**  
● Copa—304 Orleans—832-4206  
● Sundowner—497 Crockett—833-3989

**GALVESTON—**  
● Blue Room—214 23rd—763-9031  
● Fly—2101 O½—763-9842  
● Mary's II—2502 Q½—763-9435  
● Robert's Lafitte—213 Kempner—765-6896  
● Tramps—627 Winnie—763-1247

**LAFAYETTE—**  
● Fantasy I—408 Maurice (Windwood Shopping Ctr.)—232-0336

**LAKE CHARLES—**  
● Paragon—1501 Broad—433-9389

## ORGANIZATIONS

**SELECTED NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS—**  
Gay Press Association—POB 33605, Washington, DC 20033—(202) 387-2430  
Gay Rights National Lobby—POB 1892, Washington, DC 20013—(202) 546-1801  
Human Rights Campaign Fund—POB 1396, Washington, DC 20013—(202) 546-2025  
Lambda Legal Defense—132 W 43rd, New York, NY 10039—(212) 944-9488  
Media Fund for Human Rights (Gay Press Association)—POB 33605, Washington, DC 20033—(202) 387-2430  
National Association of Business Councils—Box 15145, San Francisco, CA 94115—(415) 885-6363  
National Association of Gay & Lesbian Democratic Clubs—1742 Mass Av SE, Washington, DC 20003—(202) 547-3104  
National Gay Rights Advocates—540 Castro, San Francisco, CA 94114—(415) 863-3624  
National Gay Task Force—80 5th Av, New York, NY 10011—(212) 741-5800  
NGTF's Crisisline—(800) 221-7044 (outside New York State)  
Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force—POB AK, Denton 76201—(817) 387-8216  
A Capella Chorus—(Montrose) Church of Christ—777-9286  
A Place in the Sun—c/o Gracilyn Books, 704 Fairview—522-7695: subgroup of I/H Inc; concerts 7pm Tues

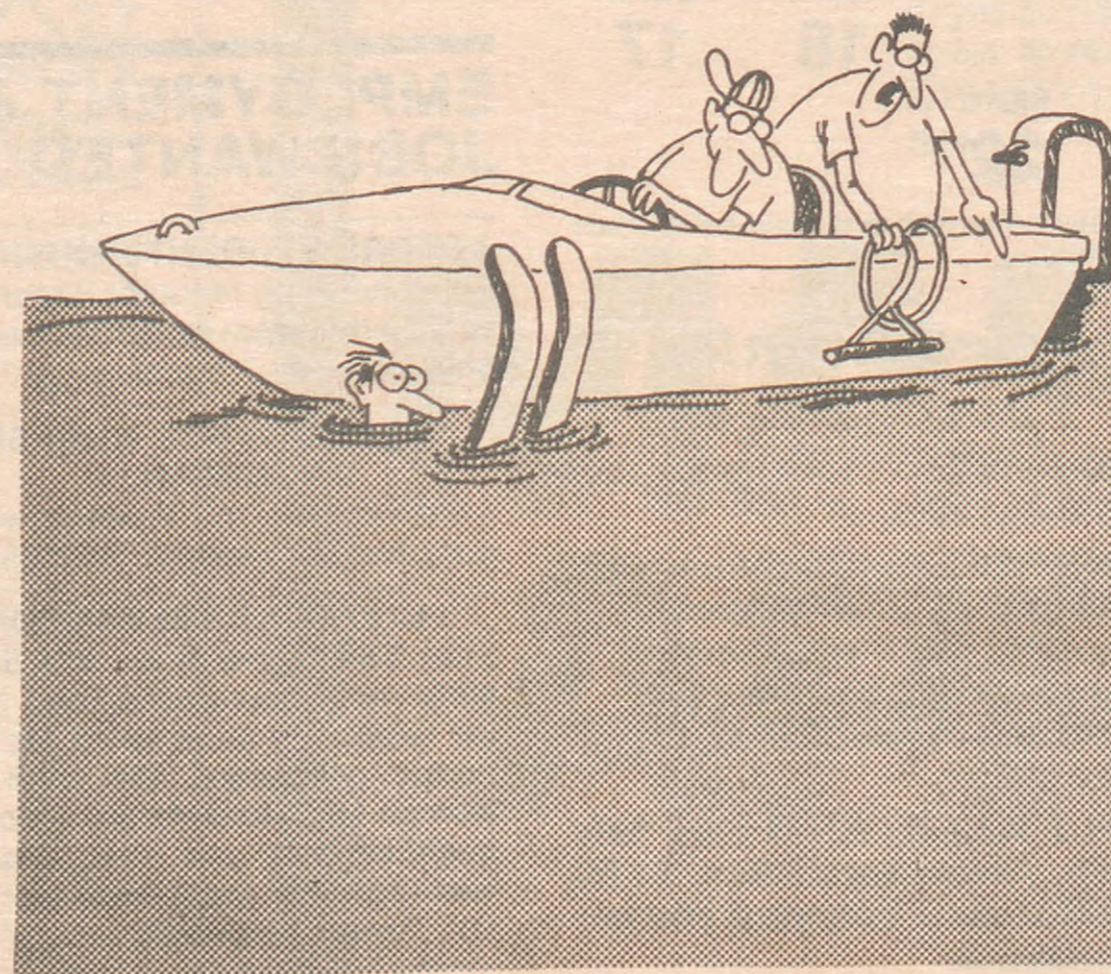


I'm delighted that Earl and Larry have a prefect relationship, but they don't have to rub my nose in it!

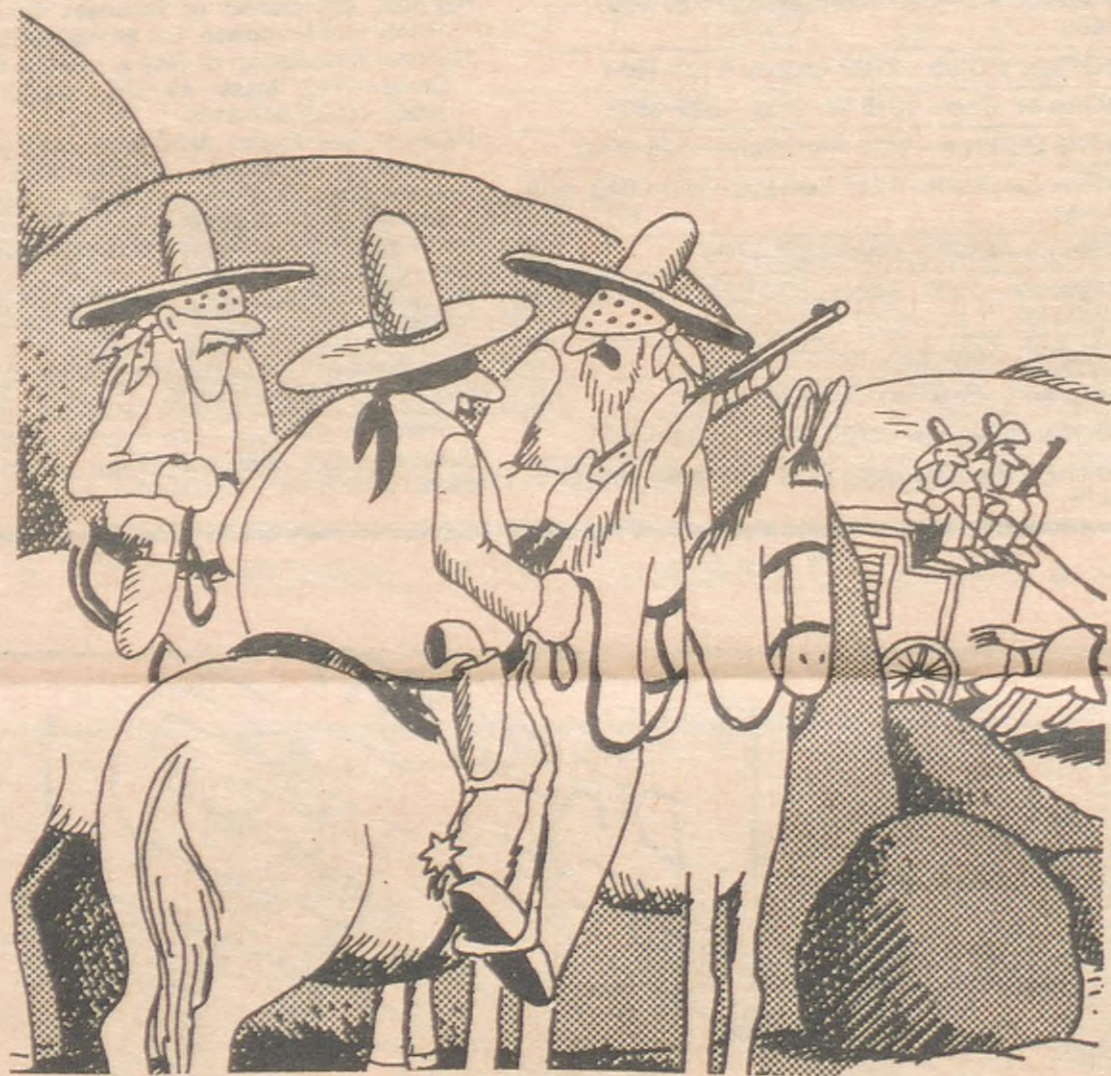
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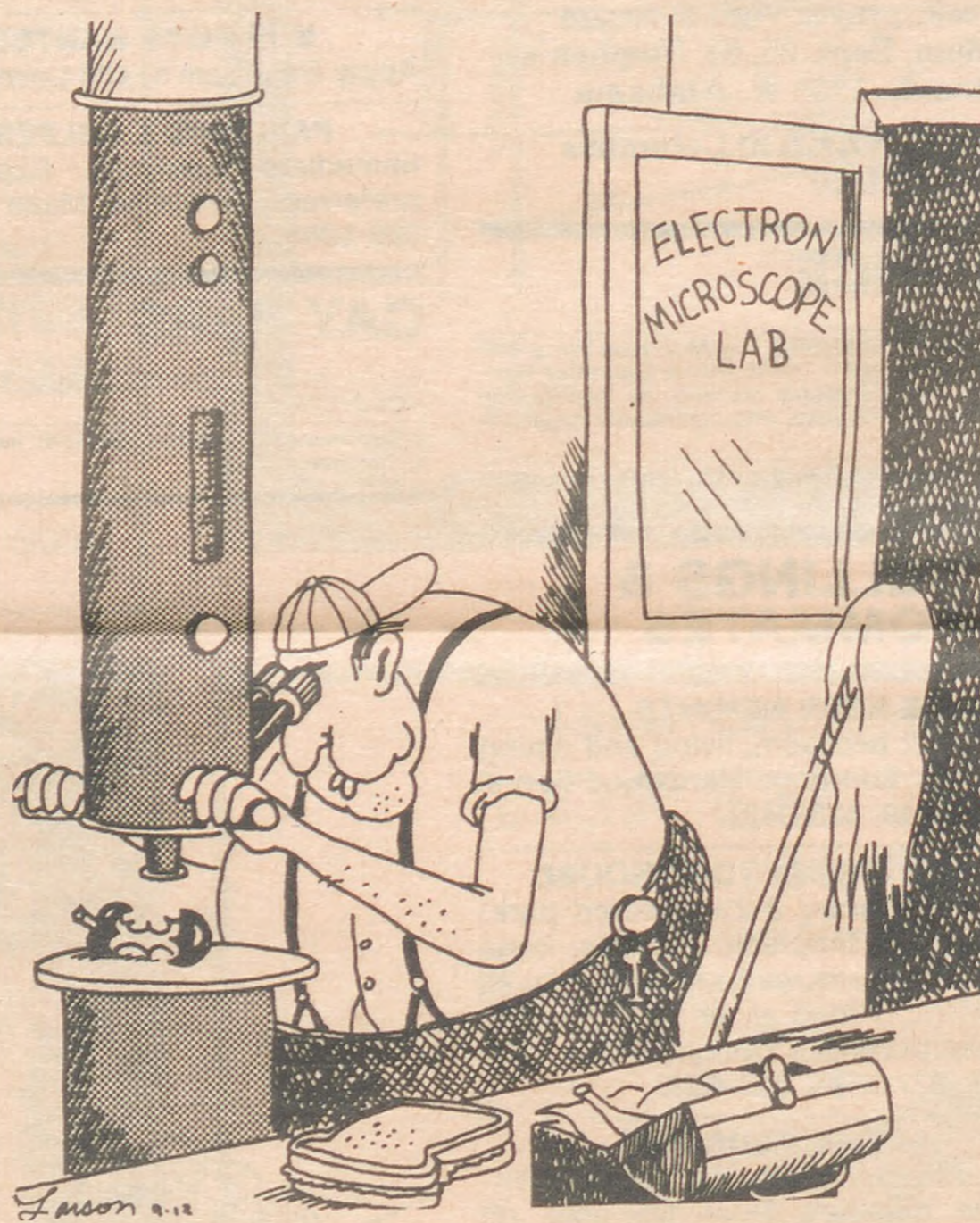
"Andrew! Fix Edgar's head! . . . It's not facing the camera!"



"There! Quick, Larry! Look! . . . Was I kidding? . . . That sucker's longer than the boat!"



"Dang! This can't be right . . . I can HEAR the stage, but I can't see a blamed thing!"



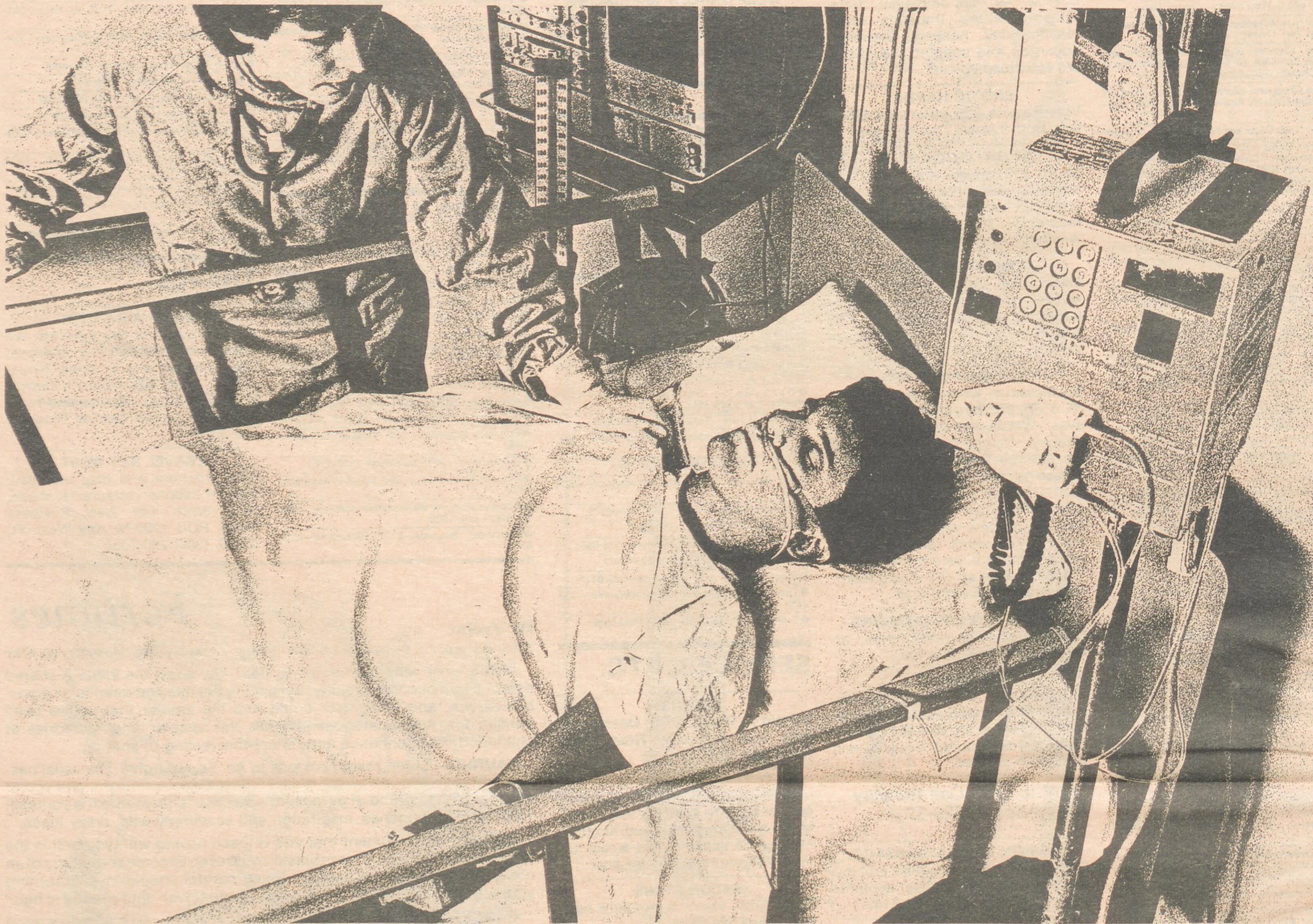
"I don't like this . . . The carnivores have been boozing it up at the punchbowl all night — drinking, looking around, drinking, looking around . . ."



- ACLU—1236 W Gray—524-5925
- AIDS Hotline—c/o Gay Switchboard—529-3211
- American Gay Atheists—457-6660
- American Leathermen (social club)—meets at Different Drum, 1732 Westheimer—528-8528; club night Wed
- Astro Rainbow Alliance—520-9451 (voice), 520-0552 (TTY)
- Bayou B'lu: see Montrose Chorale
- Bering Memorial United Methodist Church—1440 Harold—526-1017; service 10:50am Sun
- Black & White Men Together (BWMT)—c/o Gay Switchboard, 529-3211
- Choices—c/o Gay Switchboard or Carol at 529-4975; meets YWCA, 3615 Willia, 12:30pm 3rd Sun; also see Lesbian Mothers
- Christian Church of the Good Shepherd—1707 Montrose; services 1pm Sun, Bible study 7:30pm Thurs
- (Montrose) Church of Christ—1700 Montrose—777-9286; services 11am Sun
- Church of Christian Faith—217 Fairview—529-8005; services 10:45am Sun & 7:15pm Wed; Bible study 7:15pm Tues & Sun; choir practice Wed after services
- Church of Pentecostal Unity—1217 Richmond—850-7286, 520-5699; Services 7:30pm Fri, 11am Sun
- Citizens for Human Equality (CHE)—609 Fannin #1301—236-8666; board meet 2nd Tues
- Colt 45's (social club)—meets at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos—528-9192
- Committee for Public Health Awareness—POB 3045, 77253—528-6333, 522-5084; "Sharing Group for the Worried Well" meet Fri, 7-8pm, Montrose Counseling Center
- Community Gospel Center—1700 Montrose—523-6018
- Cong Aytz Chayim—meets at CCF, 217 Fairview—688-8997; service & social 8pm 2nd & 4th Fri
- Crisis Hotline—228-1505
- Dial-a-Gay-Atheist—457-6660; American Gay Atheists
- Diana Foundation—2700 Mason—524-5791
- Dignity—Catholic Student Center, 1703 Bolsover—523-7644, 528-7644; mass & social 7:30pm Sat
- Families & Friends of Gays—464-6663; meet 2pm 3rd Sun at Presbyterian Center, 41 Oakdale, behind First Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main
- 1st Unitarian Church—5210 Fannin—526-1571; service 11:15am Sun
- Frontrunners—529-1288
- Gay & Alive Sharing Experience (GASE)—528-1311, 528-0891
- Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas; affiliate of I/H Inc
- Gay Asian Club—2615 Waugh #124 77006
- Gay Hispanic Caucus—2722 Newman #12—521-0037; meet 3rd Thurs
- Gay Italian Group—526-9844
- Gay Nurses Alliance—880-9486
- Gay Political Caucus (GPC)—POB 66664, 77266—521-1000; meet 4600 Main #217 7:30pm 1st & 3rd Wed
- Gay Pride Week '83 Committee—c/o Marion Coleman, House of Coleman, 901 W Alabama—523-2521
- Gay Switchboard—POB 3624—529-3211; information, counseling, referrals, TTY, AIDS Hotline
- Greater Montrose Business Guild—contact through Montrose Voice; meets 7:30pm, 1st Tues, community room, Liberty Bank, 1001 Westheimer
- Greenspoint/FM1960 Area Far-Away Friends—821-9681
- Homophile Interfaith Alliance—729 Manor—523-6969
- Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists—526-7386; meets 7pm 4th Tues
- Houston Community Clowns—862-8314
- Houston Data Professionals—meets in East Room, Holiday Inn Central, 4640 S Main—523-6922; meet 7:30pm 2nd Tues
- Houston Motorcycle Club (social club)—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—528-8851
- Houston North Professionals—POB 3840, Humble 77338—Bill at 821-7126
- I/H Inc—POB 16041, 77222—694-1732, 529-7014; affiliated groups are Interact, Gracielynn Gallery's A Place in the Sun, Montrose Art Alliance, Gay & Lesbian Archives of Texas, Gay Switchboard, Montrose Symphonic Band, Montrose Cloggers; board meet 7:30pm 1st Thurs (varied locations); educational forum 7:30pm 3rd Thurs
- Ingersoll Speakers' Bureau—POB 391, Bellaire 77401—669-4064
- Integrity/Houston (Episcopalian)—POB 66008, 77266—526-0555; meets 7:30pm 2nd Tues at Autry House, 6265 Main, & 4th Tues at varied locations
- Interact, educational subgroup of I/H Inc—POB 16041, 77222—529-7014, 694-1732
- KPFT Radio, FM-90—419 Lovett Blvd—526-4000; "Wilde 'n Stein" gay radio show Thurs, 7:30-9:00pm
- KS/AIDS Foundation—1001 Westheimer #193—524-AIDS; AIDS Play Safe Week: Montrose Jam, 2-8:30pm Sept 18, 900 California, honoring AIDS Working Group; "People with AIDS Day," Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 8-10pm Sept 19, honoring Montrose Counseling Center; "Can We Talk?," Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto, 8-10pm Sept 20, honoring UT M.D. Anderson Hospital & Tumor Institute; "Sex—The Times They Are a'Changin'," 8-10pm Sept 21, Bering Church, 1440 Harold, honoring Montrose Clinic; "Politics of AIDS" 8-10pm Sept 22, Tropicana Schwimm Club, 2114 Peckham, honoring GPC, CHE and CPHA; Sarah Dash concert, Numbers, 300 Westheimer, 10pm Sept 23, honoring Gay Switchboard and KS/AIDS Foundation; private social Sept 24 for AIDS victims honoring Diana Foundation; "The Big Finale," 2-4pm Sept 25, Officers Club, 2700 Albany; prayer vigil & forum 7-8pm Sept 25, St. Stephen's Church, 1805 W. Alabama; "Zap Clap Revue Two, Too" benefit Oct 24-25, Numbers, 300 Westheimer
- Lambda Bicycle Club—David 682-0456, Carol 529-4975
- Lambda Center Gay Alcoholics & Alanon—1214 Jo Annie—521-9772
- Lesbian/Gay Resource Service—University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun, box 309, 77004—749-1253
- Lesbians & Gay People in Medicine—880-9486; meet 7:30pm 1st Sat



# HE TOOK THE CHANCE OF GETTING HEPATITIS B— AND LOST.



## NOW THE CONSEQUENCES ARE JUST BEGINNING. CHRONIC ACTIVE HEPATITIS, CIRRHOSIS ... OR DEATH.

You undoubtedly know someone who's had it. The "bad hepatitis" that can keep you in bed for weeks and out of a job for months—that can cause lifelong disability and even death from cirrhosis or cancer of the liver. Where do you get it? From people who have become carriers of the virus. Today, it is estimated that at least 100,000 gay men are carriers of the hepatitis B virus and spread the infection through intimate contact. That's the main reason

why more than half of all gay men will sooner or later become infected.

How can you tell who's a carrier? You probably can't. Most carriers seem to be perfectly healthy, and many are themselves unaware that they harbor the virus.

Once you get hepatitis B, there's no specific treatment for it. But now there's something you can do to help protect yourself.

## DON'T TAKE A CHANCE— CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR OR CLINIC AND ASK ABOUT THE HEPATITIS B VACCINE.

It is highly effective in those who receive all three shots. Do it today because you never know where or when you'll make contact with a carrier.

If you'd like more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine, call The American Liver Foundation at (201) 857-2626.

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Studies showed that the vaccine protected against infection caused by hepatitis B virus in 85% to 96% of those who received the required three shots.

Hepatitis B virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

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

Because of the long incubation period for hepatitis B, it is possible for unrecognized infection to be present at the time the vaccine is given. The vaccine may not prevent hepatitis B in such patients.

In three studies involving 3,350 persons, the overall rate of adverse reactions did not differ significantly in those given vaccine and those given placebo (an inactive substance). As with any vaccine, broad use often reveals rare adverse reactions not observed during clinical trials.

Over 200,000 people are estimated to have received the vaccine since its release, and the vaccine continues to be generally well tolerated. Hepatitis B has a long incubation period, and unrecognized infection may already be present at the time the vaccine is given. Thus, reported cases of hepatitis are to be expected and do not appear to be caused by the vaccine. Reactions such as fever, nausea, vomiting, headache, and local pain have occurred. Joint pain has been reported; rash has been reported rarely. Serious illnesses affecting the nervous system—including Guillain-Barré syndrome—have been reported rarely, but no cause and effect relationship has been established.