

MONTROSE STAR

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Valentine's Day saw around 350 enjoying the Family Sponsored 'Gay Blades' at the Galleria. (Story Page Five) Photo by Michal Alaniz.

Singing is the 'Most Beautiful Sex'

By George Barnart
STAR STAFF

Music is a universal language. A language that transcends all barriers of race, creed, sex, chaste color and all those kind of things . . . but more.

Include life style and sexual preference among them. Joshua Howe

does.

"I need to communicate -- I need to express myself. That's why I sing. Singing to me is just as good as the most beautiful sex I've ever had.

"The best cum I know is music. Music is like being with my best

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Shiflett Defeats Bagneris for Top GPC Post

By Bill Lubing
STAR EDITOR

Incumbent Gay Political Caucus President Steve Shiflett was given the go ahead for another term in the organization's top post in general elections held last Wednesday evening, February 20. This will mark his third one-year term as GPC president.

Shiflett garnered 254 votes while his opponent, Larry Bagneris, who served as GPC vice president this past year, received 200 votes.

In the vice-presidential position Lee Harrington won over Greer Price 259 to 191.

In the secretary's slot, Jenny Willinger defeated Gil Marin 246 to 206.

Accumulating the three highest votes for board of trustee positions One, Two and Three were respectively, Kay Little, Sam Canzoneri and Johnny Peden. Exact totals were not available at *Star* deadline.

In the board of trustees special election for the one-year position, Steve Sobata received 176 votes, late nominee Renee Rabb had 113 votes, Guy Amedee 100 votes and Kent Naasz 33 votes. A runoff election has been called between Amedee and Rabb.

For the two-year board position David Bonuelos squeaked by Rick Graves 215 to 212.

One of Shiflett's first goals in the new term is, "setting the stage for reunifica-

tion of the community," after the polarization caused by the GPC election, he told the *Star*, Wednesday evening.

As an example of his reunification effort, Shiflett said he plans to attend the Gay Pride Week 1980 planning meeting, slated for March 2 at the Family Center, "and I want to rekindle the enthusiasm, the excitement, spirit of cooperation that was so evident in last year's Gay Pride Week activities."

He went on to say, "This election showed that the Democratic process worked. It showed that a good organized campaign working above board with high integrity will win everytime."

"I think we won in the sense that the Caucus was opened up to the entire community," Larry Bagneris told the *Star*. He said an important aspect in his campaign was to, "open the Caucus up wide to the community," to make sure issues, "are brought up before the entire GPC membership." He said it was important, "to expose things in the community that are not going right."

Bagneris was apparently referring to an alleged, 'un-named group' with a proposal to fund the salary of Shiflett. A group of concerned citizens ran an, 'open letter to the community' which questioned this alleged group's sources of money, structure and controlling interest.

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Local Man Slain; HPD Asks Citizen Cooperation

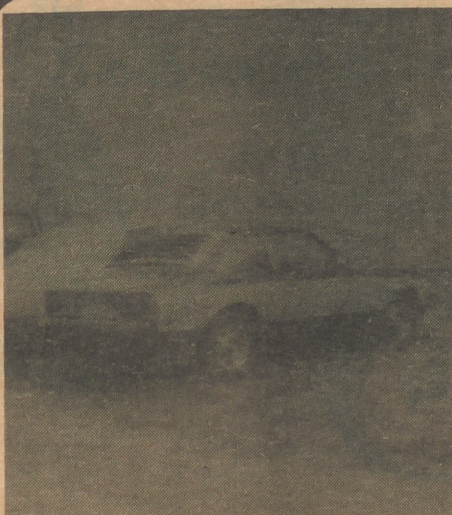
Houston Police Department Detective John M. Donovan reported to the *Montrose Star* the slaying of Jerry E. Hill, 37, of 6110 Renwick.

Hill was found in his apartment Wednesday, February 13, after his employer reported him missing from

work since Monday, February 11.

"On Wednesday Hill's boss called the apartment manager," Donovan told the *Star*. "They broke down the door to his apartment and found Hill in his bed."

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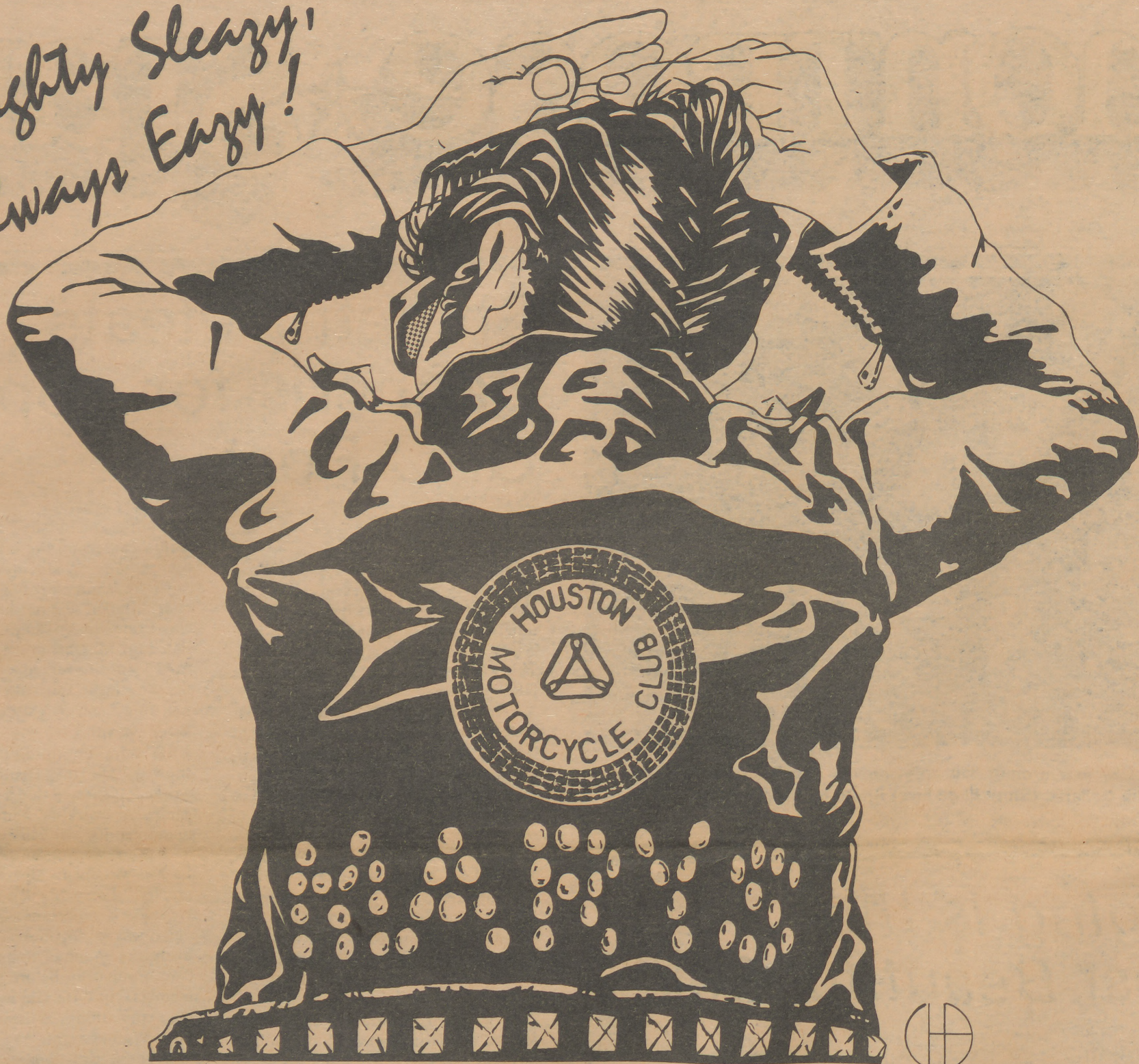


The car owned by Jerry Hill.



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Montrose Patrol Benefit Presents 'Living' Barbecue on Top of Two Day Party!

Next Monday and Tuesday, February 25 and 26, the Parade Disco, 1416 Richmond, will be the site of a two-day party benefitting the Montrose Patrol. Both evenings the festivities are slated to begin at 8 PM, running until 2 AM.

With a \$3 cover on Monday, partygoers will be treated to stage shows by

the infamous 'Gutter Girls' of New Orleans. The group is billed as the 'twins of your favorite *Saturday Night Live* characters.'

As well as informational booths sponsored by community businesses and organizations, excerpts from *The Wizard of Oz* and some choice Carmen Miranda cuts will be featured in

a special movie presentation.

KPFT-FM will host a live radio broadcast on the *Wilde n' Stein* radio program. The host is Ray Hill.

Tuesday night will see a barbecue bonanza, featuring a Houston exclusive -- a 'living' barbecue. Besides a bountiful supply of food, live western bands will provide entertainment.

A \$5 cover will be in effect Tuesday. Proceeds from the benefit will be used by the Montrose Patrol, primarily to retire the debt on around \$17,000 worth of communications equipment recently installed by the organization.

A VD testing station will be set up both nights of the party.

FAFOG Welcomes Dr. Charles Silverstein

Families and Friends of Gays, (FAFOG) will host Dr. Charles Silverstein, author of *Joy of Gay Sex* at its meeting March 16.

Silverstein will discuss his new book, about gay couples, as well as share the results of his research. One aspect of his visit will deal with parents' of gays greatest fears, that their children are doomed to a life of unhappiness.

FAFOG members are reminded this meeting will be the third Sunday of March instead of the second.

In other FAFOG news, the group

has received the current international directory of Parents and Friends of Gays groups throughout the world. It's interesting to note there are 107 individuals and groups in the U.S., including two in Alaska and one in Hawaii. There are six such groups in Canada, with a single group in England, the Netherlands and in the Philippines.

For more information on FAFOG, contact Annella at 664-5339 after 6 PM weekdays and all day on the weekends.

GPC and MAC Benefit Slated

By George Barnhart
STAR STAFF

'Construction Project '80 is the theme for another popular 'Tea Dance' at the Montrose Activity Center's Main Activity Hall, Sunday, March 2 from 4 to 10 PM.

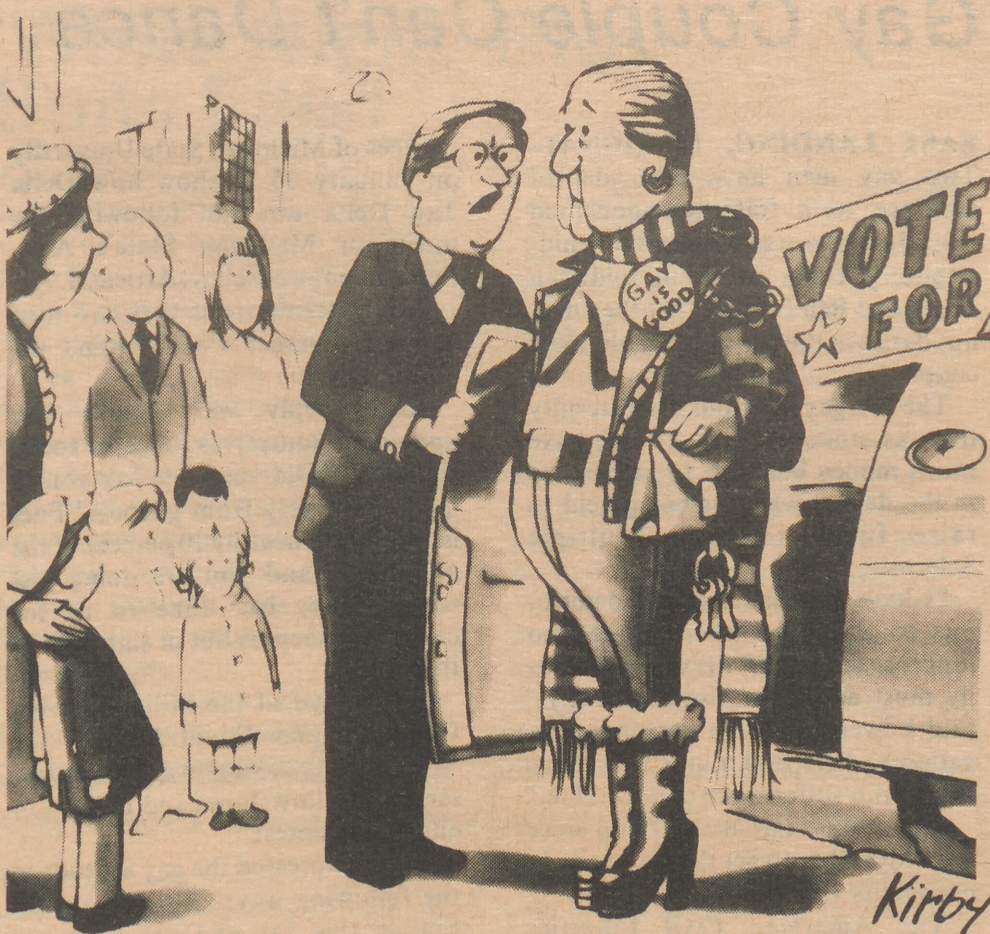
The benefit dance is being jointly hosted by MAC and the Houston Gay Political Caucus, with proceeds going towards the ongoing renovation of the facility at 1423 Holman at La Branch and defraying operating

expenses of the Houston based political organization.

Organizers of the event promise "much more of the usually anticipated music and hot lights than every before."

Ticket sales will begin immediately and may be obtained at Wilde n' Stein, Union Jack, Sports Locker, Q-1 Leathers, Manhole, Jim's Gym, and the Fitness Exchange.

Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$9 at the door.



"No, Senator, I told you day care center!"

IGNA

'Celebration of Stitchery' Comes to Bering Memorial

The Houston Embroiderer's Guild and the Houston Quilt Guild are sponsoring an exhibit of needlework March 13 through 15 from 10 AM to 5 PM at Bering Memorial Church Activities Hall, 1441 Hawthorne at Mulberry, in Montrose.

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Members of the Embroiderers' Guild have entered their best achievements from the last two years. Works include original and pre-designed pieces executed in a variety of needlework techniques -- needlepoint, crewel embroidery, counted cross stitch, applique and machine embroidery.

Wilanna Bristow, fiberist and teacher from San Antonio, will judge the embroidery and present awards of excellence to outstanding pieces.

The Quilt Guild is presenting an exhibit of blue quilts and other prize winning quilts. Examples from workshops and quilt blocks executed by various members will also be on display. The Guild is working on a blue quilt and members will stitch on this quilt during the show.

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Court Overturns Sodomy Conviction

SYRACUSE, NY--(IGNA)--The reversal of a Syracuse man's conviction in the New York state appeals court may mean the end to state laws that prohibit consensual sodomy.

Ronald Onofre, 35, had been convicted of sodomy when his 17-year-old partner accused him of using force. The partner then recanted his story and admitted that the sexual acts were committed voluntarily.

But Judge Ormand N. Gale refused to throw out the sodomy charge when the other charges were dropped, even

though the sex took place in Onofre's home.

The county will appeal the decision to the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals.

If the court upholds the decision or refuses to hear the county's appeal, the consensual sodomy statute would be repealed.

Bonnie Strunk, attorney for Onofre, said, "As far as I know, this is the first time a court actually has said sexual conduct between homosexuals is protected by the Constitution."

Are You a Love Junkie?

KPFT -- Love can be a real high.

Researchers at the New York State Psychiatric Institute report they are studying a chemical released in the body when people are in love that is similar to amphetamine--or speed.

Doctors Donald Klein and Michael Liebowitz say the chemical is released by the brain when a person is in love. The researchers add that when a person falls out of love, a spurned or disillusioned brain halts production of the natural speed.

Klein and Liebowitz say they studied a group of 'love junkies' with a life pattern of forming disastrous love relationships and found that many of them went on chocolate-eating binges at the end of their relationships.

The researchers say that chocolate is loaded with the same chemical produced by the love struck brain -- and the binging may be an attempt at 'self medication' for the love-lorne.

'Lavender Money' Spends good as the Green Stuff!

By Daniel Curzon

NY, NY--(IGNA)--How do you get large businesses to advertise in gay publications? Usually they don't want to.

That is the problem of Joseph Di Sabato, the man behind the Rivendell Marketing Company (666 Sixth Ave., New York, New York, 10010, 212-242-6863).

But Di Sabato is convinced that eventually non-gay businesses from cigarette manufacturers to film distributors to record companies will tap a market that they have always ignored out of prejudice and ignorance.

Currently Rivendell Marketing is soliciting advertising for some 75 gay publications with a combined stated press run of 1.5 million copies (and a pass-along rate of up to four times that number). Di Sabato feels that a company may choose to ignore any individual publication but it cannot ignore the total represented in the

market.

To aid advertising money to find its way into gay publications, Di Sabato recommends the following: (to change history as well as watch it occur)

- Publications should consider covering local and national business news as it relates to the gay community.

- Publications should run stories about gay businesses.

- Publications should run stories about companies that seek gay business.

- Publications should run stories about businesses that refuse to advertise in the gay media.

Such information will let readers know what is going on in the business world and whether their money is being spent with people who support the gay community or who decline to go after gay business.

It remains to be seen how successful this lavender money trend will be.

Disco Lasers Big in 1980

KPFT--Discos of the eighties will be elaborate sound and light shows, featuring laser beams as the star attractions.

Billboard magazine reports that lasers are expected to gain importance in discos this decade, especially in producing holograms--which give the illusion of three dimensional shapes floating in space.

One lighting effects manufacturer is designing beam-in-air effects that look like large sculptures. Another

company, Litelab, is expanding into what they call three and four-color 'full presentations,' and also featuring 'microlite,' a new eight-by-twelve foot 'entertainment piece,' featuring moving messages and free-form geometric patterns.

You'll also be able to dance on a liquid plexiglas floor that 'squishes' colorful patterns under a dancer's body pressure.

In case you're interested, the cost of micro-lite is a mere \$16,000.

Gay Couple Can't Dance

EAST LANDING, MI--(IGNA)--

Two gay men have been denied entrance to a fraternity-sponsored marathon dance to take place in mid-February. Delta Tau Delta told Dan Jones and Ben Lowery that they may not dance in the event as a male-male couple.

The two gay men told the fraternity that, as students, they do not have much money but wish to participate in the dance, which is being held to raise funds to fight Multiple Sclerosis.

"I have watched a friend deteriorate to the point where he can no longer feed himself; his wife and family must attend to him constantly," said Lowery. "I feel a personal obligation to help find a cure and make those who suffer more comfortable."

The couple has been trying since last November to get the fraternity to change its rule.

The American Civil Liberties Union and the East Lansing Human Rights Commission have both told the fraternity to accept the gay couple.

Dan Jones addressed the board of

trustees of Michigan State University on January 25 to show how Delta Tau Delta was not following the intent of Michigan State's Anti-Discrimination Policy, Article II. A2.

The fraternity feels that two men dancing together would offend the public.

Jone's reply was: "Have you appointed yourselves judge of social standards? Did someone ask you to 'protect' society from gayness? Fact is, gays are a healthy 10 percent of the population and you are doing just what society has done to us for centuries--keep us out of sight and in the closet."

Don Lloyd of the Miller Brewing Company and David Bird of the M.S. Society have also asked the fraternity to allow Jones and Lowery to enter the contest.

Jones expressed the gay attitude in the following way: "It seems absurd that in this day and age I am not allowed to help you raise money for a worthwhile cause simply because I choose a dance partner of the same sex."

We're OK, You're Not

TULSA, OK--(IGNA)--A family is parents or a parent and children, not homosexual couples nor unmarried cohabitating heterosexual pairs.

Or at least that was the prevailing wind at the Oklahoma Conference on the Family, held in December in Stillwater.

Participants included home extension and church groups, social workers, psychologists, educators, grandmothers, nuns, and pro-family devotees who brought their infants to the sessions.

A number of professionals, how-

ever, expressed concern that the pro-family stance does not meet the needs of Oklahoma families that do not fit the traditional mold.

Other highlights of this conservative conference were:

- "There's no word sweeter than 'mother' and the nurturing of children is the most important career."

- "The place for sex education is in the home."

- "Divorces are too easy to get."

- Men, take heart from one item: "Men should be considered in child custody cases."

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Man is Mr. Anita Bryant

By Richard Cartiere

DAVIS, CA--(IGNA)--A small, liberal college town 15 miles southwest of Sacramento, has its own version of Anita Bryant.

Jim Stevens, a self-proclaimed libertarian and a lawyer in Sacramento, has spearheaded the effort to rescind the city council's ban on discrimination against homosexuals. Stevens, a member of the Davis city council, has succeeded in having the

ban removed and has also obtained a promise from the council not to consider it again for two years.

Council members supporting gay rights balked at giving continued support because of Stevens' threat to make it an election issue.

In a radio interview, Stevens expressed his opinion that "we each have the choice of who to associate with. Just like someone wouldn't be forced to hire a person who smells, no

one should be forced to hire a homosexual against his wishes."

Local gay activists have since prepared an initiative that would force the city council to consider the issue immediately, not two years from now. The passage of the initiative would be a blow to Stevens' opposition to the ordinance and a clear go-ahead to the city council.

Mayor Tom Tomasi endorsed the initiative by becoming the first of

3500 signatures required to place it on this June's ballot.

Nearby Sacramento is also supposed to bring a gay rights ordinance before the city council.

Stevens has said he will do anything he and his fellow "libertarians and Bible people" can do to prevent either ordinance from ever going into effect.

Atlanta's Disco Leopard Has Sensative Ears

KPFT--The Humane Society in Atlanta, Georgia, claims that working in a disco may be hazardous to your health--if you are a black leopard.

When a new five-million-dollar disco, The Limelite, opened recently in Atlanta, part of their 'decor' included a live black leopard in a cage near the club's dance floor.

The Humane Society took the club's owners to court in an effort to

prevent abuse of the leopard because they felt the intense noise and flashing lights might be harmful to the caged animal's health.

In the hearing earlier this month, the court ruled the club may display the leopard, but only if it is exposed to the bright lights and loud music for no longer than five minutes at a time.

It kind of makes you wonder what happens to the people.

March On Austin is Planning Conference

The March on Austin Planning Committee has set a date for a statewide conference.

All gay and lesbian organizations in Texas and surrounding states are asked to participate in the event.

The conference will be held in Dallas on March 15 and 16. The purpose is to elect a permanent committee to set a date for the Austin March.

More information will be made available to local organizations in the near future. If your organization would like a visit by a March on Austin Planning Committee member you are encouraged to write:

David Carrol
Director of Outreach Services
C/O Richard R. Schafer
2900 Reagan Street # 109
Dallas, Texas, 75219

'White Night' Riot Suits Filed

SAN FRANCISCO (IGNA) -- The first group of damage suits stemming from the disturbances that followed the May 21 verdict in the Dan White murder case have been filed in San Francisco Superior Court.

The suits, which range from assault, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress to, negligence, have been filed against the city and county of San Francisco, the police department, former police chief Charles Gain, Mayor Dianne Feinstein, former District Attorney Joseph Freitas, and a number of unnamed police officers.

More than 20 plaintiffs are seeking \$1 million each in damages from each

defendant. In addition, the plaintiffs are expected to seek medical expenses, general damages, and damages from alleged loss of civil rights.

Among the cases are suits emanating from what has come to be known as the Elephant Walk incident.

In that incident, which occurred after midnight on the morning of May 22, police stormed into the Elephant Walk, a gay bar, and destroyed property and beat several patrons.

Attorney Ann Menasche said that no criminal charges resulting from the White Night riots are pending against any of the plaintiffs in these damage suits.

'Gay Blades' was a Success Last Week at Galleria

HOUSTON -- Family, a Houston based fundraising organization working within the gay community hosted a 'Gay Blades' ice skating party at the Galleria, an enclosed shopping area, on February 14, Valentine's Day.

From 11 PM to 1 AM around 350

Prizes were donated by Byman Furniture, Mary's Bar, the Venture Inn, the Club Houston and Union Jack.

According to Phil Slusser, a Family board member, the Galleria management was pleased with the event. Around \$1,100 was raised at the party.

The Fastest Growing Church In The World

By Brother
Keith E. L'Hommedieu, D.D.

It's safe to say that of all the organized religious sects on the current scene, one church in particular stands above all in its unique approach to religion. The Universal Life Church is the only organized church in the world with no traditional religious doctrine.

Reverend Hensley is the leader of the worldwide Universal Life Church with a membership now exceeding 8 million ordained ministers of all religious beliefs. Reverend Hensley started the church in his garage by ordaining ministers of all religious beliefs. Reverend Hensley started the church in his garage by ordaining ministers for \$1.00 by mail. During the 1960's he traveled all across the country appearing at college rallies held in his honor where he would perform mass ordinations of thousands of people at a time. These new ministers were then exempt from being inducted into the armed forces during the undeclared Vietnam war.

In 1966 Reverend Hensley was fighting the establishment on another front. The I.R.S. tried to claim the UCL wasn't a legal church and proceeded to impound the ten thousand dollars in the church bank account. The feisty Hensley filed suit against the I.R.S. in federal district court for return of the funds and to permanently establish the UCL as a legal tax exempt entity. On March 1, 1974 Judge James F. Battin ruled against the I.R.S. in his decision which stated, "Neither this court or any branch of this government will consider the merits or fallacies of a religion. Nor will the court praise or condemn a religion. Were the court to do so, it would impinge upon the guarantees of the First Amendment."

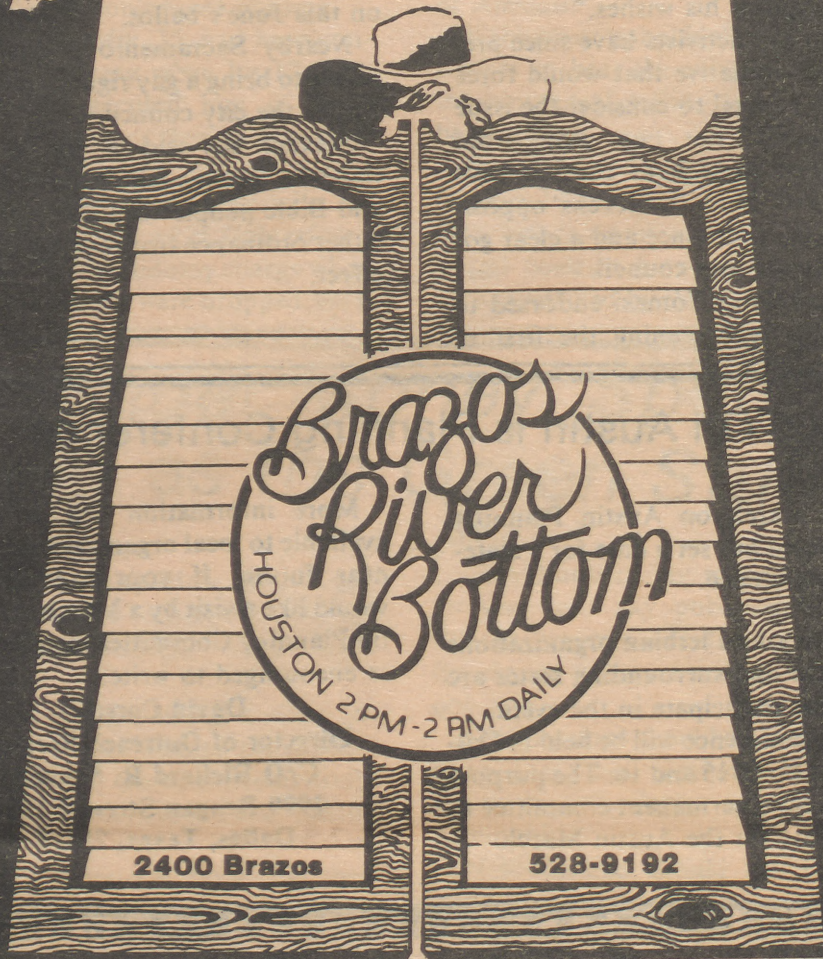
Reverend Hensley has stated that he believes a church is people and not just a fancy building. He also believes in total freedom and equality for all people. The UCL will ordain anyone without regard to religious beliefs, race, nationality, sex or age.

The ULC's success formula is both effective and unquestionably legal. After a person has become an ordained minister, he or she can join with two other people and form their own Universal Life Church. These three people then make up the board of directors consisting of a Pastor, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The UCL will then grant the group the use of its legal church charter complete with both federal and state tax exempt numbers. The newly formed church may then open a bank account in the church's name. Any member of the church can legally donate up to 50% of his or her outside income to the church and take a corresponding tax deduction. The church in turn can pay the complete housing cost of its minister including rent or mortgage payment, insurance, taxes, furnishings and repairs. The church can also provide the minister with full use of an automobile as well as pay for travel and educational expenses. None of these expenses are reported as income to the I.R.S. Recently a whole town in Hardenburg, New York became Universal Life ministers and turned their homes into religious retreats and monasteries thereby relieving themselves of property taxes, at least until the state tries to figure out what to do.

(To become a U.L.C. minister send a \$10.00 tax deductible contribution to: UNIVERSAL LIFE CHURCH; P.O. Box 42809; Houston, Texas; 77042. Or CALL 785-0244.)

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The location will be 1401 Harold, which is south of Westheimer.

The meeting takes place on Saturday, March 1 at 7 PM. There will be a cash bar set up.

For more information call 520-7506 or 644-9997

**Hill Named
KPFT Manager**

Ray Hill, has been named station manager at KPFT-FM radio, in Houston.

Hill is known best as host for the *Wilde n' Stein* radio program, which is aired Monday evenings at 10.

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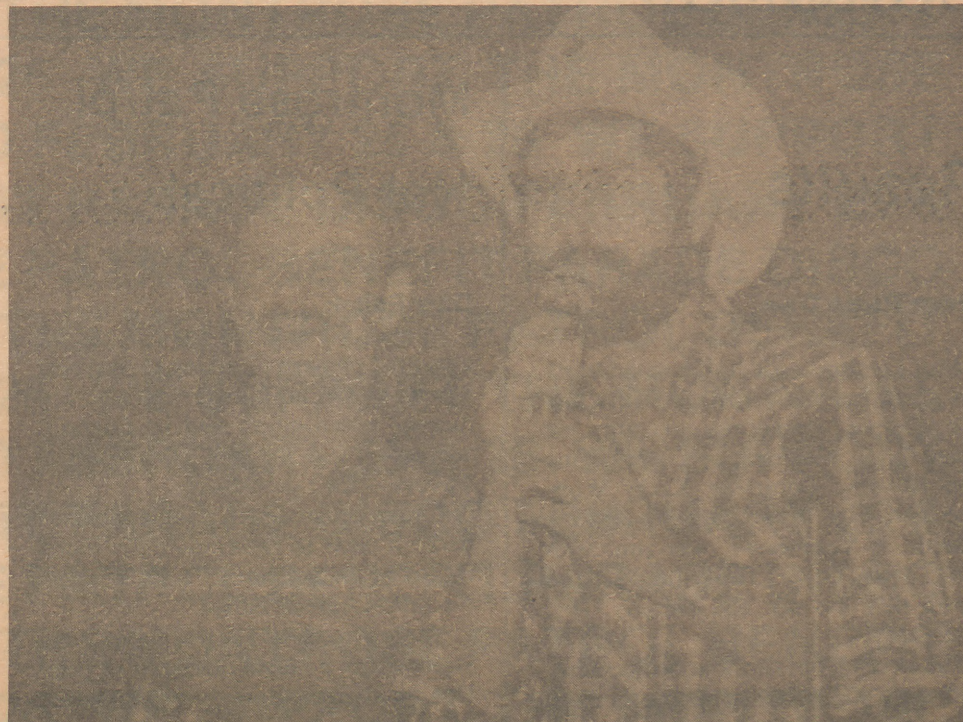
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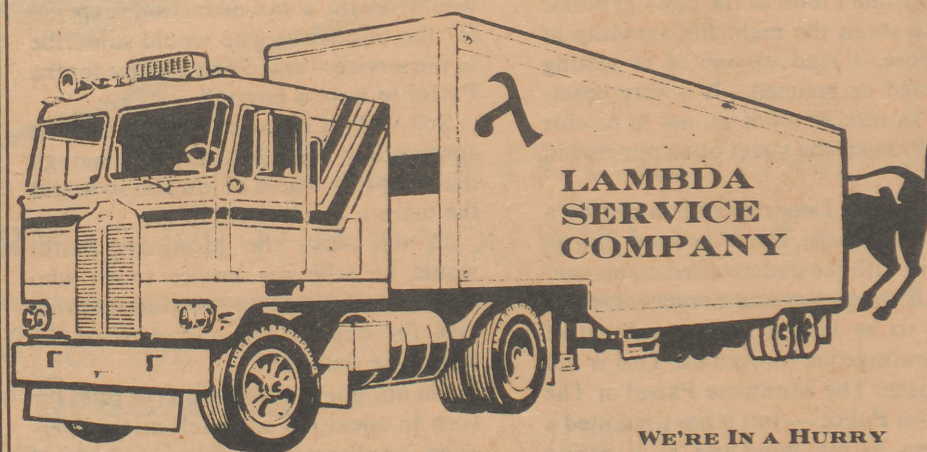
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editorial

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From Page One

Also causing a stir in the community was a political ad Shiflett ran with a picture of himself among city councilpeople Lance Lalor, and Eleanor Tinsley along with Houston Controller Kathy Whitmire and U.S. Representative Mickey Leland. A 'counter-ad' was run, with quotes from Laylor, Tinsley and Leland saying they did not endorse any GPC candidate.

The election boasted a record turnout. With only 400 ballots available an additional amount had to be printed while voting was in progress for the larger than expected turnout. Voting took place at the Holiday on Main Street.

Around 200 members of Family, a Houston fundraising organization were not permitted to vote. Family had donated around \$4,000 to GPC. Voting privileges in the GPC election were granted only to those individuals with memberships. Family's involvement as an organization did not qualify its members as voters.

Montrose Patrol Not Political

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of the *Star* an ad appeared on page 12 asking several pertinent questions concerning an 'unnamed' organization and its financial association with the GPC (Gay Political Caucus -- Ed.) presidency.

I signed that letter. I only want to make it clear to the community that I signed as an individual. I did *not* sign for the Montrose Patrol.

The Montrose Patrol does not endorse any political candidate or position on any question. Given the nature of the organization it can not do so. It must remain a neutral in the community.

I apologize for any misconception and inconveniences I might have caused.

I also wish to *personally* apologize to Mr. Shiflett for not extending him the courtesy of asking for an explanation from a personal friend before I made a public statement -- a courtesy I have demanded for myself.

(Signed)
Stephen Coates

Are You Worth \$12.50?

By Bill Lubing
STAR EDITOR

It's a typical scene. Mr. Gay guy cruises around -- hits a bar or maybe picks a trick up off the street.

Maybe the trick is a hustler, maybe not -- Maybe the trick looks like Mr. Joe College.

Looks are deceiving.

It's a typical scene. Mr. Gay Guy takes his trick home, maybe pays, maybe not, -- ends up with his head bashed in by 'a blunt instrument,' his throat slashed open with, 'a sharp device.'

FACT: Incidence similar to the above happened 12 times in the Montrose area within the past year. That's an average of once a month. The police rarely catch the assailant.

The motive is often theft -- be it the \$12.50 in your pocket or your car and fine jewelry. For some murdering a trick is the ultimate enactment of guilt a lot of us felt while just coming out -- when during the second or fourth or tenth sexual encounter with another guy we felt oh so guilty after 'cuming' -- we scrambled to get back in our jeans, to rush home and shower, to find a dark place and puke.

Whom is to blame?

A million patrol cars cruising

Montrose area streets can't prevent gay brothers from figuring wrong, a \$15 quickie inviting death. We can blame 'straight society' for breeding violent homophobia -- men who have either/both an intense hatred for gays or a total disregard for gays as human beings -- but straights cannot take the majority of the blame. The situation is beyond rights regarding 'sexual or affectual preference.'

We must deal with our own brothers now -- deal with the factor in our environment which says I settle for the unknown. I take a chance on my sex. It's the only way I can get my rocks off. I *have* to buy it. The scene has changed so much that there ain't no place for me to find a guy except gettin' on the street and paying for it. Satisfy the mechanics of sex. I'm afraid of the rejection when you love.

A lot of guys get rolled. They never report it. Oppression meets oppression -- another guy is found with his throat slit wide or his head broken open like a shell. Somehow the words 'sexual or affectual preference' don't seem appropriate. Nor does a restless cruising crowd, a dancefloor with a thousand glittering clones.

Coming out is continuous evolution. Gentlemen watch your step.

Incorporate the Patrol

By Bert Hollister
STAR PUBLISHER

Everytime I look at the news of police reports about the night life activities in Montrose, I read of one of us getting murdered or maimed. It is very upsetting, I'm sure, to all of us, not to be able to walk down the street or to our cars in safety!

The Police Department is aided by a very loyal group, The Montrose Patrol, and still with the understaffed manpower of both the police and the patrol, there seems to be little, if any, slowdown of these outrageous tragedies! This is not to criticize The Montrose Patrol or The Houston Police -- but it has presented a problem in my mind, and as a caring citizen, I feel I should offer -- not an alternative -- but a way the Montrose Patrol might be better financed and able to hire capable paid employees.

The volunteers give us much of their time and take heavy risks for all of us -- but finding enough volunteers is difficult and prevents the Patrol from attaining full strength needed to give us enough safety.

With the coming of Spring and warm weather, our crime rate will be dangerously increased if our community does not come up with a solution now. It may not be my solution that I offer, but perhaps my solution contains some valuable ideas that can be used in our wonderful world of Montrose.

Maybe the bar owners, and the gay businesses -- and the straight businesses

in our community could consider incorporating the Montrose Patrol. This would create a tax-deductible expense for the businesses who would subscribe to the service -- and create income for the Patrol to have a payroll!

So? Well, it could be a profit making corporation. Just set its rates low enough that the profit would be low and so would the taxes it would have to pay.

In this way, the Montrose Patrol would be selling a service to all who wanted to have the protection, provide jobs for our citizens and adds to the Montrose economy!

I'm not qualified to set up the rules for such an operation but surely all the interested merchants, publishers -- most all types of Montrose businesses who want protection for their businesses and customers and late working employees can contribute ideas and this or a similar idea can be brought to reality.

God bless the volunteers of the Montrose Patrol and the fine contributions they are making and may they be blessed with safety.

The *Montrose Star* is an obligated community citizen and we contribute this input in hopes that the leaders of the business community will give this idea their most urgent attention and consideration. You can be sure *The Montrose Star* and *Star Ventures Inc.* want to support any positive way that contributes to the betterment, enrichment and safety of all of us who have the privilege to live in this versatile mecca.

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Police Ask Local Cooperation in String of Deaths

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Donovan went on to say it appears there was no struggle, and that Hill was beat his over the head, "from 10 to 15 times with a blunt instrument. He was believed to be asleep at the time of his death."

The victim's car was stolen, which was recovered by the Houston Police Department on Friday, February 15, by the Galaxy Lounge, in the 4800 Block of Benning.

There are no leads in the case. Donovan says Hill was a regular patron at many of the bars along the Westheimer strip. One bartender reportedly saw Hill Monday evening, but does not recall seeing anyone with him.

"It looks very much like the work of a male prostitute, hustler," said, Donovan. He says the police department is asking all people who have leads in the case to contact the Gay Political Caucus, at 526-2668 or his office at 222-3651.

"Nobody's name need be made public," said Donovan. "It's just very important that we get as much information at possible to work on."

Because Hill's car could have been

driven in the Montrose area by the thief on Thursday and Friday, a picture of it has been supplied to the media. Donovan said the car was a late model Toyota, "with a special paint job. The car is silver and black," told Donovan.

He warned you can't tell anything about a person by the way he or she looks. "People just don't pay attention to who they are taking home," stressed Donovan.

He said there was very little the Houston Police Department can do in a situation like this to help protect the citizenry.

"Get to know the bartenders at the bars," recommended Donovan. "When you find somebody and are going home let the bartenders know. Get to know the name of the person you're taking home. Then tell a friend, 'I'm leaving with so and so.'"

Donovan says there have been around ten murders similar to Hill's in the area in the past year.

"The frightening thing," concludes Donovan, "is that when one thing like this happens another usually occurs within another two weeks."

Singer

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lover." I sing and I feel completely fulfilled."

Joshua articulates his musical style with the depth of a seasoned veteran. At 19, Joshua is already on the road to his musical greatness.

"I even have my own name for my music style -- if you can call it that. I call it the *Funk Blues*."

Why blues? Joshua explains, "A lot of my music was written and I've done about 20 songs myself, after a lover left me and walked out . . . leaving me holding the guitar and nothing but me and loneliness."

"It's not because I'm so hard to live with. It's that it's hard to put up with a musician when he's getting started."

Joshua puts feeling into his thoughts, as well as what he sings.

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Hollywood has its Highs and Lows with a Young Lover

D. Ted Brink
STAR CONTRIBUTOR

Part Three of a series

In December of 1965 David, who had just turned 19, and I left for Hollywood. I had gone through a rough divorce because I wanted him and a new, free life.

At 39 I felt like a kid with his first delicious lollypop. David and I were heading for a fresh start in the city I had always wanted to visit — and even maybe work in.

David had been to Los Angeles and Hollywood before. I knew he'd had some trouble there but it wasn't until we were half-way across the United States that he told me the full story.

What I didn't know was that David was on probation in California for a not too serious crime. He had skipped out of the state to return to his home in Michigan. But I was carefree and deeply in love.

I dismissed the problem lightly. In our keen anticipation of Hollywood, we drove straight through to Los Angeles, with only one overnight stop to make love.

In my personal experience, I find that in May to September love affairs, marriages or adopted son arrangements, the past of the young man often comes back to cause problems. It may be emotional in effect or financial — maybe a combination of these plus other factors. It's always had an effect — good or bad. I've had it both ways.

Being of another generation it didn't occur to me then that two males in love could have difficulties caused by the very open life style of the young man in the partnership. That free-wheeling, open attitude and behavior was probably one of David's greatest attractions.

Before leaving Michigan, David and I had taken on a business partner, Rick, who was almost my age.

Rick, had Hollywood contacts and

had arranged for us to meet a reputable producer regarding the comic strip series we had under contract for television and motion picture production.

Rick promised us financial support while we were selling the project. He secured our first Hollywood apartment. We didn't have much money, about \$300 as I recall.

Rick got the phone in for us, but that was the end of his monetary interest until David and I had secured a great deal of interest in the producer's part in doing a TV series.

One of Rick's main goals was to get into David's pants. We worked around that by providing him with other, willing young guys, always a plentiful commodity in Hollywood when you have a great money-making possibility like we did.

Rick's other goal was to cut us out of the major percentage to be made if we sold the series.

All credit to the producers who really did want to produce the TV series; they treated us as three equal partners. When they paid for the option we each came out with a few thousand dollars. Just in time.

David and I celebrated for several days — Without Rick. After all, we were on our way to becoming 'rich and famous.' When the option was picked up we would have more than \$30,000 and two-thirds of everything to follow.

We had secured Associate Producer credits for the proposed series and David felt he might still be in the running to play the lead.

Deep down I wasn't so sure. We were on the studio lot every day now, learning the hard facts about TV and movie production, and I saw how important names were in making bucks.

We found a gay bar on Santa Monica Blvd., one of the original ones in Hollywood, we were told. Because David looked 21, he was never checked of ID. We spent many happy evening there, playing pool, talking to the other gays.

Later I discovered other gay bars in LA that weren't as pleasant: they were the kind where the guys stand around the walls, seeming to say, "Don't talk to me, don't touch me. I'm too pretty."

We invited people over after closing for six-pack parteis and often our little house was jam-packed with the beautiful men of Hollywood. With the lights out, the music of the day turned up happily, no complaining neighbors, the parties were the early high point of my West Coast life.

But here again, the age difference between David and I put up a barrier. Nowadays I would do things quite differently, but then I wouldn't let David go to the bathroom without my standing by.

He never had a chance to participate in the sexual excitement happening at our parties. I didn't realize until near the end of our relationship how much my watchdogging, my lighting his every cigarettes was disturbing him.

He seemed happy and fulfilled.

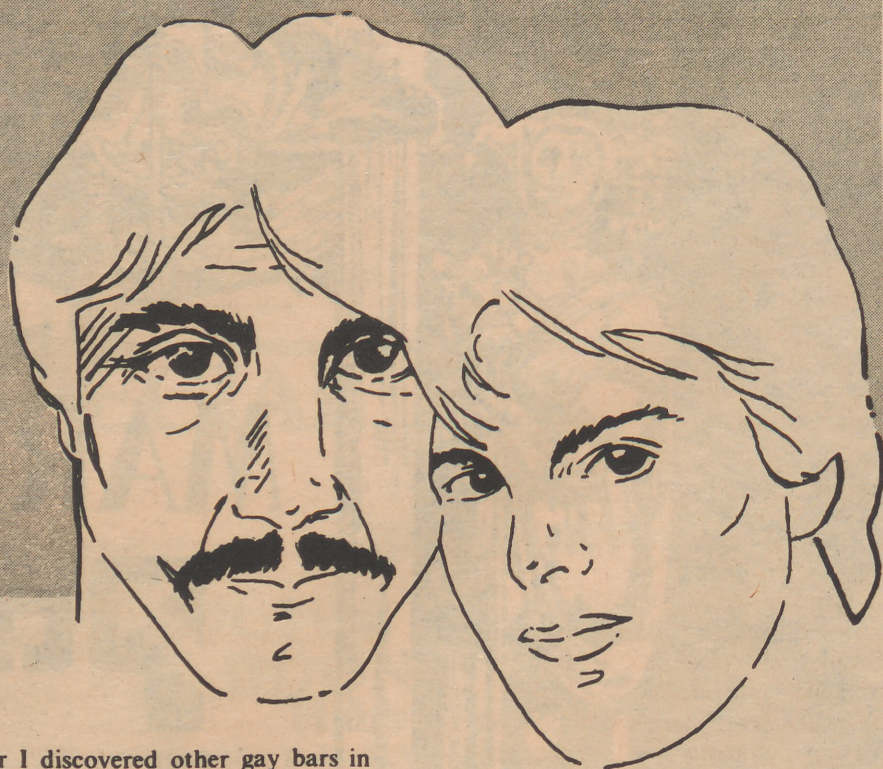
Our love-making, with David laying face-up and with me able to enjoy two kinds of sex at once, was an every-other evening enjoyment. We joined a little theatre appearing in two plays together.

It was then the hell began.

David met a girl he liked. More that I realized. I didn't even know what bisexual meant at that point. And the balloon burst on the TV series. The option was dropped.

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It's Better in the Bahamas

By Bob Damron
STAR COLUMNIST

"It's better in the Bahamas" is the slogan of American's closest independent neighbor -- the islands . . . just 60 miles off the coast of Florida.

Over 700 semi-tropical islands, whose turquoise waters flow along miles of sun-drenched beaches, form the new nation, which until '73 was governed by Great Britain. Bahamians still retain many traditions of their British heritage, including native policemen in resplendent Colonial uniforms and the un-nerving left hand drive.

Of approximately 250,000 inhabitants, over half reside on New Providence, where the capital, Nassau is located. Cruise ships dock regularly and there are daily flights from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Washington and Florida. Foreign carriers serve Canada, England, Germany and International Air Bahama offers the lowest trans-Atlantic jet fares between Nassau and Europe, via Luxembourg.

Altogether, the Bahamas will host nearly 2,000,000 visitors this year.

Unfortunately there are not as many gay tourists a one might expect, which is probably why Nassau has only one gay bar! P.J.'s **Bare Foot Bar** is on Charlotte Street, just off the main thoroughfare, Bay Street. It is a small place on the second floor, reached by a narrow, firehouse-like spiral staircase.

It is best late. On slow nights they close about 2 AM. But if the place is busy they may stay open until 4 AM or so.

The Bristo, located quite a ways out of Nassau in the Golden Gates Shopping Center, is supposed to be fun too, and if the bars are slow, try the **Playboy Casino** at Cable Beach. It can be real rewarding if you're aggressive enough.

Actually, the potential to score is almost anywhere, from the touristy **Dirty Dick's Bar** to **Calypso Beach** opposite the **New Olympia Hotel** . . . but on a strictly hit or miss basis.

I stayed at the old **Sheraton-British Colonial Hotel**, which has a large pool, good beach, shops and lovely rooms overlooking the picturesque harbor. But there are no TV's. It is expensive, but centrally located.

Excellent gourmet dining is available at the exclusive **Buena Vista**, **Cafe Martinique**, **daVinci** or **Graycliff** restaurants. For sightseeng, visit the shops along colorful **Bay Street**, **Fort Charlotte**, **Blackbeard's Tower**, **Sea Gardens**, and **Rowson Square**.

The best show and gambling casino is at the **Britannia Beach Hotel** on **Paradise Island**.

Freeport, on Grand Bahama, is the second largest city with a population of about 30,000. There are not gay bars, but the **Wreck Bar** at the **Castaways**, and the **Winston Churchill Pub** can be fun!

You might also try the **Inter Xanadu Beach Hotel**.

Skip Andros, Bimini, Great Abaco, Exuma and the other islands . . . unless you're fond of deep sea fishing . . . and happen to have a rich lover who owns a 40-foot yacht.

When visiting the Bahamas you do not need an American passport, but *must* have proof of U.S. citizenship.

A birth certificate or voter's registration slip will do nicely. You also must show proof of return on air or steamship

fare.

Grass and other drugs are very much illegal . . . and even though chances of having your baggage searched upon entering, are rare and only a cursory look by U.S. Immigration authorities when returning . . . be discreet.

Also, don't gamble away your last few dollars or you won't get back. There's a \$4 departure charge.

'Sun Your Buns' T-shirts are seen everywhere in the Bahamas . . . and this is a great place for it. The winter weather is ideal for sunbathing, swimming, sailing, water skiing, golf and tennis. Bahamian and U.S. currency have the same value, and both are willingly accepted everywhere.

In addition the Bahamian's print a bonafide \$3 bill. Is this indicative of anything interesting? To be on the safe side, take a friend along. Otherwise, you'll just have to decide for yourself . . . whether or not it's true . . . that 'It's better in the Bahamas.'

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Gourmet Fruit Soup Good at Brunch

By Bert Hollister
STAR PUBLISHER

Gourmet fruit soup, served at the San Francisco Hilton is really something different. It's most impressive for a brunch.

Even in winter, this chilled delight starts the morning off in a way that will make you smile all day. I call it 'Good mornings' morning soup.'

It will get you on the move for sure.

• Two Tablespoons Butter

• One green onion, tops and bottoms chopped

• One Tablespoon carrot, grated.

• One tablespoon celery chopped.

• One Tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped.

• One tablespoon flour.

• Two cups chicken broth.

• Four cups ripe peaches, peeled and thinly sliced.

• One-eighth teaspoon, oregano.

• Quarter teaspoon cinammon.

• Two cups light cream.

• Two Teaspoons dark rum.

• Half cup heavy cream, whipped.

• Two tablespoons toasted almond slivers.

In a sauce pan saute the onion, carrot, celery and parsley in butter until soft.

Sprinkle with the flour and cook, stirring for one minute. Add the broth, peaches, oregano, cinnamon, and salt and pepper to taste.

Simmer on low heat for about 30 minutes.

Pour into a blender and spin for a few second. Chill.

Before serving stir in the light cream and the rum. Ladle soup into chilled bowls and top with the whipped cream and almonds.

Serves six.

HELPFUL HINT: To thicken soups, puree cooked vegetables in blender and put in soup.

health

Is Breathing Other's Smoke Dangerous?

By L.A. Chotkowski, MD
STAR COLUMNIST

From the University of California College of Medicine, in Irvine, comes a report that breathing someone else's smoke, so-called passive smoking, yes, can be dangerous to your health.

Dr. Wilbert S. Arnow, performed a precise experiment with ten human subjects, all of whom were known to have the disease called angina pectoris. This is a common affliction due to hardening of the arteries of the heart, also called coronary heart disease.

Basic symptoms are chest pain brought on by excitement or exercise and whenever the heart rate increases or does not receive sufficient oxygen.

These ten volunteers, together with three smokers, were placed in a 10 by 11 by 9 foot room and tested during three different days.

On day one, there was no smoking and baseline stress testing ergometer electrocardiographs and blood carbon monoxide determinations were made.

On day two the three smokers smoked five cigarettes over a two hour period, 15

cigarettes in all, and the room ventilated 11.4 exchanges per hour.

On day three, day two was repeated without ventilation.

The results were clear and persuasive. The ability of these ten patients to exercise, before anginal pain developed and forced termination of exercise, was decreased by 22 percent in the ventilate room and 38 percent in the non-ventilated room.

Further, the number of heart irregularities, that is premature beats, felt to be

associated with sudden death, occurred only during the smoke filled room testing period. Moreover, blood tests for carbon monoxide increased in the non-ventilated smoking room.

No comparative concentrations were determined between the mainstream(exhaled) smoke and the side stream (from the burning cigarette between puffs smoke.

The commentary on this is that clearly, passive second hand smoking is dangerous to your health.

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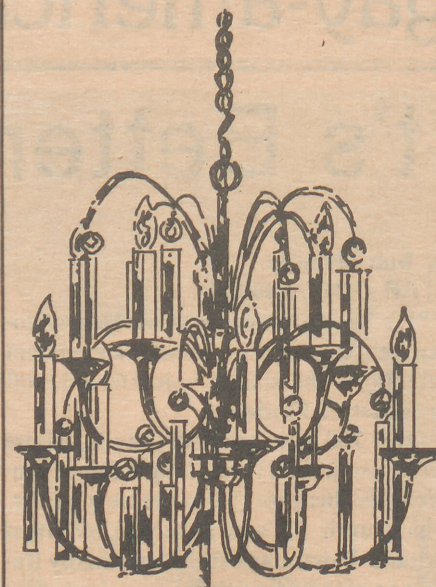
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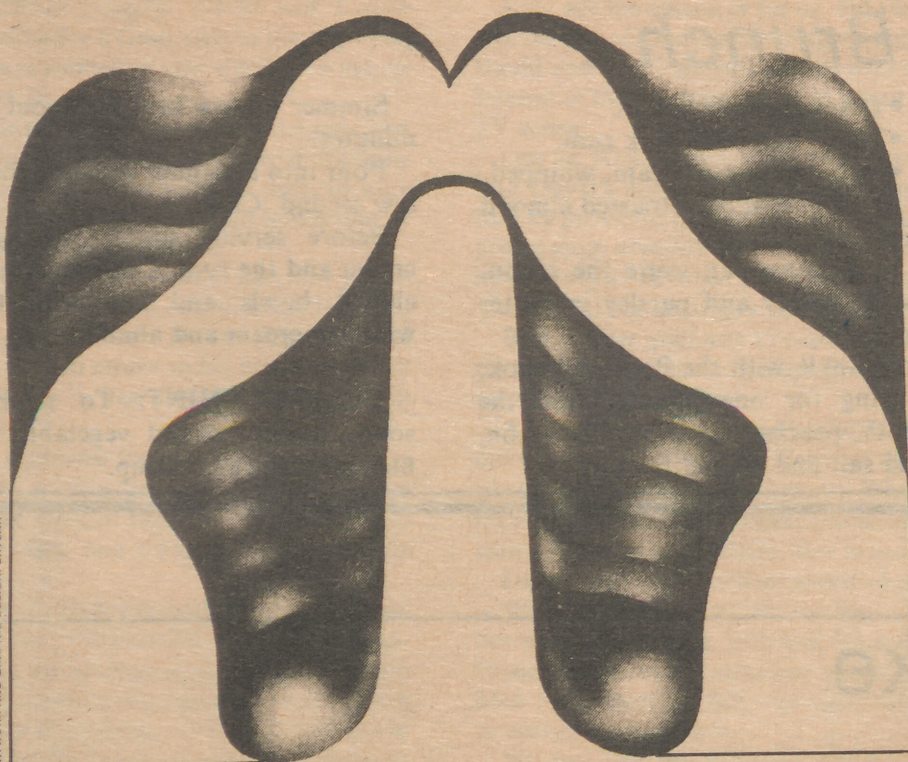
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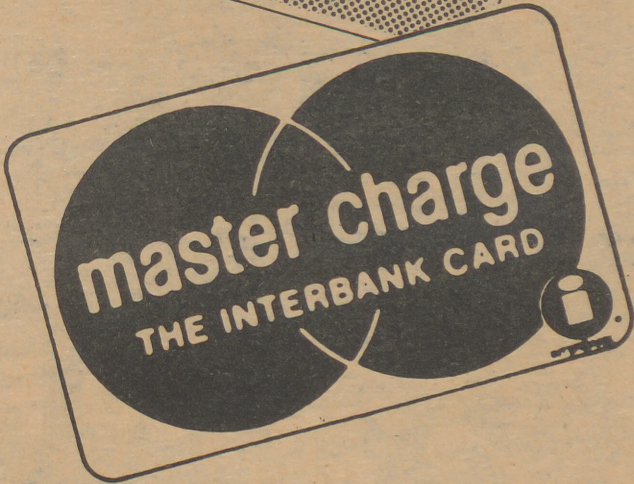
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