

### Georgia Bellamy Opens a 'Different' Type of **Flower Shop**

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### Adopt Gay Plank

#### **By Sue Cummings**

In a press conference held at the Shamrock Hilton on Noon Thursday, supporters of a gay rights plank for the Democratic Party Platform told reporters that unless such a plank is adopted at the National Convention in August, "Twenty million lesbian and gay voters may stay home in November."

According to Ginny Apuzzo, an open lesbian member of the platform committee, the Democratic Party is being urged to support an executive order banning discrimination in federal employment, thus recognizing that gay rights no longer means "political suicide" for its supporters.

Apuzzo sees the struggle within the party as one aspect of an "incremental process in obtaining gay rights." Educating the public about lesbian and gay issues and educating politicians about gay voting successes are also part of the incremental process, she added.

Shelly Anderson, a member of the Platfrom Committee from Los Angeles, California, emphasized the 'ripple' effect of gay voters. He explained that, "gays alone did not defeat Proposition 6 in California.

Gay rights is supported by friends and family members who are not gay."

Evelyn Ireland, chairperson of the Texas Women's Political Caucus, told the group that, "we are part of the coalition of groups and individuals who support the rights of gay people as part of the Democratic Party platform."

"Progress is being made and public opinion is changing," Apuzzo asserted. At the last Democratic Party National Convention there were only four lesbian/gay delegates -- this time there will be at least 50.

# Texas Gay Task Force Announces Endorsements

has released its endorsements in the for Criminal Court Number 10. E June 7 run-off election.

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In the slot of Representative District 80, the TGPC endorsed Paul Colbert, while Clint Hackney was endorsed for District 84 Representative.

Volly Bastine was endorsed in the State Board of Education District 18

The Texas Gay Political Caucus position, with James Kuhn endorsed

Landry won the TGPC endorsement for County Criminal Court Number 2, with Anne Green

endorsed for county Democratic County Chair.

volunteers who wish to help 'get out the vote are encouraged to call 526-2668 as soon as possible.

### Mr. Ms. Contest Raising GPW Money

The Mr. and Ms. Gay Pride Week Thursday, June 12 at 9 PM at the '80 Contest and Benefit will be held Copa.

With a \$3 donation at the door, all proceeds wil go to Gay Pride Week.

Categories presented will be in two areas, Mr. (gay male) and Ms. (lesbian female) and include Fantasy, self-expression, swim suit, body and personality.

Entry fees are \$25 for gay businesses and \$15 for non-profit organizations.

Emcees will be C.J. Harrington and Ken Whitehead. A special auction has been slated for the event as well as the competition. Winners will receive a trophy and will have dignitary placement in the Gay Pride Week Parade.

The event is being sponsored by Family and the Tavern Guild.

### **Anti-Gay Amendment Requires** Swift Action on Local Level

Steve Endean of the Gay Rights non-gay supporters) act immediately, National Lobby contacted the Mont- we believe that such an anti-gay rose Star on Thursday warning that an anti-gay amendment to an otherwise unrelated bill would be offered on the floor of both the house and the senate within the next three weeks.

He further predicted that, unfortunately, it is likely to pass.

"Unless the gay and lesbian communities across the nation (and their

amendment will be offered and adopted shorty," said Endean.

"We have made a lot of progress which will help us in the long struggle towards national gay/lesbian lesgislation, but in the current conservative political climate the only way we feel there is a chance to defeat such an

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### 'If This Were My Home . . .

"I knew it couldn't be your typical commercial type shop," explains Georgia Bellamy

"I have to feel like I would if this were my house - a cozy, comfortable place."

Georgia is describing La Casa Bonita, which she recently opened adjacent to her flower and plant store, Corner Plant and Flower Mart, on the corner of Shepherd and Westheimer.

She stresses by opening a shop in conjunction with Corner Plant and Flower Mart she was able to, "develop a different atmosphere.

"I want Corner Plants to be just what it is, an open air flower and plant market. We will be adding more outside more landscaping items at Corner Plant.

"At La Casa Bonita I have the room to operate a design area. We are able to produce special arrangements." Georgia goes on to say there is a wide variety of merchandise at La Casa Bonita.

From gifts to pottery (some of which she has the exclusive rights in the Houston area) from exotic flowers to the very basic, Georgia says La Casa Bonita is diverse, "because we're in the process of change, of growth."

She says La Casa can be thought of as a combination flower shop, art gallery, and design studio. Prices for merchandise run from 50 cents on up into the thousands of dollars.



Georgia has been in the plant business, "since I was three years old," she says, relating how, when she was a small child, "I would bug the neighborhood florists to let me sell for them."

She leans back, reflecting, "I enjoy helping people. I think service is just as important as the product you sell. I really enjoy helping people and this type of business certainly lends itself to that," she laughs.

Georgia says she's particularly excited

about the float La Casa Bonita is entering in the Gay Pride Week Parade.

"It's going to be beautiful," she says. "We're going to have a sign on it that says corner of Westheimer and Shepherd and we're going to be throwing hundreds and hundreds of flowers from the float as it goes along the route."

Georgia says it's this type of community involvement that makes her work exciting, adding, "and we've got the best corner in town to sell flowers.

### Trying to Close **Old Plantation?**

Fred and Harriett Cooch, who live at 2811 Huldy, right down the street from the Old Plantation, 2020 Kipling, which for many years was a gay bar, are outspoken in their efforts to get the disco closed down.

The Cooches have assembled a collection of correspondence, affidavits and photographs dating from January 1978 showing why them and the Winslow Place and Neartown Association want the club closed down.

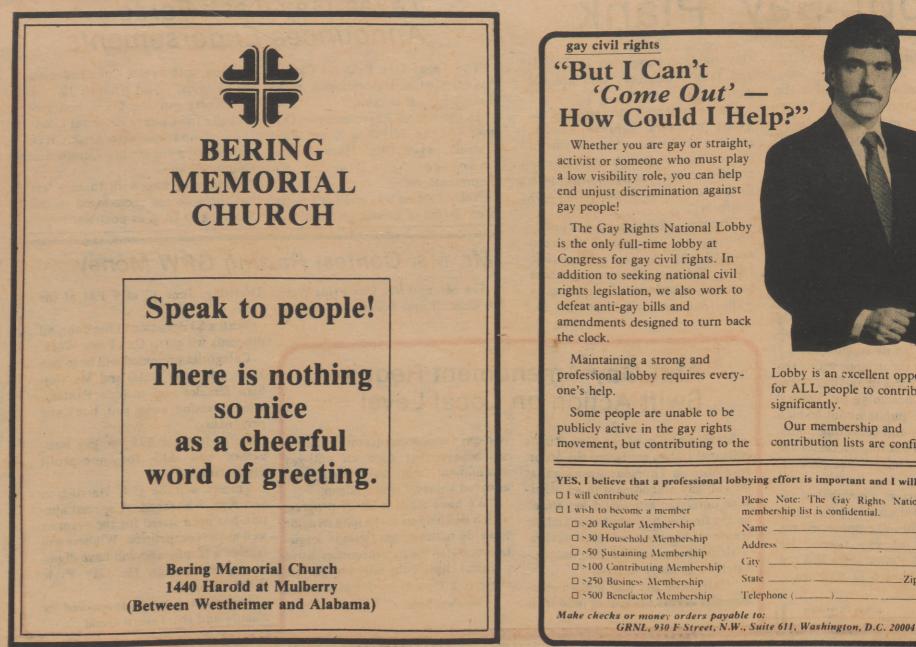
The club is now straight. Mrs. Cooch told the Houston Chronical, "It's incredible. Every since they changed from a gay place to a rock-disco (last fall) they've been getting a younger crowd using drugs and liquor indiscriminantly. These young people can't handle it.'

Local residents are angry about an increase in slashed tires, smashed car windows, muggings, as well as drug deals on the streets and in their front lawns.

The civic associations and club are scheduled to appear before the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, in Austin, on June 9.

Patrick Murphy, the owner of a close by antique shop wrote on a statement that he has witnessed, "every degrading act which can be carried out publicly," by club patrons.

"This ranges from defecation to intercourse and everything you can imagine in between," he wrote.



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### **Beer Bust**

On Sunday will be the 'Disco Beer Bust' to be held by the Gay Political Caucus to raise money for the Gay Pride Week Rally.

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There will be beer and soft drinks available and a special presentation by the popular local group Bevatron. The event takes place from 2 to 4 PM at Spotts Park. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$4 at the park.

In case of rain the event will be held

at the Montrose Activity Center, corner of Holman and La Branch.

### Cancellation

The 'Celebrate the 80's' dinner slated for May 30 was canceled until a later date, probably in August.

The reason given for the cancellation is the amount of other activities that are happening in the area at this time and it was felt more people would be able to attend after Gay Pride Week was over.

For more information contact MCCR at 861-9149.

### Singers

The Montrose Singers will be performing at the Tower Theatre June 5 and 6. Performances will begin at 8:30 both nights. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Tower Theatre, 1201 Westheimer, or from Top Ticket Outlets.



Beginning in June Integrity/Hous- administrative business. Beginning

of Integrity/Houston, noted that the and its educational forums on the recent move to Friday nights at the third Thursday of each month. The Community Coffee House has been forums will be preceded by new discontinued. It was decided that the member orientation sessions at 7 Friday night activities at the Coffee PM. House should remain socially meetings will consist of forums and 529-7014.

ton will resume meeting on the first June 5, Integrity/Houston will hold and third Thursday of each month. its general meetings on the first Richard Burkhart, publicity chair Thursday of each month at 8 PM,

All meetings wil be held at 3405 oriented, whereas Integrity/ Houston Mulberry. For more information call

### ... Special Showing

active gay organization, will present a special showing of Because We Care: historical background relating to A Brief History of Integrity | Houston Houston's gay movement and the and Thursday's Child; Homosexual- national history involved in Thursity for the Houston Chapter of Dig- day's Child. nity, an organization for gay PM at the Newman Center of Rice tion' meeting on Thursday, June 19, 8 University.

Integrity/Houston, reports that the activities. two filmstrips were requested as a

Integrity/Houston, Texas' oldest proper lead-in to Gay Pride Week 1980 because of Because We Care's

Peden also reports Integrity-Catholics, on Thursday, June 12, 8 Houston will hold a GPW 'prepara-PM at 3405 Mulberry, to prepare for Johnny Peden, vice president of the organization's Gay Pride

All are encouraged to attend.

### Comics

On Thursday, June 5, local comic Lady Fingers and the 'fabulous' Billie Duncan will be performing at the Lamp Post.

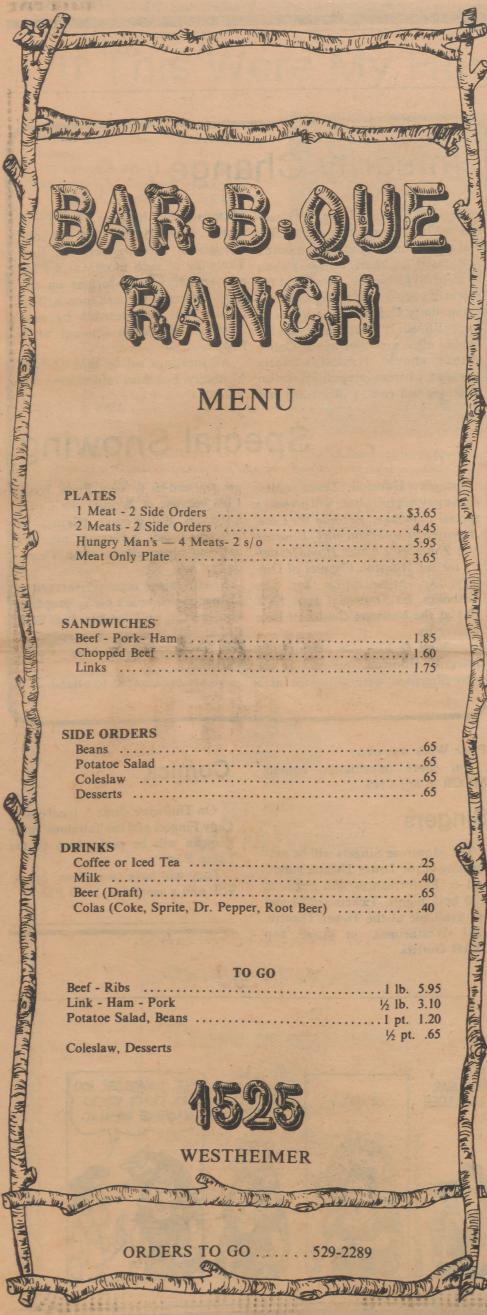
They will have two shows, one at 9:30 and a second at 11:30 PM.



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### PERSONAL COMMENT Pleased . . .

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#### Dear Editor:

I was very pleased to see that you ran the article on sexism in the political vein of being gay ("Lesbian Chorus Says Pierce Sexist", Issue 193). It's time male-dominated publications started to really take an interest in gay women.

Unfortunately, my pleasure was greatly lessened when I read your comment at the end of the article.

You may be optimistic that such behavior of *your* fellow gay men is exaggerated, but I'm not. I've seen it before.

"Fish" is a painful a work to hear as "queer" or "faggot." I mean, if someone called you a faggot would you "over-react" as you *claim* the women in the article did? It's nice to know some men "over-reacted" and walked out with them. After all, we're all brothers and sisters, or trying to be.

Well, enough said. I'd just like to thank you also for running the Lisa Fenton poems and would really like to hear more from her in your paper; she has talent.

On, yes; one more thing. Before you call me a loud-mouth Dyke, I'd like to tell you something. . . I'm a gay man. I just have a lot of gay sisters; they stick up for me and my rights, so I stick up for them and their rights.

Thank you very much.

J. H. Houston, Texas

### . . But Disappointed

#### **Dear Editor:**

I am very pleased to see the Star addressing its pages to the needs and issues of lesbian women. Your coverage of the incident involving the San Francisco Lesbian Chorus was a piece of news that Houstonian Gays need to be aware of.

However, I have a bone to pick with the Editor's Comment at the end of the article. It's been common practice in the five years I've worked with gay liberation for gay men to say that lesbians "exaggerate" and "overreact to" the sexism of gay men. Doesn't this kind of trivializing sound just a little familiar, gay brothers? The heterosexual community does the same thing to gays, saying that ours is only a "bedroom issue" or that our civil liberties aren't really violated.

Adrienne Rich (lesbian feminist poet) and others have often said "None of us will be free until *all* of us are free." That includes women.

Not only is it oppressive to be called "fish" or "cunt," but it *hurts* especially coming from the gay brothers for whom I've fought just as hard as for women.

It's no different to call women these names than for straights to call gay men "queers," "faggots,", or "perverts."

Incidents such as the San Francisco event happen in Houston every day on a smaller scale. They do not

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### A Misunderstanding

(Editor's Note: The wording of last week's Editor's Comment says, "Even among those politically aware within the gay and lesbian community, attitudes of sexism and racism are painfully evident. We can be optimistic and say this report from the San Francisco Lesbian Chorus is an exaggeration -- that not as large a portion of the predominantly gay male crowd was taking delight in Pierce's jabs a was indicated by the press release -that the women were 'over reacting' to the entertainer." You are connecting the words "optimistic," "over-reacting," and "claim" and are coming up with psuedo fact. The context of their use did not indicate these words as descriptive of the editor's viewpoint.

Editor's Comment was, "However, anyone who deceives themselves into thinking sexism, racism, and ageism don't run rampant in the gay/lesbian community is a fool,"

J.H. says, "You may be optimistic

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### **PERSONAL COMMENT**

### Remember Rob Applewhite? He Needs Help

#### **Dear Editor:**

Many of your readers will no doubt remember Robert W. Applewhite, former manager of the After Dark Bookstore.

Robert's rather strong views about the goals and progress of the gay and lesbian rights movement were featured in an issue of the *Montrose Star* in 1978.

Robert returned to Atlanta, Georgia, to fight an obscenity charge from his previous bookstore experience. After being processed through the Georgia Justice System, he was injured working on an uninsured remodeling job and was hospitalized until there were \$9,000 in medicl bills outstanding. He is now bedridden, in need of further treatment, but without financial help medical services are not available in Georgia.

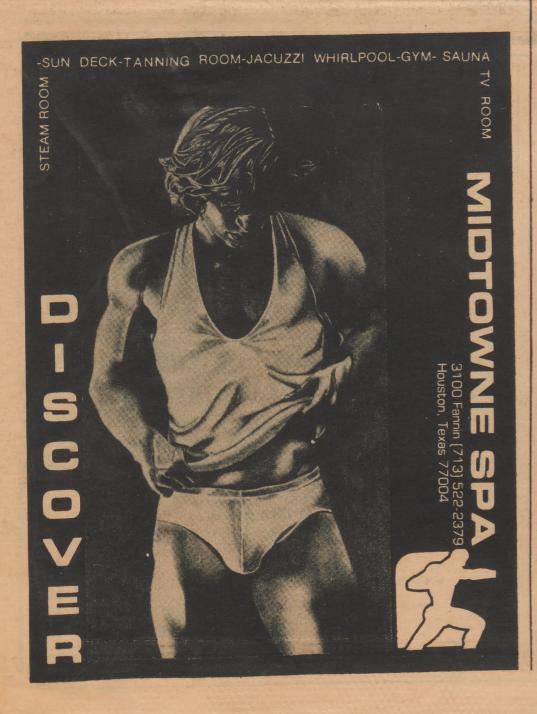
This appeal for help from his Houston friends and acquaintances hopes to provide funding for additional treatment.

Make Contributions in any amount to Robert W. Applewhite Medical Fund and mail to: Dr. Thomas N. Guffin; 461 King Arnold Street; Hapeville, Georgia; 30354.

Thank you for helping get this appeal out.

Sincerely

Ray Hill Jaime A. Rendich



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### MONTROSCOPE

### Aries Feeling Protective, Taureans Get Lift!

#### By Lynn Carroll STAR CONTRIBUTOR

#### MAY 30 -- JUNE 5

**ARIES: Mar. 21 -- Apr. 20.** With Mercury's entrance into Cancer and your 4th house, Arians will be feeling protective toward home and family. Arguments are possible on the job during the Sun/Mars square on the 30th; avoid blaming others for your own disorganization. Harmony will be restored by the 2nd during a Mercury/Jupiter sextile. The 3rd is a great day to socialize as the Sun and Moon are trine in your 3rd and 11th houses.

**TAURUS; Apr. 21 -- May 20.** Taureans should experience a mental lift when Mercury enters Cancer and your 3rd house this week. Your imagination is stimulated, which helps you to grow in many areas. Avoid feeling possessive toward a lover on the 30th when the Sun squares Mars in your 2nd and 5th houses.

The weekend should find you in the mood to circulate and communicate while favorable Mercury aspects prevail. Financial opportunities arise during the Sun/Moon trine on the 2nd. **GEMINI: May 21 -- June 20.** Mercury enters Cancer in your 2nd house this week causing your mind to focus on financial conditions. Follow your intuition regarding opportunities that arise in this area. With Venus retrograde in your 2nd house, romance is likely to be unstable at this time - you are probably feeling restless and unrooted.

Avoid domestic spats during the Sun-/Moon square of the 30th. Favorable Mercury transits during the weekend help to direct your energies toward worthwhile projects.

**CANCER; June 21 -- July 22.** Mercury enters your sign this week increasing your intuitive faculties and your sensitivities. You need to find someone with whom to share your feelings. . .someone who can also help you to sort out various areas of your life which have been neglected as of late.

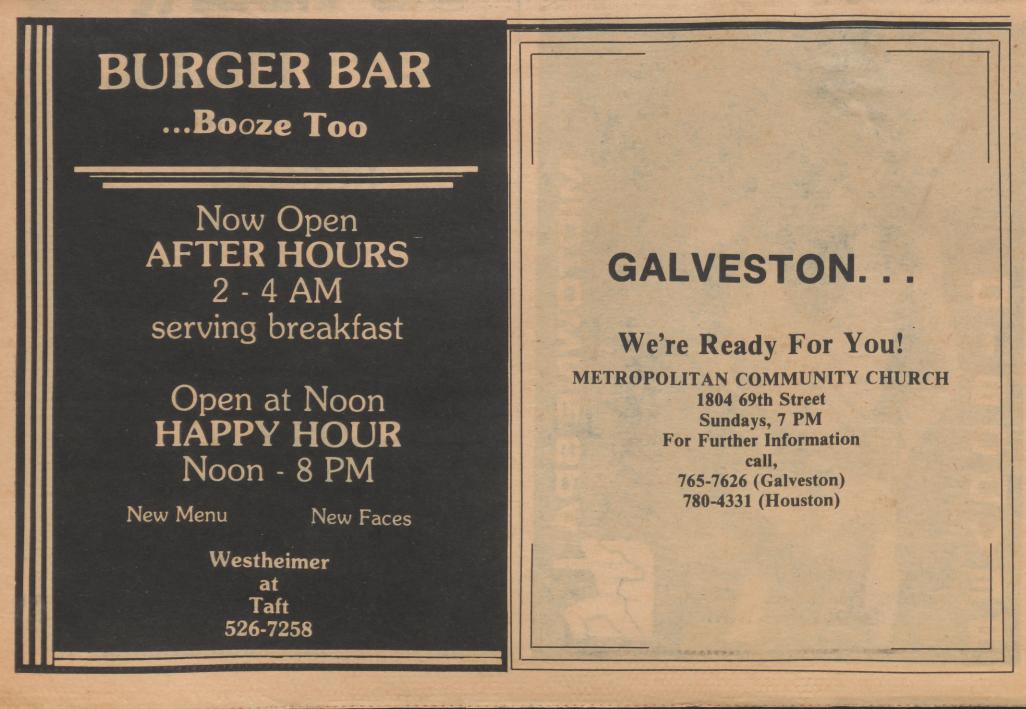
With Venus retrograde in Cancer, do not become concerned if minor obstacles in relationships come up this week – they will work out later in the month. This weekend is great for socializing, as favorable Mercury aspects occur in your 1st and 3rd houses. Express yourself! **LEO; July 23 -- Aug. 22.** As Mercury enters Cancer and your 12th house this week, you are entering a selfexamination period. This may cause you to feel a little touchy for the time being, as Leos do not like to feel unsure of themselves or their actions.

Avoid conflict with friends on the 30th during a Sun/Mars square. . . a temporary flare of temper on your part is likely. Some inner conflict may be resolved over the weekend when favorable Mercury aspects occur in your 2nd and 12th houses. Inner resources which have been neglected may be brought to light at this time.

VIRGO; Aug. 23 -- Sept. 22. Mercury enters Cancer and your 11th house this week stimulating group activities and helping you to focus attention toward establishing new goals. Avoid being too bossy or pushy on the job during a Sun-/Mars square on the 30th. The weekend is favorable for meeting new friends or participating with others in social events of all types. The Mercury aspects stimulate your sense of humor and others will be noticing your mental agility. The 3rd is a good day for successful business maneuvers. LIBRA; Sept. 23 -- Oct. 22. Mercury enters Cancer and your 10th house this week, causing you Librans to initiate various projects in the career area. Although creative endeavors may experience some setbacks as Venus continues in retrograde this week, you can still lay groundwork for future accomplishment.

Favorable Mercury aspects over the weekend stimulate your creative faculties and help you attract someone who may aid in your ambitions. The Sun/Moon trine on the 3rd promotes romantic attractions.

**SCORPIO; Oct. 23 -- Nov. 21.** Mercury enters Cancer and your 9th house this week, increasing your awareness and stimulating a desire for change. The favorable Mercury aspects which occur this weekend in your 9th and 12th houses bring out your philosophical intuitions and it is possible for you to resolve some inner problems which have recently been brought to the surface. The 3rd is a good day for land investments if this applies to any of you wealthier Scorpions.



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#### SAGITTARIUS; Nov. 22 -- Dec. 20. Mercury enters Cancer and your 8th house this weekend, which focuses your attentions on sexual expression and general interactions with partners. Avoid clashes with business partners on the 30th during a Sun/Mars square.

The weekend finds you archers craving in-depth companionship, and new relationships established at this time are characterized by an intensity not always present in Sagittarian's usually impersonal but friendly approach. The 3rd is a good day for friendly communications with others.

#### CAPRICORN; Dec. 21 -- Jan. 20.

Mercury enters Cancer and your 7th house this week, turning your attentions to serious involvements with others. Capricorns are likely to enter into new relationships at this time, while old relationships will be tested; if they survive, old bonds will be stronger than ever.

Avoid travel on the 30th during a Sun-/ Mars square. Make important business decisions or appearances on the 3rd when the Sun trines the Moon in your 2nd and 6th houses.

AQUARIUS; Jan. 21 -- Feb. 19. With Mercury entering Cancer and your 6th house, Aquarians can make improvements on the job which will be quite innovative and beneficial to all involved. You should start new health routines now, designed to increase your mental and physical well-being.

Extra work done this weekend will pay off in the long run while favorable Mercury aspects prevail. Impressions you project at this time may aid future career progress considerably.

PISCES; Feb. 19 -- Mar. 20. Mercury enters Cancer and your 5th house this week which brings out Pisceans' creative drives to the max. Not only are you creative, but also you are quite playful and mischievious. This weekend should be mostly fun and games for you, and new romantic attractions are fostered by this attitude. Do not attempt to hide your feelings from others at this time, as this would greatly inhibit the potential of your 5th house aspects. Self-expression in any form is helpful in bringing out your positive traits, and to supress such enthusiasm would be a waste.

Personal inquiries are encouraged. Contact Lynn Carroll at the Star.



### Anti-Gay/Lesbian Amendment a **Close** Possibility

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amendment is by tremendous outpouring of constituent pressure," he added.

Christian Voice, one of the leading anti-gay lobbies in Congress has been discussing the possibility of such an amendment for some time. They apparently feel that a role call vote on such an amendment would be used against pro-gay elected officials.

Although it is difficult to predict what legislation would be the vehicle for the amendment, Endean speculated the HR 6386, the Legal Services Corporation Act Amendment, would be the likely vehicle. A similar bill was the victim of an anti-gay amendment by Congressman Larry McDonald in 1977. That amendment was passed 230 to 133, but failed to come up in the senate and was subsequently dropped in conference committee.

However, the GRNL calls for immediate constituent action to combat this threat. A mailgram to your congressperson and senators urging opposition to expected anti-gay

amendments or a call to the local office of the appropriate congressperson or senator (call GRNL if you don't know how to reach your local office at 202-462-4255) and contacting 5, 10 or more friends to make similar action is urged.

Lobbyist Endean stressed that there could be no delay or action would be too late. He said, "For once let's act together to prevent an infringment on our rights rather than having to protest after the fact."

Asked about the effect of a victory or loss on this issue, Endean was initially reluctant to even discuss a victory. He finally said, "A victory would be unbelievalbe. It would show that our strugle for justice transcends the narrow definitions of 'liberal and conservative' but a loss will not only let into law persecution of lesbians and gay men, but will also encourage an amendment to other bills and will help the anti-gay forces, such as Christain Voice, grow in power."



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# Sports Section Goynes Hits 2nd Homer of Season

In MSA softball action last weekend at Levy Field, the Galleon, led by William Goynes' three run homerun in the sixth inning, capturing a furious come from behind to win over the Copa 14 -- 10.

The Three run shot, which capped a seven-run final inning, was Goynes' second home run of the game. Arthur Castillo, another offensive standout, wa four for four at the plate as the Galleon upped their record to 3 - 0.

The Copa's attack was led by Larry Devers (three for four, two RBI's) and Wendy Harshbarger, who was three for three on the night. With the loss the Copa falls to 1 - 2.

Mario Arzola went two for two (both triples) a

nd pitched a five hitter as the Galleon roared past the Briar Brair Patch 18 -- 2. The Galleon picked up a total of 14 hits and committed two errors enroute to a 4 -- 0 season record.

The Briar Patch's bright spot was

Carlos Romero, who scored two runs and went one for one at the plate (a single and two walks).

The BP is now 1 - 3.

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In game number three of the weekend, the Parade Houston scored a whopping 26 runs in the second inning (including Jerry DeSale's first grand slam and fifth homerun of the season) as they bombed the Tavern Guild 38 - 7.

Dickie Hoke (four out of five) and Paul McPeuson (five for six) led the 27 nnt attack as Parade Houston remains undefeated at 4 -- 0.

The Tavern Guild scored a game high seven runs, but committed 11 errors in dropping to 0 -- 4.

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The Copa took sole possession of

first place (Division A) by clobbering the Brazos River Bottom 25 - 3 in Sunday's final game.

Dean Blau (five for six including a double and a triple) and Mike Anastassious (a solo in the park homerun) helped lead an 18-hit course that lifted the Copa to 2 -- 2 for the year. Dave Mitchell was two for two at

the plate for the 1 -- 3 Brazos, which falls one game behind the Copa.

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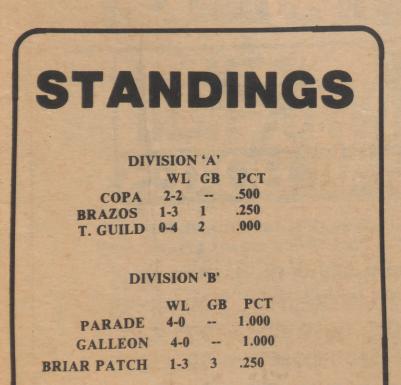
This week's games begin (at 6:15 PM) with a hang as the Galleon meets Parade Houston in a battle of the unbeatens (both 4 -- 0).

At 7:30 the Copa takes on the Briar Patch and in the nightcvap at 8:45 the Brazos River Bottom goes up against the Tavern Guild.

Your attendance and support is greatly appreciated by the entire MSA Softball League.

### 6:15 GALLEON VS PARADE 7:30 COPA VS BRIAR PATCH 8:45 BRAZOS VS TAVERN GUILD

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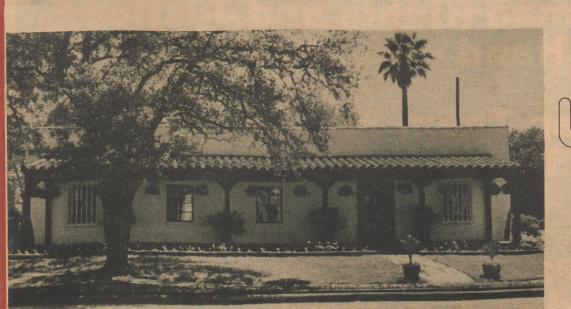


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### MONTROSE RESPONDS

### How Important Are the Clothes We Wear in Reflecting our Personality?

people's eyes. The Montrose Responds for this week addresses this issue.

Local Montrose residents give their opinions below.

How accurately do the clothes we wear reflect our personality? How important is clothing in the way we view ourselves and project ourselves in other



"It depends upon the personality you want to project. Most of the time I would say that the person wears what they are comfortable in and if they are comfortable in that then that is the person they are." -- Pat Hall



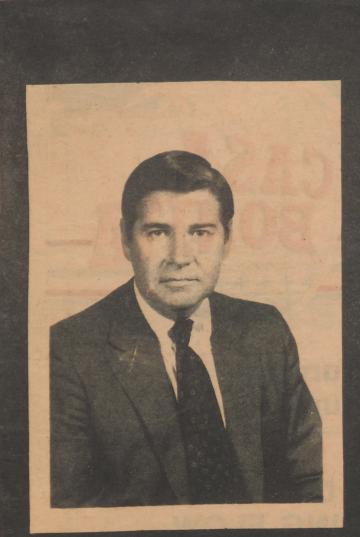
"It more or less reflects cleanliness, whether they care about themselves. It is a reflection of what they think about themselves." -- Chris Genkins



"Clothing changes the attitude of every person -- depending on what they are wearing, it does reflect personality. Also, it depends upon the place you go to whether they will allow you to reflect the clothing you are wearing." Marion



"I feel basically that clothing does not reflect a person's personality . . . the clothes we wear are from somebody with their own personality, who styles them. The less we make our own clothes the less they will reflect our personality." -- Mark Walker



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# ON THE TOWN

#### **By Bon Vivant**

This week we take you to a culinary institution in Montrose. . .Baba Yega's. Almost all of us have eaten there innumerable times, and if your track record is like mine, you've never been disappointed in the atmosphere, the food, or the service.

My guests and I were there fairly late on a weeknight, and the restaurant was bustling with business. We were insistant on sitting at one of the pleasant patio tables, so we paused for an enjoyable spell at the bar to sip lucious strawberry daiquiris, observe some of the partons, and chat with one of the prettiest bartendresses in town.

As usual, the service was superb. The maitre d' secured a patio table in what seemed no time. Our waitress, Lana, not only catered to our every whim, but was a purveyor of sparkling repartee upon being hassled (in a very friendly manner, that is) by one of my dinner companions.

I've often wondered why the genius behind Baba Yega's hasn't altered the dinner menu to introduce a more elaborate cuisine, since the surroundings surely lend themselves to the presence of culinary creativity. However, perhaps we ought to leave excellent alone!

Baba Yega is definitely master of the sandwich. We all dined on the deluxe steak versions, which were done to perfection (my favorite, though, is still The Fantasy. . . with fresh mushrooms added for good measure). The salads and homemade soups are always good, too.

And the atmosphere? Comfortable, relaxed, eclectic, romantic. The tropical patio is bright and breezy for lunch, or quiet and candle-lit for dinner.

That's not to down-play the interior dining areas. They're warmed by deeply-stained woods and the patina of antique accessories. This writer has spent many a dreary, rainy, winter afternoon lounging in front of the fireplace or watching the mist fall on Grant street, consciously getting ripped on Brandy Alexanders and thoroughly enjoying every moment!

The Star salutes one of Montrose's culinary tresures! If you've dined at Baba Yega's, you're already hooked. If you haven't tried them, don't delay any longer. you'll love it!

## Gilly's, Look Out!

Gilly's look out!

Opening up June 28 will be Gay Country.

Bob Williams, Gay Country manager, tells the *Montrose Star*, "Country/Western music is really starting to take hold in the gay community. A lot of the people who were listening to the disco music before are now starting to get into country/western. They're learning the dances ... going the whole route."

Williams says a lot of gay and lesbian people have been dancing to country/western for years.

"If you go down to Gilly's you're going to find a lot of gay people," explains Williams. "But it is not a place where the guys can dance together, and the women don't feel comfortable dancing there. We're offering an alternative to it, with music just a good as anywhere in the area. It shouldn't be thought of as a gay club, but as a ballroom. We have a hardwood dancefloor that is just huge."

There will be live music at the club every night of the week, tells Williams. He will be heading up the group 'Bob Williams, Janet Moore and the Gay Country Square Dancers.

Big name entertainment already booked for the club are Larry Butler, the

Hooper Twins, Roy Head, and Glenn Barber, to name a few.

In addition to its large dancefloor, Gay Country will boast a retail shop selling T-shirts, records of popular country singers, and clothing as well as, "Gay Country watches, T-shirts, things on that order," tells Williams. In addition there will be a very large game room at the club.

Situated at 2700 Albany, the structure housing Gay Country has had an interesting history.

"It was built originally as a boys' home," relates Williams. "It was then turned into a convelescents home, then the Ram's Club took it over." Many local people remember it as the Farmhouse, and the building has been vacant for a number of years.

Extensive rennovations are planned for the structure.

In the works is a restaurant, gay baths, a hotel, and retail area. "It's going to be a real tourist attraction," Says Williams. "There is a lot of work planned for the building. We're expecting it to attract people from all over the country."

**GRAND OPENING** June 28 with guest recording artists Larry Butler, Janet Moore, **Bud and Bud** (the Hooper Twins), ΔY the Mustang Band, and Bob Williams & the Gay Country Square Dancers. July 2-Roy Head "In Our Room" July 6-Mundo Earwood "Your in Love with the Wrong Man" July 13-Glenn Barber "Love Songs Just For You" **July 20-Lou Anthony** "His Friends Call Him Texas" HOUSTON'S (AND THE SOUTH'S) GAY COUNTRY BALLROOM AND GAME ROOM

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### ENTERTAINMENT

# Avery, Marie Perform at L'Amour

#### **By Michal Alaniz STAR STAFF**

Last Thursday. Claire Noonan and Friends presented Gwen Avery and Gayle Marie in their first Houston concert at Club L'Amour. After the concert the Star was given the opportunity to interview these talented women.

STAR How did you get involved in woman's music?

**GWEN** I started by performing in folk clubs and became involved in the folk circuit at the universities and colleges in Arkansas.

Later, I saw Holly Near and Meg



Christian perform in Missouri and became inspired by woman's music and culture. I started a woman's chorus and later gave my first women's music performance at the women's music festival in Stillwater, Okahoma.

STAR What brought the two of your together?

GAYLE Last year Gwen invited me to the Michigan Music Festival and we are going to the International Woman's Music Festival in Champaign, Illinois on May 29 through June 1.







STAR Where are you headed after Houston?

GWEN We are going to the International Women's Music Festival and then go to Chicago on June the 6th at His and Hers. Maybe go to Cleveland, Ohio to do Peabody's the second week of June.

new projects?

GWEN I am forming a band and am looking forward to making an album.

Hopefully this will become a reality in January. I would like to have a tour with a band and perform to larger audiences.

GAYLE When I get back to San Francisco, I will be performing solo. I would like to write music again. I hope to release a single (recorded on

her own label, called Gayleo Music) around the first of July. I will begin on an album and will be looking for independent backers.

**STAR** When will you be back?

GWEN I hope to come back to Houston. It took a long time to get here.

of Claire and friends. I am forever grateful to her and the crew.

This is one of the most enthusiastic and responsive audiences I have worked with in a long time.

It reminds me of New York or Boston.

Gwen and Gayle would like to have responses to their music. They can be reached for further information at P.O. Box 14853; San Francisco, California; 94114.

### 'Midsummer Night's Dream' Presents Challange to H/OB

#### **By Henry Kirker H/OB** Director and Member

Love is absurd. . .so must William shakespeare have thought when he conceived A Midsummer Night's Dream, his beautiful comedy of love, confusion and fairies.

After almost four centuries, neither the message it bears nor the points it makes on the nature of loving have changed. Nor have we, the modern audience, changed a great deal from the Elizabethans that enjoyed this work and all of Shakespeare's work -- except that we seem to speak a totally different language nowadays!

This play seemingly states that in

matters of love and our attempts to control it, we may was well be at the mercy of indifferent gods or mischievious fairies. But underlying the beautifully comedic situations which illustrate how absurdly we handle our feelings and react to those with whom we fall in love, this play's superb language and exquisite imagery and persuasiveness convince us that it is all worth it. . . even if it's not all laughs.

I have always loved and admired the power of the words and the truth of the characters in Shakespeare's creations. Houston/Off Broadway Thretre Company has chosen A Midsummer Night's Dream as its first fully-mounted production because of the challenge to its members; the adaptability of the work to modern, intimate staging; and the timeliness of the play's theme.

We are still the same "human mortals" that Titania describes; still confused and bewildered by our perceptions; still as bemused as the swaggering Puck over what "...fools these mortals be!"

The emphases in this production are on the magical power of fairykind over humankind, and the complications and chaos that ensue from that power; the ambiguity of the fairies'

Broadway

sexuality (Titania is played by Bruce Herling; Oberon, by Claudean Bridges); the seriousness, amid all the absurdity, of that elusive, uncontrollable, visceral thing called love.

Performances will be in the upstairs lounge of Inside/Outside, 1318 Westheimer, on Saturday and Sunday afternoons beginning June 15 and running throuth July 14. Curtain time is 3 PM. Additional performances will occur on Saturday evenings at 8:30 PM, June 21 and July 12 on the patio.

For more information, please call 520-9864 or 668-2166.

# THE PILLAR OF EVERY OF EVERY COMMUNITY IS ITS NEWSPAPER OURS IS THE MONTROSE STAR

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER ...

As readers of the Montrose Star are aware, our tabloid has been undergoing some major changes in the past few months. The tone of both our features and our advertising has entered a new, up-graged phase of journalism.

Why has the paper been evolving? Because it is the goal of the publisher and the editorial staff to produce a quality newspaper to better serve the Montrose community.

To this end, a private survey was conducted to discover more about you - our readers - and why you have been reading the Star in record numbers. Now, we'd like to share some of our findings with you.

Star readers are basically well-educated, fairly affluent, physically active, and politically concerned.

Forty-six (46) percent of our readers have average annual incomes between \$20--30,000. This coincides with the fact that 63 percent of you are between 25 and 45 years of age, the peak income and purchasing years. Forty-two (42) percent are property owners. Sixty-seven (67) percent own automobiles which were purchased new. Fifty-six (56) percent enjoy cooking (explains the popularity of our cooking and restaurant columns!). Thirty-five (35) percent are professionals or are engaged in highly-technical work; 24 percent are at the managerial level; 12 percent are artists or craftsmen; slightly over 1 percent are civil servants.

About 43 percent of our readers say that they read every issue. Seventy-two (72) percent are registered to vote (the prime reason we attract the attention of the politicos). Eighty (80) percent own a color television. Fifty-two (52) percent say they travel on long trips at least once a year by plane; a third of these travelers possess passports, and more than 77 percent own camera equipment. Sixty-seven (67) percent own their own home furnishings, and 12 percent of these readers have professionally-designed interiors.

And what has all this meant to the Star? It tells us that our huge, viable gay/lesbian community is growing up. This developing community wants a stable source of weekly journalism. . .a newspaper that covers issues of interest and importance in a professional, well-written manner.

Our study also supports commentary and statistics currently bandied about by such prestigious publications as *Time, Business Week*, and *Texas Monthly:* our community has CLOUT. Political clout to bring out the vote. Economic clout to buy most anything we want, and to be judged a powerful force in the marketplace.

The lesbian/gay community (including our heterosexual friends and allies) in Houston is on the verge of taking some very large social, economical and political steps. The *Montrose Star* intends to remain in the vanguard of that advancement. That is why our weekly distribution now reaches 10,000 readers. . .a 300 percent increase in less that six months! And that is why the number of our distribution points has increased to meet the rising demand for the *Star* from all sectors of Montrose.

In upcoming issues, you will be seeing plenty of coverage on our local community. Features on new business ventures, new organizations, and new (or established!) residents of note. Popular regular features such as *Montroscope*, *One the Town*, *Sports* and *Cooking* will be joined by book and art reviews. Special features of wide interest by several new contributors will be gracing our pages. And, of course, we'll continue to cover the political waterfront, but we pledge not to attempt to slant our coverage or your ability to think for yourselves.

To all of you, we extend our thanks for your support and an invitation to freely respond with your thoughts and ideas to our efforts. After all. . . you are the force which has made us the *Star* of Montrose.

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encourage lesbian women to trust gay men or to want to work with them. And that is the reason women aren't as visible in our community's activities.

The fact that some gay men walked out is not surprising. More should have. I have worked, and have had

#### From Page Four

that such behavior of your fellow gay men is exaggerated, but I'm not. . . if someone called you a faggot would vou 'over react' as you claim the women in the article did?"

I might. Or someone I know might. Lisa Fenton responds, "It's been common practice in the five years I've worked with gay liberation for gay men to say that lesbians 'exaggerate" and "over act" to the sexism of gay men. Doesn't this kind of trivializing sound just a little familiar gay brothers?"

The purpose of the opening statement in the Comment was not to triv-

Honolulu (IGNA) -- The Honolulu gay paper Aloha Times has requested that a committee from the Sexual Identity Center preview a special screening of the film Cruising by Consolidated Theatres.

The gay group may ask for a disclaimer from the threatre that being gay does not necessarily mean that your hand will

friendships, with gay men who are working on sexism and are sensitive to issues such as these. I know it is possible for real unity in our community, but it will only happen if oppression is erased on all fronts, inside and outside the gay community.

> In the struggle, Lisa Fenton

ialize, but to point out that one can put the brunt of sexism on the lesbians' shoulders and say they exaggerate stiuations. The sentence which followed balanced the first, saying that if you believe it's simply a case of jumpy lesbians, you're a "fool." You must question what anyone says and realize that sexism has no gender preferance.

One final note. Unless you personally attended that concert, everything you hear is second hand. There is no guarantee that what you have read is objective, substantiated reporting. The editor was not at that performance. Were you?).

be found floating in a river, as the film implies.

Local gay leaders say that the timing of Cruising's arrival one week after the nude body of Lukas Martin, owner of gay disco Lava Lava, was found strangled and beaten in his apartment is unfortunate.

#### ORGANIZATIONS

HOUSTON COMMUNITY CLOWNS needs you and a great costume to join us in your day to be proud: Gay Pride Parade '80. Call Wayne at 862-8314.

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If your organization has a public mailing list, the MONTROSE STAR would appreciate receiving a copy. Our mailing address is 1343 S. Voss Road, Houston, 77057. Thank you!

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