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MONTROSE STAR



Stormy GPC Endorsement Meeting

By Bill Lubing
EDITOR

Houston Gay Political Caucus President Steve Shiflett opened that organization's candidate endorsement meeting last Wednesday, February 26 hoping the reason for a packed house was the result of a, "call for unity," within the community.

By night's end unity was not evident. The verbal gunfire left holes in the walls.

Held at the Montrose Activity Center, the purpose of the meeting was for the general GPC body to endorse candidates in the May 3 primary election.

Several weeks before the endorsement meeting candidates are screened by a series of committees. Those screening com-

mittees vote, then recommend endorsement of candidates to the GPC body. At the general endorsement meeting, such as last Wednesday, the group approves, modifies or disapproves what the screening committees recommend.

Because it is illegal for corporations to engage in political activity and fundraising, the Gay Political Caucus Inc. needed to organize a political activity committee. This was done before the meeting last Wednesday evening. The Texas Gay Political Caucus is the political action committee of the Houston Gay Political Caucus. After the reading of the previous minutes and a few announcements the Gay Political Caucus adjourned with the Texas Gay Political Caucus immediately

coming to order.

The group endorsed Ron Waters over Jack Ogg in the State Senate race, District 15.

When it came to hearing the endorsement recommendation for the State Representative race, District 79, Shiflett told the crowd that after an emergency executive meeting the previous Monday, he decided against appointing a committee to screen the District 79 candidates. Each candidate would be allowed to speak before the general caucus. After speaking, the candidates would answer three questions from a questionnaire presented to all candidates screened.

Shiflett told the crowd that in last week's *Montrose Star*, (#184), a political

ad named eight out of nine members of the GPC board endorsing Debra Danburg. He said the possibility for an unbiased screening committee was, seriously "sabotaged" by the ad.

"The seeds of doubt have already been sown," Shiflett commented. Many of the people on the screening committees are new to TGPC, and Shiflett felt they would not, "hold up well" under the backlash that could occur if they were to endorse one candidate over another. Under present GPC bylaws the president has the power to dissolve such a committee.

Shiflett explained that after his re-

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Rev. Troy Perry to Speak at MCCR

The Rev. Troy Perry will conduct Sunday Services on Sunday, March 30 at the Metropolitan community Church of the resurrection. Time of the service will be 7:15 PM.

Regular services for MCCR will be held at 11:15 AM on Sunday and 7:15 PM on Wednesday and Sunday.

An April Fool's Party will take place on Saturday, March 29 starting at 7:30 PM. Entertainment will be provided.

MCCR is located at 1919 Decatur. For more information call 861-9149.

St. Tropez -- A Wonderful Restaurant and Cabaret

By Bert Hollister
STAR PUBLISHER

This week we are taking a rest from the kitchen chores and creations and going out to eat!

Six of us took the tour.

St. Tropez, an exciting new cabaret/Restaurant that is what we have needed and wanted in Montrose for a long time. Not only are the drinks generous, the food superb, and the prices surprisingly reasonable, the service is extra friendly.

We entered at 9 PM. The Matre'D greeted us warmly and asked if we would like to take a tour of the premises since it would be a few minutes before a table large enough would be setup.

We did.

We are very impressed.

Every corner we turned we were greeted and made to feel warmly welcomed.

We went upstairs to the beautiful and very comfortable cabaret for a few minutes. The drinks are generous, the bartenders and waiters made us know we were welcomed.

And the house was full.

After drinks, we were seated at our table for the magnificent beginnings (now remember, the prices are really reasonable.) The table was set with very white tablecloth, extra large white napkins and in the center of the table was a crystal candlestick with a tall taper.

And the butter was added decoration, too. It was formed in a large art

deco sculpture and capped with a sprig of parsley. The flatware was french in style and the china was simple, large and white.

There were some interesting copper serving containers, too.

We had for a beginning, Amaretto Mushrooms - a real eye opener that calls for a return trip to St. Tropez. The mushrooms are sauteed in Amaretto and garlic butter. Some of us had the Crabmeat Bisque with crisp garlic toast. It is a real winner, too. St. Tropez offers five appetizers, all superb.

After the appetizers, which are served at the table, we then proceeded to the salad buffet - notice I did not say

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NATIONAL

Bisexual couple have 'come a long way' and they feel good

By Daniel Curzon

IGNA

SAN FRANCISCO - It was Alice's 35th birthday when I interviewed her and her husband in San Francisco. She's blond and slender. He's Barry, dark and slender. Together they make Barry and Alice -- a bisexual couple.

They've come a long way, they feel, since the early days of their 13-year-old marriage. Alice said that Barry, since admitting his homosexual side, has become more spontaneous, less passive, more joyful, and more interesting. Barry said that Alice has become, since accepting the lesbian part of herself, softer, more open to people, and less competitive with women.

They have gone public with their sexual biographies in their Prentice-Hall book *Barry and Alice* because they want to educate the public about the realities that are often denied by traditional role expectations and behavior. When asked why they don't keep such information to themselves, their reply is: "We're not ashamed! It's not something anyone should be ashamed of!"

But in the mid-seventies they did feel

ashamed--also very isolated and very odd. They hope their book will help others feel less alone. They don't feel that their relationship is as "unusual" as talk-show hosts would have it. It's only "unusual" because people have been afraid to discuss it until now.

They want to prevent others from suffering the way they did. When Barry had his first adult homosexual experiences, he felt that he should go into therapy in order to stop. Alice went with him. Unfortunately they had a therapist who tried to get Barry to be totally heterosexual.

They survived all that, and they began to learn, as Barry puts it, that "sex is good for you." Alice discovered that she hadn't lost her husband; she learned how to give herself "permission" to explore her repressed homosexuality.

Now both of them have a "primary relationship" with each other, but they also have lovers on the side, both brief ones and some that have lasted several years. Alice spoke of having learned not to be offended by what Erica Jong called "the zipless fuck," something difficult for

many women to learn because it goes against everything they've been taught.

They usually meet the lovers of the other person, to curtail jealousy and resentment. They in fact often become friends with these people. It's part of Barry and Alice's attempt to bring honesty instead of deception to their marriage.

Probably there has been a logical development in this couple's life together that reflects the history of the past 20-25 years in America. They were both in the Peace Corp, both have been active in the women's and the anti-war movements. Barry is a lawyer who has been involved in civil rights causes. Alice is a writer who has championed liberal ideas.

Barry feels that society and religion have used sexual repression to control people. Very arbitrary rules have been set up, not to accommodate the human beings involved, but the nations in which they dwell.

They hope that their child, now seven, will grow up in a more liberal world. They do not bombard him with bisexual rights speeches, but they do introduce

him to their side-lovers and to their gay and bisexual friends. They make it clear that sometimes people prefer as lovers those of the same sex.

According to Barry, their child one day came home from school and said about him and his school chum: "Daddy, when we grow up, Billy and I are going to be homosexuals."

What they really meant isn't clear of course since "faggot" is still a pretty negative word in most schools. But perhaps it signals a far different attitude toward homosexuality that can result from early childhood training.

I asked Barry and Alice if they ever have problems with VD and--yes, Virginia--even crabs. They said it's been known to occur. But it's something they can live with--and get taken care of. They find the satisfactions of their longterm relationship plus their other relationships more satisfying than the narrower lives that they used to live.

Sometimes people accuse them of being "self-indulgent," but their response is, "Why shouldn't people have as much out of life as they can?"

Bill S2210 Would Delete 'Sexual Deviation' From INS Act

WASHINGTON, DC — (IGNA) -

Companion legislation to Senator Cranston's Immigration bill (S 2210) has been introduced in the US House of Representatives. This bill would delete the term "sexual deviation" from the Immigration and Naturalization Act.

The bill (HR 6303) was introduced by Representatives Julian Dixon, Anthony Beilenson, and Henry Wax-

man, all Democrats from California, to counter the recent decisions of the Immigration Service to prevent known homosexuals from visiting the United States.

In a "Dear Colleague" letter urging other Members of the House to co-sponsor the bill, they wrote:

"We are disturbed that INS resources continue to be expended in enforcement of this policy. To con-

tinue to deny aliens entry into the United States solely on their sexual orientation, in the words of the late William O. Douglas, 'would be tantamount to saying that Sappho, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Andre Gide, and perhaps even Shakespeare, were they to come to life again, would be deemed unfit to visit our shores.'"

The Gay Rights National Lobby urges people to write their Represen-

tatives to support this legislation. GRNL lobbyist Steve Endean said, "While it is merely a matter of common of sense to end the outdated policy of barring lesbians and gay men from entry, the political reality is that it will be very difficult to secure passage of this legislation--and constituent pressure is the key."

San Francisco Billing United Artists Overtime in Police Dept. Overtime

SAN FRANCISCO — (IGNA) - The city of San Francisco is billing United Artists for the overtime paid police for supervising the demonstrations over the controversial movie *Cruising*.

"As soon as we get the official figures, we will sent them a bill," Mel Wax, press secretary for Mayor Dianne Feinstein, said. "If it weren't for them, we wouldn't have the expense."

The bill could run between \$41,000

and \$130,000.

The press secretary acknowledged that the decision to bill the film's distributor is unprecedented.

He said that the company was unwilling to delay the showing until the situation could be defused. "United Artists purposely put out a very violent, provocative film."

Transamerica Corporation spokeswoman Jane Hall said that Feinstein's action "smacks of politics."

Tom Hyden, Jane Fonda host a Gay Western Week-end at 200 acre Ranch

SANTA BARBARA, CA — (IGNA)

- Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden were hosts at a "Gay Western Week-end" at their 200 acre Laurel Springs Ranch, a mountaintop spread outside Santa Barbara.

The week-end long party was a political fundraiser for the Campaign for Economic Democracy founded by Hayden and his wife to foster cooperation between the citizen organization and the gay community.

Forty gay males paid \$50 each for

three days and two nights featuring a hoe-down, barbecue, softball, swimming and hiking.

Sam Hurst, the CED staff director described the 1 to 2 million homosexual voters living in California as "an emerging political constituency" and the party as part of "an ongoing attempt to build a political relationship with a respected constituency."

Hurst said CED works closely with the Gay Community Services Center of Los Angeles.

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To Learn About Gay Awareness Photographer Turns to Camera

LOS ANGELES - (IGNA) -- A gallery in Los Angeles, Cameravision, recently held *Gay: A Photographic Essay*, an exhibition of photographs of gay men and lesbians.

The photographs, most of them taken 10 years ago, are by Anthony Enton Friedkin, son of David Friedkin, who wrote the screenplay for *The Pawnbroker*.

He told the Los Angeles *Herald-Examiner*: "I started taking the pictures when I was 19 or 20 because of a personal desire to know more about gay people and gay awareness. It was something I didn't understand at all, but I realized that homosexuals were considered outcasts and adjusted their lifestyles around that. I was attracted to their sense of freedom and their control of their destinies."

Friedkin acknowledges that his images are not representative of the entire gay community, but only of the

people that he found most interesting—personally and photographically. He also notes that the gay movement is substantially different today from what it was when he shot the pictures ("They have asserted themselves so magnificently!"), so a viewer should not assimilate these photographs as a contemporary vision.

Friedkin's subjects range from female impersonators to male prostitutes to homosexual singles to Chicano gays to lesbian lovers. Even the most outrageous men in drag are presented without a freakish quality. The photographer recognizes the power of the photograph to glorify or indict.

In this show he has restrained the editorial potential of his medium. The view he presents is a candid, random one.

One of the characters in the exhibit is Jim Aguilar, a young man from

East Los Angeles. He has beautiful, delicate features and long brown hair, a contrast to the harsh barrio graffiti in the background of many of the pictures. In some pictures he looks lonely and in others he appears proud, confident, and handsome.

One of the most joyous pictures is an action photo of a group of lesbians playing football. The photograph operates on the stereotype of gay women as devoid of womanly traits, yet the gaiety and camaraderie of these athletes are distinctly feminine.

One of the first photographers to shoot in Watts after the riots, Friedkin has turned to a number of other communities for inspiration. His most recent work includes series on the denizens of Beverly Hills, surfers and their lives out of the water, and the backlots at Universal studios.

"Photography," he said, "is a way for me to create the fossils of my time."

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Gay Pride Week Planning Continues

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George Walhers, committee chairperson in charge of Saturday's softball game and picnic on June 21, has negotiated with both the Houston Police Department and the Fire Department for a double header on that day to be followed by the picnic. Secured is Memorial Park I field for the event.

Both departments are not only willing but enthusiastic about the event this year, partially in response to our willingness to donate a portion of the proceeds from the event to the widows of officers who have fallen in the line of duty.

After some discussion of Tuesday's events, the group approved a motion devoting that day to the Physically Challenged Gay persons in the community, and that the task of organizing this day be given to the Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf. Several members of the Rainbow Society were present at the meeting and agreed to report back to the committee after discussing this at their next meeting.

The Homophile Interfaith Alliance has worked with Chairpersons Chuck Larsen and Rita Wanstrom to continue plans for the evening service on Wednesday, June 25, the National Day of Remembrance. The group is presently negotiating with the First Unitarian Church on Fannin as a possible place for this service.

And on Friday, March 21, Larry Bagnieris filed the formal application with the city for the 1980 Gay Pride Week parade permit. Serious problems with the city are not anticipated although it will take some time for this to clear.

Dennis Dunwoody, in charge of Publicity for GPW '80, made a magnificent presentation of the committee's ideas for this year's calendar, logo etc. Their ideas were enthusiastically approved by the assembly, pending funding.

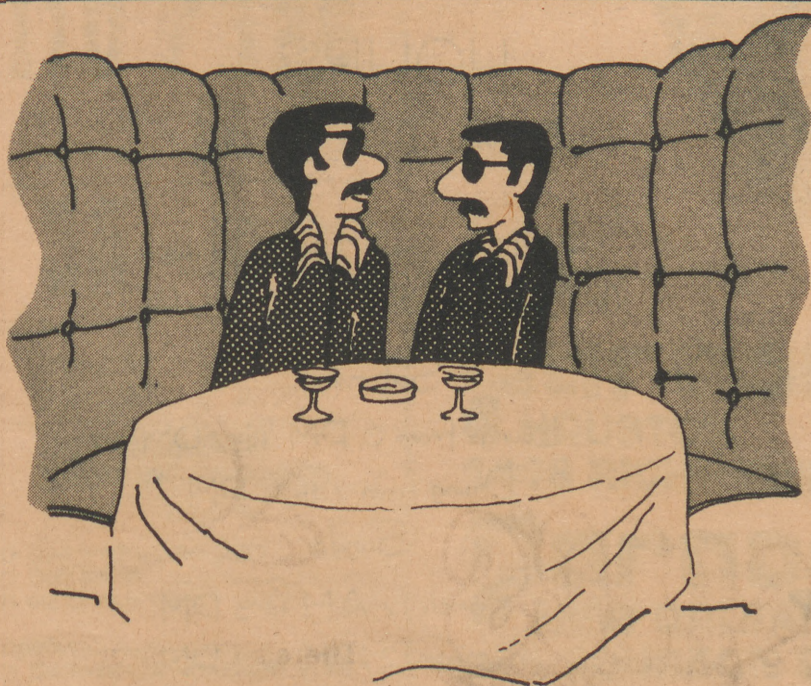
Five persons were elected to the Gay Pride Week 1980 board of trustees. Those five people are Larry Bagnieris Jr., Ron Burnett, Sue Cummings, Phyllis Frye, and Jason Goodman.

The next organizational meeting will be on April 13, at 2:30 PM, at the Montrose Activity Center, at 1423 Holman at LaBranch. Sunday, March 30, there will be a meeting of all committee chairpersons at 403 Avondale #4 at 2:30 PM. For further information, call 526-5921 or 523-6969.



An Interview with 'Lady Fingers' Coming Next Week!

-- Michel Alaniz



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Although organizers claim this is not a political event, they do plan to "visit all members of Congress in the love and the name of the Lord." Too, state coordinators are organizing grassroots involvement by Congressional districts and city/county coordinators by precincts.

The Texas Gay Task Force recommends meeting US representatives and senators in their district offices, and setting an appointment during March or April; if that is not possible.

Also to meet with their staff members.

The religious leaders have said, "Our purpose is not to build a political organization. Our purpose-first is to glorify God in the land again and to commit our ways unto righteousness. And, secondly, to remain active and vocal.

God has called us to be watchmen, and watchmen sound the alarm. We feel that will be our main ministry throughout this nation. We will remain informed in order to warn. We feel this nation is set apart by God for a particular work in this world.

That's why we'll call it "One NAtion Under God."

The Washington events will be televised by the Christian Broadcasting Network and the PTL Network.

Further information can be gained by contacting the Texas Gay Task Force, P O Box 2036, Universal City, Texas 78148, (512) 655-3724; or the Gay Rights National Lobby, 930 F St, NW #611, Washington, DC 20004, (202) 462-4255.

Alamo City Gays to Hear, Endorse Candidates

The newly formed Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club in San Antonio will sponsor a Candidates Night April 1, 1980 at Horizon House, 8610 Jones Maltsberger Road, 7:30 PM.

All 72 Democratic primary candidates have been invited to attend.

"The Candidates Night has all the makings for a big success," says Deitsch, Political Action Chair. "This event is the first all out effort on the part of Alamo City gays/lesbians to show the candidates our strength.

The Eleanor club will endorse candidates at a meeting called for April 3.

Some 20,000 endorsement cards will be printed and distributed following the endorsement meeting. Fiesta in San Antonio offers us an excellent opportunity to reach large

numbers of gay voters."

"At this time, we are expecting about twenty-five percent of the primary candidates to seek our support," Deitsch continued. "I expect that congressional, legislative and several county wide races will dominate the club's endorsements. We have had a number of candidates come to us this year asking for our help in their election bids."

Following the April 3 endorsement meeting, Eleanor members and others supporters plan to work actively in the endorsees' campaigns.

"I believe we can make a significant difference in several races on May 3. We will have the entire month of April to get out the word and actively solicit support for our candidates," Deitsch concluded.

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- Inviting you to attend the Delegate Selection Training Seminar, Saturday, April 12 at MAC,
- Identifying you as being interested through the Telephone Tree.

Texas GPC's Telephone Tree is the mechanism to get gays out to vote on May 3.

TGPC has created has created a system to identify area coordinators who in turn talk to their friends and GPC voters in their neighborhoods.

In 1978 GPC coordinated efforts to obtain eight state and one national

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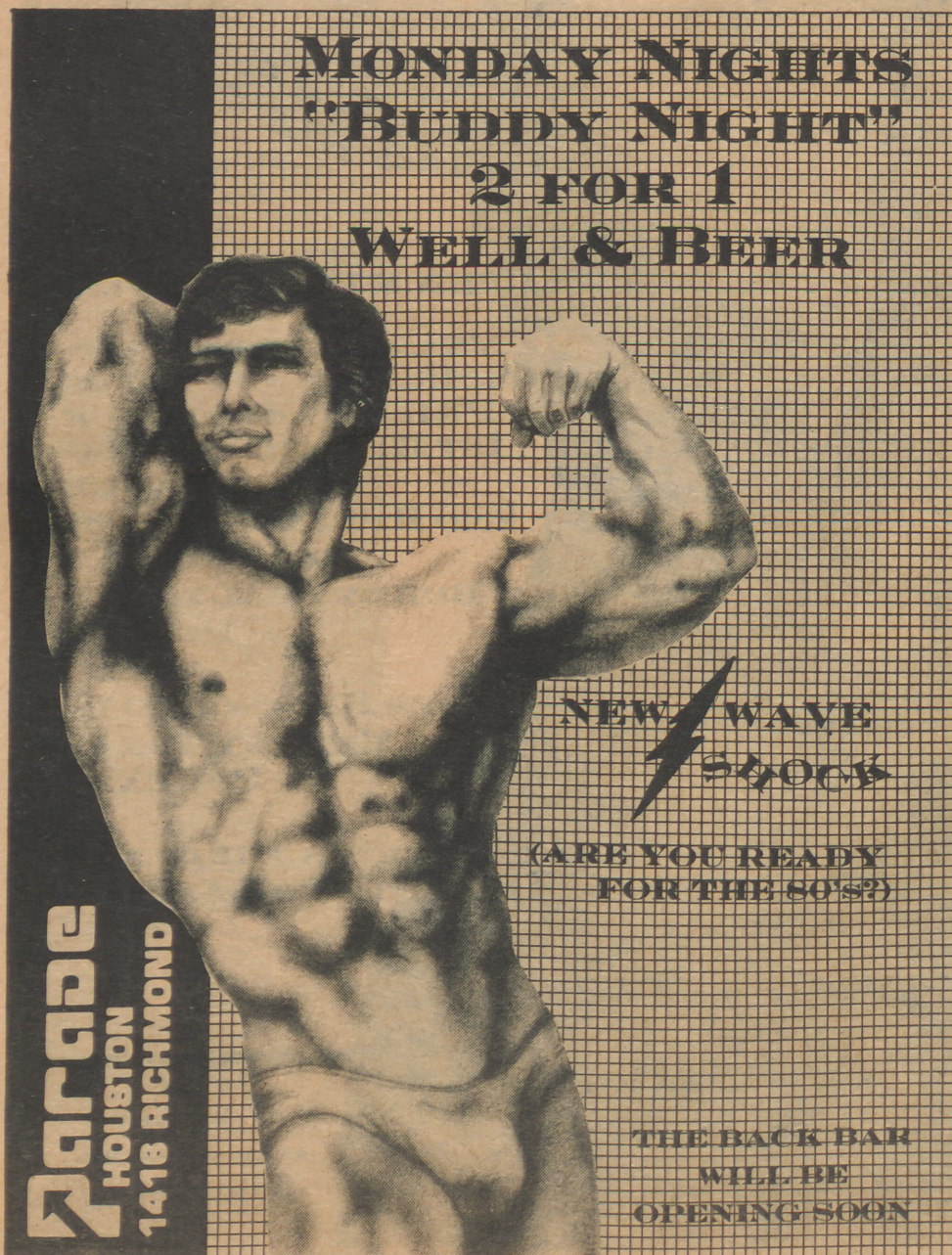
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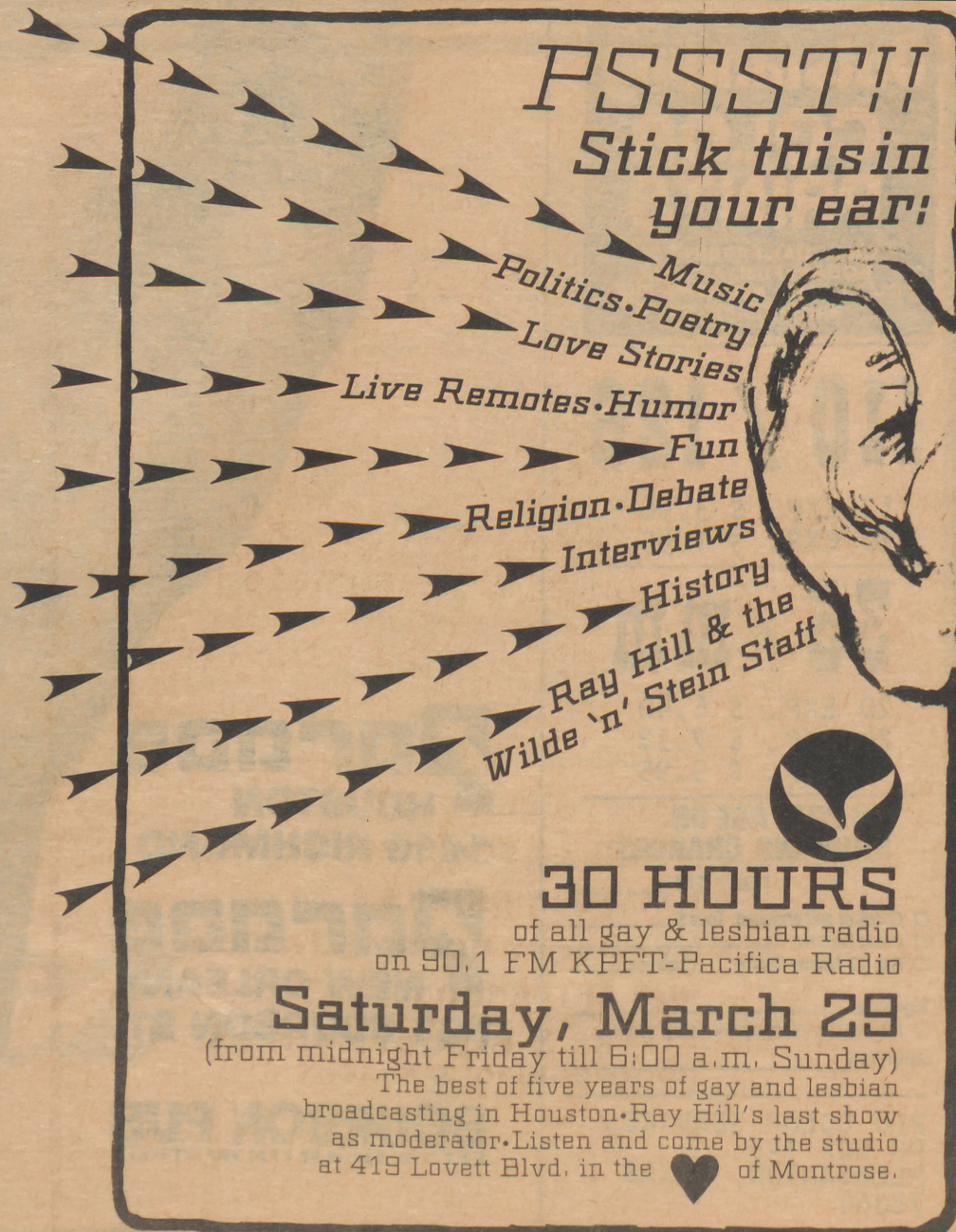


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MONTROSE BEAT

Compiled by
George Barnhart
STAR STAFF

What are you doing this Easter? If nothing is your answer and you live in Houston ... think again!

The streets of Houston are a 'buzzin'' with rumours ... **Family** (that's the group that brought you **Gay Fest '79**, **Astroworld**, **Gay Blades** at the **Galleria**) is about to do it again. ... Along with the **Gay Hispanic Caucus**, of Houston, **Phil Slusser**, **Andy Mills** and their team of fund-raising commandos will be proving that contributing to community projects and helping yourselves can be a tonnage of fun and excitement ...

You know that parking lot (the big one) around the **Associated Engineers Building** off Lovett and Montrose, and the **Kwik Kopy** center? ... Yep, that's the one. Well, that whole parking lot from end to end is going to be cram-packed with more sights, sounds, treats (trick?) fun and frolic for the **Heritage Festival**, Sunday April 6, 1980 from 1 PM to 5 PM.

The **Houston Tavern Guild** will be providing a brewery of beer, all the publications will be there doing something, all the church organizations will be providing a bunch more fun.

Montrose Singers will be singing along. You can take your pick of **French Crepes**, **Lebanese food**, **empanadas**, **tacos**, **egg-rolls**, **barbecue**, **pizza**, **hamburgers**, **hot dogs** (the kind with mustard and relish) and God knows what else.

At last count over **20 booths** of arts, crafts and replicas will participate. ... Everything from glass-blowers to a booth selling some of the most original leather goods and belt-buckles and other goodies too numerous to name will be on site.

There will be continuous entertainment from disco to rock to folk to marachi to western and lots more.

A dunkin' booth, a space walk and a bunch more fun things are being tied down as this goes to print.

Remember every dime spent on your enjoyment at this affair is **directly contributed** to yourself. ... and the good of the community.

If you're not through partying by the time you get through then I hear the **Montrose Activity Center**, corner Holman and La Branch, is throwing one of its fabulous **T-dances** that evening. In fact ... from what I hear the original group that put together the first T-dance, that nobody has yet to top in fantasy and frenzy, yep, you guessed it, the **T-dance for 2,000** with **Frank Collins** and group will be pulling this one off.

That's **Easter Sunday**, 5 to 10 at the **Montrose Activity Center**.

Gee, the excitement never seems to quit on the streets of Westheimer.

Over at **Mary's** I hear they've been stumbling over what has been speculated as a few weeds pulled and left by the **jolly green giant**. (Well, you know what fantasy's those boys on the patio get into). Now I hear those hug-

moungess things are really a new species of palm peculiar only to **Mary's**. I hear they're called **Cockana Trees** ... you heard me right.

I hear once planted these trees soon bear fruit (take it any way you want to) that seems to be a cross between coconuts and bananas. The crop proliferates after bloom in a strange configuration that is oddly enough very recognizable by most of us ... **Fannie**, what won't you do next!

By the way, I have just received a very stern warning from none other than the boss himself to pass on ... **There will be no peeing on the trees** after they're planted this Sunday. (No cracks about Palm Sunday please).

Say, I hear there's a new Chinese eatery over next door to **Naomi and Kaye's Our Place**, over on Richmond. My editor went over there with his lover and said the food was both plentiful and good.

Now you can have a wild time listening to **Kathy and the Destiny Band** and grab some of the best **egg-rolls** in the country next door. Check it out.

Then, if variety is really your thing, dodge the cars crossing the street and boogie the rest of the night at the **Parade** ... where **Tex** tells me things are getting hotter by the night. Then for a night-cap drop by the **Dogpatch II** just down a few blocks back toward Montrose. Admire the new scenery (see **Dogpatch's** ad this week to see what I mean).

Now let's see, western music, eggs rolls, disco and a rendition of **Sweet City Sue** by **Jerry Vanover** ... if that's not the ultimate of decadence it plain hasn't been invented.

Meanwhile, the posh-party planners of the **Houston Bar and Tavern Guild** are still working on what will probably be the extravaganza of the year ... I can now tell you for a fact the **Shamrock Hilton**, that bastion of royalty and top-brass, the greatness of **Conrad's** genius, will be the site on May 9, 7:30 PM for that organization's first ree-allie bigg shew ... the **Grand High Royal Hawaiian Lulua and Water Ski Show** (wonder if they'll let me wear one of my grass skirts).

Yes, I know they don't have a lack but they do have ne huge swimmin' hole and some cutsy little scaled down boats, pulling ... (whose going to be lookin' at the boats anyway.)

Just a little juicy gossip. We hear **Cha-Cha** is out of commission for three weeks ... because of, uh ... oral injuries?

Girlfriend ... if you haven't yet signed for the **Miss Gay Cesar's Palace Contest** time's a wastin' ...

Heard **Mother Ruth Ravas** is back in the hospital. She had to have some surgery and is in need of blood. She is staying at Twelve-Oaks. Also on the sick list is **Steve Coates** of the **Montrose Patrol**. By press time we didn't know which hospital he was at but sure hope he gets better real quick.

Happy birthday to you ... Happy birthday to you ... dear **Mark**. Heard it took two days of recuperation to get over the **Scrunch-Birthday Party** they held for you over at the **Venture-N**. Yeah, **Whacko-city!**.

More a'comin' ... Next time ...

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PERSONAL COMMENT

Counseling Center Should Not Have Been Named

Dear Editor,

I wish to correct an error in the Montrose Star issue #184, March 27, 1980. The back-page ad placed for Debra Danburg's campaign erroneously included reference to Montrose Counseling Center.

While I may individually support a given candidate, I did not and will not do so in any way representative of the Counseling Center.

The center itself, endeavors to remain non-political.

I fully realize that the *Star* cannot monitor the content of all advertisements. I appreciate your help in this situation and thank you for the *Star's* constant support of the Center.

Sincerely,

William A Scott, M.S.W.

Dear Editor,

I request your assistance in correcting an error in your last issue (#184, March 27, 1980.) The back-page ad for Debra Danburg listed my name as a supporter in her campaign for State Representative.

Unfortunately, someone chose to include my affiliation to the Montrose Counseling Center. My permission to do so was not sought.

As a graduate student in social work practicum at the Center, I respect the Center's non-profit status. I cannot and would not authorize or encourage any campaign to violate the Center's neutrality.

The Montrose Counseling Center does not endorse any candidate for organizational or public office.

This community has worked hard to develop needed services for lesbians and gay men. We have worked hard to elect responsive candidates. I believe we can do both without endangering our efforts in either area.

Respectfully,
Steve Umoff

(EDITOR: This was a paid political advertisement and the paper had no control over whom or what organization was named.)

Gay Lobbyist to Visit Houston

On a 21-day national tour, Steve Endean, our lobbyist for the Gay Rights National Lobby in Washington, DC will spend two days in Houston.

On Wednesday, April 2, he will attend the regularly scheduled GPC meeting which will end early for a 9 PM cocktail party benefit at Texas Hot Tubs, 2031 West Alabama (\$1 donation at the door, cash bar).

The public is invited.

Thursday Mr. Endean will speak at

the Montrose Activity Center at 8 PM about issues like the anti-gay lobby Christian Voice and bills pending that need constituent attention at the local level.

Mr. Endean is also on the Board of Directors of the National Convention Project, a project to elect gay-/lesbian delegates to the national conventions to insure gay rights sections in the party's platforms. He also serves as a Board member of the National Gay Task Force.

Gay Pride Week Going to Take Money

Dear Community and Business Leaders:

This letter is being sent to you to introduce myself, John H. Schillinger, as the Chairperson for the Fund Raising Committee of Gay Pride Week 1980. Since the community has already had two open meetings pertaining to Gay Pride Week 1980, we hope that this letter is not your first contact with the structure and planning of this important yearly event.

What we are asking of community businesses and organizations is involvement, which can be accomplished in one of several ways. There are, of course, direct cash contributions to this cause, but with so many good causes in the community that this action, time after time, can become somewhat overburdening to the pocketbook. Therefore we are asking for suggestions from you as to fund raising events held individually by your businesses and organizations or community-wide. These can range from a special discount for customers, earmarked for the GPW 1980 fund, all the way to special events with all funding being directly contributed.

There can be many ideas, but you, the business and community leaders, know which have been most successful in the past, and that is the help we are requesting . . . ideas . . . for these will eventually generate funds. We will take pennies, dollars, checks, whatever can be given, large or small. It all adds up to what we hope will be the most successful Gay Pride Week celebration yet . . . ever . . .

anywhere.

We are asking for your help, not just trying to reach into your pocket for yet one more cause. Your ideas can be more valuable than a direct contribution on occasion. So, let's get thinking, not as to if we are going to help but as to how we will help. It is for Pride: our pride as individuals, businesses, organizations, and a community. For without Gay Pride, community pride, what is it we have with which to face life.

Give whatever you can, as much as you can. At the same time remember that your physical involvement can help at organizational meetings the next being held April 13 at 2:30 PM at the Montrose Activity Center. Come help us plan, and be proud with us.

I am looking forward to future contacts with you to make Gay Pride Week 1980, June 20 - 29, 1980 a success that will be noticed individually, locally and nationally for our Pride and future. Houston has a lot to give . . . let's show them who we are, what we are, and exactly how proud this community can be.

Please feel free to contact me at my residence during the day or evening by phone at 524-4819 for any further information or in reference to any assistance you may be able to extend. I look forward to hearing your ideas and responses.

Sincerely yours,
John H. Schillinger
Fund Raising Chair, GPW '80

Thanks For Donation, Point Left out of Story

Dear Editor:

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the *Montrose Star* from the staff and the Board of Directors of the Montrose Counseling Center for the generous, and surprise, contribution which was made during our fund-raising drive last week.

The *Star's* generosity is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to add a comment regarding your article reviewing the material presented by Dr. Charles Silverstein during his recent visit. While outlining his ideas on the importance of the relationship between gay men and their fathers Dr. Silverstein presented the concept of patterns of behaviors which could lead to broad categorization of men into "suitors" or "rejectors" in their later love relationships. It occurs to me that

you deleted what may have been, in my opinion, the most important element of the concept.


These categories may represent broad styles of approach to relationships, but in order to develop a successful couple relationship the fantasy of achieving an idealized relationship with father must be worked through and given up.

This allows each individual to experience his partner as the person that he is, and allows their partnership to evolve as an adult to adult interaction alive in the present, and not trying to re-create the past.

Yours Truly,
John H. O'Donnell, MD
Clinical Director

(EDITOR: Dr. Silverstein appeared at EPAN at its last meeting)

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Registration information will be mailed before May 1.

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Exhibit space is available free on a limited basis for individuals wishing to sell arts and crafts (first come, first served--so reserve your space now.) A flat \$25 fee will be charged per exhibit table for commercial exhibitors. No commission will be taken from sales.

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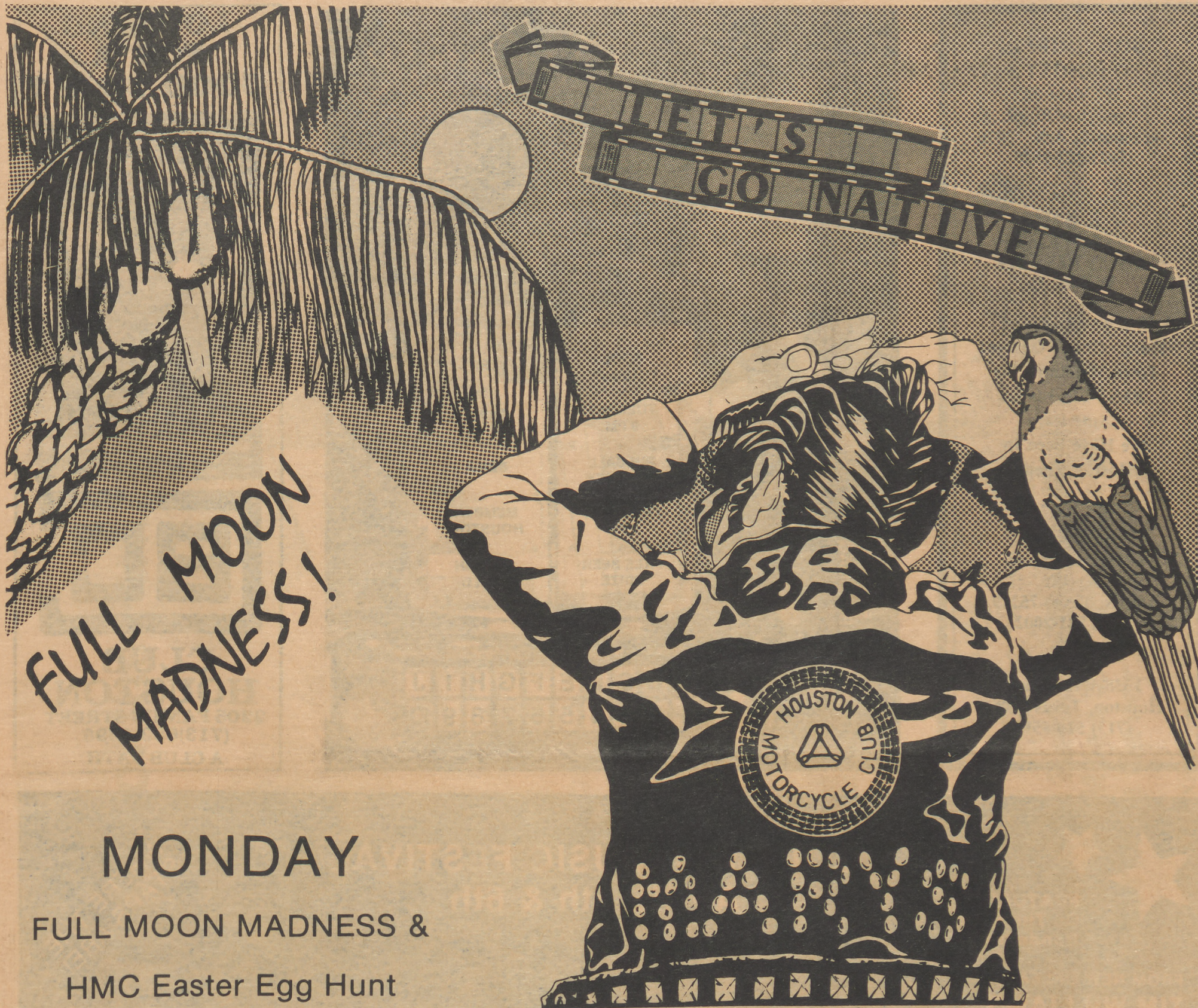
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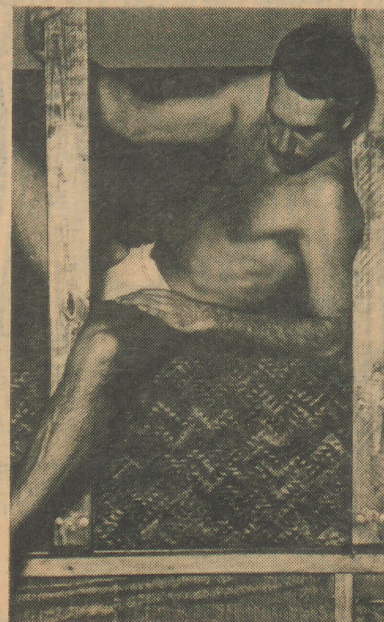
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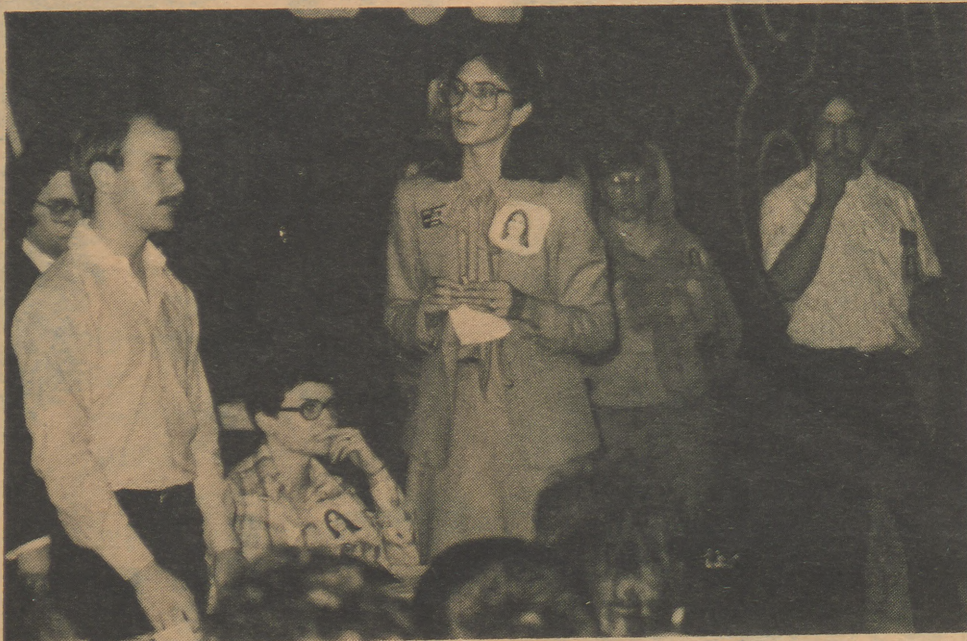
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LOCAL



Shiflett and Danburg After Her TGPC Endorsement -- Photo Bill Lubing

Stormy Meeting

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election as GPC president one volunteer member of his re-election committee was fired from his regular job -- an apparent repercussion of his opponent's defeat.

That opponent, former GPC vice-president Larry Bagneris jumped to the floor, cutting off Shiflett in mid-sentence, reminding Shiflett he should tell the whole story, that one of Bagneris' election committee members was also fired from his regular job after the last GPC presidential election.

Shiflett quickly ruled Bagneris out of order for interrupting the chairperson while he was speaking.

Parliamentary procedure was broken, questioned, and shakily in order as many from the group questioned Shiflett's motives in his decision to call off the District 79 screening.

At one point Sue Cummings told Shiflett the group was not there to be lectured by the chairperson.

Shiflett's using the word 'sabotage' to describe the Danburg endorsements, brought accusations of bias. A young woman sought parliamentary procedure in 'challenging' the GPC president. For Shiflett to step down in chairing the meeting was angrily suggested numerous times. Disagreements on parliamentary procedure caused tempers to flare, the group to become unruly.

Chuck Hickman, a GPC board member, stood up and explained he was chairperson of the Political Action Committee during the GPC screening in the last Mayor's election. Because of a conflict of interest concerning former Mayoral Candidate Nobel Ginther, both he and the chair voluntarily stepped down and appointed another chair to the meeting.

Shiflett laid down the law -- firmly telling the crowd that he had no intention of giving up the chair.

The five candidates: Peter Armato, Debra Danburg, Don McCrorey,

Richard Petronella, and Ray Schmidt, addressed the audience, each giving pro-human rights presentations.

After the candidates completed their presentations a motion was made to endorse Ray Schmidt for the District 79 race. On top of that a 'substitute motion' was brought forth, that would call for no District 79 endorsement by TGPC.

In discussion on the passage or defeat of the substitute motion a member of the audience told how through TGPC's bickering, "You're going to screw yourselves."

TGPC counsel, Jim Wells, supported, 'no endorsement,' saying he was "continually amazed" that the group agreed on so much, so often but how it was able to "zero in" on one issue which couldn't be agreed upon.

He urged the group to vote for no-endorsement, saying all the candidates were good, and for this reason GPC members would not be as likely to support the endorsed candidate, which could split the group.

After much parliamentary ping pong the substitute motion calling for no endorsement in the District 79 race was defeated.

The original motion to endorse Ray Schmid was dropped and a motion made for a dual endorsement of Armato and Danburg. This motion was defeated 124 to 62.

A motion was then made to allow the group to take a vote on whether or not Debra Danburg could singly be endorsed. This motion passed 137 to 38.

The Caucus then voted on whether or not to endorse Debra Danburg, and an almost-unanimous affirmation secured her endorsement by the Texas Gay Political Caucus.

The *Star* will begin coverage of the upcoming election in next week's issue. A list of TGPC endorsements will also be printed.

Bering Memorial Presents 'Holy Week'

Inspiring experiences of worship for Holy Week have been planned at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold at Mulberry in Montrose.

Highlights for Palm Sunday, March 30, include the moving Liurgy and Procession of the Palms which begins in the church courtyard at 10:45 AM, a dramatic reading of the Passion Story according to St. Luke, and a sermon entitled, "Rejoicing in the Power of Weakness" by Pastor Ronald D. Pouge. The Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of Bryan Jennings, will render "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" by E. L. Ashford.

On Thursday, April 3 at 7 PM, a service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae will commemorate the institution of the Lord's Supper on the night before the crucifixion of Jesus.

Good Friday, April 4, a 30 minute service of Adoration at the Cross will be

held at noon. The beautiful "O Divine Redeemer" by Charles Gounod will be sung by soprano Lisa Cady at this service.

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salad bar - for this is truly a salad buffet - just about every imaginable culinary delight from fresh strawberries, shrimp pate, hearts of palm, artichoke, carrots with vinegrett mustard sause, and more, more, more!

By the time we finished our salad, we all wondered if we could eat more food - but a trip back to the main course buffet told us we would. There was a choice of Tenderloin Bougoyne or Chicken Italiene, and vegetables were Squash Royale, Rice California, Glazed Beets, as superb as all the best of the wonderful food before it.

After our main course, we sat a while over coffee, then we sinfully attacked the desert offerings -- Ginger Trifle, and another called St. Tropez. Needless to say, they held their own, as superb as all the rest of the wonderful food before it.

The decor is refreshing, with ferns and plants, clean, clean, clean, and open and spacious. The music is audible and so is your guests conversation. The service is excellent, however this particular night, being new, they were still going through some of the "shakedown" to be fully organized. It was still good service.

After leaving the St. Tropez, all of us continued to remark how welcomed we were made to feel and how pleasantly surprized we were about our guest checks. Mine was just over \$11 and that was like the good 'ole days. When you go, and be sure and do - dress is casual or dressy. Everyone there seem to be comfortable and satisfied, and I strongly recommend St. Tropez.

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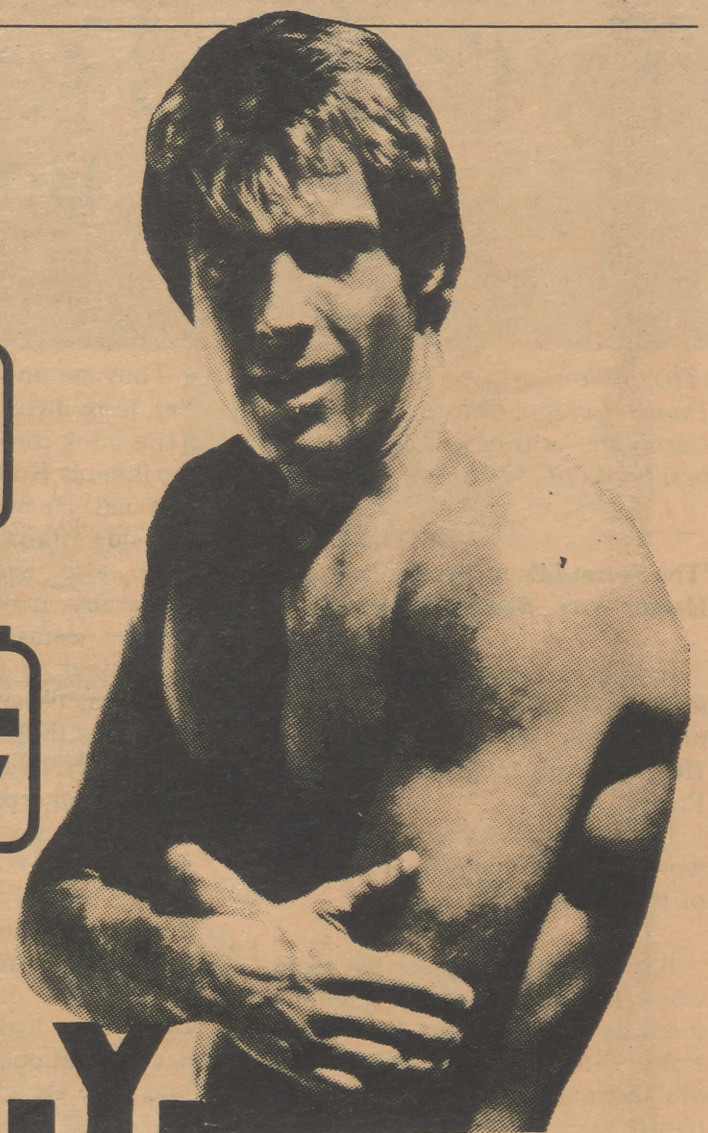
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Tyrone Power

Book Explores the Actor's Bisexuality in 'Photoplay' Prose

(The following was reviewed by Daniel Curzon, whose 'Among the Carnivores' was picked as one of the best books of 1979 by 'the Advocate')

'The Secret Life of Tyrone Power' By Hector Arce, Bantam Books, \$2.75.

If you like *Photoplay* prose and find anything and everything about movie stars fascinating, you'll like Hector Arce's biography of Tyrone Power.

I must confess that I read every word, even the overly long genealogy of the actor's ancestors.

But then I'm a sucker for Hollywood glamor, false and manufactured as it is. The fact that Tyrone Power didn't have a terribly exciting life and made few memorable films hardly seems to matter. We eat up such things anyway.

Thus the power of movies. Yet, to be direct, the primary interest in this book comes from one aspect of the famous Hollywood star -- he was bisexual. He married three times and had side affairs with women.

He also had male lovers and numerous male tricks. The biographer seems to contradict himself from time to time by saying such things as, "What's more, he had come to realize that, while he desired sex with males, he didn't feel comfortable with the concept of an exclusive emotional and sexual commitment to another man."

"His sensitivities were primarily directed to women."

Well, Mr. Arce, tell me how a Hollywood star of the last generation could have lived openly in a homosexual relationship and survive. Even you state elsewhere in the book that he, "risked losing everything should it become public knowledge..."

Is it any wonder then that his male lovers were secretive and uncommitted?

To give Arce his due, he's quite good on the studio commercialism that made Tyrone Power a commodity to be exploited for as long as his box office appeal held up, only to be shunted aside when he was no longer useful to the powers that were. Or to the fickle public for that matter.

Arce likewise takes a cold look at the hopeless trash that most of Tyrone Power's movies actually were. Hence we are left with 'glamour' that is based on junk.

I was also pleasantly surprised that Arce would be so blunt as to account for the anti-gay taboo in the film world (a taboo that's still strong, to judge from the way the author refuses to name names where famous homosexuals are concerned) by mentioning that many decision-makers in

movies are Jewish -- with the resulting long history of taboo about the "abomination of abominations."

The worst part of the book is a smug intolerance for gay behavior, an attitude very much akin to the same repression that the author shows to have been the major obstacle to Tyrone Power's greater satisfaction in his personal life. Arce can't seem to overcome a desire to 'explain' homosexual traits.

It's from 'a chemical imbalance within the fetus,' you see, or maybe it's from 'weak or absent fathers and domineering, frustrating mothers.'

Or Power was a bisexual because he was both a 'mama's boy and a chip off the old (man's) block. UGH!

Maybe someday we will get to the point where biographers will not more 'analyze' the causes of a person's sexual behavior than they do his skin color. By the looks of this book we are not there yet.



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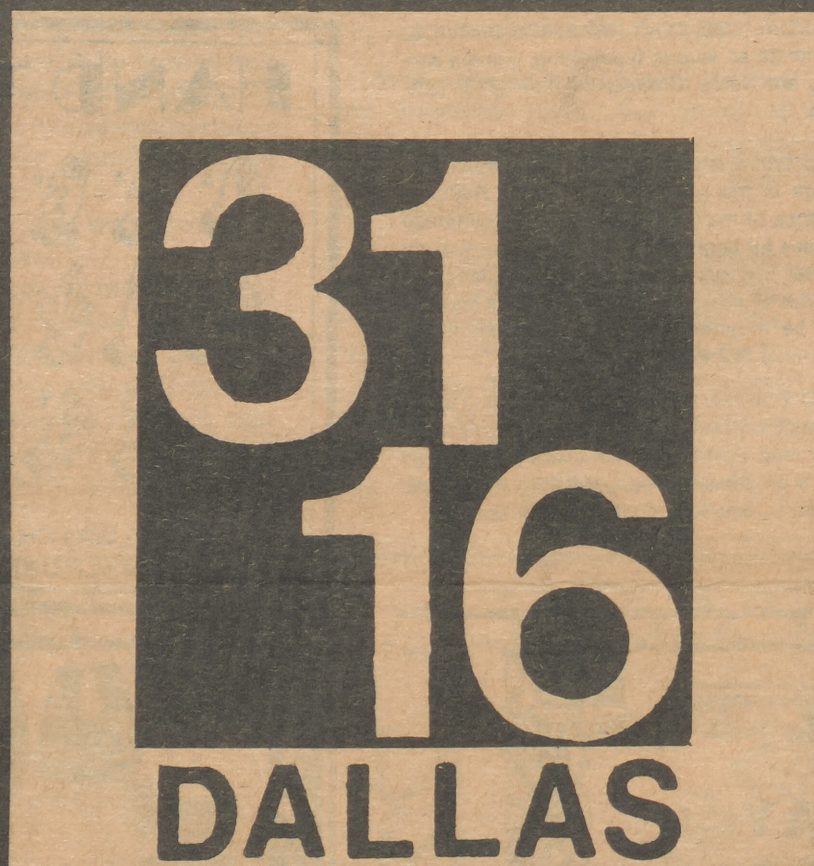
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