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MONTROSE STAR



The pickin's were all top class at the 'First Annual Mr. Dog Patch USA Contest' held last Saturday. Turn to the Centerfold to see which three came out on top

Photo Lewis Johnston

Family/GHC Meet Spring Fever Head On!

Houston's complex geographical heritage -- the many centuries and countries, the legacy of wealth, mobility, opportunity, self-reliance -- will combine with the coming of Spring when Family and the Gay Hispanic Caucus 'Heritage Day Festival' takes place April 6.

The two organizations in a joint effort are forming the annual festival to present a large variety of heritages through foods, folk songs, dances, costumes, arts, religions.

The carnival, to take place in the large parking lot on the southeast corner of the Montrose and Lovett Street intersection will give area organizations and businesses an opportunity to share in the fun and profits.

Discussed at the Family meeting on Tuesday, March 11, those assembled learned covered spaces will be provided (much of the parking

area features continuous carport parking which will be divided into separate booths).

Those participating in the Easter Sunday celebration are asked to donate 25 percent of their intake back into Family. The proceeds will be

used for the improvement and safety of the community.

Phil Slusser, of Family and Ron Burnett of the Gay Hispanic Caucus are coordinating the event. Slusser told the Family group there are about 20 participants already slated for the

event, and that the Heritage Festival recently sent out a letter to 200 community businesses and organizations inviting them to participate.

There are a set of guidelines to be met by those wishing to reserve space at the Heritage Festival:

- Twenty-five percent of intake goes to the Heritage Festival.

- All covered spaces must be set up and vehicles removed by 12:30 PM.

- Individuals are responsible for tables and the decorations of each space.

- No alcohol of any kind can be sold or given away by individual spaces without a special permit.

- All spaces will accept tickets that will be sold at a central location -- there will be no exchange of money at individual spaces.

- Individuals may turn in tickets at the end of the festival and receive a

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Another Killing in Montrose; Police Have Few Clues

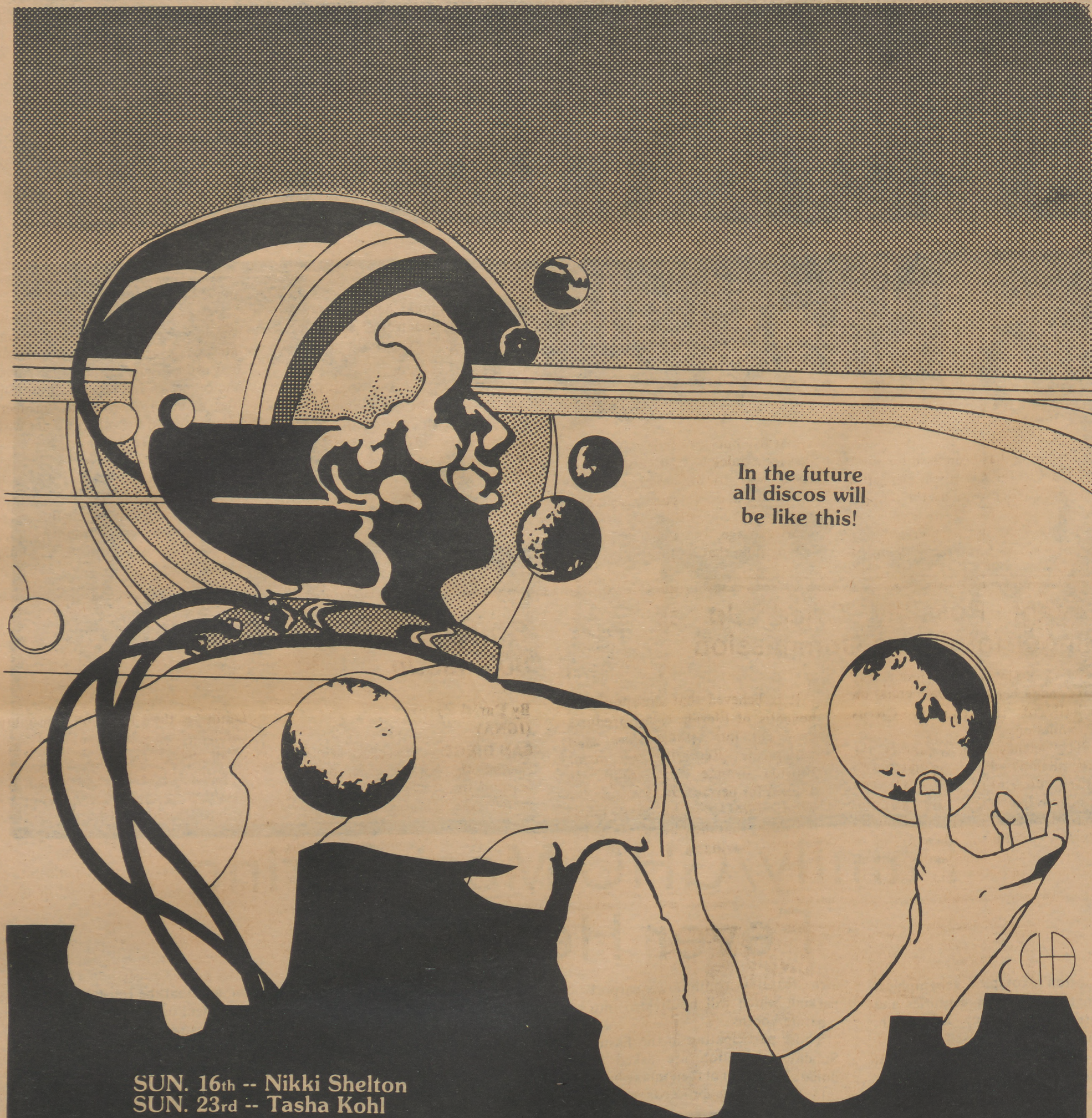
Houston Police Department Detective John Donovan, talking to the *Star* in the February 28 issue about the brutal slaying of Jerry Hill concluded his remarks by saying, "The frightening thing is that when one thing like this (a killing) happens, another usually occurs within another two weeks."

Call it prophecy or homicide experience, Donovan was right.

Sunday, March 9 at 2:40 AM in the 2700 block of Mason (near Westheimer) Donny Glen Rourke, 27, of 2102 Park was shot in the back. His spine shattered. He died on location.

Donovan said a witness was present, who told the Houston Police Department Homicide Division Rourke was

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NATIONAL

Movement to Ban Amyl Nitrate

By Danial Curzon
(IGNA)

Portland, Oregon -- There is a movement afoot in Oregon to ban the sale of "amyl," which is often butyl nitrite and which is sold as a "room odorizer" or "liquid incense" under the brand names of Rush, Jock, Bang, Hard Ware, and Popper.

"Amyl" of course is an aphrodisiac that lowers the blood pressure, doubles the heartbeat, and intensifies sexual excitement.

The liquid has been used for some 20 years in the gay world and lately has been taken over by the straight world.

Hence there are now cries in the press, such as Oregon's *Williamette*

Week, to forbid the sale of the substance. One state, Massachusetts, has already banned it. Others may follow if the sensationalist journalism continues.

Although gay doctors have stated on public panels that amyl has not been shown to be harmful to normal individuals if used in moderation, just like alcohol, irresponsible journalists have overstated the harmful effects:

"At five bucks a bottle, it's a cheap toss for a quick high. It's also a pretty cheap way to die. With your 10-minute rush, doctors and researchers say, your \$5 might buy you a stroke, heart damage, and a change in your hemoglobin that inhibits its capacity

to carry oxygen."

Herbert Wendel, a retired professor in Oregon, is cited as the main authority:

"Nitrites should definitely not be sold as an uncontrolled substance," he states. "They present a public danger."

But the dangers listed apply to special cases, not the general public: If a person sniffing butyl nitrite has an undiscovered aortic valve defect or disease, permanent heart damage can result. If there is a narrowing of the arteries to the head (a common condition in middle age) a person might suffer a stroke as a result of the drug.

Other dangers of amyl are at best

suspicious. Not enough research has been conducted on amyl and butyl nitrite as a recreational drug.

Unfortunately, the American custom is to ban first and ask questions later, or never. Strangely, in a nation that supposedly values individual choice, police and other state authorities assume the right to "protect" others, even if the others do not wish to be "protected."

Clearly it is time for extensive tests on the harmful or non-harmful effects of amyl to be conducted so that the truth, not puritan hysteria, cannot determine how the individual acts.

Bryant Possibly Dried Up as Singer for Citrus Commission

(KPFT) -- Singer Anita Bryant may have made her final commercial on behalf of the Florida Citrus Commission.

The agency which handles the commission's advertising says that no more commercials with the controversial singer are planned. According to the agency's Douglas Hoffer, Bryant is through as a Florida orange juice spokesperson, "If the commission goes along with

it."

It is believed that gay-sponsored boycotts of Florida citrus products have cut into orange juice sales nationwide. Recently, two major Florida orange juice companies applied for permission to remove the word "Florida" from their labels indicating that the designation on the label was having an adverse effect on sales.

Children's Liberation is 80's Issue

By Daniel Curzon
(IGNA)

SAN DIEGO -- What may very well become the hottest, most debated issue of the 1980's is what is being called the children's liberation movement.

One of the most active of the groups seeking "the emancipation of youth and the restructuring of the

family" is the Childhood Sensuality Circle, which is based in San Diego, of all places.

Perhaps even more amazing is the fact that the organization is run by a woman, Valida Davila, who refers to herself as a "Cultural Midwife."

The Childhood Sensuality Circle sends out a pamphlet and other material that outline the goals of those involved.

One of the most controversial areas concerns child sex. CSC wishes to remove arbitrary "age of consent" laws and attitudes:

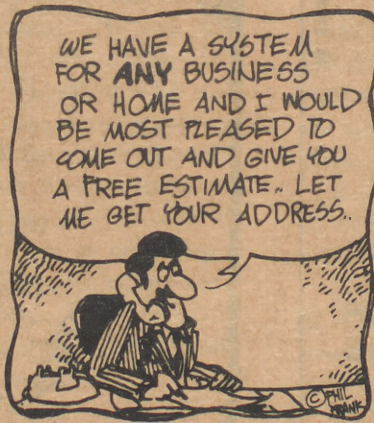
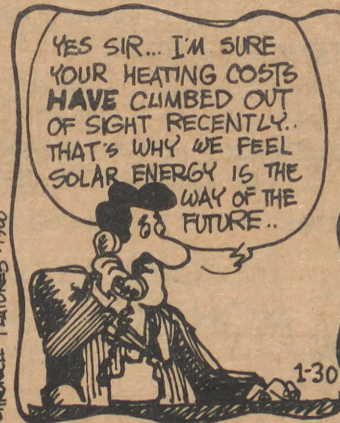
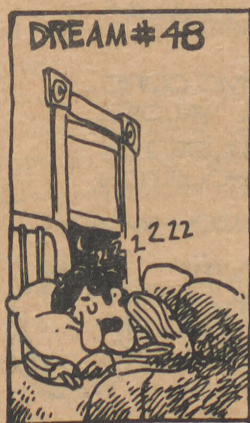
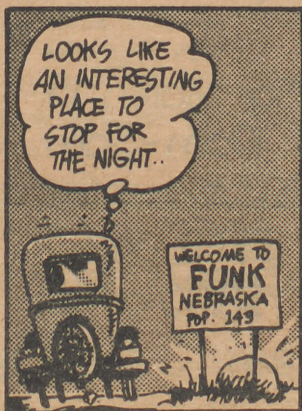
"We consider sexual relationships that span wide age differences to be neither good nor bad; it depends on the enjoyment of those involved."

Another major conceptual change CSC seeks is the following: "Also available should be a time and place where affectionate sex play and practice are appropriate with peers and adults inside and outside of the family circle."

CSC is aware of sexual abuse of children and makes clear that it does not approve of molestation. But the line between molestation and consent is not always as clearcut as general opinion would have it. CSC's attitude is:

"When sex is mutually desired and without abuse or unfair persuasion, the law should recognize the difference."

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FARLEY

NATIONAL

Legislator, State Official and Olympia Beer Prez Arrested for Lewd Conduct

OLYMPIA, WA — (IGNA)— A legislator, a state official, and the president of the Olympia Brewing Co. were arrested February 14 in a public restroom here and charged with lewd homosexual conduct.

Police Chief John Wurner said the arrests followed a two-week surveillance of a restroom on Capitol Lake, which is the shadow of the Legislative Building.

An undercover agent lurked in the facility and then arrested the suspects.

As a result of the arrests, all three men have resigned from their jobs.

Representative Eric Rohrbach, Republican from Normandy Park, resigned from the state legislature. But Rohrbach went on the floor of the House February 18 to say, "I am not a homosexual."

He further told a hushed group of legislators: "Charges made against me last week, which have been expanded upon by the media, have

"I stand before you innocent of these charges. . . Unfortunately, I stand before convicted already in many people's minds."

"Because of this, it would be difficult, if not impossible, for me to effectively serve my constituents. Mary Kay, my fiancée, and I plan to be married and I must think of her and our future."

"I have also considered my responsibilities to this legislative body. I am proud of the work I have accomplished as a member of this legislature. I thank all of you for your personal support, but I must, in light of the foregoing, submit my immediate resignation."

The second arrested man, the president of the Olympia Brewing Co., Leopold "Rick" Schmidt, resigned as president of one of the nation's largest brewing companies.

He cited health reasons.

The third man, Dean Gregorious, a

Apartment Complex Woos Gays

SACRAMENTO — (IGNA)— An ad in *Mom . . . Guess What!* (a newspaper for gays in Sacramento) has caused some controversy here.

The controversy arose because of the word "exclusive" used in an advertisement for a 16-unit apartment complex opposite Sacramento High School. The building is said to have an "exclusive gay clientele" "catering to a mellow gay adult community."

The Sacramento Union, a conservative newspaper, checked with officials at the city's office to see if the advertisement violates the city code or the state law. The finding was that it does not, since it states "catering to" and not "restricted to" homosexuals.

The manager of the King's Court Apartments, Randall Busby, said

that the tenants are "98 percent gay" and include "lesbians and homosexuals as well as three bisexuals."

Busby said that he has never refused to rent to a heterosexual.

"The atmosphere we're trying to promote here is one of comfort and acceptability, and I do not think it is unreasonable for me to ask people to be willing to allow others to pursue whatever lifestyle they choose," Busby said.

"I'm very upfront with potential tenants. . . and those persons who are uncomfortable with this obviously won't move in."

The owners of the apartment building have sought to attract gay tenants. "This was an administrative policy that was agreed to and I'm

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LOCAL

Dailey Introduced to GPC; Endorsed By Tavern Guild

By George Barnhart
STAR STAFF

Calling it, "our Frank Mann race of 1980," Steve Shiflett, Gay Political Caucus president indicated at the regular meeting of that organization on Wednesday, March 5 the Houston district attorney's contest would be a very strong gay and feminist issue. The race will also have a great deal of bearing on the control of police harassment of gay people and gay establishments.

Jim Wells, legal counsel for GPC then introduced Fred Dailey, a lifetime resident of Houston and practicing attorney in criminal law, as the GPC screening committee's candidate for endorsement in the upcoming DA race against incumbent Johnny Holmes.

"The outcome of this race could

have more to do in the determination of the quality of gay life in Houston than any other race with the possible exception of the mayoral race," commented Wells. The barrister then charged the present district attorney with waste, inefficiency and selective enforcement of the laws. He emphasized cases involving homosexual conduct.

"There is no rhyme or reason to the way of the intake section of the DA's office . . . it's appalling to me the money they waste on cases they should not have filed in the first place."

Wells continued, "The DA's office cannot handle the case load and serious criminals are walking the streets because of the back load of

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Phase 3 Brings Great Lights, Sound and Music for Patrol Party

This Saturday, March 15 what has been billed as 'Phase 3, a Sound and Dance Experience' will take place at the Family Center, 3207 Montrose (corner Westheimer).

With a three dollar cover, free beer and door prizes will be available.

The proceeds will be used to benefit the Montrose Patrol.

The sound and lights for the disco after hours will be provided by

Jimmy Bartlett and Brian Broussard.

Sean McCord and Michael Valdez are going to great pains in decorating the facility for the event.

Music will be provided by the Disco Party of Houston.

Those attending the fundraiser are encouraged to bring along musical instruments.

The Phase 3 after hours begins at 10 PM, Saturday night.

Montrose Resident Shot; Police Have Few Clues

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talking to two persons in a brown and tan Ford Pickup.

After concluding the conversation Rourke, "started walking down the street," Donovan told the Star. "Then for some unknown reason he started running." He went on to say Rourke was shot in the back.

"We are working on the case," said Donovan, "but nobody saw exactly who was in the truck. They just saw the flame from the muzzle of the gun."

Donovan says the HPD is seeking information on the case. He reports the brown and tan Ford pick-up was, "larger than a half-ton pickup." He said the HPD also needs the license number for the truck. HPD is working with the Montrose Patrol to see if any trucks of that description have been causing problems in the Montrose Area recently.

If you have information that is pertinent to the case Donovan encourages you to contact him at the Houston Police Department Homicide Division, 222-3651. Your name need not be made public in submitting information.

Silverstein Speaking to FAFOG . . .

One of the purposes of the Families and Friends of Gays is to help those who suspect that one of their loved ones might be gay and don't know how to handle feelings of guilt, shame, loss and despair.

The organization provides an opportunity for open discussion with families who have been able to accept their gay sons or lesbian daughters. FAFOG knows there are countless numbers of mothers and fathers who are struggling to understand and desperately need a group such as theirs and do not know they exist!

Charles Silverstein, Ph.D. will be

the guest speaker at the monthly meeting on Sunday, March 16, at 2:30 PM at the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 1919 Decatur at White - off of Washington, east of Studemont.

Dr. Silverstein is a clinical psychologist and the author of the *Joy of Gay Sex*; *A Family Matter*, one of the first books parents of gays read; and, *Man to Man* which is about gay couples and should help dispel parents' fears that their gay children are doomed to unhappy lives.

FAFOG meetings are open to the public.

. . . Also Appearing at Fundraiser

Dr Charles Silverstein, author of the *Joy of Gay Sex*, will be in Houston at the Shamrock Hilton on Sunday, March 16, for a fundraiser benefiting the Montrose Counseling Center.

Dr Silverstein will also be at the Brazos River Bottom on Monday, March 17, from 4 to 8 PM.

For more information call the counseling center at 529-0037.

Heritage

Festival April 6

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receipt for the amount owed.

•A check will be issued Tuesday, April 8, by mail or at a location to be picked up at the participant's convenience.

•Any special considerations must be negotiated prior to space reservation.

For more information contact Phil Slusser at 524-0828

Also discussed at the Family meeting was the possibility of another 'Montrose Day at Astroworld.'

Phil Slusser and Don McCrorey (candidate for State Representative District 79) talked to an official of Astroworld, getting the tentative OK for another event in the amusement park.

At one point Astroworld had said it would not allow Family to bring another Montrose Day to the park.

Specified plans for another event at Astroworld were not decided at the meeting, though several possibilities were tossed around.

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MAY TO SEPTEMBER

By Ted Brink
STAR COLUMNIST

Recovering from a nervous breakdown brought on by the collapse of my first "permanent" relationship with a very young man, I was suddenly plunged into the preparation to produce a Broadway musical show. Gary Levin, my close friend in Hollywood, had written the entire production. At age 43 we both faced a new and exciting challenge. Gary knew I would work best if I had a new young lover. Together we selected Chet.

Having advertised in the L. A. Advocate for a good-looking, clean-cut young man who wanted a lasting relationship and an opportunity to work as assistant to the producer in show business, I was swamped with calls.

Gary was determined to screen the applicants (as he was to several other times in my life in Hollywood) in order to find the one he felt best suited for me and also, importantly, someone capable of inspiring me to work hard on his potential Broadway show.

Gary was good and really at ease talking with gays. His untimely passing several years later cut short still more show business plans we had formulated together. He never came out of his closet, but Gary was gay.

Whenever he privately auditioned a

young male performer, he required them to strip and try-out sometimes for hours in the nude -- "just to make sure they weren't inhibited."

Our interview of applicants to be my new young lover and assistant weren't quite that blatant.

He knew I'd try-out the frontrunners in the seclusion of my own apartment in the building next to his. As a matter of fact, I only asked one young man to bed before making up my mind.

His name was Chester Arthur Allen. He was so obviously right for the work that the only question was how would we get along together in a close, personal relationship.

Chet was five-ten, slender blonde, blue eyes a bit closely set, average in build and elsewhere. The same day, following our three-way interview, I took Chet back to my place and he stayed the night with me.

He wanted to be close, and tried to be everything I hoped for; it seemed to me then that it was just fine. Not the wild, uninhibited sex I treasured so with David, but warm and fulfilling. I had gone many weeks without feeling the comforts of a lover in bed with me. The next morning, a Sunday, Gary, Chet and I had breakfast to celebrate.

Chet's family background was in banking and strings had been pulled to secure him an excellent L. A. job in the

field. But that wasn't what Chet wanted. He dreamed of being a producer in show business.

To his great credit, he actually came to care very deeply for me. I've all too often heard older gays accuse the younger ones of 'using' them; to 'use' someone well and have them 'use' you well is a very happy situation.

Despite the end of our relationship a year later, once more a finality I take the majority of blame for, I feel neither of us truly 'used' each other badly.

Chet went on to become an important Broadway stage manager and then producer. I will always know that I gave him his roots, actually a kind of baptism by fire.

We leased a beautiful apartment and while we were both working full-time in our respective jobs, we began to hold backer's auditions to raise money on the production. At the same time we had to be sure the author of the original play upon which the new musical was based would agree to the right kind of financial deal for his 'rights.'

From a broom-closet telephone where I worked in that L.A. department store I called him one morning. I had secured his unlisted number from a friend. The gentle, southern voice seemed startled when I told him someone had already adapted his play, written music and lyrics. He

agreed to come over the following Sunday to hear the music and look at the new script.

Seated on Gary's sofa he heard it all. There was a long pause when it was over. He shifted positions and I thought he was getting up to leave. But instead he said, "Well . . . let's get started."

And so we were underway. The author made sure his attorney gave us what we wanted in the way of a deal and rather retired from the picture. He felt he'd said what he had to say and now it was Gary's turn.

He did show up for several backer's auditions. Always quiet. Always very much in the background.

Uncle Will came along through another friend. At 350 pounds, he was exactly the portrait of the jolly fat man. He was the one who could always solve anyone's problems, the man who always brought boxes of donuts to every rehearsal, and beloved beyond belief.

He also had contacts for money.

The somewhat sizeable investment he produced for us secured his associate producer position and enabled us to decide to raise the rest of the money in New York.

Uncle Will had a young lover of his

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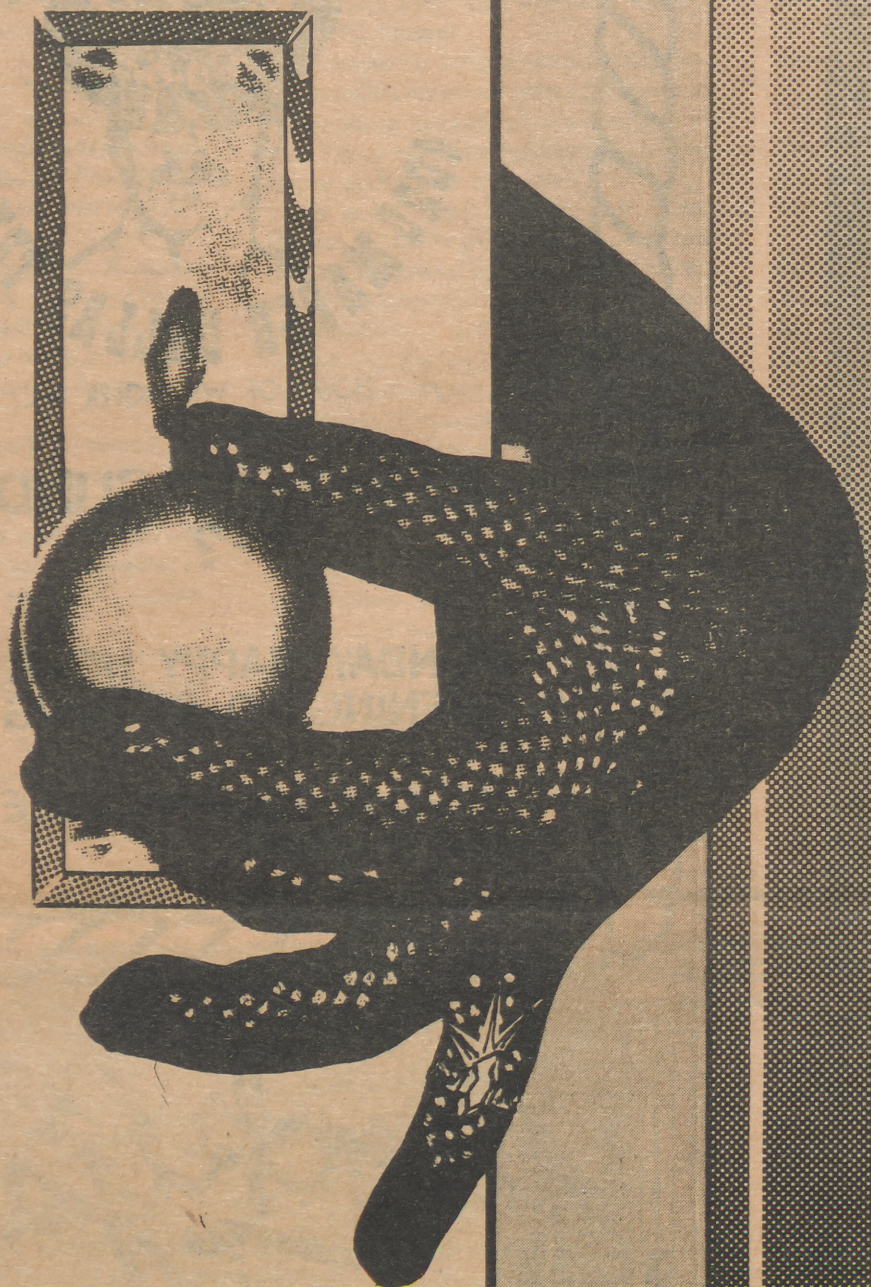
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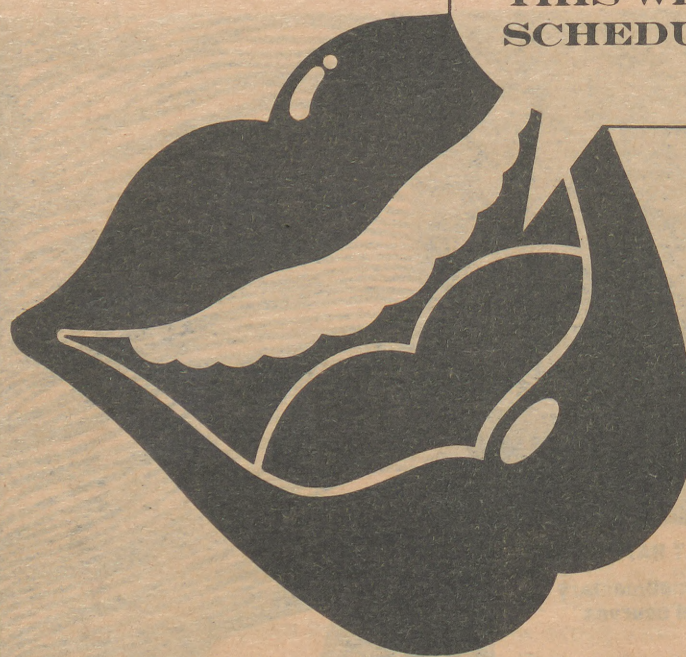
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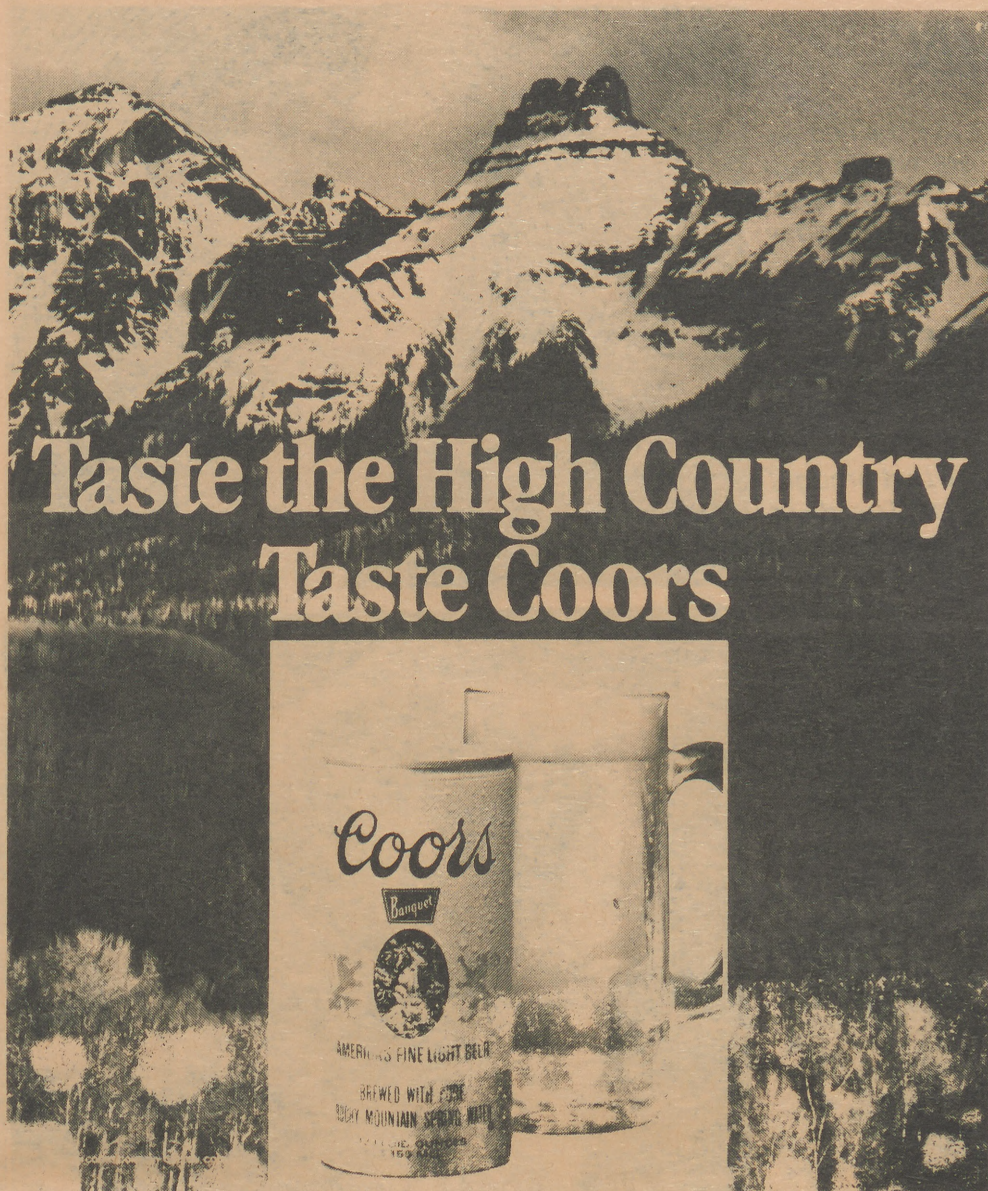
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DANCIN'

Go-go guys like the two on left and right are what's happening at Dirty Sally's on Tuesday evenings. Last Tuesday these guys worked everyone into a sweat!

PRANCIN'

And the luscious 'Gum Sisters' got the response that brought on top honors at last Tuesday's show at the Copa

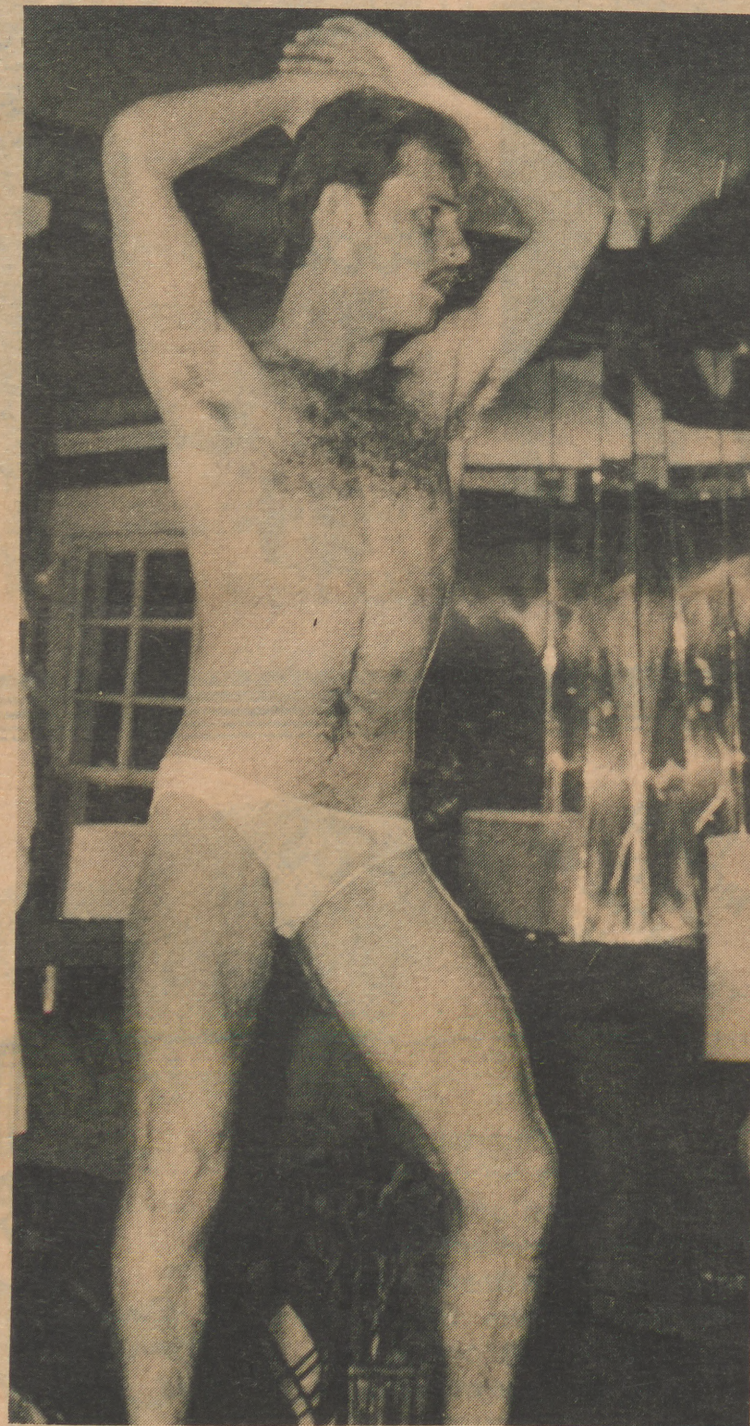


Photo Bill Lubing

MONTROSE BEAT

By George Barnhart
STAR STAFF

Houston is hopping hot . . . and getting hotter. Spring has sprung and everybody's sap is rising . . .

The *Inside/Outside* is really getting innovative . . . so it's not surprising to wander into the upstairs bar at the *I/O* and catch the impromptu, musical popourri of melodies

from around the piano bar as a variety of local greater and lesser stars tickle the ivories and torture the tonsils. Just the other night, after another luscious meal the **Dave Bradley's** place right next door at 1322, I dropped up to hear **Mickey Rankin**, **Jimmy Empenza** and **Randy Bentiez** harmonizing together.

The few discords now and then are easily covered up with campy comments . . . nobody seems to mind.

Now if that's not enough to get the message across that **Ed Monginger** and his crew at the *I/O* are getting 'with it' let me stick this in your ear . . .

Monday afternoon at the *I/O* is the congenial, festive setting for a brand new Montrose tradition . . . There, the members of a unique new social club gather to imbibe of the spirits and good times.

With host bartender **Richard** and club prez **Jan Walker** (affectionately known by most as **Sneaky Snake**) the **Monday Afternoon Drinking Society** convenes, (called to order simply wouldn't fit).

Replete with their own distinctive club T-shirts, members gather and share in the fun-for-fun sake type of atmosphere that is the modus operadi of the *Inside/Outside* . . .



WOW . . . Winning first, second and third place at the 'First Annual Mr. Dog Patch USA Contest were Ed Cameron, 29, a Taurus into partying, Greg Hotaling, 22, a virgo that loves gymnastics and hunting and Henry Vonelly, 18, an Aquarius who loves tennis, bowling and disco dancing. **Photo by Lewis Johnston**

Meanwhile, over at **Dirty Sally's** we hear there is a new attraction on Tuesday nights, for all those among us who like beautiful, cute, and hunky male flesh . . .

I'm talking about **Oliver's Go-Go Boy Revue**. If you haven't seen it drop around . . . it'll drive you wild.

Now, for all members of the **Imperial Court**, the privy council, the dukes and duchesses, royal scribes, cooks . . . and all of those honorable patrons of **Dogpatch II**, the mad, impetuous, and zany **Empress Czarina the First of Montrose**, (in the personage of **Bill Rogers . . . The Doglady**) commands your presence at the **Vestiture of Titles of the Imperial Court** on March 15 at 8 PM. The **Imperial Master of Ceremonies** will be . . . now get this . . . the one and only **Gay Political Caucus Prez, Steve Shiflett**.

Right after the ceremonies a special show with **Randy West, Jerry Vanover** and **Cheree** will commence.

Four **uniformed cops** and six **vice types** came to view the film *Sling* at a certain popular bookstore last Tuesday . . . we hear they liked it so much they simply *had* to take it with them.

Eye-witnesses say the vice guy doing all the talking stood on top of one of the benches in one booth so he could get a better view of the movie next door (they're so kinky) and we understand he was heard to say . . . 'Okay, munch for lunch bunch, pull your pants up, stick your dicks away, it's time to go home!

Gee, how clever . . . guess it's better they get cutsy than bashing in heads.

Also heard last Sunday at **Memorial Park** the vice was on the prowl, and apparently successful. **B.K. Johnson**, we've got our eyes on you.

Budding new places . . . and a few old places are poppin' up . . .

The **Locker** has been graced with new operators. Opening dates has not been determined . . . wonder if **Vince** and whoever will reinstate the ole peanut barrels like they used to have . . . Hear **Jim Holloman** of the old **Pacific Street Station** fame is doing it again along with **Tim O'Reilly** where the **Silver Dollar** used to be. Barbecue they tell me, will be the fare . . .

. . . What's this I hear about **Los Troncos** going gay? . . . And then there's this rumour going around that the **Old Emporium**, that famous gold mine of trash and treasure may

just about be undergoing a transformation . . . like a bar maybe?

Rumor has it there's to be a new women's bar on Westheimer soon. Also just got the whispers on a new gay hotel.

Heard something might be going to happen over where the old **After Dark Bookstore** used to be . . . anybody whose got an inside scoop on any of this let us know . . .

. . . The **Club La'Mour** is open again . . . all the way . . . with drinks and drag and butch and fluff. **Leslie Larson** is the new owner . . .

The **Brasserie** . . . that's **Jim Lake** and **Paul** have been tearing out walls over there like crazy . . . seem's they have outgrown their present capacity . . . don't blame them, with the present crowd and the hunky crew they've got . . . you can have a good meal and cruise at the same time . . . 24 hours a day.

Rocky's, that cosy little women's bar at 3416 W. Dallas (near the corner of Dunlavy) will be holding a **St. Patrick's Day Celebration** on Saturday, March 15. Go hungry (take it any way you want to) because **Rocky** is offering a buffet featuring corned beef and cabbage plus lots more. There'll be a \$2 cover. And hey, watch for the **patio** opening in the

spring.

We also hear that some of the **Tavern Guild** members are angry with **Miller Lite** . . . now I know for a fact they've turned a deaf ear to community pleas for help, but when a beer distributorship gets down to raising prices over and over and over again . . . that's price gouging. Don't blame bar owners for being mad.

Speaking of the **Tavern Guild**, I hear there's plans underway for a big stupendous blow-out at a grand old hotel's swimming pool for a **Luau** and **water-show** coming up soon. Keep tuned for further developments.

Montrose Patrol Needs Your Help . . . **lp . . . Montrose Patrol Needs Your Help . . .** (please?). The number is 960-1616.

Andy Mills, this one is for you.

From what I hear the **Montrose Singers** have gotten so good with their harmonizing that they are planning on taking over the **Tower Theatre** for a grand, white-tie and tails concert somewhere around the third week in May . . . The gig will run two nights, and if I know that group you're going to hear some sounds . . .

'Til next time . . .

COOKING

From Summit to Jailhouse

By Bert Hollister
STAR PUBLISHER

Recently I was invited to design a kitchen setting for the **March of Dimes Gourmet Gala**, held at the **Summit**. The kitchen had to be designed following a theme and in mind the fact that a well known star or personality would be cooking a favorite dish.

The **March of Dimes Gourmet Gala** is held each year by some of Houston's highest society to raise money for the **March of Dimes**. Dinner is served everyone who is willing to pay \$125 per plate and up, and the affair was catered by **Tony's**.

Mayor McConn was there. So were some of the cast from the TV series *Dallas*, **Countess** and no count somebody, sparkling personalities like **Marge Crumbaker**, **Bobby Sakowitz**, and a host of others -- all aglitter in the largest jewel collection this side of Arabia.

The **Summit** was covered in beautiful flowers (by **The Empty Vase**) and the hundred tables of ten were customized fabricated and set magnificently. The liquor flowed and the wine poured, and

everyone had a beautiful and truly exciting evening -- even if it did cost them a few shekles -- and for many it was the night to be seen by the ones to be seen.

Of course, **Lynn Wyatt** and **Joan Schnitzer** made it! And **Darrel Royal** got there too. Other well-knowns about town were there, too. **Bob Allen**, TV 13's sportscaster was as handsome as ever. **Lt. Governor Hobby** and **Maxine Mesinger** were in the spotlight -- while everyone who is no one was cow-towing to Maxine hopeful of a mention in the next day's column. And you should see how she acts!

Mickey Gilley was present with his famous **Gilley's Beer** in hand (I think it is made for him by **Shiner's**.) **Larry Hagman** and his wife (He is J.R. on *Dallas*) were stunning and liked by everyone.

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From Page Twelve

In the event you wind up in the Houston jail, you can be assured you are going to be really well fed. A few nights ago, when I attended the Gala, former Police Chief Harry Caldwell cooked up this stew.

Two pound boneless stew meat cut in one inch squares.

Four large cubed potatoes.

Four large cubed carrots.

Two large green bell peppers quartered.

Two large white onions.

Four large tomatoes.

Two cups Perrier water.

Four teaspoons bacon fat.

Bay leaf, thyme, marjoram, lemon peel, ginger.

Three tablespoons Vieux Chateau Certain 1977.

Salt and pepper to taste.

Heat bacon fat (rendered from 17-month piglet in jail house cooking

caldron).

Salt and pepper stew meat (sliced on the diagonal). Dust stewmeat in flour twice sifted.

Brown stew meat turning only twice.

Add one diced onion and simmer mixture until onions are soft. Add four large fresh tomatoes peeled and prestewed i Perrier water. Allow mixture to simmer 15 minutes.

In a separate pan briefly saute in clarified butter, the potatoes carrots and pepper. Add to the mixture, along with two cups of Perrier water.

After 30 minutes additional cooking time add one bay leaf, thyme, and marjoram and one whole peeled onion. Cook on a low flame for at least 45 minutes. Then 15 minutes before finish, add three-quarters teaspoon finely chopped outside lemon peel sprinkled with ginger.

Jalapeno Cornbread

One cup corn meal.

One tablespoon sugar.

One-half teaspoon baking powder.

One teaspoon salt.

Two eggs, beaten.

One-Half cut bacon drippings.

One #2 can cream style corn.

One large onion diced.

One-half pound grated cheddar cheese.

One-quarter cup jalapeno pepper with seeds removed.

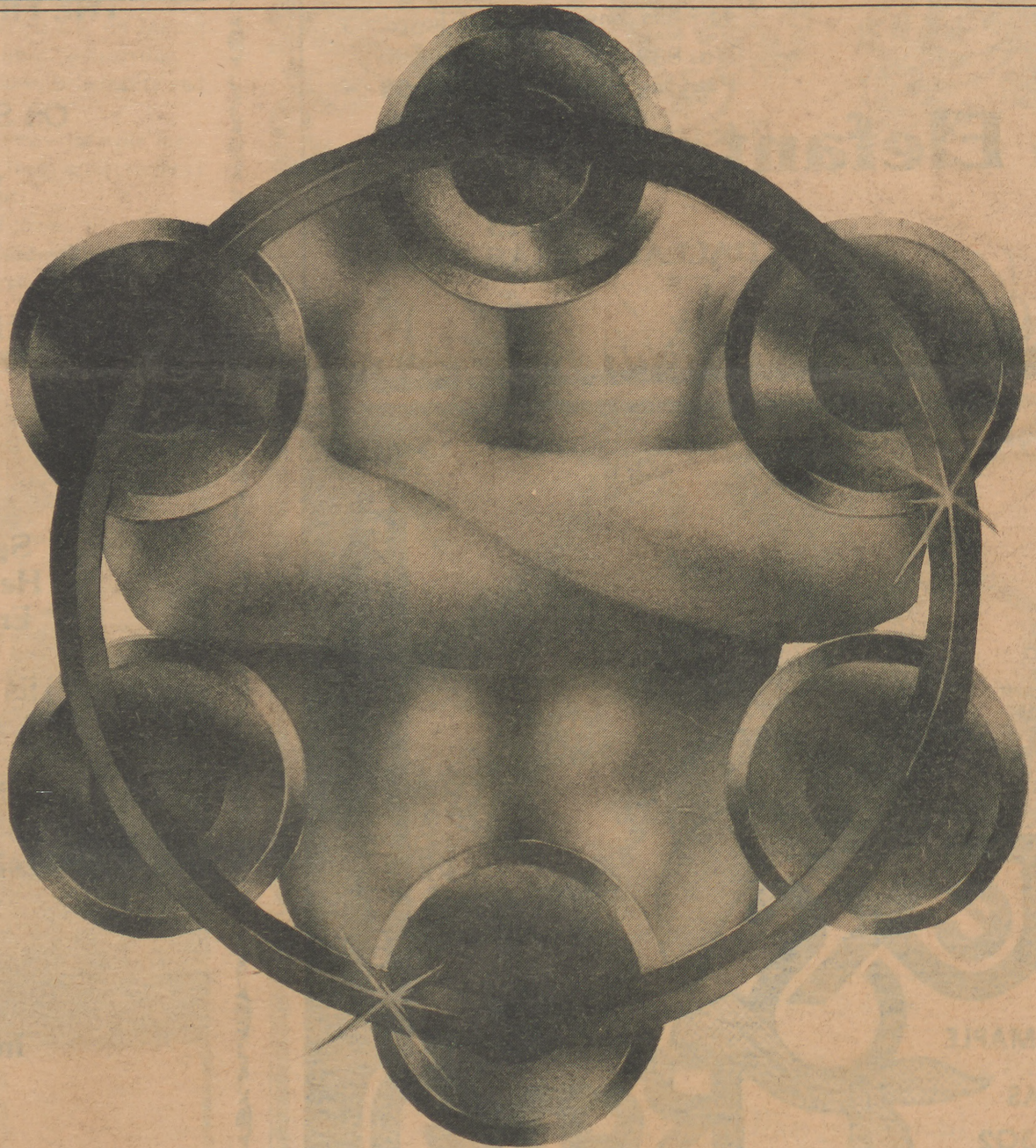
One-eighth cup pimento.

One pod garlic squeezed through press.

One tablespoon Pace's hot sauce.

Mix the above ingredients in order of succession. Pour into greased pans and bake at 400 degrees for 35 minutes.

I will have more from the March of Dimes Gourmet Gala again soon for you. Meanwhile, please feel free to send me your favorite recipes.

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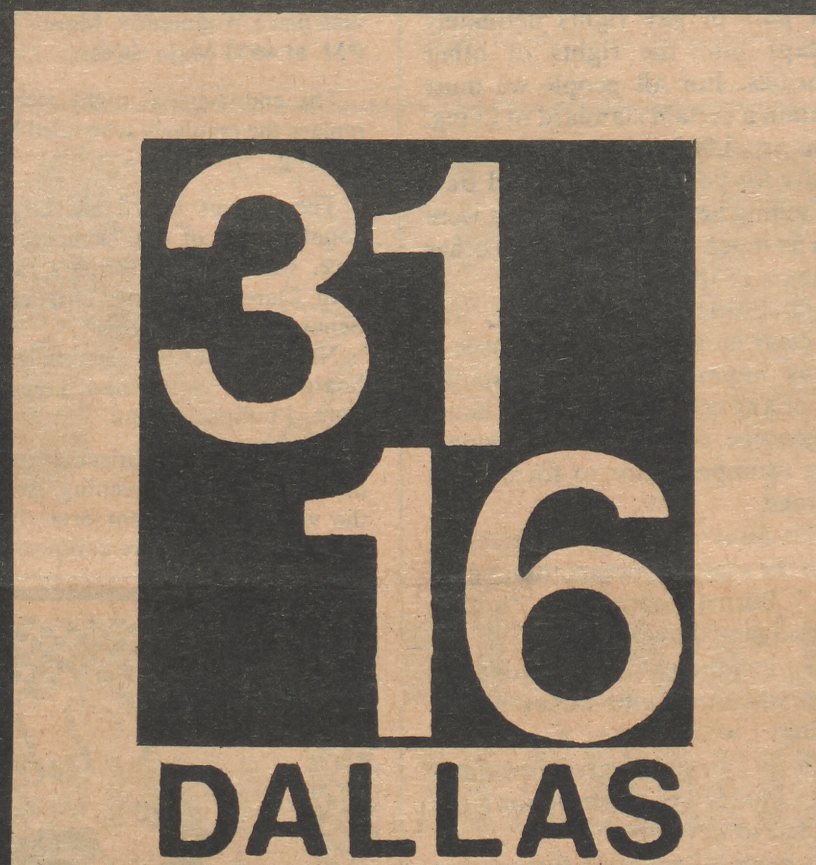
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Reyes Advisory Committee Includes Gay

By Bill Lubing
STAR EDITOR

Asked to be on Houston councilperson Ben Reyes' first citizen advisory board Ron Burnett, president of the Gay Hispanic Caucus says the entire community of Houston can benefit from the board, particularly in terms of city services and financial aid for homeowners.

After the first advisory board meeting, Burnett said it was important for citizens to have at hand the necessary information regarding the breakdown of city departments — which offices handled the various aspects of city services.

The group was given a list of city services. In the event of a problem in the community, such as broken water lines, trash and street repair, the list spells out efficient utilization of city services.

Burnett said neighborhoods should first deal with problems through city departments. If this doesn't work citizens should not be afraid to, "be vocal with city council. Ben (Reyes) encouraged us to get the point across," said Burnett, "that it's important for people to take a day off from work and go before city council, to let their views be aired."

To remedy the obvious broken water mains and plugged up sewers, Reyes told the group there are funds allocated through bonds, to improve neighborhoods. He said the money is there but the community doesn't know about it.

There is also financing available through the city for home buyers and those renovating property. Qualifying residents can borrow home loans, "at 9½ percent interest," told Burnett. One of the stipulations before qualifying for a home loan is to live in the home a minimum of two years. Burnett added the maximum amount for a home loan, "is \$30,000." Another program loans up to \$6,000 for home improvement.

An important issue with the advisory board is that neighborhoods must be organized and educated to take full advantage of city services.

As an example, Burnett cited, "the terrible terrible condition of Westheimer from Bagby to Shepherd."

He added, "Residents must take on the responsibility themselves to inform the city of these conditions."

Burnett went on to say the sooner Montrose realizes it's faced with some of the same problems as the

Fourth Ward. An important aspect of the advisory board will be, "to show that the same things that affect the Fourth Ward affect Montrose," Burnett added.

"I left the meeting knowing we'd dealt with so much more than just a gay rights issue," related Burnett, "that part of gay rights definitely overlaps into the rights of other minorities. For all people we must maintain a certain standard of living. There are 3,000 jobs available with the city for young people," said Burnett, telling how those positions were open as much to young gays as other segments of the population.

And, Burnett said of Reyes, "It's very clear he realizes the gay issue is just as important as the Hispanic issue or any other human rights issue. It's genuine concern for all people that's prompted him to form these meetings.

"The asset of city government is one of the most important things gays need," Burnett continued, "and a knowledge of how it works."

The members of the advisory board will meet with Reyes in five meetings within the next three months. Through these meetings other modes of interaction are expected to develop.

For more information Burnett can be contacted at 520-6850.

From Page Five

these senseless cases. Murders, rapists, thieves and the like can get probation. Homosexual cases cannot," Wells concluded.

Candidate Dailey, a graduate of the University of Houston College of Law and a special judge in the Harris County Criminal Court of Law, then spoke to the GPC gathering, saying he would represent all the people of Houston fairly and equally.

"The DA's office spends \$7 million a year on gadgetry and wizardry spent on victimless crimes. They (the DA's office) should definitely be re-evaluated," said Dailey.

The distinguished looking 40-year-old attorney also spoke to the Houston Bar and Tavern Guild last Tuesday, asking for its support. He received unanimous endorsement of at least 16 gay orientated bars, taverns and restaurants.

GPC Planning Candidate Endorsement Night

The Houston Gay Political Caucus' candidate endorsement night for most races of concern to the gay community will take place Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 PM, at 4600 Main Street.

The endorsement night meeting will replace the regularly scheduled March 19 meeting.

The Caucus Board has targeted the county chair of the Democratic Party race, the district attorney's race along with State Legislative District 79 and Senate District 15 races.

Now that the GPC election is over, the board took bold, new steps geared toward political action.

Created was a political steering committee to manage screening, 'getting out the vote,' endorsement procedures and screening questionnaire composition.

To help research how gays and lesbians experience job discrimination the GPC has published an 'employment questionnaire' to be filled out by the community.

Among questions asked are those pertaining to education, income, gender of supervisors and the working relationship gays have with co-workers and supervisors.

Information on the questionnaire will be used in the GPC gay employment study.

All information will be held in strict confidence, with no individuals being identified.

Forms may be picked up and dropped off at the *Montrose Star* office, 3217 Montrose, Suite 111 or at Wilde n' Stein Books, 520 Westheimer.

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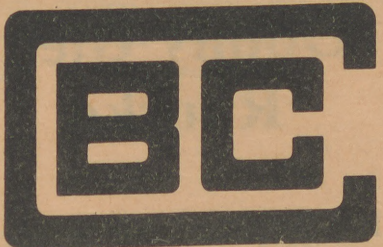
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Lewd Conduct

From Page Four

state official in the state's Bureau of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, submitted a letter of resignation to his boss at the Department of Social and Health Services. He asked to be reassigned to another position even if it means demotion and decrease in salary.

The boss, Glen H. Miller, accepted the resignation and gave Gregorious 30 days' leave. Depending on merit system regulations, Miller said he would try to find a place for him within the department. Gregorious has been with the department for more than 20 years.

Thus continues the American attitude that irregular sex should cost a person his job, his standing in the community, and his self-respect.

Apartment Complex

From Page Four

quite adamant about sticking to it," he said.

Busby added that he is opposed to discrimination against homosexuals and noted that it would be "a bit ironic" for him to discriminate against heterosexuals.

The manager pointed out that he had not included "exclusive gay clientele" in the copy sent to the gay newspaper and thought that advertising representative "eventually assumed that or took it upon his own to put that in there."

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Childhood Sensuality

From Page Three

No doubt the next few years will bring up examples of childhood sexuality that are in the "ambiguous" category.

It is not only the sexual rights of children, however, that CSC is devoting its energies to. An idea whose time has not yet come (but may be coming) is that parents do not have the inalienable right to raise their children the same way they themselves live:

"We advocate that parents offer the benefit of their experience without insisting that children adopt the same beliefs, including religious beliefs, or lifestyles."

The effect of such an idea, should it become widespread, would be profound, a major sociological phenomenon. Rightwing family groups have already begun attacking CSC, since the ideologies of the two camps are diametrically opposed.

One area where CSC might encounter a lot of resistance, even from liberals, is in the matter of "self-regulation" in feeding and toilet training. Few people, at least from today's perspective, will want to allow children to determine what is wisest for them in these aspects of life.

But maybe in the not too distant future we'll be living in a far different world, a world where children can actually divorce their parents!

Such a law has already been proposed in Sweden. If it goes into effect, a child could divorce his or her parents if they have shown themselves to be unsuitable and no longer function properly as parents.

CSC would also like to see a Child Ombudsman appointed by each local authority to deal with problems that arise between parents and children.

The times, they are a-changin' indeed!

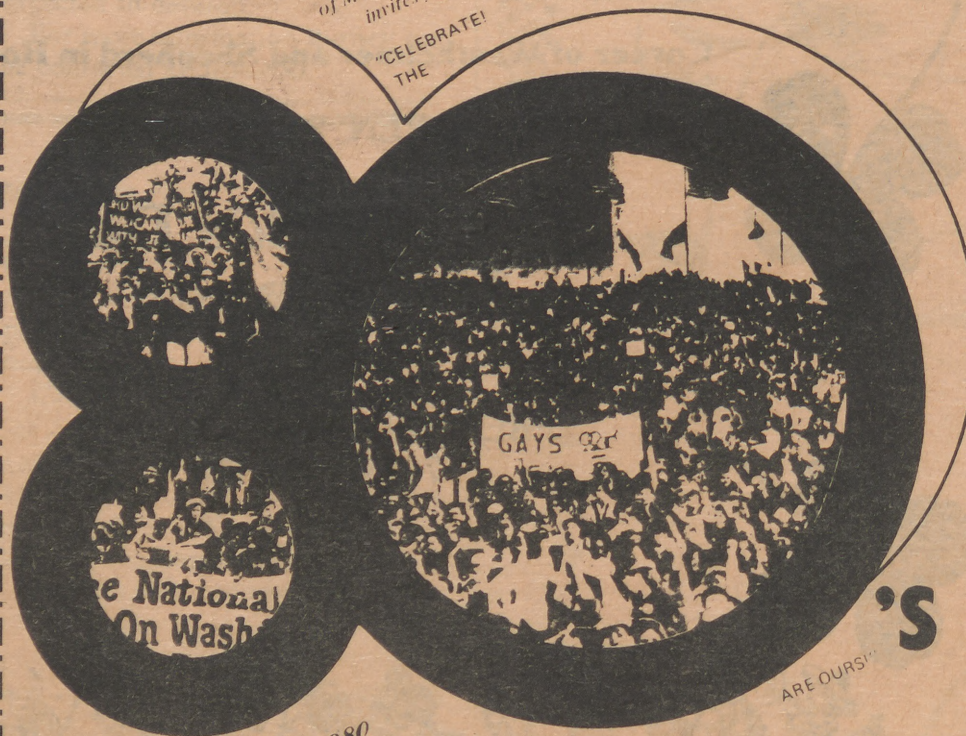
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