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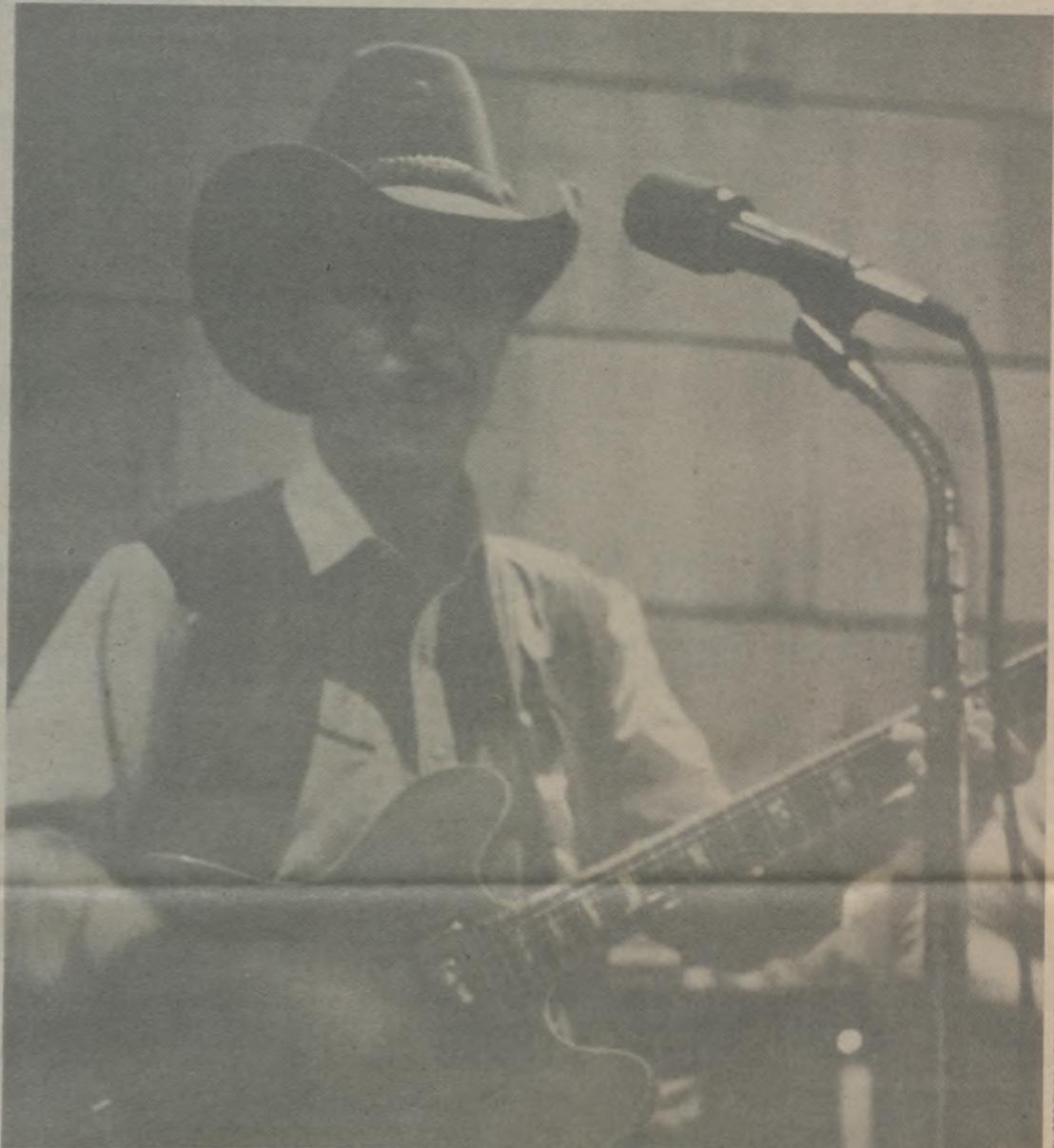


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"They cling together because they have a common medical problem" Hunt says.

But not too closely—it might set off an allergic reaction.

## Austin Soap

By Tututu Divine

### Closings and Flashings

Daisy Dauber, where is my Weller and water? Signed, Jim Smith.

I know this is old news, since Quenton has been telling everyone that *The Private Cellar* closed its doors New Year's morning. What's this we hear about a new location?

I heard Christine flashed two Mac truckers in Dallas a while back. C'mon, Christine, can we talk?

Lambda is having a *Movie Marathon* Jan. 13-14 at the Congregational Church, 23rd and San Antonio. Some of the features are *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Personal Best*, *On Golden Pond* and *Victor, Victoria*. Donations at the door.

From the bar in the suburbs known to some as "Boathouse North" aka *Dirty Sally's*, special thanks to the Boathouse and the Crossing for furnishing their employee's for the evening of Sally's employee's Christmas party.

Is it true the manager of Austin's number one cruise bar dropped \$100 at *Backstreet Basics* on New Year's Day? Does that tell you what kind of New Year's Eve he had?

What Austin bartender had fun and frolic in a U-haul on his way back from San Francisco during the holidays, and that's with no shower? Did you have a towel?

What's more important to a Houston bar owner, his bar or a new fur coat?

Speaking of bar owners, we heard *Preston Porter* was laid up on his back after his truck got plowed into. Of course, we heard that about Preston before he was injured. Of course, in

Houston the word is he was injured in a skiing accident. Is there another story in Dallas we should know about??

## San Antonio Soap

By Helen Dish

### Who is the Lover-On-A-Leash?

Darrell is the hot new bartender we've been seeing at *The Crew* lately. Drop by and say hello.

San Pedro will soon be the home of a new club with a dance bar downstairs and a cruise bar upstairs. Their location is a closely held secret, but I will say that it is located next to *Snuffy's Saloon*.

Don't forget the retreat for *SAGA* Jan. 21 & 27 at the *Guadalupe River Ranch*.

*Hog Wild* has an interesting bronze plaque on their front, starting with an arrow pointing north, "To North Pole—4189 miles." Why?

*TORA* will be meeting this Sunday at 2:30 at *Snuffy's*.

Who is the new lover-on-leash running around S.A. Town with Ms. L.J. OUT with '83 and in with '84?

Rumors about about the *Gay Community Center*, and it is still in the works. People are working together towards its formation.

*Cahoots* was closed this past Mon. & Tues. because the employees were in need of recuperation!?

most disappointing times was when I showed the manuscript to a woman working with a film production company in Los Angeles. She liked it and sent it to CBS, New York, for possible production as an Afterschool Special for kids. CBS like it, but this was the period when the Moral Majority and others were screaming about Tony Randall's gay character on *Love, Sidney*. They returned the script.

Quite honestly, at that point I got depressed and, like a fool, I stuck the manuscript in my drawer for six months before I sent it out again. Thankfully, I got over that piece of stupidity and hopefully will never repeat it.

*Why did you choose to write a work about high-school-aged characters?*

At the time I started the book, I went to *Books in Print* and checked all the books on homosexuality that had been written for young adults. The common thread was that they were told from the viewpoint of the sympathetic nongay friend. I thought it was about time a gay person told his own story. I went the young adult route because it's an important age and one where important questions are asked. I hoped to answer a few of them. Also, a friend told me that young adult publishers were into "real life concerns," and I would stand a chance of being published there that I might not otherwise.

*Is this book heavily autobiographical?*

No. Writers are always told to write about what they know. When they do, people says it's autobiographical. In the sense that everything I write is filtered through my own perceptions of reality, then, of course, it is. But hell, I didn't even attend a public high school. I was at a private Catholic minor seminary in Holliston, Mass. I wanted to be a missionary priest. I didn't even come out until I was 21 and a

junior in college. My own coming out was hell, and I mean that literally. I had to deal with all the guilt trips the seminary had left on me. Once one of the guys was thrown out for being gay and we were all talked to and we were told that he had ruined his life and would never be happy.

Immediately after that, we were each hauled before the rector and grilled as to whether we had made it with him. As I remember, I admitted that I had because he'd already given my name, but I denied everyone else they asked me about.

It wasn't until I got involved with the Gay Student Union at the Claremont College in 1972 that I met openly gay people. They were the greatest. I still remember my first party about a month after I met them. I sat in the corner of the room and watched. They thought I was bored, and I didn't know how to explain I was almost in tears because I saw men dancing with men and women with women, and it was beautiful. It was as if I'd been kept outside a pastry shop my whole life half-starved, and suddenly one night they opened the door and said it's all for you.

Those people helped me to see the beauty in myself and in the others around me. They also were politically active, and I liked that and joined in when I saw the garbage we were being forced to swallow even on a supposedly liberal college campus. I wound up by being the co-ordinator for the GSU for two years and was actively involved in many of the early Californian student projects around the state.

There's a scene in my book where Neil finds out Paul is gay, and he's shocked. Today it's no revelation to know that gay people are everywhere—thankfully we're making ourselves known—but I was like Neil at the beginning. I'd meet people and say, "You're gay!" I won't say I thought they were all supposed to be in dresses—I

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Worshippers sit on plain metal chairs in an uncarpeted, undraped room which is preheated to avoid reactions to natural gas. Scented cosmetics are banned, and Hunt makes sure he wears a freshly cleaned suit. He says he gets up to 20 people a week at his ecumenical service.

"They cling together because they have a common medical problem" Hunt says. But not too closely—it might set off an allergic reaction.

## Austin Soap

By Tututu Divine

### Closings and Flashings

Daisy Dauber, where is my Weller and water? Signed, Jim Smith.

I know this is old news, since Quenton has been telling everyone that *The Private Cellar* closed its doors New Year's morning. What's this we hear about a new location?

I heard Christine flashed two Mac truckers in Dallas a while back. C'mon, Christine, can we talk?

Lambda is having a *Movie Marathon* Jan. 13-14 at the Congregational Church, 23rd and San Antonio. Some of the features are *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Personal Best*, *On Golden Pond* and *Victor, Victoria*. Donations at the door.

From the bar in the suburbs known to some as "Boathouse North" aka *Dirty Sally's*, special thanks to the Boathouse and the Crossing for furnishing their employee's for the evening of Sally's employee's Christmas party.

Is it true the manager of Austin's number one cruise bar dropped \$100 at *Backstreet Basics* on New Year's Day? Does that tell you what kind of New Year's Eve he had?

What Austin bartender had fun and frolic in a U-haul on his way back from San Francisco during the holidays, and that's with no shower? Did you have a towel?

What's more important to a Houston bar owner, his bar or a new fur coat?

Speaking of bar owners, we heard *Preston Porter* was laid up on his back after his truck got plowed into. Of course, we heard that about Preston before he was injured. Of course, in

Houston the word is he was injured in a skiing accident. Is there another story in Dallas we should know about??

## San Antonio Soap

By Helen Dish

### Who is the Lover-On-A-Leash?

Darrell is the hot new bartender we've been seeing at *The Crew* lately. Drop by and say hello.

San Pedro will soon be the home of a new club with a dance bar downstairs and a cruise bar upstairs. Their location is a closely held secret, but I will say that it is located next to *Snuffy's Saloon*.

Don't forget the retreat for *SAGA* Jan. 21 & 27 at the *Guadalupe River Ranch*.

*Hog Wild* has an interesting bronze plaque on their front, starting with an arrow pointing north, "To North Pole—4189 miles." Why?

*TORA* will be meeting this Sunday at 2:30 at *Snuffy's*.

Who is the new lover-on-leash running around S.A. Town with Ms. L.J. OUT with '83 and in with '84?

Rumors abound about the *Gay Community Center*, and it is still in the works. People are working together towards its formation.

*Cahoots* was closed this past Mon. & Tues. because the employees were in need of recuperation!?

most disappointing times was when I showed the manuscript to a woman working with a film production company in Los Angeles. She liked it and sent it to CBS, New York, for possible production as an Afterschool Special for kids. CBS like it, but this was the period when the Moral Majority and others were screaming about Tony Randall's gay character on *Love, Sidney*. They returned the script.

Quite honestly, at that point I got depressed and, like a fool, I stuck the manuscript in my drawer for six months before I sent it out again. Thankfully, I got over that piece of stupidity and hopefully will never repeat it.

*Why did you choose to write a work about high-school-aged characters?*

At the time I started the book, I went to *Books in Print* and checked all the books on homosexuality that had been written for young adults. The common thread was that they were told from the viewpoint of the sympathetic nongay friend. I thought it was about time a gay person told his own story. I went the young adult route because it's an important age and one where important questions are asked. I hoped to answer a few of them. Also, a friend told me that young adult publishers were into "real life concerns," and I would stand a chance of being published there that I might not otherwise.

*Is this book heavily autobiographical?*

No. Writers are always told to write about what they know. When they do, people says it's autobiographical. In the sense that everything I write is filtered through my own perceptions of reality, then, of course, it is. But hell, I didn't even attend a public high school. I was at a private Catholic minor seminary in Holliston, Mass. I wanted to be a missionary priest. I didn't even come out until I was 21 and a

junior in college. My own coming out was hell, and I mean that literally. I had to deal with all the guilt trips the seminary had left on me. Once one of the guys was thrown out for being gay and we were all talked to and we were told that he had ruined his life and would never be happy.

Immediately after that, we were each hauled before the rector and grilled as to whether we had made it with him. As I remember, I admitted that I had because he'd already given my name, but I denied everyone else they asked me about.

It wasn't until I got involved with the Gay Student Union at the Claremont College in 1972 that I met openly gay people. They were the greatest. I still remember my first party about a month after I met them. I sat in the corner of the room and watched. They thought I was bored, and I didn't know how to explain I was almost in tears because I saw men dancing with men and women with women, and it was beautiful. It was as if I'd been kept outside a pastry shop my whole life half-starved, and suddenly one night they opened the door and said it's all for you.

Those people helped me to see the beauty in myself and in the others around me. They also were politically active, and I liked that and joined in when I saw the garbage we were being forced to swallow even on a supposedly liberal college campus. I wound up by being the co-ordinator for the GSU for two years and was actively involved in many of the early Californian student projects around the state.

There's a scene in my book where Neil finds out Paul is gay, and he's shocked. Today it's no revelation to know that gay people are everywhere—thankfully we're making ourselves known—but I was like Neil at the beginning. I'd meet people and say, "You're gay!" I won't say I thought they were all supposed to be in dresses—I

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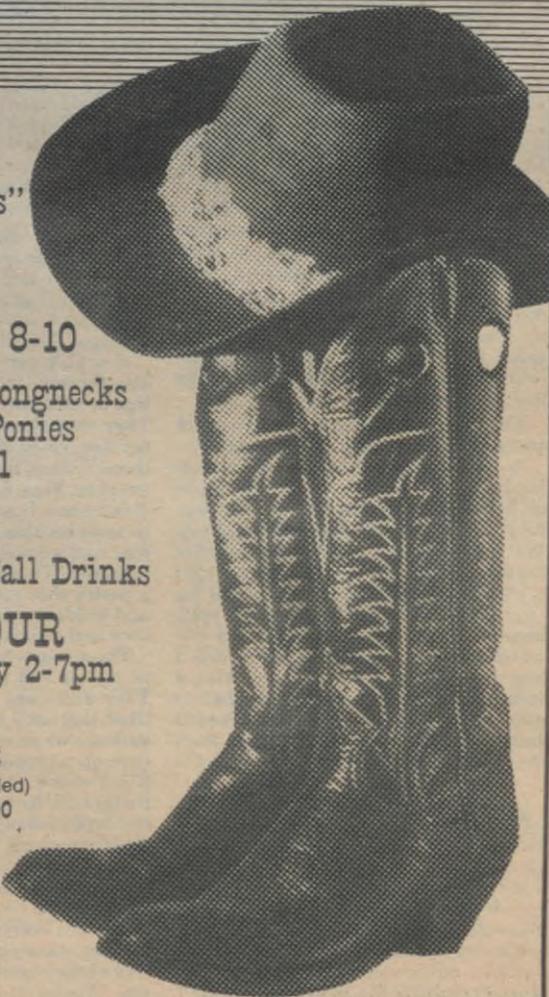
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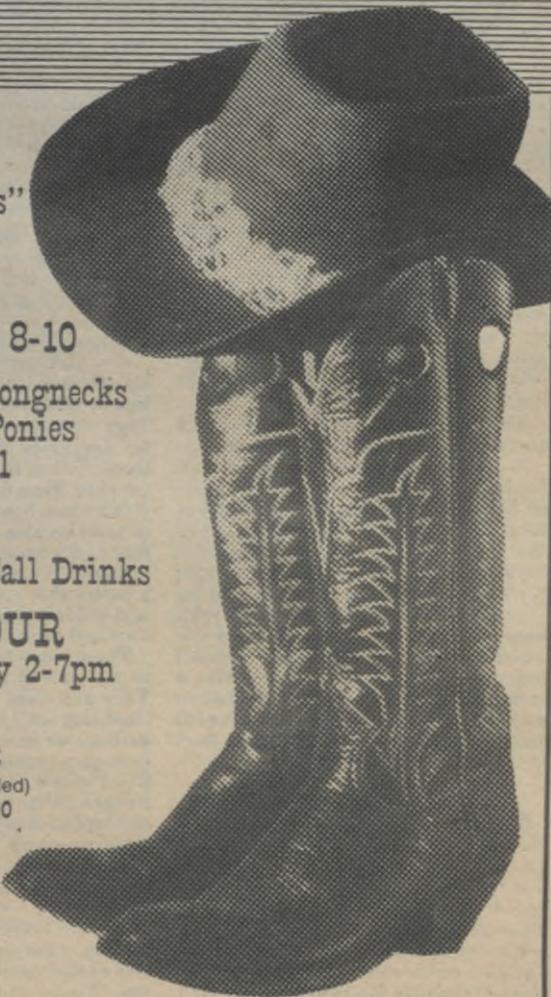
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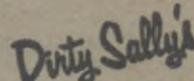
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If you want to open a business, better think up a name right now. One of my oldest, dearest and best-hung friends recently went through the trauma of going to the county clerk's office to register a name for his new plant store: he thought "The Green Queen" was a good one. But, no! Someone else somewhere else in the state had beat him to it.

I tried to soothe him with a combination of warm caresses and cold gin. I even suggested a better name, I thought: "Sod 'Em and Grow More Rye." But he went into terminal wilt until he came up with "How Does Your Basket Hang?" and ran off to the courthouse to try that one.

I'm beginning to think that I should open a business of my own, a kind of advisory service for people like him who need names for new enterprises. After eating at a couple of new gay restaurants, I've come

against catchy names, too. You won't find service stations called "Don't Pass Our Gas" or "The Lube Your Joint Joint." Movie moguls are very happy with "Superman III" and "Rocky Infinity." Hilton and Sheraton just keep on throwing up "Hilton Hamtramcks" and "Sheraton Sheboygans."

But our people suffer from what I call the Rumpelstilkin Syndrome. You gotta have a name or the magic's not there. Let me tell you the true story of two men who went to Russian River, fell in love with the place and decided to open a gay guest house.

After tramping around (and I emphasize tramping) for three days, they consulted a real-estate office and found a charming old building with ponds, trees, ducks and flowers. It was going cheap, because it was near a railroad siding where two abandoned cabooses were baking in the sun. No one wanted them, and prospective buyers considered them an eyesore.

Our heroes, truly creative sorts, realized that the cabooses could be easily lifted off the tracks onto the property and made into charming (a key word in gay business) little (another key word here) weekend hideaways (that's called a literary hat trick—three key words in one phrase).

They checked with the railroad—sure enough, cabooses went more cheaply than new construction. Zoning was right. There was adequate water, sewage and a ready-made clientele.

So they sat back and started planning. There would be little Roger & Gaillet soaps, big bath towels and complimentary shampoo. They started making lists of things to check: is KY available in tiny little tubes? Can you grow watercress in a duck pond?

And, they considered the name. "Take The A Train," "Loose Caboose" and "Orange Blossom Special" were all discarded. "The Right Track" and "Club Car" just seemed to prove that the railroad motif wasn't the way to go. "Wanderlust" and "Loose Ends" killed a travel theme. Meanwhile, interest rates crept to 12 percent.

"Yo' Mama's," as in "Where are you staying?" "Yo' Mama's!" nearly caused an argument. "Mother Ducks" was offered rapturously by one of the partners and received coolly by the other. Interest went to 13 percent.

To cut a long story short, by the time they arrived at a name—"Boys R Us"—mortgage rates had gone through the ceiling. Instead of realizing their dreams of welcoming hunks to their soigneé orgy parlor, they found themselves overwhelmed with mountains of brochures for kitchen implements, souvenir matches and lawn furniture. Instead of happily sharing their work as well as leisure time, they found themselves with a severely strained relationship. ("If we'd called it 'Gandy Dancers' like I wanted, we'd be operating now." "If we'd named it that, we'd be out of business now.")

All of this could have been avoided if I were in business, offering help to those who need it. A quick consultation with Peter Harrison, and you'd be off in a flame with a name. Vital with a title. All systems a-go-go with a logo.

A gay video arcade? "Shirley Booths." Gay farm chemicals? "Weed 'Em and Reap." Gay storage system? "Closet Cases." Dry cleaners? "Pressing Concerns." Footwear? "The Shoe Must Go On."

See how easy I could make it for you? If you're interested, keep watching this column, and I'll let you know how to get in touch. I'll be open for business—as soon as I can think of a name.

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# Glenn No Longer the 'Right Stuff' for the Gay Community

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especially important to lesbians and gay men, including immigration, AIDS, violence, social service delivery and discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military. The group also challenged Glenn's contention, made earlier in the day, that lesbians and gay men were unfit to work as "teachers or YMCA directors."

While the dialogue was cordial, the Ohio senator continually focused on the idea of sexual orientation as a choice rather than a pre-existing condition like race or gender.

"The Senator acknowledged the existence of discrimination," Apuzzo noted, "but was unwilling to support any remedy for that discrimination. This intransigence is unacceptable."

Vogel added, "He offered no new departures from his previous positions."

Glenn, himself, stressed that he wanted a "continuing dialogue with the gay and lesbian community," and conceded that "this issue (gay and lesbian civil rights) has become an item on the national agenda."

Two days later on Dec. 15, Senator Ohrenstein announced his resignation from the Glenn campaign because of Glenn's "refusal to support homosexual rights legislation ... (which) called into question his otherwise superb record on civil and human rights by engaging in a prolonged debate on lesbian and gay rights, an issue which has broad-based support within the Democratic Party."

Former Houston Gay Political Caucus President Lee Harrington, Association Vice-Chair for the South Central Region of the National Association for Lesbian and Gay Democratic Clubs, issued the following statement:

"While the meeting Glenn requested ... was a frustrating one for our association's co-chair, Peter Vogel, and for Senator Ohrenstein, we are very encouraged by John Glenn's desire to continue meeting, as well as by his very sincere desire to more fully understand the issue of civil rights for gay citizens. Ohrenstein's resignation may reflect a feeling that he can better educate the open-minded presidential contender from outside the campaign structure, rather than from within it.

"It seems to all of us, and I find it to be the case so often with so many other well-intentioned persons, that John Glenn's level of understanding here is directly related to the lack of exposure he has had to the people and the issue.

"As you get to know us, the myths about us, I think, begin to fall away. If Glenn can learn fast, and he appears to be willing to try, he'll still have a shot at in excess of 5 million gay votes in 1984."

Harrington also stated that realistically he does not expect Glenn to progress that fast, as "he's still in the 'what causes homosexuality' stage."

Harrington felt that his willingness to talk, however, may be a good example to the other 'middle Americans' in reference to the gay issue.

Ohrenstein's resignation is significant, however. As the New York Senate minority leader, he has influence with many key Democratic leaders.

Also, New York brings to the Democratic National Convention, to be held in San Francisco in June, the second highest number of delegates after California.

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Obviously, the gay community puts great store in originality. Others don't seem to care quite so much. In both New York and San Francisco, there are "Old Original Joe's" and I believe that there's even an "Old Original Joe's Number Two" in one or the other.

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If you want to open a business, better think up a name right now. One of my oldest, dearest and best-hung friends recently went through the trauma of going to the county clerk's office to register a name for his new plant store: he thought "The Green Queen" was a good one. But, no! Someone else somewhere else in the state had beat him to it.

I tried to soothe him with a combination of warm caresses and cold gin. I even suggested a better name, I thought: "Sod 'Em and Grow More Rye." But he went into terminal wilt until he came up with "How Does Your Basket Hang?" and ran off to the courthouse to try that one.

I'm beginning to think that I should open a business of my own, a kind of advisory service for people like him who need names for new enterprises. After eating at a couple of new gay restaurants, I've come

against catchy names, too. You won't find service stations called "Don't Pass Our Gas" or "The Lube Your Joint Joint." Movie moguls are very happy with "Superman III" and "Rocky Infinity." Hilton and Sheraton just keep on throwing up "Hilton Hamtramcks" and "Sheraton Sheboygans."

But our people suffer from what I call the Rumpelstilkin Syndrome. You gotta have a name or the magic's not there. Let me tell you the true story of two men who went to Russian River, fell in love with the place and decided to open a gay guest house.

After tramping around (and I emphasize tramping) for three days, they consulted a real-estate office and found a charming old building with ponds, trees, ducks and flowers. It was going cheap, because it was near a railroad siding where two abandoned cabooses were baking in the sun. No one wanted them, and prospective buyers considered them an eyesore.

Our heroes, truly creative sorts, realized that the cabooses could be easily lifted off the tracks onto the property and made into charming (a key word in gay business) little (another key word here) weekend hideaways (that's called a literary hat trick—three key words in one phrase).

They checked with the railroad—sure enough, cabooses went more cheaply than new construction. Zoning was right. There was adequate water, sewage and a ready-made clientele.

So they sat back and started planning. There would be little Roger & Gaillet soaps, big bath towels and complimentary shampoo. They started making lists of things to check: is KY available in tiny little tubes? Can you grow watercress in a duck pond?

And, they considered the name. "Take The A Train," "Loose Caboose" and "Orange Blossom Special" were all discarded. "The Right Track" and "Club Car" just seemed to prove that the railroad motif wasn't the way to go. "Wanderlust" and "Loose Ends" killed a travel theme. Meanwhile, interest rates crept to 12 percent.

"Yo' Mama's," as in "Where are you staying?" "Yo' Mama's!" nearly caused an argument. "Mother Ducks" was offered rapturously by one of the partners and received coolly by the other. Interest went to 13 percent.

To cut a long story short, by the time they arrived at a name—"Boys R Us"—mortgage rates had gone through the ceiling. Instead of realizing their dreams of welcoming hunks to their soigneé orgy parlor, they found themselves overwhelmed with mountains of brochures for kitchen implements, souvenir matches and lawn furniture. Instead of happily sharing their work as well as leisure time, they found themselves with a severely strained relationship. ("If we'd called it 'Gandy Dancers' like I wanted, we'd be operating now." "If we'd named it that, we'd be out of business now.")

All of this could have been avoided if I were in business, offering help to those who need it. A quick consultation with Peter Harrison, and you'd be off in a flame with a name. Vital with a title. All systems a-go-go with a logo.

A gay video arcade? "Shirley Booths." Gay farm chemicals? "Weed 'Em and Reap." Gay storage system? "Closet Cases." Dry cleaners? "Pressing Concerns." Footwear? "The Shoe Must Go On."

See how easy I could make it for you? If you're interested, keep watching this column, and I'll let you know how to get in touch. I'll be open for business—as soon as I can think of a name.

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# Glenn No Longer the 'Right Stuff' for the Gay Community

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especially important to lesbians and gay men, including immigration, AIDS, violence, social service delivery and discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military. The group also challenged Glenn's contention, made earlier in the day, that lesbians and gay men were unfit to work as "teachers or YMCA directors."

While the dialogue was cordial, the Ohio senator continually focused on the idea of sexual orientation as a choice rather than a pre-existing condition like race or gender.

"The Senator acknowledged the existence of discrimination," Apuzzo noted, "but was unwilling to support any remedy for that discrimination. This intransigence is unacceptable."

Vogel added, "He offered no new departures from his previous positions."

Glenn, himself, stressed that he wanted a "continuing dialogue with the gay and lesbian community," and conceded that "this issue (gay and lesbian civil rights) has become an item on the national agenda."

Two days later on Dec. 15, Senator Ohrenstein announced his resignation from the Glenn campaign because of Glenn's "refusal to support homosexual rights legislation ... (which) called into question his otherwise superb record on civil and human rights by engaging in a prolonged debate on lesbian and gay rights, an issue which has broad-based support within the Democratic Party."

Former Houston Gay Political Caucus President Lee Harrington, Association Vice-Chair for the South Central Region of the National Association for Lesbian and Gay Democratic Clubs, issued the following statement:

"While the meeting Glenn requested ... was a frustrating one for our association's co-chair, Peter Vogel, and for Senator Ohrenstein, we are very encouraged by John Glenn's desire to continue meeting, as well as by his very sincere desire to more fully understand the issue of civil rights for gay citizens. Ohrenstein's resignation may reflect a feeling that he can better educate the open-minded presidential contender from outside the campaign structure, rather than from within it.

"It seems to all of us, and I find it to be the case so often with so many other well-intentioned persons, that John Glenn's level of understanding here is directly related to the lack of exposure he has had to the people and the issue.

"As you get to know us, the myths about us, I think, begin to fall away. If Glenn can learn fast, and he appears to be willing to try, he'll still have a shot at in excess of 5 million gay votes in 1984."

Harrington also stated that realistically he does not expect Glenn to progress that fast, as "he's still in the 'what causes homosexuality' stage."

Harrington felt that his willingness to talk, however, may be a good example to other 'middle Americans' in reference to the gay issue.

Ohrenstein's resignation is significant, however. As the New York Senate minority leader, he has influence with many key Democratic leaders.

Also, New York brings to the Democratic National Convention, to be held in San Francisco in June, the second highest number of delegates after California.

Walter Mondale, frontrunner for the Democratic Party's nomination for President, has already stated his support for gay rights legislation "across the board."



to the conclusion that more time was spent planning what to call those places than on any questions of food preparation or decor. "A Quiche Before Dining" did offer quiche as an appetizer, a bouncy little item that prophesized the latex-derivative steak to come.

"Tomorrow's Manicotti" had papered the walls with old physique magazines, it's true, but the pasta tasted more like yesterday's. Raw fish has never appealed to me, so I can't honestly comment on "Name That Tuna" and "If You Knew Sushi."

Obviously, the gay community puts great store in originality. Others don't seem to care quite so much. In both New York and San Francisco, there are "Old Original Joe's" and I believe that there's even an "Old Original Joe's Number Two" in one or the other.

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  - National Association of Gay & Lesbian Democratic Clubs—1742 Mass Av SE, Washington, DC 20003—(202) 547-3104
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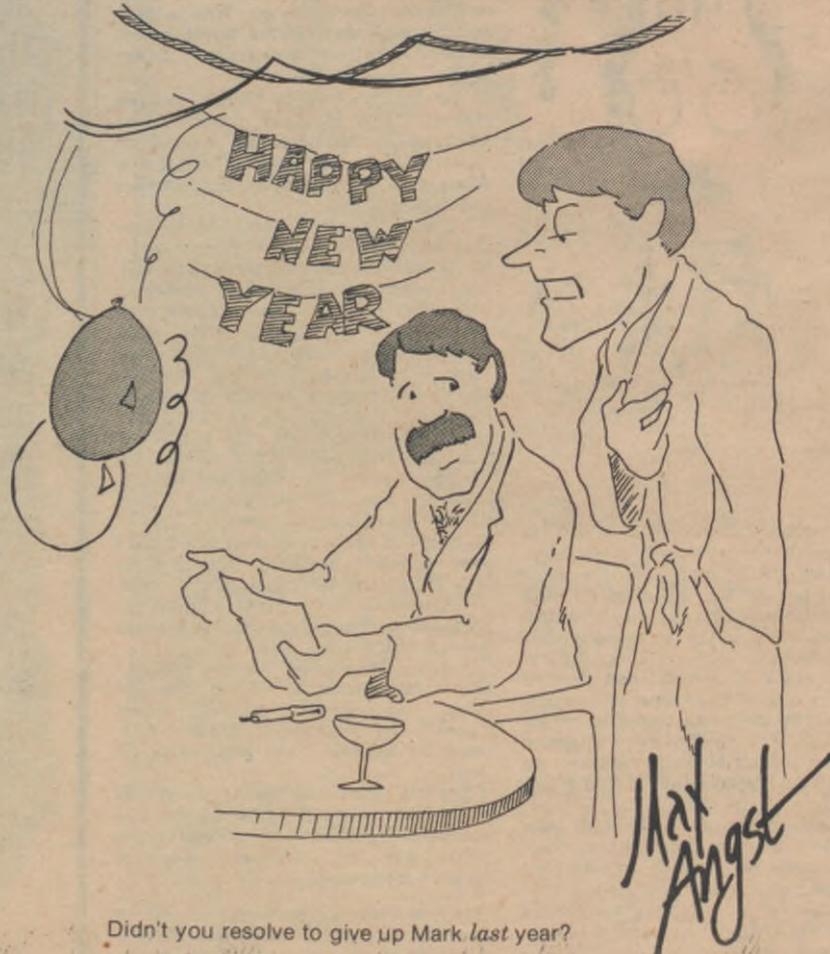
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- Human Rights Campaign Fund—POB 1396, Washington, DC 20013—(202) 546-2025
- Lambda Legal Defense—132 W 43rd, New York, NY 10018—(212) 944-9488
- Media Fund for Human Rights (Gay Press Association)—POB 33605, Washington, DC 20033—(202) 387-2430
- National Association of Business Councils—Box 15145, San Francisco, CA 94115—(415) 885-6363
- National Association of Gay & Lesbian Democratic Clubs—1742 Mass Av SE, Washington, DC 20003—(202) 547-3104
- National Gay Health Education Foundation—80 8th Av #1305, New York, NY 10011—(212) 206-1009
- National Gay Rights Advocates—540 Castro, San Francisco, CA 94114—(415) 863-3624
- National Gay Task Force—80 5th Av, New York, NY 10011—(212) 741-5820
- NGTF's Christine—(800) 221-7044 (outside New York State)
- Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force—POB AK, Denton 76201—(817) 387-8216

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- Austin Lambda—POB 5455, 78763—478-8653

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- Metropolitan Community Church—c/o Unitarian Church, 3125 Horne Rd—851-9698

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- Alamo Human Rights Committee—654-0074, 655-5485
- Dignity—349-3632, meets Sun 5pm, St Patricks Church, I-35 near New Braunfels & Pine
- Gay Switchboard—733-7300
- Integrity/SA—POB 15006, 78212—734-0759, meets 1st & 3rd Thurs
- Lambda AA—1312 Wyoming—674-2819
- Lesbian & Gay People in Medicine—Box 290043, 78280
- Rockin' R Riders—c/o Our Place, 115 Gen. Krueger—340-1758
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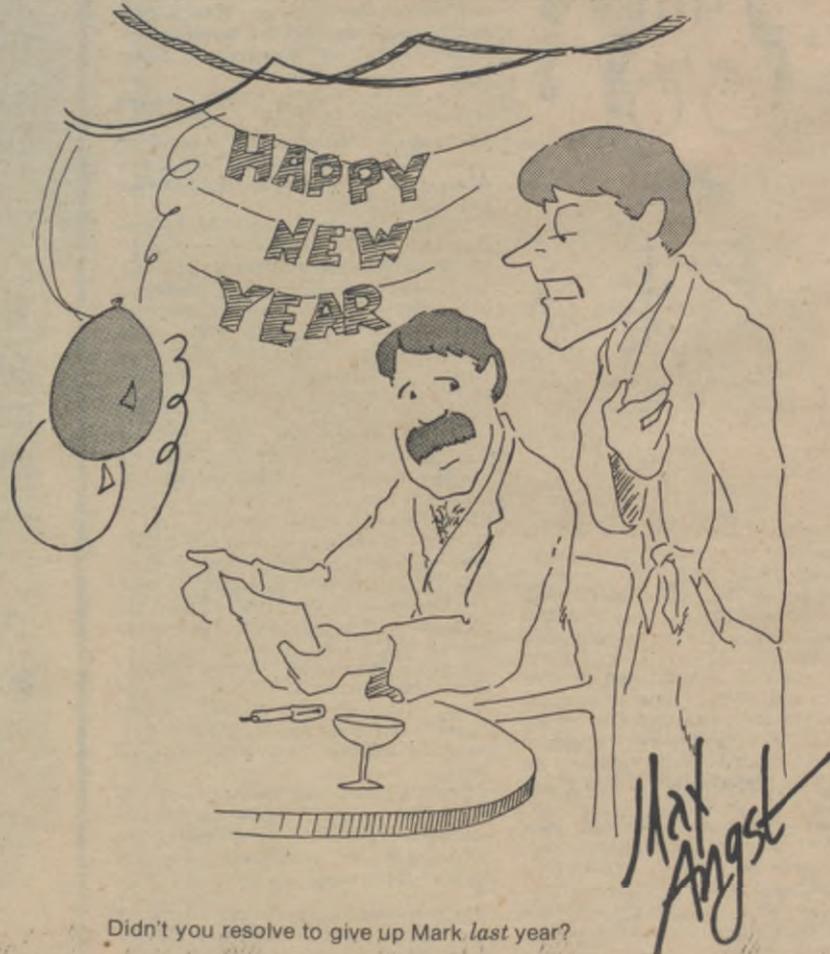
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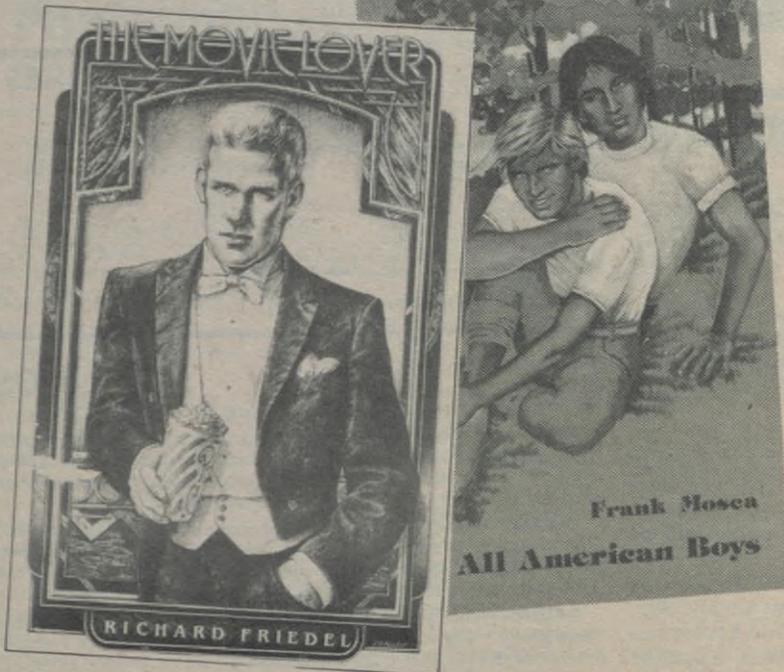
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