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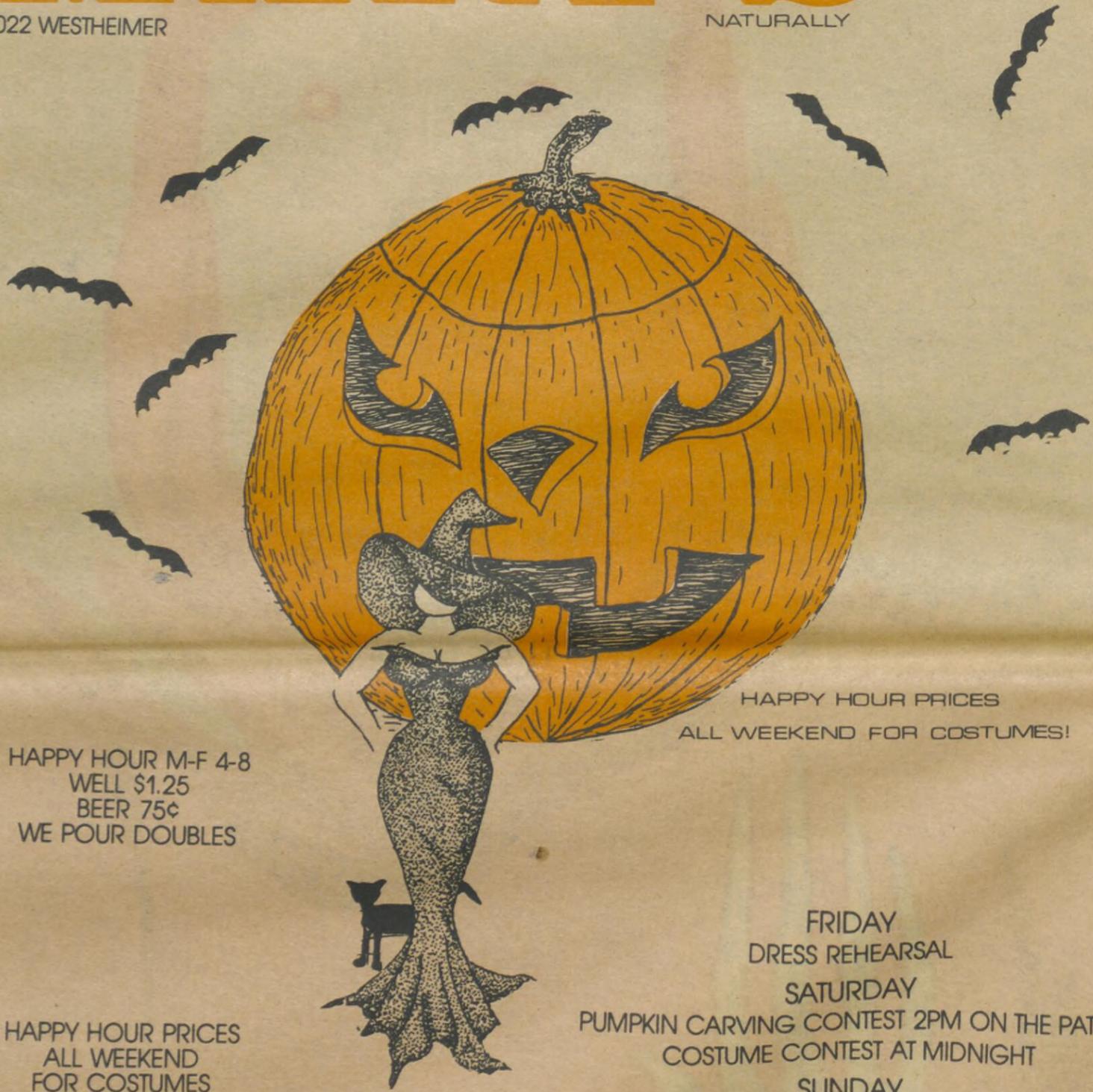
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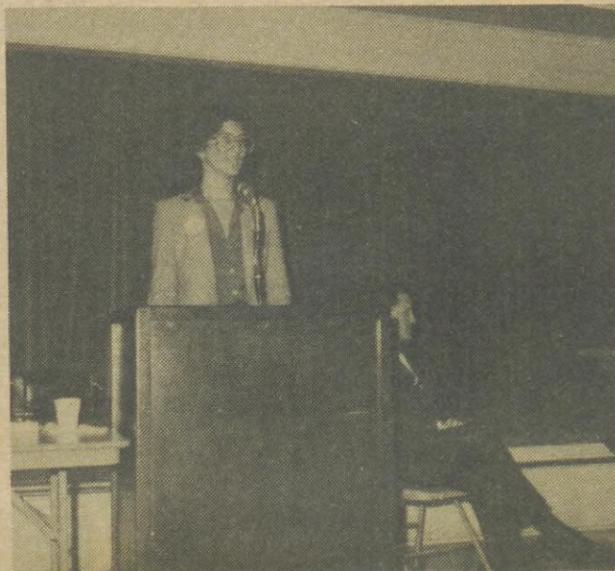
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 'THE ROSE'

TUESDAY  
 FULL MOON  
 FANNY FARMER  
 BIRTHDAY MADNESS  
 WITH THE TEXAS RIDERS HOSTING ON THE PATIO



## Danburg and McCutchen Speak to Neartown Association

By Pamela Wolfe

The Neartown Association held a forum with the District 137 State Representative candidates, Wilmont McCutchen and Debra Danburg, during their regular monthly meeting October 26.

Vince Ryan, secretary of Neartown, presided over the meeting as both candidates presented opening statements and answered questions.

Debra Danburg, the incumbent Democratic State Representative, reviewed her qualifications, stressing that she favors a Business and Industry Committee because it deals with a broad array of issues: tenants' rights, arts. Actively involved in tenants' rights issues, Danburg said that she has earned a reputation in Austin "as a negotiator. I enjoy getting people together with diverse interests and hashing it out," she said.

Wilnot McCutchen, the Republican candidate, presented features in his campaign platform, in which he advocates the

establishment of sets of statewide standardized tests for core subjects in school and a merit bonus system for teachers in order.

McCutchen said he believes the flow of illegal aliens into the United States must be stopped. To accomplish this, the landlords who rent to illegal aliens, "who cram twenty aliens in one room to crash in," should be dealt with through legislation, he said.

He contradicted Danburg's version of the *Houston City Magazine's* review of her term in the Texas Legislature by reading a direct quote, which was unfavorable.

In answering a question about the protection of senior citizens in nursing homes, McCutchen created a stir when he proposed there should be legal presumption of incompetence for senior citizens over 75 years of age: the intent being to protect those citizens in nursing homes for being used and manipulated.

Danburg proposed including senior citizens on the board of directors of any agency that serves their interests. She contended that the people who are being served are the best candidates for representation on the board of directors.

Only a couple political barbs were shot during the forum. After offering his "dedication, honesty, competence and commitment," McCutchen criticized Danburg's

political priorities. "I'm much more of an efficient spokesman than someone who's out in some quixotic adventure to save a cactus in West Texas."

For the remainder of the meeting, the heavy rail system proposed by Metro was discussed in light of a *Houston Chronicle* article October 26, which reported that the Metropolitan Transit Authority will need at least \$3 billion instead of the original estimate of \$1.8 billion.

The Neartown Association passed a resolution presented by Allan Vogel, denouncing the MTA proposed elevated rail system on the grounds that "the long-term environmental, social and economic cost of an elevated rail system through Neartown, midtown and downtown far exceeds the benefit of the time or cost savings it provides."

Neartown is a Montrose civic organization.

## High Rollers for Christmas

Pacific News Service

Coasting through hard times is a lot easier if you've got an extra \$2.4 million. That's the pricetag for the showpiece of the Sakoitz Christmas Catalog—your very own full-size roller coaster.

## Montrose Mouth

### Boo! It's Halloween!

Got busy combing out my wig and almost forgot to write this column. Don't know where my head's been. Anyhow, Halloween is finally here and we're all charged up (on my friend's charge card to the max). Can't wait to see everybody's act. ... I'm the one in green with the gold pumps. Been saving my coke money (ooh) for the outfit for at least six months!

Now on with Halloween. If you can't decide on a costume this year just wait—the real dilemma is where to go after you're all dressed up. Seems every club is having a real extravaganza. This Halloween should certainly be no drag (no pun intended).

Here's our regular seven-day party calendar for what is probably going to be the biggest party week of the year.

(Friday) Oct. 29: Today in 1929, Wall Street began its infamous crash. Today in 1982, it's the first day of Halloween weekend.

(Saturday) Oct. 30: And it's the second day of Halloween weekend—the big Saturday night when we all get an extra hour of socializing in the clubs because also tonight daylight savings time ends.

And tonight, in 1938, Orson Welles did his famous "War of the Worlds" broadcast on the Mercury Theater of the Air—and hundreds believed the Martians were really invading.

(Sunday) Oct. 31: This is the "official" Halloween night. Those other two nights didn't really count, you see.

(Monday) Nov. 1: O-o-o-o-h-h-h, my head. Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, and nevermind. Today we celebrate that in 1835, Texas gained its independence from Mexico.

(Tuesday) Nov. 2: It's election day in Texas and other states around the country. After you hit the polls, you can celebrate having exercised your constitutional responsibility. And this evening, celebrate your candidates victories.

Tuesday is also the birthday of male porno star Casey Donovan. He's turning 39.

(Wednesday) Nov. 3: The U.S.-Alaskan Highway was completed today in 1942. Let's all go out and kiss an Eskimo.

(Thursday) Nov. 4: It's Walter Cronkite's birthday today! He's 66.

And that's the way is, Thursday, November 4, 1982. This is the Montrose Mouth reporting.

This issue marks the start of the third year of publishing for the MONTROSE VOICE.

Motorcycle clubs from as far away as Phoenix, Denver and New Orleans joined Texas motorcycle clubs in Rosebud Oct. 15-17. Over 300 attended the annual event.

Dallas' John Griffin won the title of Mr. Rosebud.

Frank Berrier, the new administrative director of the Montrose Clinic, wants to remind the community that beginning on Tuesday, November 2, the Clinic will begin its service fee program.

The service fees are \$8.00 for an office visit, waivable for clinic volunteers and minors; \$4.00 for services of a physician to determine a diagnosis, also waivable for minors, volunteers and those unemployed with proof; \$4.00 for lab and \$4.00 for administration of any medication.

The fee schedule was reluctantly instituted by the board of trustees to offset operating expenses.

Mr. Berrier hopes that the community will continue to support the work of the clinic. He also informs us that there is room for more volunteers.

Nita at the Bed House (next to Star Pizza on Norfolk at Greenbriar) has been advertising in the VOICE since we were born—and selling those beds like pancakes.

But now, she says, she's selling mattresses and box springs at "rock bottom—right at wholesale."

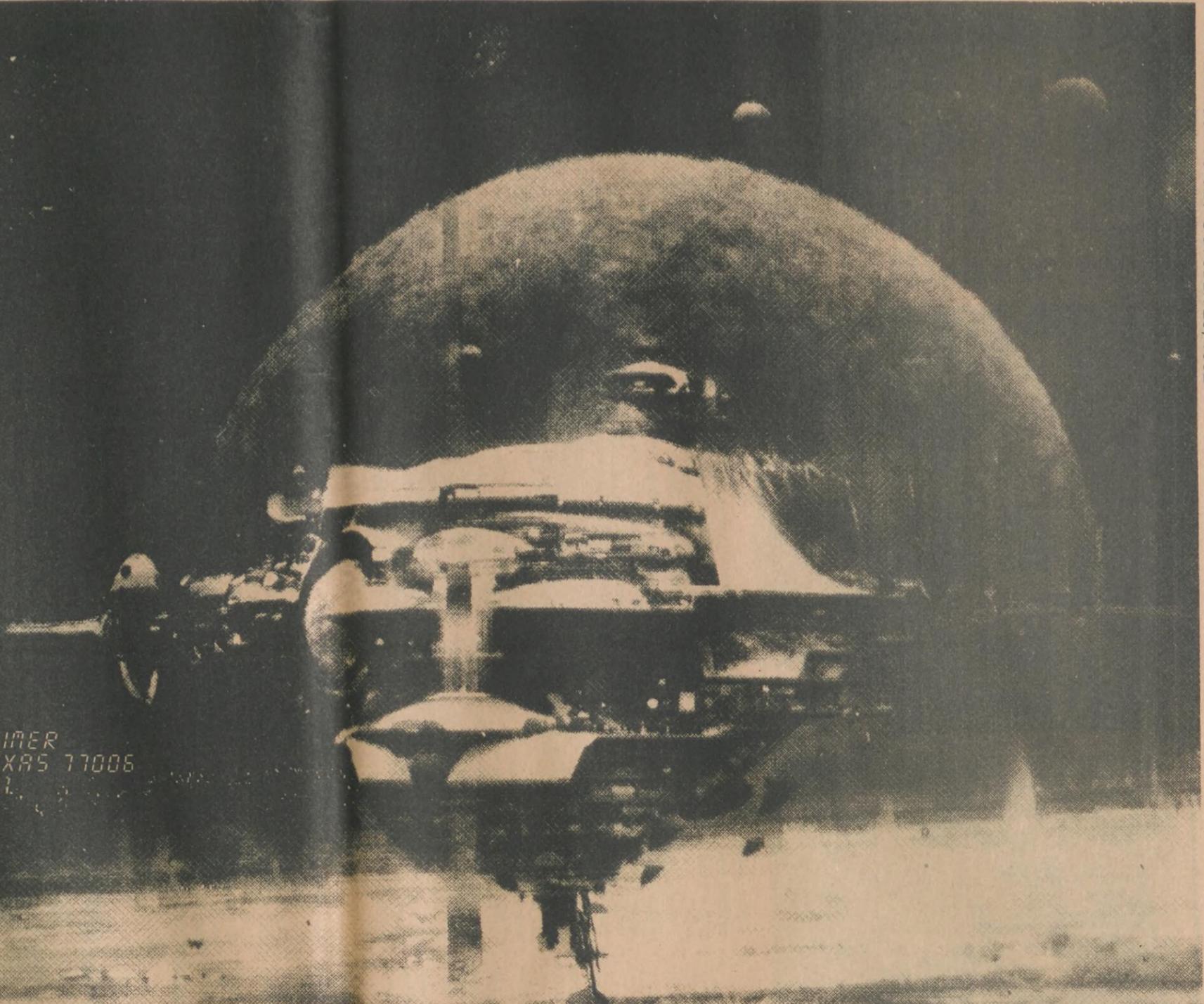
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## 1 Year Ago

Nov. 1, 1981:

### 'Houston Post' ad causes uproar

A full page advertisement appeared in the *Houston Post* critical of homosexuals and the gay rights movement.

The large ad from "L.I.F.E." and "Mark Twain III" encouraged readers to write in for copies of a 24-page pamphlet titled *Gay—Happy or ?* to distribute "in your family, neighborhood, place of employment, club, church, synagogue ... enclose with Christmas cards, birthday gifts...."

Nov. 3, 1981:

### Montrose gave Whitmire her best showing

The overwhelming influence of the Gay Political Caucus was evident when GPC-endorsed candidates took over 70% of the vote in Montrose, as the neighborhood experienced about a 50% voter turnout.

Mayoral candidate Kathy Whitmire, who had been seeking the office—and GPC support—for over a year, took 71% of the Montrose vote, her best showing by far in any Houston area.

Whitmire led citywide too with 36% of the vote and was scheduled to face Harris County Sheriff Jack Heard Nov. 17 in a runoff. The politically conservative Heard took 24½% of the total vote and also came in second in Montrose with 13% of the area's vote.

George Greanias made it into the runoff with Dick Gottlieb making it a battle between the old socially-conservative guard seeking new breath and the socially-liberal movement for City Council District C's seat.

In the voting, Gottlieb led with 39% of the ballots against GPC-endorsed Greanias' 30%.

Nov. 3, 1981:

### Lalor won

The vacating District C city councilman, seeking the post of city controller, won against a former controller—Leonel Castillo.

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Entertainers back stage at *Numbers* for the "Performing Arts '82" benefit last Monday for the Montrose Guest Recovery House. (back row) Patrick Lamp, (center row) Wayne & Brenda of Baja's, Lois Yvonne, and (in front) Randy Starr of E/J's.

## Family and Friends of Gays Hold Bake Sale

By Pamela Wolfe

Family and Friends of Gays, an organization of non-gay people who have gay relatives or friends, held a bake sale at Mary's Lounge, 1022 Westheimer, Saturday, October 23.

\$359.01 was earned by selling cakes, cookies and by holding a raffle for a homemade afghan crocheted by organization treasurer Ann Moser. The amount raised, however, was a low figure in relation to Family and Friends' past endeavors.

Hoping to top the \$530 earned at the Spring 1981 Bake Sale, Moser explained that the organization needs funding "in order to educate ourselves, educate the public and especially the people who have different ideas of the gay community."

The Family and Friends of Gays' Houston Chapter has been in existence since the early 1970s, but according to President Freda Jerrell, "We're in the process of organizing for the first time." Their mailing list has reached 60 people in Houston who have gay relatives or friends.

Surrounded by cookies, cakes and char-

acters of all shapes, sizes and tastes at Mary's, Freda explained the organization's goals. "We must let ourselves be known and encourage gays to involve their parents. Sometimes they don't understand it (homosexuality). It boils down to ignorance of the situation. Everyone's afraid of the unknown."

Considering herself ignorant about homosexuality before she joined Friends and Family of Gays, she admitted that coming to meetings helped her to understand the gay person's situation. In her opinion, "Gays are friendlier and more open, outside of their sex games. When you have a friend, you have a friend."

Family and Friends of Gays meetings are held every third Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Those interested in the organization can call 464-6663 or 524-5982, they said.

## Crowd Meets GPC-Endorsed Candidates

By Pamela Wolfe

"The only way to continue to make progress is if we stick together as a community and as one," said Gay Political Caucus President Larry Bagneris at the

GPC "Meet the Candidate" event at Mary's Lounge, 1022 Westheimer, Sunday afternoon, October 24.

Unity within the gay community was the dominant issue of the GPC political rally. Three GPC endorsed candidates attended the event scheduled nine days prior to the November 2 elections.

Much concern was expressed over the contention that Mark White had already planned to appeal the Federal overturning of the Texas "Homosexual Conduct Statute." Referring to propaganda handed out during the evening of October 22 in front of several gay bars, which refuted a GPC contention that Mark White had not planned an appeal as of October 24, President Bagneris crushed the leaflet to demonstrate his view of its worth.

Bagneris said that 50% of the lawyers on the Gay National Task Force board are in disagreement over whether or not it would be favorable to appeal the overturning of section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, and Bagneris said thus it is inconceivable that Mark White would have already made a decision.

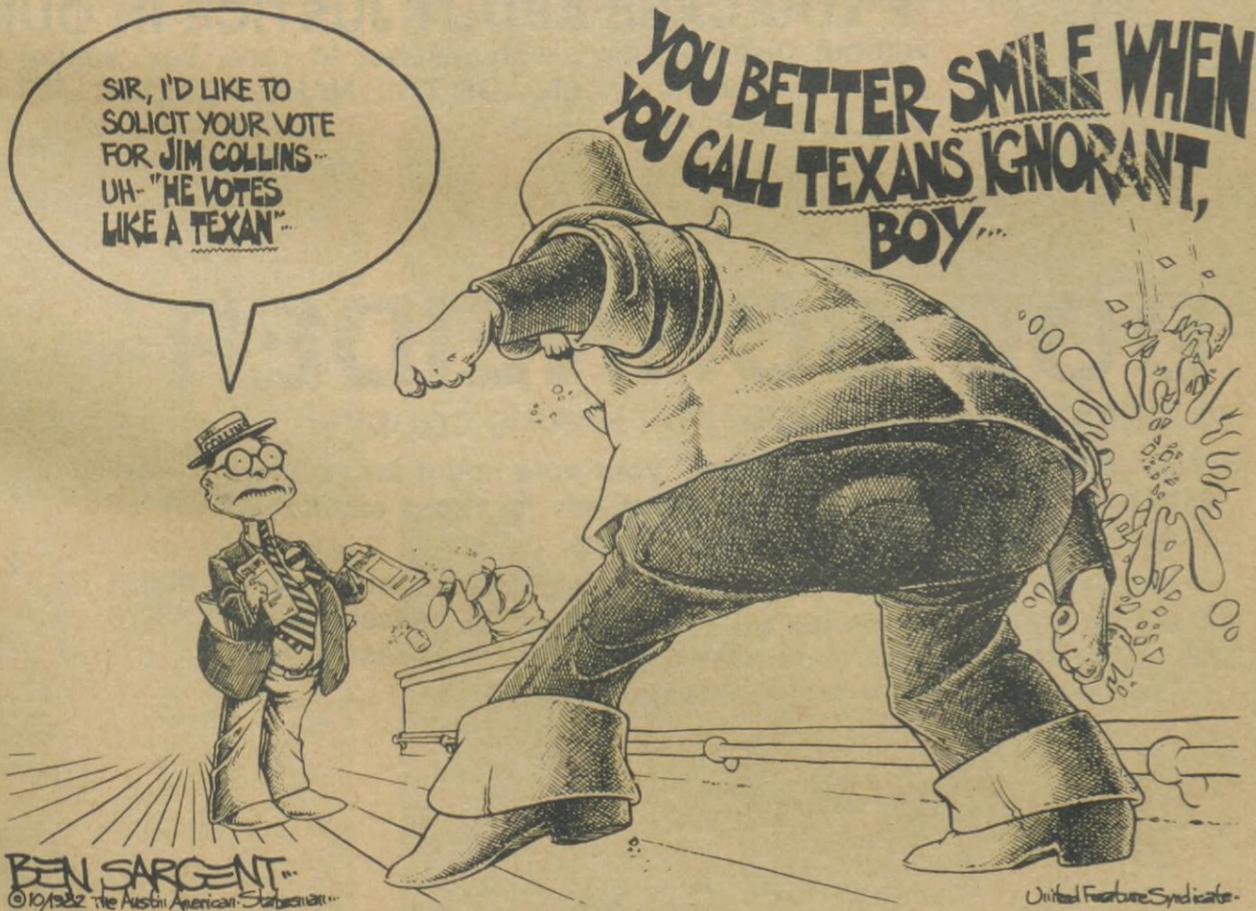
October 28 is the deadline for an appeal or request for a 30-day extension.

"Shut up or put up!", declared Bagneris, to those GPC members who choose to voice their disagreements outside of the organization's proscribed procedural methods of decisionmaking.

Debra Danburg, State Representative Democratic candidate of District 137, encouraged gay voters to support Mark White since "he's already taken the risk in rural areas" to support gay rights. She voiced concern over "unfair political tactics" discovered within her district, similar to Gregg Russell's tactics against the Mark White gubernatorial campaign.

"If one person who has never been heard of before and I submit to you, will never be heard of again, can cause us to do anything other than work harder, longer and give more to the gay bloc vote, then we might as well give it up," she threateningly stated.

Don L. Hendrix, judicial candidate for County Criminal Court No. 2, was introduced along with another GPC endorsed candidate, Judge Richard Trevathan. Governor Clements appointed Trevathan in September of 1981 as Judge in the 182nd Judicial District, so Judge Trevathan is running for re-election for the first time.



BEN SARGENT  
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As Ray Hill said in TWT, 10/22-28/82, p. 25: "There are races ... where no endorsement was made. In those cases **USE YOUR OWN JUDGEMENT.**"

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# Merrie Olde England in East Texas

Photostory by Lyt Harris

If you drive through the soft rolling hills of East Texas around the small towns of Magnolia, New Market, or Plantersville during any weekend in October or the first weekend in November, you are likely to come upon something that appears to be totally out of touch with reality. It's the Texas Renaissance Festival, which, believe it or not, has been entrancing hundreds of thousands of visitors for the past eight years.

Located in a huge cow pasture in an area that could otherwise be described as "nowhere," the Texas Renaissance Festival is situated only 65 miles north of Houston and offers the visitor a chance to leave the inflated worries of the 20th Century behind and enter a world of days gone by in merrie olde England.

Once you have stepped through the wooden gates and entered the walls of this magic kingdom, you truly feel transformed back in time to a period when life was much more simple and festive. The crowds of people suddenly become your friends and share your fun and laughter at the delightful entertainment: a juggler, a comely belly dancer, a wizard and a dancing king and queen.

The food is hearty and also festive: giant turkey legs, ale, wine, succulent meats and sausages, stuffed potatoes, sweet breads, and many more delights from far off places.

If your needs are still not filled, games of skill, danger and excitement await you at every turn of the winding woodland paths through the piney woods of the Festival site. You can try skittles, or the bow, duels, Jacob's Ladder, or your hand at King of the Log. You can enter Sherwood Forest, if you dare pass the Gypsy Camp and into the grounds of Robin and his band of merry men.

The architecture of the permanent buildings on the site are worth the trip alone—English tudor stores and shops, castles, and a replica of the famous Shakespeare theater in Stratford-on-Avon. The Festival is an asset to our part of Texas and is well worth the short drive north of Houston to a different kind of entertainment.







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## AFL-CIO Industrial Unions Endorse Gay Civil Rights

The Industrial Unions Department (IUD) of the AFL-CIO enacted a gay rights policy resolution at its annual convention in October Detroit, announced the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL).

The resolution, which calls for an end to discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in public accommodations and employment, was introduced by American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) International Secretary-Treasurer William Lucy and was passed by a voice vote, GRNL said in a press release.

The release said Lucy indicated that this was his first attempt to include gay rights in the national civil rights policies of the IUD, the largest of the AFL-CIO's eight organizational departments.

Lucy was said to have praised his colleagues in supporting gay rights as "an important step in gaining freedom and building human dignity for all citizens of this nation."

GRNL said that in addition to AFSCME, the IUD is made up of 34 other unions, including the Steelworkers, the Auto Workers, the Communication Workers, Service Employees, Teachers, and Amalgamated Clerks.

Lucy was also instrumental in the passage this summer of a gay rights resolution at AFSCME's national convention.

Vic Basile, a founder of AFSCME's Lesbian and Gay Caucus, and labor liaison for the Gay Rights National Lobby, said in the press release, "This is a victory, not only in the struggle for gay and lesbian rights, but also for the American labor movement, in recognizing the needs of millions of its members."

## Washington Mayor to Address Gay Business Group

International Gay News Agency Marion Barry, the mayor of Washington, D.C., will be the keynote speaker at the main luncheon of the second annual convention of the National Association of Business Councils November 13.

The NABC is an association of local gay business groups. The now-organizing Greater Montrose Business Guild intends to affiliate with the the national group.

Mayor Barry has been characterized as probably having done as much to advance the acceptability of gay civil rights as any leader in the United States.

The board of directors of NABC has also chosen to award certificates of commendation to the National Organization of Women and *Newsweek* magazine for their work in the the area of gay professional



## Police in two states search for this man

Donald William Dufore, 26, is wanted by police in Jackson, Miss., and Orlando, Fla., in connection with the killings of gay men in both areas, the Orange County, Florida, Sheriff's Department has announced.

They said he is believed to now be traveling in the Southwest.

development. NABC President Arthur Lazere stated, "We give these commendations because we believe in recognizing those who have effectively worked to present us as we are, professional people."

Several panels on issues of concern to the gay business community will be held after the luncheon. These include "Gay People and the Economy: A Post-Election Analysis" and "How to Build and Maintain a Successful Business and Professional Organization Within the Gay Community."

## NGTF Establishes Toll-Free 'Crisisline'

The National Gay Task Force has announced that it has, through the assistance of local organizations like New York's Chelsea Gay Association, opened a toll-free "Crisisline," a national telephone number which they said is to be used to compile nationwide statistics on homo-

phobic violence and to provide callers with access to local hotlines and support services.

A press release from NGTF announced that Kevin Berrill, violence project coordinator, said at an October 6 opening of CrisisLine, "Anti-gay violence in America is increasing. Until now, there has been no way to show the dramatic rise as a national figure. NGTF is using its resources and its recognizability factor in the gay/lesbian community to provide a national hotline to put the overall picture of homophobic violence into focus."

CrisisLine will also give callers information about groups, projects and hotlines in their communities, and in some instances will provide limited referral information about gay-related disease hotlines and clinics, the press release announced.

NGTF announced that Crisisline is open weekdays from noon to 6:00 pm E.S.T. (11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Texas time) and is staffed by volunteers who have undergone rigorous "hotline training."

The toll-free number from outside New

York State is 800-221-7044. In New York State, the number is (212) 807-6016.

## Mushroom Clouds Bomb in Campaign Commercials

Pacific News Service

Public concern with the nuclear arms race has prompted the resurrection of one of the most controversial TV images in the history of political advertising: the mushroom cloud.

Two U.S. senatorial candidates—Democrat Jerry Brown from California and Republican Doug Jewett from Washington State—have both featured an atom bomb blast in their political campaign ads, linking their opponents to a hawkish stance on the nuclear issue.

In 1964, Lyndon Johnson used a similar ad against Sen. Barry Goldwater in their presidential race. Johnson's ad showed a child plucking petals off a daisy, intercut with film of a countdown to a nuclear blast.

The ad ran only once.

Gov. Brown has taken his commercial off the air, amid criticism from some of his own supporters who labeled the spot "overkill."

Jewett says he hired the Robert Goodman Agency of Baltimore to produce his ad "on the strong recommendation from the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee."

While the ads have been strongly criticized, criticism could work in Brown and Jewett's favor. After all, it didn't hurt Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

## Trick-or-Treat: Good Therapy for Kids

Pacific News Service

Trick-or-Treating is as good as a trip to the therapist. So says psychotherapist Robert Royeton, who believes that dressing up in costumes helps kids deal with their fears and strengthen their identities.

"Witches and ghosts as well as Darth Vader," says Royeton, "represent the child's anxieties about the unknown, his own feelings or the anger and aggression of others." All very threatening to a small child.

But "By becoming an imaginary character," adds Royeton, "he tames those forces that threaten to overwhelm him."

Royeton says Halloween also gives children a chance to pretend to be what they would like to be. "Farrah Fawcett or other glamour figures," he says, "may symbolize femininity and maturity; wonder woman, courage and control."

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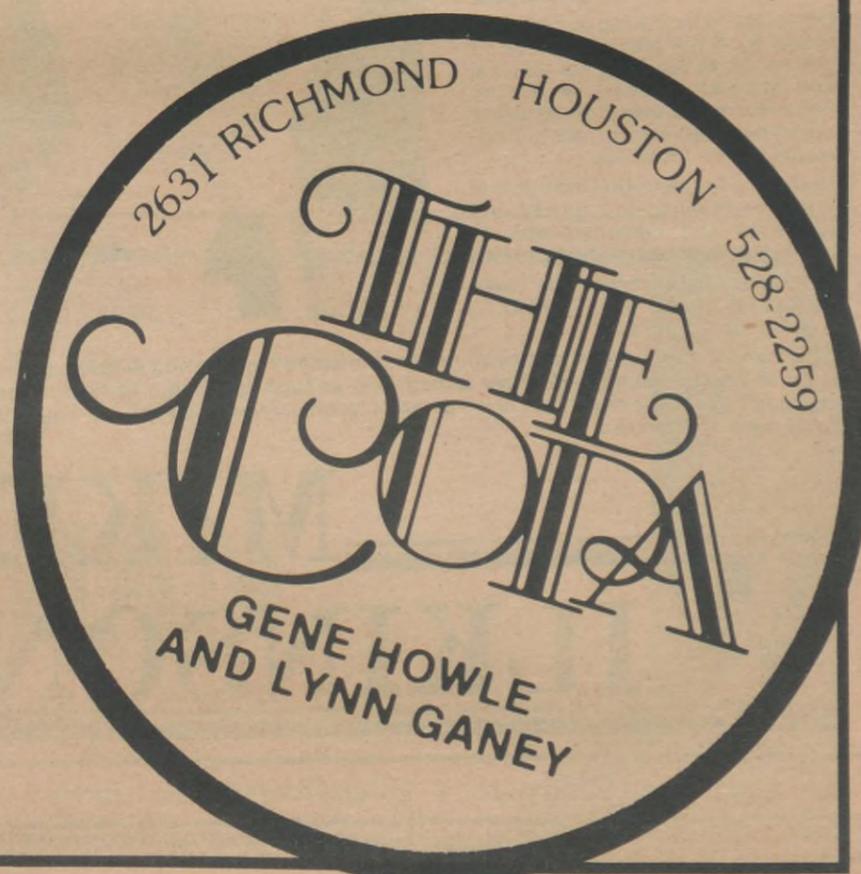
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**HALLOWEEN BALL**  
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*best costume (male and female), best couple,*  
*best theme costume*

**This Sunday, Oct. 31**  
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*followed by the Sunday Show*  
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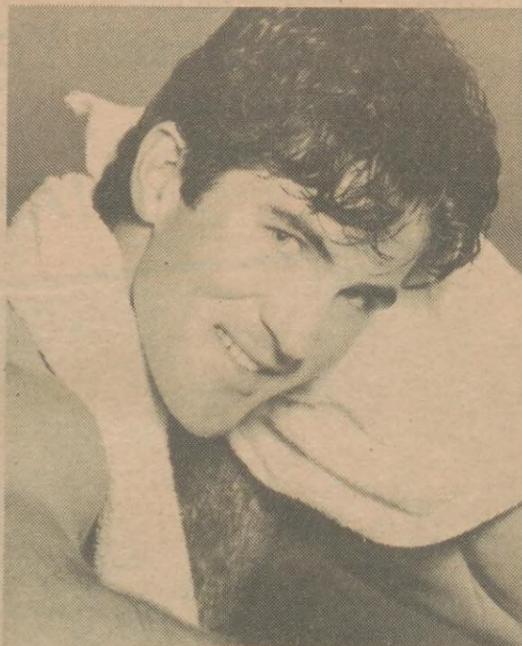
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*Commentary*

**Wasting Your Vote?**

By William Marberry

In recent days there has been much talk about what constitutes "wasting your vote." And with good reason. On Tuesday's ballot are a few really nauseous choices that even the hardiest of straight-party ticket voters must be having trouble coming to terms with.

Reflex action on facing these no-win choices between lesser evils can lead to not voting at all as a protest against the political processes that chose two candidates of which neither is anything short of ghastly.

In reality, not voting is just as valid a choice as voting, though seldom as effective because it is too easily misinterpreted as apathy.

In the contests where you feel uncomfortable with the Republican and the Democrat, you don't have to vote for either. This election, instead of wasting your vote to elect someone you really don't want in office, discipline yourself, don't compromise your ideals because you feel that you "have to!" Vote for gay rights as an alternative.

While neither of the major political parties in Texas is pro-gay, the Libertarian

Party is progressive about gay rights. The party believes in gay rights and all the candidates accept gay-rights and support gay-rights. The gay community seldom supports the Libertarian Party though. I suggest voting Libertarian in the races that you feel uncomfortable about voting for the major candidates.

Voting someone into office that you really do not want in office is a waste of your vote. Voting for a political party that accepts gay rights as a part of their doctrine makes gay rights a more acceptable alternative to the major parties in future elections. That is what political parties are all about—issues that gather votes are the issues that eventually get incorporated into the platforms of both major parties.

Voting is better than not voting. And voting for something that you believe in, and something that directly impacts your everyday life, is better than wasting your vote because you feel you "have to" vote either Republican, Democrat or not at all.

You don't have to waste your vote; you can vote for gay rights as an alternative to both major parties avoidance of gay rights issues. Voting Libertarian is not wasting your vote.

## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES? CHOICES FOR GAY MEN

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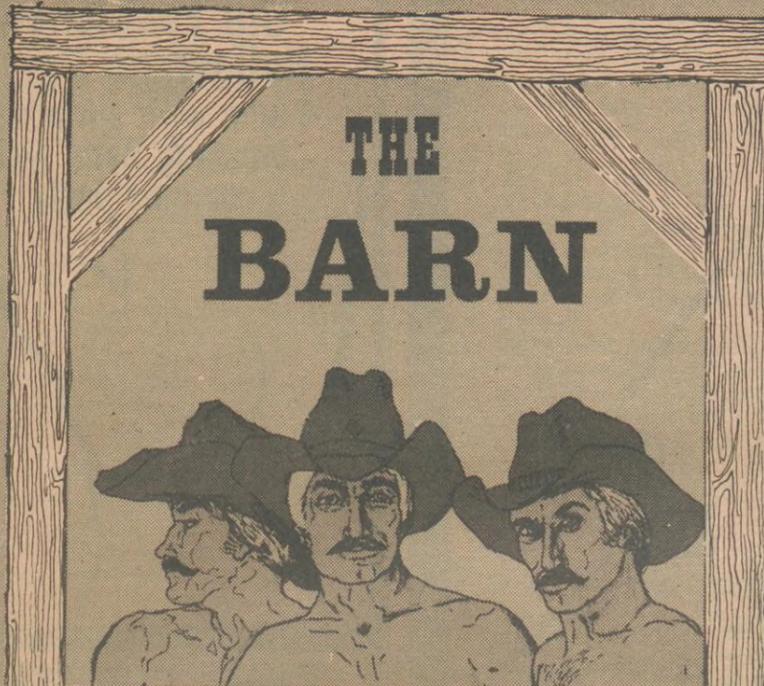
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## Rumors of an Appeal Circulate on the Eve of the Deadline

By Johannes Stahl

As the deadline approached to file an appeal to a federal judge's decision overturning the state's "Sodomy Statue," no definitive word had been given by mid-week from the Texas attorney general's office as to whether an appeal would come from that office.

State Attorney General Mark White, who is also the Democratic candidate for governor, or any county district attorney could have filed an appeal or requested a 30-day extension to do so, according to M. Robert Schwab, president of the Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF).

The deadline for an appeal or extension had been set for Friday, Oct. 29, 5:00 p.m.

Members of the Gay Political Caucus phone bank Thursday evening, the eve of the deadline, were telling GPC members that an unnamed West Texas county attorney had "instigated an appeal" and not White, who is the GPC-endorsed candidate for governor in Tuesday's election.

Whether or not an appeal had been filed Thursday could not be immediately determined, as the VOICE went to press.

Don Baker, the plaintiff in the case of Baker vs. Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade, which challenged the constitutionality of section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, said Wednesday, two days before the final deadline, "My personal

observation is that they (the state attorney general's office) don't know what they want. I think it's pretty much up in the air."

"It must be a political hot potato for him (White)," he added.

"I assume an appeal would be at the last moment. I feel if it is appealed, we're still going to be successful. I'm not worried about an appeal because it's a very solid decision," said Baker.

Jim Barber, attorney for the plaintiff in Baker vs. Wade, said it would not be "a surprise to me" if there was an appeal. "However, my research has indicated that an appeal is not required by statute."

In Houston, the Gay Political Caucus endorsed Mark White for governor and there was concern over the bloc vote if White initiated an appeal. GPC overwhelmingly approved the endorsement at its October 6 meeting and rejected a motion to rescind the endorsement at an October 20 meeting.

## In a Lather Over Sweat

Pacific News Service

The Food and Drug Administration is a little nervous about sweat. Specifically, the feds are worried that some people are using antiperspirant sprays all over their bodies instead of just their underarms.

That can interfere with the body's natural cooling system, causing shortness of breath.

So the FDA is proposing a label on aerosol cans, saying, "apply to underarms only."

## Commentary

### 'Montrose Voice' recommends...

The state election is Tuesday and the MONTROSE VOICE urges you to vote. If you have not decided on preferences, we urge you to vote for these candidates.

The MONTROSE VOICE, and through its predecessors the *Montrose Star* and *Contact*, have been endorsing candidates with pro gay and human rights views in Houston elections for 10 years.

Those of you who wish to vote the strict Gay Political Caucus party line can obtain a GPC endorsement card at most gay clubs, the GPC office, or from GPC volunteers stationed near the polling places. Their list of endorsements is slightly different from ours.

You are assured, however, that a great deal of research, discussing the issues with candidates, and talking with Montrose community leaders went into our list selection.

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##### U.S. Senate

Lloyd Bentson (D)

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District 18—Mickey Leland (D)

##### Governor

David Hutzelman (L)

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Bob Bullock (D)

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125th—Michael O'Brien (D)

182nd—Richard Trevathan (R)

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185th—Mike Wilkinson (R)

208th—Thomas Routt (D)

209th—Michael McSpadden (R)

228th—Richard Moore (D)

248th—Woody Denson (D)

257th—Sam Emison (D)

262nd—Doug Shaver (R)

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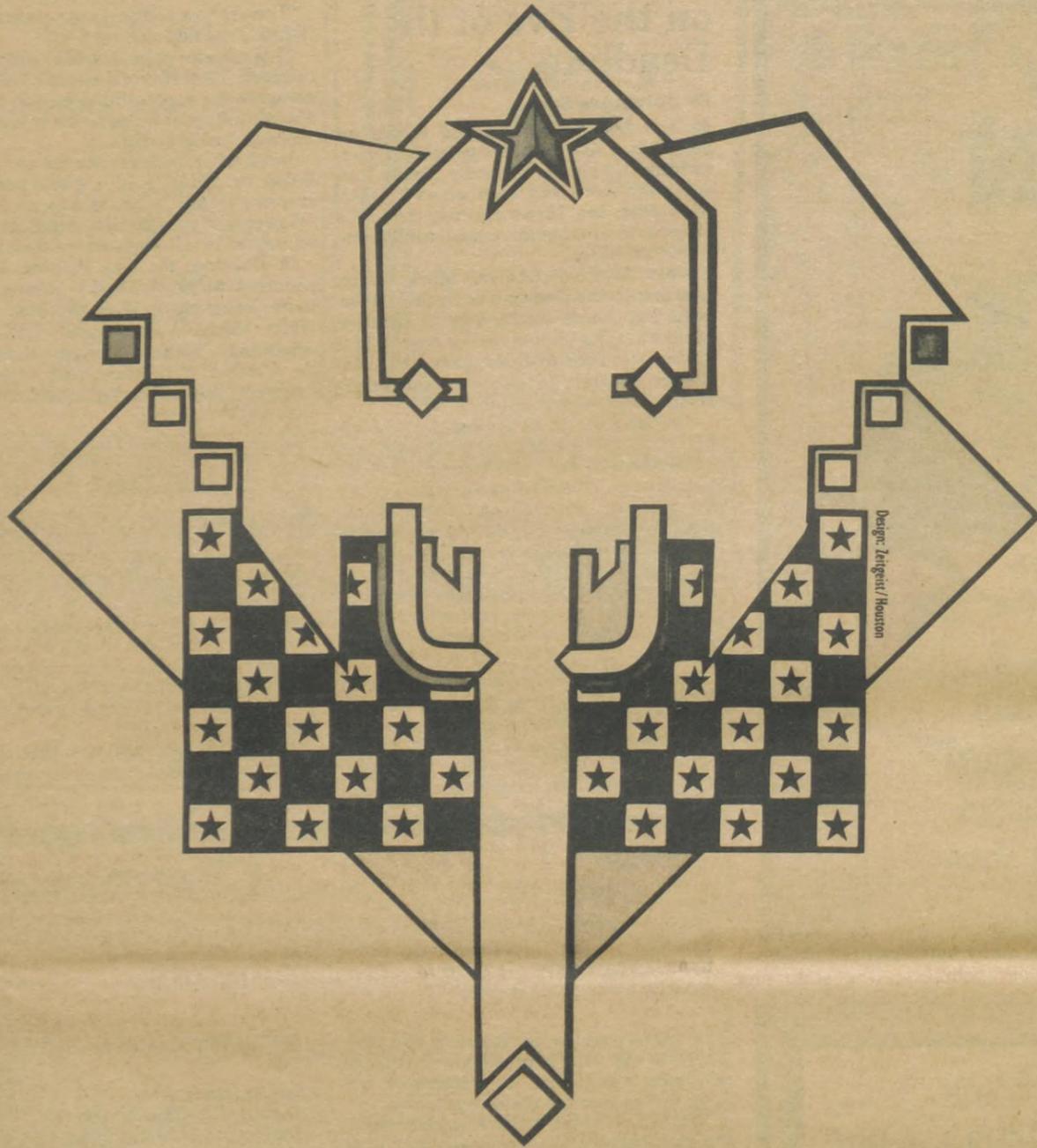
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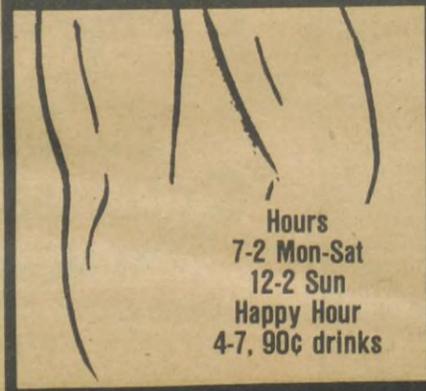
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## 'Get Along, or Get-Along'

From Jerry Nicholson

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Gregg Russell on achieving an ultimate goal—getting his picture in the MONTROSE VOICE.

Last Friday evening I was indeed overwhelmed at the sight of Gregg Russell going from bar to bar wearing his GPC button as if he were a member in good-standing of the Gay Political Caucus, making his blatant attempts to divide this community, to discredit the GPC endorsements, and to tear down what GPC and the Houston gay community has accomplished over the past several years with his innuendos and his out-and-out lies about Attorney General Mark White.

Frankly, I give our community credit for having more common sense than obviously does Gregg Russell. Let's fact it—who the hell is Gregg Russell? Are we to believe someone who has just crawled out of the woodwork, who no one has ever heard of, or are we going to follow the proven advice and wisdom of community leaders like Andy Mills, Debra Danburg, Larry Bagneris, Ray Hill and Lee Harrington? These folks are backing Mark White for governor 100% and for the good of gays not only in Houston but all across this state.

We had better pull together and do what we can to put Bill Clements on the unemployment rolls.

In my four years as a member and participant of the Gay Political Caucus, I have seen many Gregg Russell's come and go. They're a dime a dozen and always a flash in the pan. Usually what they want is to see their name in print or get their picture in the paper. But occasionally one like Gregg Russell comes along who will do anything, including attempt to disrupt the Montrose spirit and our proven political clout, for a moment of ego gratification or a few seconds in the lime-light.

Well, I feel certain that Russell has had his day in the sun (and at a cost to the entire gay community I might add) but if he is really as disillusioned with GPC as he claims—if in his little selfish mind he can't comprehend the importance of a Montrose bloc vote—then perhaps he should do himself a favor and get out of the caucus.

I mean, if you can't get along... then it's best to get-along.

## Republican GPC'er Claims Partisan Politics

From M. Gregory Scott,  
Gay Political Caucus Member

For those of you who thought Houston offered no flashy amateur theater take heart! I chanced into the flashiest, and certainly most amateurish show in town Wednesday night: the meeting of the Gay Political Caucus.

The producers will call me unqualified and balk at my nerve to review their little floor show as I've only seen it once and I'm not going back (even at only \$15 per annum, season tickets are a joke.) Then again, this review is not for them but for the foolish masses to which I belong who may like me happen into the theater as the curtain is going up.

Notice first that the advertisers made a mistake in the billing. Contrary to what you may have heard "gay rights" is not the star of the show. The only star in this show is Democratic partisan politics in the donkey, I mean, *person* of Larry Bagneris. Oh, but it doesn't really matter who stands in the GPC spotlight since, as everybody knows, Democrats all look alike.

The first hour was Montrose Community Theater at its worse: an endless series of old vaudeville acts with that long ago exhausted theme of "Aren't we Democrats

fabulous?" Then, the show took a turn for the better when Greg Russell stole the limelight with a dramatic motion to rescind the Mark White endorsement. Hey, there may be hope for this mad cap melo-comedy!

No, the star donkey hadn't read that part of the script and kept stepping all over Mr. Russell's lines. The scene was ruined and the show destroyed what little merit it had earned. No big deal though. Since when have Democrats cared about merit anyway?

In short, Wednesday night's performance was exactly what I should have expected. Mother was right about Democrats, too. Republicans, beware! It's not even worth the gas to get you there much less the nauseous feeling you have leaving with. Stay home, pour a scotch, and read the *Wall Street Journal*.

## The Struggle for Rights

From B. Michelle Whitaker

No one who has ever succeeded has done so without great pain or sacrifice. Likewise, no victory has been won overnight. Athletes train long and hard for their triumphs, as do armies, and civil rights groups. Regardless of whether the battle is physical or mental, it requires a struggle. The very nature of opposing forces involves a struggle.

From the black civil rights movement of the 60s, two great figures arose. Blacks today are better off because of Martin Luther King and John F. Kennedy. In so little time, their lives changed the future of this nation. How much different our world would be if those two had survived.

Our own gay rights movement has benefited from the civil rights of the 60s. We, too, are better off today than we were then. Although many battles since have been won in our behalf on the state and national level, most of our struggle remains to be won at the personal level. For each of us who has acknowledged his/her sexual preference and freedom, there are thousands more who have not. Until these personal battles are won, our unified effort will be limited.

If we can help our closeted brothers and sisters to the pride and integrity of choosing one's own sexual identity, rather than it being dictated to us, then we'll all be the better for it.

Until parents, churches, businesses, and administrations respect our individual differences, and until each of us acknowledges and resolves our own personal preferences, we will continue to be a social minority instead of a social priority.

## Our Fan Club

From Morada Jane Benton

On Friday March 12, 1982 I first learned of the MONTROSE VOICE. I was visiting Rascals on Kirby Drive and had the opportunity to meet Billie Duncan. (Who was at that time entertainment and sports editor for the VOICE.) She was exceptionally nice to me and we discussed the pro's and con's of life in general.

The following Friday, March 19, I again visited Rascals and Reed, one of the bartenders, pointed out to me that there was an article in Miss Duncan's column about me. He handed me the MONTROSE VOICE, issue no. 73, dated March 19, 1982. And I was elated by what Miss Duncan had written about me.

Your Mr. Lyt Harris whom I found very interesting, entertaining, handsome and even likeable, is one of the most fascinating men I have ever met. I feel you are very fortunate to have him as part of your current staff.

There was an incident which occurred back in April of '82 which sparked my apparent affection for Mr. Harris. I had made a trip to the MONTROSE VOICE to only discover after I arrived that I had no brakes and someone had cut my brake

line. Lyt was very accommodating and assisted me by driving me to Brake Check and ultimately getting me on the road again. I told Lyt at that time he was the only man I had met in years I would consider matrimony once again!

In your paper of October 22 there were numerous interesting articles, including the one on GPC member Gregg Russell. I appreciate also your editor's note which stated "Russell's motion Oct. 19 to rescind the endorsement was ruled out of order. Another member's motion was ruled in order but Mark White's endorsement remained in tact with a vote was 4 to 39 to rescind." I endorse Mark White.

Attached you will also find copies of the two songs mentioned in Miss Duncan's article, *Ditch Diggin Daddy* and *I love Texas*. Please accept these as a token of my appreciation for your wonderful works through the MONTROSE VOICE. I look forward each week to every Friday in order to obtain and once again enjoy the refreshing views of your paper.

## Potential GPC Member Questions GPC Motives

From Thomas A. Gutierrez

Further to the attitude of the Houston GPC against Gregg Russell, I wish the following incident known.

Last Friday, October 22, 1982 I decided to go to J.R.'s, and while approaching the entrance was handed a flyer by Mr. Russell, which stated various reasons why gays should not vote for Mark White.

I subsequently struck up a conversation with an acquaintance of Mr. Russell's who was assisting him with the flyers.

Afterwards, I went to the GPC table, and one of the representatives, whose name I was not given, started to question me why I was against the GPC's endorsement of Mark White. During the ensuing discussion, the GPC person referred to the recent MONTROSE VOICE article, "White Campaign Official Causes Stir When Quoted by Tyler Newspaper" as fallacies and a lot of "untruths" and was wondering who would give out this type of information to the paper.

We had a lengthy conversation during which this individual told me that I should not be making scandle because it would be held against me. I then asked him to elaborate. He refused. I then asked him if he was referring to the possibility of my being declined membership in the GPC? His reply was "possibly."

I have been a member of the GPC in San Antonio and was planning to become a member here. In view of what is transpiring here in Houston, I'm not sure I wish to become a part of such an organization, and would strongly urge others to investigate the motives behind it before joining.

Editor's note: There have been several allegations against the VOICE saying last week's article was incorrect. The article simply stated that a White campaign official had told a Tyler newspaper that White was going to appeal the 21.06 decision.

It was not a case of inaccurate reporting. It was a case of inaccurate reading by those who made the allegation against the VOICE.

The article did not say that White was going to appeal the 21.06 decision.

Again, for those of you who don't read accurately, and may not read this item very carefully, let me repeat.

The article did not say that White was going to appeal the 21.06 decision.

The article said that a Tyler newspaper reported that a campaign aide said that White was going to appeal. That's a big difference.

The VOICE takes great care each week in verifying the accuracy of the news items we publish. The Tyler newspaper did indeed publish a statement from a

White campaign official—and we reported that fact.

And our report of a campaign aide being quoted by a Tyler newspaper as saying that White was going to appeal was 100% accurate.

## GPC'er Alleges Character Assassination from GPC Over White Endorsement

From Gregg Russell

I'm Gregg Russell and I'm mad! (AKA: Withheld for employment security reasons)

Do I sound like a right wing Republican? Well, I am not for those of you wondering, but, on the other hand, if the Democrats running GPC are any indication of the Democratic Party, I surely am not an advocate of that party either. I prefer to deal with particular issues such as 21.06, an issue which I thought the GPC was interested in.

In reference to the "Gregg Russell Memorial Weenie-Roast" held at Mary's last Sunday and various other character assassinations which have been launched on my behalf, may I express my deepest appreciation for the extra publicity. It is strange that a group claiming to be a non-partisan group has aimed their entire political force at one dissenting opinion on one particular issue.

Afterall, if my claims are based on mere opinion, they certainly will be held as that by the public. It seems as though GPC leadership has a bit of a guilty conscience which they are trying to justify through the use of a scapegoat.

It is sad that certain members of GPC have placed their personal pride and ambitions above their sense of reason, to the point that they will stoop to gutter-level tactics. Like for instance, the "advice" given to me by a certain GPC board member to "start looking for another employer."

Or I could mention the suggestion raised by one prominent candidate that I am being paid to divide the caucus. May I suggest that if I were being paid off, I would certainly have considerably more than \$1.33 balance in my checking account right now; unless, of course, I have a Swiss bank account somewhere, right? Such allegations and attempts to frighten people into conforming to the acceptable GPC standards are outdated and require serious review and alteration. How often can a crooked car salesman sell a "lemon" to an individual before the integrity of the particular car dealer is questioned by all.

Before I go further, and I could, let's forget about personal character assassinations for a moment and try to focus on the issues of the Mark White endorsement. Let us separate ourselves from emotionalism and try to analyze the facts as they exist.

FACT: I am a new member of GPC, having been with the caucus three months. In the duration of my membership, I have spent considerable time in the screening process. I believe there was only one other person involved in the screening committee who screened more candidates than myself.

I have also spent numerous hours on the GPC mail-out. I have offered to assist in the Danburg campaign in any way I could, but was briskly turned away by Barbara Ciganero at the door. I have attended every GPC meeting since the beginning of my participation which is more than I can say for some.

I support the GPC bloc vote totally with the exception of the endorsement of the governor's race. It is a good slate and, with the exception of the governor's race, most of the GPC endorsements were selected with bottom line regards to the best interests of the gay community.

FACT: The reversal of the original decision of "no endorsement" in the Governor's race went against the recommendation of the screening committee, the attorney's panel, and the first vote cast by the overwhelming majority present at the original endorsement meeting. The decision to change the endorsement was made by less than 50 of the 300-plus claimed members of the GPC.

FACT: No other gay political organization in this state has endorsed Mark White. The leadership of the Dallas Gay Alliance has expressed considerable disapproval to GPC in reference to this action, as have other prominent gay leaders.

FACT: Dwaine Coleman, Mark White's campaign chairman, has made it clear that there are no promises regarding the 21.06 issue, but has suggested that 21.06 is a "moot question" in this race. In talking to the caucus, members were led to believe that 21.06 would not be appealed by Mark White.

FACT: Last week, after White had received the endorsement, Mary Hardesty, Mark White's personal press secretary announced that "Mr. White has planned to appeal the ruling from the outset." This statement was confirmed by Ms. Hardesty to the MONTROSE VOICE. (See MONTROSE VOICE, Oct. 22 edition, page 12 for details.)

FACT: It is not Mr. White's constitutional obligation to appeal 21.06, as his proponents suggest. In support of the idea that it is his obligation, Ms. Hardesty has quoted article 43.95, which incidentally has been repealed (that means it is no longer valid, GPC members). If, by chance, Ms. Hardesty is referring to article 4395, I suggest she read the entire statute. She quotes from Vernon's Civil Statutes, an excellent reference. I quote from that same source:

"The attorney general shall prosecute and defend all action in the Supreme Court of the Court of Civil Appeals in which the state may be interested." (Vernon's Civil Statutes, Article 4395).

Please note that the article clearly indicates that it is a responsibility of the attorney general to represent the state if it is interested. Who makes that decision? Perhaps Ms. Hardesty should read the fine print of article 4395:

"The attorney general is officer authorized to protect interests of state and to determine where suit shall be brought to test validity of its contracts (state laws) or to annul them and his discretion cannot be controlled by other authority." (Vernon's Civil Statutes, Article 4395, Volume 12B, page 89)

Please read further:

In matters of litigation the attorney general must exercise judgment and discretion which will not be controlled by other authorities." (Vernon's Civil Statutes, Volume 12B (Revised Update) page 24)

A little more information which may interest you (I always like a second opinion):

The institution of a suit (defined as "any proceeding in a court" by Ballentine's Law Dictionary) in the name of the state is generally discretionary with the attorney general ... before any action is taken, he will investigate the facts, not only to determine whether any ground for suit exists, but also to determine whether evidence necessary to a successful prosecution can be procured. (Texas Jurisprudence 2d, Volume 7, Part 1:13)

Although I am not an attorney, Mr. Jim Barber is. He is the attorney handling the 21.06 proceedings for the defendant Baker vs. Wade. He is the attorney who fought and won the 21.06 decision in favor of gay rights. May I quote him? "My research

has indicated that an appeal is not required by statute." (See MONTROSE VOICE, October 22 edition, page 12)

In other words, Mark White is the one man at this time who holds the purse strings to your rights. He alone has the power to decide whether 21.06 should be appealed. He has the power at this time to say yes or no to our rights. (His press secretary says) he "has planned to appeal the ruling from the outset." That information was released to the press the day after his campaign manager came to GPC to ask for endorsement.

FACT: Even after the GPC leadership was given notice of this latest decision, they refused to call Ms. Hardesty for confirmation. Even after they were informed by the president of Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF), they continued to ignore the facts, or even to confirm them, and proceeded to push on for the election of Mark White with vigor at the Block Walk at Mary's last Sunday.

Why? Isn't it clear? Pure partisanship. Don't confuse them with the facts.

GPC continues to heap stern criticism at me for sticking with my position. To them, may I suggest that they reconsider their position. I agree, some of my methods have been wrong and out of line. But then, I think it was wrong for GPC to exclude me from their mailing list when notice of the Mark White reconsideration vote was given. Isn't it strange that I have received all of the other GPC mail-outs.

Considering the fact that I have been the principal opponent to the GPC endorsement of White from the beginning, I find that very strange. Had I received notice of the agenda, I surely would have come prepared to the meeting to present my facts and my motion to reinstate the original "no endorsement" position of the caucus probably would have never been introduced at the October 20th meeting.

I have received heavy criticism for submitting my letters to the editor of the MONTROSE VOICE. I thank the editor for printing them. I question the silence of GPC leadership on these issues and wonder why there has been no effort to explain their position before the press on these and other charges.

To those who suggest that these arguments be presented in the confines of the caucus in order to preserve an appearance of unity before the public, may I remind them that I made an attempt to present a "minority opinion" to the caucus, but was refused on the grounds of so-called "parliamentary procedure." Consequently, my "minority opinion" was simply edited from speech form to letter form and was submitted as a letter to the editor of this paper in the October 22 edition.

To those who question my ethics in submitting a letter to Terry Harris saying I would not present such a motion, and then after receiving the floor to speak, changing my position by ripping the letter before the caucus, may I remind Mr. Harris that he told me that I would not be permitted to make such a motion if I tried. Consequently, I submitted the letter to win favor with the chair in order to get recognized to speak.

It was the only way I could get the floor and the leadership of the GPC knows that. I apologize if some people misunderstood the action, but I suggest that they try the normal recourses of parliamentary procedure the next time they want to address the caucus to express a differing viewpoint. Find out how far you get. After you have tried to work with "the chair's parliamentary rules and have been totally frustrated with your efforts, then be critical of my actions before the assembly.

The point I am trying to make to Larry Bagneris and others who try to prevent freedom of expression before the caucus is that there are other mediums, and if he prefers that I present my facts in this manner, I will continue to do so. I hope that GPC has learned a valuable lesson from this, but I seriously doubt it.

Again, I must say that the GPC endorsement slate is a good slate. Go to the polls and vote. But, consider carefully the things I have said in reference to the endorsement in the governor's race. I per-

sonally cannot support a candidate at the polls who has his people saying one thing on 21.06 in Houston, and another thing completely different in another part of the state. This is not to suggest that his opponents are better or worse. There is another choice to consider. Maybe you, like myself, are totally dismayed with the GPC gubernatorial endorsement and the other choices for governor.

If so, I suggest that the 300,000 gays of the greater Houston area send a message to GPC and both the Democratic and Republican parties that we will not vote for candidates who will not support our rights.

I recommend that you vote the entire GPC slate with the exception of the governor's race. I recommend a unified abstention in the governor's race to send a message to these groups that we demand our rights. Tell your friends about these things and encourage them to do the same. Yes, go vote, but, if you cannot support either candidate wholeheartedly, don't feel like you have to vote for one. Your abstention will be counted in the precincts and, hopefully, they will get the message.

## He Says White 'Used' Us

By Jeff Graham

This letter is being written in regards to the GPC endorsement of Mark White for governor.

After reading letters written by Gregg Russell and other information on Mark White concerning the race and 21.06 it appears that he gained our endorsement after his campaign manager made some misleading statements.

It seems to me that Mark White is too embarrassed to take a stand on any gay issue. But now that he has the GPC's endorsement his press secretary says that Mark White will appeal 21.06.

He mislead and used us to get what he wanted. Should we let him be governor? I No I say. I'm not going to vote in the governor's race because I think neither candidate is worth my vote. But I will vote in every other race that the GPC has endorsed.

After all Mark White mislead and used us and that's not right. We the gay people of Houston should teach candidates that we will not be used.

## GPC'er Says GPC Is Your Community

From J.E. Chavers

I have just participated in the "notorious" GPC bar tour. Two judges (Mike O'Brian and Shrolyn Wood), a state senator (Hector Uribe), a state representative (Debra Danburg), and the vice-president of the GPC patronized several of the local bars in promotion of the GPC endorsement card.

Throughout the evening I heard several negative comments concerning the GPC's endorsement of Mark White. I was told that this wave of negative sentiment came about due to the recent rash of "anti-White" propaganda being bombarded upon our community by an extremely young, overly ambitious, politically naive individual by the name of Gregg Russell.

Mr. Russell stated in last week's issue of the Voice (10/22) that he had become disillusioned with the practices of the GPC. Let me attempt to enlighten Mr. Russell, and any others who may have doubts.

The GPC is not an organization that "represents" the community, the GPC is run BY the community. The officers and board members do not decide whom the caucus will and will not support, that decision is left up to the gay and lesbian citizens of Houston. These decisions are made the first and third Wednesdays of every month by the citizens who care enough about their community to come in and vote on the issues that are presented.

Nothing disturbs me more than when I receive a comment like, "I totally disagree

with the decision that the GPC has made." It irritates me because I know these people had absolutely nothing to do with deciding on that particular issue. I simply retort, "Maybe if you had been there to cast your vote the outcome would have been different."

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the GPC is not an ominous organization that attempts to control your community; the GPC is your community. It is not composed of people whom you have never seen nor heard from, it is composed of the gay and lesbian citizens of our city, and that means you.

The gay and lesbian citizens of Houston have chosen to endorse Mark White for governor, they have done this through an organization known as the Gay Political Caucus. Neither of the gubernatorial candidates are what the caucus has branded "the Perfect Governor," however, lets put both of the candidates into perspective.

Bill Clements has sponsored several anti-gay bills. Two of which were a ban on same-sex dancing, and a law banning the sale and use of amyl and butyl nitrites (poppers). These anti-gay measures may seem petty to some, but if those bills were to pass, what would be the next step? Possibly the denial of gay people to benefit from state funded services? Or maybe the exclusion of gay people from public places such as restaurants, or movie theaters, or shopping malls? Where would the homophobia stop?

And then we have Mark White. He has made neither a negative nor a positive decision in the Wade vs. Baker case. He has never done anything to help the gay citizens of Texas, but then again he has never done anything to hinder it either. And maybe, like Mr. Russell stated last week, Mark White does speak out of both sides of his mouth. I ask you, "Have you ever known of a politician who didn't? Every politician that you will ever run into will tell you exactly what you want to hear in order to get the precious vote that you hold.

If you can't vote for Mark White as governor, vote for Mark White as the Democratic candidate. The number of Democratic votes cast determine the number of delegates that are sent to the Democratic convention. The more delegates that we get to the national convention, the better our chances are of getting gay planks inserted into the party platform. The chances of getting gay planks into the Republican platform are very slim.

To abstain from voting in the governor's race would more than likely mean that Bill Clements would be re-elected. That would be a great loss for the gay community. If Mark White is elected, it may not be an immediate gain, but it would be extremely beneficial in the long run.

I think the fact that Mark White did send a representative to seek the endorsement of the GPC, and that Mrs. Mark White did indeed attend the Montrose Jam is an indication that Mark White does have an interest in our community.

My vote on November 2 goes to the Democratic candidate in the governor's race because I feel very strongly about my freedom. If you too feel strongly about your freedom, I urge you to vote the entire GPC endorsement card. After all, it was the gay men and lesbians of our community who made those endorsements.

## Reader Appalled at GPC

From William J. Sloan

I am quite appalled at our so-called GPC.

During the past two months our community has suffered the turbulence, and incompetence of a group of people, whom are so short-sighted, they have trouble in making an endorsement for this year's gubernatorial election.

We have seen and heard much rhetoric from both candidates on the issues at hand. The confusion over that rhetoric is being compounded by the indecisiveness of the GPC.

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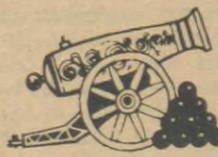
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created confusion amongst community voters, who look to the GPC as a guide, in this community's political affairs. This has been caused by two separate moves.

The first one of non-endorsement of a candidate. This left the voter completely without a guide, and fully apathetic. The second, a decision to retract the present endorsement, which failed. This indecision has caused an alarming concern amongst myself, as well as the people of the community.

The Houston gay community like many others has always seen the GPC as a determined and competent organization which command a serious political influence in this area, this city, this county and this state.

An organization to be a beacon for the community in its political affairs, and a champion in the fight for equality and human rights. Not only here but around the nation.

But it seems on the basis of one particular issue, (the repeal of 21.06) they cannot see the forest for the trees.

Let me explain. The GPC was hesitant in endorsing Democrat challenger Mark White for one basic reason. They are afraid that gay Texans may lose the freedom they have gained (under the repeal of 21.06). This is because they think now Attorney Gen. White will appeal the repeal of 21.06 after the election.

If and when the Attorney General makes that decision, why should we, the community be afraid.

For obvious reasons I don't believe that any of us feel any less oppression (with the exclusion of Don Baker) than we did while 21.06 was still law.

Granted this is a great and long overdue victory for all of us in Texas. But let us not forget that there are 27 other states in which our lifestyle is a crime and punishable by fine as well as imprisonment. And as long as the rest of my sisters and brothers (in these states) are considered criminals, why not challenge these states sodomy laws with our freedom. If and when appeal occurs, it could set a national precedent in the least, and become a focal point for the 1984 presidential election.

Now if the GPC is only considerate of the preservation of the homophile community in Texas, well I can see their precarious and whimsical view of this election.

The eyes of the nation as well as Texas, have been on the GPC, since the landslide victory of our present mayor last November.

But now, one year later, that firm political structure has deteriorated in the view of the nation.

The nation does not view S.F., L.A. and N.Y.C. as the only true gay political powerbases. Houston is now considered to be a vital (if not the most) powerbase. This is due to the fact that it represents the largest and fastest growing region in the country.

We cannot continue to have the discontent, disarray, and indecisiveness within one of the strongest gay political factions in the U.S. That is not how it came into being. We cannot continue to have an organization which considers only our freedom in Texas. While our brothers and sisters across the land are being taunted and persecuted on the basis of their lifestyle.

It is my hope that when the presidential election rolls around in 2 years. That the GPC can make a competent and solid decision on the candidate that will further the cause of gay rights and the cause of human rights in general. Instead of being a wishy-washy organization that waits for the community, as well as themselves to be dissolved.

### Reader Says Russell is Disruptive

From Neal Tannahill

I am tired of hearing Gregg Russell demean the integrity of the men and women of the Gay Political Caucus. There are people in the GPC who have worked

for gay rights for years. Some have been arrested, some beaten, and others have lost their jobs, all for the cause. Gregg has been involved for only about three months and he hasn't even the guts to use his full name. Gregg is his first name, Russell his middle name.

And, he plays fast and loose with the truth. He says the GPC endorsed Mark White for governor simply because he is a Democrat. In fact, this year the GPC has endorsed more Republicans than ever before.

At the endorsement meeting Gregg vocally disagreed with two judicial endorsements: Frank Price over Ben Levy and Louis Moore over Clark Gable Ward. Both Price and Moore, the GPC endorses whom Gregg opposed, are Republicans. Blind partisanship? Hardly.

Gregg also says the GPC endorsement of White was done by a minority. The truth is membership in the GPC is open to all, GPC meetings are open and well publicized, and the vote to endorse White and then confirm that endorsement were overwhelming. In contrast, I can't recall one of Gregg's motions ever getting more than six votes.

I have no problem with Gregg Russell or anyone disagreeing with the GPC. Under a democratic system, dissent is protected and I believe it is healthy.

Certainly the GPC has made mistakes. However, I do quarrel with his efforts since the endorsement was made and confirmed to divide the community. Our political strength is based on our unity. If Gregg had any political credibility, he would be a threat to the gay rights movement here in Houston. As it is, he's an annoyance.

Gregg rather reminds me of the boy who sat in the back of the room of my sixth grade class years ago. This boy was always doing outrageous things in order to get people to notice him. He got the attention, of course, but he also kept the class from concentrating on its studies.

Now that Gregg has gotten his attention, it's time for the rest of us to return to the business at hand—winning the election.

### Libertarian Party supported

From Dana Williams, Libertarian

Having recently researched, and finally joined the Libertarians, I find it amazing that this fast growing third party has failed to attract more support from the Houston gay community.

The very essence of the Libertarian party platform is the idea "that the prime, indeed the only function of the government, is to protect the rights of the individual."

They are four-square behind the equal rights of all, regardless of sexual preference. This is not just the opinion of a single Libertarian candidate, but the basic stance of the Libertarians as a whole.

Apparently, gubernatorial candidate, Democrat, Mark White, is undecided concerning the possible appeal of the Federal Court decision declaring the state's "Homosexual Statute" unconstitutional. That he is, nevertheless, supported by the GPC, strikes me as hypocrisy. Perhaps now is a good time to look toward a new alternative.

For the person who believes in coupling social liberalism with economic conservatism, the Libertarians are certainly an entity worth looking into. Their candidates may have little chance of winning, but at least a vote for Libertarians would represent a strong request for a greater influence of their philosophies over the Texas political environment.

Is "throwing your vote away" the act of supporting a clean, fresh set of Libertarian ideals? Or is it a vote for the same old Demo-publican, Republi-crat garbage?"

I recognize that this letter sounds a bit like a Libertarian campaign advertisement, but I can assure you, I am not running for office. I write out of a real concern that the gay community, of which I am a part, is once again wasting their best

opportunity.

For myself, the choice is clear, adding my support to the small Libertarian party, is the most powerful way this homosexual can make a statement for his freedom on election day.

### Man 'Appalled' at GPC Rally Sunday

From Tom Yoli

Let me begin by stating that this letter is not an attack on the Houston Gay Political Caucus or its leadership. I have great faith and pride in the organization and its accomplishments; however, I do want to make a few observations after attending the GPC rally at Mary's on Sunday, October 24.

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I would like to say that I was appalled by the personal attacks made on one GPC member who stood firm in his opposition to the endorsement of Mark White for governor of Texas. He was accused of trying to destroy and undermine the goals of the GPC.

While I do not necessarily agree with the methods of his opposition to the endorsement, I do feel that his right to dissent is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and hopefully the by-laws of the GPC. After all, Larry Bagneris pointed out that 50% of the gay lawyers on the NGTF

disagree on a very vital issue (i.e. the appeal of 21.06) to us all. Does this mean they are undermining our efforts for equality? I think not.

The statement that Mr. Bagneris made concerning involvement in the GPC; and I quote, "put up or shut up"; was very discomforting. By the sound of the attacks directed at one GPC member it seemed to me he should have said put up and shut up. To Mr. Bagneris I ask if this is what he meant? I hope not.

Debra Danburg, our State Representative, was also involved in the verbal attack on the GPC member. Let me say that I support her candidacy and she will receive my vote on November 2. I believe she is doing a great job not only for the gay population of her district but all of her constituents. To paraphrase her remark, the GPC member was told he is destroying the GPC and that no one had ever heard of him nor will they again.

Ms. Danburg: is he now a non-member of society, an outcast among outcasts?

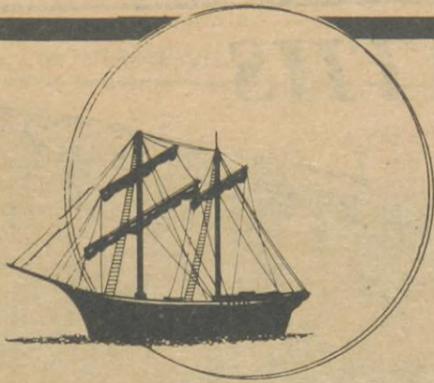
Maybe she should have told us more about her political goals for her next term in Austin rather than take up time in personal attacks on a member of her constituency.

I would like it known that after seeing the GPC leadership in action I will save my membership fee to support the candidates of my choice rather than run the risk of subjecting myself to verbal abuse and public condemnation for choosing to be on the minority side of an issue. Maybe, as judicial candidate Hendrix stated, the GPC should invest \$2.25 for a paper back copy of the Constitution.

Finally, on an upbeat note, I plan to support the GPC slate with the exception of the governor's race. Not blindly, in a bloc vote, but because I personally feel that they are the best people for the offices they seek. I do this not only because I am gay but because I am first and foremost a responsible voter and not somebody that will put up and shut up.

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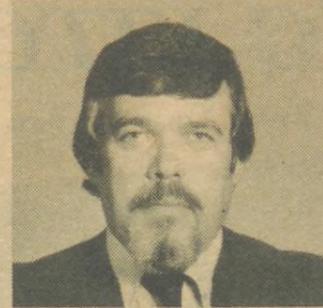
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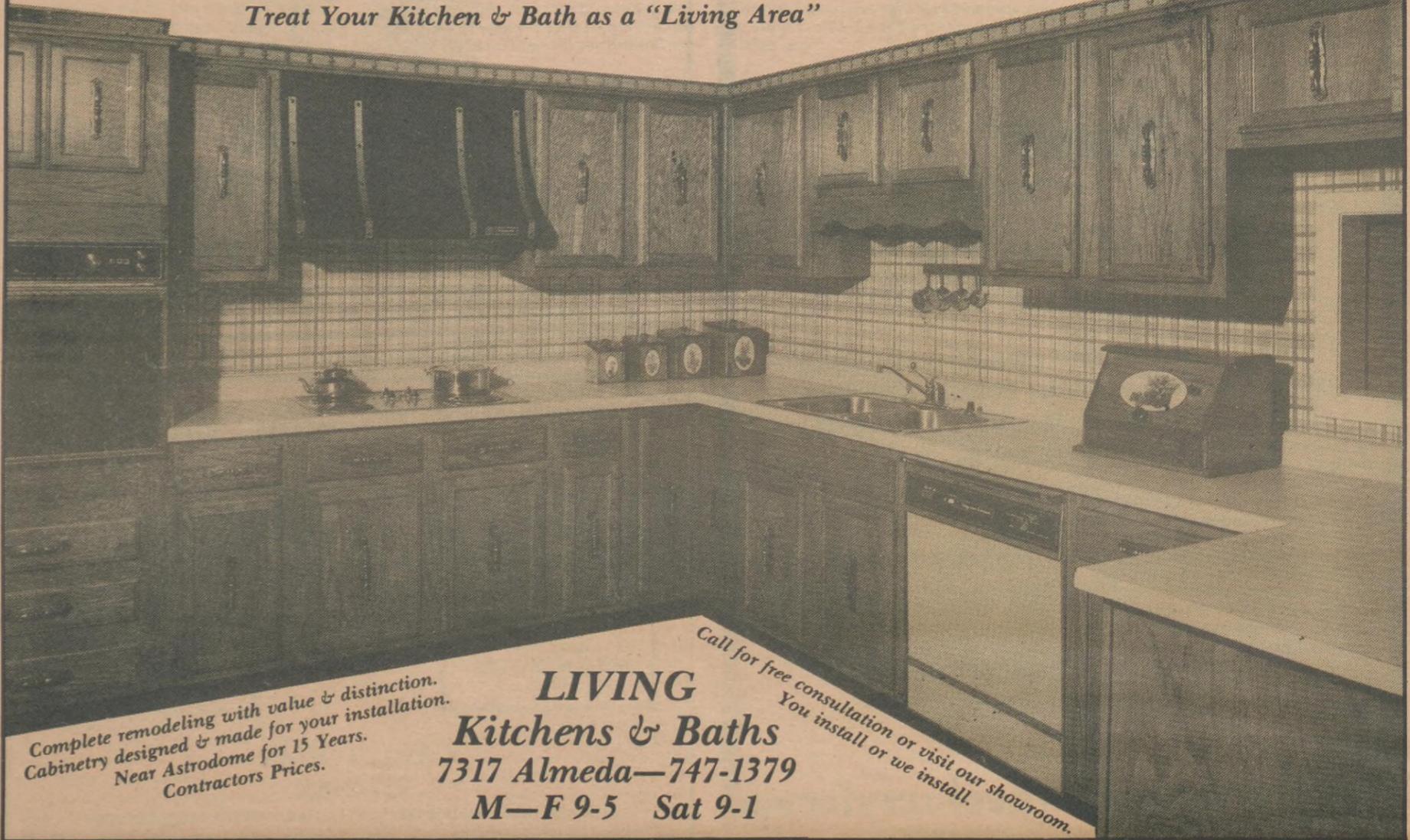
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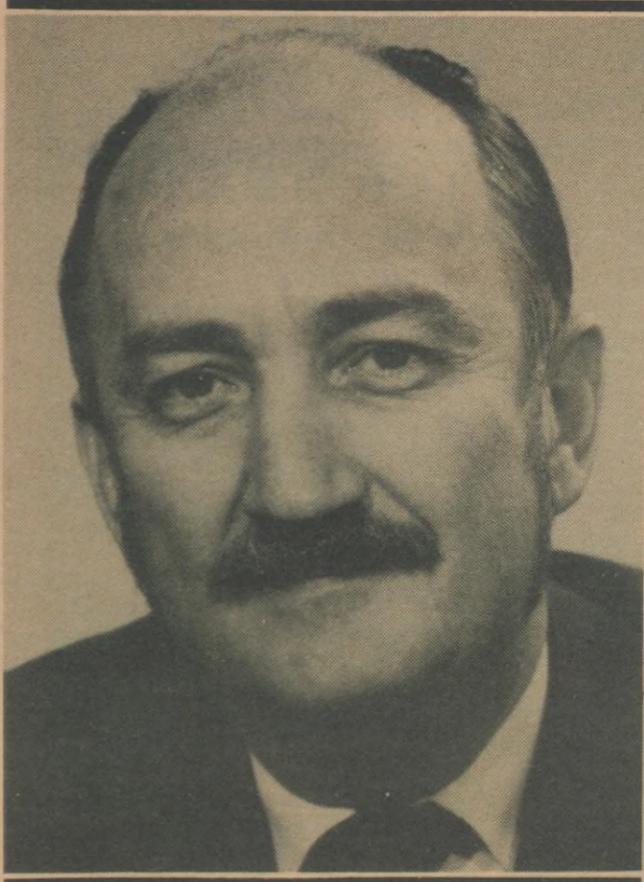
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## Shelley Winters: A 'Gingerbread Lady' with Lots of Spice

By Billie Duncan

In Neil Simon's *The Gingerbread Lady*, currently live at the Tower Theater, 1201 Westheimer, Shelly Winters plays an alcoholic. In real life she does not drink at all.

"I must be allergic to alcohol. One drink, I'm drunk. Two drinks, you have to take me home. I have no tolerance for liquor at all."

"Opening night, I had a glass of wine and I could hardly talk. A glass of wine not even that big."

But she understands what it is that drives her character (Evy Meara) to drink. And it is the undercurrent of *why* she is a drunk, rather than the obvious fact that she is a drunk, that concerns Shelley.

"All the networks are interested in doing this as a series. But I have to have a knock-down-drag-out with Neil Simon about what I want. I want it to be funny, of course, but I want it to be about loneliness and middle age and why people become drunkards."

"And I've never been to an A.A. meeting, but I've been to O.A. meetings. Do you know what O.A. is? Overeaters Anonymous."

She candidly admits that she has an eating problem and that she would rather be slimmer.

"Sure, it bothers the life out of me. It's not healthy, and I see beautiful clothes and I want to cry. I can't buy them. You know when I look at that champagne bottle (in the second act of *The Gingerbread Lady*)? You know what I'm looking at is a hot fudge sundae with marshmallows."

Shelley explained, "I went to Overeaters Anonymous several times and I was very successful with it. It's the same principle (as A.A.). The same kind of monkey. You eat when you're depressed. You eat when you're lonely. You eat to cheer yourself up."

Because of the particular demands of being an actress, sometimes the loneliness closes in on her. "I can be in a room with guards on the door, and I'll get on the floor and look under to see I can see feet. I'll open every closet. And it's really not a realistic fear. It's fear of loneliness. 'Cause I travel so much, and sometimes I wake up and I have no idea where I am."

Another problem with traveling is running into new germs and viruses. Shelley Winters has been ill since she arrived in Houston. She was so ill with strep throat that she missed most of the rehearsals.

And when the play started out, there were boxes of tissues scattered strategically around the set so that she could grab one if needed.

In the first week, she needed them quite a lot. But she never let her illness intrude on her character. Any differences in Evy Meara from Broadway to Houston were purely intentional.

And the play certainly needed changes. In the original, the play was not a comedy. It was a very funny tragedy. Of sorts. The problem with the play is that it had no

ending. It just trailed off without letting the audience know what was going to happen to the people in the story once the curtain went down. There was no resolution to Evy's problem either comedically or tragically.

Maybe that happens in life, but theater is not life.

"This show has been done in New York, in England, and the National Touring Company," said Shelley. "And it never was a success. My feeling about it was that the woman was not strong."

So Shelley made some changes in the show, including an important reference to Alcoholic Anonymous. "Neil Simon is a friend of my business manager and he said, 'All these ideas, she couldn't give me when we were in New Haven?'"

Not only did she make changes in the script, but she was responsible for changes in the set. "What arrived was an absolute box set with walls like summer stock. You know, all that yellow wallpaper."

Shelley had not seen the set when it was first put together because of her illness. "I come in and I try to be cheerful—I mean, I've been sick—and I look at this set and I sit in the first row and I start crying. I mean, it was ridiculous."

After crying, she did some talking. She told designer John Schubert, "This set is just going to tell the story. It's not going to have any theme." Then she left the theater for an hour.

"I came back and there was tape—all jagged tape—painted up against the set." John Schubert cut the set into the jagged lines that thematically typified the shattered life of Evy Meara and pulled the entire set closer to the audience for a more personal feeling.

But the theme was not the only consideration that dictated change. "You know why it's all straight? The chairs? 'Cause I hurt my back in Chicago." Shelley laughed. "So now it looks like 'early relative.' You know, like we got a divorce and I got the dining room set—he got the living room set."

The set is also filled with wonderful memorabilia of Shelley's early days. But the rumor that there is an Oscar on stage is not true. "There's no Oscar on the stage!" said Shelley. "Do you think I'd be crazy? There's the Emmy. Somebody put out that story, I don't know, it was the propman or something."

She continued, "You're not allowed to do that. Also, I'd be scared that somebody would steal it. Shirley Booth's was stolen and she never got another one."

"I have one that's in the Anne Frank House. They have it in a steel glass case. 'Cause people love to touch it. Everybody makes a speech."

As far as speeches go, Shelley makes a curtain speech after the show each performance. She decided to make a curtain speech because of the incredible response that the audiences in Houston have had to the play and her performance.



"I've done *Hatful of Rain*, *Rose Tatoo*, (and other) ... I've never had audiences stand up and cheer. And every performance they do. Every performance. Maybe they're cheering my book. I don't know. Maybe they like me. I don't know."

But actual audience participation in the show is frowned upon. Two weeks ago on Saturday night, a young man was sitting in the first row, and he kept repeating the punch lines as soon as Shelley had said them.

"Finally, I stopped and I said, 'This is a theater. We are the actors. You are the audience. We talk, you listen. Those are the rules. You wanna stay here?' He said, 'Yeah.' I said, 'That's the rules. Okay?' and I went on."

One of the main reasons for the positive

response to the current production of *The Gingerbread Lady* is the exceptional performance of Shelley Winters. When she is on stage, she is Evy Meara.

Rather than watching Shelley Winters acting a role, we see Evy joking her way through the tragedy of her life.

The supporting cast is also rather fine. Colin Lane as Jimmy Perry is superb. Jimmy is a struggling 40-year-old actor who nurses Evy through thick and thin in order to fill up the loneliness in his own life. It is refreshing to see a gay character in a funny play who is not portrayed as a limp-wristed moron.

Evy's best friend, Toby Landau, who uses a compact for a crutch, is played with style and excitement by Paula Show. Paula's second act monologue about her past conquests is one of the high water marks in the show.

The part of Polly Meara is fascinating. Rather than the regular insipid ingenue, Polly is a young character role. She has strength and a sense of wit. Barbara Howard captures the strength of the role with charm and honesty.

Michael Rider as Lou Tanner, the good-looking heel who had Evy heels up for ten months, is obviously a good actor. Unfortunately, his acting style is quite different from Shelley Winters'. It is difficult to believe that they were lovers.

The entire picture is pulled together by the beautifully invisible direction of Martin Fried.

The overall effect makes *The Gingerbread Lady* a fascinating evening's entertainment. And it will play at the Tower through the middle of November.

It is a great opportunity to watch one of America's finest actresses at work.



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## Houston Off-Broadway Spices Westheimer

By Pamela Wolfe

The energetic and talented Houston Off-Broadway, an offbeat Montrosian comedy troupe, added some real spice to the Friends and Family of Gays' Benefit Bake Sale on Saturday, October 23 at Mary's Lounge, 1022 Westheimer.

With no sound system or music, the six-member did not always hold the audience's attention with their crazy and occasionally political spoofs and the show's opening act, a montage of original short skits, was hard to follow. Houston Off-Broadway experimented with their own version of the comedic jigsaw puzzle, but it did not work well. The audience was lost.

So, the troupe quickly got back on track and showed its best talents. Nancy Ford, who played a psychotic named Marianne Squeam, said, "You have to get into this character, or you just can't do it." Nancy's ability to get into this character seemed almost too authentic for comfort. She's truly talented.

The show possessed a crazy, tongue-in-cheek quality. In director Billie Duncan's own words, "We're political without being didactic. We don't preach, we illustrate. We're trying to present intelligent comedy." These intentions were quite evident in the skits, "Kathy Whitmire and Friends' Greatest Hits", "Making Love Two" and in the troupe's commercial spoofs.

All of the comedians, Billie Duncan, Claudean Bridges, Ray Mendez, Nancy Ford, James Allen and Kenny Joe Spivey, have studied theater in college and write most of their own material. The troupe's comedy is completely original except for the improvisational freeze situations, yet in this capacity, many of their split second theatrical reactions are cleverly outrageous.

Duncan stressed, "I'm more of an editor than a director. Our material dictates what needs to be done. Because we're the writers as well as the actors, a lot of what we do is spend hours exercising and developing our sense of movement and of communicating non-verbally. For improvisation, you have to develop an ESP within the organization."

Kenny Joe Spivey, a tall strawberry blond, described another route toward developing comedic material. "I'm naturally crazed, live at a rest home for drugged homosexuals and get my ideas from their drugged states." Claudean added, "That's how it all starts, from somebody's sick ideas."

By no means is Houston Off-Broadway and sick synonymous; their comedy skits and improvisations are better expressed and frequently outrageous. A bit rough in some areas, the troupe demonstrates real talent.

Houston Off-Broadway has been together for three years, performing in such spots as the Inside/Outside, Tower Theater, and the Good Humor Bar, including at the 1982 Festival on the Strand in Galveston and during Gay Pride Week 1982.

Currently, they are performing at E.J.'s, 1213 Richmond, once a month.

## A Sampling of Halloween Happenings...

For a whole weekend of craziness and entertainment, just leave everything behind and have a good time in Montrose. Many of the major events are familiar (they've been advertising for weeks in the VOICE), such as the "out of this world" party at Numbers and the "Haunted Houston" party next to the Officer's Club.

But's here's a quick look at some of the other events.

Happy Trails' Halloween weekend celebration will feature the Scag Show begin-

ing at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, in which the Trail Riders will even don costumes. On Sunday, Happy Trails opens again at an earlier hour, 2:30 p.m. As the manager described the weekend, it will be "an experiment in tastelessness"

The Chocolate Bayou Theater has scheduled a Halloween costume party on October 30 for the audiences of its current production, *Count Dracula*. It will start at 10:30 in the theater's courtyard. The cast members will have a chance to mingle with the audience.

On Saturday night, Rascal's Halloween theme will be "Fractured Fairy Tales." Rascal's staff will parade in their costumes while Zelda Rose, in her final performance, sings her folksy music with blues and jazz flavor from 9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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p.m. Saturday on the back patio. Then at midnight, a costume contest.

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Kindred Spirits hosts the "Halloween Spirits" costume party on Halloween night. Registration begins at 8:00 p.m. Prizes range from \$25 for the "most dubious" costume to \$200 for the first prize.

The judges will be Debra Danburg, District 137 State Representative incumbent, City Councilman George Greanias, GPC board member Barbara Ciaganero and Andy Mills, director of the Montrose Symphonic Band.

For the employees of Kindred Spirits, a separate costume contest will be judged by the audience. The winner's salary will be doubled for the night.

For the first time in two years, the Canadian minstrel Gordon Lightfoot will perform in Houston. It'll be Friday evening,

October 29, 8:00 p.m. at the Arena Theatre. Lightfoot's songs reflect Canadian themes, such as its natural beauty, turbulent cities, old ballads and the lonely wanderers of the Canadian vast territories.

Reservations must be made.

## The Ugly Truth

Pacific News Service

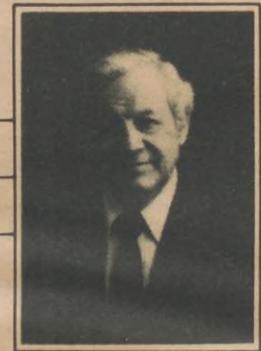
Sometimes it pays to be ugly. At least that's the finding of two sociologists who claim homely men are more successful than their better-looking counterparts.

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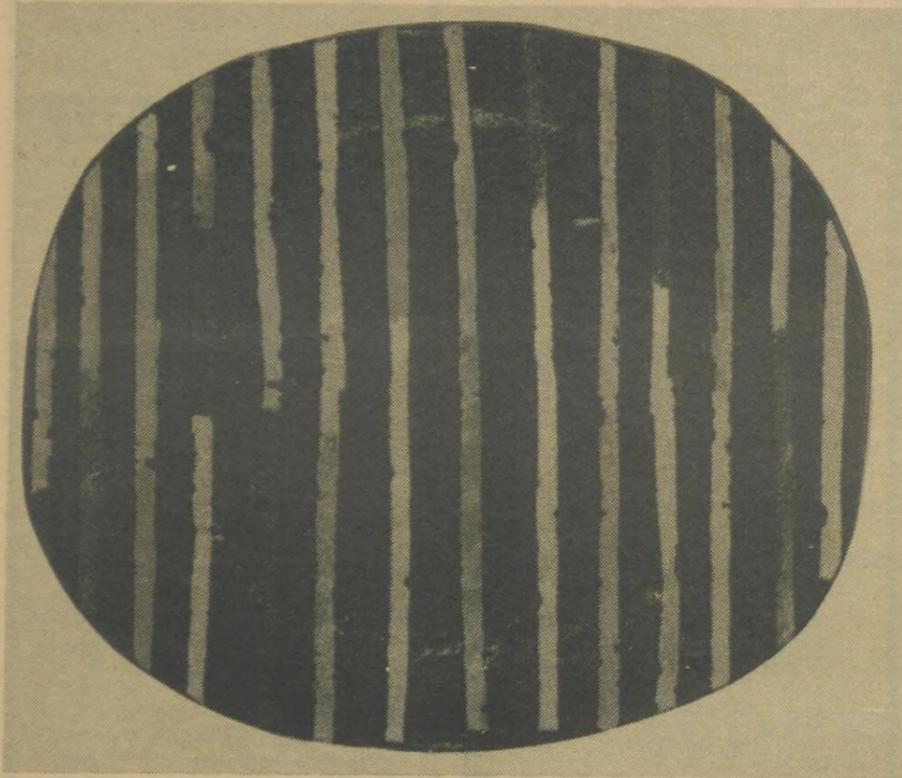
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## Larger than Life

By Steven Cuniberti

As gallery owners return from their August and September vacations, the new art viewing season begins with a flurry of show announcements. Painters, photographers, sculptors all vie for attention this week; but the most enticing to me is a collection of vividly colored ceramic plates by Jun Kaneko at the Moody Gallery in the southwest corner of the River Oaks Shopping Center.

Both subtle and bold applications of color draw the viewer from across the room and maintain attention under closer scrutiny.

Upon close examination, the multiple shades and textures of black perform as an animated background for stripes of color from a so widely diverse palette that they might be expected to clash if not for a unifying aspect found in each stripe's relationship with its background.

These colors could no more clash than could the colors of confections in a candy dish. The exuberance of the colors and the rustic qualities implied by the slightly irregular shape and large (about 20" in diameter) size bespeak a fantasy land where jovial giants live in such gastronomic delight that even their plates are more luscious than any food we have tasted.

Meanwhile, across the way at Watson, DeNagy and Company, 1106 Berthea,

Richard Johnson displays his inventive methods of trompe d'oeil in his acrylic and mixed media on canvas, *Before Lent*.

Although working with nonobjective images, Johnson achieves a three-dimensional realism in his painting that seems to be only a breath away from a holographic depiction of space. *Before Lent* is worlds away from the scientifically accurate, objective but flat images of the realists and superrealists.

Johnson's hyperrealism involves a certain amount of calculated overproduction such as when one brightens the colors of a billboard poster in order to make it "read" better at a great distance.

An analogous technique is used by music recording producers when they artificially enhance the natural, realistic reproduction of the musician's performance with special effects that make the music seem larger-than-life. The technical performance augments the musician's performance in order to distract the audience from the limitations of either medium by itself.

The technical *tour de force* in Johnson's work involves the use of dischordant turquois and lavender, airbrushed black and differential scalar textures. The deft use of the coarse and obvious depth defining techniques meld the elements of the painting into an exciting and impressive "deeper than life" canvas.

The opposite approach is attempted by Walter Darby Bannard who has just opened his show at the same gallery. Bannard uses a monochrome color scheme with actual three-dimensional volume of his gelatinous pigmented resin.

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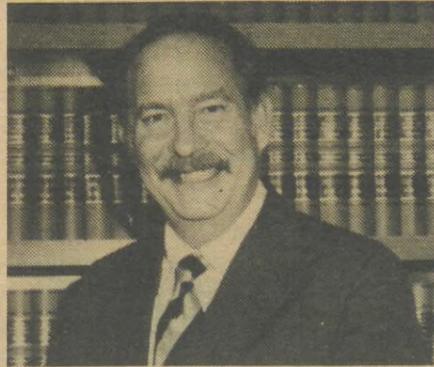
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## Yes, Geogio Can Sing ... But He's a Moron

By John W. Rowberry  
International Gay News Agency

I have always been a fan of opera-romance films (my favorite is *That Midnight Kiss* with Mario Lanza) because, while the plots tend to be a bit threadbare, the films manage to impart a feeling of the wonder and joy of opera without deluging the viewer in the more tedious aspects of a grand opera production.

Handsome leading men like Lanza and Pinza have sang beautiful arias and enchanted millions; the films are seldom considered masterpieces—but on the late night TV circuit develop a faithful following.

No so *Yes, Geogio*. Whoever wrote this silly and meaningless alleged peek at the life of a world-famous tenor (it was Norman Steinberg, who also penned the current comedy *My Favorite Year*) spent all his energy creating situations that make Italians look like neanderthals, opera singers look like morons, and insults women from the opening sequences straight through to the bitter end.

Perhaps Luciano Pavarotti can act; one would expect some sense of theatrical ability from anyone who has to sing a role for two hours on an opera stage—but with lines like "I am the man," and characterization about as deep as a finger bowl, we'll have to look elsewhere for evidence.

Kathryn Harrold, who plays the doctor who falls so much in love with the already-married tenor that she lets him dump on her in every single scene, stands up as best she can. But when the laughs are rooted in scenes where the two leads throw food at each other, even she doesn't have much to hold on to.

Eddie Albert stands around reminding everyone that the tenor is a delicate arrangement of thin wires. Ho-hum.

Pavarotti's singing is superb. His "Nessun Dorma" from *Turandot* so pristine and exciting that you get to hear it sung twice, one time right after the other, as the film unreels its way into the vaults of, hopefully, total obscurity. While I'm sure that no one sets out to make a bad film, I can't believe that somewhere along the way someone didn't stand up and remark what a piece of crap this was before it was too late.



## Art Imitates Life, Often

By John W. Rowberry  
International Gay News Agency

Art imitates life, often. While the Frank Yablans film, *Monsignor*, might sound like it came right out of the Vatican Bank controversy, in reality the post-WWII story is based on a book by Jack Leger and was already completed filming when the newspaper headlines reported the current scandal.

Starring Christopher Reeve, *Monsignor*, which was scheduled to open around Christmas, is being released at the end of October. Either church financial scandals are too un-Christian for December, or the public desire to know the dirty details of

the lives of the sacred looks like a lever in the decision. Yablans has a knack for making highly-glossed international soap operas (the best of which was *The Other Side of Midnight*), so look for romance, intrigue, and the best set decorations of the year.

### Other Movies

*National Lampoon's Animal House* has a sequel, *National Lampoon's Class Reunion*, a combo of dead teenager-mad slasher parody and the low-camp humor (or lack thereof) that typified the original. All those overweight co-eds running around in sheets, ugh!

Sally Field is no Sonia Braga but *Kiss Me Goodbye* is an American remake of *Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands*, the sensational Brazilian comedy by Jorge Amado. James Caan and Jeff Bridges play the living and dead husbands. But why?

Come Christmas we are treated to *Tootsie*, Sydney Pollack's comedy about an actor, Dustin Hoffman, who impersonates a woman to get a job on daytime television soap operas. *Tootsie* is not being touted as a *La Cage Aux Folles*-type project, and the studio, Columbia, has been quick to point out that Hoffman's impersonation of a woman is designed for believability.

It's dangerous to judge a film you haven't seen, but my first impulse when hearing about *The Toy* was to vomit. Jackie Gleason plays a very rich man who buys Richard Pryor for the amusement of his spoiled son, Scott Schwartz. Not only that, but Gleason is a Southerner. It remains to be seen if the usually-tasteful Richard Donner (*Superman* and *Inside Moves*) can direct this project in such a way as to not let it become a racist bore disguised as contemporary social comedy—but I have my doubts.

One of the best sounding sequels of recent years also hits the screens at

Christmases, *Airplane II*, which not only goes off-course but ends up in space. *Airplane II* is a sure thing rest assured.

## It's No Fun Living Downstream from Coors

Pacific News Service

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## Sex and Punk Are in this Year

Pacific News Service

Last year, Halloween meant Yoda and Playboy Bunny costumes. This year, it's sex and punk.

So says Bob Mandell, whose San Francisco costume shop is one of the biggest in the country. Mandell says Mae West and Conan the Barbarian are the hot costumes this year.

"Even the skinny guys," says Mandell, "are going for the macho leather and spikes look."

Punk, adds Mandell, is very big too. "Hair dyes, glitter, religious paraphernalia and anything death-related moves quickly."

In fact, Mandell says his costume business is booming this year, despite the economy. "People are saying 'to heck with it'."

He notes, "They just want to have a good time."

# The 'Voice' Interviews a Houston 'Male Witch'

By David Quarles

Gay people should seriously consider witchcraft as an alternative to Christianity because it has a special place for them in its theology, says Thomas-John Grievess, who claims to be a practicing male witch.

Grievess, 31, has been through considerable Christian training before arriving at witchcraft, which he says is a pre-Christian nature religion.

The credentials of Grievess includes graduation from Southern Bible College, street preaching as a Pentacostal minister, a two-year stint in an Anglican monastery and one year in a Roman Catholic seminary. After leaving the seminary, Grievess says he became a witch.

"I got the ritual necessary to witchcraft from the Catholics."

"We have a single God in witchcraft which is both male and female. The Virgin Mary is the goddess of witchcraft and Jesus is the male god. However, some witches are bitter about Christianity and reject Jesus and Mary," Grievess said.

As for witchcraft's appeal to gay people, Grievess pointed out that the religion has a healthy attitude toward sex, which includes gay sex. Also, Grievess pointed out, witchcraft believes in reincarnation, which includes changes of sex in reappearances. "Gays," he claims, "are a stepping stone between male and female."

When asked if an acceptance of witchcraft by gay people would make them more outcast, Grievess emphasized that adherers to the religion would not have to be public and that it is a personal philosophy.

Explaining more of his religion, Grievess said that reincarnations continue until the person becomes a full human being at which point the individual becomes a helping spirit.

"We also have many gods—a kind of graded pantheism—similar to the Roman Catholic saints," Grievess explained. Also in contrasting witchcraft to Christianity, Grievess said "Witchcraft senses power in the self and the self is a co-creator with God, whereas Christianity prays to an external god."

As for science and witchcraft, Grievess says they are compatible. "Witchcraft is a century ahead of science. Witches used hypnotism for centuries before 19th Century science discovered it," Grievess declared.

Grievess recalled a woman who had a fractured foot and wanted his help. He sent her to a doctor who couldn't do anything. Grievess then cast a health spell which, he says, cured the lady. "We always cooperate with medicine," Grievess observed.

As for spells, Grievess defined them as "developed mental energy sent for a purpose." He said that herbs, oils and candles are a part of spell making which serve to concentrate the mind. "But spells can be cast without physical things," he added.

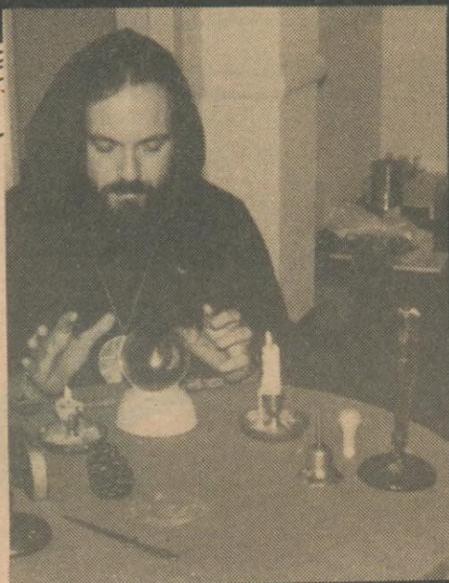
The most common spells, according to Grievess, are love spells, health spells and spells to protect or cleanse homes.

Grievess, by day, is an administrative assistant at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston. He gives Tarot card readings for a charge and also works as a psychic at the Renaissance Festival near Magnolia, which concludes this weekend. As for spells, he said, "It's against the rules to charge for a spell, but I will accept a gift."

Quoting Voltaire, Grievess said he believes that "this is the best of all possible worlds. All of us have chosen our lives and we must make the best of them, learning from our afflictions."

As for Halloween, Grievess said that it is a fertility festival for witches. It is also a time for communicating with the dead, he said. "Witches party at Halloween and meditate to develop their awareness."

"We think gay costumes on Halloween are good for witchcraft exposure," Grievess concluded.



## Doctors of the Supernatural

Pacific News Service

Aspiring psychiatrists studying Freud and Jung may also want to take a course on the supernatural.

Psychiatrist Stanley Dean questioned 228 medical school faculty members and found that more than half favored the study of psychic phenomena in university psychiatric programs.

Thirty-five percent claim to have experiences ESP, telepathy or altered states of consciousness—or to know someone who had.

Says Dean: "More than half the sick people in the world seek out healers rather than doctors, and it's important to know why."

# Seven Day Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					OCT 29	OCT 30
OCT 31	NOV 1	NOV 2	NOV 3	NOV 4		

For additional information about events listed below, look for the sponsoring organization under "Organizations" in the Montrose Directory.

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- **FRIDAY:** Interact's Community Coffeehouse 7:30pm-midnight, 3405 Mulberry
- **FRIDAY:** Lambda Alanon meeting at First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin
- **FRIDAY-SUNDAY:** Halloween weekend, Oct. 29-31
- **SUNDAY MORNING:** Day-light Savings Time ends, 2:00 a.m.
- **MONDAY:** MSA/Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain
- **TUESDAY:** Elections, Nov. 2
- **TUESDAY:** MSA/Volleyball games 7:30 p.m., Gregory-Lincoln School, 1101 Taft
- **WEDNESDAY:** MSA/Pocket Billiard competition, various locations
- **THURSDAY:** MSA/Mixed League Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain
- **THURSDAY:** Wilde 'n Stein gay radio show 10pm-midnight on KPFT Radio, FM-90

## Selected Events in Future Weeks

- **IN 1 WEEK:** MSA's HouTex Tennis Open Tournament, MacGregor Park Tennis Center, Nov. 6-7
- **IN 2 WEEKS:** 2nd National Lesbian & Gay Business & Professional Convention, Nov. 12-15, Washington, D.C.
- **IN 3 WEEKS:** Thanksgiving, Nov. 25
- **IN 4 WEEKS:** "An Evening with Quentin Crisp" 8pm Nov. 28, Tower Theater, 1200 Westheimer, to benefit Montrose Guest Recovery House

- **IN 5 WEEKS:** U.S. Conference of Mayors national meeting workshop opens Dec. 8 in Houston, lasting Oct. Dec. 10
- **IN 6 WEEKS:** Chanukah, Dec. 10
- **IN 6 WEEKS:** Human Rights Day, Dec. 10
- **IN 6 WEEKS:** Montrose Symphonic Band & Chorale Christmas concert 8pm, Dec. 11, Cullen Auditorium, University of Houston main campus
- **IN 6 WEEKS:** Lighting of the Montrose Christmas Tree, 6pm, Dec. 12, 1022 Westheimer, with Montrose Symphonic Band & Chorale
- **IN 6 WEEKS:** Montrose Sports Association Annual Awards and Entertainment Extravaganza, Numbers 2, 300 Westheimer, Dec. 14
- **IN 8 WEEKS:** Christmas Day, Dec. 25
- **IN 9 WEEKS:** New Year's Eve, Dec. 31
- **NEXT YEAR:** Gay Pride Week in late June
- **NEXT YEAR:** Reno National Gay Rodeo Sept. 1-4

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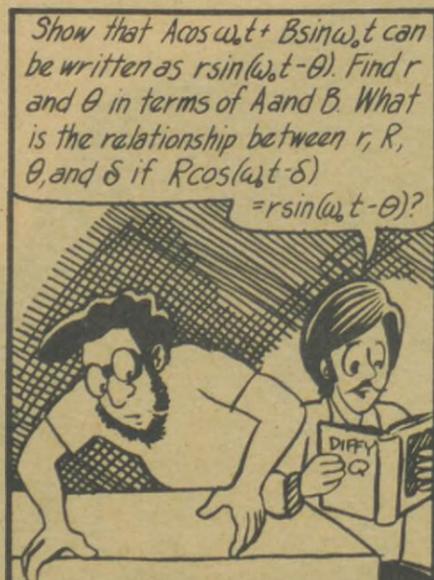
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  - **ACLU**—1236 W. Gray—524-5925
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  - **ASTRO Rainbow Alliance**—524-4793 (voice & TTY)
  - **BERING Memorial Methodist Church**—1440 Hawthorne—528-1017: United Methodist worship service 10:50am Sun.
  - **BETWEEN TWO Worlds**—529-1913: meets every other Thurs.
  - **BLACK & WHITE MEN Together (BWMT)**—529-5006, 747-9812
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  - **CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN FAITH**—413 Westheimer—529-8005: worship services Sun. morning & evening & Wed. evening; Bible study Mon. & Tues. evenings; choir practice Wed. evening
  - **CITIZENS FOR HUMAN EQUALITY (CHE)**—609 Fannin #1301—236-8666: board meeting 2nd Tuesdays
  - **COLT 45'S** (social club)—meets at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos—528-9192
  - **COMMUNITY COFFEEHOUSE**—project of I/H Inc.: 7:30pm Fridays at 3405 Mulberry

- **COMMUNITY GOSPEL Center**—1700 Montrose—523-6018
- **CONG. AYTZ CHAYIM**—meets at MCCR, 1919 Decatur—552-1340, 688-8997: service & social 8pm 2nd & 4th Fridays
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- **CRISIS HOTLINE**—228-1505
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- **DIANA FOUNDATION**—2700 Mason—524-5791
- **DIGNITY**—meets at Catholic Student Center, 1703 Bolsover—520-9269, 528-7644: meetings 7pm Saturdays
- **FAMILY & FRIENDS of Gays**—524-5982: meets 2:30pm 3rd Sundays at Community Coffeehouse, 3405 Mulberry
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- **GAY HISPANIC CAUCUS**—2722 Newman #12—521-0037: meets 3rd Thursdays
- **GAY ITALIAN Group**—526-9844
- **GAY NURSES & PHYSICIANS of Houston**—c/o GPC—521-1000
- **GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS (GPC)**—POB 66664, 77266—521-1000: meets 4600 Main #217 7:30pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
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- **Houston Area GAY & LESBIAN ENGINEERS & Scientists**—526-7386: meets 7pm 4th Wednesdays
- **HOUSTON COMMUNITY CLOWNS**—862-8314
- **HOUSTON DATA PROFESSIONALS**—meets in East Room, Holiday Inn Central, 4640 South Main—523-8922: meeting 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays
- **HOUSTON HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE**—523-8969
- **HOUSTON MOTORCYCLE CLUB**—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—528-8851
- **I/H Inc.**—3405 Mulberry—529-7014, 694-1732: Community Coffeehouse 7:30pm-midnight Fri.; board meeting 7:30pm 1st Thursdays (varied locations); educational forum 7:30pm 3rd Thursdays
- **INTEGRITY/Houston** (formerly Episcopal Integrity)—528-0555: meeting 7:30pm 2nd Tuesdays at Autry House, 6265 Main, & 4th Tuesdays at varied locations
- **INTERACT,** education subgroup of I/H Inc.—3405 Mulberry—529-7014, 694-1732
- **KPFT Radio, FM-90**—419 Lovett Blvd.—526-4000: "Wilde 'n Stein" gay radio show 10pm-midnight Thurs.
- **LAMBDA ALANON**—meets at 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin—521-9772: meeting Fri. evening
- **LESBIANS & GAY PEOPLE in Medicine**—665-4760: meeting 7:30pm 1st Saturdays
- **LUTHERANS CONCERNED**—meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh—521-0863, 453-1143: meeting 2nd & 4th Tues. evenings
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- **MONTROSE ART Alliance**—c/o Paez Center, 401 Avondale—521-2461: meets 2nd Thursdays
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RICE Univ. Gay/Lesbian Support Group—524-0724

TEXAS BAY AREA Gays—332-3737; meeting Thurs. evening

TEXAS GAY/LESBIAN TASK FORCE—869-7231, 868-6901

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UNITARIAN/UNIVERSALIST Gay Caucus—c/o 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin—520-9767, 528-5842; meeting 3rd Sun. afternoons

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**Commentary**

**Hidden Assumptions**

By Allen Young  
Stonewall Features Syndicate

The presence of visible homosexuality—and the unacknowledged fact of homophobia—were hidden assumptions in a "cutesy" news story that made the wire services and the *New York Times* for several days last summer.

The dateline was West Springfield, Mass., where the school committee prohibited a group of high school sociology students from including Greenwich Village in their New York City field trip itinerary.

The teacher, Leonard Lockwood, was told to restrict the trip to Rockefeller Center and the Metropolitan Museum of Art (as if much sociology could be learned there), but then New York University President John Brademas invited the kids down to see his campus, so the itinerary was expanded to include his invitation. Even then, school officials went out of their way to make certain the kids would not wander around the Village.

Earlier, a student in Lockwood's class had written that the trip would be "beneficial" because it is a "place where we can observe people who live outside the norm, free from harassment. This is a village that many people escape to, to live their lives free from social restrictions."

We gay people know Greenwich Village to be a traditional focus of the gay community; one of the Village's streets, Christopher Street, is internationally known as gay turf, and is the birthplace of the modern gay liberation movement, a little item Brademas forgot to mention while listing the cultural and historical aspects of the Village.

Can there be any doubt that the West Springfield "Village-phobia" was homophobia in disguise? School committee member John Colby was quoted as saying the Village has "raw lifestyles" and "depravation." Later, he denied he used the word "depravation," and in a telephone conversation with me, he said the word was "degradation." I asked him directly if homosexuality was what he had in mind, but he refused to say another word after that.

Russell Baker, *New York Times* humor columnist, devoted an essay to the incident, but his main point was that the neighborhood is terribly middle-class, and therefore not worth all of this attention. "There are also a few neighbors," he added, "who like to get out of their three-piece suits after a hard day in the executive suite and skip into Heinrich Himmler costumes. I don't think you'd find this in West Springfield, Mass., but what's so terrible about it?"

Never mind that Baker avoided the words "gay" or "homosexual" in his article. A particular irony in Baker's piece is that Kenneth Appleby, now serving time in the Hampshire County House of Correction, was arrested in West Springfield several years ago in a case involving overt, consensual S&M relations—with men he picked upon on occasion in Greenwich Village! The cops were so excited by the S&M paraphernalia they found in Appleby's cabin that they dug up his yard looking for a Gacy-style graveyard, but the only bones they found belonged to a dead dog.

The winner in all this was John Brademas, who got lots of free publicity for his expensive school. I couldn't help but wonder why some gay group on New York didn't have the political savvy to call a press conference, issue a principled statement about such "bohemian" issues as marijuana legalization and gay rights, and invite the West Springfield kids over for a fun time. The invitation might have been rejected, but at least the word "gay" would have been taken from the shadows.

ANOTHER ITEM from recent news has been bothering me. It concerns Dr. Barry Singer, associate professor of psychology at California State U. in Long Beach, who lost his job after he was denounced for giving course credit for "gay encounters" and other forms of sexual "experimentation." There's a hidden assumption, it seems to me, both on the part of Singer and his critics, that there was something "pro-gay" about this extra credit stuff.

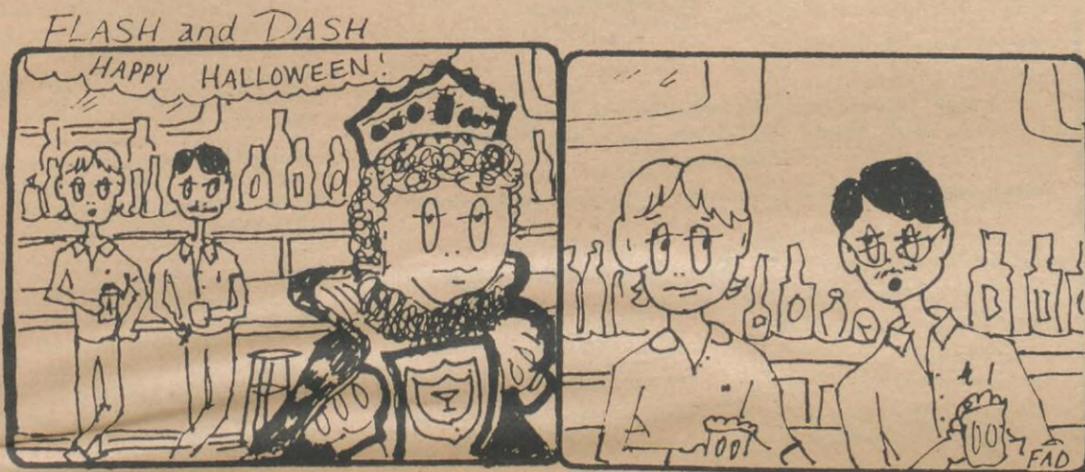
I sympathize with Singer's attempt to break out of the typical academic mold and introduce his students to aspects of the psychology of sex that are often ignored. And likewise, I have no sympathy for the fanatics who attacked Singer for his sex-positive stance.

However, the bottom line is that I was offended by the notion that non-gay students would get credit for going in drag to a gay bar or even having a gay experience. Behind the liberal veneer lie certain assumptions about the superiority of "normal" people—the assumption that they have the right to play with our reality and experiment with us as if we were objects in a test tube.

Non-gay people should not feel that they have the right to invade our space and our lives when their motivation is "extra credit." If a student wants to experiment with homosexuality or drag because he or she is so disposed, I think that's fine. There must be a better way than Dr. Singer's approach for university students to learn about homosexuality.

I HAVE AN important, but wrong hidden assumption of my own. I tend to assume that there is a greater environmental or ecological awareness among gay people than among non-gays. I am often disappointed, but I never learn. When I go to the beach or any natural environment, I want to be pristine and beautiful. If I see beer cans and other litter, it almost spoils my day.

I have this foolish notion that gays should know better, but alas, it's not so. Every gay beach—even the gay swimming hole I frequent in the woods of Williamsville, Vermont—has plenty of garbage. It's disgusting. And, by the way, you cigaret smokers, those little filters are not biodegradable, and should not be left in the woods when you go hiking or on the beach. Hundreds of them make quite a mess, in case you didn't notice. Please don't hate me for giving this sermon.



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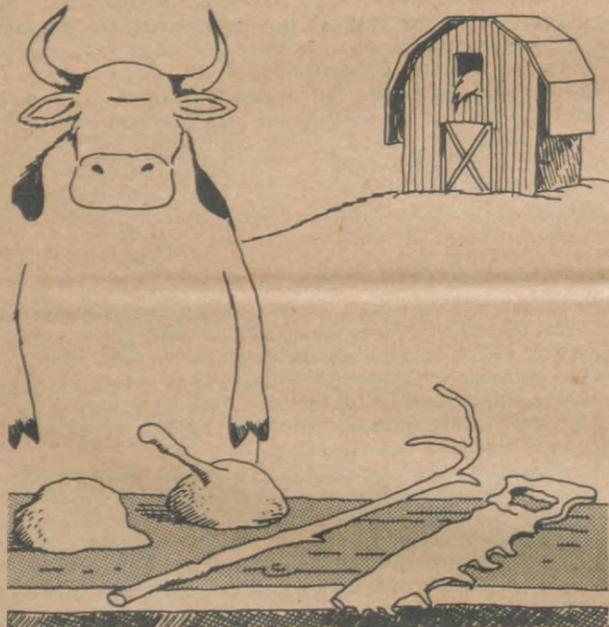
I said only that he is my ex, I didn't say how ex he is.

*Max Frost*



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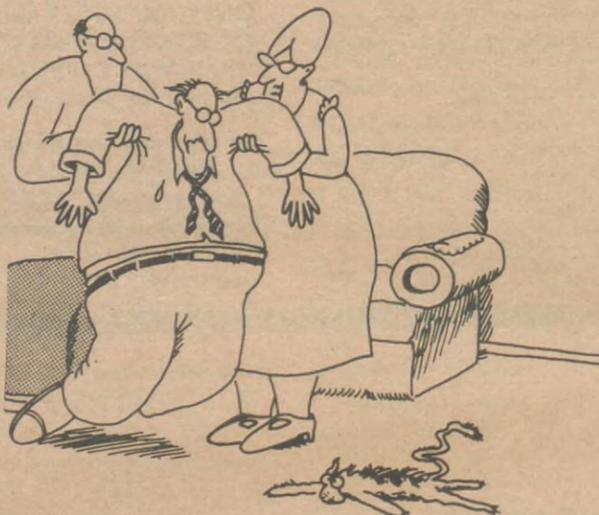


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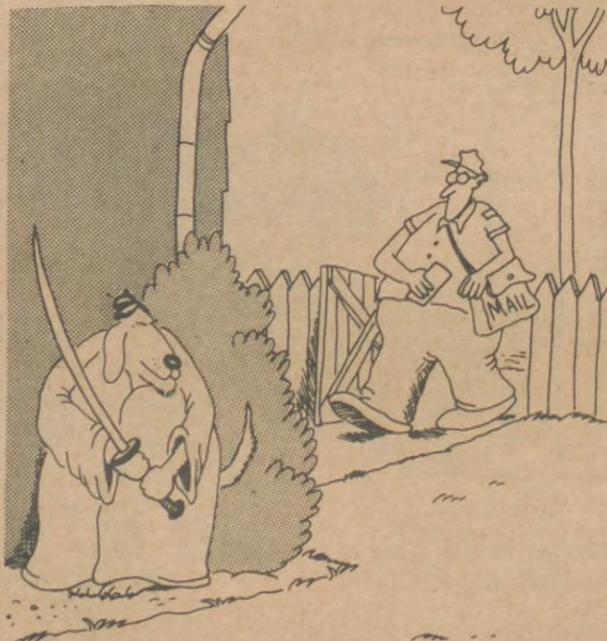
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# Fortunes

By Tycho

For Friday evening, October 29, through Friday evening, Nov. 5, 1982:

**ARIES**—Treat your trick at home this week. Do something special and unexpected. Keep the home fires burning with a feast of favorite food or a night of new fun and games. Costumes are optional—but could add a lot to the occasion.

**TAURUS**—You won't be afraid to fall in love this week; someone may make you an offer you can't refuse. Can you believe that this is happening? Too much is sometimes just right. Yes, Virginia, there really are generous people left in the world.

**GEMINI**—Somebody wants to introduce you to somebody else. What is all this matchmaker business? All of your friends have the best of intentions this week so relax and let it all come to you. A blind date could open your eyes!

**CANCER**—This isn't New Year's—it's Halloween. But you sure feel like sweeping out the old and welcoming in the new. You're full of new plans and resolutions. Don't let the opportunities that such feelings bring pass you by. Act carefully—but act.

**LEO**—Nobody loves a party more than a happy Leo. No matter if it's a huge gathering of the clan or two couples for dinner, you have an urge to bring people together for some good times. Mix 'em or match 'em. Your personality will make it work.

**VIRGO**—You're cautious and careful. You're wary and wondering. Something's bugging you that you can't quite put a finger on. A special Scorpio or a terrific Taurus could be just the right medicine. How about it? Take two and call me in the morning.

**LIBRA**—In your sign this week: Mercury (leaves Tuesday evening), Saturn and Pluto. Put on the magic hat and cape—behold the magician? You can cast a spell or do a trick you didn't think possible. Things appear and disappear. What would you like? Think about it, and all kinds of wonderful happenings can take place.

**SCORPIO**—In your sign this week: Mercury (enters Tuesday evening), the Sun, Venus and Jupiter. It's your season, you devil, you. You love bringing your light to those dark and forbidden places. Your magnetic attractiveness can be felt far and wide. Maybe too much! Use a little discretion in your choices.

**SAGITTARIUS**—In your sign this week: Mars (leaves Sunday evening), Uranus and Neptune. The tie that binds feels pretty good. Any hesitation you may have felt in making a commitment is gone, gone, gone. You're ready for the big one, and so is the one you want to commit to. What are you waiting for? It's not bigger than both of you, but wow!

**CAPRICORN**—In your sign this week: Mars (enters Sunday evening) No ghosts or goblins will surprise you! You know exactly what's going on, and you're sure of yourself every step of the way. The work you took care of last week is beginning to pay off. Out there in front of the pack, you're a mover.

**AQUARIUS**—OK. Go ahead and do it. Get it up in drag or put together an outrageous costume. You'll be the bell of the ball, a winner, a wonder. Your feel for fantasy is at its best. In a word, you're the tops.

**PISCES**—You just can't get enough, can you? Whether it's with one or many, you just keep humping it. Remember when you were a kid and you wanted to eat all the candy? It's there for the taking, but don't forget, Mama warned you about a belly ache.

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# Last Word

## Vote All the Way Down the Ballot

By Henry McClurg

It's election day Tuesday. Please vote.

The infamous Secretary of State David Dean is predicting a turnout November 2 statewide of about 2.5 million. However, by the time you get down the ballot to the judges, most voters will have left the voting booth. This is where it's important for us to stay there, and keep voting, down to the last race.

We can put more judges on the benches who have a comprehension of civil rights—more judges who understand that all is not rosy in American law enforcement.

Many, many of us have been victims of police abuse firsthand. I call it the "Hey You, Come Here" attitude that many officers have.

You're walking down the street; the cop, eaten up with homophobia, needs one more body for the trip downtown. And you're it because you "look gay."

"Hey you, come here." And you're off to jail.

If you dare ask why, or ask any questions, the cop starts the name calling. Or if he feels inclined, the physical pushing around.

Well, presently, we can't prevent the arrest, we can't prevent the abuse on the way to the police station, but you can prevent the conviction, or even have charges thrown out—providing you are not dealing with a redneck judge who thinks cops are next to God and can do no wrong.

So please vote Tuesday. And please vote all the way down the ballot. That's where our power will be felt this election.

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**RICHARD ALLEN** Florist—1848 Westheimer—526-7795

**AQUATIC ISLE** pet shop—2011 SW Fwy.—526-6940  
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**ASYLUM** Adult Bookstore—1201 Richmond

**BALL PARK** Adult Bookstore—1830 W. Alabama

**BASIC BROTHERS** clothing—1220 Westheimer—522-1626

**Support, join your community organizations**

**BED HOUSE**—2115 Norfolk—523-8278  
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**BELL, BOOK & CANDLE**—9215 Longpoint Rd.—932-7249  
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**BLUE IRIS**—3618 S. Shepherd—523-1827

**BOOM TOWN BLOOMS** flowers—3210 S. Shepherd—526-8110

**CARGO HOUSE**—1802 Park—529-0334

**CONE DANCEWEAR**—4704 Montrose—522-1673

**DINER'S** Adult News—240 Westheimer—528-8950

**DOUBRAVA JONES**, the Manhole clothing—1983 W. Gray—522-1089

**DOWNBEAT** Records—2117 Richmond—523-8348

**DRAMATIKA** gifts—3224 Yoakum—528-5457

**FACETS** gifts—1412 Westheimer—523-1412

**FRAME OF REFERENCE** framing—1533 Westheimer—520-0710

**Vote Tuesday!**

**FRIDAY'S** Florist—1338 Westheimer—524-6518

**GITA'S** Jewelry—7228 Longpoint Rd.—680-3579  
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**HART BROS.** Antiques—2030 W. Gray—524-2979, 523-7389  
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**KIRBY** Newstand—3115 Kirby—520-0246

**MONTROSE JEWELRY** and Loan—1216 Westheimer—529-5841

**OH BOY!** Leather Goods—912 Westheimer—524-7859

**OLD ENGLISH FURNITURE**—1138 W. Gray—521-9145  
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**ONE MORE TIME** resale boutique—1405 California—523-5551

**PLANT HOUSE**—812 Westheimer—526-7795

**Q-1 LEATHER**—408 Westheimer—523-9044

**RECORD RACK** music—3109 S. Shepherd—524-3602

**There's more Montrose sports coverage in the Voice**

**ROUGH CUT** jewelry—520 Westheimer—520-7050

**SHOE WAREHOUSE**—2024 Westheimer—524-8806

**SPORTS LOCKER** clothing—311 Westheimer—520-6555

**STUDZ** Adult News—1132 W. Alabama

**TEXAS CARAVAN & Armadillo Flowers**—2115 Dunlavy—520-7019

**TIMELESS TAFFETA** clothing—1623 Westheimer—529-6299

**TOTALITY STORE**—1121 W. Gray—526-8780

**TREYMAN** gifts—407 Westheimer—523-0228

**TROPICAL FISH IMPORTS**—7008 Woodridge Dr.—645-7472  
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**UNION JACK** clothing—1212 Westheimer—528-9800

**WESTHEIMER FLEA MARKET**—1733 Westheimer

**WESTHEIMER INTERIORS**—1727 Westheimer—520-1357  
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**WILDE & STEIN** book store—802 Westheimer—529-7014; gay

**Randy Alfred's 'Dateline S.F.'** twice a month in the Montrose Voice

- HARRAR'S Ethiopian Cuisine—428 Westheimer—526-2895
- HONG THONG—424 Westheimer—528-8275
- HOUSE OF PIES—3112 Kirby—528-3816
- INTERNATIONAL Club Restaurant—243 Westheimer—523-2795
- JADE DRAGON—224 Westheimer—526-2683
- KOUNTRY KITCHEN—Kirby at S.W. Fwy.—520-7246
- 9'ERS—1303 Westheimer—528-8823
- OMAR'S—808 Lovett—528-3569
- POOR DADDY'S—3416 W. Dallas—528-8922
- RASCALS—2702 Kirby—524-6272  
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- RAUL'S BRASS RUBBING—914 W. Alabama—529-0627
- SPUD-U-LIKE—416 Westheimer—520-0554
- STAR PIZZA—2111 Norfolk—523-0800
- STEAK 'N' EGG—4231 Montrose—528-8135
- TIM'S Coffee Shop—1525 Westheimer—529-2289
- VILLANI Italian—2907 W. Alabama—522-8852  
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- WINE SELLER—1408 Westheimer—528-3876

'Montrose Live' each week in the Voice reports on Montrose entertainment

## SERVICES

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**FIVE STAR SERVICES** provides the gentlemen of Houston with the finest in institutional massage therapy. Fully licensed and accredited. 528-3147.

**RE-UPHOLSTER** YOUR SOFA OR CHAIR NOW. PROFESSIONAL WORK AT REASONABLE PRICES. FREE ESTIMATES. HERITAGE UPHOLSTERY, 523-4786.

**Being gay is tough sometimes, or being fat and gay is toney. Lose 10-30 pounds per month with new herbal weight control program. 100% natural, sage, guaranteed. no drugs! No chemicals! Call Herb, 342-7571 evenings.**

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**THERE IS A MINIMUM charge of \$3 per classified ad.**

BLIND BOX NUMBERS can be assigned for \$2 per week extra.

Run the same classified 4 weeks in a row and deduct 15%.

If your classified is lengthy, you may want to consider running a "display" ad instead. Call our advertising sales department for information.

WRITE OUT your ad on a plain sheet of paper. Include your name, address, check and signature, and mail or bring it to the Montrose Voice, 3317 Montrose #306, Houston, TX 77006. Ads received by 5:30pm Tuesday will be in that week's newspaper.

ALL CLASSIFIED ads must be paid in advance. Sorry, but we cannot bill and cannot accept classifieds over the phone.

40¢ per regular word or 60¢ PER ALL CAPITAL WORD in 10-point type, as shown here. (If using few words in this size or if centering on a line, compute at \$2.00 a line, using maximum 4 regular words or 3 ALL CAPITAL WORDS to a line.)

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# It's your turn.

Two years ago  
we sent Debra Danburg  
to Austin. We had high  
expectations. She lived  
up to them.

Her commitment to the  
gay community isn't new.  
Her support isn't just a  
passing fancy.



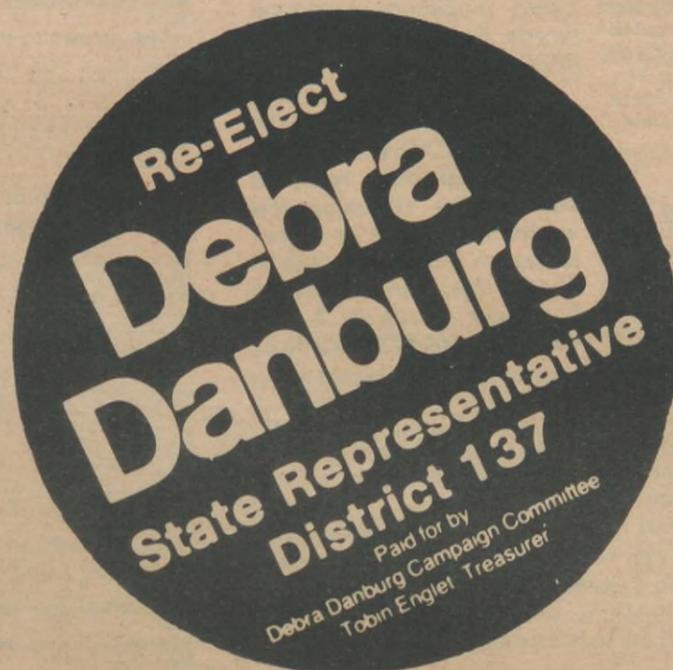
She works hard for us, not just in the legislature, but right here  
in Houston. And she does it all year long.

Her opponent has stooped to mudslinging, gay-baiting and vicious  
personal attacks. His tactics  
have cost Debra votes.

Debra stands up for us.

Now it's our turn.

**Vote Nov. 2nd.**



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