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## County ordered to pay Van Ooteghem

NEW ORLEANS—A federal appeals court ruled Oct. 22 that Harris County must pay \$56,000 in back wages to former Assistant County Treasurer Gary Van Ooteghem, fired in 1975 for reportedly politicking for gay rights on county time.

Van Ooteghem had announced that he was going to address the Commissioner's Court to ask for a policy of non-discrimination against gay people in filling county jobs.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that former Treasurer Hartsell Gray violated Van Ooteghem's right of free speech for firing him.

The court upheld a ruling by U.S. District Judge Ross N. Sterling. However, it ordered further proceedings on Sterling's order that the county pay Van Ooteghem \$7500 for "taxable costs including reasonable attorney's fees," saying Sterling failed to specify how he arrived at that figure.

## Officer suspended, awaits trial in death of Paez DA angry over charges of political pressure in McCoy indictment

Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes is not happy over the fact that some groups have claimed that political pressure was responsible for the indictment of a police officer in the June shooting death of gay activist Fred Paez.

The Oct. 15 misdemeanor negligent homicide indictment of officer Kevin McCoy caused the Houston Police Officers Association president, Dave Collier, to claim that the grand jury action "may be politically motivated (because) the gay community has been active in trying to get an indictment in this case."

Both Collier and Holmes appeared, by chance, together at a meeting of the Houston chapter of Citizens for Decency Through Law, a fundamentalist "anti" group opposed to, among other things, gay political power.

The Rev. Albert C. Walling, a leader of the group, in discussing gay politics in Houston, singled out the McCoy indictment as an example of the growing power.

Holmes strongly objected, asking Walling and Collier to bring forth any evidence they had to back up their charge.

Collier said it was based on the fact that gay leaders had testified before the grand jury. Holmes said the

gay leaders did not provide evidence in the case, and Holmes then blurted, according to *Houston Chronicle* reporter Mike Snyder, "That stinkin' indictment was not based on politics."

Snyder reported that Holmes later apologized for the dramatic outburst but still defended his position.

McCoy's negligent homicide is the same state charge first used against two policemen given probation in the 1977 death of Joe Campos Torres. The indictment alleges the 25-year-old McCoy, a four-year veteran on the force, acted negligently while arresting Paez in an alley.

The officer was under the influence of alcohol when he "placed a loaded, cocked pistol against the head of (Paez) and as a result thereof said pistol discharged," killing Paez, the indictment read.

The charge is a misdemeanor, but is scheduled to be tried in felony court, and carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$2000 fine.

McCoy claimed his gun accidentally discharged as he was arresting Paez for making a sexual advance at the officer. The grand jury heard testimony that cast doubt on that version.

## Prince sneaks peak at porn

toured the ruins of the ancient city Oct. 18 but Prince Phillip managed to sneak a look at them, witnesses said. The royal couple visited Pompei and Naples privately at the end of state visits to Italy and the Vatican.

Among the many houses well known to tourists is one that was owned by two rich wine and oil merchants in the ancient city. The walls are decorated with pornographic paintings.

POMPEI—The famous pornographic wall paintings here were carefully concealed when Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain

## It's Incredible!

### Super Psychic

# You have ESP, so use it

by David Speer  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Everyone has ESP! Yes, this continues to be the consensus of opinion among those who are on the forefront of parapsychology. Here are some hints on developing yours:

1. *Use your intuition.* Educational systems have tried to discourage intuition in favor of logic. Do not be fooled. Intuition is a most reliable way of problem solving.

2. *Steep yourself in all data about the problem.* Let this information sink into the depths of your conscious and unconscious mind, but do not come to any conclusion yet.

3. *Allow a period of incubation.* Let your unconscious take over the problem; your ESP will begin to find an answer.

4. *This is that exciting moment,* when all of a sudden your mind springs forth with a solution, fully-

developed, clear and concise. It may even happen in a dream.

5. *Verification.* Keep detailed notes in order to verify the answers you receive. When all evidence is in, you will be able to show that your ESP has been interpreted correctly.

Take away the agonizing over-decisions that are important in your life. Call on your ESP. I know it works!

### The Incredible! Horoscope

## Your Halloween Astrology

by Samantha  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**Happy Birthday:** If you were born on or between Oct. 27 and Nov. 2 between 19 and 52 years ago, then I know that your perceptive mind cuts quickly to the heart of any matter and you are not easily deceived. Having a passionate nature, you do nothing by halves. You'll run fiery hot or icy cold, never lukewarm. You can keep secrets—both your own and others'. However you may not relax easily.

**Aries:** Some others may be spinning very sticky Halloween webs this weekend, Aries. You'd be smart to steer clear of intrigues, jealousies and backbiting. Even romantic matters may bear watching in this regard. Halloween weekend days close with bang, nights too.

**Taurus:** A Halloween proposition may be offered this weekend, Taurus, but don't be in any hurry to accept it. It shortly will be altered. Later, the irresistible force meets the immovable object and the sparks really fly.

**Gemini:** You have a busy, bewitching weekend ahead of you, Gem. Then later, work-project matters will seem to be in such a state of flux that it will be hard to get a handle on them. A phone call may solve some problems.

**Moonchild:** Don't let indecision be a plague to you, Moonbeam, and don't let anyone pressure you into a decision, either. Your feelings about certain matters haven't settled yet, so of course you can't decide. Days include kisses, nights include Halloween Prince Charmings.

**Leo:** You are generous, loving and giving, Leo, but there are some people you can never satisfy. And even you can't deliver the moon.

this Halloween. Know where you've given all you can and be content. After the Halloween weekend, days bring gold with a hug.

**Virgo:** You may feel as if you're treading water, Virgo, since there is lots of talk but little action. You really are making headway; it's just that you can't get there from here in nothing flat. Be patient, you good-looking devil.

**Libra:** Your principles may be challenged this weekend by one who is subtly shady. Don't compromise yourself. Days ahead hold a party, a good friend and a quiet time.

**Scorpio:** Dredge out an old idea and dust it off for new Halloween possibilities. Do watch your words this weekend, as misunderstandings are likely, and don't be too quick to call a spade, a spade. (It could be a queen!). Later, celebrate.

**Sagittarius:** Take a second look. Saj. You may see something you missed the first time. Even if it doesn't cause you to change your mind, at least you've got more data. Later, don't let it all hang out; secrets add mystery.

**Capricorn:** A new person in your life may want to get too loose too quick as far as you're concerned. Proceed at your own pace or you won't be comfortable. Expect a change in plans and days close with a cozy cuddle.

**Aquarius:** When one who should have a particular answer doesn't seem to have it, you can become frustrated. Try to search on your own, Aquari, instead of asking others. Days bring a spot of work, a bonus and a spiced discussion.

**Pisces:** Cupid puts romance at the top of your agenda. Grab your favorite cowboy for a hayride and a do-si-do! Later, a bit of flattery can get you anyplace.

### Incredible! Predictions

## Watch for Calif. wines

by David Speer  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

• My ESP says that thousands of bottles of California wines will be recalled, due to the discovery of a mold in the bottles.

• I predict that civil unrest and strife will develop into an uprising in

Russia within three to four years.

• The impression comes to my mind that fire, located beneath the Antarctic Circle, will perplex scientists at the dawn of the 21st Century.

• ESP tells me that a minute, but measurable, change in gravity will

puzzle scientists as the 1990s dawn. This disclosure will also include findings that show the earth is expanding!

Your own incredible comments and predictions are welcome. Write The Incredible! Page, MONTROSE VOICE, 3520 Montrose, Houston, TX 77006.

## Small town pastor calls Houston 'center of trash'

WILLIS, Texas—With Bible-toting religionists shouting "Hallelujah," the city council in this Montgomery County community north of Houston adopted a pornography ordinance Oct. 21 prohibiting stores from placing sex magazines "in public view" of children, reported the *Houston Chronicle*.

The new law requires store owners to cover up the publications with plain wrappers or else remove them from prominent display areas.

Local churches had hoped for a law that banned the material altogether but accepted the limited ordinance when told that a broader version could not be successfully defended in court.

"We think it's great. Willis is a clean town (unlike Houston, which is) one of the centers of trash and pornography in the nation," the Rev. Kim Josephson, pastor of Grace Chapel Church, reportedly said.

Goal is \$125,000

## KPFT fund drive nears end

KPFT Radio's month-long fund drive ends Oct. 31 and station manager Ray Hill says his goal still is to raise \$125,000 by that time. At mid-month, only \$40,000 had been raised, however.

The money will go toward the station's general operating expenses, including the addition of paid employees to the staff and the upgrading of programming, Hill said.

KPFT is a non-profit, non-commercial station that relies on donations to cover its operating expenses. Most of the on-air personalities are non-paid volunteers. The station is owned by the national Pacifica Foundation, which also has stations in New York, Washington, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The Houston station, with studios at 419 Lovett Boulevard, frequently airs gay-oriented programming, including live broadcasts from gay clubs. Station manager Hill is a long-time Houston gay activist.

Pledges are being taken over the telephone at 526-4000.



## Editorial

# Vote the GPC-endorsed candidates

The MONTROSE VOICE urges you to go to the polls Nov. 4, Tuesday, and "vote the block." Vote the GPC ticket. We endorse the candidates they have endorsed.

All candidates endorsed by GPC (except the President and Vice President) were personally interviewed by the organizations screening committee. These endorsements by them were made on first-hand observation and questioning.

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| Ken Harrison      | Judge, 151st Judicial Dist.           |
| Richard Millard   | Judge, 152nd Judicial Dist.           |
| R.L. "Bob" Smith  | Judge, 165th Judicial Dist.           |
| Bill Hatten       | Judge, 176th Judicial Dist.           |
| Miron Love        | Judge, 177th Judicial Dist.           |
| Robert Hinojosa   | Judge, 309th Family Court             |
| Robert Baum       | Judge, 314th Family Court             |
| Fred Dailey       | District Attorney                     |
| Ed Landry         | Judge, County Civil Court No. 2       |
| Jim Muldrow       | Judge, County Civil Court No. 6       |
| Pat Lykos         | Judge, County Civil Court No. 10      |
| Mike Driscoll     | County Attorney                       |
| Marvin Lake       | Sheriff                               |
| No Vote           | Tax Assessor-Collector                |
| Tom Bass          | County Commissioner Pct. 1            |
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## Lesbian mother wins conditional visitation rights

ELLCOTT CITY, Md.—A divorced couple's two children may visit their mother if she occupies a different bedroom from her female lover during their visits, Associated Press says a Howard County Circuit Court judge ruled recently.

The divorce and visitation rights were granted by Judge Robert F. Fischer in a case in which a woman left her husband and two young sons three years ago for a woman, AP said, adding that custody of the children was awarded to their father, who is living with his parents.

A psychiatrist who testified in the case had said it was in the children's best interests to remain with their father, Fischer was reported as saying.

The father had opposed overnight visits by the children with their mother because she is "a lesbian and living in a homosexual relationship with another

woman," according to court records, but the judge, citing other court cases that found a mother could not be deemed unfit solely because she was homosexual, allowed children's visits to their mother's home at specified times.

The judge also said the psychiatrist's report indicated the woman's homosexuality should not be the basis for denying the children regular opportunities to visit their mother.

Fischer said he insisted on the separate bedroom requirement "to avoid any possible problems for the children."

He imposed the arrangement, he explained, because then it would not be clear to the children what their mother's relationship to the other woman was.

Associated Press did not report the names of those involved.

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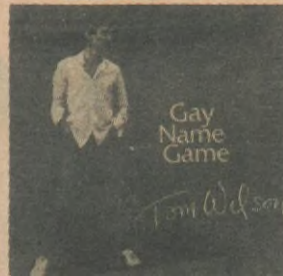
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**ROCKET TO STARDOM** by MICKEY'S SEVEN—The first-ever gay rock album, Mickey Brewster delivers up to 10 hot, sexy gayrock songs that were far ahead of their time. Originally released in 1974, when the Village Voice predicted this opus would "surely become a collector's item," a small quantity of the first pressing remains for serious collectors. The songs are anything but serious, though, consisting of sexstuff like "Stroke My Spoke," "Do It All Over You," and "I'm in Love With My Right Hand." "Get the Vaseline and play this one for a hot trick," advised The Advocate. "Be sure you get the original phallic-cover version instead of the later re-issue designed to appease the Puritans," warned Melody Maker. We're offering the ORIGINAL COVER ART in limited quantities, so order now. "A noisy adolescent musical jerk-off," is how Music Express summed it up. You know what? They're right!



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Republican says he'll beat tradition this time

# Democrat traditionally wins District 79 race

Montrose voters will have three candidates on the ballot Nov. 4 seeking the post of Representative to the Texas Legislature. Democratic nominee Debra Danburg is considered the front runner—because of her endorsement by the Gay Political Caucus and because of the fact that she's the Democrat. Only Democrats have held the post since it was created.

Republican nominee Hap May believes he can change the trend, however. During the past few months he says he has knocked on every door in District 79 (which in addition to Montrose includes a small slice of the Heights, the Fourth and Sixth Wards and Westend).

There are 20 voting precincts in the district—three predominantly black, one Hispanic, two others "straight", but the remaining 14 heavily inhabited by homosexuals. The gay precincts also usually have the best voter turnout—and they vote in block fashion.

Also running in the race is Libertarian candidate John F. Squyres, who admits his chance of winning is "slim and none."

Both Danburg and May feel crime is one of the top concerns among constituents—but the two disagree on ways to combat it. May says he will push for wiretap laws to aid police; Danburg says with crimes against persons, such as rape, robbery and burglary, which is the major type of crime in the area, increased wiretapping privileges for police will have no effect.

Danburg, 29, says she will, however, work with Houston Police in setting up

### Libertarian admits chance is "slim and none"

an Operation Crimewatch program for the neighborhood.

May, who is 23, predicted three weeks ago that he'll win with 52% of the vote. Danburg's supporters have made no similar predictions, except to say that they're not taking the race for granted. They point out that they captured 60% of the vote in the Democratic primary against four opponents.

Danburg strongly supports the repeal of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, which makes consenting sexual acts in private between members of the same sex illegal. May, in an article in the current issue of



Inner-View newspaper, declined to take a position on the subject. "I'm not going to take a stand on that (repeal of Section 21.06) at this time," May was quoted as saying. "(I'll take it up) when it comes up as an issue before the Legislature."

The newspaper quoted Danburg as responding, "It's already an issue in many people's lives, every single day. ... I stand for repeal of 21.06 as it exists today because I think it's discriminatory."

The Danburg organization maintains a nightly phone-bank of a dozen volunteers, other volunteers are out knocking on doors here in the final week, and Danburg herself says she attends several community meetings nightly to pitch her candidacy.

She says the biggest issue of concern to voters is political competency—will the Representative have the connections and be able to get results and solve problems for the district once in Austin?

Danburg worked for four years for incumbent Ron Waters, who bowed out to make an unsuccessful bid for the State Senate. And Waters, as expected, has given Danburg another feather in her hat—his endorsement.

Danburg has also received the endorsements from the Association for Community Organizations for Reform

Now (a group powerful in the Heights), the Harris County Council of Organizations (a black group which carries weight in the three predominantly black precincts), the Harris County Hispanic Caucus, and, as pointed out before, the Gay Political Caucus, recognized as having the ability to deliver the gay voters in block.

May has the backing of the growing Republican party and is outspending Danburg by about 2-to-1. He has been active in the Republican Party at the grassroots level and was director of precinct organizations for the successful campaign of Gov. Clements in 1978.

With both May and Danburg predicting victory and Libertarian Squyres admitting to no chance of winning, why did Squyres enter the race?

"When you're 42 years old and you see there's not a long way you have to go down the road. So you do it now," he told *Houston Chronicle* reporter Jim Barlow.

Danburg has another factor in her favor in the diverse district. She's a woman. District 79 voters have traditionally voted for women, including Francis "Sissy" Farenthold for governor, Eleanor Tinsley for City Council and Kathy Whitmire for the city controller.

## 'One Mo' Time' gay benefit nets slight profit

Gay community organizers raised approximately \$200 Oct. 12 as a result of "Montrose Day" at the Tower Theater's stage presentation of "One Mo' Time."

Gay leader Larry Bagneris, whose brother, Vernel Bagneris, wrote and directed the show, said his group received a \$2 rebate out of the \$16 ticket price for each of about 100 gay people who attended the Sunday afternoon performance.

The "new 1920s vaudeville musical," which came to Houston as a stop on its national tour from Off-Broadway in New York, closed here Oct. 26. It is

scheduled to open in Los Angeles Saturday, Nov. 1, and Vernel Bagneris is hoping for an "On" Broadway return to New York after a road trip to Washington, D.C.

Larry Bagneris said he was satisfied with the turnout, considering "we didn't really do any promotion. A few of us just went out to the bars and started selling tickets."

The money raised was used to help offset the expenses of sending Larry Bagneris as a gay delegate to the 1980 Democratic National Convention in New York.

## 'Nude Dancing' at Supreme Court

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court agreed Oct. 14 to take up the question of whether local governments, through zoning laws, can regulate "live nude dancing."

The test case involves two

persons in New Jersey who claim that a local ordinance there which bans nude dancing is a violation of their rights to freedom of expression.

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## Two Binz-area men killed

What Houston police publicly described as a "homosexual lover's quarrel," resulted in the death of two men Oct. 15.

Killed was Danny Jackson, 29, and Vernon Matthews, 27, who lived together in an apartment at 1914 Binz.

Hobbie D. Jones, 35, a machine operator of the 7400 block of Calhoun, was charged with two counts of murder and held under \$20,000 bond.

Homicide detective L.E.

Webber said Jones turned himself in at the scene of the crime, along with a .32-caliber revolver he had bought the day before, and told police he was the former lover of Matthews.

Jackson's body was found inside the apartment and Matthews' body was found in a driveway a block away. The police detective said Jones told him that he and Matthews, who was originally from Richmond, had lived together for two years but recently separated.



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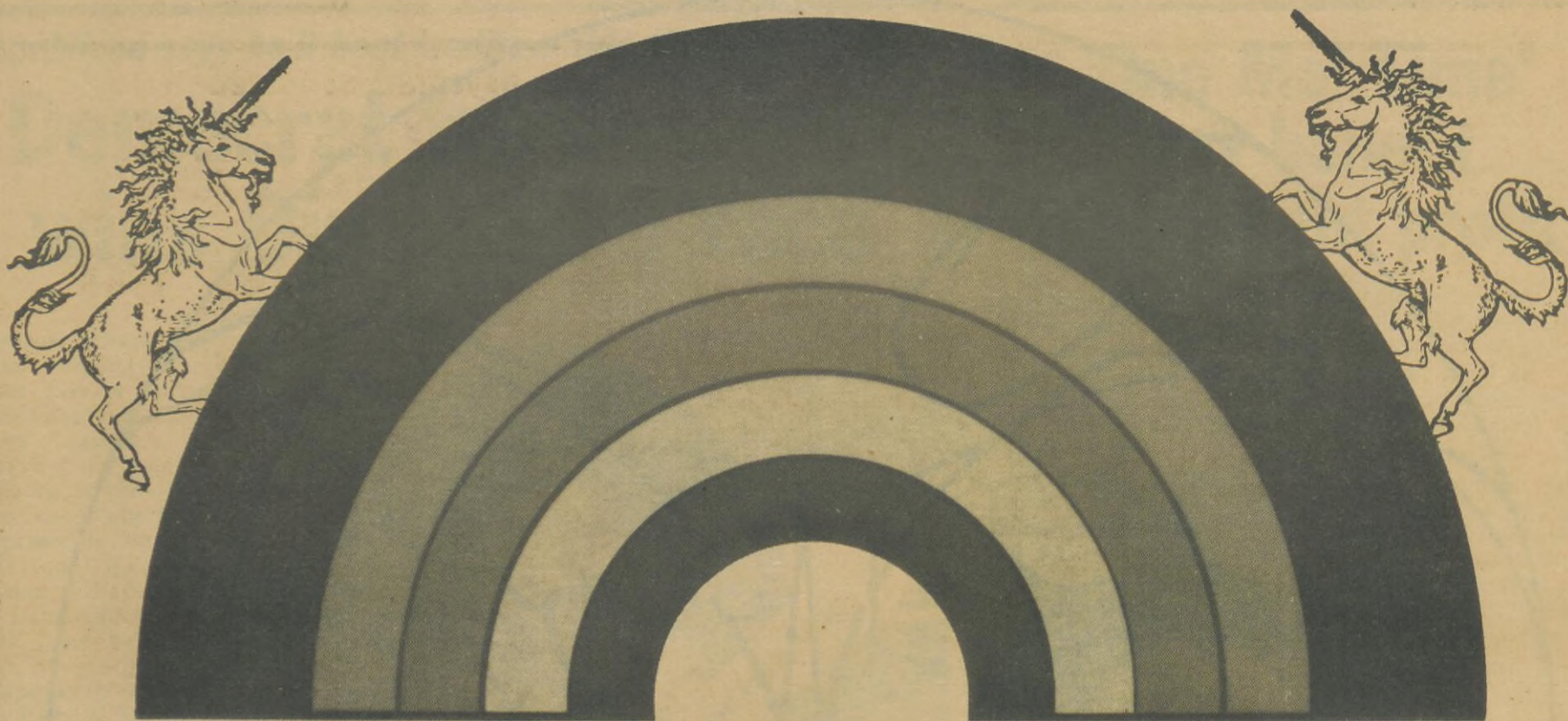
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## 'Here we are,' the 'Voice' speaks

A weekly newspaper directed at the gay residents of Houston, the *Montrose Voice*, released its first issue Oct. 30.

The 16-page tabloid is being distributed free in the Montrose neighborhood of Houston, an ill-defined area of several hundred square blocks and about 60,000 population, the majority of whom are homosexual, located on the southern side of the city, adjacent to downtown.

The newspaper is published by Henry McClurg, a former Houston radio newscaster and owner of a statewide radio news network in Mississippi, whose previous publishing ventures included the national gay monthly newspaper *Contact* in 1974-75 and the weekly *Montrose Star* for three years ending in December last year when he sold the business. Under the new owner, the *Star* folded a few months later.

McClurg says that's the main reason for starting the *Voice*. "Montrose has been without a community newspaper for too many months now. I had a non-competitive agreement with the *Star*, but when they folded, of course that went out the window. And when Ted Turner or Rupert Murdoch didn't step in to take the opportunity—well, I guess it was up to me," McClurg laughs, but half serious.

(Murdock is an Australian publisher, owner of the *New York Post* and *Village Voice*, who recently bought several Houston suburban newspapers. Turner is a colorful Atlanta broadcaster and owner of the Atlanta Braves.)

The *Montrose Voice* will have several pages each week of national and local gay news, McClurg said, and "lots of" entertainment features such as theater and movie reviews.

"We're a community newspaper—for the largest internal community in Houston which did not have a community newspaper—Montrose. It just so happens that Montrose is predominantly homosexual. Thus we wouldn't be a good

community newspaper if we didn't serve this community with national and local gay news coverage."

McClurg said he expects the *Voice's* circulation to "level off" at around 10,000, after about three months. The initial circulation is about half that amount.

The *Voice* has offices at 3520 Montrose, suite 227.

Write us.  
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the Editor.

## Welder convicted of Houston murder found in Illinois

An unemployed welder who fled Houston in 1976 rather than face a life sentence for the murder of a grand nephew of former British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain has been found at a prison in Chicago awaiting trial on federal drug charges, reported the *Houston Chronicle*.

Paul Clifton Green, 32, left Houston four years ago after testifying he shot Joseph Chamberlain, 34, in the head three times in self defense. Green testified that Chamberlain, a British subject, had moved to Houston two years before the incident, had tortured him at Chamberlain's southwest Houston apartment. The FBI said Green was located at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Chicago where he is awaiting trial on charges of attempting to manufacture a controlled substance, the newspaper reported.

He reportedly gave federal authorities his name as Peter Mike Bachaeur when he was arrested Aug. 12.

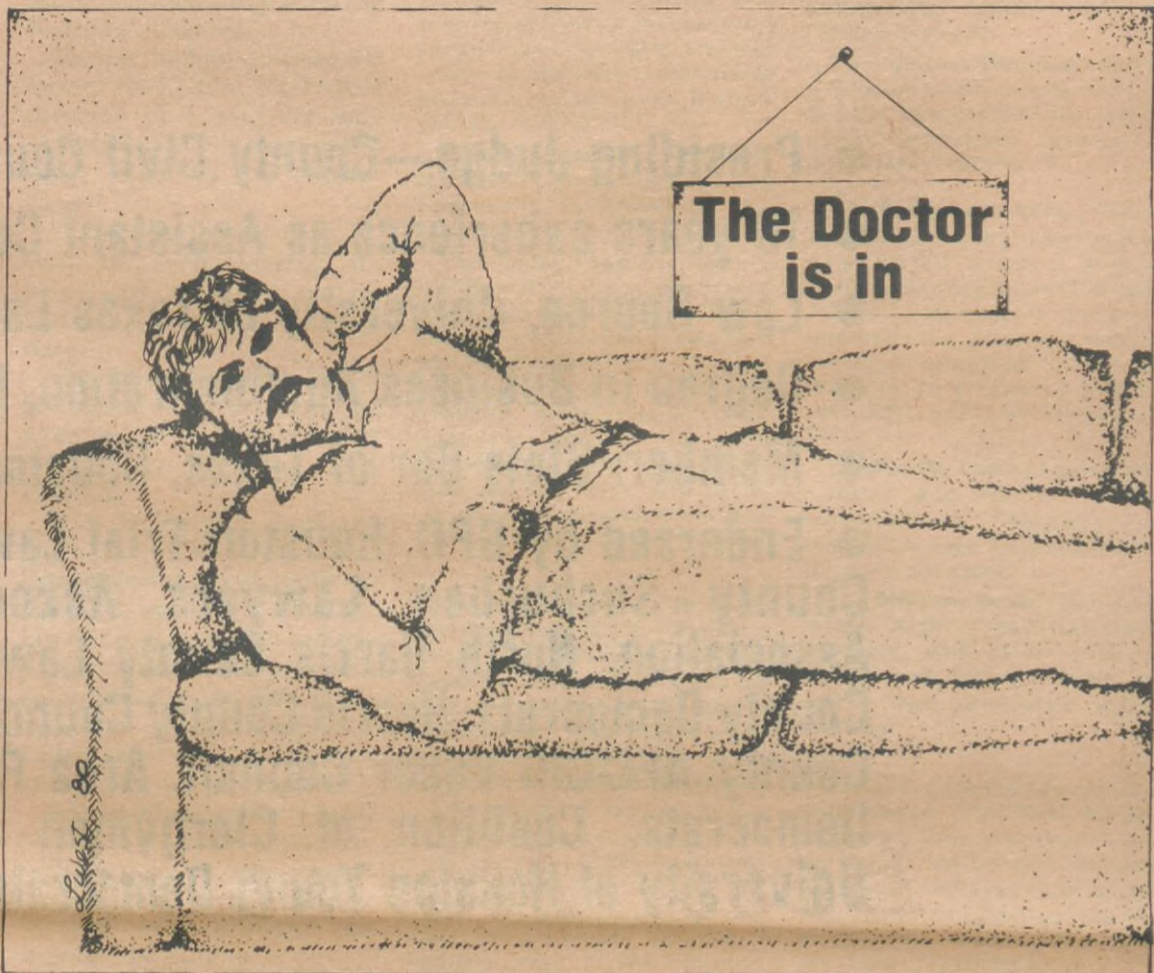
A first trial for the February 1975 murder ended in a mistrial. The second trial continued because state law allows it if the defendant voluntarily leaves.

The state district court jury assessed the maximum life punishment for Chamberlain's murder three days after Green fled.

The FBI said Harris County authorities have indicated they will seek Green's extradition, the newspaper reported.

## Still deviant behavior, says psychiatrist Alfred Messer

# Noted psychiatrist clings to old view on homosexuality



ATLANTA—Despite the fact that many other American psychiatrists have changed their opinions in recent years, Dr. Alfred Messer still clings to his thought that homosexuality is deviant behavior and that society should not condone it as simply an alternate lifestyle.

Messer, chief of psychiatry at an Atlanta hospital, claims social acceptance of homosexuality encourages gay people not to seek needed psychiatric help.

"The more we, as society, view homosexuality as a normal form of sexual behavior, the more trouble we have in treating it," UPI quotes the prominent psychiatrist as saying.

Messer says he is speaking only from a medical standpoint and is not "normalizing or moralizing"

"... down the path to oblivion."

in regard to gay life.

He is the author of several books on psychiatric subjects. His latest publication, *When You Are Concerned With Homosexuality*, tells of his treatment of homosexuality in a setting in which all members of the gay person's family confer with the psychiatrist.

Messer admits that his beliefs on homosexuality are losing popular ground among psychiatric professionals. His view is that homosexuality is deviant behavior and that it should be treated through psychiatric counseling rather than being publicly accepted. This places him at odds with the American Psychiatric Association, which a few years ago removed homosexuality from its list of sexual disorders. The organization reclassified it as a "sexual orientation difference."

In his writings and practice, Messer encourages others to join him in taking a stand against public acceptance of homosexuality.

"As a therapist, I believe we must take issue with civil libertarians and elected officials who equate gay rights with civil rights, with psychological and psychiatric associations that insist that homosexuality represents an 'orientation difference' rather than a deviation which can be treated," Messer was quoted as saying.

"I believe we must say that any society must be governed by rules." Society will uphold heterosexuality, he says. "If we do not, we are

leading ourselves down the path to oblivion."

The *Voice*—your weekly community newspaper.

## Bryant claims she's having tough time

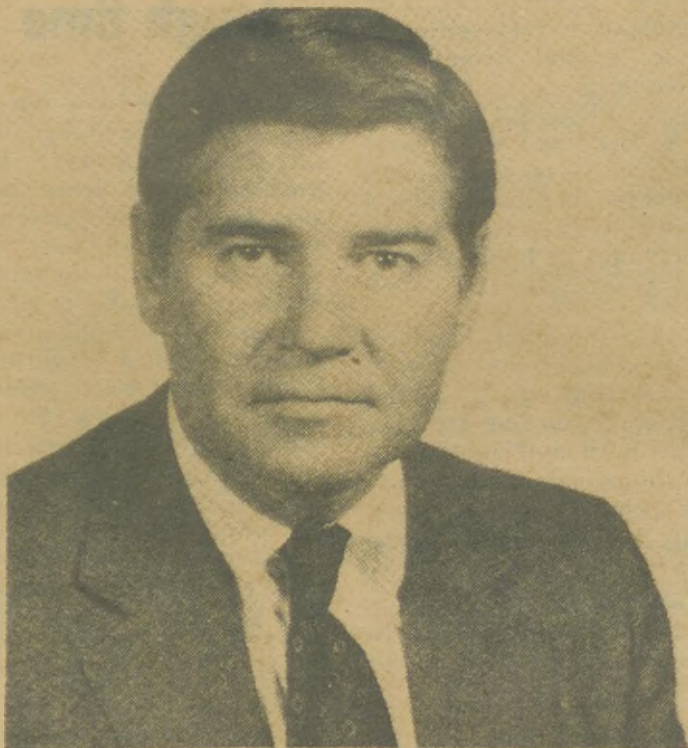
TULSA, Okla.—Anita Bryant, having taken her children and left her husband of 20 years, now says her biggest concern is keeping "a roof over our heads and food on the table." Bryant, a "pro-family" activist whose stand against a gay-rights law in Florida's Dade County drew national attention, moved to an affluent Tulsa suburb last summer after she announced plans to divorce Bob Green.

"It's not the desire to be number one that is keeping me going. Literally, I'm working to keep a roof over our heads and food on the table," she said in an interview with the *Tulsa World*. The reporter noted Bryant was wearing a new dress designed by Andre Correges of Paris.

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## JUDGE EDWARD J. LANDRY

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Politicians appalled by play with male nudity

# Touchy play threatens theater with loss of funds

LONDON—Some officials of the Greater London Council are threatening to withhold funds from the National Theater of Britain because of a play titled *The Romans in Britain*, reports the *London Daily Telegraph* in an October copyrighted story.

The Howard Brenton play is said to contain homosexual rape, torture, plague, patricide, much blood-letting and full frontal male nudity.

Scotland Yard's obscene publications squad is said to be studying the Theaters Act of 1966 under which "any person" who presents or

directs an obscene play can be prosecuted.

Prosecution, however, requires the consent of the attorney general and the newspaper said no request to him had yet been made under the law which was brought into force after the abolition of stage censorship in London.

The *Telegraph* said a National Theater spokesman insisted: "We will only take it off if the public stays away."

British newspaper headlines were said to have termed the play a "rape of the senses" and "National clanger."

Sir Horace Cutler,

Conservative Party leader of the GLC, reportedly led the onslaught: "One expects more responsibility from the National Theater."

Earlier, he had accused Sir Peter Hall, the National's director, of a "singular lack of judgement" in staging the play, reported the newspaper.

"I have no doubt the GLC will be reconsidering its position vis-a-vis the National Theater at an early date."

The National is due to get its final installment of \$345,500 in December out of an annual grant of \$1.4 million.

The *Telegraph* reported that Geoffrey Seaton, Conservative chief whip on the GLC, walked out on Sir Horace in a preview performance of the play and complained to the National's director about what he called this "most disgusting and immature play."

Asked whether the council could withdraw the remainder of its grant commitment to the theater, Seaton was quoted as saying: "Of course."

"I have warned Sir Peter in my letter that there would be a clamor to do just that. Where rates and taxes are concerned, they should not use such aid to subsidize this sort of play. I think the whole thing is terribly regrettable because I think the National Theater and Sir Peter have done so much good work recently."

The *Telegraph* said that along with Sir Horace, Seaton serves on the theater's board, and had said earlier in his letter to the National's director: "The feeling among many members here is that the grant should be suspended forthwith."

"It may be the cheapest thing for the National to do would be to remove this so-called play from the repertoire immediately. I have been for some time pleading the National's financial cause—with some success—with people who have seen the GLC's grant as a fair area for cuts in this difficult financial climate."

The play has made the task impossible, he was said to have added.

He reportedly told Sir Peter: "I know you warned some of us that it would be 'strong meat,' but few, I think, could possibly have suspected that it would be so devoid of any merit."

Ask Gladys

## What to do with a picky chicken

by Amazing Gladys  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

(Editor's Note: Gladys is a real person, alive and well, who's true identity we've sworn never to reveal. Each week, Gladys will answer readers' questions in this column. If you have a question for the old girl, write her. For this first week, Gladys flung her tired body into Mary's, and solicited these questions.)

**Q.** My lover, who is 18, has just decided to be a vegetarian. I have to cook for him at home, but that doesn't faze me. What I want to know is what do I do when we go to a friend's home for dinner. Should I bring food for him? Should I talk it over with the host? Should we "wing it" and let him take his chances? At the table, is it okay to question the host about the ingredients in the dishes? We'd like to know the proper etiquette for this situation. —John

**Dear John:** Tell your chicken to "wing it" back to the street corner where you found him.

**Q.** What do you think of a guy who gives you a list of suggested birthday presents. My lover just did that and I was floored. —Ralph

**Dear Ralph:** Where do you get a name like that? Sounds

like a barking dog. Next question?

**Q.** Sometimes I feel my job is ruining my life. I work late on short notice, or no notice. I give up evening whooring because "something came up at the office." I am generally at the beck and call of my boss.

Right now I am in one of my resentful moods and ready to chuck it all. There are times, like on pay day, however, when I decide to ride with it.

What I'd really like is an opportunity to discuss this openly, private and rationally with someone who can appraise my situation and objectively advise me. My question is who? —Carl

**Dear Carl:** Who? Me, of course, sweetie. Make an appointment at my office (Booth "G" at Studz).

Seriously though, tell your boss what you told me. If he doesn't change, find a new boss. With the job situation in Houston, no one really needs to suffer with a job not to their liking.

Your problem, however, lies in the fact that you're afraid to tell your boss what's on your mind. He will respect you more for being honest. Lay it on the line.

Got a question for Gladys? Write the old girl c/o MONTROSE VOICE, 3520 Montrose, Houston, TX 77006.

Montrose Mouth

## Halloween— a four-day affair

**Holiday at the bars:** Two clubs in town, the *Inside-Outside* and the *Exile*, are having their Halloween parties on Thursday night. The rest hold off until Friday. This will give us a chance to start the National Gay Holiday early—and no doubt continue it through the whole weekend.

The big prize money will at the three big discos—*Parade*, *Copa* and *Old Plantation*—at least a thousand bucks per location. Houston bar owners Friday night, all together, will be parting with probably \$10,000 in cash as prizes for costumes. Not that we need monetary incentive to costume up and party on Halloween. It's just, well ah, natural.

**Disco Grandma** (Mary Thelma), the Grand Lady of Houston's Gay Community, celebrated her 78th birthday last Sunday.

**Two Funny Tons:** Excitement is building at the *Copa* and around town over *Gene Howle's* Tower Theater presentation of *Two Tons of Fun*, scheduled for Nov. 5 and 6, 8pm each night. Tickets are available at all regular ticket agencies around the city, including the Tower itself. *Naomi Sims* and "Her Boys" will also be on stage—if the stage can hold that much weight and excitement.

**The new s-l-e-a-z-e in town:** The *Black Boot* is a new Houston sleaze bar. Owners are *Dan Downing* and *Joe Monaco* and the music (14 speakers to blow you) is direct from San Francisco's *Trocadero Transfer*. Among the features at the *Boot: Gator's Cove*.

**The wheels of fortune:** It has been brought to our attention that a certain young man whose name we won't mention, recently lost control of his car at an early hour. His Chevy crashed through a bedroom wall at Jim Harrell's house and, wheels still spinning, came to rest over Jim's bed as his lover was raiding the icebox at the time. Hearing the crash, the lover yells, "James, what in the world is happening?" He calmly replied, "There's a car in the bedroom." And that's a true story.

**Where the men are:** Did you know the *Venture-N* is a two story building? *David and Jim* have just about finished the remodeling (what they haven't done yet gives it a rustic atmosphere)—the music (taped) is the best in the city—and so are the men.

Here's a comparison—there's only one possible—Montrose Mining Co. It's the same handsome men (well, all their twin brothers)—and at *Venture-N*, it is just a bit less crowded—but that's destined to change too.

**That purple building on Westheimer:** At *Mary's*, you can get your Halloween started in the afternoon with a Jack-o-Lantern carving contest. They'll supply the pumpkins. You supply your imagination. Later that night, *Mary's* will have their *Black Mask Party*.

The *Montrose Mining's* Halloween includes the men mentioned earlier—and a *Midnight Contest* for the most original costume.

**Now that the OP is open again,** the disco competition heats up. *Copa*, *Parade*, *OP*, as the established majors, *Fame* joins the big league too, as heavyweight *DJ Frank Collins* plays there now. It looks promising.

*Fame's* Wednesday night "Wet Jockey Shorts Night" is recommended, if your tastes run

in that direction. They usually have ten contestants—several of which are always knockouts.

At the *OP*, manager *Bill Stanley* sez they'll give away \$1000 Friday night, Halloween, to best of the costumes.

**Birthday boys:** The *Exile* hosted (or roasted) *Sonny and Curtis's* birthday party last Tuesday night with champagne and buffet, plus *AB and Rebel Outlaws*. Some birthday. (The humpy doorman on weekends at the *Exile* is *Jerry Dorsey*—you remember him as "Friday Foster.")

The *Venture-N Freaker's Ball* is a Houston tradition now, and it'll be right on schedule Friday at the newly remodeled, newly-re-discovered *Venture-N*.

The *Rainbow Unicorn* (There's a "rainbow" in the name) will, as you would expect, give a Halloween prize to best Unicorn. Also best Monster, if you're not into unicorns. After you rest for two days, come back Sunday for the *Love Ya Blue* party with 25 cent draft and Oiler football on TV.

The *Saddle Club* is having free country and western dance lessons—on Tuesdays for tenderfoots and Wednesdays for the more advanced.

The *Differen Drum* Halloween theme: "Night of the Living dead" (complete with movie itself at 8:30pm and 2:30am). Prizes, of course, and drum-style entertainment.

The DJ's at the *Parade* are now *Otis James* and *Phil Large*. Offering a little variety in disco, the *Parade* has *Country/Western Night* on Tuesdays and of course *New Wave* on Mondays. But it's boogie disco other nights, with 20c drinks on Wednesdays.

The *Torchy Lane Show* at the *Fame* last week was Super. There's more coming from *Torchy*.

The *Metropolitan Community Church*, headed by the *Rev. Chuck Larson* who is soon off on a Holy land trip, is having its annual Halloween Costume Ball Friday night, 7:30. And all are welcome—even if you're Houston's top-rated sinner and haven't set foot inside a church in years.

**Around the town: Our Place** on *Richmond* now is serving *Lone Star Light* and a drink they call the "Armadillo," pardner. And they have a b-i-g "Luv Ya Blue" party planned for 7:30, Dec. 4 (you certainly are getting plenty of advance notice on this) with a \$500 football pot and free buffet.

**The Different Drum:** Too much for some people (as it is intended), might be more your speed on Sunday evenings, when the crowd is much like it was in the *old Locker's* Sunday beer bust days—tamer. There's no western leather dress code in effect on Sunday. It's a chance for you to test the water, so to speak, without getting wet.

**Fred Price**, owner of the *Locker* back in those days, is now in charge of *Houston (Gay) Country*. Improvements there include dividing the place into men's (Cowboy Country) and women's (Cowgirl Country) sides.

**Byman's Interiors** on *Westheimer*, across from *Jim's Gym*, has *Miss Piggy* herself in the window each Saturday night—obviously there to stare across the street at *Jim's Men* working out.

# The Directory & Calender

for the week of Oct. 29 through Nov. 4

## GAY BARS

Baja Sam's—402 Lovett Blvd.—527-9866

Barn—710 Pacific—528-9427  
Halloween: "Mel's Diner, Revisited," 8pm till

Black Boot—327 Westheimer—528-7258

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Brazos River Bottom—2400 Brazos—528-9192  
Halloween Night Mr. Brazos Contest

Briar Patch—2294 W. Holcombe Blvd.—665-9678  
Halloween costume contest

Bunk House—1704 Westheimer—520-1818  
Halloween Night Country & Western Celebration

Chiva's Take II—2047 Marshall—528-3533

Club L'Amour—227 Westheimer—528-9045

Copa—2631 Richmond—528-2259

**Halloween Ball Friday Night, \$100 given away each hour, \$1000 in prize money**

Cove—2912 S. Shepherd—524-0170  
Different Drum—1732 Westheimer—528-8508

"Night of the Living Dead" Halloween Party, Oct. 31, with showings of the movie at 8:30pm & 2:30am, and midnight costume parade with prizes.

Dirty Sally's—220 Avondale—529-7525  
Second Annual Halloween Contest Friday Night, 9pm

Dogpatch 2—1213 Richmond—528-3838

Exile—1011 Bell—659-0453

**Thursday Night Halloween Ball, 8pm AB and the Rebel Outlaws, Friday & Saturday nights**

Fame—535 Westheimer—522-6058  
"Masquerade 80," Halloween night, with prize of a trip for 2 to Mexico

Galleon—2303 Richmond—522-7616

Houston Country—2700 Albany—520-8336  
The Wilburn Brothers, Nov. 5

HiLite Ranch—6620 1/2 Main—528-8730

Inside-Outside—1318 Westheimer—527-9071  
Halloween Costume Contest on Thursday Night, 10pm

Just Marion & Lynn's—817 Fairview—528-9110

Lamport—2417 Times Blvd.—528-8921

Mary's—1022 Westheimer—528-8851

**Friday Afternoon Jack-O-Lantern Carving Contest Halloween Night Black Mask Party**

Midnite Sun—534 Westheimer—528-7519

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Montrose Mining Co.—895 Pacific—529-7488

**Midnight Contest Halloween Night Cash Prize for Most Original Costume**  
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Old Plantation—2020 Kipling—522-2353

**Halloween Contest with \$1000 in cash prizes Friday Super Sunday Show, 10pm**

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Our Place—1419 Richmond—528-8903

**Halloween party, \$150 cash prizes, live music with "Ladies Night Out"**  
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Parade—1416 Richmond—520-1646

**"A Bizarre Masquerade of Entangled Victims," Friday, with \$1400 in prizes. Show starts 10pm.**  
Admission \$5; those in costumes free

Rainbow Unicorn—1504 Westheimer—528-9040

**Halloween Party, prizes for best Monster Costume, best Unicorn Costume, 8pm till.**  
"Love Ya Blue" party Sunday with Oiler football & 25¢ draft. Monday pool tourney with 25¢ draft. Happy hour daily 7am-8pm.  
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Rat's Hole—109 Tuam—528-9066

Rico's—911 Fairview—528-8342

Rocky's—3416 W. Dallas—528-8922

Pink Elephant—1218 Leeland—659-0040

Saddle Club—911 W. Drew—528-9261  
Old Fashion Country & Western Halloween Hoe-Down, Friday Night

Up-Front Club—4356 Telephone Rd.—649-0218

Venture-N—2923 Main—522-9019

**4th Annual Freaker's Ball, Oct. 31**  
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Zodiac—5110 Airline Dr.—691-8932  
Halloween Carnival Friday, 9pm-till

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Museum of Fine Arts—1001 Bissonnet—526-1361

Temporary and permanent collections, including "Bernard Brunon Notebooks" through Nov. 2, "Points of View: The Stereograph in America—A Cultural History" through Nov. 16, "New Accessions in Photography" continuing, and the Beck collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings continuing, open 10am-5pm Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon-6pm Sundays

Nina Vance Alley Theater—615 Texas Ave.—228-8421

"To Grandmother's House We Go," nightly through Nov. 16, except Mondays

Greenway 3 Theater—Greenway Plaza Underground—626-3339

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River Oaks Theater—2009 W. Gray—524-2175

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Tower Theater—1201 Westheimer—522-2452

**"Two Tons of Fun," a Gene Howle Production, Nov. 5 & 6, 8pm.**  
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