



# MONTROSE STAR

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## Area Gays 'Proud to Be' During Upcoming GPW 1980

By Bill Lubing  
EDITOR

"We need to get to work," Greer Price, newly elected chairperson of the Gay Pride Week 1980 Committee told an assembly last Sunday.

Meeting at the Family Center, 3207 Montrose, about 80 people participated in the planning meeting for Gay Pride Week 1980.

Slated for June 21 through 29, the format of this year's festivities will closely follow that of last year's.

As the theme of the celebration, 'Proud to Be,' was selected over 'Come, Out, Come Out,' and 'Sea to Shining Sea.'

The group made day-by-day plans for the festivities -- but first the group's finances had to be taken into account.

According to Price the planning committee has close to \$2,000 to kick off the event, which spans two weekends. The problem is \$1,300 of that \$2,000 is not in the bank. The missing money was loaned to the Montrose Activity Center. This was one of a few points of concern addressed by the crowd, particularly when Price told the group nobody from MAC came before the GPW planning committee -- the loan, "was not approved but done."

After discussion the crowd was assured the money was soon to be paid back and people responsible for the transaction are no longer on the GPW planning committee.

The group agreed that on Friday evening, June 20, there would be a kickoff to the nine-day event. This year it is to be different, with as many organizations and businesses in the city getting involved as possible. Those participating in the kickoff will be required to decorate the inside and outside of their establishment or meeting place.

On Saturday an all-star team from the Montrose Sports Association will

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## 'You Think You've Got Problems?

**See the Centerfold**

**TIFFANY JONES, The Texas Tornado, brings Harper Valley to the street's of Montrose, with a tit bouncing rendition of Harper Valley PTA, which was audibly destroyed to the accompaniment of Look What They Done To My Song.**

Photo by Bill Lubing

## 'Chief'

### Protest Against Police Chief Small and Vocal . . .

By George Barnhart  
STAR STAFF

With the clamor of a nearby demolition project in the background to lend what some felt was a sense of doom, destruction and finality to the occasion, a handful of protesters from a wide range of Houston minority groups gathered in a 40 degree chill at the steps of the Houston City Hall last Monday night to protest the pending appointment of B.K. Johnson to fill the vacancy suddenly left open by retiring Houston Police Department Chief Caldwell.

B.K. Johnson, 48, a 26-year veteran of the Houston Police Department, with experience in every department of the force except the recently created Community Relations Division, had been appointed to the post by Mayor Jim McConn after only ten days of review when Caldwell resigned.

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## . . . But He's In

Wednesday March 5 the Houston City Council confirmed Assistant Police Chief B.K. Johnson, voting 9 -- 5.

February 21 Mayor Jim McConn nominated Johnson, 48, to replace former Police Chief Harry Caldwell, who resigned.


Councilpersons voting for confirmation were Frank Mancuso, Larry McKaskle, Johnny Goyen, Jim Westmoreland, John Goodner, Homer Ford, Christin Hartung and Dale Gorczynski.

Voting no to the confirmation were Anthony Hall, Ernest McGowen Judson Robinson, Ben Reyes and Eleanor Tinsley.

Councilperson Lance Lator, who is one of Johnson's harshest critics was not present to vote.

Johnson told the *Houston Chronicle*, "To become the chief of police in the fifth largest city of the United States for an old country high school dropout from Duncan, Oklahoma is about one of the highest honors you can get."





# THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY

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# NATIONAL

## What's Behind Queer Bashing?

**BOSTON — (IGNA) —** Violence against gays usually takes one of two forms—attacks by groups of young men of sexual pickups where guilt is involved. The psychological thread that runs through bashers is called homophobia, a fear and hatred of homosexuals, a fear and hatred, some say, of the basher's own homosexuality.

According to the story in *The Boston Globe*, the "average" gay basher in Boston can be typified as a white male between the ages of 18 and 24.

Most often when blacks attack gays, according to Police Lt. William J. Bratton, the primary motive is robbery. "I can't remember a time when blacks might have assaulted gays simply because they are gay," he said.

The largest number of gay bashers

are just picking fights with people they consider odd, defenseless, or unlikely to seek retribution.

Gay bashers run in groups, work fast, and use hit-and-run tactics—either jumping from the shadows or wheeling on front of gays, jumping out of their cars and throwing a few punches and maybe bottles, then escaping before descriptions can be obtained.

"There are frustrated kids who are poor students and who are drinking a lot and doing drugs," says Cliff Bair, a gay man who has been harassed twice by street roughs. His characterization fits generally the description offered by police and psychologists.

"They'll be sitting around and someone will say, 'What's there to do tonight?' And someone else will say, 'Let's go beat up some gays.'"

The other main kind of queer-basher is the hustler who lashes out after engaging in sex. Or possibly the customer does.

Although sex between a cruiser and a hustler is mutually inspired, psychologist Dr. John Money of Johns Hopkins University says that one of the two may find himself revulsed by the situation, blame the other, and strike out against the partner.

The hustler often does not like to think of himself as gay, says Brian Miller, a Los Angeles gay counselor. "The receiving of money is the neutralizer of guilt. He can say, 'I do it for money.'"

The response of the hustler to his revulsion is often more brutal than that of a gang. A five-year study of gay murder victims by Miller and Laud Humphreys of Pitzer College

shows that two-thirds of the 162 victims studied were killed by hustlers, one-third by gangs.

Gay bashers, Money says, usually feel they can operate with impunity "because the social climate out there says that homosexuality is a form of degeneracy. The gay basher says, 'I'm on the side of righteousness.' He feels very morally justified."

The five-year study of gay murder victims also shows that "contrary to a lot of rumor and implications, we found almost no occurrences where gay lovers were involved in that kind of violence against each other."

"Unlike in heterosexual marriages, there are no social sanctions holding them together. No law, no children, no church, no in-laws," Humphreys said. As a result, breaking up a relationship is not as likely to be acrimonious.

## There are Complaints About VD Clinic

By Daniel Curzon

**SAN FRANCISCO — (IGNA) —** The International Gay News Agency decided to do a little looking into the VD Clinic of the San Francisco

Department of Public Health. What it found while interviewing patients of the clinic is a considerable amount of dissatisfaction with the service there.

Perhaps it is only fair to say that when people have no complaints they generally say nothing, and so the majority of the clinic's patients may be satisfied with the treatment they have received. Moreover, the clinic is free. Those wanting better service can pay a doctor. Still free clinics should not be run like some Victorian 'charity' that makes patients ashamed to visit them.

The complaints that the IGNA found point to faults that can be remedied at the San Francisco Clinic as well as clinics elsewhere by airing what was heard:

One of the loudest complaints of those interviewed is the, 'third-degree,' interrogation that some patients have to endure in order to get treated.

While the goal of the clinic's personnel is to find the sexual contacts in order to prevent the spread of venereal disease, patients are often intimidated into revealing information they may not wish to reveal for one reason or another.

Sometimes the pressure is so severe, the patients will lie just to have something to tell the staff member.

One patient, who asked not to be identified, said, "The people asking the questions about sexual contacts don't seem to understand that sometimes one doesn't know the name,

height, weight, and social security number of someone one has had sex with."

He went on to say that the cure for the spread of VD is not to look frantically for sex partners after the fact, but to make sure that people going into the baths and back rooms have a check-up before they are admitted. This won't prevent disease entirely, but it will certainly cut it way down.

Another patient faulted the clinic staff for ridiculing him because he asked for a second blood test when he learned that his first one was negative.

Clint Cooper, of Washington, DC, said, "I was given the impression that I was stupid and wrong to double-check on myself."

"Well, I thought those clinics were trying to get us to be careful, not make fun of us for it! He concluded."

Yet another patient mentioned that the clinic's doctor did not take a smear from the patient's penis even though the patient specifically asked for one.

The doctor ignored the small drops on the patient's underwear and said, "Oh, those could just be semen, not gonorrhea." A few days later the patient had to return to the clinic because his symptoms had become unmistakable then. In the meantime, however, thinking himself uninfected, he had sex with someone.



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# LOCAL

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The program will consist of peer group discussions of the pros, cons, and history of monogamy, polygamy, adultery, and the moral and/or immoral aspects of each.

All members of Houston's gay and lesbian community are invited to attend. The meeting will be held at 3405 Mulberry (at Hawthorne) at 7:30 PM on Thursday, March 13.

Call 529-7014 for more information.

## ARAD Heads Up Sign Language Class, Garage Sale March 22, 23

The Astro Alliance of the Deaf will hold sign language classes for beginners at the Montrose Activity Center (1423 Holman at LaBranch) starting Thursday, March 13.

The classes will be held from 7 to 8 PM and the fee is \$5.

Instructors for the classes will be Roy Collins, vice-president for ARAD, and Wayne Clearman, ARAD treasurer.

For more information on the classes call Wayne at 522-6631 after 6 PM.

ARAD is also having a garage sale March 22 and 23 at MAC.

If you have any old possessions or junk you want to get rid of, please save them and bring them to MAC on Saturday, March 22 at 10 AM. If you need a truck or assistance of any kind call Bruce at 529-2111 after 7 PM.

## Episcopal Integrity Schedules Regular Monthly Meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Episcopal Integrity of Houston is every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in Autry House, 6265 Main, Houston, Texas, 77030.

For more information call Jason, the

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## Gays Rally to Dump Johnson

### ... But He's in as Houston Police Chief

What had been termed as a futile exercise by many factions among the Houston minority groups, the protest rally, called by Steve Shiflett, newly elected three-term president of the Gay Political Caucus, was nevertheless an apparent media success. All major local network affiliates, newspapers and many minor publications were present.

As television cameras whirled and photo cameras clicked, Shiflett exhorted the small group present to, "send letters, and mailgrams to protest this high-handed approach to this (Mayor McConn's choice of chief) selection."

Though repeated references were made to Johnson's personal bias against gays and other minorities, the GPC president centered the gist of his remarks toward a lack of community-wide input into the decision-making process leading to the B.K. Johnson appointment.

In an exclusive statement before the rally, Shiflett told the *Star* that McConn had personally told him he had, "really no choice," suggesting that McConn had been tied down to the appointment by a possible deal with the Houston Police Officers Association.

Community opinions as to the support of the rally was as widely divided in the Houston gay community as was the dissension on the issue within other minority areas.

Phil Slusser, Co-Chair of Family, remarked, "I personally am here to protest the way this selection was done, not necessarily against the choice made."

Andy Mills, manager of Mary's, a Montrose tavern, and Family co-chair, was quoted as saying he believed it was time for the community to grow up and start trusting (apparently alluding to statements made by Johnson that he would deal with gays fairly).

"We've got to outgrow this 1960-style bull," said Mills.

Earlier Monday, Steve Coates, a

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Montrose Patrol Supervisor, explained his reservations regarding the rally in a personal interview with the *Star*.

"I spent about one-and-a-quarter hours in one-to-one conversation and a personal give and take (with Johnson). I felt the man was honest and straight forward. I felt he was communicating.

"I felt he made a sincere effort to see where I was coming from. I believe we can work with him," said Coates.

He continued, "I perceive the rally as a negative approach to the problem when it wasn't necessary. There were better techniques available to us," he concluded.

Ray Hill, executive director of Houston Human Rights League said in a statement, "I consider it very unfortunate that we had such a poor showing on such a serious issue and I regret I wasn't asked to contribute. But I couldn't participate in something that I didn't know enough about."

Regarding the Johnson appointment, Hill stated he suspected that Johnson would get the appointment because, "McConn is dancing to the tune of the hirearchy left in place by Hiram Short."





# WORLD

## Men Against Sexism Holds Conference

By Michael Brown  
(IGNA)

**BRISTOL, ENGLAND** -- Britain's Men Against Sexism movement held its National Conference in Bristol February 15 - 17. Among the approximately 350 men who attended were quite a few gay men.

Although the conference passed some resolutions, including one supporting the gay and women's movement, most time was spent on workshops, socializing, and kitchen duties.

The atmosphere of the conference, which was held on emptied school premises with communal catering and accommodations, was very friendly. Relations between gay and

straight men were far closer than is usual even for nominal "non-sexists" or at previous national conferences.

Each participant chose his own "home" affinity group, such as gays, fathers working class, or members of political parties. Relevant workshops included Gay Men's Relations to Other Men, Sexuality Doesn't Equal Penetration, and Trusting Other Men. Other workshops were for massage, non-competitive games, and contact movement.

Many men, including some who admitted feeling isolated as the only gays in small towns, said that they hadn't felt so free and hadn't been in such a socially warm atmosphere in a very long time.

## Norwegian Gays Face a Setback

By Harald Nybo  
(IGNA)

**NORWAY** -- The state-appointed Norwegian Committee for Criminal Law, evaluating existing penal codes, has made a negative decision about giving protection from discrimination to homosexuals.

Activists in Norway expected a bill for gay rights to pass because a general criminal bill preventing discrimination on the basis of

religion and race has passed.

For years Norwegian gays have been fighting to get legal protection. Last Gay Liberation Day there were many demonstrators in Oslo as well as appeals in the newspapers.

The Committee failed to pass the pro-gay code because two elderly permanent members of the Committee, both lawyers, blocked it.

Their opinion was strongly contested by other witnesses called to testify, one a sexologist, another a lawyer.

## Hot Tub Trial Trial Set

Police raids last October on the Hot Tub Club in Toronto included eleven men and one woman, according to *Bodypolitic*, Canada's magazine for gay liberation. The accused from the club and several homes appeared in Provincial Court January 17 and were ordered by Associate Chief Judge Harold A. Rice to stand trial September 8.

Keeping a bawdy house, and

making obscene films were the charges on which the twelve were arrested. The raids were conducted on five different locations in Toronto by more than 50 Metro Police officers. The accused face more than 30 charges as a result of these raids.

A group of men charged as founders at the Hot Tubs Club, a gay steam bath, presumably will be tried separately from the "keepers" and the filmmakers.

## Seduction:

*All of the 'Victims' are Married Now, Study Finds*

By Johannes Werres  
(IGNA)

**KIEL, WEST GERMANY** -- Three scientists of the University of Kiel have made an investigation of 215 "victims" of so-called homosexual seduction.

They searched in court files dating from 1946, and selected 50 cases of boys between 4 and 18 years of age who had been attacked, assaulted, seduced or approached by older men. The activities involved ranged from touching to mutual masturbation.

The scientists set out to determine any lasting effects on the boys.

The result was to discover that all

"victims" are married now. There are no psychopathic patterns of behavior as a consequence of such sexual contacts. Nor is there any sense of fixation to homosexual behavior.

The results of this study by Krohn, Freyschmidt, and Wille were published in the scientific monthly *Beitrage Zur Gerichtlichen Medizin*, out of Vienna, Vol. XXXVII, 1979.

As a consequence of their study, these scientists have asked all lawyers and judges not to use the term "seduction" in court any longer if they mean that sexual contacts can make one homosexual for life.

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## Book Review

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finds that younger people are more likely to have such arrangements. They do so because of their growing sense that the old formulas are not sufficient to the deepest needs of people. Role-playing, monogamy, and even permanence are not given the same over-valuation that they have received in the past.

Unquestionably the gay and women's movements have enabled women to choose to have both careers and lovers and gay men to have less secrecy and more variety in their sex lives. Ms. Turley mentioned that gays can be too rigid about being 'exclusively gay,' thus role-bound like traditionalists.

The author is aware that conservatives consider her and her book dangerous. She said that when she appeared on *The Donahue Show* some audience members told her: "You're breaking the backbone of the American family!"

But Ms. Turley feels each individual must find his or her own sexual pattern in life. She considers it a sign of progress, not regression.

I asked her if she thinks the new conservatism will rise like a tidal wave and push us all back into the roles of the past. She answered that she's optimistic that most people will never return to the old straight-jackets.



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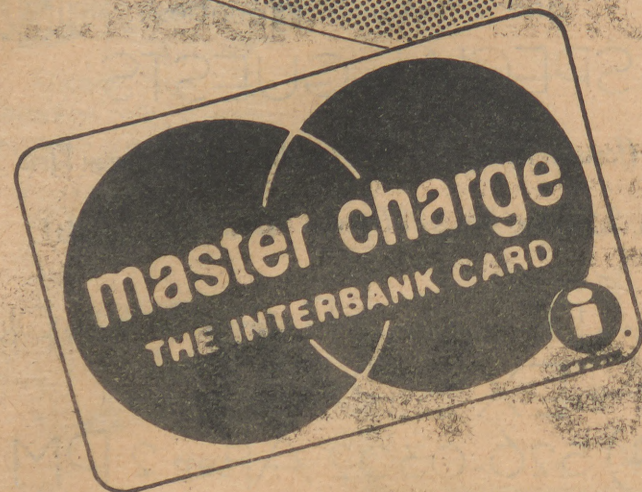
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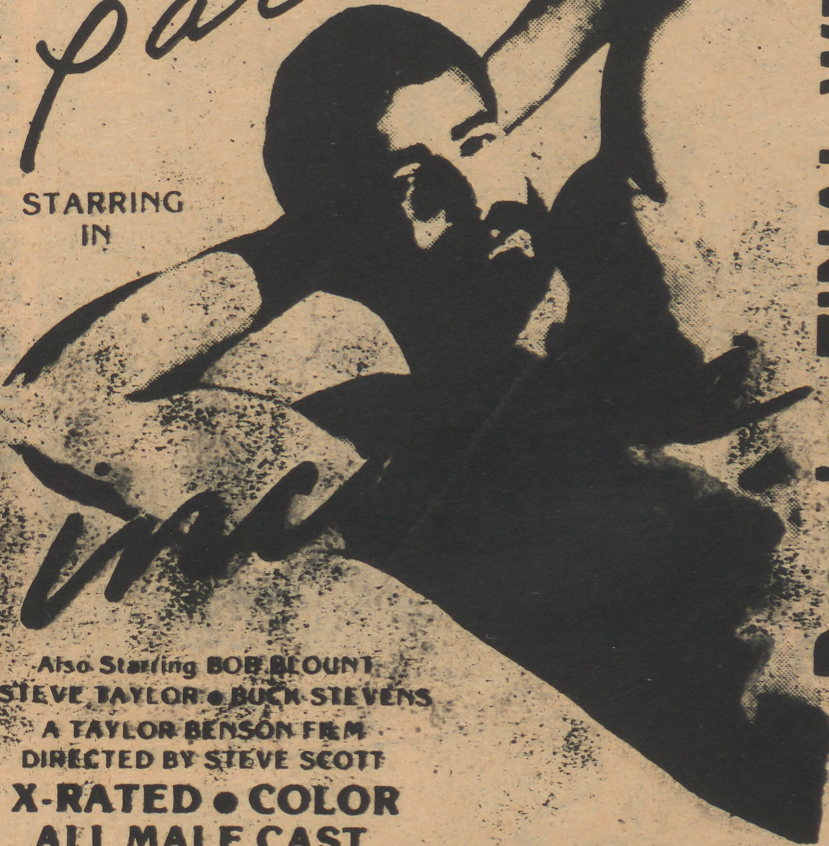
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play a team from the Houston Police Department. The group would like to see this combined with a community picnic, preferably at Memorial Park. The day will be dubbed the third annual 'Thank-you Ms Ima Hogg for Memorial Park Day.'

A day at the beach in Galveston has been called for Sunday, June 22. 'Texas Day,' Sunday will be set aside for people to remember the strong ethnic roots of the state. Last year there was a barbecue, as one participant in the meeting termed, "so far out in the country you couldn't even find it." It was agreed the sandy beaches of Galveston were as good an example of ethnic Texas as anything else.

On Monday the Gay Political Caucus is tentatively scheduled to present an educational forum. Steve Shiflett, GPC president, said that he would check with other members of GPC to see what the organization can put together.

Tuesday, which is the 'eve of the National Day of Remembrance' has been left open so organizations not represented at the Sunday meeting but wanting to participate in the festivities would have time available.

The 'National Day of Remembrance,' on Wednesday, will involve various religious groups holding services to commemorate gays victimized in the past as well as the present. Of particular importance will be those gays killed in Hitler's German and in other mass exterminations against gays held throughout history.

An event such as a candle light ser-

vice is tentatively planned. Chuck Larsen will be chairperson of the event.

Thursday will be dedicated to gay young people, with the activities planned by the Gay Young People organization. Scarlet, of GYP told the group it was at last year's GPW that the group was started. She said something like a 'get acquainted day' would be planned.

Friday will be devoted to the minorities, with the Gay Hispanic Caucus planning the events. It will work with as many minority groups as possible to coordinate the day's activities.

The Gay Resources Center will be in charge of Saturday which will be called, 'Gay Education Day.' There will be a variety of workshops planned, and entertainment by either the Montrose Marching Band and Montrose Chorus, or the Los Angeles Marching Band. Andy Mills told the group the Montrose Marching Band is slated to be in L.A. during some of the Gay Pride Week, but he would try to coordinate it so either of the two bands be available for Saturday.

It was also suggested some of the

women's production groups be contacted to possibly put on a concert or theatre event.

Sunday is the big day during GPW. Larry Bagneris will be in charge of the parade. He said it is the largest committee of the week, with the most work to do. He also said it is possible a parade permit could cost \$3,000 vs the \$750 paid last year.

Insurance could also jump from \$5,000 compared to \$800 paid last year.

He said the extra cost involved is because he wants this year's parade to be of a lot better quality than last year's. Bigger mean's better and the city permit and insurance makes the jump from \$750 to \$3,000 and \$800 to \$5,000 with no in between cost.

In the works are banners to be hung along Westheimer for the entire GPW.

Sunday evening a rally will be held featuring speakers, entertainment and, if plans work out the same as last year, fireworks.

The next GPW 1980 meeting is scheduled for March 23 at 2:30 PM at the Montrose Activity Center.

## Thanks but No Thanks

### Community letter:

Thank you very much to all the businesses and people who were involved in the benefit for the Montrose Patrol held Monday and Tuesday, February 25 and 26, at the Parade Disco.

All the way down the line from Jerry Menefee (owner of the Parade) through the all too few names of businesses and citizens that came, gave freely of their time and money to participate and support the effort to save our community.

I say "All too few..." businesses and citizens" because we actually had a poor turnout in comparison to the size of the Houston gay community.

Where were the businesses and people who can complain about crime and violence, will give it 'Lip Service' but **no direct support** in numbers or money when it comes down to stopping it?

Well, if you don't care about your business, your safety, or your life why should we concern ourselves with your existence in our community. Why should we associate with or patronize individuals or businesses who don't care about getting involved and wouldn't spend a few

hours or a few dollars to support the **one** organization who is out there **volunteering** to help?

If you weren't there why didn't you send a contribution. It's not too late. If it takes this letter to wake you up...

good. I would rather it be this letter waking you up than four flat tires, a broken windshield and pieces of your face on the pavement -- to get you actively involved.

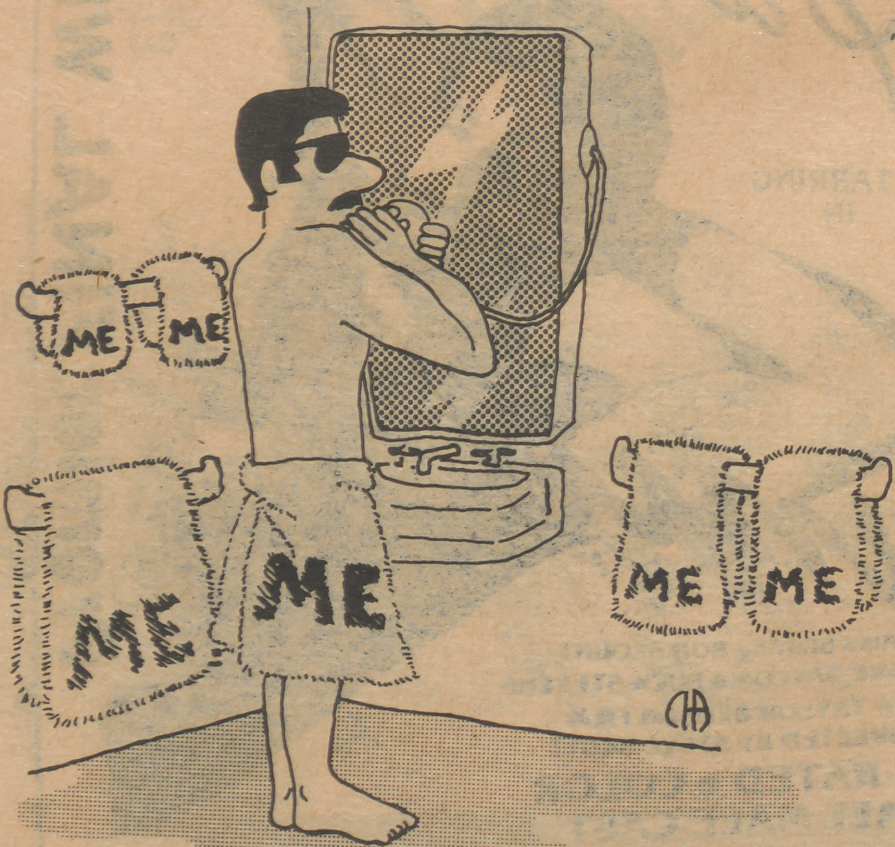
Your support is needed -- give until it hurts -- so our community won't hurt by what outside violent forces can do to any or all of us. It's your business. It's your life and if that isn't worth giving for then what is?

To all of those who have given, and for these reasons will continue to do so, bless you... thank you... from the bottom of one heart that can rest a little easier every night I live to walk down a street, or show my face in the community I love so much.

To those who aren't yet involved... get involved in your community or get out of it -- life is worth a lot more than our having to put up with your 'dead' weight (pun intended)!

Sincerely  
Andy Mills  
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# IMAGES

## Packed House Proves the Magic is Still There

By George Barnhart  
STAR STAFF

In some quarters, the art of female impersonation has declined in popularity in recent years, due, as some feel, to the amateurish quality of productions.

Ceasars Palace, under the new management of Jason Hamley, and assistant manager, Glen Sanders (who also doubles as the entertainment director,) has apparently embarked on a drive to prove that "Drag" (as it is popularly referred to,) is indeed a viable art-form, and a definitive expression of at least one aspect of our lifestyle.

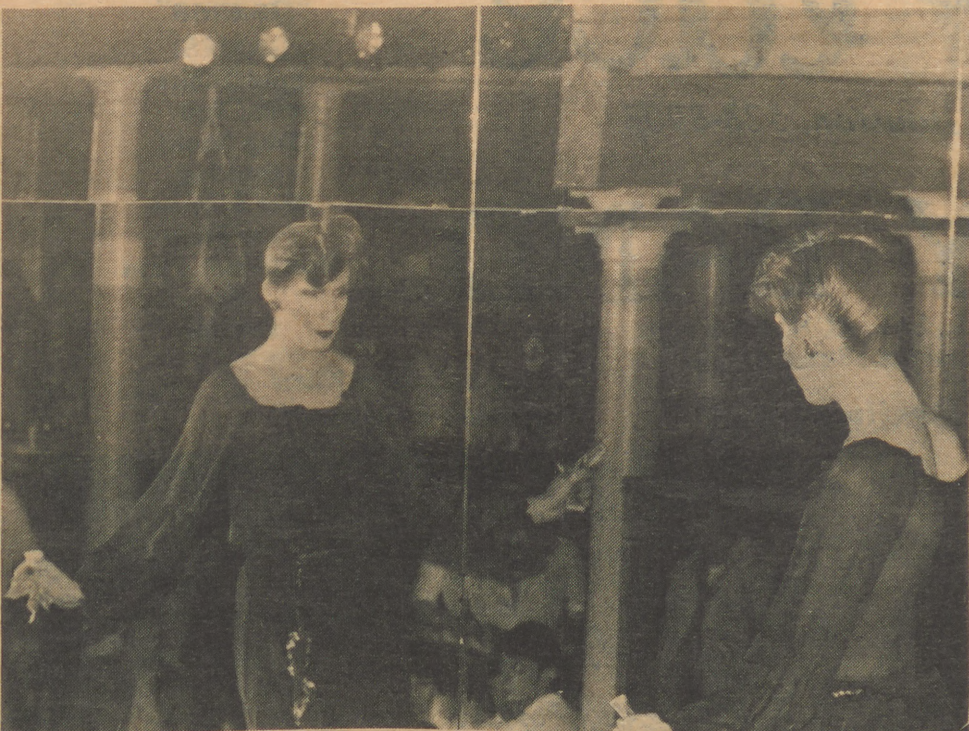
If last Sunday's show at Ceasars is any indication of their accomplishments in that direction then it must be admitted they are well underway.

The show, to the surprise of everyone, started on time. The performance was captivating, entertaining, and professionally conducted. Playing to a packed house (some were hanging over the stair railing, and many were compelled to find a seat on the floor) Hot Chocolate, Tiffany Jones, and Charlie kept the action to a fever pitch.



**HOT CHOCOLATE**, current Miss Gay America and former Miss Gay Texas, works it all out for the audience. Chocolate was a long time regular at the old, Old Plantation.

**HOT  
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**CHARLIE**, Miss Gay Metroplex Houston Emeritus and former Miss Apollo in Louisiana, brings the sights and sounds of the incomparable Dionne Warwick to the stage with a sur-realistic fantasy of her own. Charlie is currently a regular in the cast at the Copa every Sunday.

**CHARLIE**



Tiffany has preformed with Maxime of the Andrew Sisters, and at the Back-Room in Provincetown. She can currently be seen at the San Antonio Country. On April 27, Ceasars will host a one star show for the Texas Tornado.

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# REVIEW

## The New Couple

By Daniel Curzon  
IGNA

SAN FRANCISCO -- Myra Turley spent four years interviewing people and co-writing her book largely, I think, because she despises the term 'fag hag.'

She wanted to show that the relationships between gay men and straight women are richer and more complex than the dismissive term 'fag hag' suggests.

When we talked at the Huntington Hotel atop Nob Hill in San Francisco, Ms. Turley wished to make clear that the old stereotypes don't hold. She seemed distressed that people stereotype themselves and also stereotype others -- and then complain about stereotyping! She added that gays sometimes stereotype straights, as well as the other way

around of course.

What *The New Couple* reveals is that there are three major categories that relationships between straight women and gay men fall into:

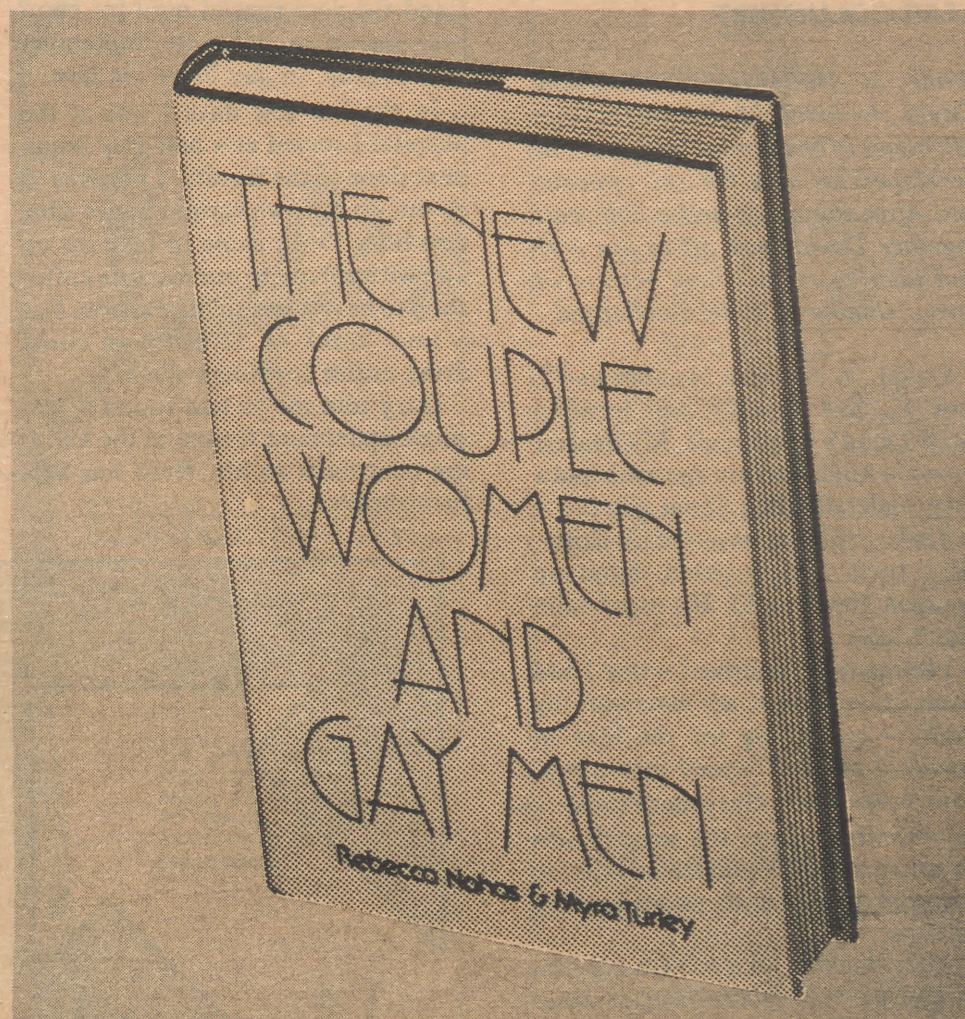
Traditional couples, marginal relationships, and new couples. Within each category, it should be noted, are wide-ranging variations.

Turley and her co-author, Rebecca Nahas, interviewed people all around the country and discovered that the new couple shows up not only on the East and West coasts but in Mid-America as well.

What characterizes the new couple is that there is a love relationship, sometimes sexual, between a self-identified gay man and a heterosexual woman.

Ms. Turley, not too surprisingly,

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# HEALTH

## What are the Effects of Nuclear Exposure

By L A Chotkowski, MD  
Star Columnist

Hazards from nuclear power plant accidents, such as occurred at Three Mile Island, were clarified at a recent Yankee Atomic Energy plant drill held in conjunction with Middlesex Memorial Hospital in Middletown, Connecticut.

Dr. Roger E. Linnemann, director of radiation problems at Three Mile Island, presided. I participated as

representative of Connecticut Valley Hospital.

A plant employee with simulated injuries was brought into the hospital and treated in a simple, precise and efficient manner. His clothes were removed, body scrubbed clean of radiation and all radioactivity disposed of. The decontaminated patient was then admitted to the hospital floor like any other patient.

If a nuclear accident is that simple to handle, why then, all the fuss at

Three Mile Island? Mostly because of misunderstanding, said Dr. Linnemann. First of all, atomic plants do not blow up. Thousands of people are not injured. The most severe accident might injure 20 employees, and no one in the vicinity.

As for the China 'melt down' syndrome, it has not and should not happen, he stated. At Three Mile, the cone reactor (i. e. uranium bombardment of the hydrogen ion) was shut down. The problem was in

the inability to cool off the two by products, radioactive cesium and iodine, because of a water cooling pump failure.

Few people understood that xenon gas, escaping from the tower produced only one to two millirems of radioactivity, a negligible amount.

Nevertheless, pregnant women were advised to leave the area despite

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# SPECIAL FEATURE

## Disco in the 80's; Where is it Headed for the Future

By Derek Kennedy  
GUEST COLUMNIST

(Editor's Note: Derek Kennedy, the talented young DJ at Fort Worth's popular Other Place and manager of the Dallas/Ft. Worth DJ Association, has agreed to write a number of columns for our music-loving readers. This is the first.)

Where is Disco headed? This is one of the most talked about money-making

ideas in years. But, unlike hula hoops, granny glasses, yo-yos, etc., disco is not a fad and, therefore, it cannot die.

The above statement about disco and the possibility of its dying is one of the biggest controversies around. First, you must understand the word "disco." This is short for the word "Discoteque," which briefly means a place where people go to get off on live or recorded music (a disc.) This has always been true, even back in the days when there were only

jukeboxes.

So, although the word "disco" has a lot of people believing it is something new, it has been around quite a while and has gone through some major changes, incorporating all types of music from rock, country, pop and classical. Because all these types of music are still around and always will be, how could a form of music that includes the above styles fade away without taking one of them with it?

BSNF (before *Saturday Night*

*Fever*) was a time when disco was for the most part underground and gay oriented - a special place. All they were exposed to was that all discos had beautiful interiors and played Bee Gee music and that all the people in a disco were pretty, men in three piece black and white polyester suits and ladies in leotard tops and flowing dresses.

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# MAY TO SEPTEMBER

By Ted Brink  
STAR COLUMNIST

*While in Hollywood with young David, the lover, I had brought from Michigan to the land of sunshine, he developed an urge for the opposite sex. After about two-and-a-half years together David took off to live with and later marry a young actress we knew. Unable to cope, I collapsed.*

David, in his fresh twenties and I, now 42, had a really bad scene in Gary Levin's apartment. My dearest friend, a kind man my age, who had a deep understanding about gay life — but never quite came out of his closet, Gary tried to help patch things up between David and I. His usual balm didn't heal.

Feeling tragic, deprived — that I had given up my home, my marriage, my work — everything for the love of David, I worked myself into a nervous breakdown. Gary made the necessary arrangements, the several calls to worried and helpful friends, and to my concerned and understanding parents.

They decided on a private hospital in Hollywood, an excellent psychiatrist, and I signed myself in for the help I needed.

Never once did he suggest that I should give up gay life, only that I had to adjust to be a 'normal homosexual.' God help me, those were his words.

We laughed about the phrase, but I thought I understood and would try.

A few years later it was to happen all over again. Apparently I didn't learn too well.

One can imagine that my problems as an older gay — in my case, some 20 years older than my first real lover — are not entirely unique. Other older men like me have had to face a break-up and the accompanying sense of self-pity, the feeling of having given up everything for their young lover, only to be shoved aside. They, like me, may have come to realize that there are two sides to that coin.

It takes time to come to this realization . . . but it is the truth.

When we were pulled over for a busted tail light David was hauled away because the authorities discovered he had skipped out on his previous California probation. I had gotten the best attorney, called in some old debts and got him out of jail on a rather costly bail.

Fighting all the way, I got him again on probation, in my care. Quite an achievement!

It took me several years and many other bad as well as delightful times with young lovers to discover the flip side of the coin.

When we fail to hold close with an

open hand, when we fail to understand the very special need for compromise in a May to September relationship, in gay life — we lose.

In the last few days I was at the hospital I stayed at a half-way house next door to the facility. I was free to go out on my own certain hours. One day Gary Levin came to pick me up and we went out to our favorite coffee shop to have a serious discussion. For a total check of 52 cents we could drink coffee for hours there.

Gary told me he had found a neat single apartment for me in the building next door to his. Rent was \$95, furnished.

My marvelously wise friend knew me pretty well.

"We've got to find you a new young lover, Ted," he announced to me one night.

"I know you," he said. "You function best with a good young guy with you," he continued. "This time I'll help select him and we'll make him assistant to the producer."

We devised an ad to place in the *L.A. Advocate*, somehow implying in the wording everything I expected sexually and in business.

There were many responses. Gary and I interviewed most of them — all who showed up — and we selected

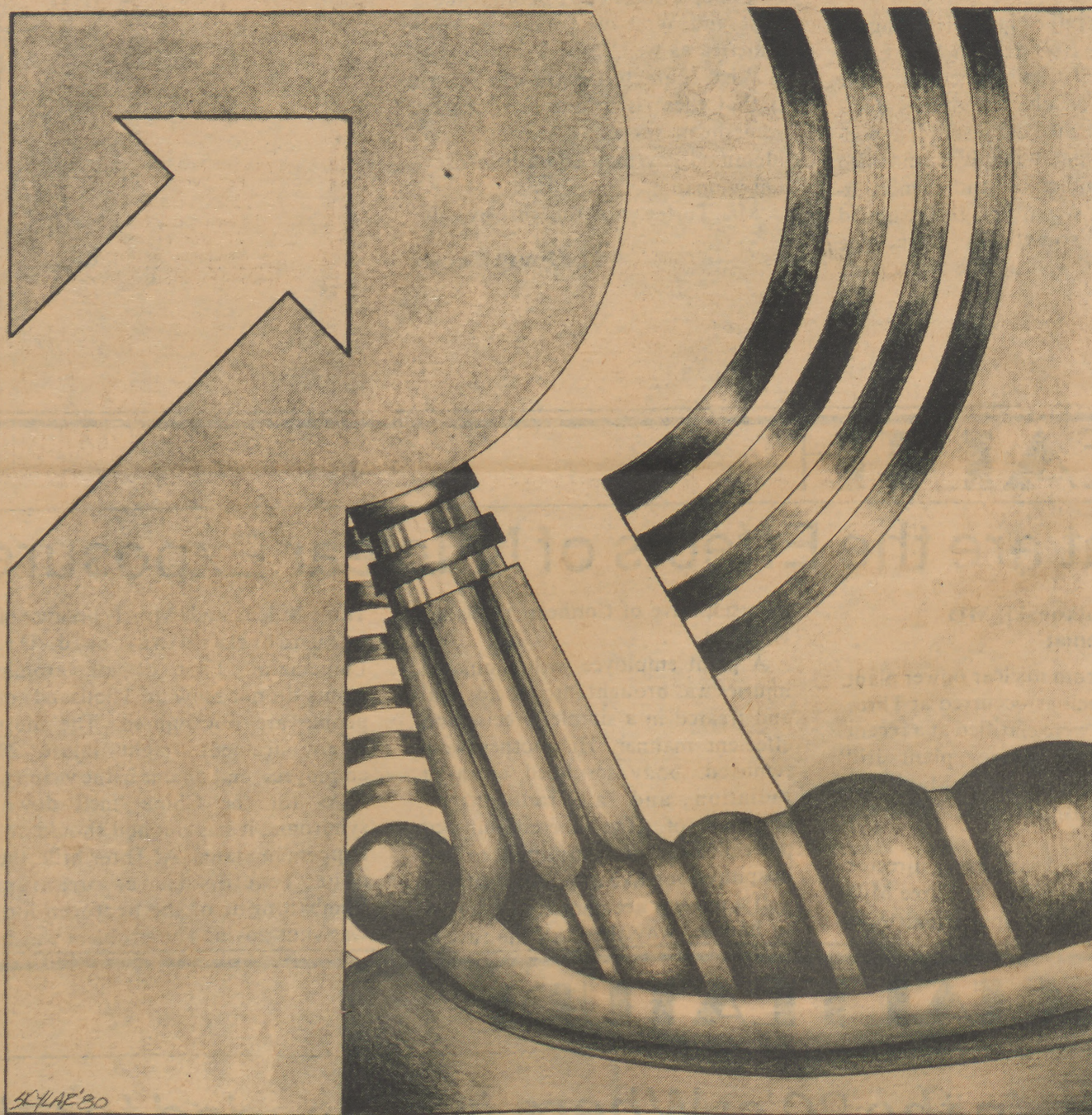
Chet.

This rather serious 20-year-old, good looking, studious — with a fine position in an L.A. bank — passed my 'casting couch' audition with flying colors. When we told Gary we had decided to get an apartment and go it together, he was delighted.

Chet was to be a unique experience — one I've never encountered since. And, he too, changed my life.

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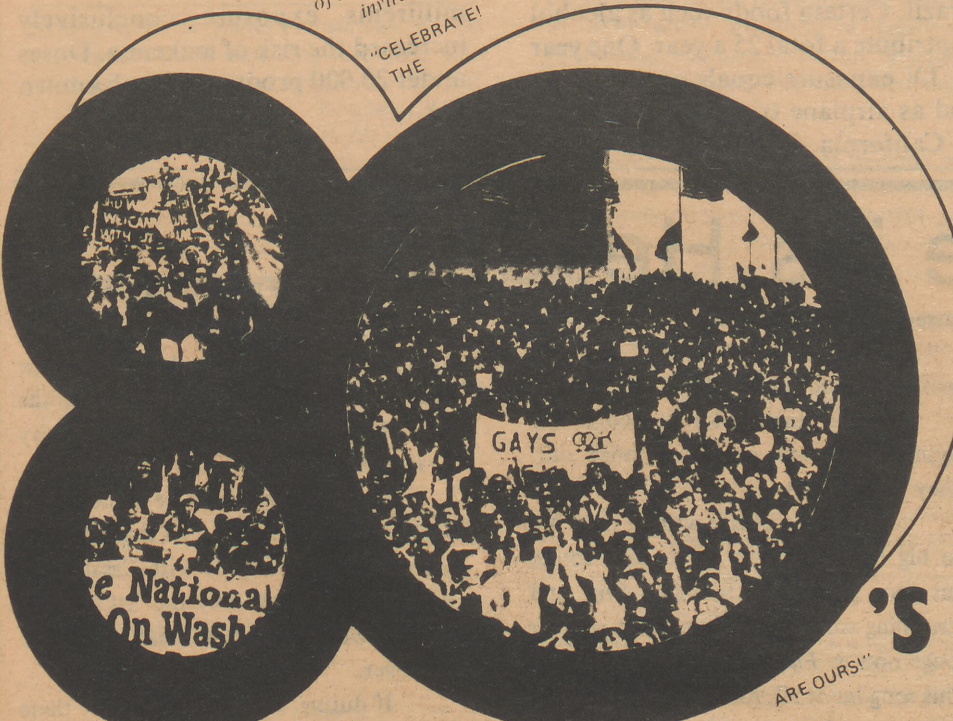
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in India and 13,000 in some areas of Brazil. Certain foods such as alcohol contribute a total 25 a year. One year of TV exposure equals one millirem and as airplane trip from New York to California, four.

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At Hiroshima, a sudden 100,000 millirems exposure conclusively increased the risk of leukemia. Doses under 20,000 produce no such known risk.

# Disco in the 80's; Where it's Headed

From Page Fifteen

But this is not so and has turned many people against disco. It is this image of *Saturday Night Fever* that is dying out, and I am personally all for it!

Let the magic of a club that plays danceable music be like it was BSNF, a spot where you went to hear that where you went to hear that special sound, no matter what that sound is. This is where disco is headed in the 80's - back underground.

As far as the record itself, that piece of vinyl you pay big bucks for, is concerned, very few changes are going to take place. They were all discussed at the recent *Billboard Magazine* dance music forum I attended in Los Angeles. The majority of the record companies have decided that the 12-inch disco single is a thing in the past, commercially, that is,

but would still be used as a promotional tool with disc jockeys.

The public, if they like a song, will have to go out and buy the album.

In the past, album versions of your favorite songs were almost always shorter, and the rest of the album wasn't even listenable. So the record companies have come up with two ideas to solve the problem:

First, make the album version longer. This is great if you want to spend \$7 or more for one song.

The second idea is make a new product called "mini-LP's." These will have three to four songs on them, the major cut and two other songs. Since recording time in the studio is expensive and the pressing cost of an album and a single are the same, a "mini-LP" will cost less to make and the savings will be

passed on to the consumer.

Look for the "mini-LP" at your favorite record shop in the near future.

At this time, a lot of people are saying there are no good songs out. They're half right.

At the time of this writing there are no big hits. There are some good songs, but no get-down, foot-stomping and screaming songs. One of the most popular songs now is *Funkytown*, by Lipps, Inc. This song has it all, funk, rock, electronic, and strings. It is receiving good reaction in almost all clubs across the country. Another strong cut on the album is *Rock It*, which was popular during the summer.

A disco version of the Broadway hit *Evita* is doing quite well, with the pretty sound of disco throughout. Standout cuts are *Buenos Aires*, *Argentina*, and *Raindoc*.

Coming soon will be a new album by Gino Soccio. His big hit *Dancer* last year makes the forthcoming LP worth the wait. Also on the way are new albums by Grace Jones and by France Joli.

One artist who will be missed for a while is Donna Summer. At this time, she is in a contract dispute with Casablanca. But even without her, the list of new releases will make the summer of '80 the best ever.

If during the time you're out there dancing away and hear a fantastic song and just have to have it, but don't know what the name is, the problem is easily solved - ask the DJ. He'll be more than happy to tell you. It shows him you enjoy what he is playing.

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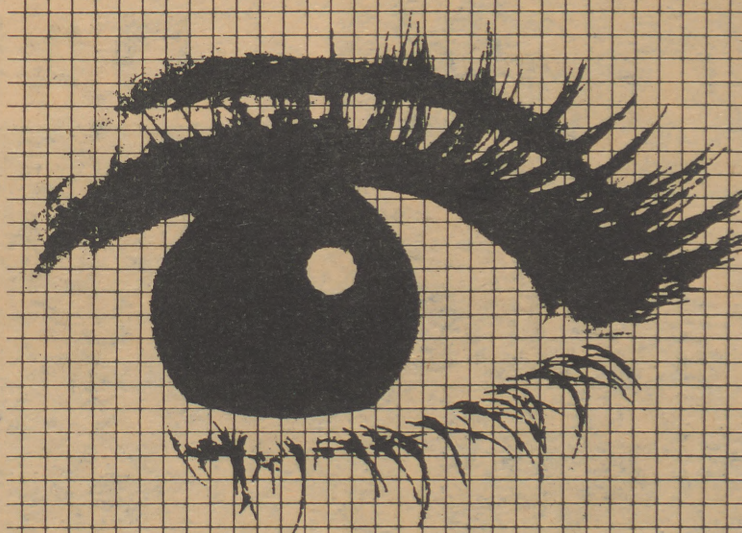
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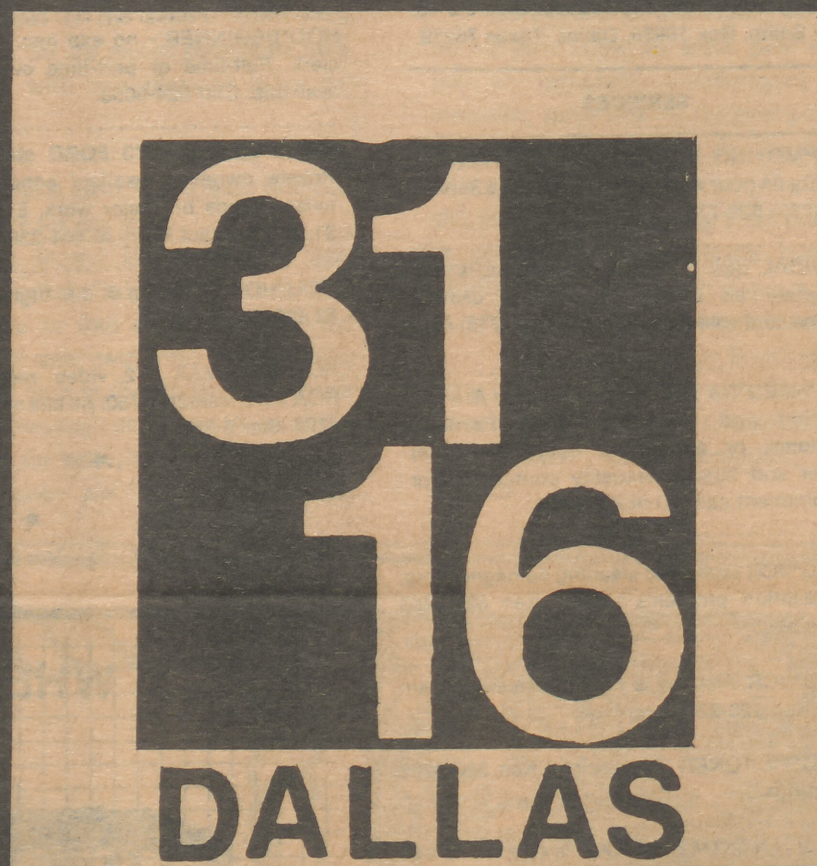
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