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Houston Forum, the inner city's newest publication, is the product of years of thoughtful contemplation.

The name was chosen long ago, and put away for a time when it would be right to present this alternative to the reading public. Now is the time.

The concept of this publication is derived from ancient times, when the forum was a place of lively discussion and open debate. Where the best of literature could be appreciated, and the worst of politics exposed. The pages of this publication purport to give just such an opportunity to its readers. A place to express opinions, vent their ire, lavish praise and receive information.

Forum was popular in a time when people believed what they believed with such vigor, at time they risked death to express it. Such was the case with the ancient Christians.

But such is always the case when free thinkers, activists and those who cannot settle for less than personal freedom invade the mundane with their ideas.

These pages give the opportunity for all to comment on political, social, economic or other issues we face each day. The publication will rely heavily on contributions by its readers who both seek and want to share information.

Never before in American has there been a political climate so conducive to negating hard-fought freedoms. Even in Houston, the drive to circumvent personal freedom is finding fertile areas in which to take root. The need to voice a call for freedom is evident. The time to exercise the personal responsibility to maintain freedom is here.

In the coming weeks Houston Forum will provide space for individual expression, whether it be in observance of issues, through photography or creative writing. The newspaper will endeavor to personalize news, and keep readers aware of what is happening in the state and city governments.

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Freedom is maintained through loyalty and strength. Personal responsibility is the price of freedom. We will provide the Forum for expression—it will be to our readers to exercise the right to freedom in the press.

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Where Now GPC?

The Gay Political Caucus was perhaps the most visible organization that supported the recent city anti-discrimination ordinance. An unsolicited visibility that was thrust upon it by the opposition, yet undenied. It was the most visibly defeated, as well.

Yet in the ashes of defeat has grown an even more cohesive and politically aware organization that has big plans for the future.

Sue Lovell, recently elected GPC president, said the target presently is to impact on the November municipal elections. "We need to re-elect the mayor and council members that were supportive of the ordinances," she told Forum. "We need to get serious about voter registration and about educating our community to the importance of the power of their votes," she said.

There are many people in Houston who don't remember how it feels to be harassed, or how it feels not to move through their lives in freedom to express their sexuality. "They need to realize that they aren't being harassed because we have a mayor who is wise enough to appoint a police chief who doesn't discriminate. The situation here is Houston didn't just happen. It was the result of electing responsible people who are responsive to the needs of all the people who vote for them," she said.

Those persons need to imagine what life would be like if Goodner or a Goodner-type were elected mayor. Would that person then replace the police chief with someone who would turn vice officers loose in the bars. What type of health director would that kind of a mayor chose instead of Haughton who is sensitive to all the aspects of dealing with AIDS, she asked.

"We have an excellent health director

who understands the need to educate people about AIDS," Lovell said. But that might not always be the situation where the city power structure to change.

The freedom that gays now enjoy is the result of much work for many years, Lovell said. That freedom can easily be taken away if voters are apathetic. "Don't turn around a week before the election and go, 'wow, I'm not registered to vote! That just isn't enough anymore.'"

GPC is also beginning a documentation program of violence, discrimination and harassment against gays. The program will be supervised by an as yet unappointed committee. Situations of discrimination could not be noted during the recent referendum because no statistics had been kept, Lovell said. That needs to be remedied. "People must report instances of violence and discrimination, and then be willing to

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Referendum Money Counted

Final reports of referendum campaign contributions are in, and they show Citizens for a United Houston raised \$217,186 but was topped by the opposition more than two to one.

Four separate organizations opposing the anti-discrimination measure filed expenditure reports totaling \$513,429, according to the city secretary's office.

Committee for Repeal was the biggest spender taking in \$248,545 and spending \$241,219. The committee was guaranteed a \$100,000 loan by Walter

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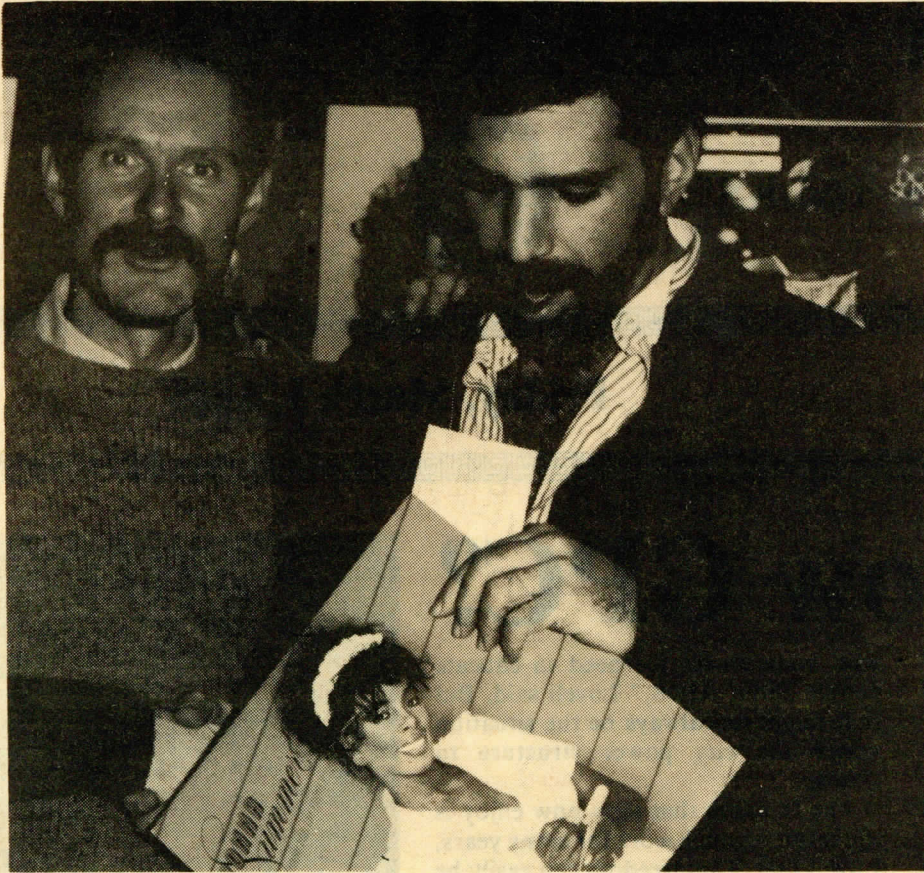
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NOT JUST ANOTHER A.I.D.S. FUND

Bryan Miller, (l) proprietor of Butch Wax Records in San Francisco's Castro District is donating all profits made from the sale of any Donna Summer product (lp's and extended singles) new or used. These profits will go directly into the city's Shanti Project through a newly established Patrick Cowley Memorial Fund created by Miller, Megatone Records President, Marty Blecman (r) and Cowley's father, Kenneth. Miller will present Shanti with a check for the fund bi-monthly approximating the profits per record to be two dollars from albums and \$1.50 from extended singles. Credited with the idea of donating Donna Summer record sale profits to Shanti is Miller's store manager, Ralph Brown. The late Patrick Cowley pioneered the techno-pop sound still popular in dance clubs around the world as well as organizing the first openly gay-owned independent record company in the United States with his partner, Marty Blecman.

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Contributors giving \$5,000 or more included Texas Commerce Bancshares, Texas Eastern Transmission Corp., American General Corp., Linbeck Construction, Houston Natural Gas and InterFirst Bank. Houston Republic Bank-Houston gave \$3,500.

Councilman John Goodner's group, The Committee for Public Awareness, listed expenditures of \$88,960. That group got \$181,868 including loans totaling \$121,000 from James E Lyon of River Oaks Bank and Trust.

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By Questor

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There seems to be some sort of discrepancy these days in the way we all live as citizens of the 20th century. At the store the other day, I heard a woman discussing her grandchildren with another woman as they walked with their carts, picking through the items on the shelves.

"I don't know what to do with them," the first one said, shaking her head. "They don't know what they want, and they want everything at the same time."

"We weren't like that, that's for sure!" the other one said firmly, shaking her head.

No, they probably weren't like that—at least visibly. But I had to wonder whether they had wanted to be that way during their own childhoods. After all, they had been through a World War together, and their children had been the Baby Boomers. It made me think of my own mother and the way our family was raised.

Mother had led a very difficult life.

Born in 1930, she was just in time for the Great Depression. Her father died an alcoholic when she was nine, and she and her mother lived with an uncle and worked hard to make ends meet. Her life was full of pain and work, but she had small pleasures—things that shined through the dim murk of the Depression years. She had been raised with very little, so her expectations were quite small. Her mother, on the contrary, was different.

My grandmother's family was well educated and middle class. Born in a small Iowa town, she grew up with such familiar sounds as tea kettle boiling on coal stoves, horse hoofs on cobblestone streets, and the tinkle of the bells of the ice cream cart as it came down the dusty streets in the summer. Her life was one of almost charming quaintness, where she knew everyone intimately, and found her world quite secure. Then came The War—the First World War. She suddenly lost several important male figures to the war when she was in her teens. Men disappeared and didn't come back again. The whole social structure changed before her eyes, and invention after invention swept her away into the 20th century. She married, divorced, became a widow with one child during the Depression. Hers was a life of disappointment.

Mother grew up healthy and beauti-

ful, and by the end of the Second World War, she was in high school, where she met my father. He was straight out of the Navy on the GI Bill, and they married after graduation and moved away to St. Louis and bought their first tract home. It was a tiny house, and they had a baby son. In their first six years of marriage, they had a child in St. Louis, one in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and one in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where they finally settled down.

They were young and attractive, and their family was just like everyone else's. They had marriage problems on and off, but it was expected in those days that unless alcohol was involved, good Catholic families stayed together—and ours did.

Both parents had grown up poor, and they worked and worked to create a healthy environment for their children. As the years went by, things got better financially and we moved into a bigger house. Then, over the next ten years, two more children were born—a boy and a girl.

The 50's and 60's were those strange magical Baby Boom years where we went from Marilyn Monroe and Cadillac fins to Richard Nixon and Viet Nam. It was a period of incredible technical and social upheaval, because material improvements were far out-pacing general social progress. Blacks became

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Gay Fathers Meet

by Terence Reed

Who are the Gay Fathers? They are gay men with children either living with them, with their former spouse, with them and a lover, or someone designated to be in a child nuturing roll. \$EMGay fathers share one main thing, they love their children/family. They all are welcome at Gay Fathers.

Gay Fathers officially organized with a Board of Directory in August of 1984 (they had started meeting previous to then). They started with a membership of only 8 members and now have about 30.

Their meetings are every Monday from 8pm to about 9:30pm. A new membership, recently formed, asks all other gay fathers to attend their meetings, with no requirement to join their membership. Dues, should you join, are \$15 per member or \$25 per household membership. (This is however prorated for the fiscal year ending August 1). A \$1.00 contribution is appreciated at each meeting, but is not required.

Michael Oden Sr., stated in a recent interview that any gay father should attend at least two meetings before making a decision should they not wish to

join, to at least give themselves and the group a chance.

Their current membership has a broad range of ages as does their children. They are a support group within themselves. They want to help and share with other gay fathers answers and suggestions to the many various everyday problems that whether the father is raising the children himself, should it be in telling the children of his sexuality or when he just needs to talk with others that share the same or similar situations.

Gay Fathers have group activities every month. One month for fathers only and the following for the children and their fathers or those who share the parenting role. They have taken the children to the zoo, to fireworks displays. February was fathers month with a bowling night. March is for the children and their fathers with a boat ride. Aspirations include a float for this year's Gay Pride Parade.

Michael Sr., indicated they are now looking for a new meeting place. Should you have one or know of one please contact him. Should you wish to attend their next meeting call him at 627-1158.

NOW Host Feminist Primer

The National Organization For Women (NOW), University of Houston, University Park will sponsor "A Feminist Primer" on Saturday, March 9, 1985 featuring Althea Simmons, director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP.

Simmons will give the keynote address, "The Intersection of Sexism and Racism." This will be followed by a variety of workshops on issues basic to the Feminist Movement including rape, racism, woman battering, reproductive rights, lesbian rights and pornography.

"A Feminist Primer" will be in the Bates Law Building UH campus, University Park from 12 noon until 4:30 p.m. For information call, 893-2571.

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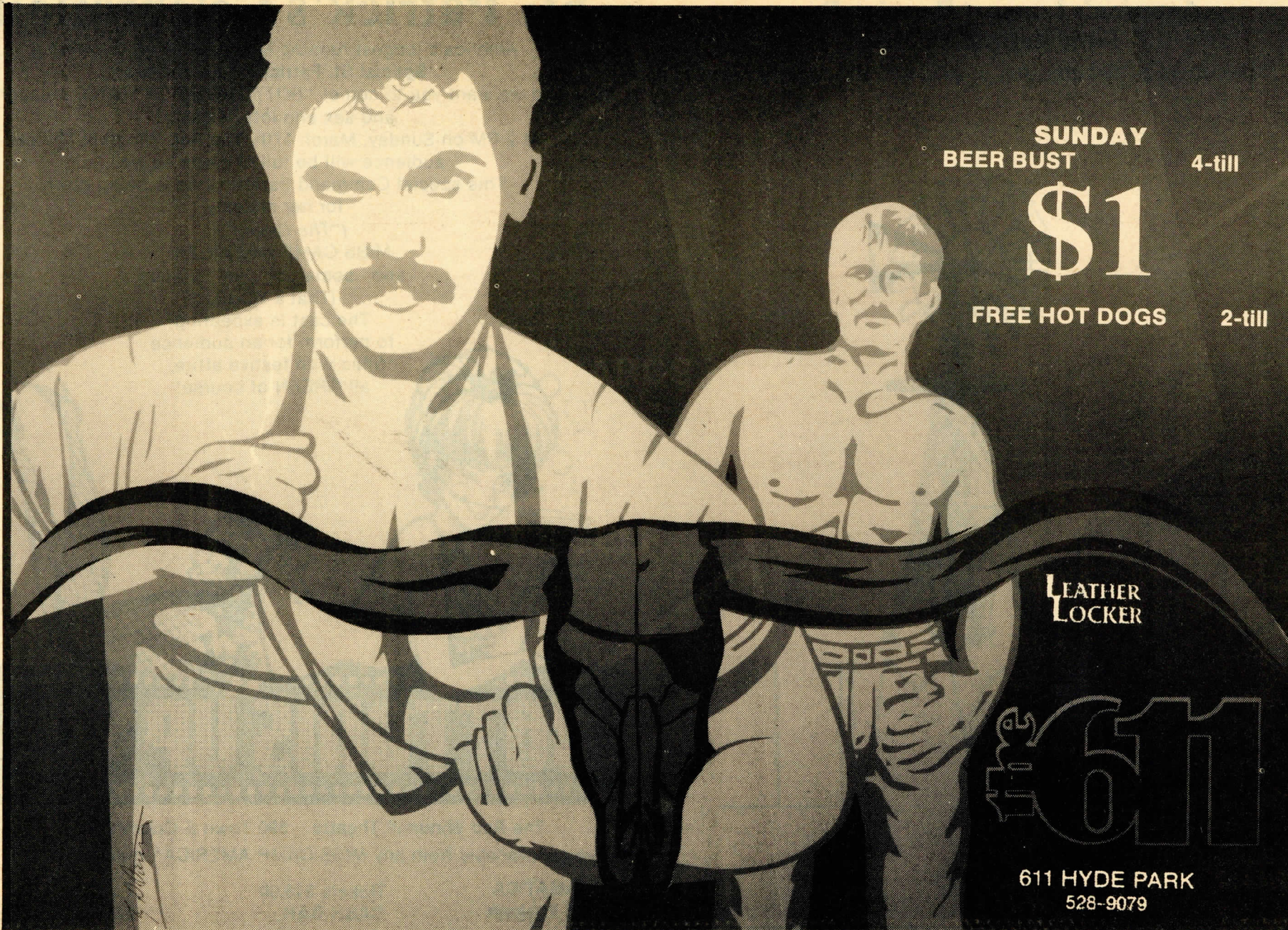
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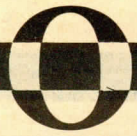
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Herb Muenchow, president of Montrose Softball League, has released the following letter:

The Montrose Softball League and gay sports in Houston has lost a great friend and supporter. For the last five years, no one individual person has contributed more and asked for less than Jerry Kauffman of the Briar Patch.

In his memory, the MSL Board of Trustees will establish the Jerry Kauffman Cup. This award will be representative of the league championship and will be a traveling trophy.

I had numerous conversations with Jerry concerning out sport's community. He felt so strongly that we not only provided a positive alternative, but also the opportunity for those of us to participate in activities, as gay persons, that were not available to us as we were growing up.

We will severely miss his support, enthusiasm, and desire to work for the benefit of us all."

On behalf of the entire Sports Community, SportsForum would like to echo sentiments and express our gratitude to MSL for such an appropriate recognition for our friend. We'll miss you, Jerry.

GPW Sports Day

Nick (777-1823) reports that Herb Muenchow discussed lining up the filed for Men's and Women's Softball challenge with Dallas on June 22. Also, that members of Frontrunners will be "bar running" as a club event—and possible midnight run with lights. Volleyball is meeting to see what they can work up.

Rodeo Season at Pool League

This being rodeo season in old Houston town, guess it's only appropriate that Ranch Hands and The Barn are leading the pack (STILL!) of the MSA Pool League.

Of the top eight teams, all won their match last week, except for No. 3 Bacchus which still managed to hold onto third place and No. 6 Street Cats which dropped to No. 7.

The Barn's Softball Team announced it needs players for all positions. Anyone interested in playing softball this spring should attend the following practices:

Saturday, March 2 at 1:30 p.m. at Levy Field, one block south of Richmond on Eastside between Buffalo Speedway and Kirby;

Sunday, March 3 at 2:30 p.m. at Heights Lyons Field, 13th Street, one block east of North Shepherd;

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By Jeffrey Wilson and C.R. Bouley II

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United Support of Artists for Africa (USA for Africa) came to Harry Belafonte's mind after many anti-hunger campaigns and the popular British musicians effort known as the BAND AID. Recalled Belafonte, "I was looking at some film not long ago from sub-Saharan Africa. After you see the pictures and hear the voices of those people, it's hard to sleep, and it's very hard to go on with business as usual. I never felt that people in my profession were doing as much as they could. Then I saw Band Aid and how well they did it there, with such spirit and camaraderie. I simply thought, 'Why not here?'"

Band Aid was the name given to Great Britain's hottest musical talents grouped



Feed the World American Style

under one heading by Boom Town Rats member Bob Geldof as the British contemporaries recorded "Do They Know It's Christmas?" The single on Columbia Records has sold an estimated seven million copies worldwide since December, 1984 with all the profits targeted for distribution in Ethiopia.

Geldof flew direct from London to Los Angeles to contribute to the USA for Africa event after Belafonte set the American Wheels in motion. Belafonte contacted Ken Kragen and Kragen and Company (managers and publicist to Lionel Richie, Kenny Rogers, Kim Carnes and others), and Ken contacted Lionel Richie about writing the song.

Richie in turn called Quincy Jones who agreed to produce the benefit tune. Jones spoke with Michael Jackson and finally, it was decided that Jackson and Richie would like to co-write "We Are The World."

At a ten-hour, all night recording session in Hollywood at A&M Recording Studios, the sign on the door read 'check your egos outside', and 45 of the best selling recording artists in the United States did just that. This checklist of headliners who shared in the making of "We Are The World", includes: Dan Aykroyd; spokesperson Harry Belafonte; Lindsey Buckingham; Kim Carnes; Ray Charles; Bob Dylan; Shelia

E.; Daryl Hall & John Oates; James Ingram; the Jackson 7 (inclusive of the six brothers with Michael and sister LaToya); Al Jarreau; Waylon Jennings; Billy Joel; producer Quincy Jones; Cyndi Lauper; Huey Lewis and the News (including Mario, John, Bill, Chris and Sean); Kenny Loggins; Bette Midler; Willie Nelson; Jeffrey Osborne; Steve Perry; the Pointer Sisters (Anita, Ruth and June); Lionel Richie; Smokey Robinson; Kenny Rogers; Diana Ross; Paul Simon; Bruce Springsteen; Tina Turner; Dionne Warwick and Stevie Wonder.

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Gerald Kaufman

Montrose Mourns Two Deaths

H. Daniel "Danny" Villa, 50, of Montrose, died at M.D. Anderson Hospital Sunday morning at 1:05 February 24 of *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia. The infection took its toll exactly two years from the date he was diagnosed as having AIDS.

His courageous battle with his condition was an inspiration to all who knew him. His health suddenly took a turn for the worse.

The Danny Villa Living Memorial Fund has been established according to

Gerald M. Kaufman, Jr., 41, of Houston died Saturday, February 23, 1985 of cancer of the liver, pancreas and lungs. He did not have AIDS.

Kaufman had studied at the University of Texas, and had owned the Briarpatch bar since the 1960's.

He served as a director on the board of Texas State TGRA and worked with the Gay Switchboard. He was the recipient of many awards and plaques for his community service.

His body was interred at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Fort Worth on February 26. A Houston memorial service will be held at MCCR, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Kaufman will be remembered through a sports cup in his honor and through the J. Kaufman Cancer Fund, which will continue to accept donations. Contributions will be given to other cancer victims.

Kaufman was said to have been preplexed with the community during the referendum campaign because there was a lack of cohesion. "He gave up to the end, to the referendum effort and to the MSA Softball team, when he didn't really have it to give," a friend noted.

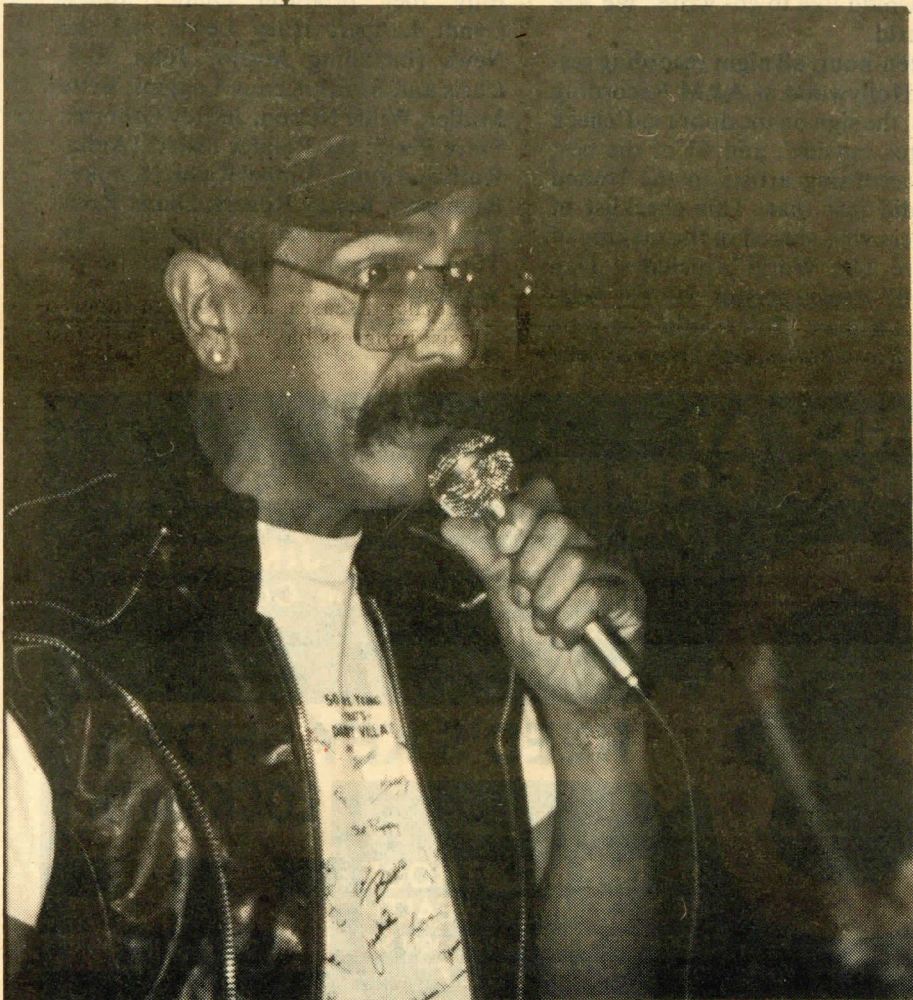
"He supported the community first. He enriched every life he touched and no one who knew him could not help but love him," the friend said.

his wishes and donations may be sent to P.O. Box 66952-259, Houston, 77006.

His body is scheduled to be cremated and his ashes will be placed at the Judy Garland Memorial Park on Fire Island. The public is invited to a viewing Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 from 3 until 5 p.m. at Earthman Funeral Home, 242 Fannin. A candlelight memorial service will be held at his favorite spot, Jones Plaza Park across from Jones Hall and the Alley Theatre at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 2.

Villa had a career on the stage before retiring in Houston and appeared on Broadway with Ben Vereen and toured with Katharine Hepburn. He was employed by the Ripchord and used his talents to raise money for various charities.

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OPINIONS

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more equal, women became more liberated, young people became more vocal politically—and everyone worshipped the youth of American because one out of three Americans were suddenly young!

We were the Pepsi Generation, playing on the beaches and roaming the forests with our backpacks. Our parents gave us everything they could to compensate for their lack of material joy during their childhoods. But something was missing. There was something different and strange about us. We weren't marrying regularly. We weren't having children as often. So many of us were nervous or "high strung," looking for the answers to life while at the same time striving for even more material wealth. Things just didn't seem right for our

parents as they saw us grow up.

We blame Watergate and Viet Nam and drugs and abortion and the nuclear threat. We hide behind our college educations and bury ourselves under mounds of trend magazines and advertising copy. We blind ourselves with space movies and TV soaps, hoping to escape. But what is it we are trying to escape?

It's interesting to see how people react. Despite all the confusion and the noise of modern living in a city as enormous and turbulent as Houston, there are still enclaves of decency and solitude. Human nature, after all, really hasn't changed. People still help each other and still greet each other on the street—those things haven't quite left us. In fact, many times I wonder if the news media isn't totally to blame for the fact that people are afraid these days.

After all, the old saying that what you don't know won't hurt you really doesn't apply to a society that knows absolutely everything within minutes of its occurrence. We know too much—or at least we think we do.

So the two elderly ladies discussed the problems of the new generation, just as all elderly people have discussed the same problem since the beginnings of time. So is there a big difference?

Yes, I think so. Back in our parent's days, they read Buck Rogers and dreamed of the future, but that future seemed so far away and so out of reach. My father was terribly surprised when his country actually landed men on the moon. But the fact that men had landed on the moon didn't surprise him as much as did the fact that he found himself very bored with the whole thing by the second moon walk. He was actually

let down because it no longer thrilled him! And he wondered what it actually took to excite him anymore.

Maybe that had been age working upon him, but he was even more frightened by the fact that his children watched the first moon walk with interest, then totally disregarded the rest—as though it had been some sort of TV series that had gone on too long. And his children wanted to see more still!

So, the two old ladies at the grocery store were right. Our generation is difficult. We are hard to please. We expect more and we never seem to be happy with what we've got, because we're constantly bombarded with expectations from the air waves.

Would an African bush dweller regret not having a washing machine if he had never known one even existed? And if given one, wouldn't it be absurd, considering that it would use up more water in one cleaning cycle than he would use in an entire week?

There are some rather serious ironies developing in modern life because it is so technically advanced and urban. As a child, watching television, I was infused with so many high ideals while at the same time pummeled by violence. It sometimes still seems rather a disappointment that cars have wheels, because by now I thought we would surely be gliding about town in hover craft. Progress has always seemed too slow, and at the same time too fast.

Take AIDS, for example. Researchers are discovering new things about the virus every month, yet, it's not fast enough. With each death the progress seems slower. Yet, compared to research on other diseases, like polio or tuberculosis, progress has been blindingly fast. But then, there is real urgency now because we are not used to seeing death these days.

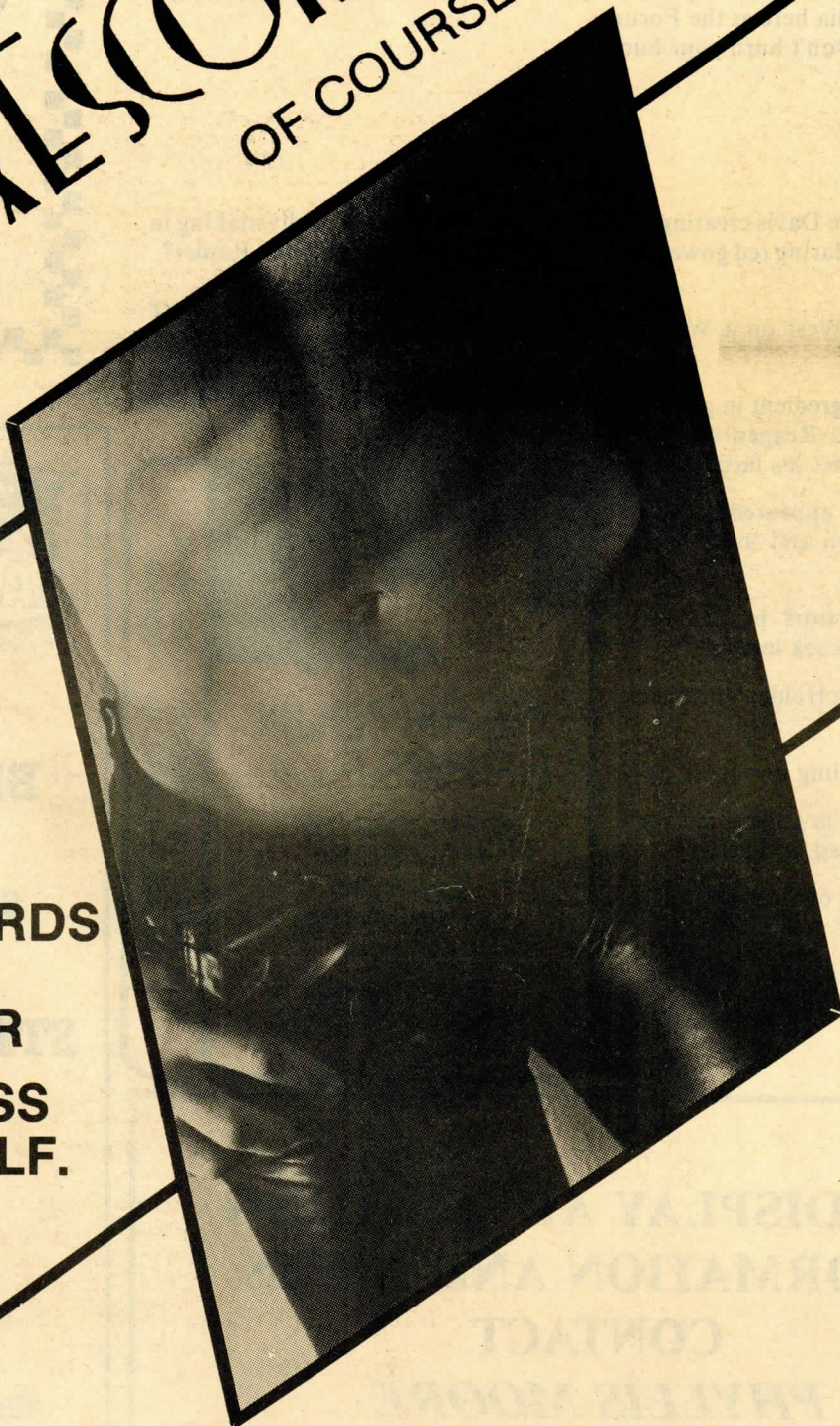
We may covet our grandparent's lives when horses and buggies still traveled the roads and life seemed slower and more secure, but the infant mortality rate was appalling, and everyone knew someone who had recently died. Only in the last 35 years has death become something very uncommon and shocking. People used to catch the flu and just die. Now it's so unfair when such things happen.

We are spoiled, you see. But we didn't cause the disappointment. Being spoiled is not our fault, especially when gifts have been literally shoved down our throats all our lives. Of course, I'm not suggesting a return to primitive times, because that is impossible and most undesirable. But what I am pointing out is that there is a general awareness in our society today that maybe lifestyles have become too rushed, and maybe we have become too confident in our physical and mental abilities. Maybe it's time to sit home every once in awhile and do nothing. Maybe we should just be happy to be alive for a change instead of always worrying about having more.

It's like a friend told me long ago. The most unchanging fact in life is change itself. Our grandparents started the ball rolling, and our parents perpetuated it. Now the question is whether we are going to keep it going. There are options, but they are hard to find, deep within us all. And the really funny thing is that when I'm as old as those two ladies at the store, I'll probably be talking to a friend about how spoiled and ungrateful and unmanageable the children of the future are. But then, they most probably won't be my children—they'll be someone else's.

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talk about the incidents," she said. "We have to have proof that something happened."

She observed that if civil rights were ever left to the public at large to grant, public buildings would still have water fountains labeled "white" and "colored".

Only when people saw the dogs attacking marchers and the violence in the streets did enough of them visualize that something was dreadfully wrong with the system that would keep these people down. "It wasn't until people started bombing abortion clinics that they were taken seriously, because the viewing public could see the results of that action," Lovell said. "We need something to show them that the situations of violence and discrimination really do exist and something must be done." The documentation is the first step.

Houston needs to be educated about AIDS, Lovell said. The average person on the street needs to realize that AIDS is not just a gay disease, it is a major health threat. It is not the wrath of God. "The AMA Journal said that there are more and more instances of women getting AIDS—some 450-500 women have been reported now. As long as it was prostitutes, nobody cared, but it's getting beyond that now." In African nations mostly women have AIDS.

Houston's gay community has not been given credit for its efforts to combat AIDS, she said. Houston has the first house for AIDS victims totally funded by individuals in the nation; the KS- AIDS Foundation has received national recognition for its education efforts regarding the disease. "If any other group had done this much to take care of its own the newspapers would be falling over themselves to write about it," Lovell said. "But not with gays."

One way Lovell said the community must begin to make its presence felt is through how it spends money. "Money shouldn't be deposited or spent in places where it can be turned around to support causes that take away individual's rights," she said. A few areas will be targeted, she said, and in those areas, an impact of gay money will be felt.

Lovell rejected the assumption that GPC was naive in handling the recent political encounter. "We were told to keep a low profile and we did. The election really had little to do with the issue. We weren't naive about knowing the opposition, and we weren't naive knowing they would have more money than we did. We knew a lot of people were going to give money just to get back at the Whitmire administration," ostensibly to save the city, but really just to save the good ole' boys. "We decided from the beginning to identify our voters and get them out. To form coalitions, and we accomplished that."

But, the problem came in trying to combat the closet bigots that came pouring from their spaces when 'get the queers' became suddenly fashionable.

A lot of the campaign flack was dumped in GPC's lap. "We needed the documentation. We needed more money. But we couldn't have done anything about the good ole' boys out to regain control of city hall. They needed an issue, any issue, to change the climate of political power."

So as gay rights moves into a new era in Houston, it's time for any person who cares about personal freedom to become involved. After all, who will be next? People with brown eyes?

Cooking in Heels

by Ophelia Goode

My mother always told me "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach." I don't know just how true this might be, but I don't know of any man who can't be pleased or teased by a good home-cooked meal. (This goes for you girls, too.)

Since most of us are after a heart or two, or at least trying to hold on to the ones we might have, and would much rather be out heart hunting than hanging over a hot stove (unless he gets off to watching), the recipes found here will be quick and easy and prepared with items most of us have in our cupboards, or at least as close as the near as the market. (I mean, dear, that's as good a place to go heart shopping as anywhere! Those places are so good, especially around supper time!)

Today's trip is for some nice pork chops, some mushroom soup, and some frozen French style green beans. Easy, No?

After putting on the apron Sally sent you last Christmas (we do want to look like we've done this before) lightly flour the chops and brown them in a little oil (Crisco will do if you like). While they're browning, (you should pardon the expression), sprinkle them with a little pepper and salt and some cinnamon.

After they have a nice color, about five minutes, add the beans and soup straight out of the can!

Cut down the fire and cover your pan. Simmer slowly for about 30 minutes. Take a look every now and then and push them around a bit.

If you feel really industrious, a little rice and a small tossed salad would be nice. Serve the chops over the rice with some of that nice mushroom sauce you just made.

Now that you've done your part, take off your apron, unless, of course, he's kinky and the rest is up to him.

If you have recipes or hints or questions you need answered, about food, silly, just send them to Ophelia here at the Forum.

Till next time...Don't burn your buns!

Trivia

What film had Bette Davis creating a scandal by wearing a daring red gown to a society ball?

What was a Mae West on a WWII battleship?

What's the main ingredient in glass?
Who said: "Ronald Reagan doesn't dye his hair; he bleaches his face"?

What phenomenon appeared the day Mark Twain was born and the day he died?

What race of warriors burned off their right breasts in Greek legend?

Who played William Holden's brother in Sabrina?

What did Otto Titzling invent?

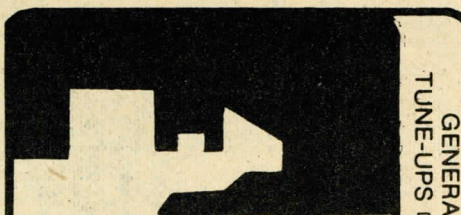
Who said: "When I'm good, I'm very good, but when I'm bad, I'm better?"

What was the name of Kitty Russell's saloon on Gunsmoke?

What's the only mammal with four knees?

What film was Grace Kelly making in Monaco when she met Prince Ranier?

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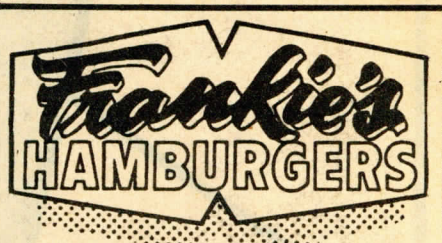
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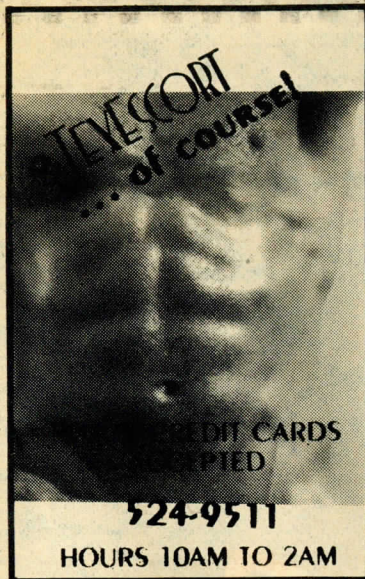
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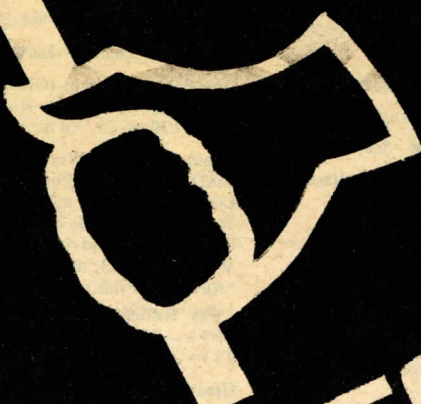
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