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Workout"**

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Amanda

—Amanda B. Recondwith
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Well, Dear Fans, Amanda is up in arms again. It seems like there is really no end to blatant ignorance on the part of some people here in Houston. We were all dressed up and ready for our regular Sunday church service at St. John the Incredibly and Ultimately Divine on River Oaks and Westheimer. Our Dear Friend Boswell attracted us to the church years ago, saying that they had a superior choir and a wonderful liturgy.

At the time, Amanda was getting tired of her droll Catholic ways. Our church was downtown, and nobody spoke English except for the cleaning ladies, and we grew very irritated when boatloads of new people would file in every week, speaking unknown tongues and offering burnt things at the altar to the horror of the priests.

Anyway, St. John's, as many of you probably know, is noted for its vast wealth, since it is located in the bosom of River Oaks, and many of its most staunch supporters are quite influential in the Houston business scene. In fact, because of the high calibre of education and breeding, Amanda has always felt rather comfortable in the church—at least until recently.

Would you believe that the pastor of that church—a certain Larry Hall—openly criticizes gays from the pulpit, even

though his own bishop disapproves? He has said things before about "certain elements" in his church that can't be avoided because of the proximity of the church to "that part of town," and Amanda has bit her Autumn Apple Red lips and tolerated

it up to now, only because poor Larry comes from San Antonio and doesn't really understand the makings of a real megalopolis. In fact, Dear Larry has been

so completely isolated from reality that he actually thinks Christianity is something that has rules and regulations—kind of like and elite country club (of which we are sure he is a member!). Larry has often bored us with his incredibly dull sermons and ponderous philosophical wanderings—like when he got a free phone call from a pay phone which made him realize that there really is a God, or when he got rained out at the golf course once and realized that, yes, God does punish people (he had probably forgotten to feed the cat or something). In other words, Dear Fans, it is highly improbable that this man can score above the moron level in an aptitude test, but he actually runs one of the city's most influential congregations!

Anyway, Amanda and Sebastian were sitting in the back because our brand new Double Saturn Ring hat with the plastic Io moon bangles would probably have gotten in the way. We always fit right in when we wear our Sunday best in River Oaks, Dear Fans. Well, Larry got up and started talking about how people tend to think that whatever group or organization they belong to is the best, and naturally, he thinks Christianity is the best of all. He then used homosexuality as an example of how some people don't fit into that group. He said that homosexuals, because of their sexual practices, don't fit into the doctrines of Christianity because they don't play by the rules, so to speak. In other words, if God had wanted homosexuals, women would all have a penis and men would all have large breasts.

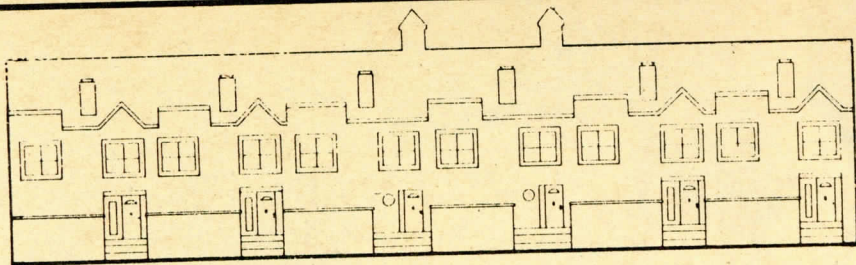
Well, half of the congregation, including Amanda, gasped so hard that the oxygen level of the chamber almost disappeared! Had we been on a jet liner, the little yellow plastic cups would have dropped down before us and the no smoking light would have gone on.

There are weird politics on in River

Oaks, Dear Fans. This ultra-conservative homophobia is spreading like wildfire—even in the neighborhoods where gay sons and daughters and bisexual husbands and wives live the most pampered and secretive lives.

As we lifted our Pharaoh Tomb Dank Purple sequinned skirt to step out of the pew, we wondered what ever happened to good old fashioned sermons that dealt with God's love and tolerance for human weaknesses. Whatever happened to good old fashioned sermons that dealt with God's love and tolerance for human weaknesses. Whatever happened to Christian charity and kindness? And as we took out our portable spray can to paint a playful swastika on the church door before Sebastian whisked us away, we wondered why the church, which was created to comfort and regulate man in his foggy journey through life on this planet, has recently become such a hateful and violently political place where insignificant men like Rev. Hall feel they can spew out such unfeeling, vicious misconceptions and get away with it!

For a real thrill, Amanda invites the entire gay community to visit St. John's some Sunday morning. Bask in the friendly atmosphere, but be sure to dress warmly to protect yourselves from frostbite.



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Regaining Lost Confidence

I'm not really sure when it all happened. Sometime after 1982, when the oil prices started going down and the oil companies started laying people off, the atmosphere began to change. That must be when it all first happened.

Then, like some slowly malignant growth, spreading and increasing with every day, the spectre of AIDS crept into our lives. At first, it sort of appeared here and there in news articles. Then, as the years progressed and the economy worsened, the disease spread to people we knew and then more knowledge about the disease was distributed to the public.

Oddly enough, there are actually two diseases running rampant in Houston these days, affecting everyone's lives. There is AIDS, and there is this overpowering malignancy of attitude—a numbing sense of futility and fatalism that seems to be paralyzing all of us. News doesn't get any better, we think. They tell us that nearly everyone has been exposed to the virus, and then they tell us that another three hundred or so people have been laid off at one of Houston's big companies. They inform us that a major movie idol has died of AIDS and that children are being banned from schools because of the disease, then they turn around and tell us about Sakowitz going out of business.

There is no doubt about it. There are many empty windows downtown in those massive towers. Houston is suffering a recession, and times are tough, and everyone is saying that there's more opportunity in Dallas or Los Angeles, or even Minneapolis. The nice thing about economic problems is that they can be escaped from in this movie society. If times get too hard, we can just hop a jet and go somewhere else—it's what the pioneers did, isn't it?

And with AIDS, it's about the same

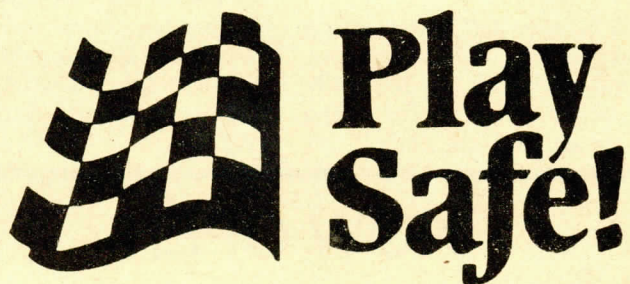
mentality, except that it really is different. You can't fly away from a virus that is inside your body. You can't escape, it's an almost unbearable feeling. It makes us unhappy, tense, anxious. We can't believe that we can't get away from it, so the unhappiness and the pain grows, and the pressure builds until all sorts of strange things happen.

Suddenly, AIDS is a government plot to wipe out all homosexuals (even though the disease is not limited to the gay community). Suddenly, the AIDS health organizations are suspect for misusing funds and withholding proper treatment. Suddenly, people are blaming AIDS on the World Health Organization, the, the New-Facist Movement, the Communists, the Jews, the KKK, the U.S. Government. And all these suspicions and accusations are nothing more than the physical reality of a deeper rooted unhappiness within ourselves. AIDS and the economy are both unknown factors. Nobody knows enough about either to be able to cure the ills, and the combined pressure of them both is making us all dismal, negative, and desperate for hope.

Accusations don't solve problems. Suspicion feeds upon itself. Fear becomes magnified into proportions so vast that the resultant shockwaves can be staggering. Our only weapon against AIDS is the same weapon we have learned to develop against the economic disasters that befall us—Common Sense.

Through common sense, we realize that AIDS is a disease—not some sort of weapon or punishment. Through common sense we realize that the economy doesn't improve by reverting to our past, but only through progressive vision and planning. And by using our brains, we can find the other, more pleasant aspect of common sense—the natural byproduct of such thinking. Confidence.

—Jeff Bray



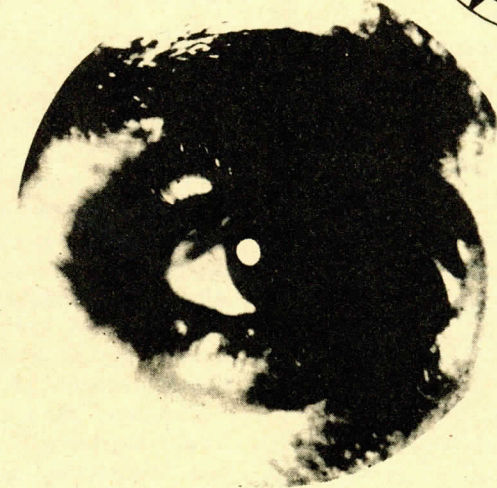
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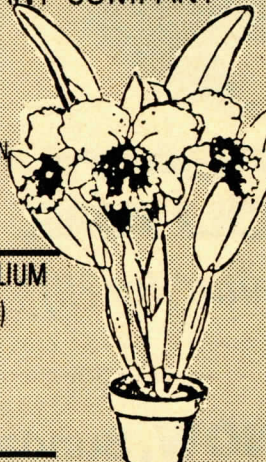
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Let's Get Real! Editorial

From time to time, it is appropriate for all of us as a community to congratulate ourselves. This is one of those times. Now, take both paws and pat yourself on the back! Good.

Five years ago none of us would have even imagined that our community would have been one of the first targets of a late 20th Century plague. Over 13,000 persons have since contracted AIDS and over one-half of these are now dead. It is doubtful any reader is not aware of at least one death in our community related to AIDS. All of us are painfully aware of the devastating toll AIDS has taken on our community—on all levels—physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.

However, as a community we are weathering this tragic storm. As a relatively new "community" as such, we are a bit fragile and this IS a real accomplishment. Some, yes have indeed "headed for the hills" or raced back into their closets slamming the doors tightly behind them—

but then we have always had our share of "weak sisters."

Donations to three local AIDS organizations—GMHC in New York, AIDS/KS Foundation in San Francisco, and AIDS/-Project in Los Angeles—have EACH far exceeded the total budgets of all three major national gay rights groups combined (NGTF, Gay Rights National Lobby, and Human Rights Campaign Fund). We have seen a similar outpouring of care, concern, and donations in our own community in Houston.

In addition to support for AIDS groups, members of the community have in general accepted safe sex guidelines and studies now show the number of men practicing high-risk sex continues to drop. A recent study in San Francisco, shows 8 out of every 10 men have adopted safe sex practices. Also 84% of the respondents found safe sex can be satisfying and 77% said it was not difficult to find a partner who will have safe sex. Genuine communication in the "marketplace" is far more

prevalent these days, and there is less mere sexual objectification of others than before.

It is also no secret that the number of persons seeking long-term meaningful relationships with serious commitments is on the rise. Such relationships with love, affection and support are especially gratifying in these difficult times and offer new role models and hope to others in the community. Friendships have also intensified and other means of support through churches, social groups, sports activities, rap-sessions, and the like have also deepened and are more gratifying.

Although there is certainly no denying the terrible toll and tragic costs of AIDS, there is cause to pause for a moment of self-congratulations for how we have handled it all. Pat yourself on the back. You know if you deserve it. If not, start now. The journey of 1,000 miles starts with but a single step. Come on, join in!!!

—Stewart McCloud

Heights Festival and Parade Sunday, October 6

"Hats off to the Heights" is the theme for this year's annual Heights Festival, and

it gives all of us an opportunity to show off our fedoras and chapeaux as we stroll along Heights Boulevard. Prizes will be awarded to winners in a variety of hat categories. Judges will be looking for old and new, beautiful and silly head gear on people in the various booths, in the parade, or just strolling around.

Hatted or not, visitors will enjoy all the events planned for the day. Performers will be playing music, and singing and dancing on four stages all afternoon to entertain the neighborhood.

There will be over 200 booths selling items such as paintings, T-shirts, ceramics, posters, plants and other arts and crafts. There will be thirty-five booths selling snacks, ice cream, and full dinners. So,

arrive hungry!

The Parade will begin at 3 p.m. and march down Heights Boulevard from 19th to 14th Street and back. Clowns, bands, horses, classic and antique cars, floats, and baton twirlers will strut their stuff. If you would like to participate in the parade, even if it's just parading with your favorite hat, call one of the parade marshalls: George Cunningham or Sharon Davenport (862-8378), or Rob Ziezler (862-2584).

Enjoy this neighborhood celebration. The festival is sponsored by The Houston Heights Association, and proceeds benefit the park and library funds. Festivities begin at noon and close down at 6 p.m. Location: Heights Boulevard, between 14th and 19th Streets.

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LANCE: Aged 19, a "Hustler" of sorts, fresh from Armadillo Crossing, TX. Just prior to dropping out of school he'd met an auntie at the local Rest Area. After 15 minutes of bliss, she proclaimed: "Why baby, you'd make a fortune in Dallas or Houston." Perplexed, Lance asked HOW? "Why just hit Oak Lawn or Montrose, sweetheart!" as she dashed off in her shiny new BMW. His stunning good looks, easy manner, and rural charm worked wonders in Dallas, but even Lance could not take the prissy Dallas scene. He's ready for Houston!

FORMICA DINETTE: Aged 39??? Long-time Montrose artiste and drag-queen, with a heart of gold. After years of paying outrageous pageant fees, she is now the all-too-ready performer for any and all community benefits. All in the know stifle their praise and keep their distance, as Formica has been waiting for her "white knight" for decades and anyone and everyone is a prospect. Waitress by day, performer any and every night!

CONRAD: Aged 37, recently returned to Montrose after years outside of the Loop making a killing in suburban real estate. Three D.W.I's later, he's decided to "park once party all night" is just not cutting it and he and his 450 SL "Champion" are trying the new, good life with a luxury condominium at Montrose Haven. He truly believes his relative affluence and homeliness are a winning package and spell "Irrisistable." Wrong. He tries harder, but "Next, Please!"

BUTCH: Aged 44, a Montrose die-hard, Butch all but invented the Distant Drums, he mourns its demise, but has now moved his manuevurs to the near-by Rip Tide and 515. A top, a bottom, & "Flip-Flop" he makes studded leather vests as a hobby and sells pieces of the rock (life insurance) by day. He often wonders if LEATHER AND CHAINS are still IT, but his relentless search and seizure missions continue. He's now remodeling his dungeon.

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ALBERT & WENDELL: Aged 36 and 39, have made their spacious 2 story home in West University on serene Bryn Mawr Place for 11 years. Here, they made they made their love nest and were the toast of Bryn Mawr Place. As the token gay couple they won ready acceptance from their Yuppie neighbors...most especially through their ready access to controlled substances when their neighbors wanted to "Oh, just experiment"...and their "advance" knowledge of all trends, fashions, and the "IN" night spots. They were the charmed "avant-garde" of Bryn Mawr Place and they at least appeared to have seperate bedrooms. As a stockbroker and a head hunter, and Young Republicans to boot, they all but blended right in. That's until Randy and James moved in down the street.

RANDY & JAMES: Aged 22 and 54, Randy the handsome, sun-tanned "pool boy" and his banker "uncle," the distinguished looking James. New arrivals on Bryn Mawr Place they **have** caused a stir. Randy does have a powder blue chevy LUV truck—which appears to have pool supplies in its rear, but the only pool he seems to maintain is theirs. James as "uncle" dotes over Randy—but Randy is always off on short vacations or goes home to his mother in Conroe whenever James entertains banking clients & colleagues. And then there are the wild goings on when James is away. These two have all but ruined the neighborhood—and especially for the darlings: Albert and Wendell. Sigh. Three new "For Sale" signs have just been hoisted on Bryn Mawr.

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WES & RED: Both 34, have been together forever and left many years ago for the Heights from Montrose. The darling couple of the Heights—they are **the** New Age couple and have found the good life of quiet dinners, and light entertaining to their liking. All is not eternal bliss—but they do get by. Wes dispenses sagacious advice to one and all—wanted or unwanted—and Red merely smiles on the passing scene. Both in sales—they each often need to unwind with a foray into Montrose for a little R & R. A love spat invariably follows—but then making up can be so much fun. Hmmm.

Ron: Aged 30. In a gentler time he would have been termed a "Remittance Man." His family are mobile home barons in Starksville, Mississippi, but expelled in disgrace from OLD MISS for Lewd Conduct he just could not go home again. Exiled to Houston, a modest check arrives each month and he gets by. A Kathy Whitmire groupie, he moved up to the Heights to be closer to Her Honor. He enjoys what he terms "Kathy Fringe Benefits" of newly paved streets, good street lighting, and more than adequate police and fire protection. A part-time art gallery rep gets him out while scouting for Mr. Right.

WAYNE: A 36 year old bar-fly, Wayne sought refuge beyond the Loop. The 2 for 1 Happy Hours were just killing him and he figured that life in the Heights would calm him down. He even took a job in the Woodlands to escape that "den of iniquity"—Montrose. A tad jaded and cynical himself—he is now seeking new meaning to his life and is jut about tried EVERYTHING. A bookkeeper by day—he has tons of energy to spare in the off-hours and he's using it. Constructively??? Hmmm.

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BRUCE: Aged 25, fled the bar scene and overt sexual orientation of Montrose as he deems it. Besides, Rosebrush Gardens was so close to his Sales Clerk job in the Galleria and he could save on gym fees to boot. He reasoned that the "normal" environment at this complex would help him meet his Prince-Charming under better conditions for a lasting marriage. With remnants of 8 different china patterns he has split at 8 divorces, he's ready for a marriage that really works and forever! Hope springs eternal in his warm heart and each new arrival is sized up as "Prince Charming." They are even numbered—one and all. He's already up to number 35!

CLIFF: Aged 39, looks 29, he's lived in the underground economy forever. A former model and masseur, as his looks faded he easily adapted to life as a volume crystal dealer in Houston's boom days. He's now had to diversify his product base and Rosebrush is a hot base of operations. It was a hassle to manifest a 9 to 5 job and certifiable income to get in—but now the front office just loves his cash payments in small bills—with 2 to 3 months paid in advance. Cliff is real popular at Rosebrush and is rated as one of the leading eligible bachelors in 77057. His motto is "Lets Party."

TOM & JERRY: At 29 & 30, they'd been dating steadily for years, but moved out to Rosebrush Gardens the minute the mammoth complex went gay. In a declining real estate market shrewd land barons sought **any** marketing tool and all gay, low move-in costs, along with a gym, pool and other "fringe benefits" brought them to S.W. Houston. They now happily claim that Rosebrush just made their marriage, and Tom cheerfully bakes warm cookies for all the new arrivals to this swinging complex. The quintessential homemaker, Tom is seemingly blind to the very warm welcome Jerry is also extending to the new arrivals at Rosbrush Gardens. Can marital bliss survive the good life in Southwest Houston? Time will tell.

BY HUGH GOTTHEM.

NEXT WEEK OUR FIRST EPISODE!! WHICH ZIP CODE?

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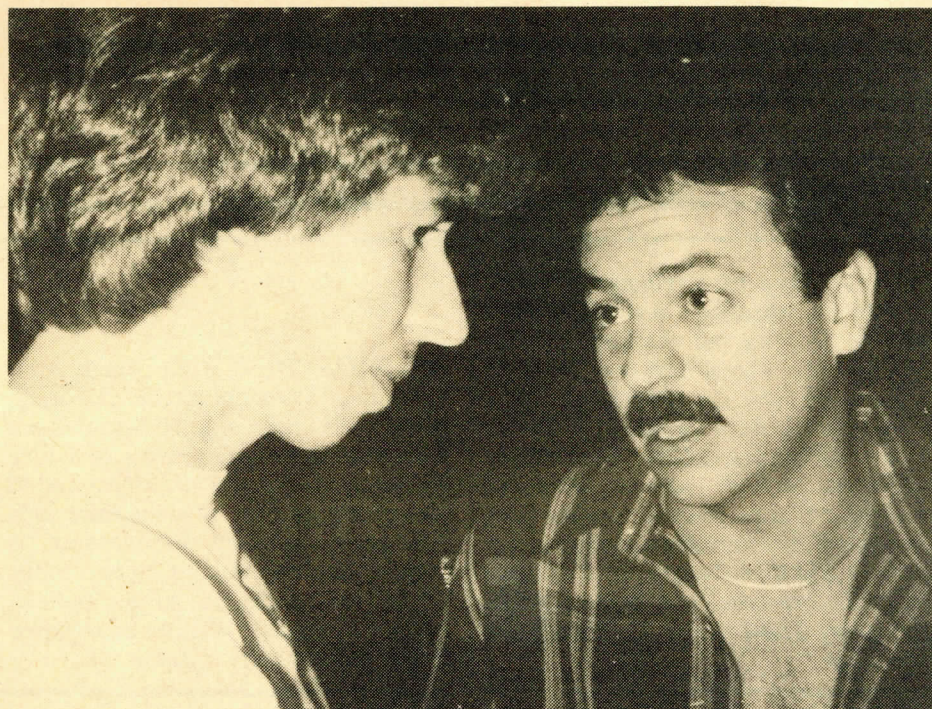
Can We Talk

WHEN THE MOON COMES OVER THE YARDARM...

J. ALLEN's *Galleon* was decorated to filth last Saturday night for that Richmond Avenue nitespot's annual **HARVEST MOON PARTY**. There was lots of "partying" going on...and even more "harvesting." Bartenders, **BOBBY** and **MICHAEL** were holding down the fort in the front of the club while **KEVIN** kept things "pouring" at the back bar. By-the-way *The Galleon* will be the scene tonight for Houston's **LONGEST HAPPY HOUR** (it happens **EVERY FRIDAY** night) with happy hour prices

and hors d'oeuvres till 10 P.M.

This Sunday *The Galleon* will present their **3rd Annual Happy Hour Daddy's Revue**. All proceeds from the show go to Houston's KS/AIDS Foundation. Even the bartenders donate the contents of their "tip jug" to KS/AIDS. This is the third year that *The Galleon* has sponsored this event and so far have raised over \$10,000 for KS/AIDS. The "**Happy Hour Daddy's Revue**" gets under way at 8 p.m. "**Steak Night**" (a usual Sunday event at *The Galleon*) will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to make room for this worthy benefit.



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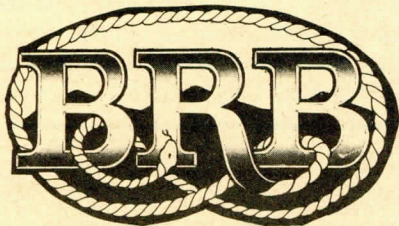
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MISS NAOMI SIMS

THERE SHE GOES...
NAOMI SIMS was in Indianapolis last week to fulfil her final obligations as the reigning **1985 MISS GAY AMERICA**...and turn over her crown to the new **MISS GAY AMERICA**, **Lauren Colby** of North Carolina. Naomi plans on taking a few days off for rest and relaxation before "getting back on the horse." Congratulations **Newman** on a "reign well done."

GIVE IT UP, HOUSTON...GIVE IT ALL UP!!!
 Watch out! **Dorothy Gale** is loose again! **RISKY BUSINESS CABARET** begins previews this weekend of their new production...**"Surrender Houston...the further adventures of Dorothy."** This show promises a host of Houston "celebrities on-stage from Her Honor "Tootsie" to "Marvelous Marvin." **"Surrender Houston"** is the long-awaited sequel to last summer's successful musical comedy **"Surrender Dorothy."** **RISKY BUSINESS** will preview **"Surrender Houston"** this weekend (Oct. 4,5,6) with opening night set for October 11th. Sunday showtime is 7:30 p.m., all other performances begin at 8:30 p.m. Drinks are served during performance in this delightful cabaret setting. Call 528-3611 for reservations.

HEAD 'EM UP, MOVE 'EM OUT...
 The Texas Gay Rodeo comes to town next month and this Sunday the **BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM** will host a T-Dance fundraiser for the Texas Gay Rodeo Association. The party gets going about 3:30 Sunday afternoon. There will be food on the patio, drink specials, party decorations, etc. The Brazos River Band will perform...and possibly one or two other bands will also perform. Details were still being negotiated at press time. The Montrose Cloggers as well as other guests will also perform. There will be a \$5.00 cover. The Texas Gay Rodeo will be held November 15, 16 & 17 at the Houston Farm & Ranch Club. We'll have more on the rodeo later...in the meantime, see you at the **BRB** this Sunday!

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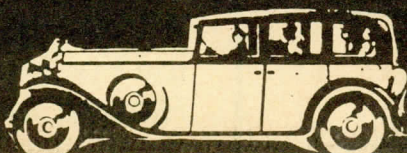
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Now that JUPITER has gone direct, this will be the first time in 8 months that no planets are in backward motion. For the next one and one half months we will enjoy the full strength of all the planets. The VENUS/MARS conjunction this week will cause us to be hot and bothered much more than usual—the bars should be wild this weekend! However, forget the whips, chains, and leather because the hard aspect to kinky URANUS will keep matters on the up-and-up...

ARIES: Forget trying to reason with your lover, he won't listen, and you'll just frustrate yourself. Your passionate nature will be increased this week more than normal by the VENUS/MARS conjunction. Your sexual interest will be easily aroused everywhere, especially at your job. It's best to keep these emotions under control as potential problems could develop because of the adverse aspect to URANUS.

TAURUS: The coming week should be quite active in the sex and fun department. Your ruler, VENUS, will make a great aspect with both the MOON and energetic MARS. This will be a great time to gossip and meet new bedmates, but avoid all overtures to form permanent alliances (i.e., keep it strictly to "one-night-stands.") You could have a tendency to place too many rules and regulations on a potential husband.

GEMINI: Seems like the time is right for several "quickies" along with, of course fun and entertainment. You should play hard and fast since your job will be in the forefront for the rest of the month. Games, particularly those that stimulate the intimate places, will interest you during this week. (Don't they always?) Tricks may tend to bore you as true love is not in the air this week.

CANCER: Grab a good "bone" book or rent a hot porno tape and hibernate this weekend. Since your emotions could be under heavy stress don't try to get involved romantically with anyone. Relationships appear particularly strained—therefore, avoid any confrontation with your lover. You will have a tendency to misunderstand situations, so keep your ears open and your mouth shut. (Well, of course, there are a few exceptions to the above advice...)

LEO: You may have been wondering where all those stimulating vibrations were coming from (Why, Height's Savings, of course!) Lucky JUPITER in your house of partnerships has increased your feelings toward your spouse in a positive manner. This is also a great time to actively pursue your ideals in romance, but be careful to avoid getting entrapped in a sudden romantic involvement by someone who only wants your body (why can't we be so lucky?)

VIRGO: This may be a good time for you to play a very low keyed role. But with romantic VENUS and active MARS in your first house of personality, you can't help but get noticed by those interested in an affair. (By next week, incidentally, it could get even deeper!) Your sexual drive is stronger now that it has been in the past year, and this could lead to a few too many liaisons. If someone is really interested in you they will slowly romance you, not quickly bed you.

LIBRA: The last week and this week you have probably felt the urge to read a few beads. Great timing! If some queen has angered you, talk about them (preferably behind their back) and get them off your chest. If you are having a difficult time getting rid of unnecessary problems, it may be wise to see a therapist. There is not better time than the present to dump unneeded worries.

SCORPIO: Mysterious and ever secretive, this is a great time for you to sharpen your claws and mind. Keep all criticism about others to yourself (don't worry, you'll get the chance to tell all!) Make sure you investigate thoroughly everything you hear. Romantically, you may become involved with a friend or someone who is involved in organizations with a friend or someone who is involved in organizations work with you. Work slowly and patiently to avoid unnecessary errors, and you will be less frustrated at work.

SAGITTARIUS: With the tendency to put on excess weight over (since JUPITER goes direct this week!), now is the time to enroll in the Fitness Exchange and get that body back in shape. Just because the summer season is over does not mean that no one will notice your bod... This is also a great time to take a short trip. Where? Maybe to Galveston or San Antonio (of course, do a work-out first!), and, who knows, you may meet a real cowboy...

CAPRICORN: Caution, caution, caution! This is the word you need to live by for the next week. Your reputation could be on the line so avoid long drawn out conversations (especially with drunks at bars!). Your facade is easily broken after a couple of drinks and now is not the time to get kinky—control yourself. If you get yourself in a tight place, seek help from your close friends—as you know, they're always there.

AQUARIUS: This week will be very favorable to you especially this weekend. At first, those you meet may appear rather colorless and drab, but after you get to know them and they relax around you, you will probably have met a real live wire! Don't try to get too emotionally involved with anyone for the next several weeks. Your personality will be quite magnetic and you may have to exercise some control so as not to appear overly aggressive.

PISCES: Take some time out and relax! All your attention seems to be directed towards business and worries which can be overly frustrating. Your nerves may be a little frazzled, so take some time off and just be good to yourself. There are some really good ways of relaxing, one in particular is... Need I say more? If someone you're interested in seems stand-offish or aloof, a quick lick of your eyebrow will make him take notice...

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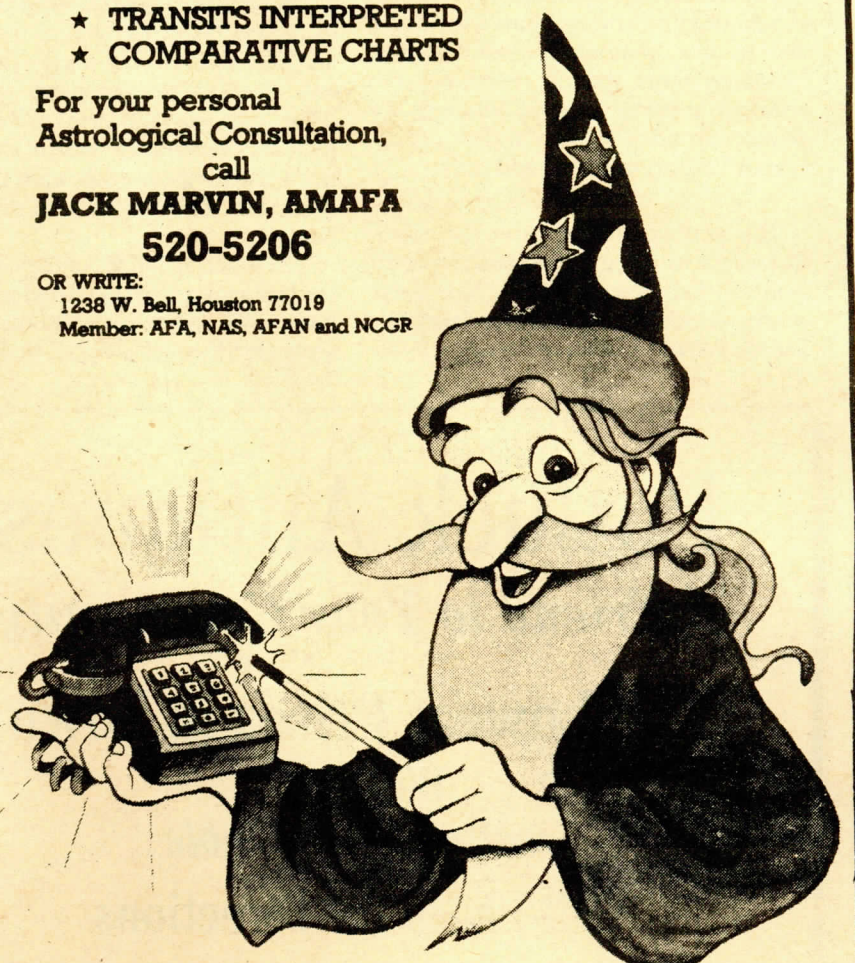
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The Feminist Lesbian

by Deborah Bell

I felt tremendous pride as I marched down Westheimer for the second year in a row as part of the Texas National Organization of Women (NOW) delegation in the Gay Pride Parade. Our small group was greeted by shouts and greeted along the way, some of support and some of surprise.

The surprise came from the fact that we were a group clearly representing women, a representation sorely lacking in the overall activities of Gay Pride Week. Six people carried the banner at the front of the parade; not one of them was a woman. Women were scattered throughout delegations such as the Women's Softball float, Lesbian and Gay Democrats, and Kindred Spirits, but the NOW group was the only all-female delegation.

Why is there a lack of participation by women in Gay Pride Week? Part of the reason is a matter of semantics. Many women, myself among them, prefer the term "Lesbian" to identify ourselves; to us, "Gay" means a male. Several times during the last few years, there have been discussions about adding the word "Lesbian" to the official title, but the few women involved have identified themselves as "Gay Women" or otherwise rejected the term "Lesbian." Most Feminist women use "Lesbian" because it is our own word with special meaning. It is not a matter of separating ourselves from our Gay brothers, but one of taking pride in our own identity as "Women Loving Women." A woman who has a primary psychological, emotional, social and sexual preference for women, even though that preference may not be overtly expressed, is a Lesbian.

"Lesbian" comes from "Lesbos," a Greek island where Sappho (the Poet) and her followers lived over 2,000 years ago. The erotic relationships thought to have prevailed among the women there gave the word "Lesbian" its meaning. The term has carried negative connotations for women due to our homophobic conditioning. However, more recently, the word has acquired a strong, positive meaning for woman-identified women in their expression of Lesbian solidarity and pride.

This year's participation in the parade had special meaning due to the fact that the National President of NOW, Judy Goldsmith, was in the reviewing stand with Sue Lovell, President of Houston's Gay Politi-

cal Caucus. NOW has recognized Lesbian rights as a Feminist issue and as a high priority on its agenda. Feminists know that the fundamental to the struggle for equality for all women is the right of each woman to control her own person. This includes the right to define and express her sexuality and lifestyle.

Lesbians, by relating to women, challenge the traditional idea that women must be primarily defined by their relation to men. In a joint statement issued by NOW, Gay Liberation, and Kate Millet, it was stated: "Women's Liberation and Homosexual Liberation are both struggling toward a common goal: a society free from defining and categorizing people by virtue of gender and/or sexual preference. 'Lesbian' is a label used as a psychic weapon to keep women locked into their male-identified 'feminine role.' The essence of that role is that a woman is called a Lesbian when she functions autonomously. Woman's autonomy is what Women's Liberation is all about."

The term "Lesbian" goes far beyond the matter of sexuality. Women have always been identified in society by their sexuality: Wife, Mother, Whore, Dyke, etc. Historically, many women who defied the "rules," who did not marry, who maintained an independent lifestyle, were often called "Lesbian." The label "Lesbian" is still used to intimidate women, especially those who assertively seek freedom from sexist politics, practices and attitudes, or those who seek non-traditional jobs or roles. The threat of being called a Lesbian is used to keep women "in their place" because, under current law and custom, women so labeled are victimized by harassment, ostracism and discrimination in all aspects of their lives. Our love for one another in this misogynic society is probably the last great revolution.

This year has been a difficult one for our community. The fear and misinformation about homosexuality was painfully evident in the city-wide referendum vote in January. The real issue of justice and fairness was clouded by opponents who spoke of the "evils" and "dangers" of homosexuality. Consideration of matters irrelevant to one's qualifications to do a job allows prejudice and discrimination to decide one's fate.

The work by NOW on behalf of rights for Lesbians and Gays started in 1971 as a basic civil rights issue. Looking at the struggle for equality for all in this society,

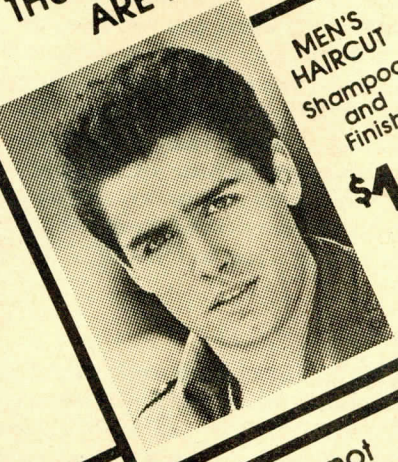
NOW's approach is from a Feminist perspective. Feminism is an eclectic philosophy advocating the elimination of sex-based restrictions on options and incorporating ideas of political, economic and social equality. In its more radical form, Feminism advocates a non-hierarchically ordered society based on principles of cooperation, mutual respect and a pragmatic approach to problem-solving, rather than on inequality, competitiveness, and abstract solutions characteristic of male-dominated societies.

It is often assumed that all Lesbians are Feminists and that all Feminists are Lesbians. This is a big mistake. It is estimated that about 20 percent of the women in NOW are Lesbians. It is difficult to know, of the over 10 million American Lesbians, how many are Feminists, but the percentage might be close to the same. It seems that at least part of the assumption should be true: that all Lesbians should be Feminists.

Next year when we celebrate Gay Pride Week, maybe we can make it "Gay and Lesbian." It is not only a matter of pride in being a Lesbian, it is also something to be very glad about: to be both a Lesbian and a Feminist.

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