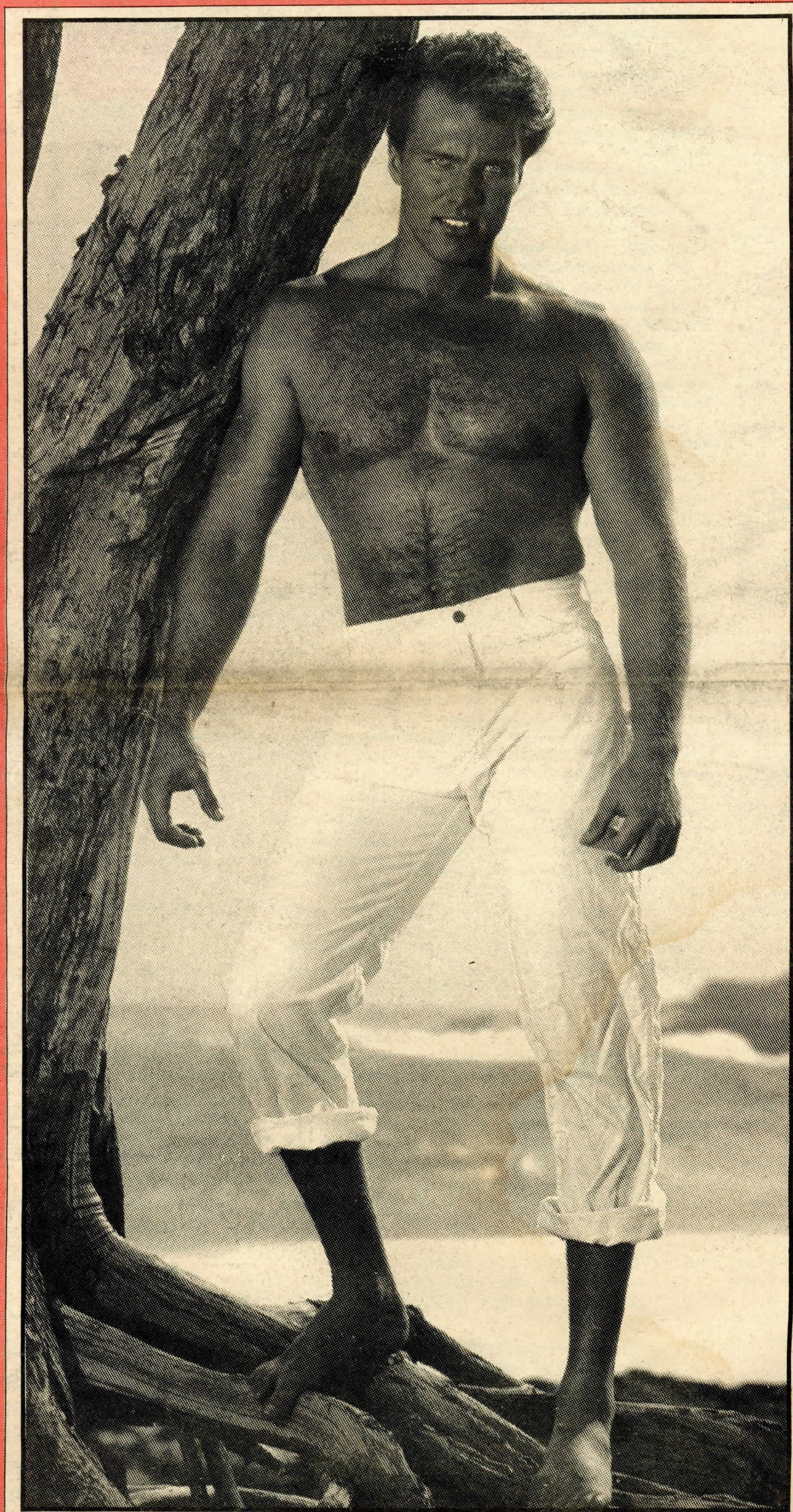


Houston Forum

"The Best Revenge Is A Great Lifestyle"



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Let's Get Real

By Randy Brown

The Forum welcomes opinion, commentary, dissent, and questions from Readers.

We invite you to use this column to voice your hopes about the future and to contribute to the kind of informal dialogue that provokes thought and community awareness.

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Faggot. Spic. Nigger. Wop. Kike. Fish. Chink. Garboon. Spastic. Dyke. Beaner. Gook. Honky. Wetback. Spear chunker. Pansy. Peckerwood. Pickaninny. Camel jockey. Queer. Jungle bunny. Dago. Retard. Jigaboo. Neanderthal. Egghead. Sand nigger. Rughead. Polack. Pansy. Slant. Cracker. Porch monkey. Pepperbelly. Slopehead. Sambo. Crip. Geek.

And a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. Right?

Maybe it's not what's in a name, but what's behind it. And behind all of the names listed above is prejudice and hatred. And gays are one of the most hated groups of all.

But sometimes it seems as if gays are also some of the most hateful. How many times have you heard a white gay refer to a black gay as a "nigger?" How many times have you heard a gay man refer to women as "fish?" How many times have you heard black or white, man or woman, in the gay community call someone a "wetback," "gook" or "spastic?"

"The Gay Community" is not united. The gay community is just a cross-section of all types of people who have a different sexuality. And sex does not put a person above small-mindedness or prejudice. If

being a member of hated group put a person above hating others, then hatred would wind up eliminating itself. It seems like everybody hates somebody, doesn't it?

But the gay community is unique as a hated group. Even though there are gays in most every other hated group (blacks, whites, Mexicans, handicapped, geniuses, mentally retarded, fundamentalists, atheists, orientals, men, women, etc.), you won't find any other segment that can fit into all the categories. By definition, many of the groups are obviously mutually exclusive.

The only group that homosexuals (not including some borderline cases) don't fit into is heterosexuals. And what terrible name do we have for them? Straights. That's really putting it to them, isn't it.

No, we reserve our hatred for people who are also gay, generally. Although there is some ebb and flow, how many blacks are there in the white bars, how many whites in the black bars, how many of whites or blacks in the chicano bars, how many women in the men's bars and how many men in the women's bars?

Going beyond broad categories, we have our own specific prejudices that are found only in the gay life. How many times have you seen the macho type get all red when faced by someone of the nelly persuasion? Maybe men who put on dresses are some of the top contributors to charity in the community, both with time and talent, but they're just a drag to a lot of people.

And what about leather? I've heard guys (and women) in the leather scene labeled as "sick" by some of the biggest hooter hunters around. While it might not be your cup of tea, what gives you the right to go around dictating to others?

And while familiarity may breed contempt and absence make the heart grow fonder, without a good social exchange that allows individuals to be judged on their own merits rather than as part of some alien group, there is no way that prejudice can be overcome.

Sure, everyone -or nearly- participates in the Gay Pride Week activities. But even there, many events are included to accommodate differences rather than promote togetherness.

And despite the best efforts of some of our community leaders, most people go their own merry ways, hating the people that their parents and friends and racial groups hate.

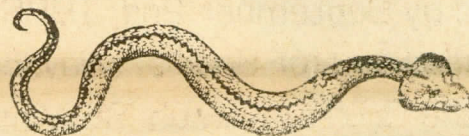
But all prejudice is still prejudice, and the gay community should take up a banner of caring that oversteps the lines drawn up for us by the rest of the world.

No matter if we are hated, we can be leaders in love. No matter if we are shunned, we can open our hearts to all our fellow man. No matter if we are misunderstood, we can reach out to understand others. No matter if we are objects of derision, we can rise above attack with a sense of equanimity.

Being hated, we do not have to be hateful.

So, the next time you go out, try someone else's bar. Look through your vocabulary and eliminate those words that deride rather than describe. Take time to accept someone who is foreign to you.

Start building bridges of understanding rather than walls of fear.



Comments

AN OPEN LETTER TO CONGRESS -MAN GUY VANDER JAGT.

Dear Congressman,

I have received your letter in which you ask for my signature on a petition to congress to repeal the 22nd amendment thereby allowing Ronald Reagan a third term, and calling Ronald Reagan the "greatest American President of all time".

Normally I do not support the President's policies, but being an open-minded sort of person, perhaps you can change my mind by answering few questions.

#1) Since it was the Republican party that pushed thru the 22nd amendment after FDR, why are you saying that the Democrats don't have the confidence in the American people to know when a President has finished his job?

#2) Since President Reagan already succeeded in destroying traditional American agriculture in his first term and is currently dismantling the Domestic Oil Industry, does he have another basic industry targeted for his third term?

#3) Since the President has already succeeded in stacking the Supreme Court with his ideological cronies, is a third term really necessary, as our individual freedoms will be already attacked into the next century without Mr. Reagan appointing more Justices?

#4) Since the President's running mate is so very important to a winning ticket, is it true that Mr. Reagan is considering the Reverend Pat Robinson, and if they win, when will a state religion be ordained?

#5) In the President's third term, the guardians of public morals will no doubt

have endless good causes commending themselves, including: The Jewish problem, -- should the nettle be grasped -- is a Humane solution possible and if not, what then? The Alaska option for the Negro problem. Homosexuals -- what's the answer? Punishment? Surgery? Other? Capital punishment for Abortion?

Bluntly, Congressman, in reviewing my questions, I doubt if you can change my mind about allowing Mr. Reagan another term. But you can try.

Sincerely
B. Wilson
Houston, Texas

OPEN LETTER TO THE HOUSTON GAY COMMUNITY

As a volunteer for AIDS FOUNDATION HOUSTON (AFH), I am one of over 350 concerned individuals who give energy and time providing outreach services to PWA's and our entire community. Many of us also support AFH financially.

FACT: The AFH Pledge Drive has generate only 40% of it's \$100,000 goal. The pledge drive will end on August 31st.

FACT: To maintain present levels of service we must raise over \$400,000 each year.

FACT: The grant from United Way has expired and will not be renewed.

FACT: AFH receives no funding from the City of Houston, State of Texas or U.S. Government.

FACT: Our pleas for support from outside the Gay Community fall on deaf ears.

FACT: AFH programs and services are already being cut due to the severe cash crunch.

Imagine yourself a PWA too sick to accomplish day to day tasks such as grocery shopping, cooking, and simple household chores without someone to help.

Imagine yourself a PWA with no one to listen while you vent your frustrations, fear and anger.

Imagine yourself a PWA with nowhere to turn for counseling or emergency financial assistance.

Imagine yourself a PWA turned out by your family; no place to live and McAdory House but a shuttered memory.

If each of us gave up one movie or two cocktails monthly and instead pledged \$5 per month to AFH we could fund all support and education programs with a bundle left over for research efforts.

Think about it . . . and put your heart where it belongs.

Del McGee
Houston, Texas



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AIDS FOUNDATION, HOUSTON, INC. CRUISE THROUGH '86 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

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FRIDAY, AUGUST, 15th, 8 - 11 p.m. — EJ's
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th, 4 - 9 p.m. — BEARS

At the last meeting of the Foundation Board of Trustees emergency measures were presented to keep direct services to clients alive. The AIDS FOUNDATION needs your help today. Money is critical in the day to day operation. The Foundation is suffering more and more in Houston's economy. We need your help. Every little bit helps.

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Amanda

By Amanda B. Recondwith
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Dear Fans, Amanda recently heard that some evangelist was thinking of running for president! We won't say his name, however, we will point out that we've seen him on the 700 Club. He usually stands in front of a map of the world, or a globe, and tells his audience how christ will come down upon Jerusalem -here- and whoop the poop out of those nasty heathen Arabs -there- then swoop over to China and convert all those pagans -right here- then come over to America and set up a Millennium of Peace (usually somewhere near Santa Barbara), then end the world, accompanied by the howlings of multitudes of angels (pointing at himself).

Well, we sometimes sit back and watch the 700 Club just for fun, Dear Fans. We get our big black cat, Koda, and we wear our finest Mary Muff fur head support rest and prop our feet on the rubber foot sore scour pad and watch as the 700 Club tells us what the world is all about.

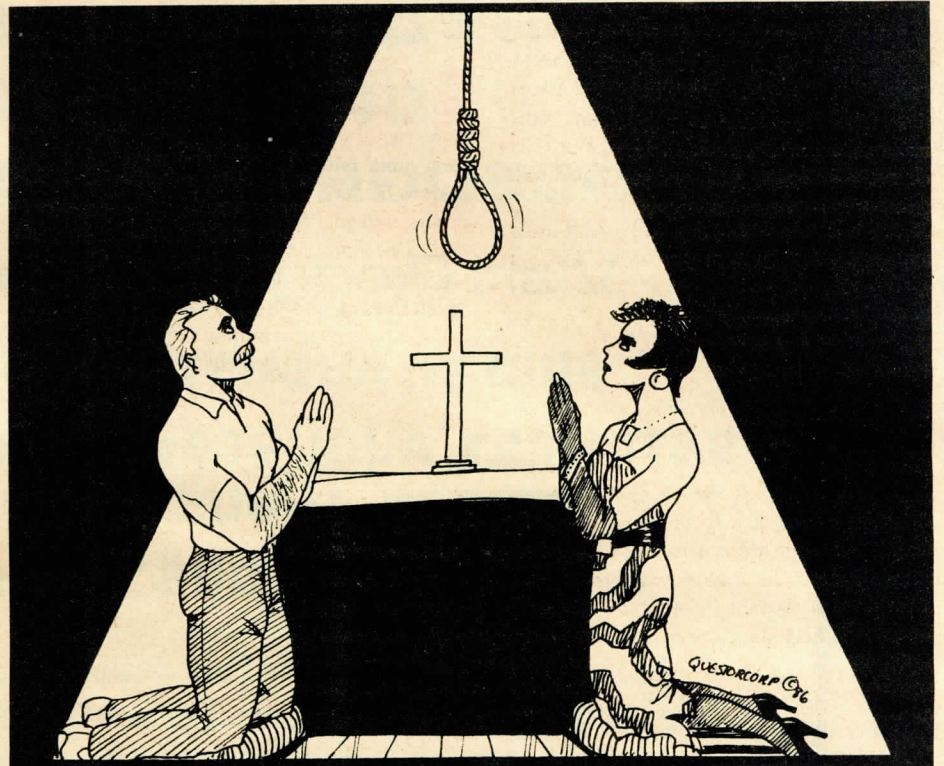
Actually, we used to watch the PTL Club. It was always a wonder to realize that even though waterproof makeup has been around for over 30 years, Tammy Fay refuses to use it, and by the end of each program, after having wept over several dying children, a multitude of cultural dysfunctions, five or six faith healings, and pleading for money, her face looks just like a Picasso painting. It's actually art, Dear Fans! They should send the woman to paris and have her on exhibit -and we dare say that her husband would certainly do it if it would help raise some more money!

There is a great difference between the 700 Club and the PTL Club, however. The PTL Club is sheer nonsense, and

anyone who cares to be so entertained may certainly harmlessly be entertained. Only once has Amanda doubted the actual safety of the PTL Club, and that was when Tammy Fay started speaking in Tongues! We thought she had finally revealed her epilepsy, until we realized what was going on. If you've ever met Tammy Fay, Dear Fans, you will realize that there is nothing to fear. She is but a ghost of a woman, held sane by rubber bands strung between her back molars and her front two teeth. Someday, we have no doubt that she will actually levitate to god right here on television in front of millions of viewers -and what a show that will be!

Meanwhile, the 700 Club is a much more formidable thing. It has always amazed Amanda to hear people talk about the Anti-Christ while plotting to become one themselves. This man means business. He's cool, handsome, quiet, gentle, and just generally the type of guy who you could see living next door (if you lived in a real middle class neighborhood, that is). Unfortunately, so many of those sweet older men in nice neighborhoods turn out to be child molesters, murders or, even worse, bank examiners.

This man wants to run for president, but he's waited a long time, Dear Fans. We've seen him up there, pointing to this or that on that map, telling us what is happening politically. He has been spending years and years trying to get our attention, making us believe that he really knows what he's talking about. Several times, we actually found ourselves listening to him with interest as he sanely and logically explained certain Mideast or Central American situations to us. But then, of course, he would suddenly allude



to the fact that these people weren't Christian, or something like that, and our goose bumps would immediately spread all over our Mercury Mist powdered body.

Now don't get us wrong, Dear Fans. We're not saying that this man has any chance of becoming president. What we are saying, however, is that it's really something that someone like this would even consider it and actually have a following! There are so many afraid people out there, who don't realize that they are actually human beings -mammals on this earth, eating, sleeping, loving and doing all sorts of awful human things tog ther.

Instead, they start to believe that they're more than real. They're Spiritual Beings instead, and that gives them the right to drive their Spirit down the throat of every other more terrestrial being. Amanda feels that way too, sometimes, but usually only after a bottle of fine champagne and a good ceiling tread. And then, we're just too exhausted to bother trying to rule anyone elses' life! It's all just too complex for words! And Amanda is warning her public to watch this 700 Club guy. He could be the wave of the future, and that would be the most destructive wave in history!

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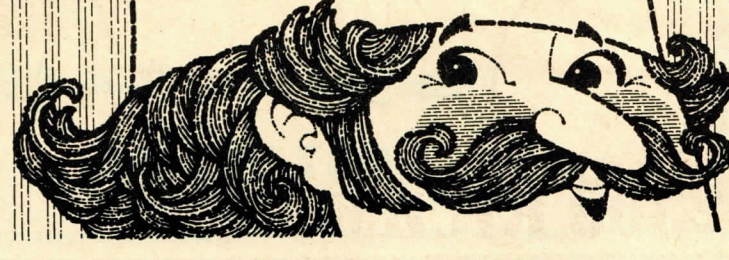
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Mona

Dear Mona:

What do you do when your car breaks down, your insurance has expired, you're out of work, and your rent is due? I feel like just ending it all sometimes, you know? I wouldn't do it probably, but I do feel like it's all too much. Do you have any advice?

Signed: Hard Times

Dear Hard: Times are hard, that's for sure. You must realize, Hon, that you are not alone. You must look beyond yourself and see that there are thousands of others in the same situation or even worse, and that may help you put everything into perspective. It's sometimes hard to see the forest for the trees, you know. I'm sure that you will soon find a job, and you will also handle all the other troubles life deals out to you. If, however, it gets to be too much of a hassle, please contact the Montrose Counseling Center and they'll help you out. Sometimes, just talking about it to an objective person will help you come to solutions.

Dear Mona:

Several of my friends have died this year, and several more have moved away. It seems like nobody wants to live here anymore, and I'm starting to feel real lonely and depressed. I've thought about moving, too, but I'm not sure that's the thing to do. I have a decent job and I like my house. but I don't want to be sur-

rounded by bad or sad memories. What do you suggest?

Signed: P.J.

Dear P.J.

Yes, there are many who have left us in the past several years, and I'm afraid there will be some more, but you have to realize that as long as you're here, you can give happiness to others, and your life doesn't have to be a dead end. I've had many letters concerning the vacancies left behind by those who have died or left the city, and the only thing I can suggest is that you keep up communication with those friends who are gone while making new friends still. By communication, I mean write and call those who have moved away, and by all means, pray or whatever to those who have died. I find that it helps me deal with the grief, and I also find that it makes me feel less lonely when I think of them. Moving away from memories is a waste of time, dear, because memories come from within, and they go with you wherever you go. The really beautiful thing is that they also stay behind when you're gone, and you would hate to think that all your friends would want to move away from your memories, wouldn't you? I suggest that you join a club or get involved with some community activity -GPC, Neartown, Montrose Symphonic Band or Choir, and church group. There are plenty of organizations where you can meet new and positive people -they abound all over Houston!

Dear Mona:

something awful happened the other night. I was having guests over for dinner, when suddenly my dog walked into the room and let go with the most awful (I don't know what to call it) gas ever! It smelled so bad, and everyone just freaked out. I just didn't know what to do! I apologized profusely, but one friend actually got up from the table and left! I couldn't believe it, and now I'm afraid I've ruined everything and no one will come back to my house again. Help!

Signed: Gas Masked

Dear Mask:

I dare say I haven't laughed so hard over a letter in weeks! Look, hon, life is too short to waste worrying about dog do-dos. The only thing you could possibly do is apologize and remove the animal from the dining room where it should never have been in the first place. Never have a pet in the same room where you eat -that way things like this don't ever happen. If your friend was that upset, he has a perfect right to leave. If he makes it an issue not to come back, then tell him to get over himself! Meanwhile, give your dog a nice hug for creating a situation you'll most likely laugh about for years to come. I will.

Advice/ Beads Read



Dear Mona:

How do you deal with S & M?

Signed Anonymous

Dear Anonymous:

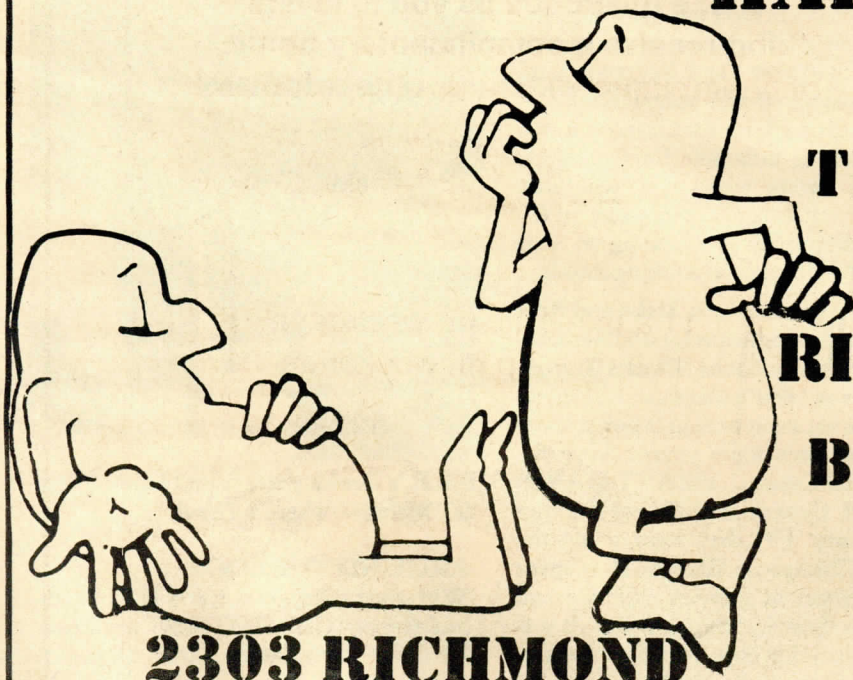
I tie it up and beat it until it promises to leave me alone.

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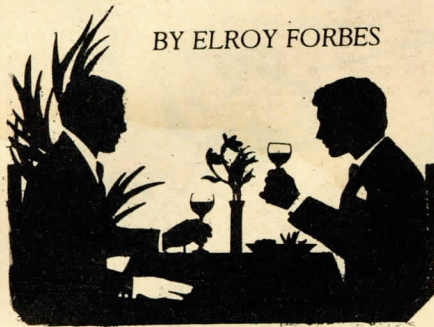
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Can We Talk?

BY ELROY FORBES



QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Who threw their lovers clothes, baggage, shoes e.t. all into the 611?

ANSWER FOR LAST WEEK: Invitations are in the mail!!!

GOOD NEWS

Recently **Dr. Bill Hitt** of the IMMUNO-THERAPY CLINIC in Houston was asked question about **Katherine Kennedy's** Cooking School: LIFE'S ENERGY. When asked which method would be the best for an AIDS patient to use he replied, "If you were down to the bottom line, wouldn't you try every combination of help being offered?"

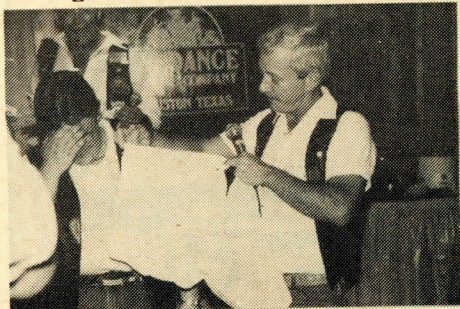
I think that is the best advice I have heard in a long time. Since every person is an individual, no one answer is the best for everyone. In passing I would like to include the phone number of both organizations one more time: **Katherine Diana Kennedy**, LIFE'S ENERGY, 2610 Stanford, Houston, TX 77006, 523-9056. **Dr. Bill Hitt**, IMMUNO-THERAPY CLINIC, 1709 Dryden Rd., Medical Towers, Suite 704, Houston, TX 77030, 795-0098.

SUNDANCE CATTLE CO.



The Sundance Cattle Company.

With plenty of Moos, THE SUNDANCE CATTLE CO. celebrated its 6th anniversary with a hot party upstairs at THE BARN. Promoted as one of those small club affairs, people from New Orleans, Dallas, Ft. Worth, San Antonio and the Krewe of Hydra turned out to wish them well. Cocktail parties were hosted by TGRA, TEXAS RENEGADES and a South of the Border Feast was prepared by SUNDANCE. **Terry Clark** presented the outstanding member and pledge of the year to **President Cindy Ewing** and cutie **Don Mason**, respec-



President Cindy wins an ego adjustment kit.

tively. Later on the sweet revenge was dealt as RENEGADES gave their awards. The quiet affair swept on into Sunday as at the 611 **Larry** and I were pinned by member **Ted Ayers** who almost gave poor **Larry** a new pierce job.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Overheard at the medical center: An

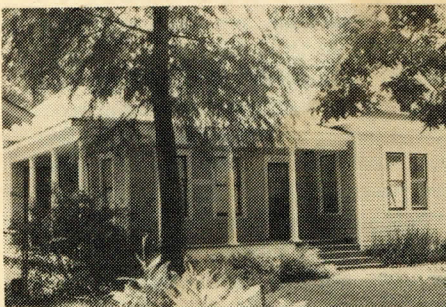
Aggie came in for a brain transplant. First time on record that an organ rejected the body!!!



The Artful penning begins.

HEIGHTSEANDA

Carpenter Bob is moving into the last phases of rebuilding his Heights Landmark. Recently C. Bob opened the door of his dream home to show me around.



Carpenter Bob's Heightseanda.

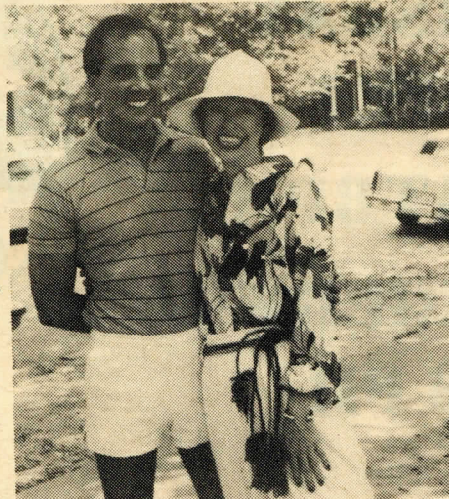
Dressed in a double breasted Irish Linen Overall suit, with discreet hound's tooth pattern, Bob swept me past the veranda with the towering columns into the front parlor. He has completed the two bathrooms including painting the giant claw-foot bath tub, teal blue. Two bedrooms stand in the last stages of completion as his plans have surpassed the den/library by adding window seats and hidden illumination. Next to tackle are the back bedroom with the view of the garden area and the complex large kitchen with family area for light entertaining. Plans call for a new front door but recycling the front door glass from the old door into new and modern usage. Central heat and air conditioning will soon follow. We anxiously await the full house opening with a photo issue. What a Showplace! and What a man!



Neartown Association prepares for Crank-off.

NEARTOWN CRANK-OFF

Amid the August heat and leafy shade of Cherryhurst Park, Neartown members followed Sally McKee's chaired NEAR-



Tony & Gayle, proud, but Unusual Winners.

TOWN ICE CREAM CRANK-OFF. Colored balloons flew from the backs of chairs facing the long tables set up on the east side of the park. Across the way, magnificent athletes of the Montrose Volley Ball League. Winners in the ice cream event were: **BEST All round Ron Foster's** Peach Vanilla I.C.; **BEST Sherbet** was **Cindy Pierce's** Orange Heart Throb; **BEST Texture** went to **Pam Hawkin's** Vanilla Delight; **MOST UNUSUAL** went to **Gayle Ramsey & Tony's** Peach Daiquiri; **PRETTIEST HUE** went to the Apricot Brandy of **Jill Hafner & Bill Shepherd**; **Most Tastes** went to the **MARBLE SLAB**. Judges for the event were Montrose Police Station's **Sgt. Hendrix & Nathan Noduell**, **Fireman Arron Franklin**, **Sisparto Pochin** and Judge at large, yours truly. **Nicki Van Hightower** attended the fete.

EVENTS EVENTS

NEW WORK by **Mary Butler & Liz Conces Allen** at **MISSOURI STREET GALLERY**, 1006 Missouri St., 526-3663

... **RECENT WORKS** by **Mary Long** and **Virgil Grotfeldt**, ONWAUGH, 1306 Waugh Dr., 522-4311 ... at Point Theater, Hill Country Arts Foundation **THE WIZARD OF OZ** Aug. 6 thru 23 (512) 367-5121 ... **Houston Shakespeare Festival: OTHELLO** Aug 8, **ALL's WELL THAT ENDS WELL** Aug 9, **MILLER THEATER** ... **HOUSTON CONCERT ORCHESTRA** with **Horizon Sweet Adelines** and **Houston Tidelanders** Aug 14, **MILLER THEATER** ... 520-3290.



Here's the head; where's the beef?

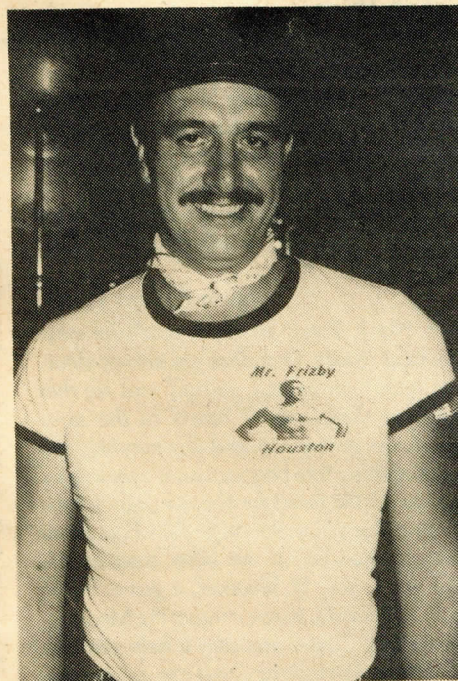
THE GREATER MONTROSE

BUSINESS GUILD members and guests are having **LET'S GO TO THE BALL GAME** Sat. Aug. 9 with a pre Game party hosted by **Craig Litton** and then on to the Astrodome to see **Astros Vs San Diego**. Call 528-1111 ... Artist **Tom Liddell** has works on display at **CELA-DON HAIR** thru August, 3400 Montrose Blvd., 528-0079.

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

611's handsomes **Larry & Ken** are donning matching OP walking shorts suits of blended polyester and Egyptian hand woven cotton trell with natural bone buttons to back pack up the Grand Canyon with matching inflatable lounge chairs. FYI who knows when they will pack down? ... **Emile Tarrington** of **O-LAY CLEANERS** is planning to visit Jamaica, NY for special cooking classes.

Those Cooley brothers, **Mike** and **Ron** are reunited in Houston for another famous met. **Ron** who looks 20 years younger but passes as **Mike's** identical, will spend part of his vacation time in H before casting his fate on a water voyage down the Intercoastal Canal ... **HEAVY HARDWARE'S** **George** and **Bo** are another garden party. FYI they want to do the mews in Chicago ... **Rick & Bart** spent their vacation in Cancun climbing and setting on their favorite pyramids. It was back to work for **Bart**; **Rick** flew back to Indiana to show family & friends his tourist!



Who said Mr. Frizby was dead? From the Demim party at B.R.B.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

All eyes were cast, lustfully, toward magnificent **Chris** last week at **EJ's** famous Thursday night strip contest. FYI spied in the crowd was no other than that brilliant coiffed **Jay Allen** of **GALLEON's** who naturally snatched **Chris** for the next Monday Buff Night aboard ship. Handsome **Sonny** was also one of **Chris's** admirers, but when you look like a God you can afford to act like one. It is not true what **Brucella De Vall** said that **Chris** was a truck driver -for Dairy Queen; he drives a route for Tiddy Diddy. He also won. Can you imagine a show featuring only **Chris** and **MICHAEL's** **Joey**? ... Meanwhile **GALLEON** crowds watched via closed circuit TV the **Patti La Bell**, **Diane Warwick** and **Gladys Knight** doing drag imitations of **Randy**, **Bobby** and **Carl**. In the crowd were **Tom, John, Brack, Boyd, Frank, Chad, Elinor** and **Elliose**. At the last moment, in from the Olympic Festival: **Carl & Paul**; **Jay & Raymond**. ... At the **BARN**, celebrating one year of bliss: **Frosty & Raymond**. ... Truckers **Roland & Billy** are setting up office & house in 2 cities: **Dallas & Houston**. ... Seems some fussy Texas law has delayed the bungalow sale of **Burt & J.J.** -you can be married to buy property, FYI to each other.



B.R.B.'s Denim party found Larry, Tracy & Debbie -- where's Tony?

AROUND THE LOOP

With great sadness I report that **Robert's** and **Barry's** **CHAFING DISH** has closed. However, **Barry Lee** has joined the staff of **CUTTER's** as chef, which should mean some tasteful treats for us all ... **CYB**

611's Chris Carmen was in full leather, heels, bra, chaps, vest and more -"I've been in drag for two weekends now and just couldn't stop!" . . . Speaking of which what ever started the shirt tears at 611 left very few out. Spied in the crowd were THE GALLEON's **Randy** (who sported a new twist for polo shirts) and **Bob Arms**, MARY's Dick with summer hair do, CHUTE's **Doug**, while **Larry, Frank, Gary, B.J., Gilbert** gave fashion a new meaning. Also spied were **Larry Floyd, Paul, Tom, Dan, Roger**, and many more t-shirt fans . . . **Madame Owens** Chubbies & Chasers was a big success, repeats Monday night with more prizes for guessing what's in the bag. FYI **Chris Wood's** group has named themselves HOSS -The Heavy Owl Social Society! They too will meet at THE BARN, Thursday letting SPOT have Sunday night. Fri & Sat night Bartender, **Vince** had so much fun, he is moving from Rosenberg every Monday. All these groups include women too: HOSS 520-6811; SPOT 528-9427 . . . Riches -to-Rags Party at the GALLEON featured so many bag ladies it looked like a meeting of the S.O.B. (SONS OF BUSINESS who just visited Galveston)'s ladies auxillary bridge party . . . CHEERS is starting Drag Shows for Suburbia with special classes for FM 1960 residents . . . NUMBER's will feature popular DJ **Jimmy Spaulding** on Aug. 31 for a big close of summer . . . CHUTES banana eating contest expanded to plateains with a draw. FYI forcing an unusual eat off -next cucumbers??? **Euphoric Heat** was so hot RASCAL's had a rash of Encores! . . . 9th ANNIVERSARY OF VENTURE N was like a school (not a finishing one) reunion. People came back to climb those stairs and decorate the bars from the old days. Can't wait for the next 9 years . . . Former Bear, **Berry Leach**, starts DJ'ing at THE RANCH, a strong 50/50 men/-women's dance bar: C.W. lessons on Tuesdays and Square Dance classes on Thursdays . . .

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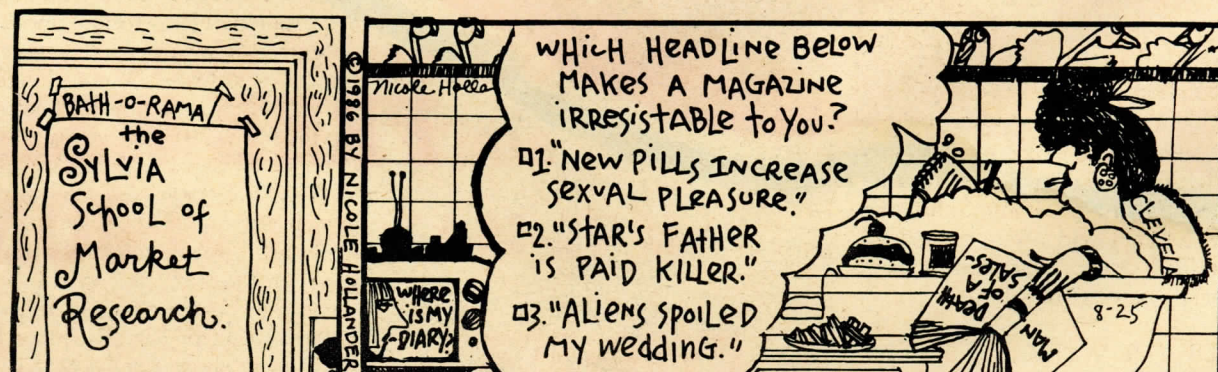
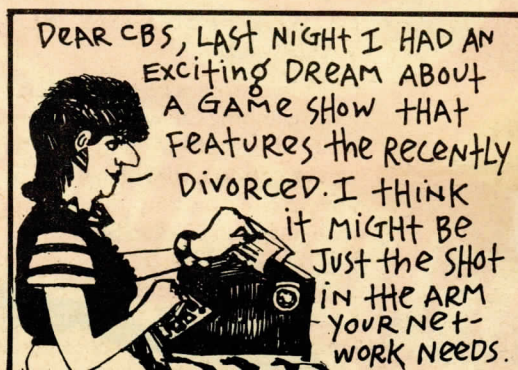
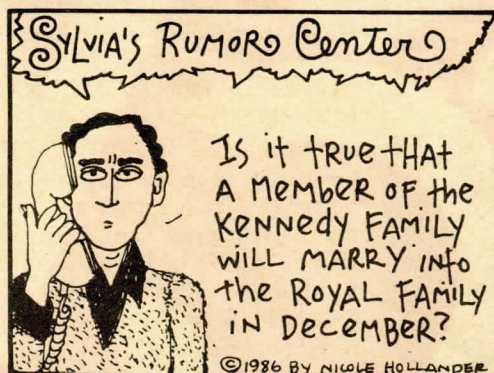
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Fast Copy

By "Perfectly" Frank Carello

Although there are no definite plans to film any "Love Boat" segments aboard the cruise ship Emerald Seas, someone should look at doing a movie script that covers major disaster and a strange murder of an infant (okay, toddler) aboard a supposed luxury liner.

Talk about dramatic. First, the ship has a fire, with an explosion that throws people out of their bunks and causes others

to break out portholes and lunge into the sea to escape a fiery death.

What's so great is that the spokesman for the line got on TV right after the event and told the world (or at least the American audience tuned into Mr. Turner's channel) that the passengers were on shore at the time of the explosion and that the damage must have been very minor. He smiled and seemed quite assuring. Less assured were the 17 people injured (some rather severely) and the 987 people hastily evacuated in the aftermath of the explosion and fire. Do these people (the ones giving the smiling assurances

designed to promote some public opinion ploy) think that we are **stupid**?

Obviously. Just like the guys who tried to minimize the danger of Jaws, right?

Then, poetry plays the judge and sends the world the story of a 28-year-old woman (Carol Ann Washington) who is suspected of strangling her 18-month old daughter, Paige Washington, to death on the ship the following Monday. No one tried to minimize that one.

Fire and crime closer to home forms the story for some Houston homeowners who are finding it easier to torch their property than pay the notes. It brings new

meaning to the old saying about a hot real estate deal, doesn't it?

And hothead tennis star John McEnroe is back on the scene. A couple of months ago, he became a daddy, this month he became a hubby. And soon, he will be back at the U.S. Open. In the meantime, he's already gotten into an altercation with a photographer who wouldn't shoo off the court when Mac the Nice asked him to get lost. Why won't people just leave that poor boy alone?

Nowhere in the news does it say that John and Tatum planned a honeymoon cruise on the Emerald Seas. Thank heavens for small favors.

In sports closer to the circulation area, the Olympic Festival turned out to be the hottest ticket in town. Look for more athletic events staged in Bayou City in the future.

That would mean a decline in the jobless rate in Houston, which surprised everyone by dropping last month anyway. It's now down to a little itty bitty 8.7% for Texas. Fast Copy remembers when the jobless rate hit over 3% once and the state panicked. But now we have Ronnie, and if things get too bad, he just gets on the tube and tells us what a great time we're having and everyone cheers up. It's nice to have a problem solver in the White House.

And we're about to have someone with some of Ronnie's same views heading the Supreme Court. As Fast Copy goes to press, Renquist is still starring in the "Teddy and Renny Show," but despite Sen. Edward Kennedy's prods and revelations (including many instances indicating that Rennie just might be a prejudiced man), it looks like Mr. R. will be heading the High Court anyway. Maybe the country could spring for a nice trip for the man to welcome him to the job. What about a nice, quiet trip aboard the Emerald Seas?

A teenager in Harris County was crushed to death when a soft drink machine he was shaking fell on top of him. If this had happened in Orange, Texas it would have been called an Orange crush. And people keep trying to say that drugs are the most dangerous thing teens today face.

Drugs were responsible for the death of music person Michael Rudeski, whose remains were found at the home of boy George in England. Boy is not suspected of having anything to do with the death and was reported to have been crushed by the news.

Another drug personality from the music world is off drugs and back to music. Unfortunately, he's still behind bars. David Crosby told the inmate newspaper, The Echo, that he has composed some of his best music thus far while in prison. What a great cure for writer's block!

Here in Houston the Institute for Immunological Disorders (and how many ways can you say AIDS Hospital?) will begin taking patients on September 2. It's a good thing that the hospital planning was completed before some of Houston's right-wing decided that having a facility like that might attract gays to the city, because they would want to be near such a nice place serving "their" disease. Maybe even they have become aware that this condition is not just considered "the gay plague" anymore.

Plaguing the gay community, however, are charletons who offer "cures" for the condition. Congrats to TWT for being instrumental in bringing a possible AIDS scam to light when they printed a claim by James Douglas for an AIDS cure, which prompted state and city officials to check it out. If there is any cure out there, everyone would like to know about it.

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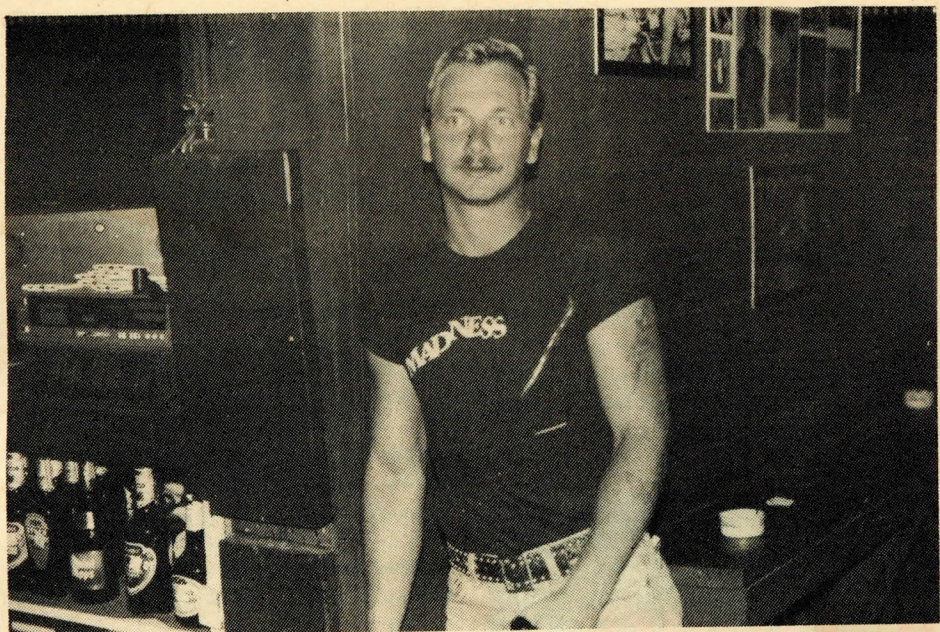
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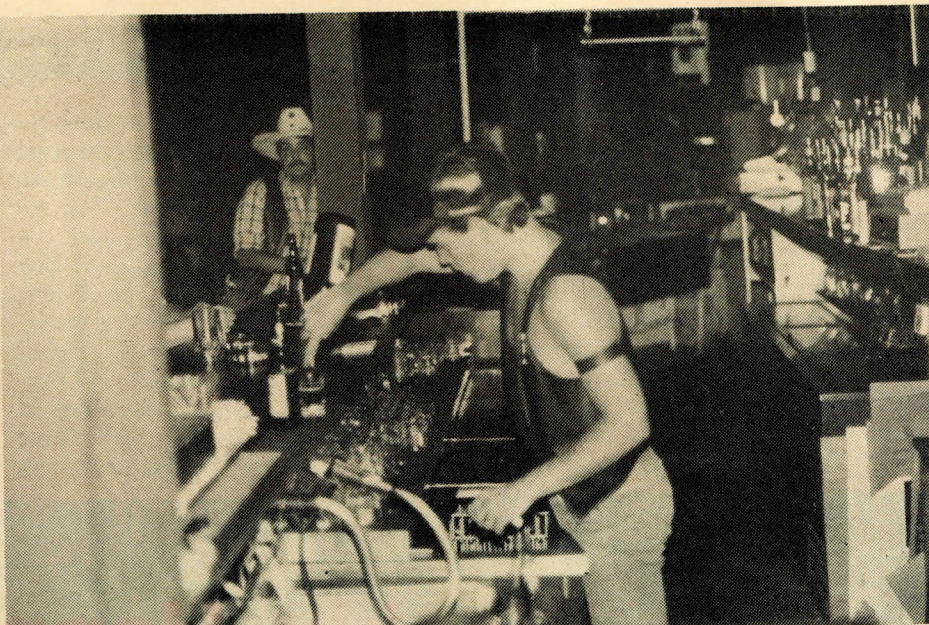
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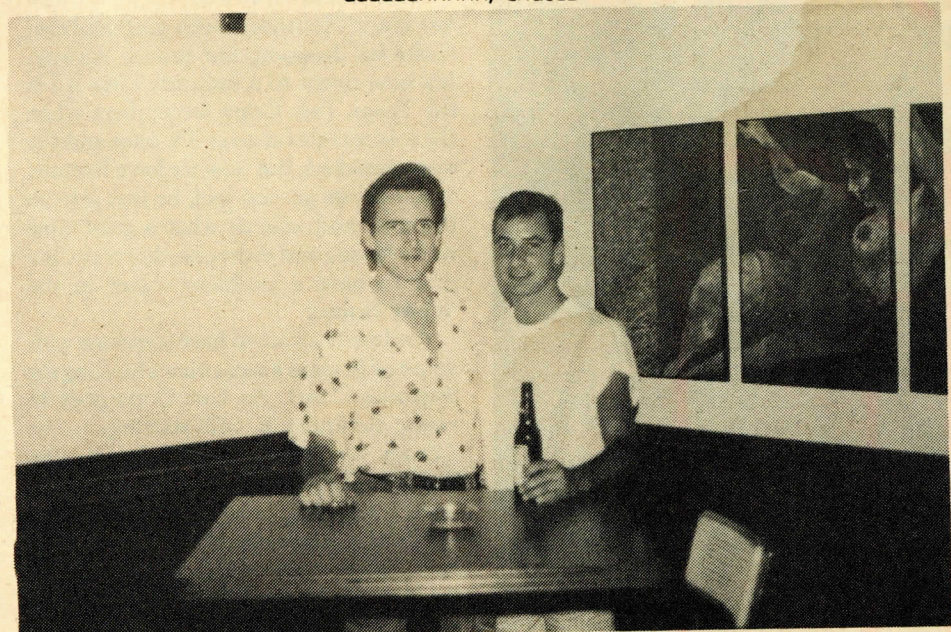
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The Gorgeous twins, Ralph's Church



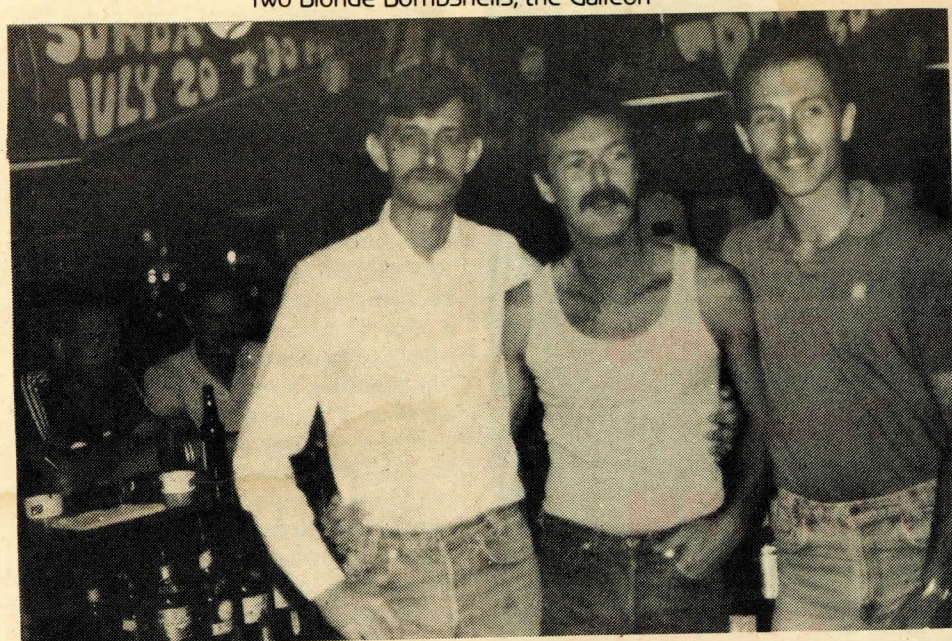
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Two Blonde Bombshells, the Galleon



She's so Domestic, The Galleon



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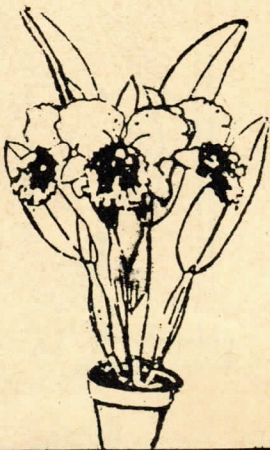
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By Jeff Bray

The billboard over Tila's has changed, and so have the times. It may seem rather insignificant to some, but I find the change rather dramatic. For years, that massive billboard over the building on the curve in Westheimer just past Montrose has always glared over the street — a perfect mechanism for touting any product known to man. Whoever had use of that particular board, however, certainly seemed to know his neighborhood, because for years there had been rugged looking men standing, sitting or squatting up there, lighting cigarettes. The message wasn't just there for us to buy cigarettes. The message was, "Yes, we know that many of you down there are probably gay and don't mind looking up at these tight jeans and rugged faces one bit!" And they were actually quite right.

Every parade that passed by, every leisurely stroll (back when there were probably leisurely strolls on Westheimer), every drive around the curve, was accompanied by a marvelous view of some incredibly huge man with a cigarette in his hand — until a few weeks ago. Now, suddenly, there's just a big yellow number on it — "93 Q". Give me a break!

I suppose it was inevitable that for someone else buy up that giant billboard. After all, it is in the perfect place, and thousands upon thousands of people see it every day — but I wonder if I'm the only one who ever kind of looked upon it as being rather an institution in the neighborhood — like some of the bars and restaurants that have been there for years and would be sorely missed if they were gone. When they took the big beautiful man down from that billboard, they basically said

something to the neighborhood, and what they said may not necessarily be what anybody wants to hear.

I have nothing against 93 FM. Actually, I always listen to it, when I choose to listen to the radio in the morning. I rejoiced when they finally got rid of Mr. Leonard, and I enjoy the whole Zoo Crew (although I wish they would play more music like 104). The fact that they're up on that billboard doesn't bother me so much. What does bother me is what it represents, because billboards are a barometer of what is happening in the neighborhood, whether we like them or not. If you have been living in a neighborhood where all the billboards are suddenly in Spanish, then that should tell you about the general racial and economic trend of your neighborhood, don't you think?

When a big rugged man (who has been up there for decades) suddenly disappears and is replaced by a teeny-bop radio station ad, I think that says something, too. It says that the street no longer caters mostly to those who live on it or near it. It caters to people coming from the West and passing through. It caters to the thousands of little people who drive in from the West End — Katy, Tanglewood, Memorial, Stafford, and the mega apartment slurbs that stretch into the setting sun. They come in on weekends and jam Westheimer, drinking and drugging and making lots of noise, turning the street into the modern version of the boardwalk, except without any respectability or sense of safety. The advertisers aren't fools. They know that Mommy and Daddy don't approve of their children smoking, and they know that the big hot men on the billboard will probably mean nothing to these weekend immigrants. But, they do know that every kid in every car has a huge stereo system turned up to jet engine proportions, and that billboard can blatantly tell them what station to listen to. It's really marketing genius, and an incredible way to see, graphically, what is happening to the neighborhood.

The sad thing is that these kids don't contribute to the economy of the neighborhood, unless you consider buying at McDonalds, Wendy's and Stop & Go as helping the local economy. They don't care to look at any of the beauty of Montrose that makes it so unique.

So, when all the teen-boppers are gone, leaving the street people to profit off the beer cans and the street sweepers to clean up the litter and the police to sit back and wipe their brows in relief, that big ugly billboard still remains — rather out of place in a generally older neighborhood. It sits up there and tells us that The Hoard is coming back next weekend, and that Westheimer is now a "Strip", and that a certain community that used to be very visible is no longer an economic factor for major advertisers.

I don't smoke, and I don't like it when other smoke. I listen to that radio station sometimes, too. but I'm going to miss those big rugged man glaring down upon us from above. For some odd reason, they gave me a little confidence, and in a funny way, let me always know where I was living.

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Helpful Hints from Imelda

Darlings, Imelda has a touch of a headache. You see Ron L. and Jay from JR's and I got a bit tipsy at Ralph's Church. Trust me it's all their fault!

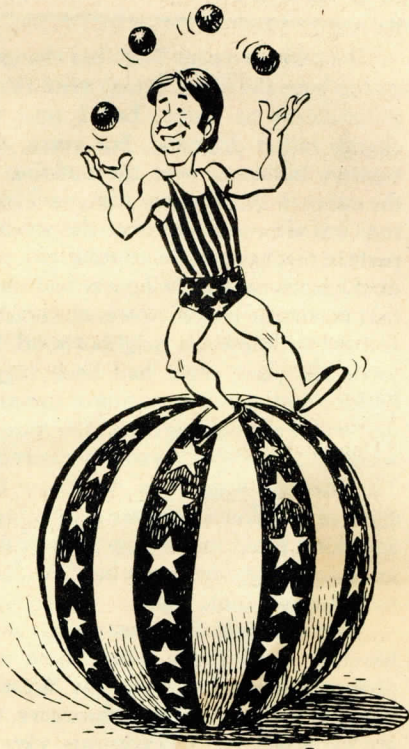
Mrs. Wonnacott (My Dearest Girlfriend) wanted me to give all of you boys with a religious bend, or did she say who were religiously bent?, Blast this hang-over! She wants you to have the new Pat Robinson, 700 Club toll free number. It is: 1-800-446-0700 so call and get blessed.

We had a lovely dinner at the Driscoll St. Cafe with Ms. Vanna White (Hostess of Tuesday Twisted Wheel of Fun at the Galleon) and her Husband, Studly.

She just told me so much that I just have to pass onto you:

Rumor has it that Chutes has a new chandelier and Mary's is missing one? Dickie has a new hair cut. Ted is collecting Iced tea in his lap at Westheimer Cafe. Ron and Jay have a new 3 story townhouse. The color, yellow will play a prominate role in a large bar that recently closed and is to soon reopen. Allen P. is taking up painting. Randy hasn't had a day off this week - (and with four dates we understand why.) The captain of Houston's Cruise Ship is sailing with Christopher Columbus -- no reports of new land yet. Charles A. told us of a new dental treatment involving no pain. Jay at the med. center is still wanting to know about your very private activities. Ms. D of C was crossed over on Tuesday -- Girl you lost two sets of keys? Miss Roger got a hair cut. Kim's going to have girl. Charlie at BP is not Nelly - he's just not butch. T.L. and B.W. were seen at Cheers. Tom Graham is back from Russia.

Well, I must go -- got to wash out a coupla dozen bras.
love, Imelda



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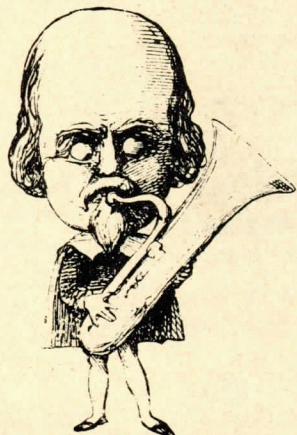
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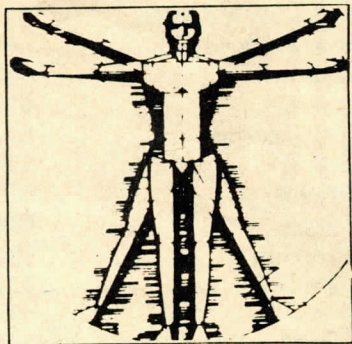


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Horoscopes For Week Of August 8 - August 14, 1986

by Sister Inez, Crystal Gazer and Astrologer

We are still on the waxing side of the New MOON that will continue to enlarge until the Full MOON in AQUARIUS on August 19. Our energy levels will certainly increase after August 12 when MARS goes direct in CAPRICORN. MERCURY will again enter the sign of LEO on Monday indicating a good time for communication for the King-of-the-Zodiac. If you enjoy gardening, Monday and Tuesday are good days to plant any flowering plants. JUPITER can be seen after 10:00 at night while MARS, SATURN, and VENUS are visible soon after sunset.

ARIES: You will see communications improve in your love affairs and romances. If you have had difficulties communicating with interesting people or someone you may have "desired", that should be behind you now. Improvements will start around August 11. Your career should take-off on Tuesday with MARS going direct in CAPRICORN which directly influences your career and reputation.

* Favorable Days: 12th
* Unfavorable Days: 9th, 10th

TAURUS: With your home in bright light during this month, this is still the time for improvements around your house. If you have had some problems with a parent, especially your mother, now is a very favorable time to clear up these misunderstandings. Get involved in higher level education. You may have felt somewhat lazy in the learning department. This is fixing to change with MARS going direct in your higher level education area.

* Favorable Days: 9th, 14th
* Unfavorable Days: 11th, 12th, 13th

GEMINI: You should certainly get involved with someone during this next week. All the signs are quite favorable -- especially in the area of romance and sex. MARS is going direct in your house of sex, ending several months of sexual frustration you may have experienced. With VENUS in your house of romance you could tend to fall in love with those you fall in bed with, so... Clear up any misunderstanding you may have with a sibling.

* Favorable Days: 9th, 13th
* Unfavorable Days: 11th, 14th

CANCER: This is a very favorable time to seek out a partner. If you don't look, you'll never find one. Action-oriented MARS is currently transiting this area of your life and MARS will hunt until he finds exactly what he wants. This also combines a very favorable aspect to your home life which could indicate setting up house together. Beware. Don't set up housekeeping with anyone until you have known them at least six months.

* Favorable Days: 10th, 13th, 14th
* Unfavorable Days: 8th

LEO: This is really your time of the year, and with MERCURY entering your sign

you should be able to communicate effectively and accurately. Your "big mouth" of late may have caused you some problems. These should end by Monday -and not before! You should really be heating up in the job department as MARS has gone direct in this area. This also indicates a general improvement in your health. Remember, the first step in keeping a healthy body is having a positive outlook and self-image.

* Favorable Days: 10th, 11th,
* Unfavorable Days: 12th

VIRGO: Tonight should be quite and emotional time for you, especially during cocktail hour as the MOON is transiting your SUN at that time. Financially, you should still be in pretty good shape -at least, this is a very favorable time for you financially. You should be quite aggressive in pursuing dates and romantic interludes overcoming the stagnant time you may have been experiencing for the last several months. Don't be your own worst enemy.

* Favorable Days: 8th, 9th, 13th, 14th
* Unfavorable Days: 11th

LIBRA: Still beautiful. Romantic VENUS is transiting your sign giving you the beautiful radiance that certainly becomes you. Yes, even a man can be gorgeous! This is the time to really get down and do positive work for organizations and your friends. Get involved! You can really get a lot of work done around your house that you have neglected for the last several months since MARS have gone direct here. In other words, clean out the closets, paint the place, and weed the gardens.

* Favorable Days: 9th, 10th, 14th
* Unfavorable Days: none

SCORPIO: Your neighborhood should be the sign of much activity that you may have neglected. Get involved in your neighborhood associations. Also, get out and about with your neighbors and meet those you don't know. Your status and reputation should really be reaching an all time peak with MERCURY transiting your house of careers. This is a good time for advancement. This is a very favorable time for gambling or getting involved in little romances.

* Favorable Days: 11th, 12th, 13th
* Unfavorable Days: none

SAGITTARIUS: You may feel some "yo yo" effects with limiting SATURN holding you down while independent URANUS tells you to let it all hang out. This is a great time for investing money since MARS have turned direct in your house of finances and assets. If you are considering purchasing a home now, do it. Now is a good time to learn about meta-physics and religions and brush up on some higher level education. You will tend to attract those who are somewhat intellectual.

* Favorable Days: 12th, 14th
* Unfavorable Days: 8th

CAPRICORN: Hold on! You're getting ready to take-off. You have probably felt somewhat restricted for the past several months, unable to accomplish your goals or at least experiencing difficulties along those lines. That should all come to an end with MARS going direct in your sunsign on Tuesday. Now is also a very favorable time to "talk" your way into the bed of those you may have desired, but wait until Monday.

* Favorable Days: 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th
* Unfavorable Days: none

AQUARIUS: You still feel the need to be involved in organizations and also to socialize, but you may have some difficulties getting some of your

goals accomplished. Relax. Now is just not the time for you to be heavily involved in social outings. Clear up any misunderstandings you may be having with your partner or a lover. This time is favorable after Monday. You should feel much improvement on your inner self. A healthy body starts with a healthy mind.

* Favorable Days: 10th, 11th, 14th
* Unfavorable Days: 8th

PISCES: You should get heavily involved in any type of social organization now that MARS has gone direct in this area. You should also call the friends you have neglected over the past several months. This is a good time for learning and progressing in your employment. If you want a raise, ask for it and you'll get it (provided you've earned it, of course!). Romantic sexual encounters are most favored, especially Saturday night.

* Favorable Days: 11th
* Unfavorable Days: 8th, 9th, 10th

QUESTION: "I was born 8/29/61 and am currently dating Stan (born 6/30/53). We've seen each other pretty steadily for the past year, but he seems reluctant to make a commitment and move in together. He has recently been seeing his ex-lover. Are we compatible enough for a full time relationship?" SG ANSWER: "Let's look at you. You have SUN in VIRGO and MOON in ARIES. You are faced with delays in relationships due to the transiting SATURN making a difficult aspect to your SUN. However, this should pass by October. During this SATURN transit, you need to learn more about Stan (and more about yourself). Don't force any decisions during this period. Both of you have compatible SUNs (yours in VIRGO and his in CANCER) and your MOONs are compatible. Your MOON in ARIES makes you rather impatient, however, and could cause you to make hasty, unwise decisions you may later regret. His MOON is AQUARIUS makes him independent and have sudden changes of heart. I need to have your birth times and birth places to do a more "in depth" study of your compatibility. After October, you'll both understand each other a little more. Good luck." INEZ UNDERSTANDING ASTROLOGY: If you have any questions concerning Astrology, please address them to Sister Inez, c/o Houston FORUM, 1110 Bayland, Houston,



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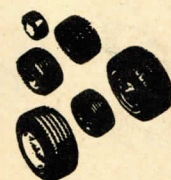
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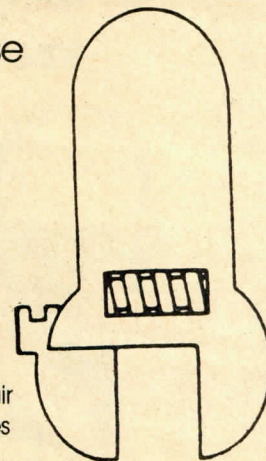
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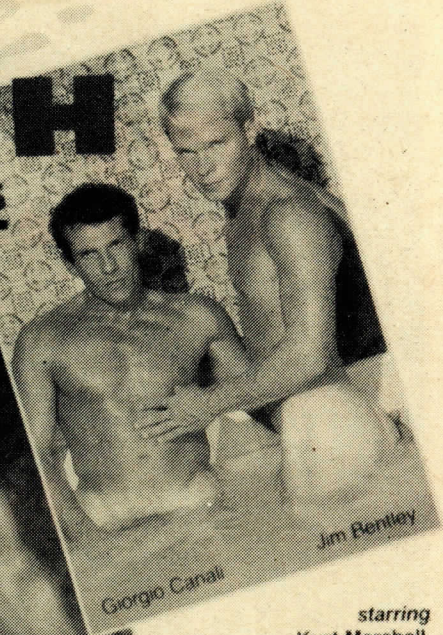
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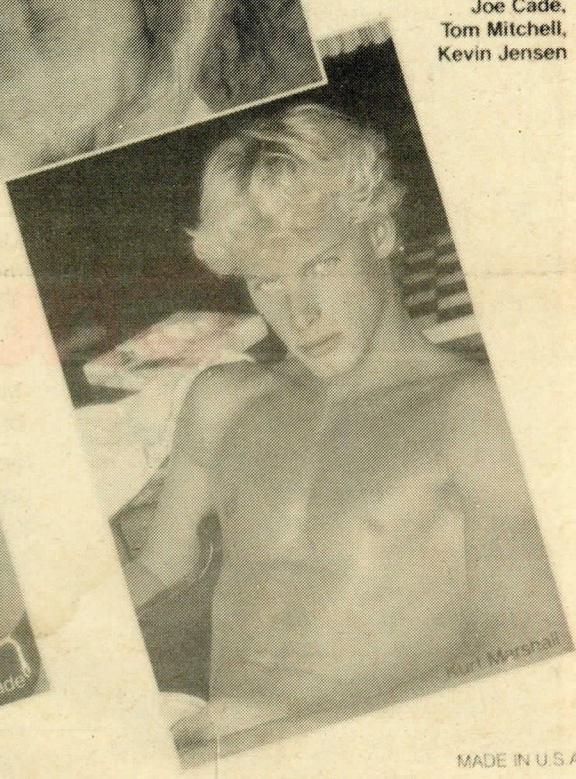
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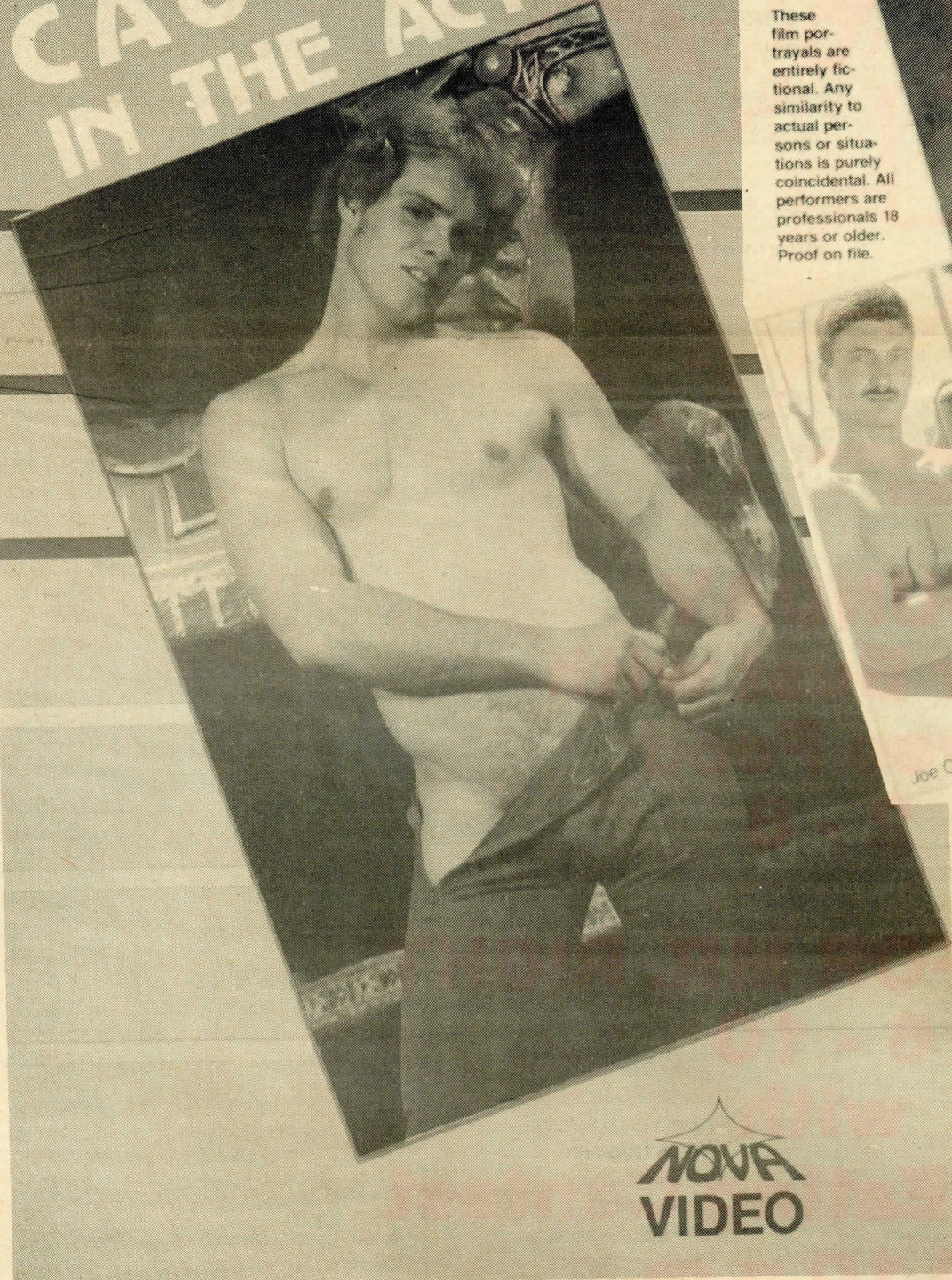
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