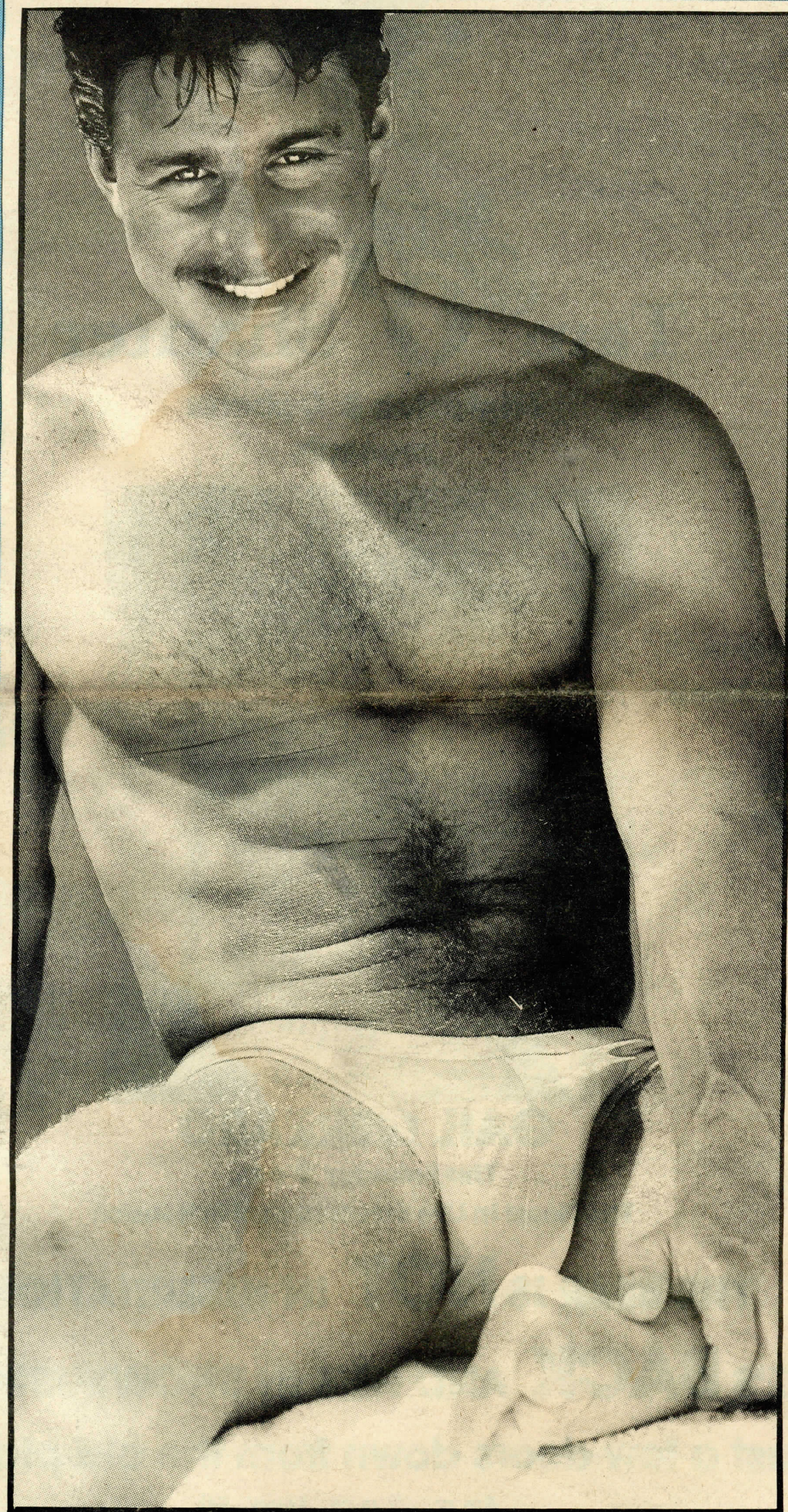


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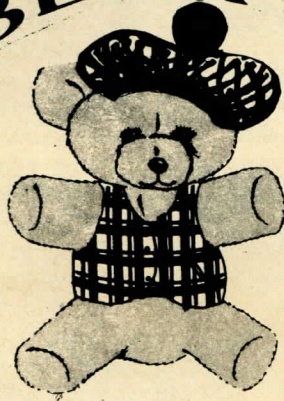
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Let's Get Real

LETS GET REAL

By Randy Brown

Have you ever noticed how often someone will say longingly, "Wouldn't it be great to have a piano bar in the Montrose?"

Have you ever noticed that the Montrose has had many, many, many, many piano bars?

Have you perhaps noticed that some of the people who are longing for another piano bar a lot of times were once owners or managers of piano bars?

Are these people masochists?

Face it, piano bars are doomed from the beginning simply because of the people who frequent them. Now, before irate piano bar followers start screaming, let me explain.

When a piano bar opens, the people who are most likely to want to go there are the people who want to sing with the piano player, right? Now, once they start to become regulars, they also start to want to get something for the fact that they have become part of the entertainment. Soon, owners and managers wind up giving drinks to the very people who are the most likely to be steady customers. Then those people start expecting that sort of VIP treatment.

Then the bills start piling up.

Okay, now we have to take a little economic side trip in our thinking about the piano bars. Traditionally, gay bars have lower drink prices in Houston than non-gay bars. The idea is to go for volume. Now this is fine if you have room for volume, plenty of turnover and reasonable overhead. But with piano bars, the overhead immediately is higher than most places (equipment, musicians, the piano itself), while the turnover is low. also,

piano bars tend to be small, further limiting volume.

Now, you would think that the people who want to have piano bars would understand that. But, no, they want to have their "Whiskey River" and drink it too. They want the club to provide them with versatile accompanists, a good sound system, attractive surroundings and free drinks or drinks priced at the going rate for bars without the overhead inherent in a piano bar situation.

So, how do you solve the problem of having a piano bar without having a financial disaster? As you may have guessed, I have come up with a solution.

First of all, don't ever give free drinks to the people who come in to sing with the piano player, no matter how good they are. These are the people who most profit from having a piano bar, because it gives them a place to show off their (sometimes dubious) talents.

Piano bars are a place for frustrated singers. If they were really good, they'd be on Broadway. It is a privilege to be able to sing at a piano bar, not a paid position.

The only person who would get free drinks (besides visiting publishers, of course) would be the piano player, a person who has to know a lot of music and have a great deal of patience.

Anyone else should pay for the privilege of being able to have a professional accompanist and a captive audience. Anyone wanting to sing should have to agree to a three-drink minimum at competitive prices.

If the person sings off-key, he or she should have to buy the piano player a drink. If the person really stinks, he or she should have to set up the bar. If the person comes in to sing more than three times a week on a regular basis, he or she should have to pay rent on the stool or

chair used between ego-gratifications or unpaid training.

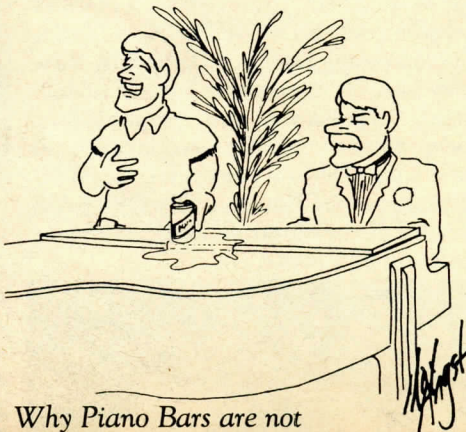
And what do you do if a person is really wonderful -perhaps a visitor from a touring show or something? You announce to the crowd that the bar has a no-free-ride policy and let them pay for that person's drinks.

You have to figure that the denizens of the piano bar have to pay the piper, because the piper can't pay them.

These devices would allow a piano bar to turn a modest profit, and would cut down on the same old faces dominating every night at a particular spot.

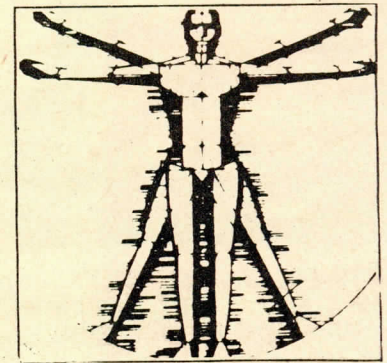
But don't hold your breath waiting for anyone to do it this way. No, the singers would consider it to be "an insult," the occasional customer would not like to pay a drink price higher than at a cruise bar and the owners of piano bars usually open them because they love the idea of a piano bar, rather than looking long and hard at the reasons that piano bars have failed in the past.

And now that I've gotten all this out, I can't help but think how great it would be to have a piano bar in the Montrose.



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Can We Talk?

BY ELROY FORBES



QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Can you help with ADOPT-A-BLOCK? **ANSWER FOR LAST WEEK:** dog Days with a Raincoat!

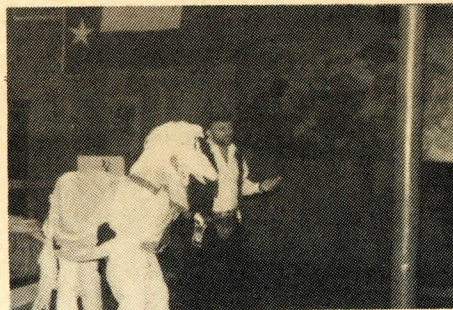
GOOD NEWS

Tony Lozono and **Joyce Mier**, running for Mr. & Ms. T.G.R.A. sponsored The Variety Show Sunday evening at B.R.B.



Tony and Joyce host the TGRA bennee at the B.R.B.

Although several of us promised not to mention some capering around like a horse's arse wearing red woolly vest and chaps and a red straw hat -I will not mention names (initials are A.P.). The festive

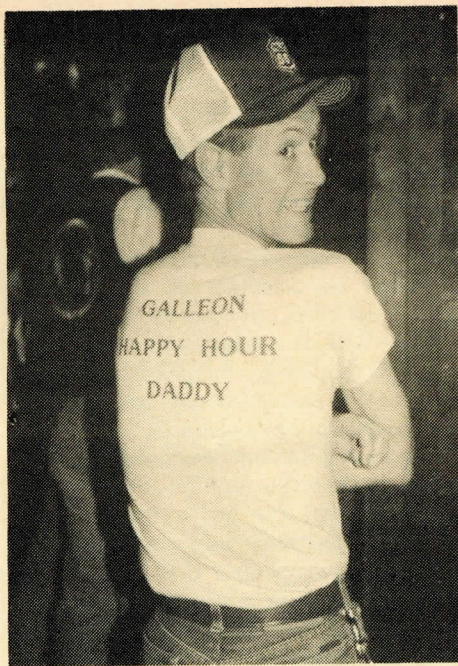


From left to right: Tom in the rear; Beau upfront with Alan Pierce.

crowd responded fully to the excellent acts. See photos for recognition Over \$600 was raised for the MONTROSE COUNSELLING CENTER, MONTROSE CLINIC AND AIDS FOUNDATION OF HOUSTON. Raffle tickets for \$1 were sold for a weekend in Dallas and airline tickets.

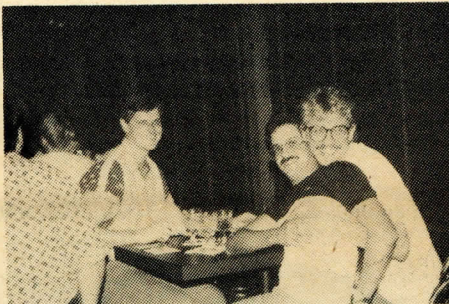
EVENTS, EVENTS, EVENTS

Not long ago handsome **Dickie Saunders** of MARY's was out rounding up his cast of star cheerleaders for the 20th Annual FOLLEYBALL GAMES, Mason at Fairview at the **Billy Bridges Estate**. That will be on Saturday -rain or shine. . . THE GOOD TIMES BRASS BAND will perform Sat from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for the German-Texas Heritage Society at the Bavarian Gardens, 3926 Feagan -mostly German . . . THE MONTROSE ART ALLIANCE presents The First Annual Juried Photography Exhibit: THE FIVE SENSES Sept. 26 Oct. 16 open to all. Works due Sept. 20 at Missouri St. Gallery, Call 526-3663 for more info . . . THE HAPPY HOUR DADDY's guest Bartend Sunday, Sept. 14 from 2 until 11 p.m. at THE GALLEON while they prepare for the 4th Annual HAPPY HOUR DADDYS REVUE on Sept. 28 . . . Come Skate with a Pig at the HOG'S Roller Skate Night Sept. 18 at Carousel Rink on Katy Frwy at 8 p.m. . . EDOM ART FAIR is Sept. 13 & 14 near Canton, TX. . . MILLER THEATER presents Texas



Robin reminds us of the HAPPY HOUR DADDYS REVUE Sept. 28 at THE GALLEON.

Chamber Orchestra Sept. 12 & 13 8:30 and LA NOCHE DEL GRITO Patriotic de Mexico Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m. . . GPC is planning MONTROSE HIGH ALUMNI Homecoming Dance at HEAVEN, Sunday Sept. 28, appropriate dress is encouraged. Organizations are encouraged to select entries for the Homecoming Queen and King. This is a benefit for the AIDS Foundation of Houston, IT's Okay, Aid for AIDS, the Montrose Clinic. For more info call 521 1000.



RASCALS' customers.

WE AIN'T CLOSED!

RASCAL's held over their headline act for the next two weekends: **R.S.V.P.**, **FYI**, by popular request. Last weekend I watched the crowd still lingering over the Happy Hour prices with **Mitze** creating drinks as fast as patrons could invent new names. **Lee**, **Tom**, handsome **Ken** of Brenham area, nice tall **Raymond**, **Regina**, **Bart-Rick** and **Mo** are looking for you !!! **Juice** floated past on a Mission of Mercy while **Adrian** was mediating over his last 16 hour shift. **Darrell** -the Leo Cocktail Vender buzzed past; **David Hammer** with **Alex**, looking preppy but positive as table reservations were made. **Rob** at the door wanted my autograph (FYI it was my high school graduation photo on last weeks cover) with **Jim. Richard**, formerly of the NEW ORLEANS GAY MEN'S CHORUS moved to Long Beach, CA as a voice coach. Popular Cummings St. host, **Michael** with Sharpstown guest, **Balemar**, dark handsome and private designer to **Imelda Marcus** checked out the drink prices. Across the room, I spied **Emmaline Mudragal** -my deadliest enemy: over dressed, over tanned and over sized -once more mooching drinks by promising diamonds to **Mitzi** and debonair **Chuck**, up from the floor of THE RIPCORDER. Suddenly, entering through the door was GREATER MONTROSE BUSINESS GUILD V.P. **Bill Yon** and a new escort arriving for a flambeau dinner. **James & Jay** arrived with **Bill Manage** of ARMONDS, formerly with the RAINBOW LODGE, teaching eye to eye contact. MMMMHFFF!

Just who is saying RASCALS is Dead???

I barely dragged over the tail end of everything going this weekend, Of course, popular **David Dunlap**, former manager, is back with his family designing/-managing a streamlined Bar BQ Venture. But the crowds are there. I almost fell over when a late model white Rolls Royce pulled up under the canopy and paused just long enough to collect some HOUSTON FORUMS before leaving. Blonde Wonder blew a kiss at **Adrian** before rejoining his chauffeur. **John Landry** led cheerleaders in with **Gary**, I think they were **Louise & Anna** -or where they from Louisiana? Meanwhile, re-discover RASCALS while **R.S.V.P.** is giving a good blend of Broadway, Show and Movie tunes with a few C&W skits. And call ahead, **Alex** will hold you a good table!

GATHER 'ROUND AND SING THE BLUES

with so many places closed it is good to find an opening: THE GATHERING is



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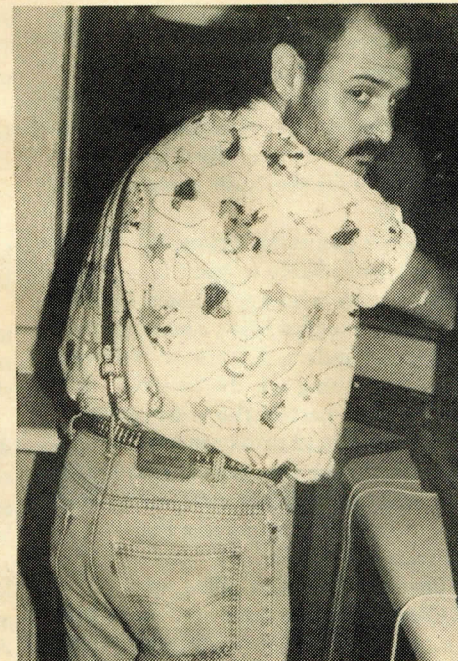
next to THE LONE STAR GUEST HOUSE and has the potential of lasting and lasting and lasting. First it has a blend of the unusual for bartenders, all handsome, original and unique! There is **Manny**, of **Your Mama** fame, **Doug**, **Ken** and fashionable **Pickles** with owner **Danny** checking the crowd, filling the glasses and planning big things for this Avondale location. If the surrounds look familiar, they should be -they mostly came from the SHAMROCK HOTEL, glass, chairs, stools, paneling -you name it! You enter the bar room which divides the Western room, pool game area from the front room of romantic ventures. Plans call for an entertainer and on certain nights, some light jazz licks by a combo. The front porch is to be glassed in with one way vision and enclosed to add more of a garden atmosphere to the setting. Stained glass panels on the ceiling of the bar room add lots of interest in the old mansion, a rich setting from the first guest house next door to THE LONE STAR. Come try it out!

THE GALLEON SAILS

At The GALLEON tall handsome **Tom** with just a dash of Montezuma's Revenge was returning from tropical depressed Cancun/Cozamel -if he had only waited until Oct. (FYI CLC TOURS has sold the Oct. trip out!) or Nov. **Tom** could have enjoyed the pyramids along the Gulf with maybe one of us. **Jay Allen & Joe** sprinted back from Key West in order to attend Friday night Wrestling at the Sam Houston Coliseum. **Robert Kennedy** prepared another crowd pleasing buffet. Spread of the Hour was a tangy cream cheese filled with fresh ground black pepper and garlic oil -hot & spicy -just like the customers. Speaking of THE GALLEON, **Mama** of Happy Hour DADDYS fame arrived with **Francine of Florence** in tow, trying to ante' up the cost to replace her too often viewed roaring blue chiffon number. **Francine** suggested a brocade couch cover from Sears and was promptly left behind as **Mama & Joe** went to dinner at The Stables. Poor **Francine** -if looks could kill, **Mama** done gonna spend her time in da pen!!! Also spied was **Tom** without his PRETTY FISH, but playing a dry game of pool.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

It's being argued which is the hottest bar in town: **MICHAEL's** or **THE RIPCORDER** -especially when the A/C goes out and **Gary & Mitzi** become the DJs. **Gary**, the needle is on the bottom of the phono arm and goes on top, not the side, of the recording disc . . . And speaking of DJs: FYI **Mike Scott** is retiring from the bar scene and doubling up his work in his STUDIO B ENTERPRISES as well as KQUE: taking over the CHUTES' Sound Waves will be **David Olson** on Fri., St.



David Olson at CHUTES.

& Sun. . . MARY's Dog Show was one of the Best Events ever. FYI **Maria** keeps her legs shapely by applying her toe nail polish over her panty hose and that's why you can hear her screams when she removes them (the hose, not the nails, Silly) . . . **Danny** (of Crazy Danny fame) **Copeland** was visiting the 611 with **Mr. T** (who did make it back to Gallstone High in time for school) still celebrating his 29th birthday for the 16th year: HAPPY BIRTHDAY DANNY! . . . Another 611er, handsome **Larry Martin** back from staying in a Forest Ranger's nest with his **Ken**, will celebrate his 19th birthday this Saturday -his 22nd time . . . and another Birthday boy, handsome **Mike Hampton**, started early with **Jay Muckey**, **Paul** and roomier **Dan** at the 611 and then later on all night . . . Cheerleader in the News: **La Martina** of 611 fame was spied at new complex on Cummins Lane known for giving out samples! L.M. is more discreet and gives out phone numbers instead . . . GET WELL SOON TO **Bruce** of B&G Plants, on Houston Ave., who is laid up in Spring Branch Hospital watching lots of daytime TV . . . EUPHORIC HEAT with **Bear** at TAM O'SHANTAR packed the crowd to capacity Fri. & Sat. nights. We hope that lovely **Tonya Seville** will soon be a featured adagio dancer at **Bear's** new cabaret . . . 611 Big Boss **Steve Shimer** is back in town after a Canadian Tour with a trip over the falls in a barrel. He made it back in time to start up the Sunday Oiler Games in the bar . . . **Reed Mitchell** is over at JR's, looking for Heaven? . . . Over at CHUTES, still in the Pink from the big party, S.P.O.T. (Short People of Texas) helped with the Sunday afternoon beer bust and wiener roast on the patio. A live band played while **David Rorher** danced between fixing his foot long winnie. DJ **Nickolas Virgil** picked up the beat for the inside gang. Guest barkeep **Beau Cain** kept things flowing, working for tips to support the S.P.O.T. Club. CHUTES manager **Floyd** and S.P.O.T. prez **Butch Jeter** are already planning another event.

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Answer all questions directly on the form. Fill in the blanks for questions 1-4. Answer the remaining questions by checking the description of your choice. Put more than one mark when you feel it is necessary.

When you complete the questionnaire go back and put a star (★) next to the five qualities you feel are the most important.

A. All information on every member is held in the strictest of confidence. Please print clearly.

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By signing this, I agree that Lambda's Unlimited Dating Service will not be held liable for any behavior of the people I meet through its services.

Signature _____

Date _____

1. Your age _____ Date of Birth _____

2. Occupation _____

3. Your Height: _____

4. Weight: _____

5. Your Sex: M _____ F _____

6. Your Race: _____

White _____ Black _____ Hispanic _____ Other _____

7. Do you date members of other races: _____

Yes _____ Seldom _____ Never _____

8. Your political stand: _____

Liberal _____ Conservative _____ None _____

9. Your political interest: _____

Active _____ Moderately active _____ Do not care _____

10. Your birthplace: _____

US/Canada _____ Asia _____ Europe _____ Latin America _____

Africa _____ Other _____

11. How much formal education have you had?

Some high school _____ High school grad _____
Some college _____ College grad _____ Some grad. school _____
Advanced degree _____

12. How intelligent do you consider yourself?

Exceptionally bright _____ Above average _____
About average _____ Below average _____

13. What yearly income do you consider adequate?

\$8,000 or less _____ \$9,000 to \$14,000 _____
\$15,000 to \$19,000 _____ \$20,000 to \$29,000 _____
\$30,000 to \$49,000 _____ More than \$50,000 _____
Does not matter _____

14. Which Houston area would you prefer to have your match live in?

Montrose/Heights _____ Inner Loop _____ North Houston _____
South Houston _____ East Houston _____ West Houston _____

B. 1. Which activities/social do you enjoy?

Biking _____ Driving _____ Sailing _____ Bicycling _____ Dancing _____
Studying _____ Talking _____ Listening to music _____
Competing in sports _____ Partying _____ Walking _____
Working _____ Eating _____ Creating Art _____
Organizing People _____ Traveling _____ Shopping _____
Fixing things _____ Attending meetings _____ Entertaining _____
Horseback riding _____ Camping _____ Tennis _____
Card playing _____ Drinking _____ Volunteer work _____
Jogging _____ Cooking _____ Gambling _____ Rock Concerts _____
Softball _____ Computers _____ Seeing sports events _____
Singing _____ Going to movies _____ Dining out _____ Aerobics _____
Electronics _____ Golf _____

2. Which do you consider yourself?

Non-smoker _____ Non-drinker _____ Light smoker _____
Light drinker _____ Heavy somker _____ Heavy drinker _____
Occasionally experiment with drugs _____
Never use drugs _____ Smoke pot _____ Use inhalants _____
Heavy drug user _____

3. What kinds of parties do you enjoy?

Loud & lively _____ All _____ Quiet & dignified _____ None _____

4. What goals are most important to you?

Wealth _____ Serenity _____ Popularity _____ Knowledge _____
Power _____ Respectability _____

5. Which would best describe your social attire?

Jeans/Casual _____ Preppy/Formal _____ Western _____ Drag _____
Leather _____ Transvestite _____

6. Where do you enjoy going on dates?

Movies _____ Weekend trips _____ Driving around _____
Outdoor activities _____ Museums _____ Sports events _____
Clubs _____ Dinner _____ Concerts & plays _____ Dancing _____
Each other's homes _____

7. Which of the following words best describe you?

Romantic _____ Sociable _____ Lazy _____ Moody _____ Tough _____
Sexy _____ Witty _____ Tidy _____ Well-informed _____ Dominant _____
Anxious _____ Reserved _____ Emotional _____ Old-fashioned _____
Possessive _____ Demanding _____ Healthy _____ Quiet _____
Aggressive _____ Shy _____ Patient _____ Talkative _____
Affectionate _____ Tolerant _____ Athletic _____ Optimistimistic _____
Curious _____ Self-reliant _____ Passive _____

8. Which of these qualities do you value most in a date?

Looks _____ Build _____ Intelligence _____ Patience _____ Honesty _____
Ambition _____ Loyalty _____ Daring _____ Manners _____ Passion _____
Money _____ Strength _____ Punctuality _____ Decisiveness _____
Kindness _____ Sophistication _____ Self-assurance _____
Sense of humor _____ Understanding _____ Mystery _____
Excitement _____ Virtue _____

9. Which applies to your characteristic(s) most?

Very masculine _____ Somewhat feminine _____
Fairly masculine _____ Very feminine _____ Butch _____

10. What type of people are you most comfortable with?

Outdoor types _____ Cultured _____ Working people _____
Artists _____ Average folks _____ Intellectuals _____
Professionals _____

11. What type(s) of books do you read?

Science fiction _____ Classics _____ Humor _____ Non-fiction _____
Poetry _____ Novels _____ Texts _____ Mysteries _____ Fiction _____

12. What type(s) of music do you enjoy?

Rock _____ Jazz _____ New Wave _____ Disco _____ Classical _____
Country Western _____ Reggae _____ Light classics _____
Religious _____ Folk _____

C. 1. What is your current marital status?

Never married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

2. Do you have dependent children?

No _____ Yes (living elsewhere) _____ Yes (living with me) _____

3. Do you like children?

Yes _____ Sometimes _____ No _____

4. Are you considered attractive?

Yes, very _____ Usually _____ Sometimes _____ No _____

5. Do you consider yourself?

Strictly gay _____ Bisexual _____

6. How often do you date?

Almost every night _____ A few times a week _____
Once a week _____ Irregularly _____

7. How would you describe your past dating relationships?

Meaningful _____ Comfortable _____ Happy _____ Intense _____
Long-lived _____ Superficial _____ Interesting _____ Stormy _____
Platonic _____ No pattern _____

8. What would our ideal future dating relationship be?

Casual _____ Considerate _____ Physical _____ Platonic _____
Intimate _____ Sensible _____ Exclusive _____ Intense _____

9. What age group do you usually date?

It varies _____ A lot younger _____ Somewhat younger _____
My own _____ A lot older _____ Somewhat older _____

10. What type of facial and body hair do you find desirable?

Smooth hairless face _____ Clean shaven _____ Mustache _____
Beard _____ Hairy legs _____ Hairy underarms _____
Hairless body _____ Very hairy _____

11. Check the following miscellaneous body description that you find desirable in a date.

Small to average body build _____
Average to large body build _____ Very large endowment _____
Circumcised _____ Non-circumcised _____

13. Check the following that best describes you.

Smooth hairless face _____ Clean shaven _____ Mustache _____
Beard _____ Hairy legs _____ Hairy arms _____ Hairless body _____
Very hairy _____ Small to average body build _____
Circumcised _____ Average to large body build _____
Non-circumcised _____ Very large endowment _____

14. What are your favorite bedtime activities?

Cuddling/caressing _____ Phone sex _____ "Safe sex" _____
French active _____ French passive _____ Greek active _____
Greek passive _____ Experimental/kinky _____

Now that you have finished the questionnaire, go back and put a star (★) next to the qualities that you feel are the most important.

D. Tell a friend about Lambda's Unlimited Dating Service and you can receive 1/2 price on your next submittal for five names! This is how it works. All you need to do is have your friend mail in his/her application with your name filled in the reference area. How did you hear about Lambda's Unlimited Dating Service?

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Club (specify) _____

Other _____

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Amanda by Amanda B. Recondwith

The Monkeys are back, Dear Fans, and Amanda thinks she is about to throw up! It is so amusing to listen to our major rock station in the morning and hear John Landers wondering whether someone like Don Johnson is a good singer or not, when they turn right around and play a new release from Mickie Dolenz, who couldn't sing his way out of a paper bag! Really, Dear Fans, Amanda is simply horrified that the 60's seem to be seeping back into everyone's psyche. And the Monkeys have to be the worst example of everything that was false and plastic and of sickly hue.

We remember watching the Monkeys. They came on the same night as Bat Man, which was equally noxious. Those were the days when television sets were still very much like television sets. To compare the Monkeys and Bat Man with a modern show, like Moonlighting, is to compare the cave dwellers of Borneo with an opera diva in Mayfair!

Now don't get Amanda wrong, Dear Fans. We have our nice little green vinyl miniskirt with super wide white plastic belt and matching Beatle Boots. We even have a pair of vintage saturn earrings worn by that denizen of the 60's Twiggy (who, incidentally, looks much better these days than she did back then). We remember wanting to look like her, so we didn't eat for days, and when we did, we'd go to the bathroom to throw up -that was back before such a horrible thing had a name, and before anyone knew that thousands of women were dying of fashion! Thanks to Twiggy!

Some nights, on late late TV, we find ourselves blankly watching some of those nasty cheap 60's "Love-In" movies, full of hippies and gurus and long hair and awful patterns and colors. The filming was always tacky and the acting was even worse. No matter how expensive the movie, they seemed to have the Technicolor set on RED, so the whole film looked like it had been filmed on Mars. It was Free Love, Free Drugs, Free Food, Free Houston, Free Everything, and it was all supplied by the Great Society -that wonderful group of liberated elders in Washington who tried so hard to appease us all for the death of John Kennedy.

So, in order to keep the youngsters happy, and give the impression of liberalism on television and in the arts, the Great Society produced abominations like the Monkeys! YUK! Think of it, Dear Fans. Those old Monkeys reruns have to be the worst things ever made. Those four men couldn't act their way out of a filling station in a thunderstorm if their lives depended on it. They were mildly amusing, and maybe even kind of cute (except for Mickie, who has always been homely and will always be homely -the white Buckwheat of the Pop Generation). When

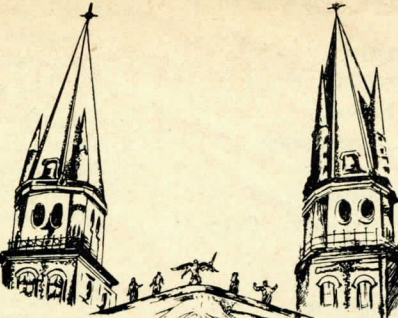
Amanda really wants to sleep and just can't find the No-Doz, we turn on a rerun of The Monkeys, and we find ourselves instantly bored to suicidal tendencies before the tube. We revel in the poor acting. We roar at the vacuous plots. We howl at the shadows of the cameramen on the walls behind the actors. It's all so hideous!

And worse yet is the singing! Everyone knows that when The Monkeys played a concert (just one!), there was a real band backstage playing, while they pretended on stage. In fact, if the Monkeys ever did anything significant, it was to pioneer the art of lip-sync.

And now, we're being forced to hear them again, and we're being told that there's Monkey-Mania around the country. That's bad enough, but the fashions have to follow, of course, digging up nasty stiff old fashions that are no longer even feasible, and colors that make us think of throwing up after eating orange cake and black olive anchovy pizza!

Come on, Dear Fans. Face it. The 60's are gone. They are part of the past. Amanda was really just a child during the whole thing, but what we remember of it is confused, violent, bloody, chaotic, traumatic, ugly, crude and generally horrible (with some nice weather, of course). We lost a President, his dynamic brother, our only real civil rights activist, and 50,000 good young men in the 60's to assassins and stupid, unwarranted war. Cars got bigger and uglier as gas got shorter, and fashion denied the fact that people don't look natural in plastic. And more than anything, untalented people somehow found themselves famous for sounding awful and looking ridiculous. And we, the Public, were the real fools!

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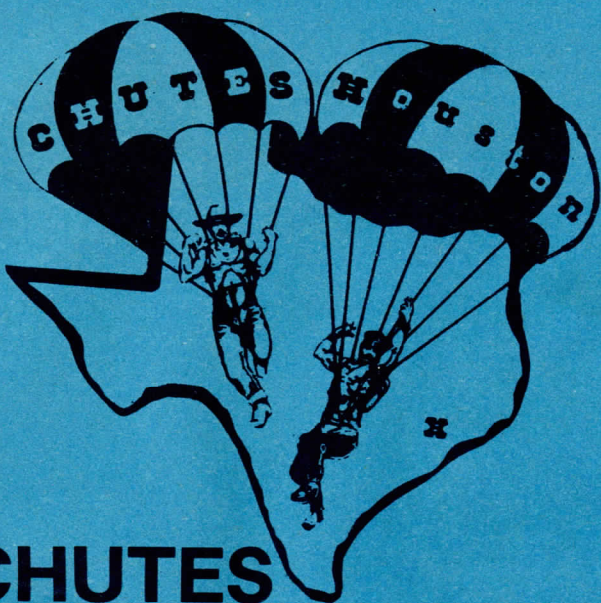
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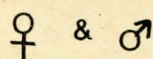
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for Week of September 12 - September 18, 1986

by Sister Inez, Crystal Gazer and Tarot Reader

There will be three main events occurring in the Zodiac that will be coloring our activities for the coming week. The first event, and probably the least noticed will be the direct motion of NEPTUNE in CAPRICORN. This should cause some of the confusion in this area of our lives to begin to clear. The second event will be the entrance of MERCURY into LIBRA. You probably have noticed that for the past several months you have been unable to be as diplomatic as you really would like to be - now you will be able to say things slightly more tactfully, even though you may not mean exactly what you say... The third event will occur close to midnight Wednesday and is the most noticeable - the Full MOON. It will be occurring in PISCES. What does this mean for all of us? Generally speaking, it means that this area of your life needs to be looked into and examined a little more closely. For each of you individually, read below...

ARIES: You should be able to smooth out communications difficulties with a lover or partner. You may have been neglecting your lover because of heavy involvement with your employment or maybe even health matters (This could be an overemphasis on working out, learning about proper nutrition, etc.). Confusion that may have been surrounding your career will end during the coming week. If you were born in late March, this may not be to your satisfaction. Work on your inner self.

* Favorable Days: 12th, 13th, 17th, 18th
* Unfavorable Days: none

TAURUS: This will certainly be a time for you to work on improving your knowledge and understanding of your job and also matters relating to your health. You may have had some difficulties settling down and trying to learn, especially if you are currently enrolled in some form of higher education, or even understanding what religion's place is in our culture. This confusion will gradually begin to clear. You need to look at what goals you need to establish and how to accomplish them.

* Favorable Days: 12th, 13th, 16th * Unfavorable Days: 14th

GEMINI: This should begin a very pleasant time for you, especially socially. With the very favorable aspect of your ruler, MERCURY, to your Sun Sign, this could imply that when you meet people you will say the right things... Isn't that great - no more foot-in-mouth. Along with this, problems that you may have experienced sexually will begin to clear. With both of the above events occurring, you are about to have some HOT nights (May I watch?). You also need to reexamine your status and reputation during this period (Well, I guess so!).

* Favorable Days: 13th, 17th
* Unfavorable Days: 16th, 18th

CANCER: As usual, the Full MOON may be a little stressful for you, but "being foretold is being forewarned". This week will be an excellent time for you to work with your lover concerning improvements you may have been planning with your home or apartment. An interesting aside is that you will receive several calls concerning gossip and rumors over the next several weeks. Problems and confusion surrounding your relationship with a lover or partner should begin to clear during this week. This is an excellent time to plan a long distant trip.

* Favorable Days: 15th
* Unfavorable Days: 12th, 13th, 17th

LEO: This is an excellent time to sign any contract that you may have been negotiating. Some of the confusion that you may have encountered concerning your work should begin to clear. You should now have a very good idea what you want to accomplish from your job. You will also receive telephones calls dealing with gossip and rumors (If some are really juicy, please share the contents with me...). You need to look into your sexual nature and examine its place in your life.

* Favorable Days: 13th
* Unfavorable Days: 14th, 15th, 17th

VIRGO: Sunday begins a period of several weeks where you should begin to investigate what are and what are not good real estate or stock investments. Note: this is not a good period to actually invest money, just to investigate the possibilities. You will need to look into your relationship with your lover and determine if you are having any difficulties. If so, work together to bring them out into the open and to clear them up.

* Favorable Days: 13th
* Unfavorable Days: 16th, 17th, 18th

LIBRA: You generally are among the most social of all signs and the next several weeks should be no exception. Confusion that may have been centered around your home (maybe even one of your parents) will begin to clear. Your job is the area that will be highlighted during the period of the Full MOON. This indicates that this area needs a little "looking into". Have you done all you can to make your job a success?

* Favorable Days: 12th, 13th, 16th
* Unfavorable Days: 14th, 18th

SCORPIO: This will be one of the best times of this year to successfully begin clearing up any problems that may have been imprisoning you. Unload all extra baggage that you have been carrying around in your mind. Confusion concerning contracts will begin to clear during the coming week. Your social life is highlighted during this month's Full MOON. This indicates this will be a great time to party, get involved with new and exciting romances, or just have a good time and relax.

* Favorable Days: 12th, 13th, 16th
* Unfavorable Days: 14th

SAGITTARIUS: Get involved with friends or organizations. This is a great time to express all of your opinions. People will listen since you can be very persuasive during this period. Confusion over your finances and assets should begin to clear also during this week. Your home life will be highlighted during the Full MOON. This indicates you need to look around your home and make a critical examination of what is right and what is wrong. Clear up those problems you see.

* Favorable Days: 12th, 13th, 17th
* Unfavorable Days: none

CAPRICORN: Some of the confusion that has been bothering you recently will begin to clear up with the beginning of direct motion of NEPTUNE in your Sun Sign. The "faux pas" that have plagued you for the past several months should cease. This should coincide with an increase in your stature and reputation. Your career should begin to level off instead of fluctuating wildly as it has for the past several months. Be wary of rumors during this Full MOON period.

* Favorable Days: 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th
* Unfavorable Days: 16th

AQUARIUS: Some of the mental confusion that you have been under recently will begin to clear since you will finally decide to quit being your own worst enemy. Your assets and finances will be highlighted during the Full MOON on Wednesday. This may not be to your satisfaction as the Full MOON will make a difficult aspect to your ruler, erratic URANUS. This would be an excellent time to look into metaphysics or even consult a qualified Astrologer. You can get some advice you greatly need.

* Favorable Days: 14, 15th
* Unfavorable Days: 17th

PISCES: There has been a lot of confusion dealing with your goals and organizations you belong to. You may have had some problems determining who is and who isn't your friend. These problems will clear up beginning with the direct motion of NEPTUNE transiting this area of your life. Sexual activity should be quite easy for you as you should be able to "talk" anyone you want into doing "it". Your outer person will be highlighted during the Full MOON. New make-up? A new "do"? New clothes?

* Favorable Days: 12th, 16th, 17th
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It was another lazy dinner party. Everyone sat around the table, talking and eating the grilled salmon. It was something different -not the same barbeque steak and baked potato that is usually quite good. The salmon looked very pretty, and I was so thankful that the head had been mercifully removed. I can't stand fish with heads still on them. I'm always reminded of the catfish I had at SRO, where the waiter brought out this enormous platter with a silver cover. He lifted the cover and revealed a huge charred catfish that looked just like it had been swimming under ground zero Hiroshima. Its skin was black and flaky, and its mouth was gaping wide in a silent scream that made everyone at the table literally gasp as they saw it.

I risked being totally gauche that evening by telling the waiter to take the poor creature back into the kitchen to remove the head. When he protested, I insisted. No fish need be served with its head still on in America -I don't care how good it looks in the magazines!

Anyway, the salmon was good, but it reminded us of other fish stories. A friend told the story of how he went to Hong Kong with some Japanese clients, and when they served the sushi in one fashionable restaurant, the tiny raw morsels were enveloped by an enormous pink fish draped over a pile of ice. The fish was delicately sliced into cubes, and the hearty Japanese businessmen didn't even hesitate. They just dug into it with their chop sticks, talking busily and cheerfully, while my friend stared in horror. The fish's gills were still moving as the Japanese plucked its flesh away!

Then, as we continued to complement the grilled fish, which really was quite good, I was reminded of the time I had

been building sand castles on the beach in front of my parents' lake cabin. I had almost the entire beach full of castles and mounds, and was busily piling more sand near some rocks, when suddenly my brother, who was wading in the water about fifteen feet away, jerked down into the water, snatched up a huge passing carp, and threw it to the beach. I didn't see it coming, but it suddenly hit the rocks directly in front of me, bursting open and covering me with fish guts. I gagged for hours, and to this day, I find it difficult to sit on a beach.

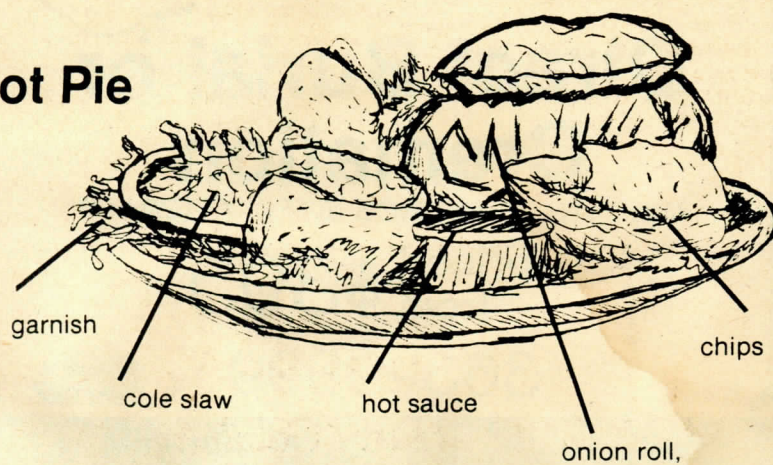
At this tale, everyone at the table protested, but laughed all the same. We were on a roll. The salmon was a great success because it was generating so much conversation. The wine flowed and the food was consumed in great quantities while we all expounded on the fate of fish we'd known.

I still can't take a fish off the hook. I can let someone else do it, but I won't touch the awful tings. In fact, I couldn't believe that my hosts had actually had the nerve to behead the salmon they had bought. They had gotten it from the whole Food Market, so they knew it was good, of course. And, of course, since it was from Whole Food, it had to have a head on it. I'm even quite certain that they spent a long time debating about whether they should have left the head on or not. After all, it always looks so good in the magazines. . .

So it's being ridiculous. So I'm a scaredy-cat. I can't help it if I would rather see a fish in the form of a square Mrs. Paul's breaded patty than in its natural shape. After all, I'm not a polar bear at the stream, and I don't live like one of those adventurer cooks in the magazines. Who does?

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By "Perfectly" Frank Carello

What is this? Justice for all in the United States - if you're white and male? That sounds like the kind of justice that William Rehnquist wants to mete out. Here's a guy who has been nominated to the top post in the field of justice in our country, and his record is one of prejudice and narrow thinking. During his confirmation hearings, memos have turned up that show that he was a supporter of so-called freedom of choice plans that would have effectively kept schools segregated in the South and plans for the North that would have drawn attendance boundaries for schools to keep blacks in black schools and whites in white.

More recently, he claimed that the ERA would spell the breakdown of the American family because (in effect) the family was based on the concept that the woman was subservient to her husband, and giving women equal rights would upset that fine American tradition. What a guy. Sure, let's have him as the symbol of justice in this country. Then, let's bring back the Spanish Inquisition.

And, talk about going back to the Middle Ages, how about those Palestinians? Sure, they have a legitimate gripe: people who didn't even know them came in and gave away half of their country to a bunch of Jews from Europe about 40 years ago. Okay, some of the Jews were from other places, and the land was once considered to be the home of the Jews in the first place. But, still and all, they have a pretty good leg to stand on about not being given a fair shake. So, how do they take their case to the world? They work on our sympathy by blowing people up whenever possible. This past week, they (or some other Arabs using their cause in order to get in on the fun and adventure of international terror) shot up the passengers of a Pan Am jumbo jet in Karachi, Pakistan, then some other Arabs wreaked havoc and carnage in Istanbul, Turkey, by spraying the congregation of a synagogue with bullets, then blowing themselves (as well as anyone next to them) to kingdom come with hand grenades.

Hey, doesn't that make you want to go out and support their cause? And while we're on the subject, why is it that newspapers always use the term "took credit" for the act a terror. Don't they mean "blame?"

In the meantime, just to keep things even, I guess, the Israelis bombed Sidon, killing three civilians, injuring 13 and destroying 90 shops. This was not called terrorism, however. This was called "a military action." Perhaps the difference between terrorism and military action has something to do with which side of the bullet you're on.

And personal terrorism in the jails of Houston got a kick in the side when three policewomen were convicted of violating the civil rights of two women arrested for public intoxication. This is one of the first times that police officers in Texas have been convicted in a beating case concerning an inmate or a person in custody. Of course, these officers were black and female, while the other cases seem to involve people who are white and male. Even Rehnquist would approve of this verdict.

On the other side of the coin in Texas, Roy Barrera Jr. is running against Jim Mattox for the Attorney General's post, in part by pointing out his Mexican heritage. Mattox has yet to counter by pointing out to white voters that he's on their side. Barrera also claims that Mattox should not be voted for because he was

acquitted of a charge of commercial bribery. Barrera thinks that getting an indictment on a charge is enough to make a person guilty. Now, that's the way to call 'em if he gets into the Attorney General's office: guilty even if proven innocent.

And justice was given another strange twist in California when an 1-year-old girl turned in her folks for growing marijuana in their home because she heard about the girl who turned in her parents for doing cocaine. How's that for the breakdown of the American family, Mr. Rehnquist?

In the realm of stranger than fiction, police arrested Woodson Middle School teacher Raul Cruz this past week for dealing cocaine, and in the process uncovered that fact that Raul lived his life outside of the school as a her, Rita Frye, wife of Jeff Frye of Seabrook. Neighbors of the couple were caught on the local news with stunned expressions, explaining how good Rita/Raul looked in a bathing suit. With any luck, the couple could get locked up in the same cell, thus keeping together another American family.

In the Montrose, a domestic disturbance led to the discovery of a bunch of allegedly stolen chinese artifacts and other valuable items that were supposedly exchanged for drugs. So, let that be a lesson to you all: if you're going to go around taking stolen goods in exchange for drugs, keep on the good side of your lovers.

Maybe the guy accused can get in the same cell as Jeff and Raul, and they can all exchange recipes.

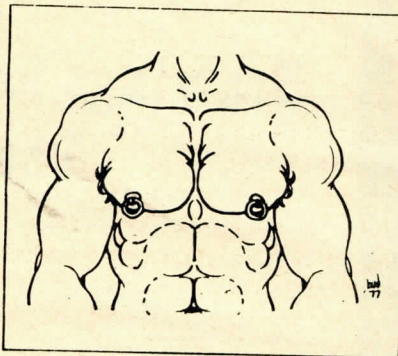


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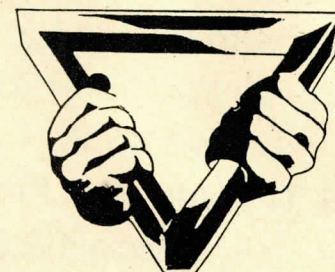
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Kiddies, this week has been filled with too many shocks for Imelda!

I knew it was going to be a hard week when I broke a heel at Chute's Pink Party. (It's not lady-like to jump in heels, but those balloons had money in them!)

Then a friend (someone that I had always thought to be a real man's man) was crossed over or was that rolled over -- I get so confused -- was wearing a wedding ring, lost a bet for a year's supply of cocktails and then was seen in Mary's in a dress!

Would you believe it? My invitation to Charles Armstrong's Boat Excursion and Dinner Party was lost in the mail!

Then Mrs. Wonnacott (my Dearest girlfriend) informed me I must lose weight and go on the wagon! -- Do you realize how may bras I'm going to have to replace?

Then I called the 611 to make my reservation for Sports Sunday and Steve was

back from Canada -- mind you we're not blonde, but we thought he said he went over the Falls -- like in a barrel!

Then while still confused Miss Terry was telling me about either losing her head or was it her teeth? -- we need a cocktail.

Then we went on a guided tour of Mecca -- and we aren't going to say a word except 1) Ron Lacey can spell, but he can't paint, 2) Harry goldburg's a peach, 3) there's a by invitation only opening next Thursday 4) your going to love it, and 5) it's a bitch climbing stairs in heels.

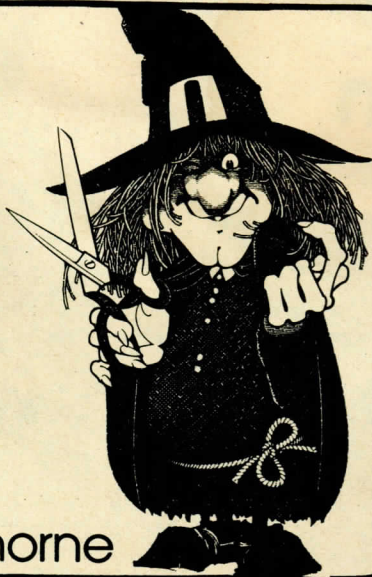
Then Miss R. went to Mo-town for an over night visit and won't tell us the details, the Bitch.

Well, Imelda needs to take a valium and lay down for a while. But for my hint of the week:

If you're in a crowded, busy bar and need to get a cocktail -- Say in a clear voice -- Here, Kitty, Kitty, Kitty, Kitty -- guaranteed service everytime.

Love, Imelda

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