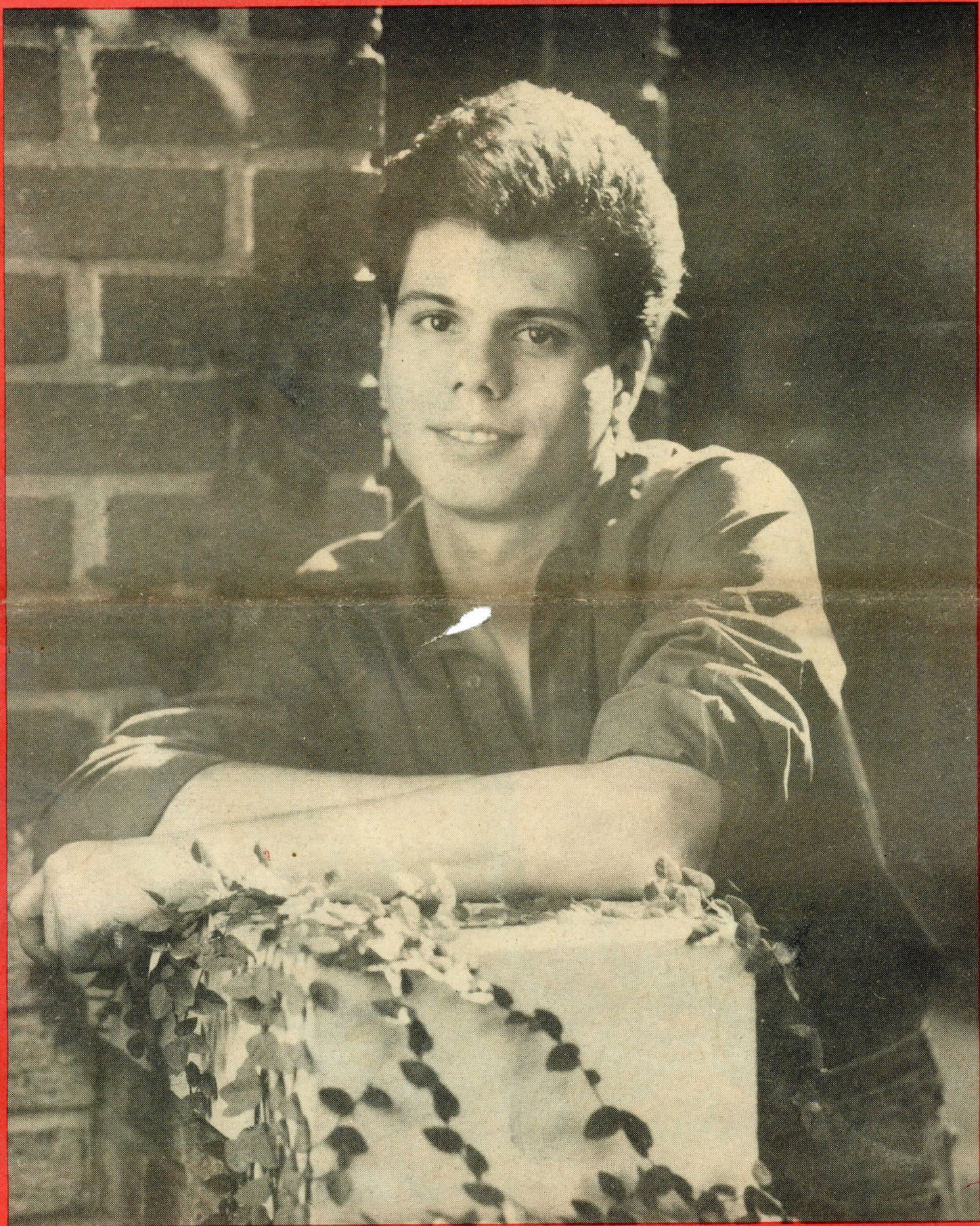


Houston Forum

"The Best Revenge Is A Great Lifestyle"



RON ACHIMASI

Behind the Front Cover

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Age: 25

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 135

Born: Akron, Ohio

Houston Resident: 7 years

Sign: Gemini



Occupation: Entrepreneur (defined as someone who will do anything to keep from getting a real job) -- owner of Rinn's Fine Printing and Graphic Design.

Favorite Kind Of Man: Blonde, blue-eyed, all American kind of boy who likes going to the movies, have dinner parties and "normal, at home junk."

Hobbies: Cooking, travel, porcelain dog collecting and breeding cocker-spaniels for show.

Favorite Bar: no preference

Favorite Activities: camping, partying, swimming, boy-watching

Current projects: building up his business and taking care of his lover and his cockers.

Future projects: opening a restaurant with simple wholesome food.

Community activities: member of Greater Montrose Business Guild, Near-town Business Alliance and Neartown Homeowners Association. Donates time and business services to numerous community organizations.

Favorite thing about Houston: Variety of things to do.

Question: What would you like to say to our readers?

"It's about time everyone got their act together to restore Montrose to what it used to be. Clean up the mess. Like, tear down the the burnt out buildings. And lets do something so we don't have to be afraid to walk down the streets."



Let's Get Real

RIDE OR GET OFF THE BLEEDING HORSE

I'm steamed. I'm steamed not just because of what has happened today, either. I'm steamed about years of silence and neglect. Of years of begging for help with no answer.

What set me off was receiving a letter from Elizabeth Taylor asking for help for AIDS research and patient care funding. I should be patting Liz on the back, right? I should be saying, what a nice woman you are! Thank you, girlfriend, for your support!

Bull.

I'm tired of all these bleeding heart straight people jumping on the glamour bandwagon for AIDS. It's very convenient for them to go to New York and do a show for AIDS, or go to L.A. and do a show for AIDS. What about taking their act and putting it on the road?

If they're really serious about raising money for old Rock, they should put their money where their mouths are and go to other cities.

I know the Houston audience, and they are riding high on names. You could do one show — hell, you could do a dozen shows — rake in the cash and give all the money to research.

I want AIDS to be stopped in its tracks. I want it wiped off the face of the Earth. I want it to disappear like it never existed. And I want these celebrities to put their talents where their mouths are and stop sending form letters.

If some of these people would show up in this city, they'd have money coming out their ears for AIDS research. And, there are a lot of powerful people out there saying, "We've got to stop this disease. We've got to stop this disease." If they would show up in Houston and

Atlanta and St. Louis and Topeka and Santa Fe and all over, they could have a major financial impact. It would be a smash hit, with the proper management.

It needs to be done because the money needs to be raised. Sure, I get all this stuff at the office. I get stamps for AIDS. I get letters. I get invitations. And all of this is good and it's needed, but it's not enough.

The point is that people are very loyal to their stars. We have this strange ga-ga attitude when we think of the big names, and we would buy tickets for mega-bucks if we could see some of them in person. And I'm not just talking about the gay community either. Non-gays would condescend to sit in Jones Hall or the Music Hall or the Tower with possible carriers if they could catch a good look at the talents of some of the top people who are doing lip service to raising money right now. And their money spends as well as ours to rid the world of this plague.

It's very easy to sit in your living room and sign stationary. It's not that hard to do a show in or near your home town. But here is a real potential out there to raise real revenue, and it's a shame that these people are not going to various areas and raising it.

We don't have time for tokenism. We don't have time for tokenism, because every breath we take could be our last.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that Liz and all the others who've done the shows in California and New York have not done any good. They've done a lot of good, both in raising money and in getting people to understand that his killer is not just the "gay plague." But think of how much more good they'd do if they took their act on the road.

Cats is still in town, and there are people who are spending hundreds of dollars just to get a couple of tickets from scalpers. Don't you think those people would shell out big bucks for a star-studded night of entertainment? How much do they pay to see some of these people in Las Vegas or Atlantic City? How much money is this country as a whole willing to shell out to savor the sights and sounds of our flesh-and-blood gods and goddesses?

Lots.

I'm tired of namby-pamby bullshit. I'm tired of hearing about researchers having to beg for bucks. I'm tired of nobody doing enough fast enough about this disease. I'm tired of people giving lip service to helping.

While Ronnie is playing with his Star Wars, while Liz is signing her stationary, while tons of talents are appearing nightly on Johnny Carson, David Letterman, Joan Rivers, David Brenner and all the rest of the late-night talking galleries, there are people dying. Men, women and children are wasting away. And millions — we're talking millions here — are carrying that lousy virus around with them. Who knows who it will hit or when it will turn into AIDS for all those people?

The time to really go all out to raise money is now. Not next year or ten years from now when the dead and dying could be in such numbers as to be numbing. But now.

Come on, Liz and the rest of you. Take the show on the road. If you're going to get on the horse, ride it.

By Randy Brown

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5. What kind of work do you do _____
6. Employment (full time, part time, student) _____
7. If working your yearly salary in thousands of dollars _____
8. Your sexual preference (heterosexual, bi-sexual, homosexual) _____
9. How many sexual partners have you had in the past year _____
10. Estimate the number of lifetime sexual partners _____
11. Have you ever had crabs before _____
12. If yes how many times have you had them _____

13. If you have had the crabs the estimated number of days between seeing them and either treating them with over the counter drugs or going to your doctor for treatment _____

14. What is your living situation (alone, with lover/spouse, with roommate, with relatives) _____

15. How many of your sexual partners are strangers (none, some, most, all) _____

16. Number of miles lived from downtown Houston _____

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18. What have you had and how many times have you had it _____

(Gonorrhea _____)

Syphilis _____

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19. Average number of days between VD symptoms and seeking medical treatment _____

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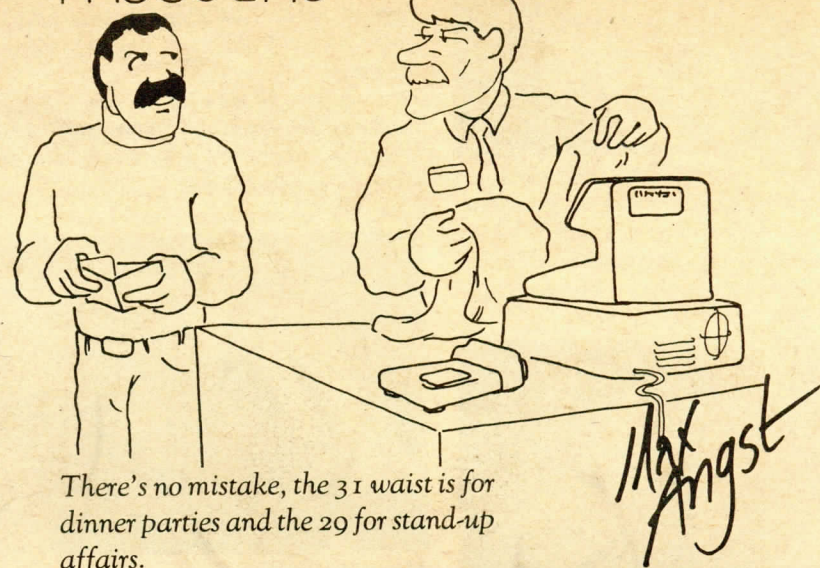
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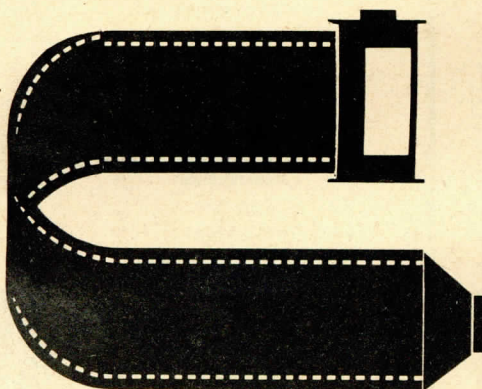
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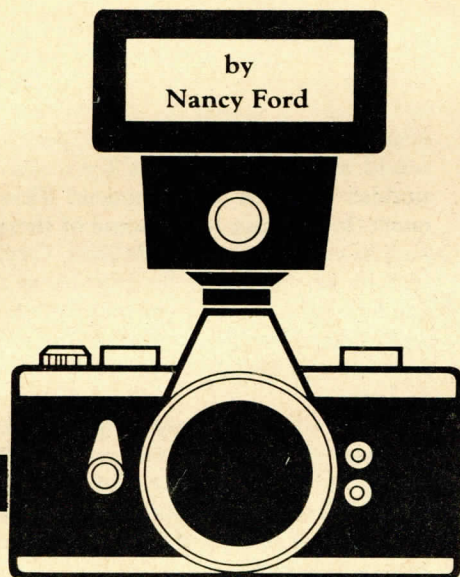
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Can We Talk?



by
Nancy Ford



Certainly most of you expect to see in this space a review of the *Happenings of Halloween '86*, especially those of you who dressed it up and dragged it out. And who am I to refuse?

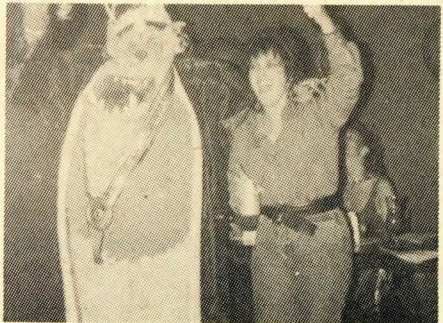


Another joker in the crowd.

Accolades and adulation to the hundreds of costumed participants. You know, every year it seems that the costumes have reached the limits of imagination —



"Most Fugly" award winner at Cutters. that everything and everyone has been done at least once, both straight and in drag. How naive of me. This year's selection had the look of — what? — Steven Spielberg on acid, perhaps.



Grand Prize Winner at Kindred Spirits. Who says Walt Disney is dead.

Everything from a four-person replica of Halley's Comet to a too realistic-looking Pro-life commercial stalked the neighbor and raked in that prize moola.



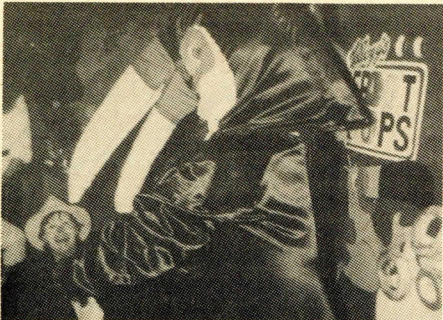
"How?" Forget "how"! It's **when** that matters!

Heaven itself, however, stole the prestige prize with the midnight presentation of cast members from *Cats* fresh from their performance at the Music Hall. My personal pick for the this is *bizarre* award goes to the gentleman (I guess) at **The Barn** dressed as the clown with the glowing jack-o-lantern breasts. Unfortunately he is not pictured here because the jack-o-lanterns would not glow brightly enough through his green polyester bodice to be reproduced recognizably on film. You'll just have to take my word for it that it was exquisite.



Linda Champagne (right) in costume as Gail Gerrard, while Gail (left) masquerades as Linda. Very realistic. I couldn't tell the difference.

And we saw birds and we saw animals. And we saw dead movie stars and movie stars who wish they were dead. We saw political, mythological, and historical figures. We saw walking cereal boxes.



If one can, toucan.

We saw lots of men dressed as women and women dressed as men, and one person dressed as both. At one point we saw our lives pass before our very eyes. What a night.

HALLOWEEN BULLETIN: If you are the person, or if you know of the person who was very tastefully bedecked in a royal blue calf-length traveling suit and matching pumps, but spent at least a portion of Friday evening handcuffed in the back seat of a certain sky-blue-and-white sedan not of your own choosing, *pleeease* give me a call here at The Forum. Honey, do we need to talk!

As The Bar Turns: In the saga of the never-ending metamorphosis of that most fickle of entities, *The Gay Bar*, expect to see major changes in the Pacific Street line-up (further details in this issue.)

SPIN-OFF DEPARTMENT Close your eyes for a moment and spirit yourself back a couple or three years to any given Montrose cabaret where the music was live and so was the excitement generated by the performers. Chances are you were listening to **John Day** and/or members of the ever-changing-yet-uncompromisingly-entertaining-**And Company**, John's eternal suffix. Though John himself now performs nightly on another plane, three former members of **-And Company** continue to wail in various parts of the city this week. **Mr. Ernie Banks** and **RSVP** have returned triumphantly to **Club Flamingo** where they will serve their own special blend of smooth through Saturday night. **Gerry Quinones** will boogie at **Stouffer's Greenway Plaza** for an extended November — long run with pianist **Bec Telpp**. And last but not least. **Dana Rogers** dishes at **Ronnie B's Sports Bar** in the Windsor Plaza Sunday night. The beat goes on after all, doesn't it?

I was pleased to discover that **Cecily McBroom**, one of my favorite trivia video machine nemesis, took a very active role in the production of *8x10 Glossy*, the heavy weight theatre piece presented at **Kindred Spirits** by **The Group (Theatre Workshop)**. **Cecily** personally assists **Joe Watts** in the direction, as she did with last summer's successful run of *Franny*, *Queen of Provincetown*. *Glossy* producer **Marion E. Coleman** says to watch for much more live entertainment to be presented at *Spirits* in the near future.



Like sister, like sister. Cast members of "8x10 Glossy."

Bob at **Bentley's** brings beautiful bouquets, balloon bunches, bromeliads, and baskets of bagels to your baby and won't break your budget. They also have an autumn special on dried flowers which are incidentally a completely different thing from dead flowers.

As promised, the 14th Anniversary Gala at **Just Marion & Lynn's** was exactly that — *Gala!* New friends as well as old packed in to pay homage at that Lesbian Landmark, and many went home the lucky owner of a "Marion Original" objet d'clown won in the evening — long raffle. But the party's highlight came with the midnight toast to founder **Marion Panzer**. Here's to at least 14 more, Marion.

The Venture 'N has announced that it will host a benefit for AIDS at the club on November 27th, which is Thanksgiving evening. Now there's something to be thankful for. The live entertainment will range from opera to country-western to who-knows-what, according to bar guy **Allan**. Don't be a turkey — be there!

QUICK PICKS Don't forget to catch the sassy **Washington Sisters** in concert November 8 at Christ the King Lutheran Church compliments of **Hazelwitch Productions**. **Commercial Art** comes to **Club Flamingo** Tuesday. director and friend-of-mine **Bonnie McFerren** presents the female-dominant comedy *Octette*

Bridge Club at **Theatre Southwest** weekends through November 22. Jazz it up with the stars at the **Jazz It Up With The Stars** extravaganza benefiting **The AIDS Foundation** at The Tower November 10. More aid for AIDS comes in the embodiment of **Kat Graham**, soon-to-be appearing at **Kindred Spirits** with hostess **Harriet Reynolds**. The boys continue to take their clothes off for cash at **The Galleon** every Monday night with MC **Victoria West** for "Houston's hottest male strip contest."



If lack of parking lot security is a disease, meet the cure: Kevin at the Galleon.

That's it for this week — I'm outta here. See you around the neighborhood!



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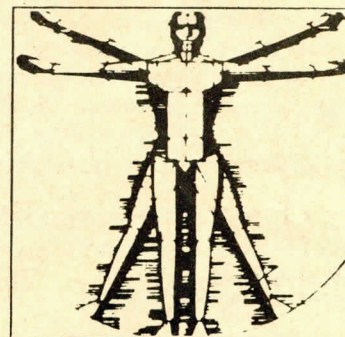
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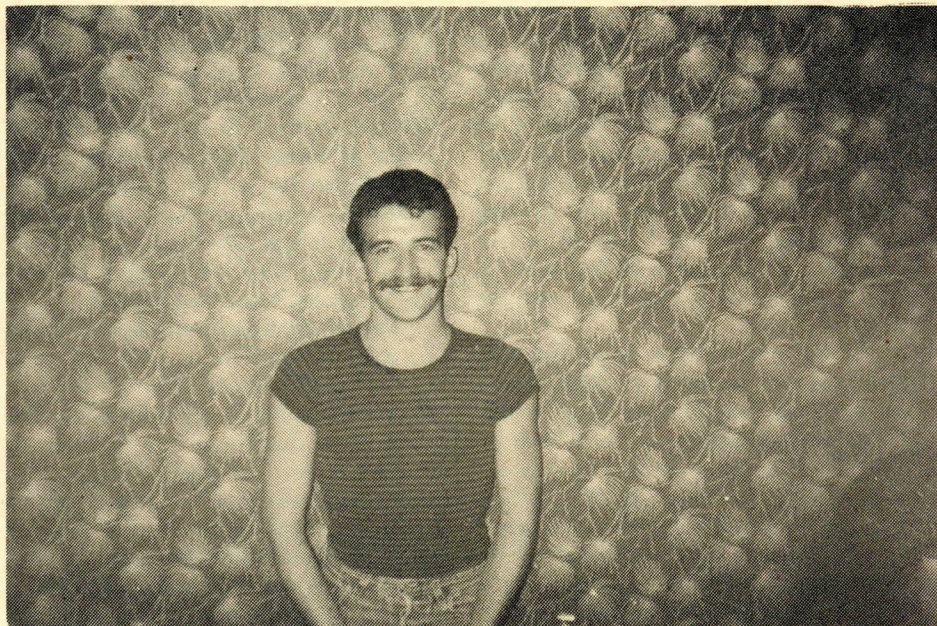
The Official Best Bartender in Montrose is GEORGE ROBBINS of JR's

In a hard fought campaign between 28 contestants and with over 2,500 votes cast, George Robbins won the coveted \$100 prize and first place in the First Annual Official Best Bartender in Montrose contest, a forum presentation.

Second place was taken by Chris Ballard of Michael's and third by Darlene Marino of the Rocking Horse.

George was last seen performing a tango with his campaign manager at Kindred Spirits, but we feel sure he will be back at work as soon as the prize money is gone.

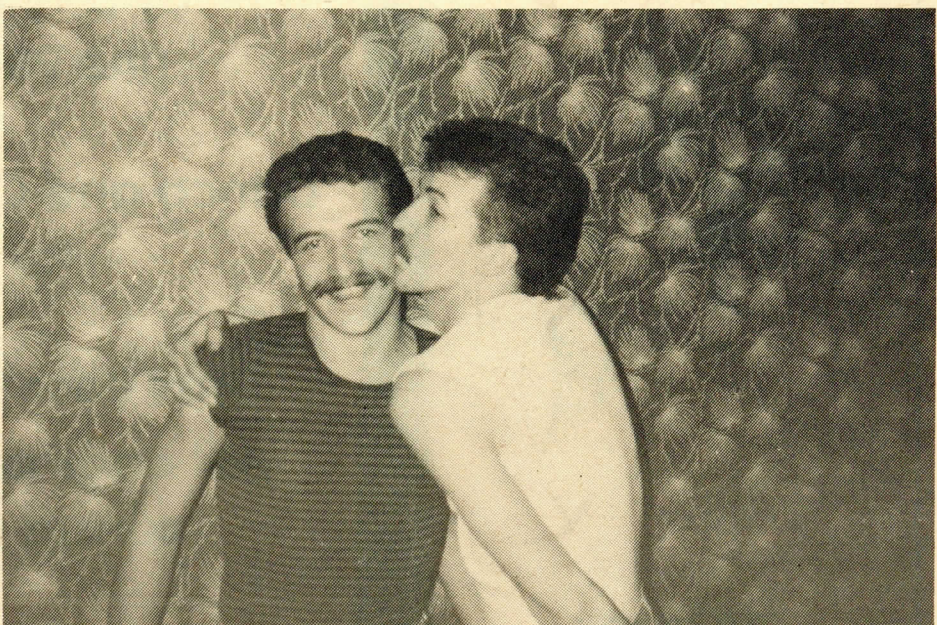
Congratulations George Robbins, the official Best Bartender in Montrose!



George Robbins the Official Best Bartender in Montrose



George and his prize money



George and Campaign Manager

Oh, Dear Fans, Amanda is finally getting her feet back to walking caliber after a too too active and very sick Halloween! Of course, we couldn't go out on such a crazed night without wearing our famous Halloween gown of yellow chiffon, with the black and gold lame paisley jersey and four inch Come-Kick-Me black spike heels. Our carefully coiffed head was securely wrapped in the finest black velvet turban with silver spangles, and sporting the priceless and much touted Star of Pasadena. So we set off with Sebastian for a night out in Montrose to see what we could see.

As we were walking down the sidewalk, however, we heard a sudden screech of tires and many bizarre little voices. Dear Fans, we thought we were having a sudden relapse, but we could have sworn he heard the words to "Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho" from Snow White! And when we turned around, we were horrified to see that we were being overtaken by seven of the most unattractive dwarfs with stocking caps on their heads and leering round eyes and chubby cheeks and white P.J.'s! Oh, Dear Fans, cartoons are so cute, but when they suddenly take on life-sized three dimensional qualities they became oh so awful and terrifying. Before we could scream, we were carried away to a large black Lincoln Continental and whisked off into the night. We don't remember everything that happened, except that we were given a strange little pill that made the whole world seem so lurid and colorful and sexually attractive!

At Rush Chris' on Richmond, we spotted two Grayline buses full of Demo-

crats, so we had the car pull over, and we greeted our city's visitors one by one in a daze. They stared at our Star of Pasadena, and one man asked who did our make-up (we'll never tell!). We told them not to tarry too long in the suburbs—that Montrose was where all the real life of Houston dwelled. Besides, we knew that plenty of future conventioners would hightail into the gay bars between voting duties! They were sorry to see us go as we lifted our yellow skirts and revealed our one of a kind black tulle underpouf with the "Houston Proud" waist band.

We then did a dashing cakewalk down the steps of our favorite Architectonica building on Richmond, then Greasy (we don't remember a Greasy in Snow White, but then we don't remember a Sleazy or Queeny, either . . .) suggested that we go to Ninf's Cantina, which turned out to be simply DEAD! Three lone girls sat at the bar and made fun of Amanda's esemble, so we embraced them lightly like a sister and said that if we were a single girl alone on Halloween night in a place as dead as this, we would commit suicide. Our silvery laugh continued all the way to the car as the three girls put their heads down on the bar and cried. Never criticize Amanda's ensemble, Dear Fans!

We hung out the window of the continental like a Labrador Retriever, our tongue dangling and our jewel-bedecked wrists flinging kisses to all who dared look our way. We were crushed that the Transco Fountain was not on, but we realized it was off as a precaution to nasty hooligans who would dare throw washing detergent into it to made mountains of



suds. We sighed and flung our giant box of Tide into the back seat with Sleazy and Queeny and Easy and Dokey.

Barville looked like Mardi Gras, Dear Fans! It was too fine for words, and we took great pleasure in humiliating old friends by hanging on them. Eventually, we ended up at Mecca, where we've never seen such finery in our life! There is a big business in podiatry in Houston after Halloween, you know!

Oh dear, our Michael Graves teapot is boiling. Must go! But before we sign off, we must remind our friends to join us at the gala Jazz It Up With The Stars show at

the Tower. There will be a Black Tie society Benefit on Sunday, November 9, and another show for the general public on Monday, November 10! Don't miss it, Dear Fans. All proceeds go to the AIDS Foundation, and for a mere \$20, you can see *Montgomery, Plant and Stritch*; the *Rob Landis Trio*; and the *Ken Whalen Jazz Band*. It will be like Carnegie Hall or the Boston Pops or the South Dakota Buffalo Band Extravaganza and Turkey Race. Be there or be totally unmentionable! Tickets are available at the Tower and at Ticketron!

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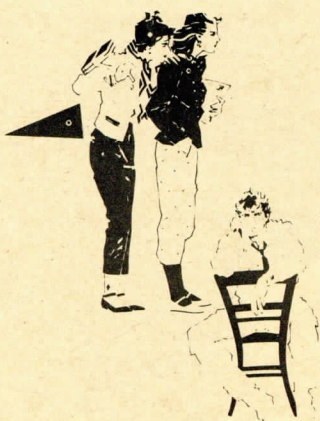
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Date _____

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 smoker _____ 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 _____ Optimistic _____
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?

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By Jeff Bray

I can't help it. the proximity of the event to Halloween is just too good to be true, and I can't help talking about it — the greatest scandal to date in the Montrose/Museum Area. Of course, I'm talking about the famous Mummified Lady on Banks Street.

I had just gotten my wisdom teeth pulled, and was laying in bed, packed in ice, when a friend called to see how I was doing. All I could really do was mumble incoherently as he spoke, but it was reassuring to hear from the outside world after two days of bedridden pain and puffiness. Then, he told me about the Mummy Lady — how her son had left her sitting in her rocking chair for over a year, covered in blankets until she turned into a mummy. It was too gruesome for reality, and I couldn't believe it, but was still interested as the story was told to me.

Then, a sudden thought came to me. I was myself lying in bed, packed in ice, and a sudden vision of frozen produce came into my mind and I could no longer make myself listen to the story — at least until I could get out of bed and feel less preserved artificially.

Whenever something this strange happens, it's interesting to listen to the story grow in complexity and strangeness as the time passes. The lady had been dead for TWO years. She was surrounded with scented candles. She was covered with Glade Stick-Up air fresheners. She was

wrapped in foil. Her son was retarded. He was psychotic. He was deranged. The other son simply accepted the fact that his mother didn't want to see him for over a year. The TV was on all day and night. On and on the story goes until all feeling for the poor old soul and the strange suicidal son completely disappear and it all takes on the feel of movie plot attractiveness.

I can't begin to speculate on the motives behind the event. It's all lost with the poor people involved, and all that's left are bodies and legend and a host of questions. How could a dead body remain in a closed four-plex without the neighbors detecting a slight bit of odor? How could someone shoot himself without anyone hearing him? How could a person simply disappear for an entire year without anyone seeming to notice? It's scary to think that you could fall down in your house and not be found for a year! That's why I keep a complex network of friends around me, calling and talking every day (well, there are more reasons than that for my friends, of course). But the sadness is so real that this poor family had no real contacts or that if they did, no one seemed to really care that the mother had disappeared. How weird! How eerie. How real! And yet, how morbidly funny. At lunch the other day a friend wondered whether the Glade Stick-Ups had been attached to her body, or just laid around. Would you believe it was so horrible, we had to laugh?

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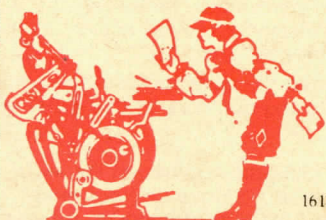
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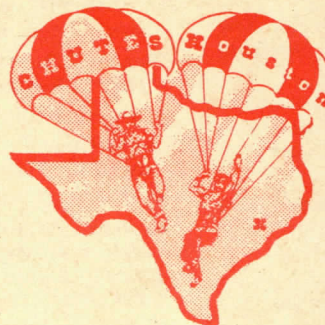
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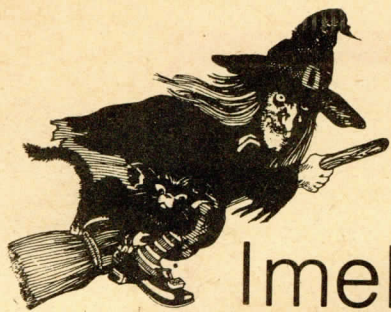
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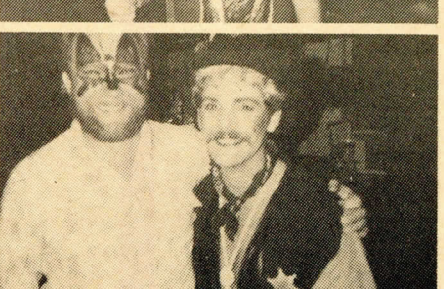
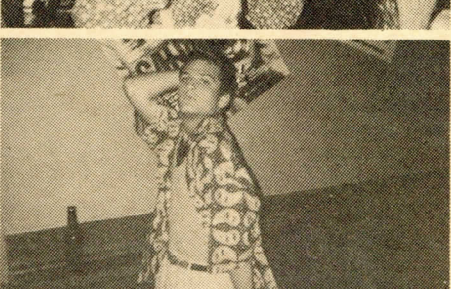
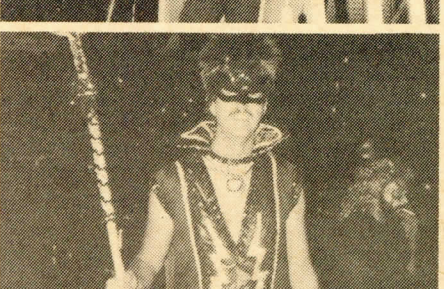
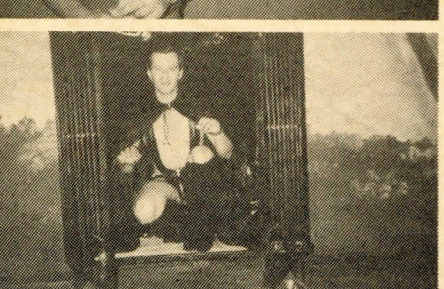
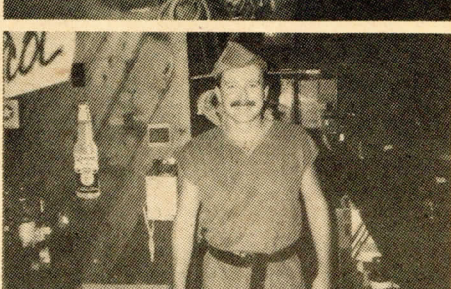
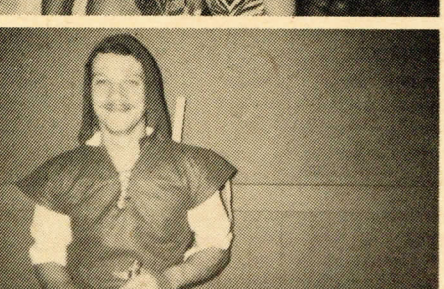
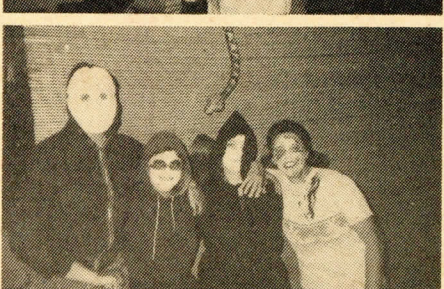
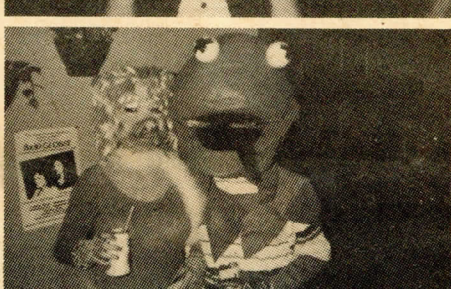
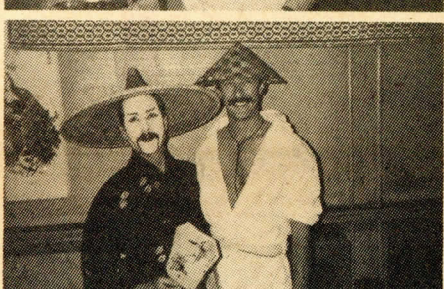
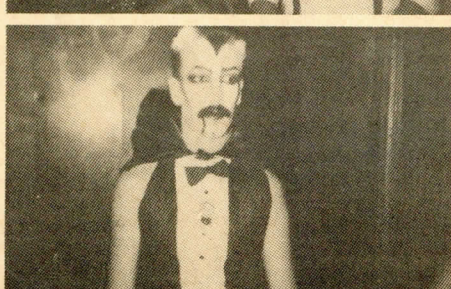
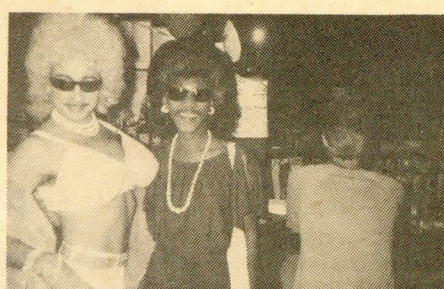
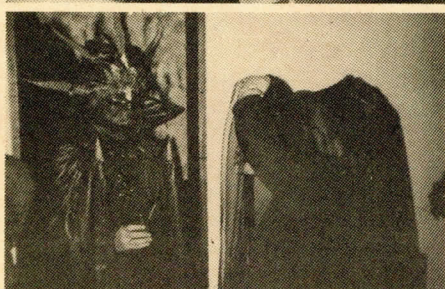
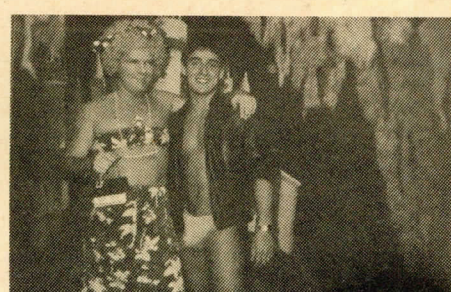
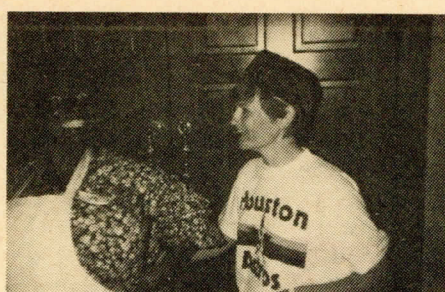
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Fast Copy

By "Perfectly" Frank Carello

Texas voters didn't really rally to anybody this past Tuesday, but Bill Clements will return to the Governor's mansion anyway. Of course, he will be backed up in his Republican administration by a thoroughly Democratic just-about-everybody-else. He won despite the fact that Houston's most famous Republican, Vice-President George Bush, was accidentally dropped from the sign-in roster, along with a large number of other voters in precincts 213 through 336 when a computer operator who printed the rosters only used one of the three tapes that contained the names. So, anyone who wasn't on the sign-in list had to be checked against the master list and added to the sign-in book by hand. However, by the time they figured that out, a lot of folks had been turned away. Isn't it nice to see the American election system in such fine working order?

Actually, sometimes the system works better than others. Take the Lyndon LaRouche people. Please. Seven months ago, two LaRouchies got on the ballot in Illinois as the Democratic candidates for Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State, but both were soundly defeated in the general election once the voters got wind of who they were. Both ran on platforms of insisting that there was an international drug conspiracy, of which the Queen of England was a kingpin and that AIDS was caused by the Soviets' biological warfare tactics. And how do you spell paranoid?

Voters, however, decided that what the country needs is a new Kennedy generation -- maybe. Joseph P. Kennedy II stepped decisively into the 8th congressional District seat in Massachusetts, until recently held by U.S. House Speaker Tip O'Neill, who is retiring after 17 terms. The seat was also once held by Kennedy's Uncle, the late John F. Kennedy. However, Joe's big Sis, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend lost her bid for a congressional seat from Maryland's Second District. Win some, lose some.

Other Kennedy news is that the main evidence in the assassination of Joe and Kathleen's Dad, Sen. Robert Kennedy, will finally be made public -- 18 years after the event. A lot of people have a lot of questions still about that case. And how do you spell conspiracy?

And talk about information getting out, how about that 'raid' on Pastor W.N. Otwell's home for wayward boys? Swarms of cops showed up only to find that no boys were there. Someone had tipped Otwell and the kids had been whisked away. Otwell says that he thinks that churches should be above the law when it comes to licensing childcare facilities. He also has led prayers asking God to kill political figures with whom he disagrees. And how do you spell fanatic?

Some other 'good Christians' are in trouble in Virginia because of the death of

a 13-year-old boy, who died from apparent child abuse. Michael and Karen Diehl have been featured on the Christian Broadcast Network for working with handicapped children. While on The 700 Club, Michael Diehl said that he and his wife supported their four natural and 13 adoptive children by subsidies and donations. Well, the Bible **does** say, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." But I can't find a verse about people who use the scriptures as part of a scam to use children for financial gain. Maybe that's okay, then.

But some people love their parents no matter what. John Parks, 65, apparently loved his mother so much couldn't bear to be parted with her, even though she was dead. Her mummified body was found in a Montrose apartment, propped up in a chair and covered with blankets. Parks was also dead by that time of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He apparently killed himself when it seemed that the outside world was about to infringe on him and his beloved mummy. The only thing that could have made the whole mess more bizarre would have been if Anthony Perkins had been brought in to do the live remote.

Linda Lovelace, the ex-porn queen who starred in **Deep Throat**, has breast cancer and a life-threatening liver disease and wants help with a \$200,000 medical bill. Maybe she could go on the Christian Broadcast Network and make an appeal.

In California, insect and rodent parts have been found in ingredients used for the manufacture of various edibles of a health food company. Interestingly, the company is called Mother Nature's Goodies.

Headlines around the world have been screaming that Prince Philip called the Chinese 'slitty eyed' and said that they (the Chinese) avoided mixing with foreign 'barbarians.' This is not exactly true. What he said to the British exchange students who reported the remarks was that by the time they got back to England (after over a year in China) was that **they'd** have slitty eyes. He was probably talking about the hours of concentrated study they were doing and didn't even think of it as a racial slur.

In Spokane, Washington, Robert W. Nelson Jr., 23, of Tacoma was being held without bond this week when a loaded pistol, stolen credit cards, notes about President Reagan's security personnel and a bullet tagged, "For you Mr. President" were found in his hotel room just before Reagan visited that city. Now, that seems unfair. He probably simply meant to give a special bullet to a beloved President. The gun was simply part of his right to bear arms. He probably stole the credit cards because his accountant father beat him. Hey, I've been watching the Christian Broadcast Network, and **everything** can be explained.

NEWS SHORTS

BRIEFS

- A proposition on the California ballot calling for mandatory blood screening and isolation for those with human immuno-virus positivity has been defeated in Tuesday's elections. The proposition, which would have given employers the right to fire employees, and landlords to evict anyone testing positive to the AIDS antibody, was instigated by the followers of Lyndon LaRouche. LaRouche claims AIDS is part of a biological warfare plot by the Soviet Union.
- The number of deaths from AIDS in the Texas Department of Corrections has doubled since last year, and the number of both men and women who either have the virus or have AIDS in TDC is on the rise. Prison officials have said that many of the prisoners who have tested positive for the HTLV-III antibody are still residing in the general prison population, while some are being isolated. Officials admit that AIDS is a particular problem in prisons because of the non-availability of condoms for safe sex practices and the availability of needles for intravenous drug use.
- Azidothymidine (AZT) has been made available to AIDS patients in Houston through Memorial Southeast Hospital, Park Plaza Hospital and the Institute for

Immunological Disorders as part of a study of the new drug, which has shown to inhibit the reproduction of the virus in the human body. AZT is not a cure for AIDS, but has shown to prolong life in certain AIDS patients.

- U.S. State Department officials have protested the Soviet Union's claim that the AIDS virus was created by the U.S. government and spread throughout the world by U.S. servicemen as a kind of biological warfare. Meanwhile, in Africa, which most researchers say is the place of origin of the disease, politicians are claiming that the virus was brought into the continent by Western Europeans taking advantage of poor economic conditions in Central Africa by buying favors from non-homosexual men who were desperate for money.

- Heterosexual AIDS cases are on the rise, with most of the infections occurring in a male-to-female transmission. However, the transmission of the virus from women to men is possible when there is an irritation or minor tear of the man's urethra and the virus is present in the woman's vaginal secretions. Such transmissions are not likely, though, according to health officials, but sexually active heterosexuals are being urged to practice the same sex procedures that have gained widespread use in the gay community.

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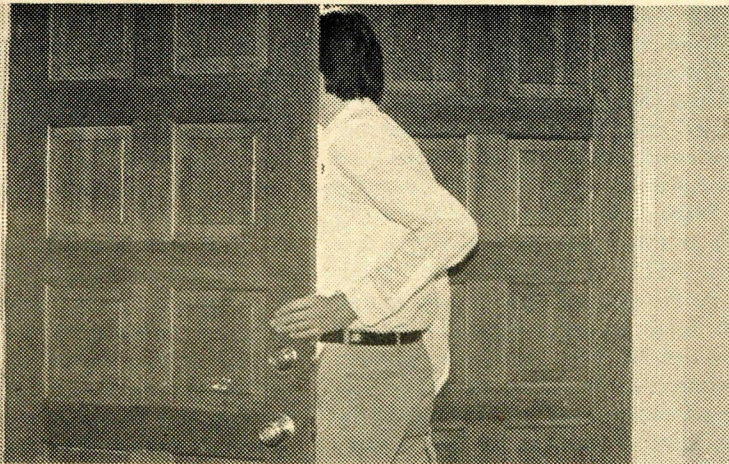
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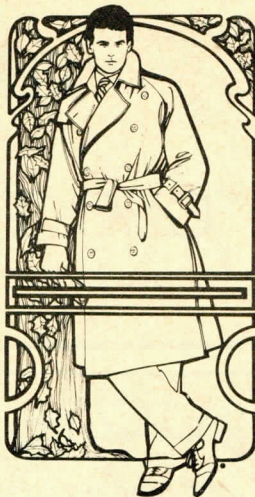
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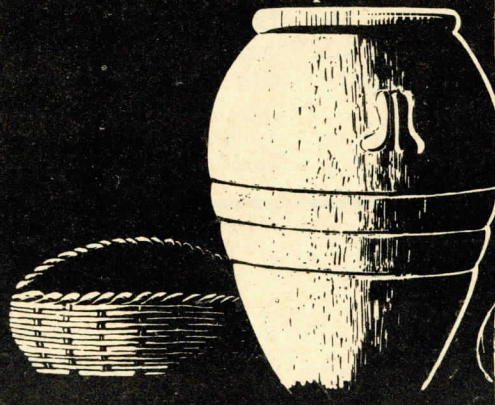
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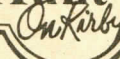


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Signed: G.G. in Montrose

Dear G.G.:

If you are serious, which I think you may be, please don't hesitate to call the Montrose Counseling Center for assistance. Your depression at the coming of the holidays is not unusual, but everyone has different reasons for depression. Holidays past (good or bad), inability to afford gifts, lack of friends and family — they all present magnified problems during the holiday season. Just remember that you are not alone, and seek help from friends or a professional. After all, suicide is never an answer to any problem. It just causes problems for other people.

Dear Mona:

Halloween was great fun, and I had a wonderful time, but now I'm left with sore feet and a broken heart. My "friend" broke up with me during a costume party. It was so ridiculous because we were dressed like whores. He told me he couldn't stand me anymore and had been waiting for "just this moment" to dump me. Then he left me standing there. I took a cab home, and found that his clothes were gone! Mona, I'm desperate. When I tell friends about it they laugh because I was in drag and the situation was so funny. But it wasn't funny. I feel like I could die!

Signed: Lost in Montrose

Dear Lost:

What a horrible experience! Sure, there is a bit of humor in this story, but the overall fact of the matter is that you are hurt and abandoned, and it was a cruel surprise. Your ex lover doesn't sound like a very nice person, and you are probably much better off without him. I'm always amazed at the acts of cruelty that occur between people. Honey, just dust yourself off and go out and find someone else — those are encouraging words. If the depression is too awful, seek some professional help, but don't worry. Your depression and dismay are completely normal, and you must experience anger and sorrow before recovery can begin.

Dear Mona:

I was having a party last week, and one of the guests happened to be in a wheelchair. One of my best friends came to the party, and when he saw the man in the wheelchair, he got very mad at me and said it was wrong of me not to have told him there would be a cripple at the party. He said he couldn't stand the sight of a cripple and wouldn't have come if he had known. Then he left. I'm totally shocked! I feel like just dropping him completely, because the crippled guy was perfectly nice, and I was embarrassed for my friend. What would you do in this case?

Signed: Disappointed Friend



Dear Disappointed:

You have every right to be angry at your friend for his shocking lack of tact and sensitivity. I can't see how any gay man could possibly feel prejudiced toward someone with any physical handicap. At this time, where there is so much cruelty and injustice for AIDS victims, it seems absolutely inconceivable that someone with a physical handicap would be shunned by a potential victim! You need to confront your friend and find out why he feels this way. It sounds like there must be some underlying fear that is affecting him, and he needs to confront it before he'll ever be really able to associate in any society — handicapped or not!

Dear Mona:

I think my house is haunted. Yesterday I put down a watch and when I turned around, it was gone. Today, I put down a glass of milk, and when I turned around it was gone too! I live by myself and I don't have any pets, and I don't think there is a rodent problem. Sometimes I hear noises — sometimes even in broad daylight. There are even times when I feel scared in the middle of the day! Am I going nuts? What is going on?

Signed: Scared to Death in the Heights
Dear Scared:

Yes, I'd be scared too. I fully believe in spirits and paraphenomena. I think you should look into having a psychic check your house out for any infestation. I'm not joking. Anyway, if strange things continue to occur, I would strongly recommend looking for another place to live. Better to avoid the hassle altogether than to suffer under the same roof with a perturbed poltergeist!

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Horoscopes

for Week of November 7 - November 13, 1986

by Sister Inez, Psychic and Palmist

There is only one major Astrological event occurring in the Zodiac this week, and it is a very important one. The planet of luck, JUPITER, will turn direct in PISCES on Sunday. What does this mean to you? Most of you have probably noticed that for the past several months you may have been experiencing periods of just plain "bad luck". Things just have not gone the way you had hoped or planned either emotionally or financially. This will all end by the weekend when JUPITER turns around. I would like to point out, however, that our personal planets, MERCURY (ruler of communication and learning) and VENUS (ruler of romance and possessions) are still going backwards. This indicates that we will continue having difficulties with possessions, romance, and communications. Those difficulties aside, at least luck will be with us!

ARIES: Things may have seemed out of your control for the last week. This will remain so for the next week with seemingly everyone trying to manipulate you. The trouble you may have been experiencing in trying to be yourself and accepting yourself is about to end with the direct motion of JUPITER coming into this area. There are still problems with your sexual life and your partner's money or assets.

TAURUS: You will continue to experience feelings of being out of control with your life. All of the planets are currently out of your reach and will not come under your control until after next weekend. You should be able to move forward with your goals, however, since JUPITER will go direct in this area of your life. Now is an excellent time for you to move ahead in your career, but romantic entanglements are not favored. Avoid disagreements with your lover.

GEMINI: Your career may have seemed like it was put on hold for the last several months while JUPITER went backwards in this area. Your career should really begin to take off during the upcoming week. Proceed cautiously as communications could be difficult in your job and you could be misunderstood. There could be some health problems with someone you love or are romantically involved with.

CANCER: This weekend you may feel very weird emotionally and by midnight Friday you may well be very aggressive sexually. Be careful and don't "overbite" as you may turn off your evening's potential prospect. Take care what you say to those that you are interested in romantically since there is this current tendency for you to be misunderstood. You could experience some problems dealing with computers (ie, misbillings, etc.).

LEO: Since both of the personal planets governing romance and communications are currently moving backwards you can expect some difficulty in this area. Be careful to avoid getting into arguments concerning matters dealing with your home life. If your sexual life has been sort of boring for the last several months, be prepared for a big change. JUPITER will go forward increasing your sexual appetite in a big way.

VIRGO: There will continue to be a lot of emphasis on learning, but with your personal planets going backwards, this will pose somewhat of a dilemma for you. You will have to concentrate more than normal in order to effectively learn anything. If you have been having problems with a lover or partner, these should soon end with JUPITER going direct in your house of relationships. This indicates an excellent future romance.

LIBRA: Your finances and assets are currently very important to you with you devoting much time to learning about how to amass assets. There will be difficulty here for the next several weeks with your effective learning ability blocked. This is still a very favorable time for you to acquire substantial, permanent assets. You should begin to enjoy your job much more and your health should be excellent for the remainder of the year.

SCORPIO: This remains your most favorable time of the year with the SUN, PLUTO, MERCURY, and VENUS transiting your sign. However, there could be some communications difficulties with MERCURY going backwards in your sign. You may have been rather unlucky for the last several months, with JUPITER going direct in your house of luck, now is the time to gamble and buy lottery tickets. This will be a time when you will attract many people wanting to date or get involved with you.

SAGITARIUS: You may be experiencing some self doubt and also some inner conflict -- especially dealing with a lover or a potential lover. This will weigh very heavy on you for the next several weeks. Try not to seek any solution since none will be effective until MERCURY goes direct in about two weeks. Just tread water for the next few weeks and try to avoid direct confrontation. A lucky event will occur dealing with your home or a parent.

CAPRICORN: Even though organizations and goals may weigh heavily on your mind, there could be some difficulty in communications surrounding these areas. Communications among friends will be somewhat strained for the next several weeks and you could tend to irritate close friends so be very careful and think before you speak or act. A very lucky event will occur in your near neighborhood or dealing with a brother and sister.

AQUARIUS: Your career is really in high focus during this period. You could have a little difficulty in communications with people very important to your status or reputation with your company. This is a very favorable time for you to increase your assets. Invest now in real estate or anything that deals with minerals or oil. You will have some difficulty in forming permanent relationships, but this will end in about three weeks.

PISCES: You will be the big winner this week from the movements of the planets. For the last several months you have experienced a lot of "bad luck". This was due to the backward motion of JUPITER, the planet of luck, in your sign. This comes to an end this week with JUPITER going direct which should increase your luck. You could have difficulty with communications and learning in general. Romance is also not favored, but hot sex is!

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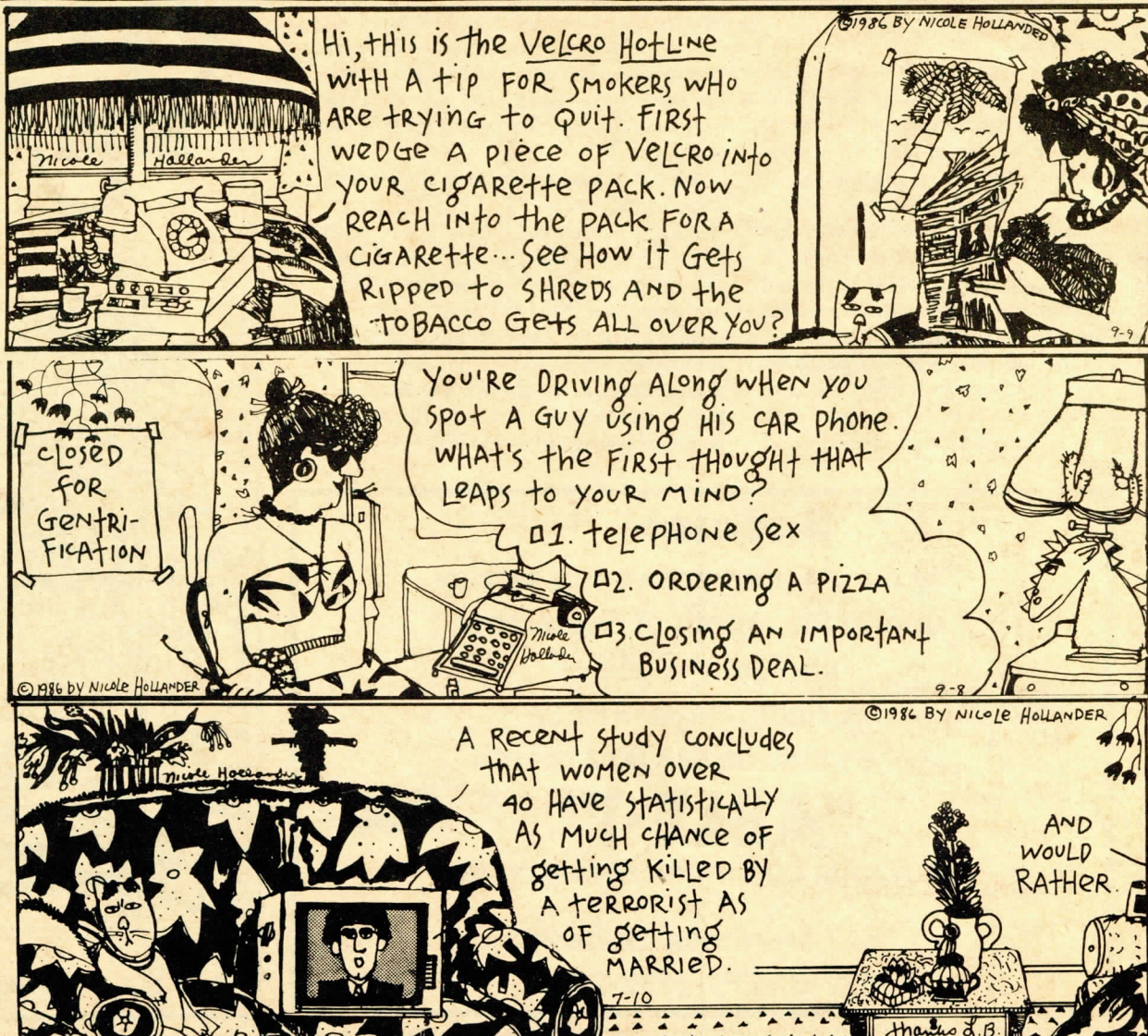
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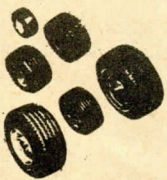
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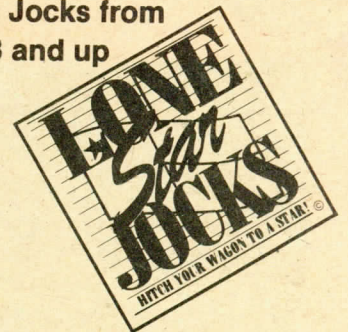
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