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UNDERSTANDING DISEASE

"Illnesses hover constantly above us, their seeds blown by the wind, but they do not set in the terrain unless the terrain is ready to receive them."

During the later part of the nineteenth century, the French biologist, Claude Bernard wrote these words having begun to develop a theory of biological adaptation. His medical theory was about the human body's ability to maintain a balance. He suggested that the body had an internal mechanism that interacted with the external environment toward keeping a balance of health inside the body. Despite outside changes (temperature, germs, thirst, stress, etc.), the body could adapt. In fact the well being of the body was very dependent upon the good communication between all the systems of the body and the outside environment.

These thoughts became the foundation of the very early research into immunity (the body's ability to fight disease) and into the effect of stress upon the body.

Stress is the rate of wear and tear on the body. Stress is inside and outside. There is mental stress (inability to solve a problem), emotional stress (anxiety and worry), physical stress (the flu), interpersonal stress (an argument with your boss), group stress (homophobia) and even stress between groups (war). Although stress can be positive, too much stress puts our body out of balance and weakens or intensifies the communication between body parts. Stress is a demand upon the body. It is an intense message to all body systems for more — more output and input for the central nervous system, the endocrine system (our glands) and the immune system. Stress is pushing beyond the normal limit.

Increasing evidence continues to suggest that AIDS may be more than a virus and

bad luck. Scientific studies continue to investigate the relationship between stress (in all of its experiences) and disease. The medical subspecialty psychoneuroimmunology (psycho + neuro + immunology) studies the relationship between psychosocial stress and disease and observes the disintegration that occurs as the body is asked to adapt to increasingly more demands of stress. The CDC in Atlanta continues to observe that many persons with AIDS were sick already from a weakened immune system. That already weakened immune system may well be the fertile ground upon which the AIDS seed grows.

Put simply—the chemicals that you eat, breathe, suck, inject, snort, drink and sniff are stressful demands you place on your body. Drug abusers are not the ones who just use needles.

By Bryan J. Guiot

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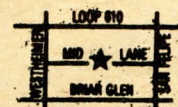
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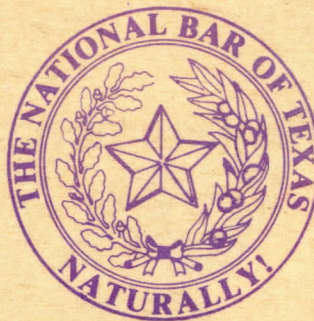
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The Quest for Mr. Right

Feb. 9th — Galleon

Happily the Quest returned to Montrose last Sunday at the Outlaws and there was a real good crowd. You guys had us worried over Superbowl Sunday—and in fact we became impressed at just how butch, and sports-oriented—you Questers must be. Hmmm,hmmm,hmmm! Thank the Outlaws for a fun quest event and sometimes—even often—it is real nice to get in a more intimate, cozy setting.

This Sunday the Quest moves for its first time ever to the GALLEON. This will be a fabulous opportunity to both check out their Mardi Gras decorations—if you have not done so earlier—and to hang around and take advantage of the GALLEON'S famed Sunday Steak Night. Thanks to Jay and the Galleon crew for hosting the Quest in conjunction with their steak night. The Quest will be from 5 to 9 pm this Sunday February 9th, at the Galleon at 2302 Richmond—just east of Kirby. Do try to wear red, white, or blue for the Quest—but remember they will

be decorating in purple, yellow, and green for Mardi Gras!

As you know, the Quest is an event that you can just check in from time to time and a special feature is that it DOES move all over town—and outside the LOOP too! You can come once or come every week but it is the FORUM'S 1986 version of the old church social or college mixer. The idea is each week in a new location to bring everyone interested in meeting that special someone—people who would like a significant other in their lives—together. It IS a MEET RACK and it is always so very gratifying to see how well everyone mingles and really gets acquainted with all types of different folks.

With the Quest you can just stop by—for a few minutes or a few hours. The important thing is to be open and receptive to new people and new good coming your way. In gay life when looking for love, we have all too often looked for love in all the wrong

places and all too often looked for love with incredibly high expectations. At Quest you should just relax and try to be non-judgmental about people when you first meet them. In gay life all too often we have a "score sheet" that we run through our mind just the first three minutes of meeting new people. Often times you judge a book by its cover or on a fleeting first impression in a dark bar and don't really give it a chance. Here—everyone is trying to share a common goal—a common quest and just flow with it.

Frankly, this is one Quest event that you SHOULD not miss! It promises to be one of the best yet and many of you out there have learned to pick and choose the Quest events you DO attend. This is one to attend and if you have the time, plan on taking advantage of their good nature's at the Galleon and their \$3 Steak Night. Linger. That is 5 to 9PM this Sunday at the GALLEON, 2303 Richmond. Call 522-7616 for any info/directions. Don't miss this one—Valentines Day is next Friday!!! See you on the crew!



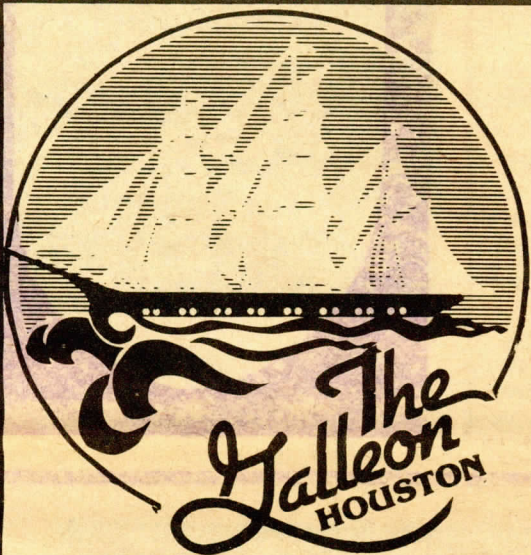
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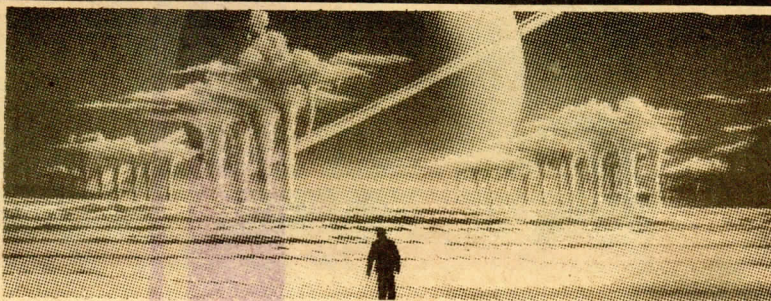
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"The creations of our mind should be a blessing, not a curse to mankind."

-Albert Einstein



"Love One
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Amanda

By Amanda B. Recondwith Copyright 1986

Dear Fans, Amanda never ceases to be amazed at television in this country. We were settled down to watch the much-touted Sins, staring our dear friend Joan Collins, when suddenly we got a call from our other Dear Friend, Penny. Well, most of you Dear Fans have seen Penny on television. She is our local version of Barbara Walters, Rhona Berrett, Andy Rooney and Fran Liebowitz all rolled into one. She interviews the stars on her trips to Hollywood and New York, bringing interesting tidbits back to us meager masses, who prefer to lie around drinking herbal iced tea and eating Nacho Cheese Flavored Tostito Chips.

Anyway, Dear Penny had the most incredible things to say about Joan Collins. Of course, we never told Penny that Joan and Amanda were dear friends, but it was interesting to listen anyway. Penny said that when she met Joan, the woman was wrapped in plastic garbage bags, soaking in a tub of boiling margarine. Joan thinks that this treatment, which she picked up while on a trip to Tibet several years ago, will help preserve her skin and make her youthful looking forever! Penny said that Joan drank champagne and tossed large bones to a huge rabid mastif that was chained to the other side of the sunken tub while she talked. It all sounded so *Hollywood*! And that, Dear Fans, is exactly what dear Joan Collins is made of—the stuff that dreams come from. Hollywood cotton candy that melts in your mouth and disappears before your stomach has time to digest it. The only problem is, Dear Fans, is that even cotton candy can make you throw up!

After Penny hung up so she could go feed her African Death Fly Trap with small dogs Amanda once again turned her attention to the movie, *Sins*.



The minutes seemed like hours! The hours seemed like days! And still it went on! It went on and on and on until we couldn't even believe that it was happening! But still it went on.

The girl they chose to portray young Joan was very attractive, and really the best actor in the whole show—at least she was given some lines in between the gaudy scenes of voluptuous wealth. But, really! The best part was when they were stabbing all the Germans in the back at least it *looked* real!

Then, there was a commercial break (one of millions), and when they came back, it was several years later, and the real Joan was playing herself again, only as a young woman. Well, Dear Fans, we realize that in soap operas characters come and go, die and resurrect, all the time—but this is something else! For that fresh young thing to appear three years later looking like Joan Collins is simply *too much to believe*! Only a massive head injury could have made her look that old that fast! They really should have let the younger girl play her role until the character was at least *close* to Joan's real age!

There were a few bright spots, especially the clothing and the jewelry. Of course, our dear heroine is not travelling in normal society. She hangs out with the filthy rich, who are vile, nasty, jaded things, just waiting to take advantage of a poor helpless little girl like her. Of course, by the first commercials, she had already shot two men and been raped, but that's all forgotten later in the movie—and besides, she did it in self defense!

Then, to make it even more ludicrous, her brother comes back from the dead after being in a catatonic state in a mental institution for over 14 years! And in no time, he looks just great, and takes up the business of running his sister's massive international business! Good *Lord*! Can we go on?

Of course, the man she jilted as a girl is consumed with revenge. He has a chateau in France, six or seven Rolls Royces, hundreds of gorgeous race horses, and unlimited good looks—but because dear Joan jilted him, he has thrown everything away and risks his life and fortune just so he can see her suffer. Come on, Dears! Joan is good looking, but she really isn't worth *all that*!

Well, Amanda knows that we have all had to swallow worse pills than this. After all, we remember sitting through the last three or four months of *Dynasty*, which had the most

ridiculous plot and awful acting ever witnessed on prime time TV! But we really couldn't get at all excited by *Sins*, and after the first episode, we returned to the Arts & Entertainment Network, PBS and the Weather Channel, with bits of MTV and VH-1 thrown in for giggles. And if you really want to be thrilled and entertained, Dear Fans, just do what Amanda does.

Get yourself a nice thick quilt, turn the air conditioning down to about 65, find a good book, keep your cat on your lap, and *read*! God knows something like *Sins* may come out at first in book form, but at least it's up to your imagination, and it doesn't waste so much money!

Poor Joan. It will take her several more decades to recover from this flop. She will always be Alexis in every part she plays. It's the curse of mass entertainment and popularity. But at least she dresses properly for every occasion, don't you think?

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a long Mardi Gras tradition going back into the 19th century and it is splendid to see this popular revival in 1985 and 1986.

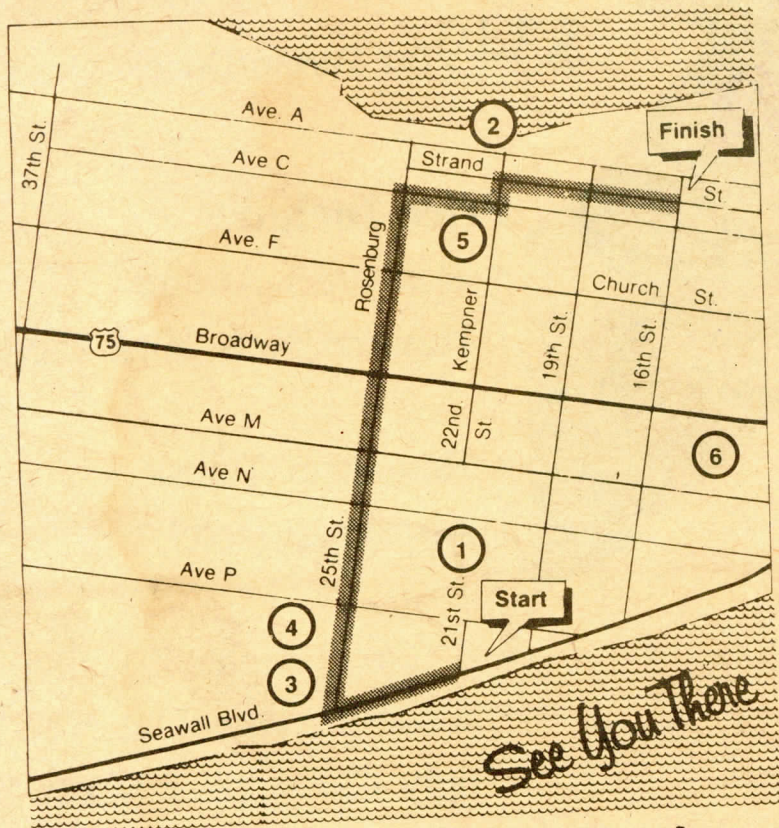
This Weekend in Galveston

"Our" beach city—Galveston—will be gayly hosting their 2nd Mardi Gras in 40 years this weekend. It should be a fun, fun weekend and last year they had expected 100,000 visitors and got 250,000. This year is sure to be the same. Traffic as you can well imagine will be horrendous and we are including a bar guide so you can seek out companionship as well as restroom facilities. Last year the crunch for them was worse than the traffic!!

Saturday, Feb. 8th is the BIG day and the parade is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. with the theme—"Momus Salutes the Great Carnivals of the World". As you know, carnival season is popular in many Roman Catholic settings across the world with Rio, Vienna, Munich, and New Orleans being some of the more noted ones. Galveston has

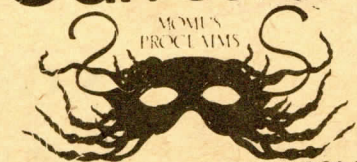
Last year many bars and restaurants were not prepared for the crowd that was 2 to 3 times the city's expectations—but this year they are indeed ready. The FORUM spoke with the six gay bars/clubs in Galveston and they are looking forward to your visit. Enjoy—but do watch the drinking and driving. Remember the Krewe of Hydra is taking buses down there. Enjoy Mardi Gras, here, there, or New Orleans, or Rio, or Munich, or??? I'll take Munich's Fasching!!! Go for it!

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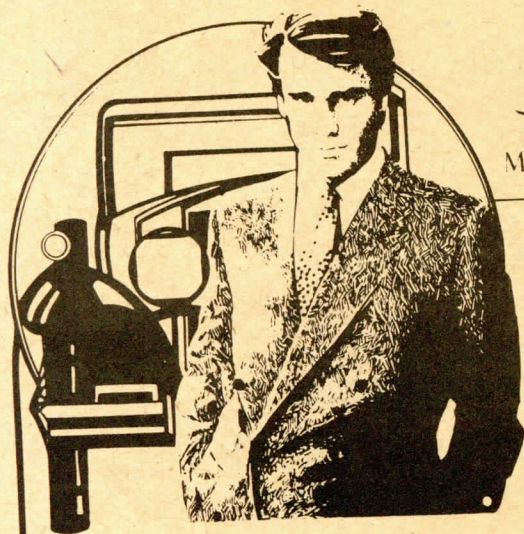


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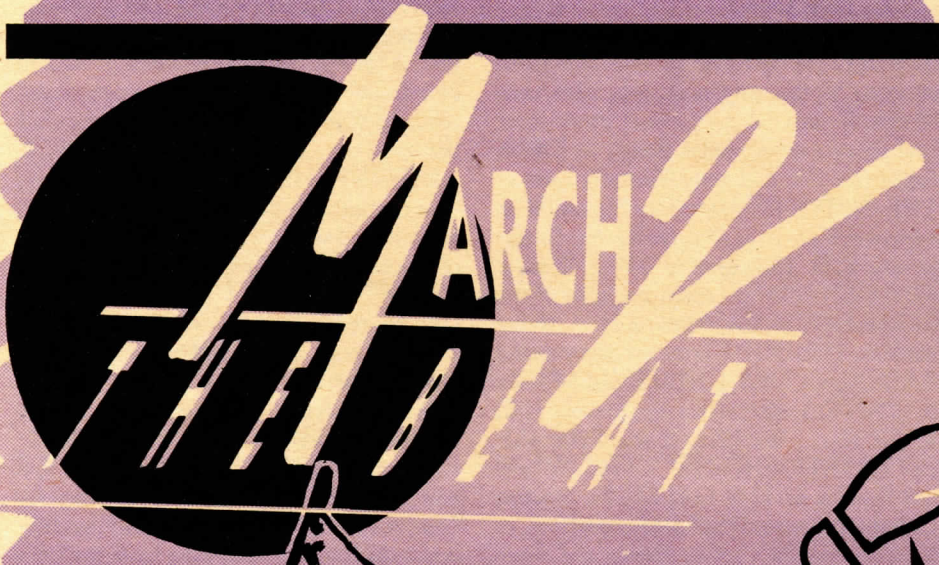


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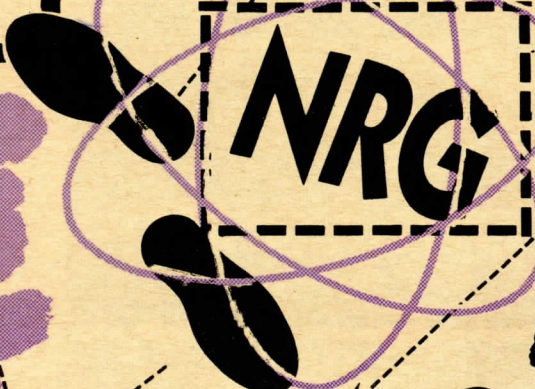
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GOOD NEWS

It's a Valentine's Day Wedding for lovely **Maria** and fragile **Pickles** of Mary's fame. FYI Maria and Pickles are getting married—to each other! Bridal Showers jsbr flooded the nuptial party with gifts—all going to the McAdory House. Other events include Maria's Stag Party Feb. 13 at Chutes, at the new outdoor Brig Bar—admission is donations to the McAdory House. CYB Maria is the GROOM! Bridal Showers will pour on Pickles at Hooter's this Friday at 9 p.m., donations and gifts going to the McAdory House. They plan a wedding on the 14th at Mary's followed by a bartenders All Star Drag.

MARDI GRAS

Boy the activity is HOT! Unlike **Lew Hondros**, who folded his hoop skirt for his wash 'n wear bridal outfit and headed to New Orleans, most of us are apt to stay put. None-the-less, FUN is all around! Here is a list of things and places to do: **THE GALLEON** rolls out Thursday Feb. 6th for an 8 p.m. BUFFET: red beans, rice and sausage to make you feel like a real coon-ass. Of course, they plan a whole weekend of COSTUMES. **THE GALLEON** on Friday Feb. 7th at 8 p.m., don your costume for a real New Orleans Jazz Party. A real Dixieland Band from AstroWorld along with progressive jazz tapes will keep your toes tapping and help you slap your feet to the Mississippi Beat... Now it's

Saturday. So many choices! **BERING MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Harold at Mulberry, 526-1017, is hosting the 36th Annual Mardi Gras Festival Pancake Day. \$4 buys all the sausage, bacon and pancakes you can eat! That's a real bargain too. All for a good cause...

If you Happy Prince has not flown you to New Orleans—there are more things to do. Those sweeties from **THE KREWE OF HYDRA** are hosting buses to Galveston's Mardi Gras Parade. Boarding is 11:30 a.m. from The Ripcord and The Barn. Remember the nightmare traffic jams in Galveston last year? Remember those naughty boys giving out DWI's? By now you have heard what those meanies with T.A.B.C. did... no free drinks aboard the bus as part of the deal. Well, you can B.Y.O.B. and free set ups will be furnished. The buses return from Galveston by midnight, leaving from the Lafitte's and Mary's II area. You can get on the buses anytime you want... to rest... Tickets are \$20... You can get back in time to catch the events at **THE GALLEON**: From 8 p.m. to closing there will be a magnificent Costume Ball. Everyone come in costumes. At midnight crowning of the King and Queen will take place. Maybe Henry VIII? Carrying the spirit, **HOUSTON FORUM's QUEST** for Mr. Right continues at **THE GALLEON** on Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m. Have you tried this event to meet new people? Last week it was over at The Outlaws. I think **Stewart** met **Miss Alabama**, finally... Anyway, how can you lose? Wear something red, white or blue—or all three and see who all you can meet... A beautiful end to a very festive weekend. And then next weekend is **VALENTINES**, **THE WEDDING** and **LET US ENTERTAIN YOU**...

DRAG FOR DAYS

Preppy **Patsy Cline** represented both the BRB and **THE BARN** (FYI: The Barn is celebrating 10 loooong years Feb. 27th thru March 9—wait until you hear about their line up of events); **Miss Reedy** of **EXILE** fame; the one and only **Victoria Lust** of **THE OUTLAWS**; legendary **Naomi Sims** representing all of **Frank Kaven Enterprises**; **R.B. Burnette** of **TWT**; **Kiki** of **KINDRED SPIRITS**; mighty **mighty** of the **BRIAR PATCH**; the infamous **Miss Alabama** from **THE HOLE**; beauties representing **RASCALS**, **COPA**, **CHUTES**, **MARION & LYNN'S**, 5 sultry items represented **THE RANCH**... WHERE? It was **THE ALL CITY BARTENDERS DRAG SHOW** held last Sunday at **THE GALLEON**. **Marion Coleman** appeared but failed to perform, at least not on the runway. **Barry** said there were more women in the bar than he has seen in all of his life! One even parked her car on the sidewalk out front. **Barry** headed up the event which made \$750 for **FOCUS** and **KS/AIDS FOUNDATION**. **Jay Allan** could hardly stand it. So, he upped the take by \$250 so the total came to \$1000...

AROUND THE LOOP

... Spied big **Johnny** meeting popular **Montrose Restaurateur, David** at the **Ripcord**... **Thomas Melancon**, playwright, poet reads tonight at **FIRST FRIDAYS** at the **FIREHOUSE** 8:30 p.m. FREE... On Monday night **HOUSTON GAY/LESBIAN FORUM** meets at the **First Unitarian Church**, 5210 Fannin, 7:30 p.m. Attend if you will... Also Monday night is the General Meeting for **GAY/LESBIAN HISPANIC UNION**, 3217 Fannin, 7:00 p.m....

IN THE ARTS

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HEIMER COLONY ASSOCIATION is accepting designs for its Spring 1986 Art Festival Poster. Winner receives \$500. For details call 521-0133... By-the-way, to get space in that event are going quickly. Call the same... 1986 **REGIONAL BLACK ARTISTS EXHIBITION** is accepting entries through March. The juried exhibition is to open to artists within a 200 mile radius of Austin. Call (512) 477-9660... **HOUSTON GAY HEALTH ADVOCATES** meet Saturday 900 Lovett, Suite 201, 7:30 p.m., call 790-9448 for details... Don't miss seeing the S in S & M—**MARAT/SADE** at The Main Street Theatre thru March 2, 524-6706... **BALLROOM DANCE EVENING**, Sat. Feb. 8, 8 p.m., Kaplan Theatre—Jewish Community Center 729-3200. An evening of dancing and a spectacular floor show from the Let's Dance Ballroom Dance Theatre... **Joan Karff's NEW DANCE GROUP** and Several Dancers Core perform Sunday, Feb. 8, 9 p.m., JCC 729-3200... **Montrose Art Alliance** presents **ANTIQUE VALENTINE POSTCARDS** thru Feb. 20th, Missouri Street Gallery, 1006 Missouri... **George Bunker in Houston 1974-1986** continues through Feb. 27 at The Glassell School of Art, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, 5101 Montrose Blvd...

ZUM ZUM GANG

Big Max is back from Denver with only minor bruises and cuts, but no breaks... Travel Biggie **Roger Rother** is back from Singapore, spied at the **Ripcord** with the Chaffing Dish's **Mike Guice** in tow... **HOUSTON FORUM's Randy Brown** is back from Mexicali, brown as you know what, rested and ready... Who says winter is dull? And next weekend is **LET US ENTERTAIN YOU WEEKEND???**

Until next Friday, **CAN WE TALK**.

Question of the Week: Where did you spend Mardi Gras?

Answer for last week: I'll never tell.

by Elroy Forbes

ETC.

Can We Talk

The wonderful **KEN CLAUDE**, the latest of many, many **Mary's** managers will be leaving soon—and will surely be missed—he is off to Univ. of Houston to pursue his chosen career in horticulture and landscape architecture. He will still be around town and even the **FORUM** is sweet-talking this wonderful and talented man. He has got a real green thumb and will undoubtedly bring more magic into people's lives in this field—as he has done for us here through his association with **Mary's**. Godspeed.

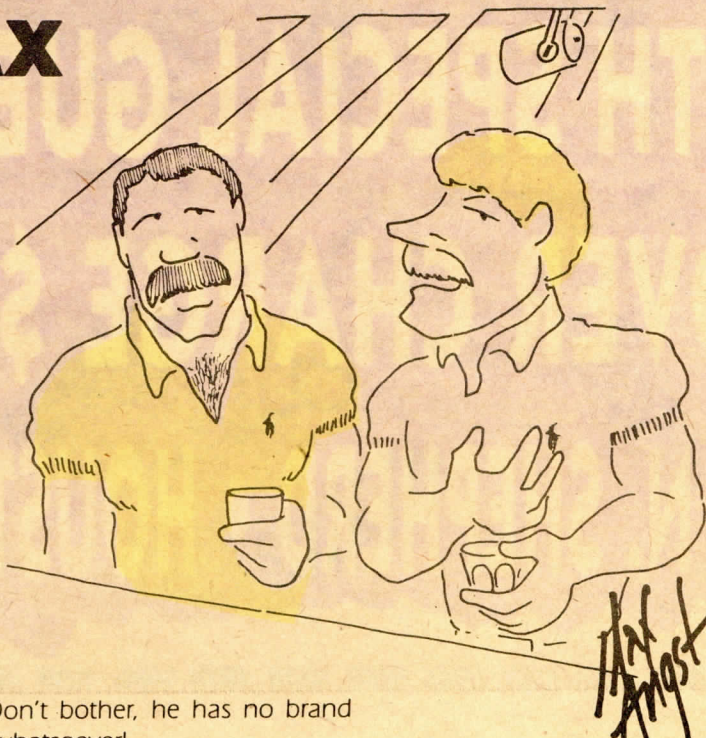
Remember the **Krewe of Hydra** will be having buses going down to Galveston for Mardi Gras. Watch that drinking and

driving. **Judy Justice** and **Lily Law** will be doing a real **Cagney & Lacey** number that weekend. Or is it **Angie Dickinson**; **T. J. Hooker???**

Racked with romantic, dreamy ideas for Valentines? Don't forget to consider the **Chaffing Dish** and/or the **Driscoll Street Cafe**. Both have superb food, romantic settings, torch songs and lovely mood music, and just the right lighting. Both have Sunday brunches and both will be serving superb dinners on **THE day** (Fri.) and Saturday.

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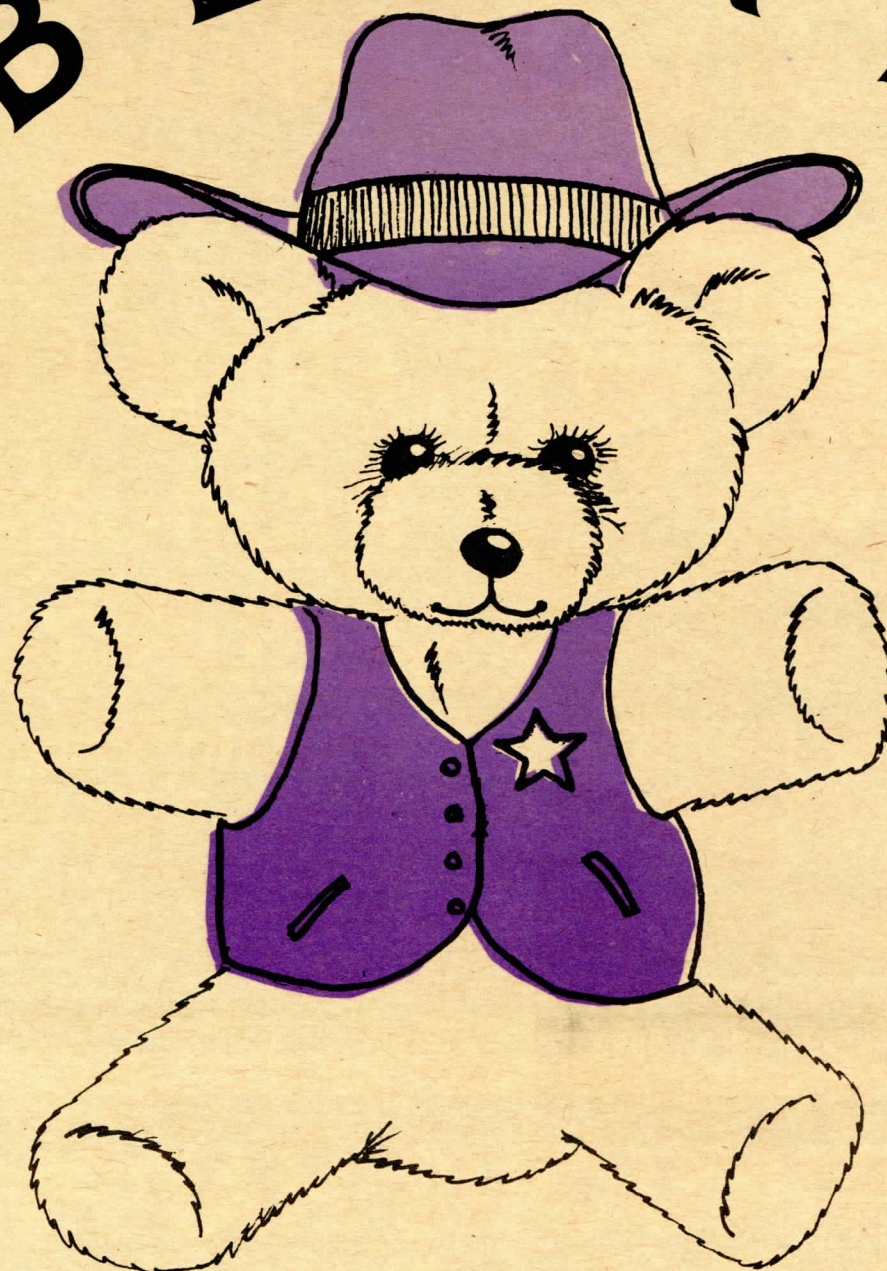
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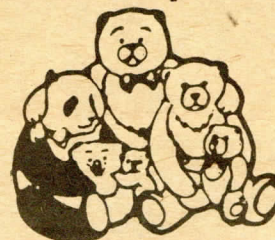
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Mona

Dear Mona:

Don't you think the media over did it on the shuttle tragedy? They drained every ounce of tragedy out of it that they could. It would have been nice to see someone publicize the many successful launches that took place prior to the Challenger mishap. What do you think?

Tired of tragedy
(On Colquitt)

Dear T.O.T.:

I think I am all but amazed at your insensitive ignorance! The media had no need to "drain" tragedy out of the incident. It was pouring out! Seven innocent people are dead and millions of dollars allocated to the space program is gone as well.

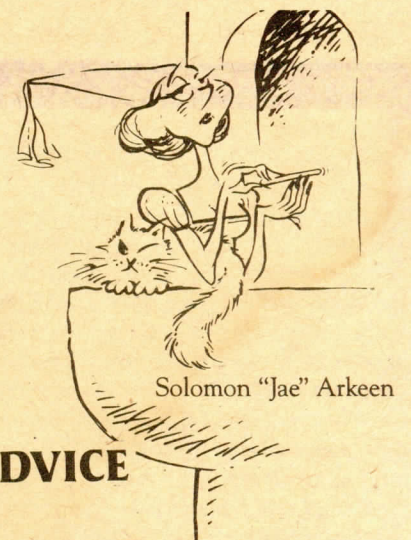
As far as publicity on previous launches, your newspaper subscription must have lapsed. I can't remember the last time I picked up the local paper and there *wasn't* something about the success of one space mission or another. In fact, I lost track of which one I was reading about. And did you and Ron Stone have words? Are you not watching the news? One six o'clock report after another has had something to say about N.A.S.A. and the shuttle program. Wake up and smell the coffee, T.O.T.! It is true that the media will, from time to time over do it. However, when it comes to the death of other human beings, I am glad to see attention focused on the reaction of those left behind. It reminds us to care and to avoid a reoccurrence of similar incidents. Some think that the "AIDS crisis" was (and still is) sensationalized. What do you think? EVERY article reaches someone new and provides another ounce of understanding. If that's "over doing" it, then I am all for it!

Mona Pinion

If my editor has said it once, he has said it a million times, "Mona, you useless sow, you over priced, penny charging tramp. The Houston Forum does not report tragedy, you pig. If you had been coherent for the past six months you would know that we save death and things like that for the other guys. Will we ever get it through that bugle bead brain of yours?"

Of course he says it with love and of course I continue to try and slip my "more serious" pieces past those laser beam eyes of his. Such is the case with the following (which I felt just too compelled to share with my readers)

The following notice was hypothetically written on March 18, 1978 by Mr. Kirk Barefield:



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Kirk Barefield died Sunday, March 18 of boredom, broken heart, and disgust. Mourned by immediate family and a few friends for a short time. He will be remembered by no one a few years from now and has made no great impact on society. His accomplishments were minimal and might as well have never appeared on the face of this earth.

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The life of this person should be an example to everyone to search for your dream and never give up hope of finding it. Otherwise, you too, will live an empty, meaningless and lonely life.

Ironically, Kirk died on January 1, 1986, nearly eight years after he wrote the above words. In an old worn school composition book filled with half finished songs, personal goals, and a little school work, my deceased friend scribbled out his own death notice.

Even though some may find a great deal of morbidity in a man writing his own obituary, we must stop and notice the one message he had to get across in what was obviously a depressed moment for Kirk, "The life of this person should be an example to everyone to search for your dream and never give up hope of finding it."

My pointed little hat is off to you, Kirk. For even when you were broken hearted, and bored, and lonely, you still cared about the dreams of others. The impact you made on society was far greater than you ever conceived. Rest in peace.

MONA

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This week opens with the SUN, MERCURY, VENUS, and JUPITER in kinky AQUARIUS—meaning our emotions may get a little out of whack... but, what the heck! Since the MOON will be new in AQUARIUS this weekend, we can expect the AQUARIANS to be out and about strutting like turkeys (and being lucky enough to get "stuffed" at the same time!). For the rest of us, we might as well forget about finding a hot **butch** man this weekend since ice cold SATURN is sitting squarely on hot, macho MARS. I, therefore, recommend that you go to the Fitness Exchange, sit in the whirlpool, and drool...

ARIES: This will be a cold week for you (if you get the drift...) with your ruler, MARS, being held back by limiting SATURN. What should you do? Nothing! That's right. Just sit back and relax and catch up with yourself. You have probably been running in several different directions at one time getting nothing accomplished. Examine your priorities and get them into a workable order, and soon you'll be back on the prowl again. Have you noticed how ARIES men always want something new?

TAURUS: Well, your concern about your reputation and what other people think of you should soon reach a favorable conclusion. But, I guess it's only natural, and, for you, this is that time of the year. By next week, however, you'll be ready to get out with your friends and start working to accomplish some of the goals you have set for yourself. You may have been wasting too much of your time trying to "people-please", and, honey, you ain't ever going to please everyone. Just make yourself happy and everything else will fall into place.

GEMINI: You must remain on guard as you still have the tendency to talk too much about yourself to impress others. But generally the opposite occurs. Be modest. If someone drops a smart question on you, just reply, "What makes you think that I'm that type of girl?" Hopefully, he won't tell you. This is the last weekend when travel is heavily favored. Get out of town! Go anywhere. The change will do wonders especially if you go to Padre Island. Think of the money you'll save on bronzer...

CANCER: Control yourself honey. With your ruler, the MOON moving through AQUARIUS, you're apt to get a little kinky with the rest of us. Since this transit occurs

in your eighth house of sex, I recommend that you visit the Ripcord or the 611 (have you seen the HUNKS that have been hanging around in there recently?????) and introduce yourself to "one of the boys." You may feel a little shy and afraid of rejection, but after you explain to Mr. Macho your cooking and domestic abilities, you may have a daddy for the weekend... or longer.

LEO: Every Friday night at about "Happy Hour" for the rest of this month LEO will be rising (in the sky, of course. What do you think I meant?). This means the king of the Zodiac will be out on the prowl and since all the action is in your house of partnerships, you will be after a lover. But watch that natural aggressiveness—you could come on too strong and scare your prey away. You might try a different approach and sneak up on them like a pussycat. No, like a **boy pussycat!**

VIRGO: It's about time to rest from all the work you have been doing lately. On mid-night Monday, your ruler will leave the area of your work and enter the search for a relationship. This search will continue for the rest of this month. Your search will become more successful in two weeks when lucky JUPITER joins your ruler. By the end of this week, you may feel a little drained of energy. Have no fear, after your heavy workload, you deserve a rest. So go out to the bars this weekend and unwind. Of course, there's always the possibility you may find a hot one to wind you back up.

LIBRA: The elegant sign of the Zodiac. You may have wanted to do some improvements in your neighborhood, but to no avail. You'll have to wait until MARS gets away from SATURN before you can accomplish anything in this area. In the meantime something is probably bothering you in your own home. While NEPTUNE is occupying this area, you will have a tendency to be fooled or lied to concerning matters dealing with your home or immediate family. So be on guard for deception in this area. Naturally, don't buy any antiques from Gallery Furniture at this time.

SCORPIO: Your pursuit of financial gains may have temporarily faltered. This is due to limiting SATURN holding down aggressive MARS in your money house. Be on guard for a sudden change in this area, so steer clear of any questionable investments. Travel with a family member is favored as well as communication. There will be some emotional stress in you home life by the first of next week, but this will soon pass. With SATURN dumping ice water on your ruler, your usual hot sexual nature may be a little cold. So, keep your legs crossed and not

raised) and relax until SATURN passes.

SAGITTARIUS: Certainly everything should be going your way with your ruler making a great aspect in your chart. But your tramping days are beginning to slow down with your ruler telling you to concentrate more on you home life and less on your neighbors (i.e., stop the gossip for a while!). You should also plan to work on improving your home or apartment and stay out of the taverns for a few weeks. By the end of February, you should plan a little entertainment for you closest friends. If that's not convenient, maybe a little dinner at your home for the gentleman you recently met at Kroger's.

CAPRICORN: Financially, you should be on a roll with all this activity going on in your money house. But, make hay while the sun shines, because all of the planets are beginning to leave this area. Since MARS is playing around with your ruler, you may have felt more sexual than usual (i.e. horny). Have no fear, there are plenty of hot numbers out on the prowl with you. You will be much more successful in your search, however, if you get to know your "catch" on a deeper, more emotional level. If you are unsuccessful in your search, you can always be thankful that you have two hands...

AQUARIUS: Always friendly, always fun, always kinky. How descriptive for this week. You certainly are shining since this is your time of the year, but slow down just a little on the food intake as you will really have a tendency to gain weight. If you know of any other way that you can gain weight then more power to you... Incidentally, don't be so curious and inquisitive with a sexual encounter—it tends to scare them off. Decide if you want them and have at it! You may have a tendency to fall in love every other night anyway...

PISCES: Relax this week because it will all start happening in the next several weeks as all the Zodiac moves into you area. This last year has been a great year for inner—self improvements. Start watching the sales, as you can now get some really good buys on furs, jewelry, drag, etc. Southern Importers is currently running a special on boas. Need I say more? Your aggressive nature may seem to be slowing down just a wee bit, but this will be temporary and you should soon be back up to full speed.

Questions? If you have any questions, please address them to Sister Inez, c/o The Houston Forum. Please include your date, place, and time of birth. Questions will be answered as space and time permits. Inez

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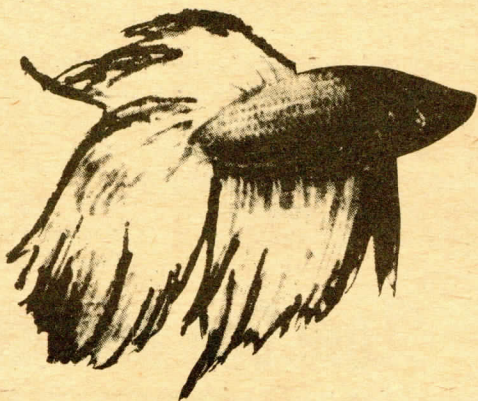
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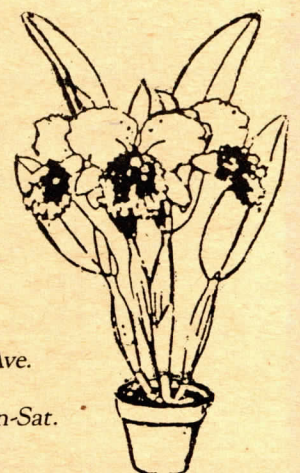
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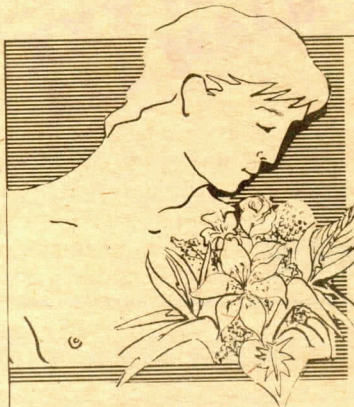
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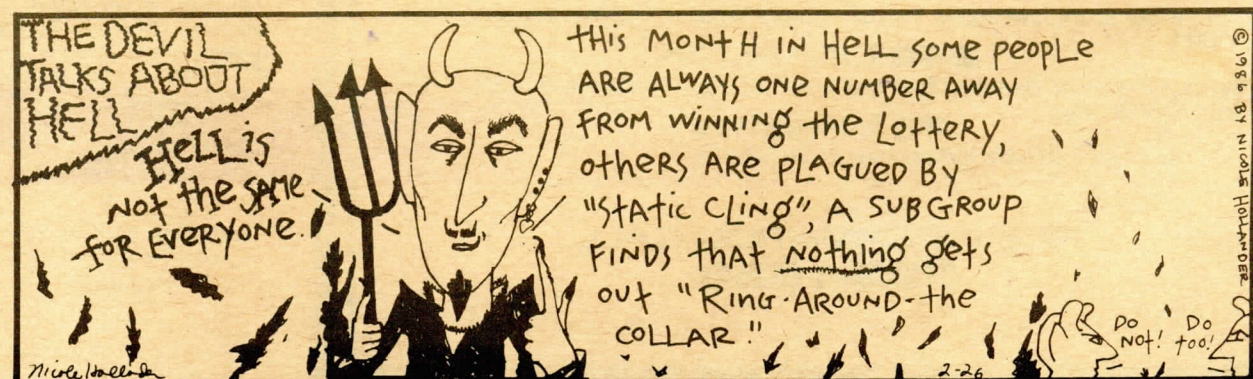
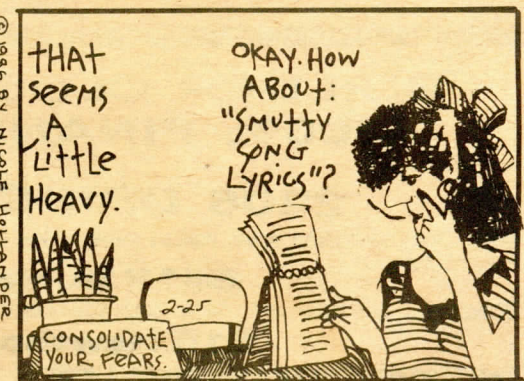
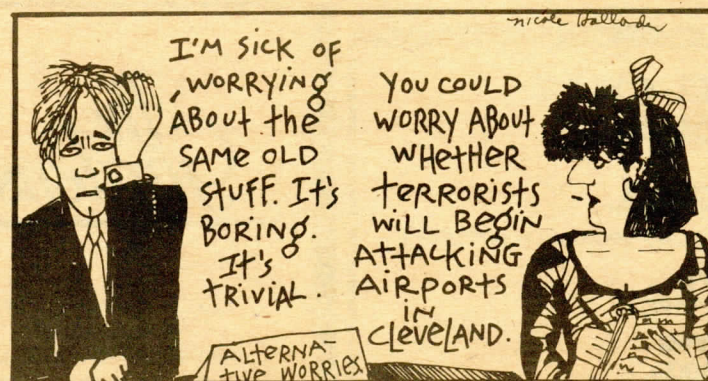
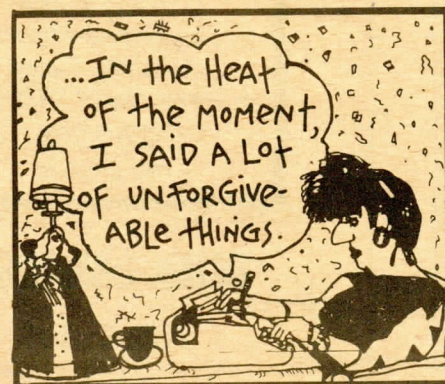
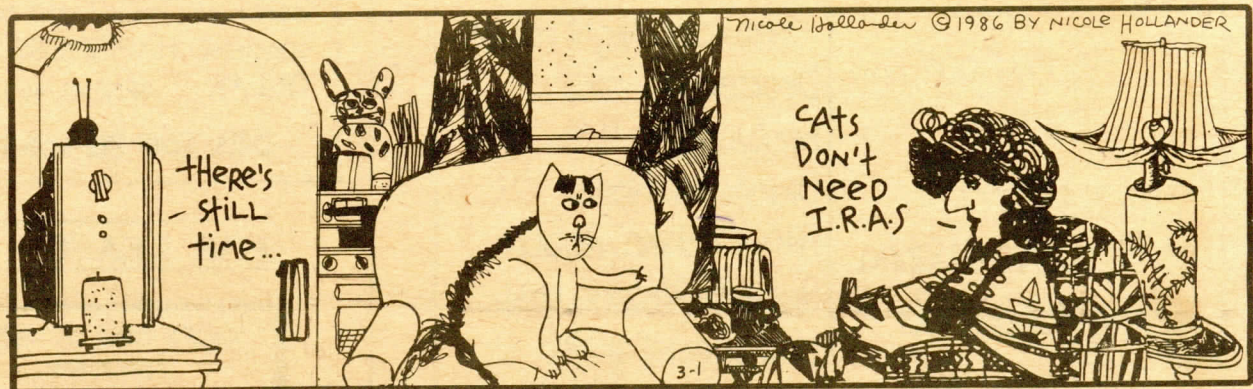
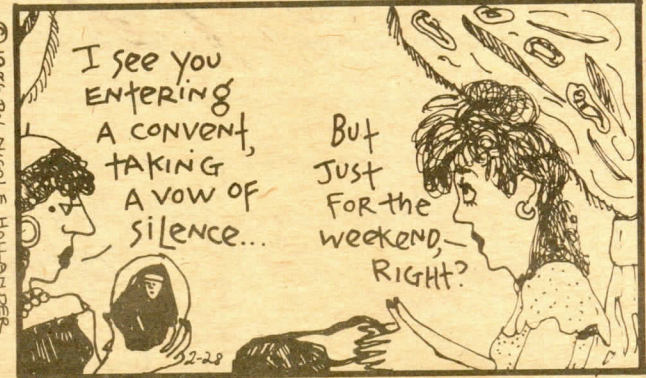
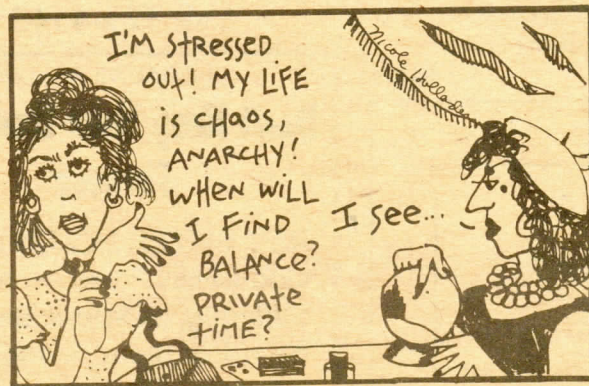
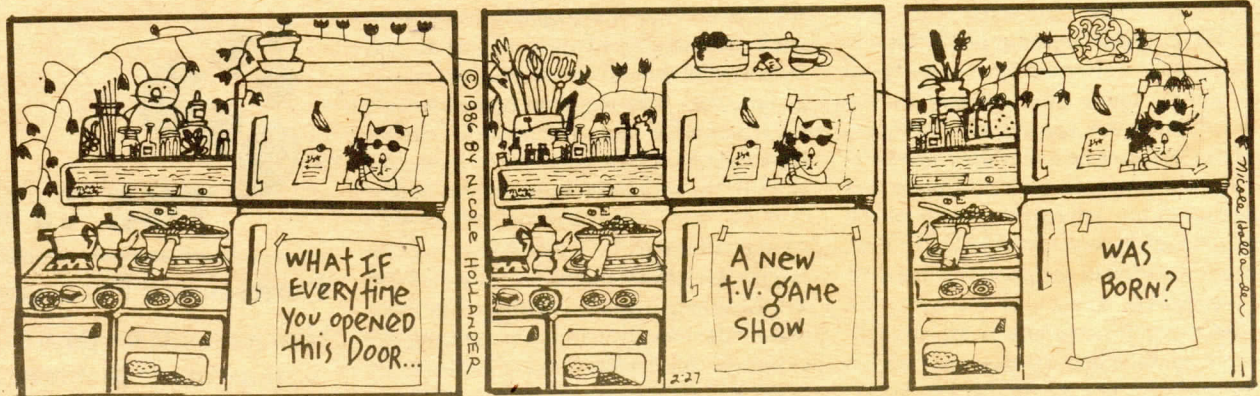
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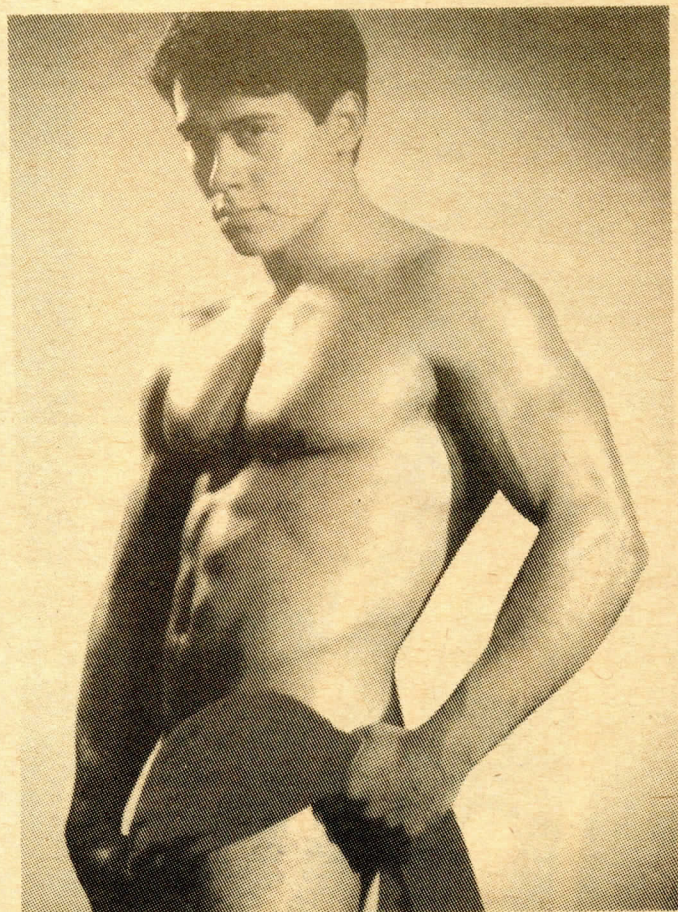
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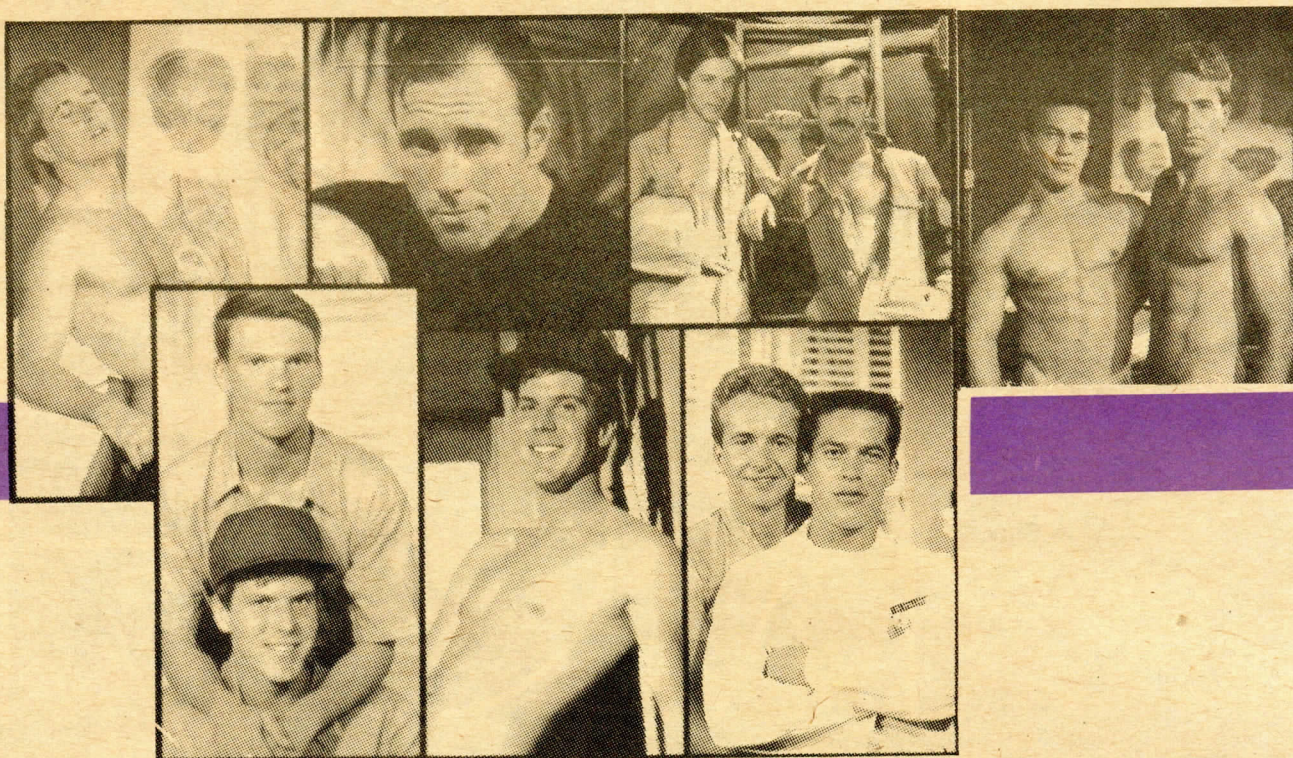
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