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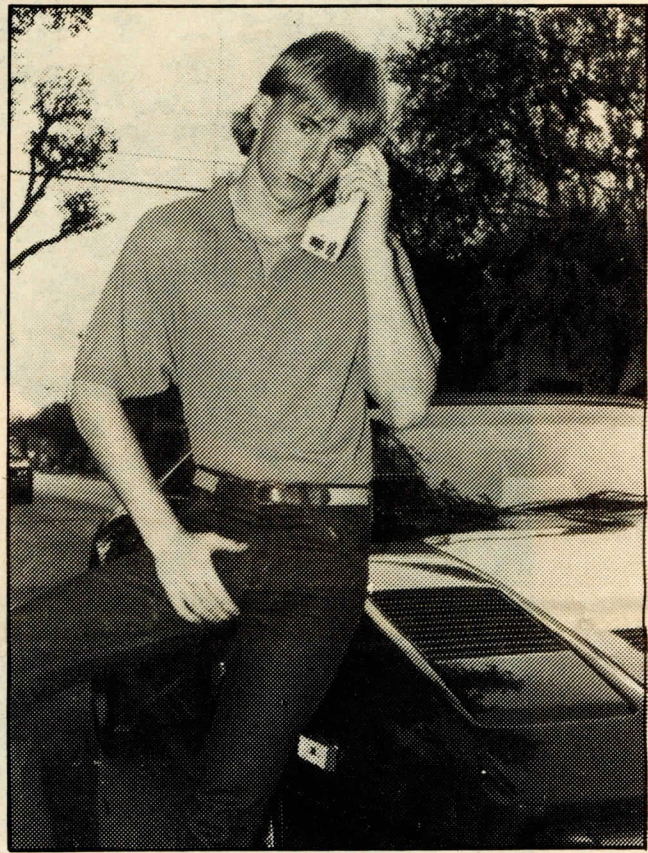
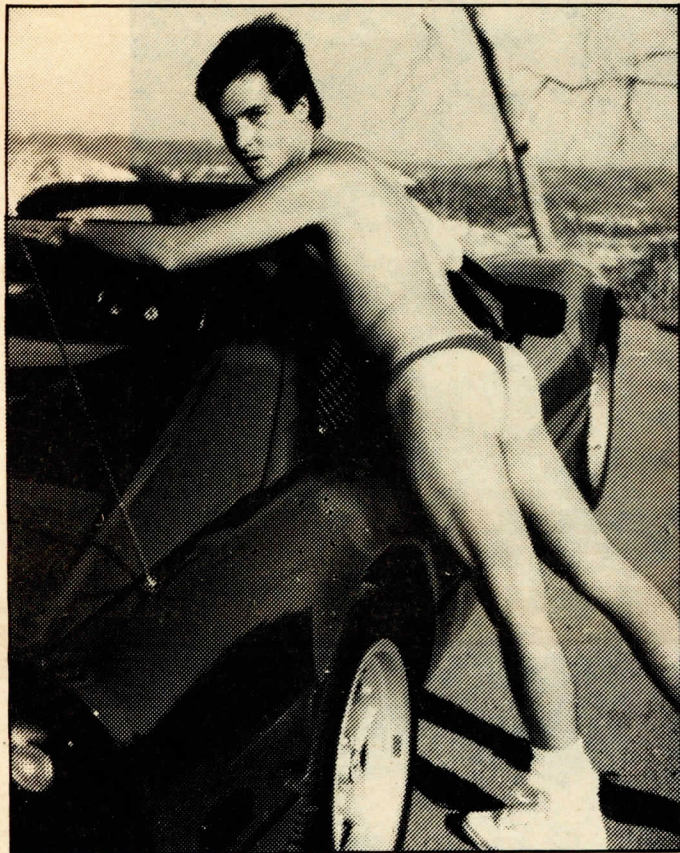


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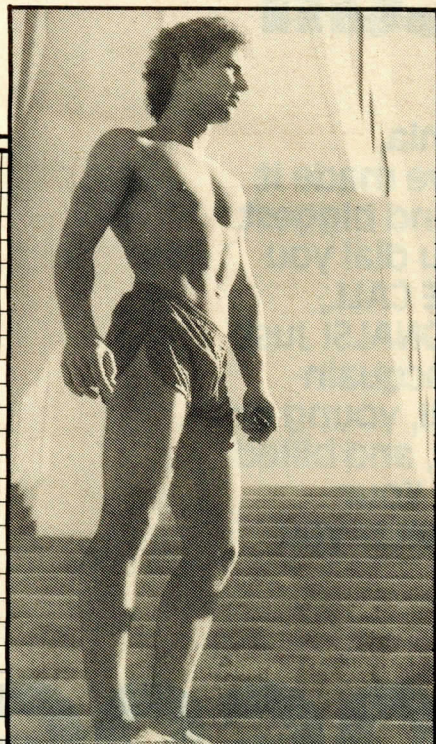
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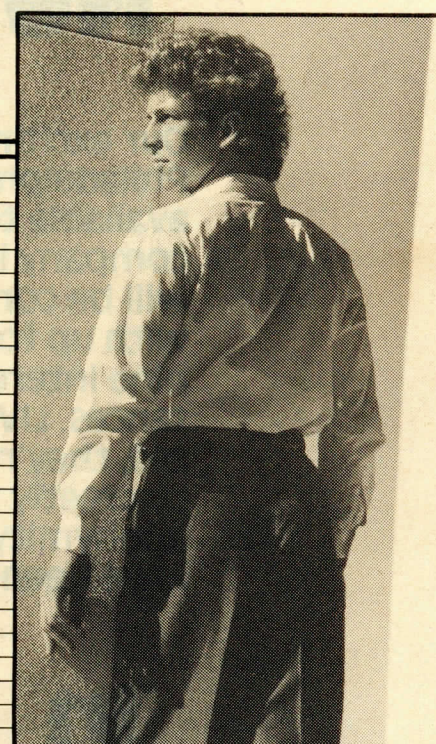
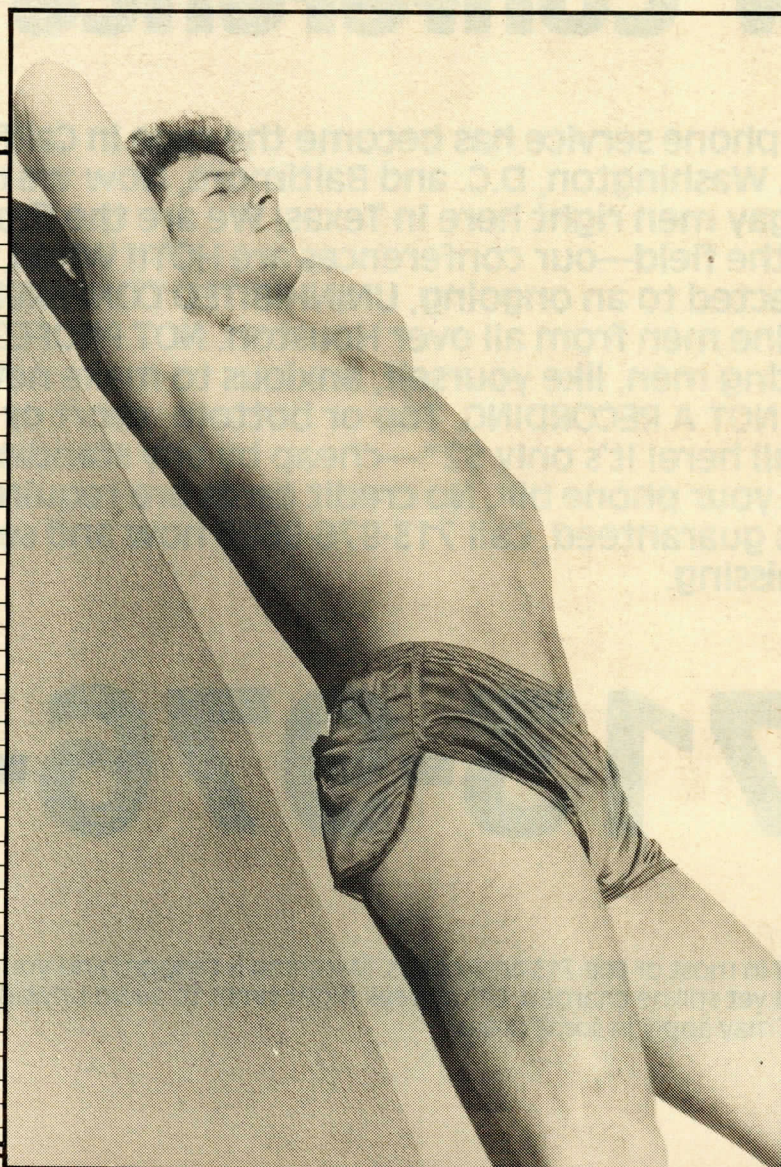


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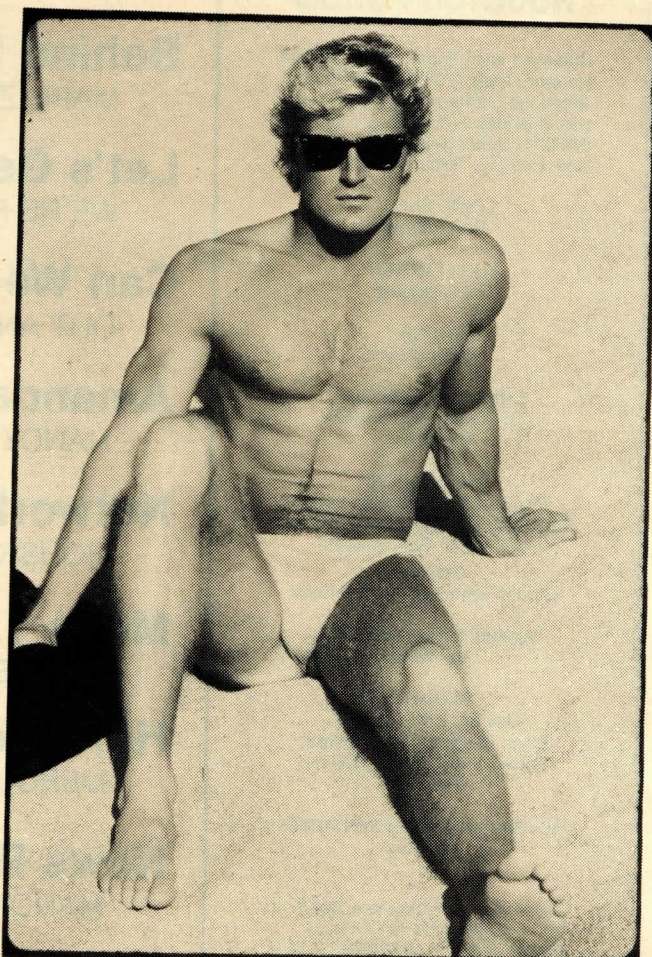


Occupation: Restaurant management.
Born: 9/16/62 in Buffalo, New York.
Lived in Houston: Seven years.
Height: 5'10".
Weight: 160 pounds.
Hair: Brown. **Eyes:** Blue.
Favorite kind of man: Intelligent blond with blues eyes and a good body.
Hobbies: Water and snow skiing, weight lifting, hockey.
Favorite bar: Mecca.



Current projects: Working for real estate license.
Favorite activity: Sex.
Future projects: To be happy in his current relationship; to experience more.
Favorite thing about Houston: The architecture.
Favorite color: Yellow.
Message to readers: Do what your heart and mind say, do it for yourself and don't care what other people think.

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LET'S GET REAL "We're Fighting For Our Very Existence"

By Randy Brown

It all started in my living room after I had received this *thing* about the LaRouche campaign in California to have all people who tested positive for the AIDS antibody locked up in concentration camps. You may remember that this proposal actually got on the ballot in California and that people actually voted for it. Luckily not enough people voted for it, and it was soundly defeated.

But it was strange at the time. This *thing* I got was supposed to be an informative release for our side. It had a headline that looked like it was stenciled in army letters that said, "Someone Wants To Send You Camping." It also had this barbed wire fence all around it.

I thought it was just a *bit* overdone, and I remember saying, "Cooler heads will prevail."

But it did shake me up. A bit later I said, "Isn't this just like the Nazis in Germany before the war?" And I wasn't just talking about the proposal (the Nazi overtones there are just *too* obvious). I was talking about my own attitude. I was talking about my shrugging it off with a simple "cooler heads will prevail."

Of course, it was just a conversation, and I soon put it out of my mind.

Then the phone started ringing.

And the calls became more frequent.

Now, I've been in the gay newspaper business for quite a few years, and I know how many of these kind of calls usually come in. I know how many I've gotten over the time I've had the **FORUM**. And I can say without any doubt that these calls are becoming more frequent.

I'm talking about calls from people who feel they have been unfairly arrested or harrassed by the police. I've heard more and more about people who have been

picked up and taken downtown for little or no apparent reason. This all seems to have started to escalate when the jobs rights issue (or "gay referendum") came to such a miserable ending. That vote seemed to say to the police, "Houston thinks gays are second-class citizens, without the rights of every other person in the city. So, go to it."

... the country is moving more and more to the right and more and more away from individual rights and freedoms.

And why did we fail? Because we did not get out and vote. We did not think it was a big issue. We thought that it only affected city workers and most of us do not work for the city. We had a date or we went to a movie or we weren't feeling well. We shrugged and said, "Cooler heads will prevail."

But, the country is moving more and more to the right and more and more away from individual rights and freedoms. It may be a blessing that Reagan is going through a crisis. It might mean that things will move a little more to center.

Look around. Some very scary things are happening. We have to compare it to what happened to the blacks in this country. The blacks did not have any rights. They did not have good jobs. They did not have an economic base to work from. And because they had no political clout, they could not get those rights for a long time.

Right now, we do have good jobs, we

do have an economic base to work from. So, the people who hate us are systematically stripping away our jobs. They want to strip away our political clout. They plan to strip away our rights as citizens of this country. They have no compunction about using the AIDS epidemic to scare people into wanting to throw us into concentration camps. They will use anything, and you can bet that they are very happy that AIDS showed up in the gay community, because it gives them a club to swing.

They couldn't care less about the health issue involved; they simply see AIDS as a way as subjugating and even eliminating the gay population of the United States. They don't seem to realize how many valuable people in this country are gay. And even if they did, they would still let their hatred of gays overcome any sense of worth of individuals.

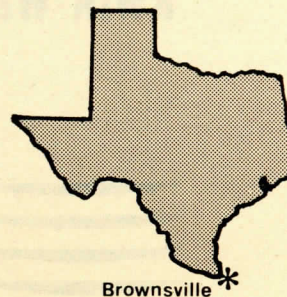
If the present trend continues and they continue to strip away our rights, there will be nothing else left but to take to the streets. It would be a sad day for this country if it goes that far. What a terrible regression that would be.

The point is that now is the time to stop the stripping away of our rights and our economy. Right now, we have our jobs, we have couples living together, we have loose money. Now is the time to fight, not when our backs are really up against the wall.

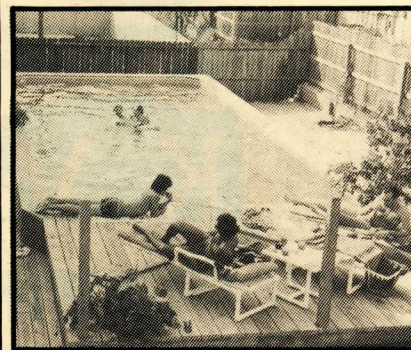
This is no time for apathy. If we're apathetic, if we don't start organizing right now, we're going to be in for a bloodbath in the future. We're fighting for our very existence, whether we want to believe that or not.

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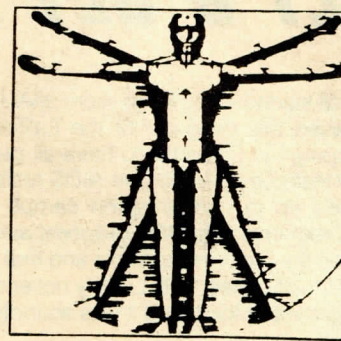


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CAN WE TALK?

by Bar Wilson

Hi Kiddies!

Boy did I goof! Last week I was talking to John Krimm (THE daddy of the Pot Pie) about his After Hours Special (2 eggs, 2 pancakes, 2 strips of bacon and 2 sausage links) and when I wrote **CAN WE TALK?** on Tuesday I got it right, but on Thursday morning when I was putting his ad together I just knew I hadn't heard him right—\$2.69 for all that! It just couldn't be right! So I changed his ad to read bacon or sausage. Anyway, when Ted and I went in for breakfast and I ordered the special, I said, "Oh, I'll take the bacon." My face was cracked when Shane (a new waiter—cute, too) said, "It comes with both." So if you are looking for the after hours deal of Montrose, hit the Pot Pie.

I've been warning you that this is the party weekend and if you aren't ready it isn't my fault.

L.U.E.Y. (Let Us Entertain You Weekend) is in its 15th year (ninth under H.C.C.) and this year promises to be the most attended ever. Here's the schedule of events:

Friday: early registration at Chutes from 9 p.m. till midnight. 12 a.m. till 1 a.m., cocktail party hosted by the Texas Riders at Chutes.

Saturday: Late registration, 9 a.m. till noon at the Barn. Breakfast 10 a.m. till noon at the Barn. Cocktail party hosted by the Sundance Cattle Company 10 a.m. till noon at the Barn. Bar tour: 12-1 p.m. the 611, 1-2 p.m. Ripcord, 2-3 p.m. Cousins, 3-4 p.m. Crystals, 4-5 p.m. Mary's, 5-7 p.m. free time. 7-8 p.m. cocktail party hosted by the Texas Renegades at the Barn, 8-10 p.m. dinner hosted by the Barn, 10-11 p.m. cocktail party hosted by the Ripcord. 11 p.m. till, free time.

Sunday: Breakfast 12-1 p.m., BRB. 12-1 p.m., cocktail party hosted by the Colt 45's, BRB. 1-5 p.m., T-dance at the BRB, followed by an early steak night.

"Mardi Gras Finale/1987", the "The Underground Event of the Year" starts out with the warehouse party at the Parkway Athletic Club with an open bar till 2 a.m., you can party till well after dawn with deejay Michael Fierman of the Saint and Palladium (New York City's loss, children). At 8 a.m. the party moves to church at Heaven with services conducted by deejay Doug Bryson (Jewels, New Orleans).

Concurrent with the Mine's opening (deejay John Sims), is the opening of the midway with outdoor games, food concessions and draft at noon.

In the afternoon, Pacific Street Amphitheatre opens to present national recording artist, Robin Stanley and dynamic, Uptown, followed by New York City's underground wit, Alan Lozito (also known as the "Drag-Goon").

Finally, Ms. Grace Jones graces the stage on the Pacific Street Amphitheatre to really overwhelm all us all!

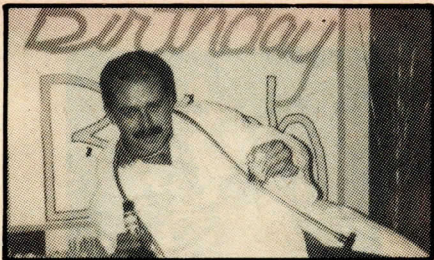


Ms. Grace Jones.

We understand that some tickets for Grace may be available—check it out at J.R.'s.

GOSSIP:

Did anyone notice Randy Smith's birthday week? Or more correctly—did anyone not have Randy during his birthday?



Randy Smith, the Galleon.

Thursday night Miss Thing (Randy) got her just desert (a pie in the face from Vanna).



Pie-eyed Randy, the Galleon.

The theme of Thursday's birthday bash was: Happy Birthday Bitch. (Seems appropriate doesn't it!) Actually, Randy is really an intelligent, witty sensitive man with a hairy body and a — well, never mind.

Meanwhile, Vanna and Robert somehow got stuck in New Orleans for an extra day. The phone calls from LaFitte's went something like this. "Randy? Hon, this is Vanna. We've missed our first flight—I just can't find Robert. He was here just a minute ago with just the cutest man and now he's gone. . . ."



The new S&M Vanna, the Galleon.

"Hello Randy. This is Robert. Listen, we've missed our second flight. I can't find Vanna, she was here with some cute man and now she's not to be found. . . . Well, yes. He was sort of cute . . . for Vanna." Etc., etc., etc.

NEWS FLASH, NEWS FLASH, NEWS FLASH. I stopped by the new location of E/J's (2517 Ralph Street in the old ward building behind the vet clinic). Ed tells me that they are going to try real hard to be open Thursday and this weekend! It looks really nice and Dennis even showed me the stable out back where I hope the studs will feel at home!

Meanwhile, wasn't the *Drummer* premiere at Chutes one big event? My friend Jim Moss (he has more front cover shots for men's magazines than anyone in the world) was there with Dan Acker (of Ft. Worth), who was on the front cover of *Drummer* this month.

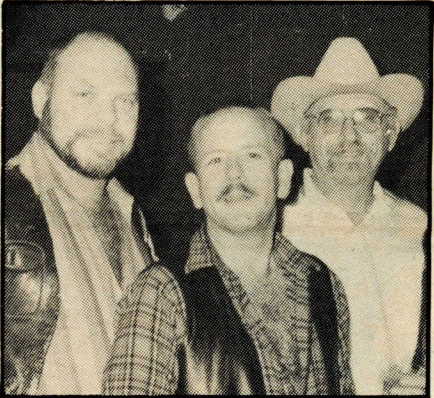


(Center) Dan Acker, Chutes.

Dan is one handsome man, but he wasn't the only pretty thing that I was saying, "Here kitty, kitty, kitty" to that night! In fact, I was too pretty. I seem to remember grabbing my girlfriend Tony and throwing her over my shoulder so we wouldn't be lost in the crowd trying to find her lover. . . . I kept hearing comments like, "My God, Bar is crossed over. She's getting butch." or "I really didn't think she had it in her!" Anyway it was a wild time. And speaking of wild times who was to be seen in the crowd?



Rick—out of the hospital.



Big Jim, Dick, Fanny.



Dick and Cassandra.



Not so innocent Bi-standers.

Alan Pierce, Cindy Ewing, Buzz and the crew of the Barn, Sam and the men of Eagle Leather, Wendell of Studio 13 and no doubt many others that I was too cock-tailed to see.

Meanwhile at Mary's, be looking for the April 1, Miss Vacant Lot contest, and be especially on the lookout for Maria. She's excited. Miss Kansas City is coming to town to terrorize.

Up at KJ's/Dirty Sally's Northside, Kim tells me that the Miss Gay North Houston Pageant is this Saturday at 8 p.m. Anyone can enter. Also a personal to Steve: Honey, as butch a number as you are just can't get away being seen powdering your nose at Michael's. Girlene, besides not fitting your image, it's not polite to use up all of Kim's cosmetics! Buy some of your own and keep them at home! (Has anyone noticed that whomever is out with Kim seem to get just a little twisted?)

Tom C. tells me that on March 9 (Monday), Crystal's is hosting Men's Night Out with male dancers at 9 p.m. and free well and draft from 8-10 p.m.

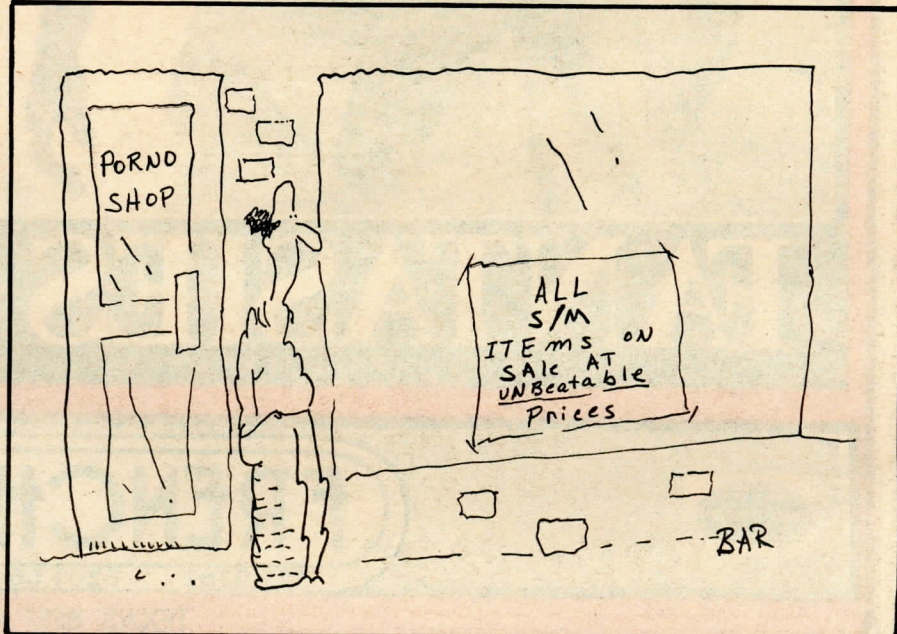
The ever-lovely Ron Sioux of Cousin's tells me that the Montrose Clinic appreciation night will be on March 15 or 16 or so.

Betsy at the Ranch tells me that the rodeo at the Dome is really keeping them packed—might be a chance for a "cow-girl" to pick up a real cowboy!!

Thursday, March 12, The 611 will be celebrating its third anniversary. Free beer and drinks will be served. Check out this week's ad in the **FORUM** for more details.

Please be careful this weekend. There is a lot going on and a lot of people who really shouldn't be driving will be—and end up in the drunk tank or worse. Take a cab to the bars and you won't be tempted to drive home.

Till next week.



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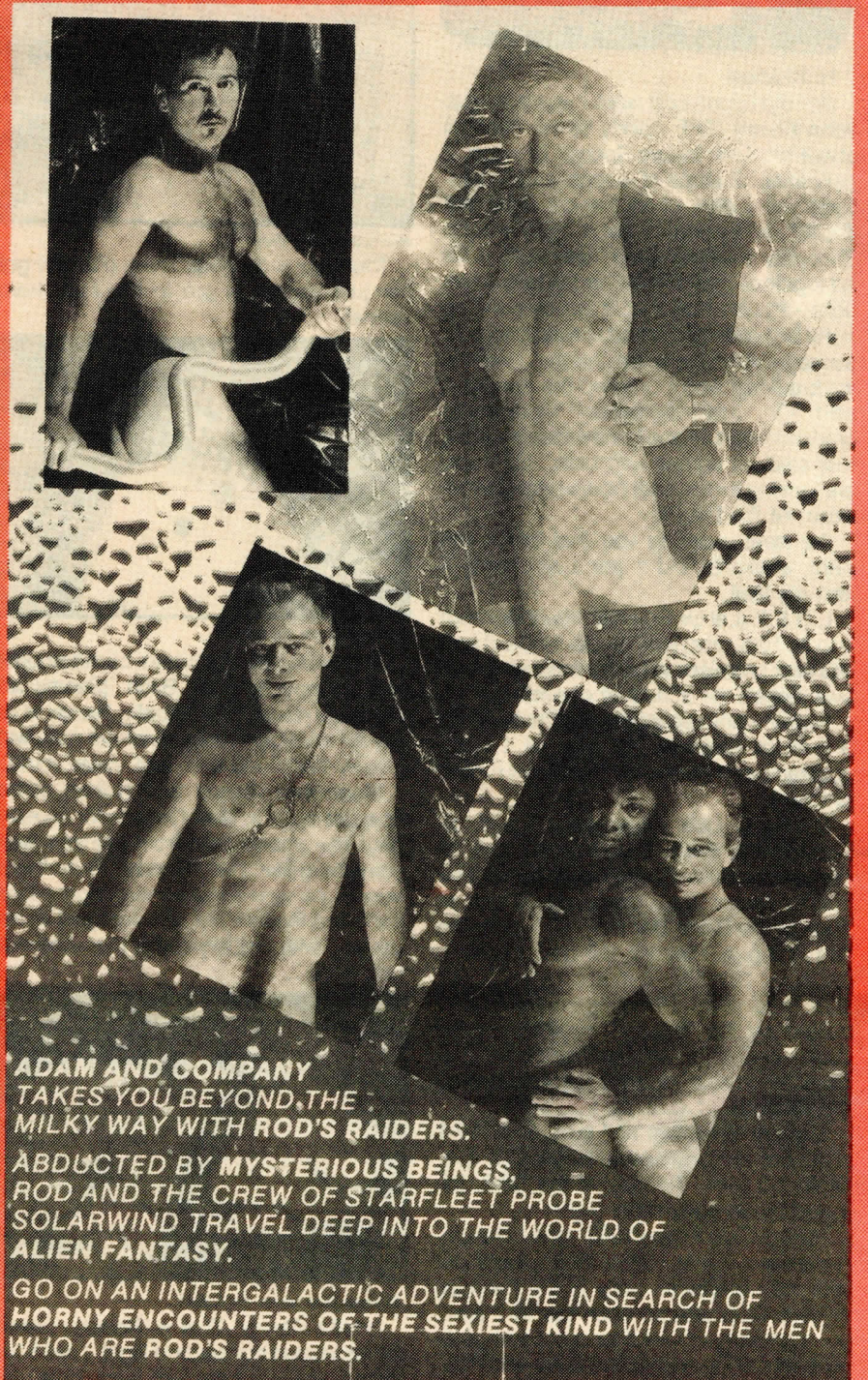
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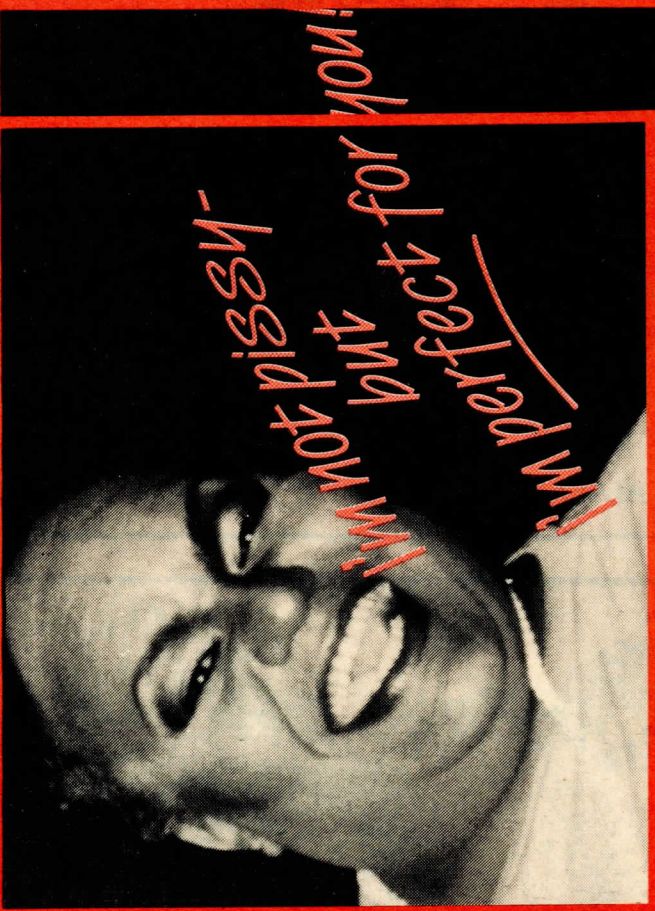
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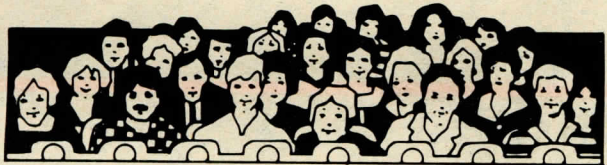
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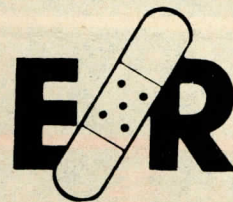
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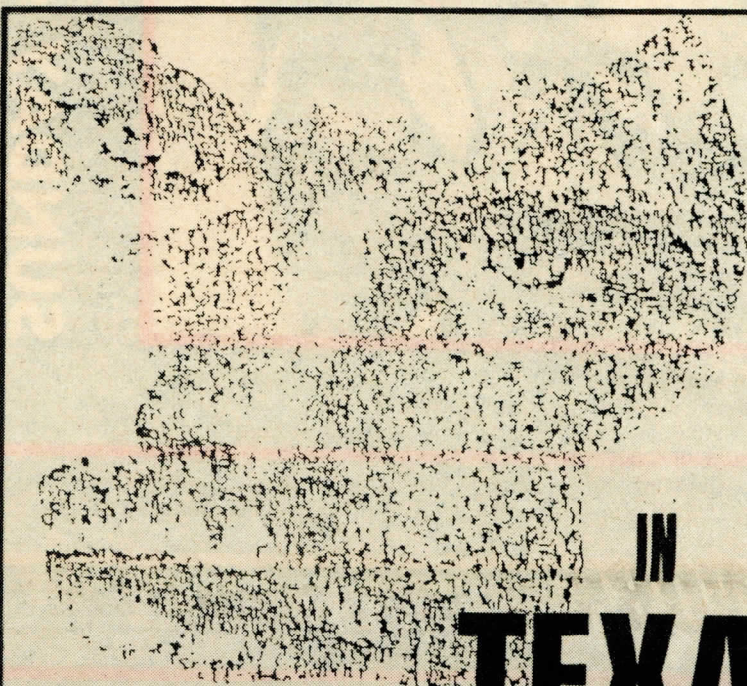
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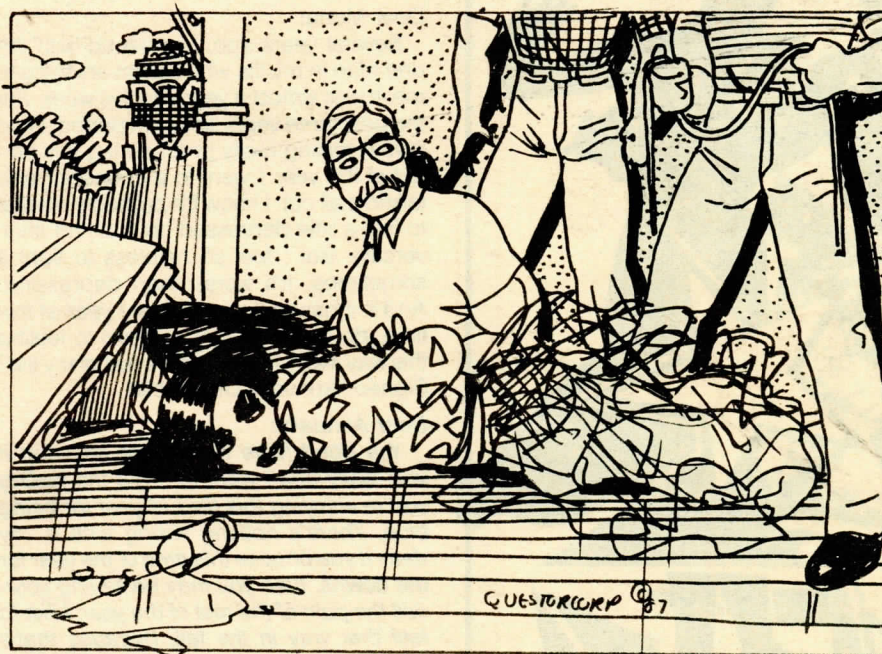
By Amanda B. Recondwith
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Dear Fans, Amanda is in such a fix. We were trying to get ourselves back in favor with our dear friend, Nancy Reagan, and everything turned out to be such a complete mess. It seems that Dear Nancy doesn't really understand the meaning of "Camp," and you know that those who don't really understand that word just aren't really in tune with the times.

Of course, Amanda's Dear Fans, always know what the word Camp means. And if you know Amanda at all (or have at least read some of our timeless material) you know that Amanda is synonymous with Camp! So, it came as quite a surprise to suddenly realize after all these years that Nancy never even KNEW what we were all about! It was shocking!

The whole thing happened when we sent the poor dear a card from our favorite card shop in Montrose. As you know, some of those shops have some pretty wonderful stuff on them—and we found a fabulous little ditty with a huge black transvestite shaking a spoon. We thought that would be a cute little scolding card for Nancy and Ronnie—especially when the inside of the card said: "You keep it from me an' I'm gonna lick yo' hide!"

Well, we're afraid Nancy didn't really see the humor in the card, because a few days after we had mailed it, several very hunky, but dangerous looking men showed up at our door. They wanted to see the inside of the house, and when Thelma, the maid, told them they had to have a search warrant, they burst into the house and tied us up! Now, we weren't alone, either, Dear Fans! We were having brunch with a rather influential member of the gay community here in Houston, when these thugs came in and grabbed us by our purple organdy



... these thugs came in and grabbed us by our purple organdy mega-tulle skirt and threw us to the floor in a pile of raging fabric and nasty words.

mega-tulle skirt and threw us to the floor in a pile of raging fabric and nasty words. We were furious because in the melee, the fools actually smashed our latest dive bomber suction cup titty hat with matching tube nobs and fluorescent eye patch veil! You can't buy another one of those this side of Mars!

Anyway, no sooner were we down on

the floor than none other than Oliver North entered the living room, dressed like some sort of Rambo remake. We expressed surprise that he was out and about, thinking that he would most likely be held in Washington, and he simply smiled and quoted some offbeat phrase from the Bible. Something about being righteous.

We had heard that speech before on tel-

evision, though, and were feeling rather miffed that the thugs were also engaged in tying up our poor cat, Mona. North said he was going to exterminate the cat for having AIDS if we didn't tell him what we knew—and in a hysterical fit, we told him we didn't know what the hell he was talking about.

Then, we remembered the card. Oh yes! Nancy was playing one of her little tricks. Ha ha (we laughed rather PeeWee-like). So, we just lay there while they ransacked the house and tore up all our porno calendars. North brought in a Mandate calendar and shoved it in our face, saying we should be ashamed of having such a thing in our house, and if it was up to him, he'd send a whole troop of Sandinistas over to burn every last one of the smutty things. Then, he shoved the calendar into his breast pocket and left the house.

Needless to say, Dear Fans, that will be the last prank card Amanda will ever send to Nancy! We guess she and Ronnie just don't have a very good sense of humor these days. And we wondered just WHO it was on TV who looked so much like Oliver North that night on the news. He couldn't have flown to Washington so quickly!

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NETWORK "Houston's Climate Is Cold!"

By Jeff Bray

A friend of mine has been unemployed for a number of months, and thought he would come up with a new method to help find himself a job. Thinking of a new technique, he went downtown and entered some of the major skyscrapers, where he hoped to copy down the names of major companies, then go home to call them. It seemed like a perfectly sane and innocent thing to do, and we all expected him to come away with some new possibilities. What he came away with, however, was simply disgraceful.

It's bad enough to be out of work, but to be treated like a criminal!

While standing in the lobby of Four Allen Center (the big oval-shaped glass-sheathed tower), a short moustached guard approached him and barked, "What are you doing here?"

"I'm taking down company names on this directory," my friend said.

"You're not supposed to do that!" the guard yelled in a very offensive and threatening tone. "It's against building policy to copy anything off that board!"

"Why?" my friend asked, shocked at the guard's violent speech.

"Never mind!" the guard shouted. "You're not supposed to copy anything off that board. Now, give me those notes!"

The guard made a grab at my friend's notebook, and my friend pulled it back out of reach in horror.

"You touch me and I'll sue the hell out of you," he said, feeling truly frightened.

"Leave the building at once!" the guard screamed, grabbing his arm and showing

him to the door.

By this time, a dozen people were standing there, staring in alarm at the increasingly violent scene before them, but none of them moved to offer help.

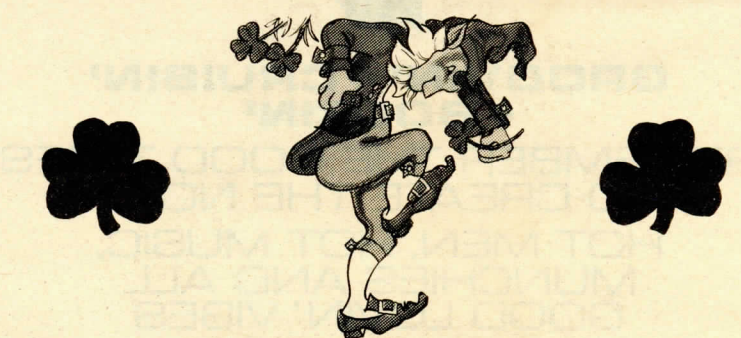
The guard started to lead my friend to the door, but it was raining, so he objected forcefully and made his way to the concourse, where the guard saw him through the doors, one hand resting threateningly upon his gun holster.

My friend walked down the skyway to the Allen Center Garage, feeling increasingly horrified by the entire scene he had just been through; and by the time he reached Three Allen Center, he was literally in tears.

"I didn't deserve that kind of treatment!" he said later. "I couldn't believe that asshole was causing such a scene over such a stupid little thing. It's bad enough to be out of work, but to be treated like a common criminal just for looking for a job! And it wasn't like I was some wino off the street, either. I was wearing a Brooks Brothers suit. . . ."

Well, I don't think he deserved it, either, and a copy of this article is going to the management of Four Allen Center as a protest against the vile conduct of its security force. We all understand the need for security these days, but to manhandle and verbally abuse an innocent, decent citizen for what seems to be a pretty ridiculous offense is positively unforgivable.

For one thing, there is no posted sign telling the public not to take notes from those directories (I checked). And even if there was one, I see no reason why the guard couldn't have been polite. Such blatant display of wanton hostility and juvenile temper have no place in even the cold marble halls of Houston's corporate world.



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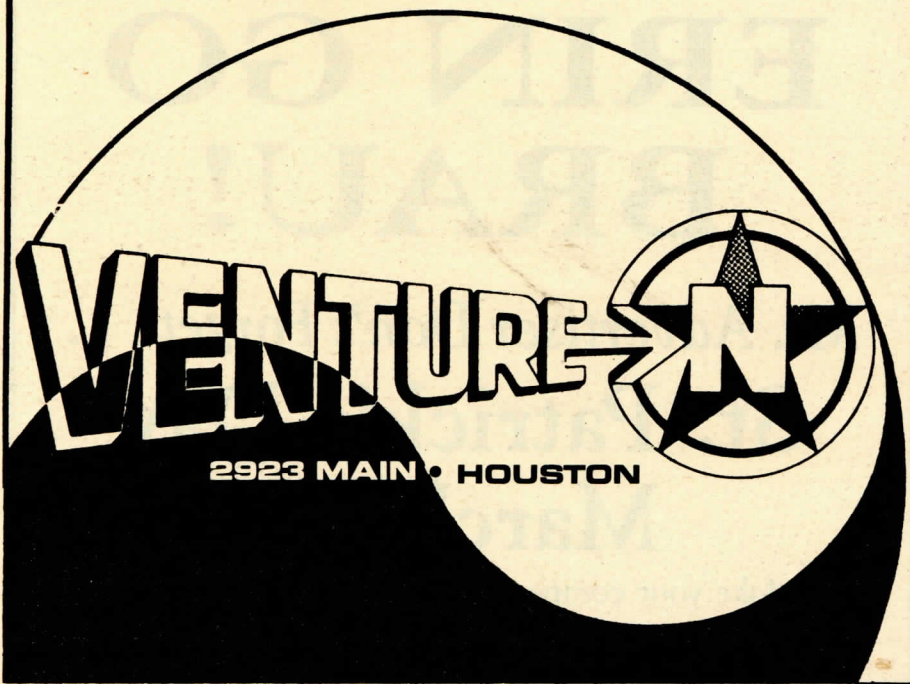
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MONA:

Dear Mona:

Several years ago, I broke up with the one man in my life who meant anything to me. It was almost a year ago this week. For the past three years since we parted, I find myself feeling really awful during this period of the year. I went to a counselor and talked it all out. I know it's probably normal to feel a little depressed on such an anniversary. But I feel so helpless to fight it sometimes. It's worse than depression. And if it has to happen every year at this time, do I have to look forward to feeling this way every March for the rest of my life? Signed: Annually Depressed

Dear Annually:

You don't have to feel like anything if you really don't want to. I get the feeling you're enjoying this time of year for being blue. There's nothing wrong with it, my dear. If you choose this time of the year for the downs, then you may be saving yourself the pain of the rest of the year. I like to feel that way in the fall, because that's when my birthday comes. Now, THERE's a good reason for feeling bad! But seriously, you will be fine. Just don't get too enthralled with your mood, and you will someday forget to feel this way, and that will be a March you can celebrate!

Dear Mona:

I think my house is haunted. Every night, I hear noises outside my bedroom door, and when I check, there's nothing there. It sounds like voices and footsteps, but nobody lives in the house with me, and I could swear it's all right outside my door. What should I do?

Signed: Scared to Death in the Heights

Dear Scared:

Either you need to check your braces for stray wavelengths, or else you need to find another place to live. I was in the Heights once. I didn't like any neighborhood with open drains in the streets. All sorts of beastly presences can live in



those, you know. If you own the house, you may want to call a metaphysical center and see if they can get you in contact with a medium. Don't tell me you don't believe in them either—otherwise, you wouldn't be telling me you have ghosts.

Dear Mona:

Do you ever correspond with Miss Manners?

Signed: A Big Fan

Dear Fan:

No. She's in Washington, D.C., and I'm in Los Angeles. She also writes mostly about which fork to use, and how to tell your ugly daughter she's never going to find a man without making her slit her wrists. Thank God, all I have to deal with are REAL problems.

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NEWS BITS

Mandatory AIDS Testing Nixed by Health Officials

Mandatory AIDS testing has been rejected by participants in a two-day conference called by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Instead, the members stressed the need for a comprehensive educational program.

Some of the groups suggested for the testing were all those entering hospitals (no matter what the reason), pregnant women and all those applying for a marriage license.

Many observers felt that the conference was called as a way of disuading the federal government from a public stand advocating the wide-spread use of AIDS testing

as a way of combatting the disease. Since the CDC is funded by the government, it was felt by many that it was in a position of being against large-scale testing while being unable to publicly oppose the federal stand. The conference, therefore, provided a buffer, allowing the message to come across without having to take direct feedback from the present administration.

New Reports Out On Military AIDS Screening

Although the Pentagon has been routinely testing all recruits for the AIDS antibody, they have only recently released figures on the number of active-duty personnel who have tested positive.

Halfway through the screening of active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, about 2,100 men and women have tested positive. This is about 1.6 cases per 1,000 tested, very close to the 1.5 per incidence rate in those tested entering the service.

Recruits who test positive are not allowed into the armed services, but active-duty personnel who test positive are allowed to remain if they show no signs of developing the disease.

Festival-Goers In Brazil Issued AIDS Warnings

Tourists arriving in Rio de Janeiro for the Mardi Gras carnival were given pamphlets

warning about the dangers of AIDS and urging the use of condoms.

Brazil has one of the highest incidences of AIDS in the world outside of Africa and the United States, with nearly 1,000 people reported to have died of the disease. That figure does not reflect unreported or misdiagnosed cases.

AIDS Legislation Proposed By State Senate

Sen. Nancy McDonald, D-El Paso, and Craig Washington, D-Houston, have proposed legislation that prohibits mandatory AIDS testing and protects test results, providing for criminal penalties for infraction.

H O R O S C O P E S

by Jack Marvin, AMAFA

We are currently under the waxing MOON which means this is still a very fortunate period for all of you to begin projects. This will carry through until the Full MOON on March 15th. The only major event that will occur in the Zodiac is the retrograde MERCURY entering AQUARIUS on Wednesday and then turning direct on Thursday.

Basically, you will have one more week of misunderstandings and confusion with communication-type devices. On Wednesday evening, you could experience problems with your television set, tele-

phone, personal computer, etc.

Notes: Even though the weekend should be rather uneventful, on Wednesday, March 11th, you could experience communication problems with superiors. Under no condition get into any type of argument or disagreement with anyone in a position of leadership. This includes parents or parent-type figures. You will also experience some stress with your lover or mate. This could lead to a break-up.

 **ARIES** (March 21-April 20): You will have some difficulties communicating with friends during the middle of next week, but on Thursday things will resolve themselves. There are some hidden or secret problems that you are unwilling to discuss with others. In order to find out the answers to what is puzzling you, you will have to resort to confidential channels. Confide in no one that you do not trust completely. Arguments with close friends and neighbors should be avoided. Check all written communication for errors.

* Favorable Days: 9th

* Unfavorable Days: 6th, 12th

 **TAURUS** (April 21-May 20): Your career is still going favorably now, and will really begin to take-off when MERCURY goes direct on Thursday. You will have a tendency to be exposed to individuals or groups with "get rich quick" schemes. Obviously, avoid these. You will end up broke and they will end up "rich." For the remaining part of this week, do not loan any personal items or money to friends. Organizations that you belong to may cause you to rebel and "flare-up" against a friend.

* Favorable Days: 6th

* Unfavorable Days: 11th

 **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You will be affected by the MERCURY retrograde for the next week, but the end is near! On Thursday, MERCURY goes direct and you should begin some forward motion yourself. You have been in a quagmire or the doldrums for three weeks, but that is about to end. Get into no conflicts with a superior or a boss, especially on Wednesday. Problems with city officials are likely. In other words, don't drink and drive on Wednesday. My best advice to you is to just lay low for this next week. After this week you will have four months of fun.

* Favorable Days: 6th, 7th, 8th

* Unfavorable Days: none

 **CANCER** (June 21-July 20): You will have some emotional crosscurrents with your relatives, neighbors, or someone in your immediate environment. Needless, to say, heed my advice and think before you speak. You will have a tendency to get on a "pity-pot" and over-magnify your problems out of all proportion. Your friends and acquaintances don't want to hear your problems, they have enough of their own. Don't disagree with influential people. If they make statements that are not true, bite your tongue. Others will know they are untruthful.

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

* Unfavorable Days: 7th

 **LEO** (July 21-August 21): Sex is certainly on your mind during this current New MOON period. Your partner will take on new importance on Thursday. You will attend a group gathering where you may feel completely out of place due to either your or their completely unconventional patterns of behavior. Don't try to sway others to your way of thinking for the remainder of this MERCURY retrograde period, you will cause distrust. Keep personal goals or projects to yourself because others may take what you say and use it to their advantage.

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

* Unfavorable Days: 7th

 **VIRGO** (August 22-September 21): You will continue to have communication difficulties with your lover or partner until Wednesday. By Thursday all will be well on your home front, but avoid stirring any trouble at work on Wednesday. Handle all credit matters with discretion and avoid any reckless decisions on whether or not to charge. Just because something is on "sale" is no reason to purchase it. Others may talk and gossip behind your back. Don't let this upset you. Remember, just "consider the source."

* Favorable Days: 8th

* Unfavorable Days: 6th

 **LIBRA** (September 22-October 22): Trouble that you have been experiencing with your work will end on Thursday afternoon. Just stick it out and avoid any confrontation on Wednesday. This is especially true with a lover. You could experience some trouble with your work due to poor judgment or lack of detail. It is very important that you pay attention to your job and what you are doing. Do not discuss your ideas and viewpoints to anyone unless you have thoroughly considered the repercussions.

* Favorable Days: 6th

* Unfavorable Days: 11th

 **SCORPIO** (October 23-November 22): This is really the time of the year for you to experience inner growth and maturity because your ruling planet, PLUTO, is currently going backwards. But avoid the tendency to be too secretive. You could arouse jealousy or resentment by being too private and closeted. You could have a tendency to be somewhat ruthless in your sexual behavior and lose control sexually. Avoid overspending on recreational activities, entertainment, or gifts for your lover. Keep tabs on your finances.

* Favorable Days: 9th

* Unfavorable Days: 6th, 11th

 **SAGITTARIUS** (November 23-December 20): With JUPITER moving into your house of luck and dating, this next year will really be fun and fortunate for you. Now is the time to ask out those you have wanted to for some time, but were too afraid to ask. Speculate on financial matters. You may feel that your peers are accomplishing more than you in business, but, really now, who cares? As long as you are happy with yourself, success or lack thereof, really should have no bearing on your inner self. Try to avoid an emotional flare-up between you and a potential lover on Wednesday.

* Favorable Days: 11th

* Unfavorable Days: 6th, 7th, 8th

 **CAPRICORN** (December 21-January 17): You are beginning to feel the urges of freedom and independence as SATURN closes in on URANUS. This period will make you a more exciting and independent person. These mentally depressed states you have been under should begin to end on Thursday. You have recently been involved in too many projects. The resulting scattering of your forces can wear you down temporarily and cause you some health problems. Handle all of your duties responsibly. Avoid being critical and argumentative of others.

* Favorable Days: 12th

* Unfavorable Days: 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th

 **AQUARIUS** (January 20-February 18): You are probably beginning to feel some of the brakes being applied to you as SATURN approaches your ruler, URANUS. When SATURN conjoins URANUS, you will feel as if someone has dumped cold water on you. There will be some disinterest in organizations, etc. Watch your expenditures during the coming week and don't go overboard on purchases for romantic or recreational purposes. If you meet Mr. Wonderful, keep your checkbook held tightly in your fist. Avoid any speculative venture.

* Favorable Days: none

* Unfavorable Days: 8th, 11th, 12th

 **PISCES** (February 19-March 20): This is still your time of the year. But the communication difficulties you have been experiencing are about to come to an end. On Thursday, say what you want. Before then, keep your mouth shut. You could cause an argument on Wednesday between you and a future romantic interest. Financial matters will greatly improve during the next year as JUPITER has entered this area of your life. Avoid getting into any arguments with family members.

* Favorable Days: none

* Unfavorable Days: 9th

QUESTION: "You are always discussing the various planets. What do each of them mean and what influence do they have on each of us personally?" S.C.

ANSWER: That question could fill several volumes of the New York Times to give a complete answer. Briefly, however, the SUN is the most influential planet in your horoscope. It represents your ego, will-power, and basic personality. You grow to become your sun sign. When you have finally mastered your emotions, or, at least, learned how to keep them under control, the full potential of your SUN sign is released. For example, if you were born under the sign of LEO, you are growing to become a LEO. When you have finally learned how to accept the attention and compliments given to a LEO, then you are on the way to realizing

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By "Perfectly" Frank Carello

A Tower Of Strength

My very favorite recent news event has to be the story that U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz asked China to stop selling arms to Iran. China denies that it's selling arms to Iran, but everyone knows that the U.S. has sold arms to them, so the whole thing is a scream.

Back in the U.S. of A., Reagan still doesn't seem to realize that he got caught with his arms in his pants. This man that we elected to be our president is incapable, it seems, of admitting a mistake. The only thing he is willing to admit is that he has a rotten memory. Everyone around him is getting fired, taking the fifth, committing suicide, and the Pres. just seems to think that what he needs is some good public relations moves to smooth things over. What he needs is a time machine to go back and not appoint Don Regan as chief of staff in the first place.

Well, at least Regan is out. Now he can longer irritate poor Nancy, and aren't we all thankful for that? Now she can get back to picking out nice red dresses and reminding her hubby what day it is, even if August 8 rolls around again.

Poor Howard Baker is probably going to get the real short end of the stick. Not only is he giving up his presidential aspirations to become the new chief of staff most people will confuse him with James Baker. Of course, now we have a butcher and a Baker. All we need is a candlestickmaker to shed some light on what is really happening in the White House.

One of the biggest surprises in the whole mess was the way former Sen. John Tower headed the Tower Commission. Most people felt that a Texas Republican would not have the heart to say anything at all bad about Ronnie, but Tower surprised

us. Of course, he went on a huge news blitz right after the report came out to reaffirm that he thinks Ronnie is a great person. I guess he just got mixed up with the wrong people. The only problem is, he appointed those people in the first place.

Oh, while we're on Reagan's darlings, did you hear about the high school student in Philadelphia who flashed a nude centerfold at Attorney General Edwin Meese, saying, "I feel to see how this picture of this nude girl, which could be considered art by some, could lead to violence against women." Meese quickly backpedaled, claiming that his infamous report's findings were only critical of child porn, violence against women and degrading of women. Say what? I remember what he said at the time. I guess the Pres.'s memory problem is contagious.

Courting Freedom

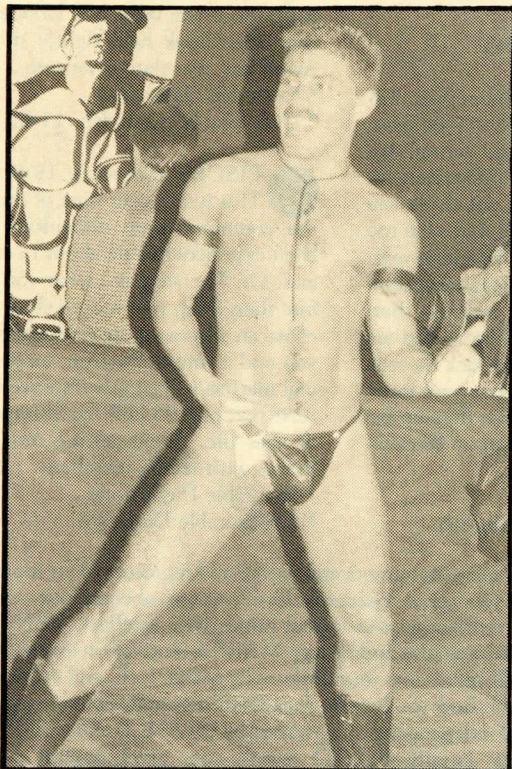
Nashville songwriter Bobby Keel tried to get out of going to prison by singing a song to the judge, begging for mercy on his parole violation. The judge liked the song and gave Bobby 30 days in jail. He said he was glad he was not sent to a Texas prison. I don't see why. He'd probably be out much more quickly than 30 days.

In traffic court, tickets are being dismissed against city garbage workers who were given tickets for having loads that were too heavy. In a wonderful twist, the Houston Police Patrolmen's Union has said that it will pay the fines for any garbage driver who can't get out of a ticket. This is to show solidarity with fellow city employees. Maybe they could get Bobby to donate the royalties from his song to help offset the costs.

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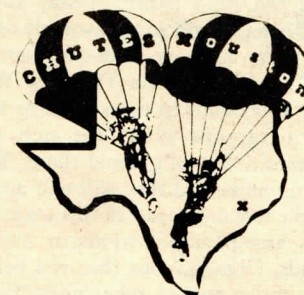
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