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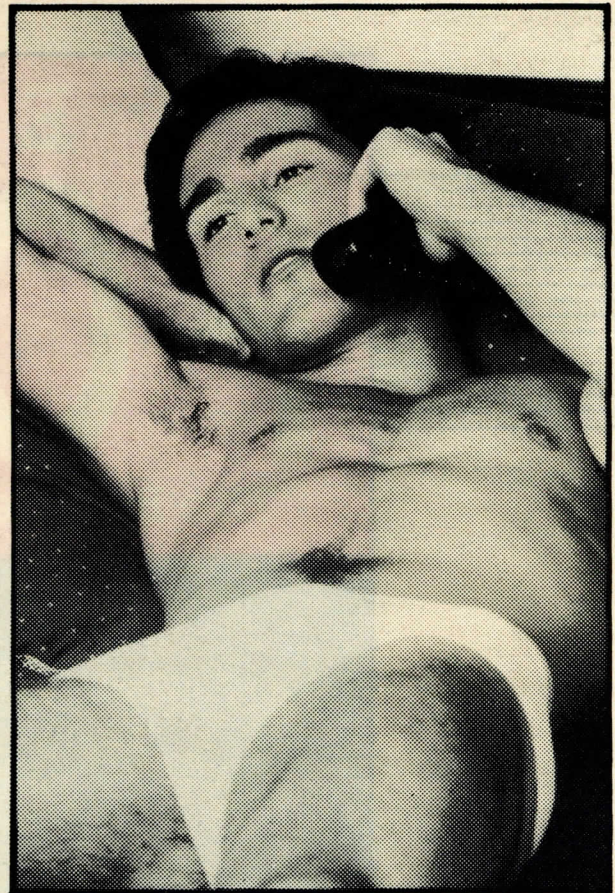
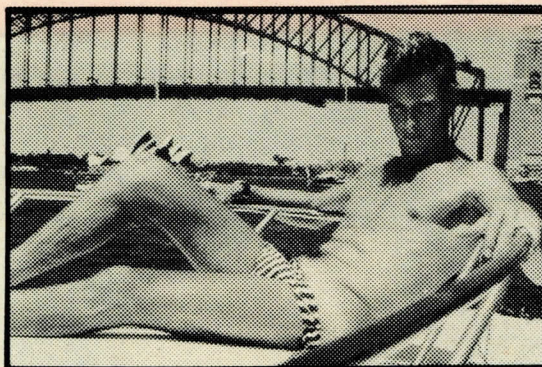
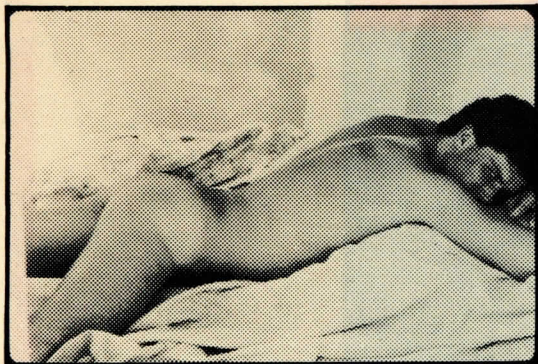
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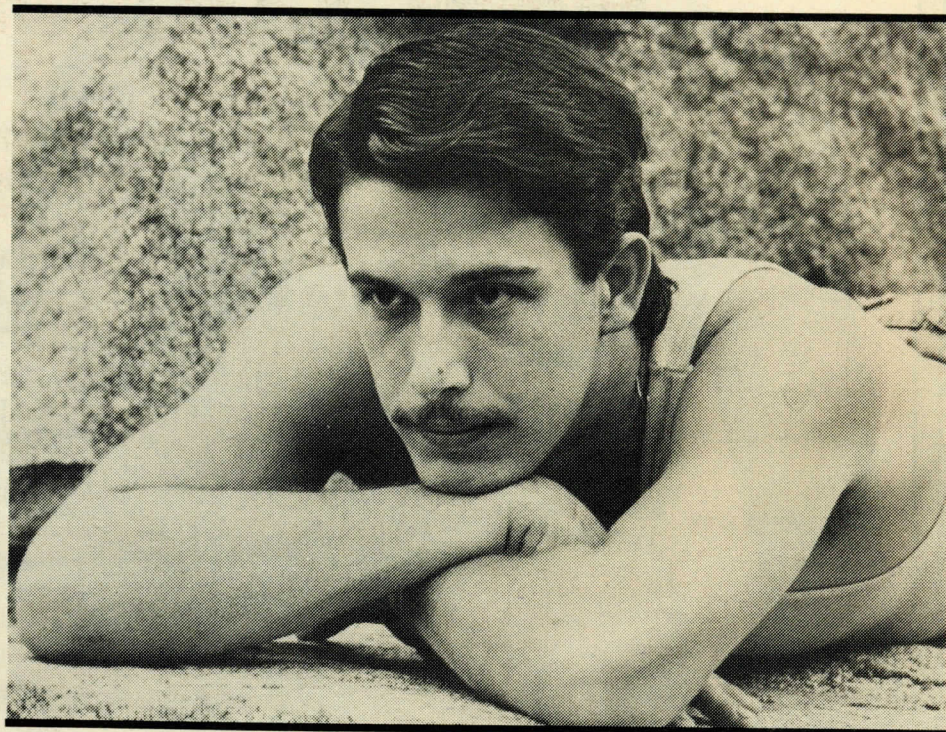
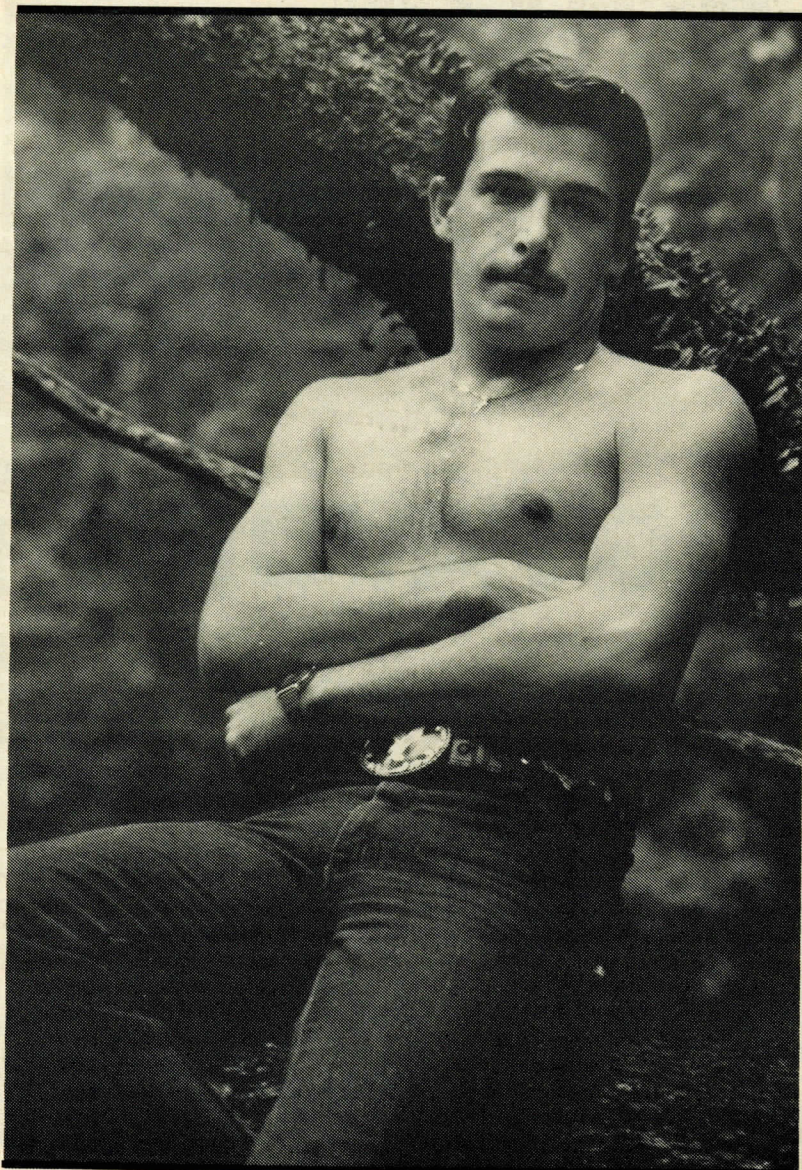
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BEHIND THE FRONT COVER

David Fuller



Born: Yoakum, Texas

Sun Sign: Virgo

Eyes: Brown

Color hair: Brown

Favorite kind of men: Oh, my! Are we talking personality or body? Well, someone who is kind, sweet and built like a brick house. I love blue eyes, moustache. I love 'em to be taller than me. They need to like sports, enjoy camping, fishing and hiking

Current projects: Shining shoes at the Brazos River Bottom and being a night auditor.

Future project: I'd like to travel the states.

Favorite bars: BRB, JR's and Heaven.

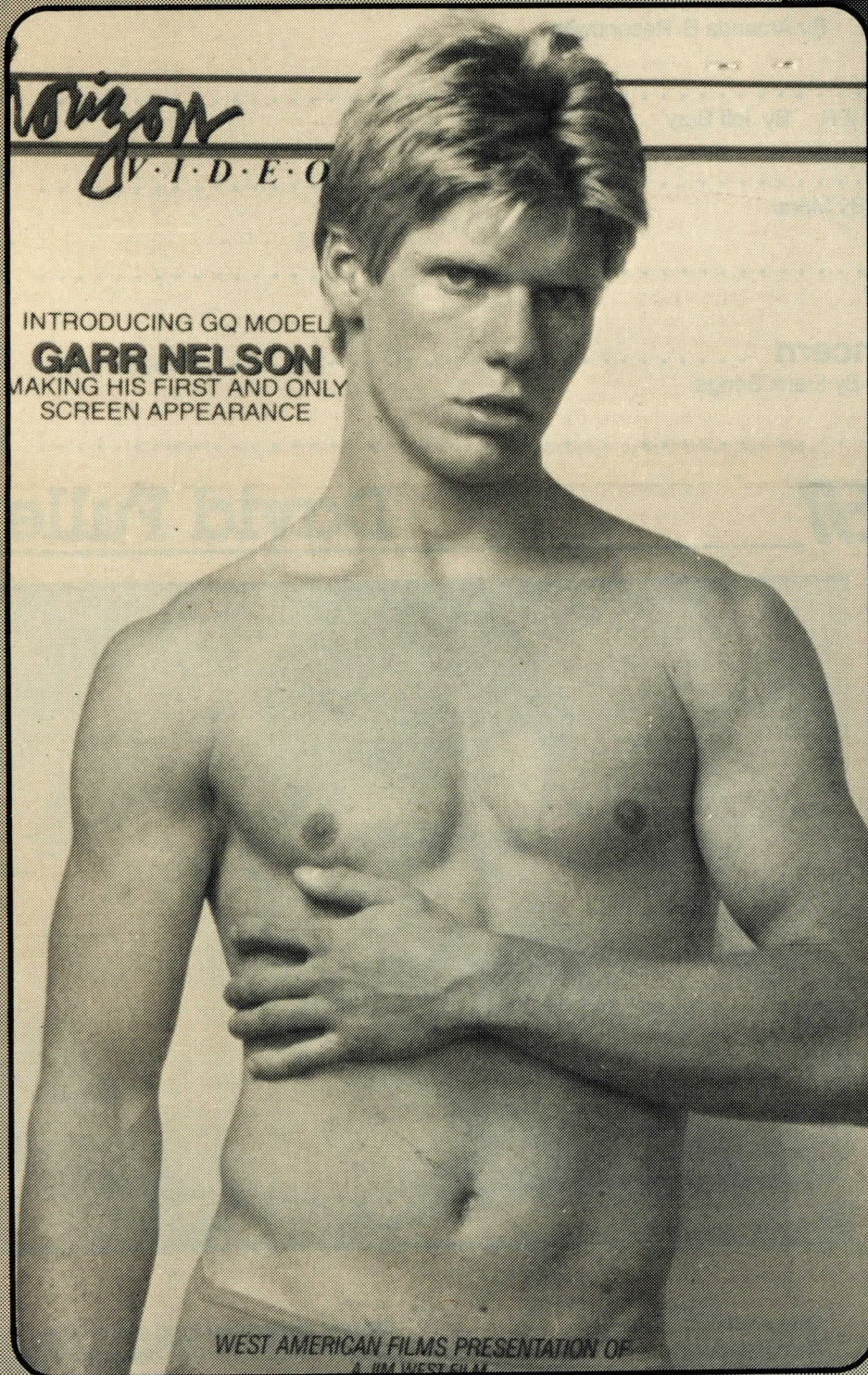
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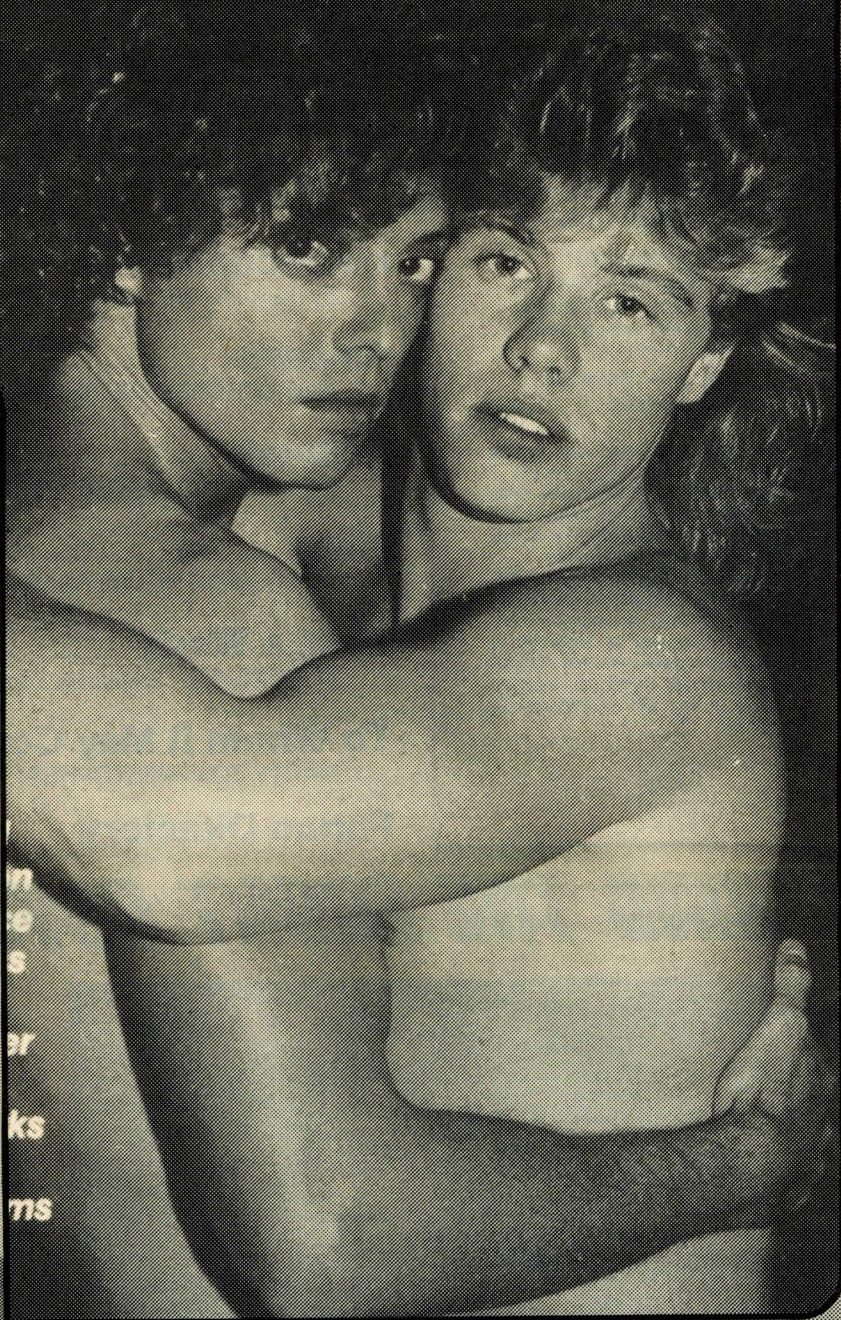
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LET'S GET REAL

A Hippie Sides with the NRA on Gun Control

By Randy Brown

A lot of my friends can't understand my position on gun control and why I feel that gun control is government interference in our private lives. Not only that, but we are constitutionally guaranteed the right to bear arms, and there is a very good reason for that.

bear arms, and they're not going to have that freedom taken away from them.

The American people are far-sighted. That's the problem. It's not that we have criminals lobbying to have guns; we have the government attacking the Constitution. And there is a very, very good reason that

... as long as there is a basic mistrust of our government, the American people are going to insist on the right to bear arms ...

It would be different if there were a lot of murderers and killers lobbying in Washington to have guns, but we have the National Rifle Association in Washington lobbying. Being a basic hippie, that puts me in a strange position.

I've been through Kent State, I've been through the Chicago Riots, I've watched the horrors of Selma, Alabama. I've seen the blacks of this country fighting for their lives as well as their souls. And I've watched through the miracle of television as Middle European countries tried to fight off communist oppressors with rocks and sticks. And if guns are only in the hands of the government, then we are all going to be in very big trouble.

It all comes down to a basic distrust of government. Americans have always had a healthy distrust of government. What we do best as Americans is distrust the government. I think we should take guns off the street. I think we should get guns out of the hands of criminals. But as long as there is a basic mistrust of our government, the American people are going to insist on the right to

the Founding Fathers put the right to bear arms in our Constitution, and I think it would be a very, very big mistake to mess with what they did.

If we take the guns out of the hands of the citizenry, then we put all the power in the hands of the government. That's something that no one wants, except maybe Ollie North. Because any student of human nature (and history) knows that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. To give that kind of power to a government that is already meddling in our lives to an alarming degree is unthinkable.

And I am not unaware of the damage that guns have done and will continue to, but there is a basic philosophical question here that does not have a clear-cut easy answer. Do we give up a constitutionally guaranteed freedom and right because we are afraid of the thugs on the street today? I don't think so.

I don't like weapons. I don't like guns. I think they stink. But I do understand the right to bear arms, and I don't think that it would be smart to give up that right.

Guns Kill More Than Protect

By Billie Duncan

Although Randy Brown and I agree on most fundamental points of politics and life, I have to differ with him on the subject of gun control.

In the first place, the Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution states, "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

"Militia" is defined by the *American Heritage Dictionary* as "A citizen army, as distinct from a body of professional soldiers." And, "The able-bodied male citizens in a state who are not members of regular armed forces, but who are called to military service in cases of emergency." Obviously, the U.S. Constitution does not grant the right to each and every citizen of the United States to keep and bear arms for whatever reason—

As far as the National Rifle Association being in Washington to protect the constitutional rights of Americans, that is a pile of garbage. The NRA was founded by and is run by people who manufacture and sell guns—including handguns—and they don't want to see their profits go down. Luckily for them, they have an amendment to the constitution that vaguely gives them a case—or a smokescreen—for fighting gun control.

Certainly, the U.S. Constitution is a brilliant document, and one that should be upheld as a barrier against prejudice and oppression, but it is wrong to misuse the amendments to make a profit, which is what the NRA is doing. Of course, making a profit in and of itself is not a bad idea, but the problem comes in when that money is made over the dead bodies of American citizens, especially children.

Most people who are killed with guns ... are killed by friends and loved ones.

and certainly not for the purpose of keeping the U.S. government in line.

But arguing fine points of the constitution does not really illuminate the very real flesh and blood problems of guns in the U.S. Most people who are killed with guns in the country are killed by friends and loved ones, not be strangers with concealed weapons. And most guns used in the commission of crimes are not the sort that would be used by a "well-regulated militia" (rifles), but are handguns. This same type of gun is the major culprit in the accidental death and injury of children who find and play with their parents' weapons.

It would not be impossible to outlaw handguns while protecting the rights of honest citizens, but so many of those weapons are out there in the hands of so many types of people that the problem grows with each passing day.

It is all well and good to take a philosophical stand based on a misunderstanding of an historical document, but a reasonable person should also get in touch with the facts.

Fact: guns kill, no matter how honest or well-meaning the owner of the weapon may be.

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SAN ANTONIO . . . By Jackie Oh!

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Hi fans, hope everyone is well, or at least in good spirits. I'm writing once again from the Alamo City, still trying to stay dry and not float away. S.A. is so sick and tired of rain at this time, but of course, in a few months, we'll be begging for more . . . *Rain*, that is. But then again, I always beg for more! More what? Just ask, I'm sure we'll think of something.

I apologize for not getting around much this past week. (Don't try it.) But the weather has limited the area that I've been able to cover—or uncover! (Yeah!) Make no error, I know what's going on! Word travels fast, if you know what I mean?

"All these rumors flying around town, and there you are sucking on a pickle."

Speaking of pickles, over at the **106, Cora Camel Cox** is back, up and around, giving riding lessons. Hi, girl! The 106's **First Annual Patron's Drag Show** netting over \$550 for the S.A. Tavern Guild AIDS Fund. Thanx to all those who attended! Way to go, guys.

MUSIC, MUSIC EVERYWHERE

With the sounds of music, the **French Connection** lives it up being the only bar in town with live entertainment nightly, including **Kim & Richard, Brooks, J. Leslie** and **Lorena Macky**.

Speaking of entertainment, stop by the **Paper Moon** and let them entertain you. Congrats to **Paulette Leigh**, the newly crowned **Miss Southwest/America**. You can catch Pauletta every Tuesday and Sunday at the Paper Moon.

"I was a male stripper at a go-go bar," is what you can hear and see over at the **2015**, with DJ **Ryce Williams**. Pretty Boy Ryce (**Mr. Leather, S.A.**) is spinning his heart out. So boogie on in and see Ryce and the gang at the 2015. Why Bruce, I didn't know you could read! I'm glad. Now I know you can read this column and the **TEXAS FORUM** weekly.

Sis! Boom! Bah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Yea, team!

MEN, MEN EVERYWHERE

Men, men, men and pretty boys can be found on the patio at the **Silver Dollar Saloon**; **Little Bobby Archer** is out there serving!?!? Serving what? That (like most things) you have to find out for yourself. I'm sure you'll have fun finding out for yourself. "Parties make the world go 'round, so let's have a party!"

I'm sure you've heard of the many -plexes in life, such as perplexed, complex, etc. Well,

now we have the **Bear-plex** on Broadway. **Papa Bear** has given us a nice bar, a nice restaurant and soon a C&W dance bar, all in one (Bear-Plex). I just wanna know when the washateria and beauty parlor are going to open! By the way, has anybody asked **Howard** who **Daddy** is?

New faces in town, and new bar employees include: **Steve D.** at the Silver Dollar and **Javier** at the Paper Moon. Oh, most importantly, happy birthday to **Charlie J.**, dance instructor at the Silver Dollar. Well, bye for now, and remember, if you don't like S.A., move! Go on: git!



Wadda ya mean? Irene!



Push! Push! Harder! Harder!



Pick me! Pick me! I'm a GODDESS!

HOUSTON . . . by Elroy Forbes

GOOD NEWS

Thanks to **Patrick Media's Rob Schmerler**, three billboards are up in Montrose to promote **Gay/Lesbian Gay Pride Week**, June 19 thru 28. This year the boards share space with **Gay Fest '87**, the big festival on the last day of the event. Plans call for a wonderful stage show, booths, refreshments, eats—all in the big **Kwik Kopy** parking lot at 3317 Montrose at Lovett. Many booths are reserved by our non-profit groups: The Greater Montrose Business Guild, Montrose Art Alliance, AIDS Foundation of Houston, Montrose Counseling Center, Pueblo to People, Trinity Design Enterprise, GPC, Womanspace, etc. Commercial booths will feature **Bar Owners Association of Texas (BOAT)** with their new slogan, "We Protect You So You Can Party." **The Galleon** will be there with their famous Twisted Wheel of Fun.—FYI: **Billie Duncan** was the "Twisted" winner last week. "I won treasures you would not believe," purred Billie as she examined her new collection of Bic razors, under-arm scentless deodorant, a curling iron and Mennen Afta Shave. Billie proclaims her covey of prizes will make a new woman of her. Now **Barry/Vanna** is trying to talk **Jay Allen** and **Randy** into setting up an air conditioned tent. Silly girl, everyone knows that on the day of Pride Parade it never rains and it never gets over 82 degrees.

RIDE 'EM COWBOY

Only in Houston could you find a mock rodeo. Only at **The Brazos River Bottom** could you find a bar to host such an event. But **Alan Pierce**, fresh from the Colorado sun and rafting expedition and the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo, could give **The Texas Gay Rodeo Association** such a boast. My spies tell me that events included the High Heel Race (which Alan won), calf scramble, hog tie (I will not mention names), goat roping and the side-saddle, figure-eight range ride. There was also a **Tammy Faye** make up competition and a Dolly Parton bust award. One race featured a tag team where you got into drag, ran across the dance floor, shed your drag and your teammate put it on, raced back across the dance floor . . . too much. You can imagine the condition those gowns are in today. **Purple Heart** would send them back. At least the group stayed dry. Saturday was another stormy weekend.

KAMPING, NATURALLY

Two big groups fought the outdoors and the elements this past weekend. **Mary's** (naturally) and the **Hogs** selected this unnatural weekend for their events. Back in the new big landscaped patio, patrons of Mary's set up their tents, cook tents, portable TVs and small air conditioners to gather the rains. **Danny Boy** built the **611 Annex** which managed to collect enough water to fill out Lake Wobegone. **Maria's** lovely rancho tent was decorated with colorful cute things that took the rains and made Tammy Faye water colors all over Maria's party dresses and best heels. One large tent was made into condos with a picket fence and gardens. The covered patio on the front of the tent protected the television and portable phone for taking calls in the wilderness.

While Victoria, Texas, was washed into Matagorda Bay, **Houston Outdoor Groups** HOGS to you, managed to get to Canyon Lake for a white water ride down the Guadalupe toward New Braunfels. **Speedy Printing's Mike Reuter** reported that the trip started at Canyon Dam to **Jerry's Rental**, missing the storm altogether. "We saw crystal clear water boiling over the limestone rocks." After the Saturday ride, the group headed to **Natural Bridge Cavern** near San Antonio. For the first time in some 20 years, 80 feet of water filled the two large cavern rooms. But the group, sunburned and weary, are looking forward to the July state-wide trip

to Clute, I think, to meet other outdoorsmen. For more information call (713) 521-3641 or 961-2905. Be a HOG!

In future news at Mary's, go over for the **Eagle Leather Fashion Show** on Saturday, June 13, in the fashionable evening, and don't dare forget the pool tournament that so many of us have been holding our sticks for: **Pickles' Slop Shot Pool Tournament** on Monday night at 8 p.m. For serious poolers, there's always the **Rick Clyne Pool Tourney** on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. If that isn't enough to make you "Mary," catch Morning Madness on Monday through Saturday with \$1 Screws and Bloody Mary's. Finally, former Houston Forum cover girl **Gay Yancy** will be bartending Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside and Friday and Saturday night on the patio. This is the first time that Mary's has had a regular bartender of the tender gender!

SPACE CITY, HERE I COME

Montrose, and in particular the Kwik Kopy parking lot, was the center of many television broadcasts over the weekend as the **Big Space Chili Cookoff** filled the area with their colorful tents, flags and participants. Among the contestants was **Canjun Telecon's Gil Matt**, consultant **Marjorie Kerr** and **The Tire Place's Bob Bagot**, presenting the **Greater Montrose Business Guild's** Non-Discrimination Chili Fever. **Teri Shaw** provided the spoons and bowls, but, in her excitement, drove off with them. Great pieces of steak floated in the dark red mixtures, cajun style.

From the **Museum of Fine Arts**, walking down Montrose to old Liberty Bank, came the children and followers, hand in hand with many Astronauts and celebrities. Thousands of children and old people too, came to meet the space people and share their experiences. It was colorful, exciting and wet. Rains just never spared any events this weekend. the goal of all this activity is to build a memorial to the Challenger Dead and all space people near the **Rothko Chapel**. FYI: On June 16 is the grand opening of the **Menil Museum** and once more Montrose will be making international news.

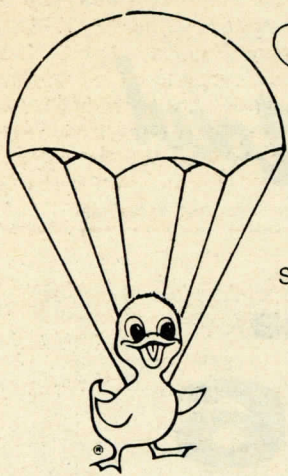
ADIOS JOSE

It was a challenge that had to be met. The Big Choice machine was silent and everyone in The Galleon held their breath as **Lemmy Perkins**, over 21, maneuvered the metal fingers and fetched not one, but two prizes: an ice cream cone and a "?". Lemmy cited his military training, knowledge of Japanese, and the number of years since the 7th grade spent on these machines that enabled him to win the two objects d'arte. His fulfillment of winning was brimming with satisfaction. "I felt very special. It was like finding a stray welfare check. Even though it made me feel very good, it was but one small step toward World Peace."

Lemmy's chief advisor on the job was technician **Boyd Edwards** who also lead the cheering section. The big winner was planning this event to coincide with Male Strip Night. Two big thrills in one night is hard on one's heart. Lemmy felt that the high-tech machine is very sensitive and responds very poorly to those who kick and call it names. "Any false move can cost you a quarter," he reports. While **Carl, Randy, Bobby** faced the thirsty crowds, **Ernie, Mark, Maurice, Tiny, Bill** and **Gary** stood by Lemmy's vigil into the dark disco night. The rest of us were relieved to learn that **Paul** got home safely.

OUT AND ABOUT

Look closely for the walking parade on June 28. There are some wonderful sights being worked up. **Ripcord** is drilling all the state flag carriers into a drill team. The Galleon has a big surprise. **Pacific Street People** will be a large member of the parade. GPC is planning a big attention getter. **Movemasters** has a real fun entry. The **Shake and Bake** girls are going to parade. Everyone else is keeping both their booths and parade units a surprise . . . **John**



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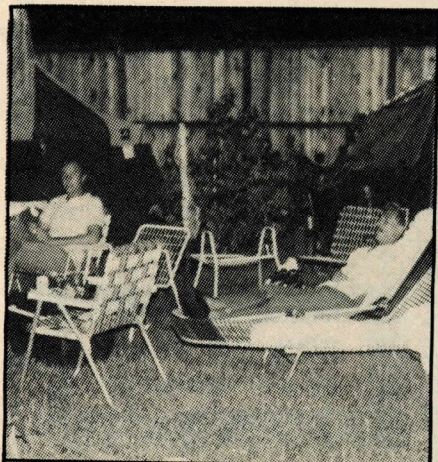
Richard Holium, partner in life to popular **Tom Tuley** of Houston Soft Ball fame, passed on May 3. Our hearts go out to Tom.

Arby, chicken shoulders and all, was the big crowd pleaser at **The Outlaws** after his triumph at **Exile II** the week before. The boy is big and beautiful... Realty czar **Rick** was on the tour from **Michael's** to Mary's Saturday. The show stopped when **Maude** brought out her very own grandsons, **Muscles in Action** for the crowd. She claims the money in the g-strings are to build up their dowry. Meanwhile Maude is educating them "My Way" which could set the state's system back to about 1930. On June 18th Michael's **Anniversary and Fire Sale Special** will start at 10 pm preceded by Free Well Drinks, Free Draft Beer and real hors d'oeuvres starting at 8 pm to 10. There will be a chance to win a trip for two to Alcapulco with air fare and lodging for two nights free. Winners must pay their own food and entertainment bill. The drawing will be at 1 a.m. YOU MUST BE PRESENT to win. Later will be a seven week search for Mr. Michael's. FYI the cash for first place is \$100... **The 611** has the largest Beer Bust in Texas from 4 pm until 2 am for \$4. The barbecue is on Thursday at 6 p.m. with new chef **Danny Buel**—who can treat his chicken like you would not believe. He converts **Kroger** Chicken into melting tasty mounds of succulent **Dinah Shore** nuggets of glory—without Crisco!

The really big excitement is building for the **Night of 100 Stars**, sponsored by **Charlie's Coffee Shop**, **Club Rendezvous** and **Randy Miller**, to benefit **Aid for AIDS**, **AIDS Foundation Houston** and the **MacAdory House**, on Sunday June 21, starting at 4 p.m. and continuing until it's over. In conjunction with the show, there will be an incredible auction with terrific things donated by area businesses. Items include clothing, dinners for two, hors d'oeuvres, bar tabs, interior decorating services, an AKC poodle puppy, flowers, auto service work, cleaning services, medical services and on and on and on! The list of entertainers is longer than the list of items to be auctioned, but we'll go ahead and put in a couple of names anyway (and hope that no one feels left out this time!). Show people include the likes of **Pickles Polanski** from Mary's, **Lady Dee** from the **Lazy J**, **Craig Moody** from the **Ripcord**, **Teresa Mauney** (last week's cover girl), the **Latino Dancers** from **Los**, **Aunt Rhoda**, **Roger Parton**, **Miss Alabama**, **Patsy Cline**, the **Montrose Cloggers** and on and on and on! Check their ads for more information. Until next week, may Good News guide you toward Tomorrow.



It's Maude & her Men!



It was a Mary's campout, naturally!



Randy Miller is backed by a Charlie's chorus, of course!

Dallas... by Medium Richard

GETTING AROUND

Well, I've already put **Ft. Worth** on notice! Now, I'm telling Big D. Somebody had the nerve to abscond with MY car during MY bar tour last week. It's just too much to think that someone is driving my beautiful 1953 yellow Studebaker through Highland Park. Oh, well—they will never look nearly as good on those leopard skin seats as Yours Truly.

But, I was able to taxi myself around and pick up a few tidbits—so to speak.

Well—the answer to last week's question "What does the **Village Station** have planned for us?" is **Paul LeKakis** this Saturday night, June 13. Not far behind Paul will be an encore performance by **Helen Reddy** on Thursday, June 25. Both shows are must-do's and not to be missed.

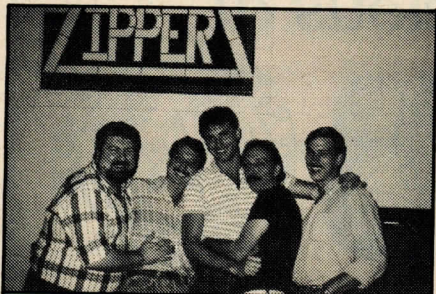
This Sunday, June 14, **Tramps**, 4117 Maple, will host the **First Annual Ruby Slipper Garden party**. I, for one, can hardly wait. **Vince**, the owner of the **Arena**, 4025 Maple, is planning an event most appropriate for these HOT Summer nights. The event—**MANEATERS**—is a jungle party. I wonder if my new **Pia Zadora** look will be noticed in the middle of what promises to be a THICK crowd.

Thursday nights are fun for everyone over at **Big Daddy's**, 3913 Cedar Springs, where it's Amateur Night for male dancers. This past week **J. Riley** got a surprise visit for his biggest fan!!

Don't forget **RAZZLE DAZZLE** on June 20th.

Over at the **Trestle**, 412 S. Haskell, every Sunday gives us a Bare Chest & Beer Bust Bash, movie at 6 p.m., and DJ **James Heitman**. Please, remember to bring your food donations to the Trestle on Thursdays. Donated food items benefit the **OLCC/AIDS Resource Center**. Theme attire or a food donation will get you \$1 domestic beer & \$1.50 well drinks.

If you haven't visited **Zippers** at 3333 N. Fitzhugh, you need to drop in and have cocktails with the friendly staff and customers. With the **Crews Inn**, **Zippers** and the **Hide-away** so close to each other, I do just catch myself wandering back and forth having a great time at all three clubs.



This group was zippy at Zippers.



Does this Dallas legend still have Rip Taylor's home number?

AUSTIN... By Adda Baralot

SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

Has anyone seen **Adda Baralot**? Or did the rains just wash that paragon of literary virtue away? Adda! Here, Adda. Here, Adda! Oh, well, maybe next week.

Actually, rumor has it that Adda was in Dallas this past week, holding court at **Big Daddy's**, and we all know how painful that can be.

If Adda wanted some real excitement, the place to be is **Sally's Apt.**, where you can catch **Muscles in Action** on Friday and Saturday nights. And, of course, this weekend is Austin's oldest and friendliest bar's **Twentieth Anniversary!** Happy Anniversary! The fun and excitement will last for three full days. Too bad some of us have to go to work on Monday, or we could just stay, stay, until we really celebrated our little heads off.

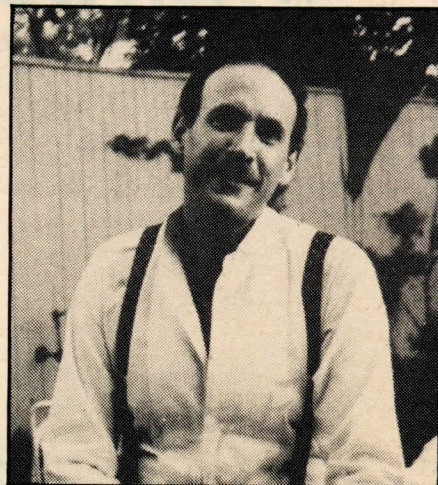
But, go on by to Sally's Apt. to help with the festivities, and, while you're in there, say hi to new manager **Ray Gonzales**. Hi, Ray!

Over at the **Boathouse**, everyone's getting excited about the **Boom Boom Boom Party**, with special guest star **Paul Lekakis**. I'll tell you, Paul is doing Texas, isn't he? Well, he's going to be doing Austin on June 20. Yea! Rah! In the meantime, just enjoy, dance, enjoy, have fun. (The Boathouse is always such a treat, isn't it?)

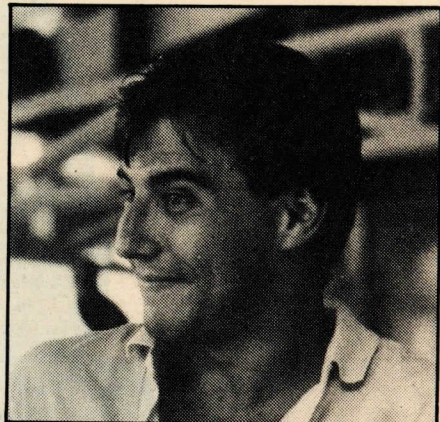
NEVER SAY NEVER

They're hot, they're good, and they're men. Yes, folks, I am talking about **Fantasy in Motion**, some of the hottest dancers to hit the Texas club scene. And they can be seen at **Uncle Charlie's** on Mondays. Ssssssst, steam heat! And just when I promised my other half that I would stop going out on Mondays! What do they say about promises being meant to be broken?

Of course, going out doesn't really mean happy hour at the **505**, does it? I mean, that's not really going out is it? If you're on the patio, you're being out, aren't you? And on Mondays at the 505, you can actually be there in order to have a steak dinner, right? So, that doesn't count as going out on Mon-



Bubbles is stunned when Nancy Reagan arrives at the club wearing the exact same dress!!



If you think bartending is all fun and games, then you must have met this man!

day. That's just survival. I'm sure my other half didn't mean that I shouldn't be out eating on Mondays, right?

Oh, while we're on the 505, watch for the upcoming Big Event. Yes, we are talking about **Scooter's Birthday Party!** I hope we all get to wear funny hats and eat cake off of **Snoopy** plates!

In closing, I would just like to say that **Bubbles** is one of the very nicest people in the whole world.

That's it. Have fun, play safe and drive carefully!

FT. WORTH... By Medium Richard

A VERY GAY WEEK

Well, I certainly hope you have been attending all the events this last week as the community celebrates **Gay Pride Week**. **Aunt Richard** could not be there due to the fact that her car was stolen—can you imagine? Somebody is driving your Aunt's 1953 bright yellow Studebaker with leopard skin seat! In my absence my young beautiful niece **Glenda** (the good) has kept me informed.

If you missed the dinner at **Partners** on the first, you missed an excellent spread. **Jesse Evans**, Candidate for **Emperor IX**, cooked for the masses. Jesse, thanks for the wonderful meal and good luck in the campaign.

Congratulations to the winners of **TCGA's Mr. and Ms. GPW contest**—**Keith Barbie** and **Margaret Eyeler**—held at **Partners** 1612 Park Place last Friday night. A great time!

The yard sale at **Grany's** benefiting the PWA house was a great success. The event raised over \$1000 as the PWEA's and **buddies** started the fund raising. Thank you to all those who attended and spent their money on this worthy cause. Both the **WADS Carnival** and the AIDS testing program were well attended.

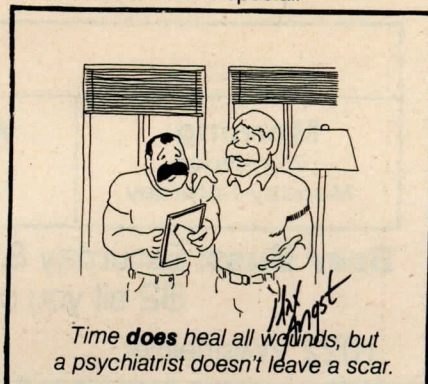
STILL MORE GAITY

Gay Pride Week ends this Sunday, June 14, with special services at **Mid-Cities MCC**, 401 Lillard, in Arlington at 11 a.m. Don't forget that the picnic at Greenway Park, I-35 at Hwy 121, will take place from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday. The picnic will feature live entertainment, games, urns and

a MAJOR TUG-OF-WAR. Come out and pull for your favorite bar. The sound system for the event is being provided by the **Vickery Station**. FREE beer can be enjoyed by all thanks to **Sough Jennings Inc.** and area beer suppliers.

Grand Marshall for this year's events is **Gary Taylor** (AKA the world famous **Raina Lea**). This honor is especially fitting since Gary, in addition to all the many things he does for the Ft. Worth community, was the originator of the picnic which we will all enjoy this Sunday. Of course, the original picnic was not at Greenway Park. It was held at Forest Park (AKA **Raina Lea Hill**).

GPW may be over but the fun will not end. This coming Thursday, June 18, **D.J.'s** will host a benefit show to aid the Mid-City MCC. **Raina Lea** (AKA AKA) will host the show that will include **Latoni Regay**, **Erica Taylor**, the ever delightful **Aunt Bea**, **Bette Sheba**, **Jim Eyeler** and my very own niece **Glenda Gardner**. Now that is special!

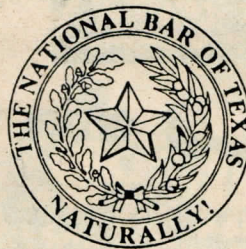


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San Antonio Gay Pride Week Schedule

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Sunday, June 14, 4-6 p.m. Gay Pride Forum/Call for Volunteers Sponsor: Gay Pride Committee, Papa Bears at 3530 Broadway.

Monday, June 15, 7-9 p.m., Open House/Wine & Cheese Reception, Sponsor: Gay Switchboard, Metropolitan Community Church, Fellowship Hall, 1142 W. Woodlawn at IH-10 West.

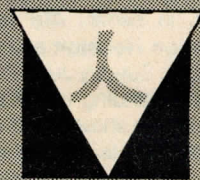
Tuesday, June 16, 2-10 p.m. AIDS Education Seminars, Sponsor: San Antonio AIDS Foundation Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, 1300 Guadalupe Street at Brazos.

Wednesday, June 17 Come out and celebrate pride at your favorite bar!

Thursday, June 18, 7:30 p.m. Joint Religious Services, Sponsor: Trinity Council, Metropolitan Community Church Chapel, 1136 W. Woodlawn at IH-10 West. **10:30 p.m.** Mr. Gay San Antonio Pageant, Sponsor: Tim Ramm Productions, The Bolt, 820 San Pedro.

Friday, June 19, 2 p.m. "HOT" Safe Sex Workshop, presented by Buck Harris, Ohio State Department Health, Sponsor: San Antonio Tavern Guild AIDS Fund Bonham Exchange.

Sunday, June 21 Gay Pride Celebration Parade 3:00, 3rd Annual Parade, Crockett Park / North Main at Cypress, 3:30-8:00 p.m. 4th Annual Picnic, San Pedro Park Gazebo



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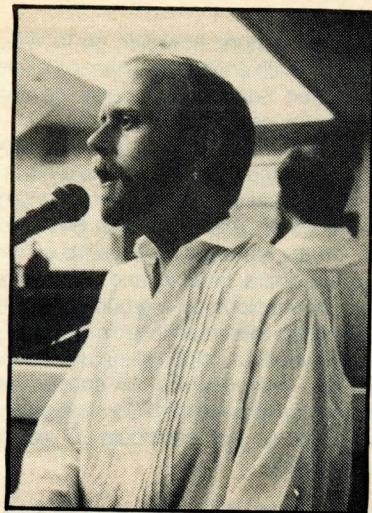
Moonstruck

Gertrude Stein lived in Paris for 40 years with **Alice B. Toklas**. Gertrude was a legendary expatriate and said, "a rose is a rose is a rose" Alice wrote cookbooks. Practically nobody remembers what day-to-day life was like with Gertrude.

In our story, Gertrude will not tell Alice she is ill. Alice gets the scent that something is fishy and fights with her intense desire for emotional contact and the feeling of impending loss. Then Gertrude finds out she is not dying, and the result is confusion and good-humored tension between her and Alice.

Linda Bassett portrays Gertrude Stein. Alice B. Toklas is played by **Linda Hunt**, who won an Oscar for her performance as an oriental male in *The Year of Living Dangerously*.

Together they present the fictional mythology *Waiting for the Moon* as a part of the **American Playhouse** Season, produced by **Sandra Schulberg**, written by **Mark Magill** and directed by **Jill Godmilow**. Check your local listings for air time, this week on **PBS**.



Where Entertainers Go for Entertainment

As for popular performers, **Kimber** is a charming young man and also one of Dallas' most popular piano bar entertainers. In fact, other entertainers come to the **Hideaway Clubs** to catch his act (and we all know how picky other entertainers can be, don't we?).

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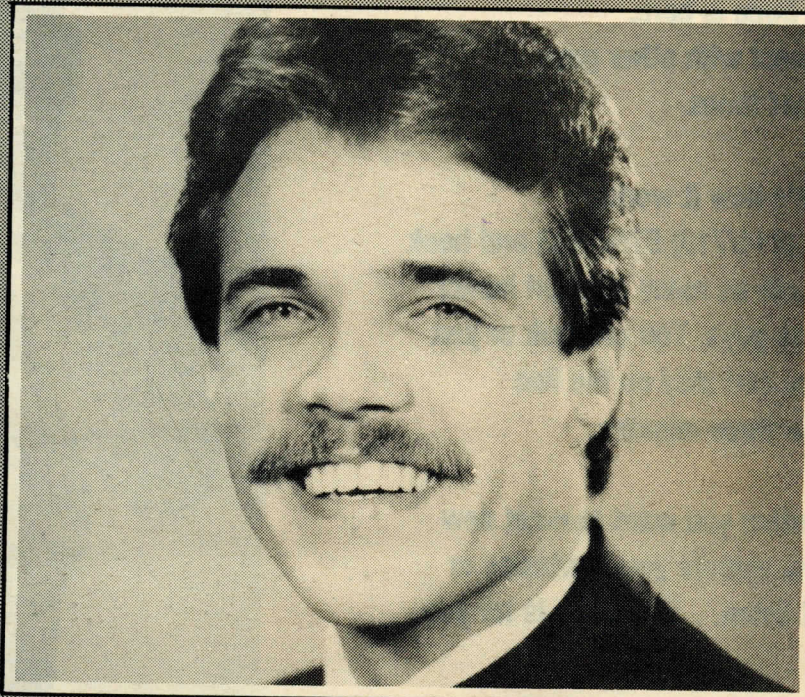
The Rehearsal Must Go On!



Okay, nobody leaves until we get it right—This columnist has had nightmares about The Rehearsal That Never Ends, which is exactly what **Bill Fuderer** organized in Austin recently. Bill is the Director of the **Austin Parks & Recreation Department's Zilker Summer Musicals** production of the *Unsinkable Molly Brown* (ironically enough). It seems the city cut the summer musical's budget by 85% this summer, so the company, consisting of some 45 members, collected pledges from friends and family, and local businesses supported the effort with donations of food and drink. Then they hit the boards, and proceeded to sing, dance and act for 24 hours non-stop, raising \$8100 dollars and enabling the show to go on.

As the saying goes, anything for the theatre... and all that rehearsing couldn't have hurt either. Right, guys?

Best Bet



Flash and Dash!

What better place to experience the flash and dash of the gloriously talented singer/pianist **Lee Aldridge** than at the lovely **John L's**, Dallas' newest entertainment club?

Lee possesses a wonderful blend of masterful piano technique, a unique and beautiful singing voice, depth in interpretation and a rare sense of style with a touch of humor that makes an evening at Lee's performances a special treat.

Lee, a musician who covers a broad spectrum of diverse musical styles, is known around Texas as a superb entertainer. A particular favorite with audiences is his riveting, leave-them-speechless-then-knock-them-over-with-a-leather rendition of "Over the Rainbow."

Appearing Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 14 through June 23, starting at 9:30 p.m., at John L's, 2525 Wycliffe, (214) 520-2525

Another One Through The Shredder

Why can't I get away with typos like that? Ollie North's blonde bombshell of a secy hit the wrong key (silly girl) and sent \$10 million to the wrong Swiss bank account. Whoops! You know if any of us did something like that, we'd be swinging by our toes in the foyer.

Another big whoops for the week is the revelation (sooooo surprising) that Gary Hart might indeed have had a little monkey business on the old Monkey Business. Donna Rice's friend and traveling companion, Lynn Armandt, told People magazine that Donna not only spent the night at the infamous townhouse, but that Hart instructed the parties in the party to follow the party line and flat out lie about who was where when. She said that when Hart found out that he had been caught with pants down (so to

speak) he became very cool to Donna and didn't even give her a kiss on the cheek good bye. Well, that did it. I am most certainly not going to vote for Gary Hart for president. Anyone who could be that callous to such an obviously sweet trick does not have my respect.

Obviously, lying in and of itself is not enough to disqualify a person from being president or Reagan would have been impeached by now. A recent Washington Post poll showed the 69% (my favorite percentage!) of Americans surveyed thought that Reagan had lied about the Iran-around Contra-versy. Either that or he knows seven different varieties of truth. Whoops!

If you're going to lie and get away with it in this country, what you have to do is blame it on the supernatural, like god or the devil. A

minister in Houston (Calvin Haywood) told police that a demon had possessed him and told him to stab his wife of four months 18 times. Now maybe he can borrow a line from Oral Roberts and tell the judge that God is going to call him home if the judge doesn't release him.

The biggest whoops of the newsweek, however, was the deathbed confession of a Delaware woman that the man who she claimed had raped her 12 years before (and had been in prison all that time) had never laid a hand on her. She said that because she had stolen his money when he passed out drunk in her room. Since he was black, she thought it would be better to claim rape (she was white) than to admit that she had invited him in. He was so drunk that he didn't remember whether he did it or not, so he pleaded guilty. Whoops!

Crimes That Pay

Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord has been found out. It seems despite his testimony to the contrary, he profited mightily from the arms sale to Iran, to the tune of over \$80,000. Of course, he can just claim that he was only on his first truth, and that he had at least six or so more to go to keep up with the Commander in Chief, Ronnie.

A surprise nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize this past week was Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, who has been denied entrance into the U.S. because of his alleged Nazi activities. Sure, give it to him—there's no more peaceful person than a dead one, and Nazis turned a lot of people peaceful.

Although he has broken up with his prostitute sweetie, Judge Tom Cave of Fort Worth is not broken-hearted. He was acquitted of sex charges in his trial, but convicted of mail fraud. In the mean-time, he went and married a Tarrant County adult probation office worker. Maybe she can do the paper work on his case.

Those Silly Teens

So what's wrong with a little heterosexual high school humor? I mean, why in the world did those Kingwood High officials kick out Mike Woosley for hiring a stripper (who was only going off to a bathing suit, for crying out loud) to do a little end-of-school dance for a favorite teacher? He was denied the opportunity to walk with the others to get his diploma or to give the valedictory address. Can you imagine what would have happened if he had sent a male stripper?

At least he got an education. Forty-one percent of Houston seniors couldn't even pass the basic skills test given this spring. They didn't even have the brains for foolish pranks.

Top teen honors, however, go to West Germany's Mathian Rust, who landed a light plane in Red Square. Boy, could he and Mike Woosley give a party or what?

Some less than desirable teen behavior had David Metcalf beating a female classmate to death after watching a documentary called *Faces of Death, Part III* in Beckville, Texas. That's not quite as amazing as the two movie-goers in Maryland who were beaten unconscious by a group of youths after one of the aforementioned moviegoers asked the youths to stop talking during the movie *The Untouchables*. Of course, we have every assurance from filmmakers that violent films do not contribute to violent behavior. Right.

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Bush Blames Gays for Boos

WASHINGTON—After being booed during a speech last week at the Third International Conference on AIDS, Bush was heard through a live microphone to say, "Who was that, some gay groups out there?" The remark seemed to indicate that Bush felt that any lack of support for his position on AIDS would have to come from the gay community.

Texas Court Rules Servers Liable

AUSTIN—The Texas Supreme Court ruled unanimously in two lawsuits filed in Houston and Corpus Christi that restaurants

and bars can be held liable for damages in cases in which a customer becomes drunk in an establishment and then is involved in an auto accident that results in death or injury.

This ruling comes just days after the Texas Legislature passed a dram shop bill making bars and restaurants liable in such cases for damages. As of press time, Gov. Bill Clements had not signed the dram shop bill or vetoed it.

Dentist Contracts AIDS from Patient

NEW YORK—Of 1,231 dental professionals tested since October 1985, one New York dentist has been found to have contracted the AIDS virus from contact with an

infected patient. He admitted that he had not worn protective gloves and that he had had breaks in his skin.

Armstrong Encourages Stone Soup Donations

HOUSTON—Charles Armstrong, owner of Heaven, J.R.'s and The Mining Company in Houston has begun to spearhead a drive for donations to Stone Soup, the food pantry project of the AIDS Foundation Houston, by organizing a parade segment whose purpose is to parade for pledges.

To kick it off, Armstrong has pledged \$1,000 on behalf of his employees. Individuals who wish to join the Pacific Street Peoples Parade can register at any of Armstrong's clubs during regular business hours.

AIDS Testing for Immigrants Approved

WASHINGTON—Mandatory testing for the AIDS virus in immigrants was approved last week by the U.S. Senate in a 96-0 vote. Those testing positive for the virus will not be admitted into the country.

Doctors in Poll Want to Refuse Care to AIDS Patients

WASHINGTON—A poll of 258 New York doctors showed that 50% of them wish to have the choice on whether or not to treat AIDS patients, and that 25% would refuse to treat them if given a choice. However, 50% of the respondents said that they did not feel resentment for having to treat PWA's.

H O R O S C O P E S

by Jack Marvin, AMAFA

LAST WEEK'S FULL MOON WANES THRU ARIES

This next week will probably be one of the most uninteresting, and possibly one of the most boring weeks of your life. Why? Nothing really is happening in the Zodiac this week except for some minor aspects. JUPITER makes a good aspect with the SUN is the only really interesting event occurring. The outer four planets are all retrograde (going backwards). The Full MOON occurred last week, and its effects are quick and brief—never long lasting. VENUS entered GEMINI the day before the Full MOON last week so its effects are beginning to be felt (I described this in last week's TEXAS FORUM). So what should you do? Nothing. This would be a good time to be just lazy. Don't start any projects. Talk to friends and get your mental energies together. Work on lessening some of the stress

and strain you have in your life. Don't make your bed, and let your house get trashed-out for the week.

NOTES: Friday will be a wonderful day for PISCES and SCORPIO. Saturday will be stressful for GEMINI, ARIES, and SAGITTARIUS, but on Sunday and Monday SAGITTARIUS will be feeling great along with LEO, LIBRA and AQUARIANS. LEO will want a change of scene on Tuesday while AQUARIANS will experience some feeling of inadequacies. Tuesday will be somewhat stressful for TAURUS, but great for SCORPIO. ARIES and GEMINI bounce back on Wednesday while CAPRICORN will be irritable. On Thursday, CANCER, LEO, AQUARIUS, and PISCES will be under stress.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20):

Avoid travel, if possible, during this next week, and keep a close watch on your finances. You need to keep all unnecessary expenses down. If you attend any social functions during the next week, remain calm, cool, and collected. Don't get stressed out if you hear any unkind remarks about you or a friend. Romance could also be in the making (remember that VENUS entered GEMINI last week—and this indicates a romantic encounter with a close friend or neighbor . . .). Use your mental facilities wisely.

Favorable Days: 17th, 18th

*Unfavorable Days: 13th

CANCER (June 21 - July 20):

The stress that you experienced last week should be easing with the waning of the Full MOON. Since we are beginning the dark period of the MOON, now is not a good time for you to begin new projects. But, you certainly have enough to do around your house with household chores. Again, do not over exert yourself. Let some of the house cleaning just not get done. Don't be too critical or cutting of your friends—or anyone for that matter. You really have little or no grasp of what is occurring in their private life.

*Favorable Days: 15th

*Unfavorable Days: 12th, 13th, 18th

LIBRA (September 22 - October 22):

Since your ruler is transiting your house of travel and philosophy, there are strong indications that you could be attracted to someone from a foreign country. You may meet a future lover while traveling during this very favorable period. Some communications that you receive may disturb you, but don't jump to any conclusions. If you are currently attached, you may not feel as romantic as your lover. This is temporary and will pass. Practice compromise and lower your profile.

*Favorable Days: 14th

*Unfavorable Days: 16th, 18th

CAPRICORN (December 21 - January 19):

VENUS is currently transiting your house of health and employment. This, of course, is a good indication that favorable news dealing with these areas is on the way. With NEPTUNE in your sunsign, you could tend to be fooled, so inspect any items you purchase and check to make certain you are getting a square deal. Check contracts in detail. Better yet, take them to an attorney. Be courteous to everyone, but avoid the demigods!

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

*Unfavorable Days: 17th

TAURUS (April 21 - May 20):

Avoid all forms of risk taking—especially games of chance and investments in the stock market or shaky real estate ventures. As VENUS moves through your house of finances this week, its instability by sign could cause some difficulty with your assets or resources. Value what is yours and yours only. On the spiritual level, do nothing that could cause alienation of affections. Emphasis practicality the basis of all you do. Travel is favored as well as communications—especially romantically.

*Favorable Days: 14th

*Unfavorable Days: 16th

LEO (July 21 - August 21):

The stress will begin to ease from you also as the Full MOON passes. Usually the Full MOON is a stressful time for both CANCER and LEO. This was no exception. Romantic troubles could surface. There are some indications of discontentment or disenchantment with someone you've been seeing currently. Analyze exactly what is bothering you and discuss it with your current romantic interest. You may find the problems are either nonexistent or very trivial. Make no "ultimate decisions" concerning apamamur.

*Favorable Days: 14th, 15th

*Unfavorable Days: 16th, 18th

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 22):

Since the Full MOON is waning, your financial problems could be nearing an end. The stressful Full MOON of last week in your house of finances causes stress and difficulty in this area. Work may become difficult and boring. Remember, with PLUTO retrograde in your sign, this is a time for deep inner growth and discipline in your working environment. When you are out socially this week, be tactful in conversation and avoid hurting anyone's feelings.

*Favorable Days: 12th, 16th

*Unfavorable Days: 14th

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18):

The planet of romance has begun its transit of your house of romance. Since it is making an excellent aspect to your natal SUN, this could be the time you meet Mr./Ms. Wonderful. Remember, do not put rules and regulations on a new found lover. Let things happen. Take a casual attitude towards romance and let it attract you. Make no career changes during this period. Do some entertaining, but keep the guest list small. You are quite lucky that you have the friends you have.

*Favorable Days: 14th, 15th

*Unfavorable Days: 16th, 18th

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):

Since VENUS entered your sign last week, romance is high on your list of important things to accomplish during this romantic transit. In your social engagements or outings, you could have some difficulty with an other person. You could be wrong about them, so don't jump to any conclusions — you could hurt someone else needlessly. As I said in the opening paragraph of this column, don't take things so seriously. Practice moderation, and keep secrets!

*Favorable Days: 17th

*Unfavorable Days: 13th

VIRGO (August 22 - September 21):

During the next weekly period, MERCURY, your ruler, will again go backwards for a period of three and one half weeks. This typically is a difficult time for you, so this week you need to complete all projects that you have started. Avoid spending any money on anything needless — especially expensive "playthings". This week will be pleasing and romantic, but don't be lulled. You may meet a Mr./Ms. Wonderful this week, but put them on hold for the next month.

*Favorable Days: 13th

*Unfavorable Days: 16th, 17th

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 20):

With the Full MOON aning through your sign, some pressures you may have experienced during the last several will begin to ease. Incidentally, you could meet a new acquaintance, but observe them carefully. You may note contradictory statements or maybe even some deception. Move slowly with any currently new acquaintance until you know them better. With URANUS moving backwards in your sign, you will develop a magnetic appeal which will cause many people to be attracted to you.

*Favorable Days: 14th, 15th

*Unfavorable Days: 13th

PISCES (February 19 - March 20):

Romance surrounds your home life as VENUS begins its journey through your house of home-life. You could tend to mother people that you are attracted to during this period. That may be OK for awhile, but turn it off soon. Someone new is certainly about to enter your life and you will devote much attention to this new person. This can develop into a very affectionate relationship, but you will have to be very tolerant and not force your ideas and opinions on your new friend for it to succeed.

*Favorable Days: 12th, 16th, 17th

*Unfavorable Days: 18th

QUESTION: "What is meant by a planet going retrograde? How does this affect people? Do I have any planets going retro-grade? I was born 6/22/57." SI

ANSWER: Retrograde means that a planet is appearing to move backwards in the sky. Obviously planets don't move backwards, but this appearance is due to a faster moving planet passing a slower moving planet (this is explained by Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity).

This causes the energies of the planet to be more internalized in the natal charts. If the planets go direct by progression, then we will see this energy externalized. Retrograde planets I have noticed that have the greatest affect on people by transit are MERCURY, VENUS, and MARS as these are personal planets. Yes, you have two retrograde planets in your natal (birth) chart: SATURN and NEPTUNE JM, AMAFA

If you have any questions, address them to JACK MARVIN, AMAFA, 1238 West Bell, Houston, TX 77019. Phone number: (713)520-5206. Please include your birth date, birth time, and birth place, if known. If you are asking a compatibility question, please include the above information for the other person, if known. Your questions will be answered as time and space permits. JM

By Amanda B. Recondwith

We were amazed at all the AIDS material coming out last week, Dear Fans. The conference in Washington certainly made our diamond bespangled head swim with fact, figures, predictions and predilections! Most of all, we were terribly impressed by some of the backstepping and dancing that the Reagan Administration has been doing to make up for lost time.

You know, Amanda remembers back in 1983, when AIDs first really became an issue. We were just starting our Houston career with the Voice, and we remember seeing articles coming in almost weekly, about the strange disease that seemed to sap the strength out of its victims, and how huge numbers of gay men in New York and San Francisco were coming down with it. We remember at the time, Ronnie basically shrugged his shoulders and pushed the whole mess off into oblivion. He was too busy buying arms and making new aircraft carriers and devising ways to win the West from the evil clutches of the godless Moslems and Russians.

Well, it's always funny to say, but we all know that Mother was right when she told us that what goes around comes around. And now Mr. Reagan is faced with a dilemma of tremendous and hideous proportions! Not only has it caught the poor dear off guard—it has basically paralyzed his entire staff. After all, they're all so busy trying to cover up from the Contra scandal that they haven't really had time to think about something as seemingly unimportant as AIDS. After all, we all know that the Reagan Administration does not have any homosexuals in it. It's not policy!

Unfortunately, the disease is no longer simply a "Gay" disease. The elderly and totally demented Republican senator from California who sees AIDS as just punish-



Unfortunately, the disease is no longer simply a "Gay" disease.

ment for immoral lifestyles and perverse sexual practices can open mail that ticks as far as we're concerned. Such reactionary and evil-sounding outbursts of hysterical evil are just not called for, when level-headed, dedicated people all over the world try so hard to control what is fast becoming a worldwide pandemic.

Amanda has to commend those hard-working professionals who toil so hard to save our lives. But we also have to express complete disgust to those doctors and health professionals who say they would deny treatment to AIDS patients for fear of being infected. What ever happened to the Hypocratic Oath? We thought doctors took

the oath, stating that their sole purpose was the treatment and cure of the sick, no matter what the risk. Amanda thinks that the medical profession is in for a big surprise when it finds a hostile population demanding treatment. After all, surely doctors need more excitement in their lives besides an occasional malpractice suit. Just because infectious diseases have pretty much been wiped out doesn't mean that the original standards don't hold true. We think some doctors feel they should be privileged, and that the only risks they should take are in the stock exchange. It's unfortunate that a high-rise window cleaner takes more risk in his daily job, but makes a thousand times less a year to show for it.

Meanwhile, Amanda has sent a nasty letter to Nancy Reagan, telling her to get Ronnie off this big "Classification" kick. It may be fairly important to locate those who are infected, but to make them fear discovery is only to increase the risk. You don't invite someone to dinner and tell them that the first course is themselves!

It's ongoing, Dear Fans, and while it looks like a long battle ahead, Amanda can't help but be confident that there will be no burning of bodies in the streets. We will come out victorious, and in the process, America is going to have to face the facts like never before.

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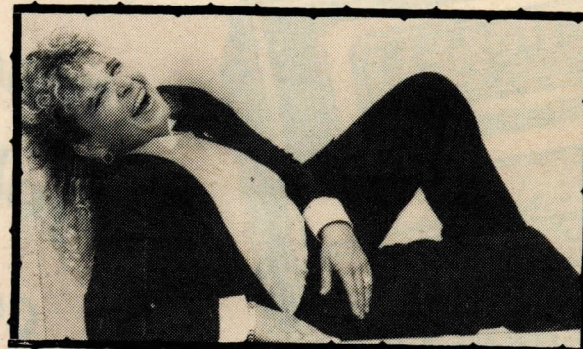
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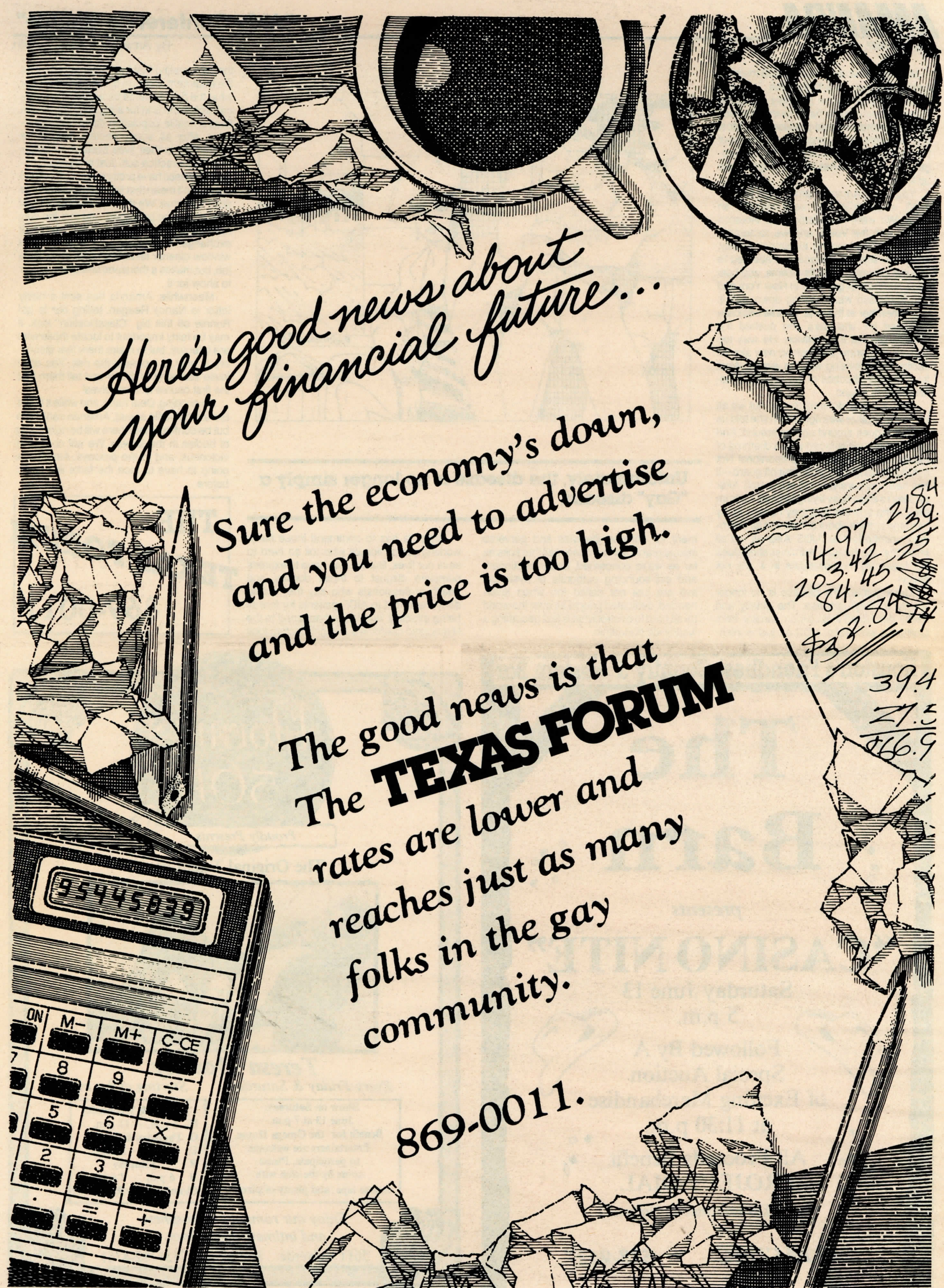
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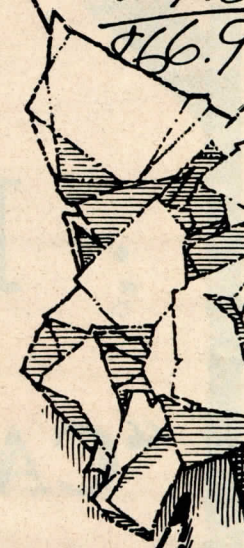


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Wax Watch

By Eddie Nomad

Bassix—"Tears of A Clown"—Rockwell Records, U.S.A.

Years ago, before the weight loss, before the plastic surgeries, **Michael Jackson** had a hit with this song (in those days it was **The Jackson 5**), "Tears of A Clown," adding to the long list of old songs that have been restructured and given new life.

This version is easily recognizable from the very beginning. The addition of electronics has enhanced the melody and given it new dance energy. At about 122 bpm's, this has the potential to score high on charts and dance floors, considering that it is a remake. The beat is strong and the voice is clear and soft, very much in style of the original version. The only major change in the structure of this song is the addition of the elaborate percussion section. It is this section which brings the song up to date.

16 Bit—"Changing Minds"—RCA/Ariola, Germany

Welcome to computer education. **16 Bit**, the group that brought to you "Where Are You" last year, brings us "Changing Minds". The basic structure and style are the same: spoken lyrics, electronics, and message. In this case we are given the instructions to operate a computer, the way of the future, which we are living in the present. The only singing is done with computer voices. At about 126 bpm's, this is danceable progressive music.

If you like electronics, this is the group for you. Besides the great use of basic electronic tempo, they use the synthesizer for dramatic background instrumentation.

"Face the fact, you're left in the dark with the fantastic eight megabyte computer," is the first line in the song, a line which proves to be right for many of us. I find this to be a very interesting group; however, it is by no means commercial music, and definitely not for everybody.

NETWORK

I don't understand why it is that if I ran a traffic light, or if I shot someone, I would have to go to jail, be arraigned, pay bond, then attend a trial, and suffer the full force of the law. Is something a miss?

The reason I say this is because there are people like Oliver North, who sit in seclusion somewhere in the Smokey Mountains, telling our government that he just isn't going to testify about the crimes he's committed until he's given immunity. While that seems rather the wise thing to do, it also comes across as totally ludicrous that our government consents to it!

This man has jeopardized our entire foreign policy worldwide. He has taken it upon himself (supposedly) to do certain internationally illegal acts that support radical guerrillas in a foreign country, as well as create international tension between our country and others in the Middle East and Western Europe.

All I can glean from North's obvious hesitancy to testify is that he is covering up much more than what has been talked about during the Washington hearings. I suspect that there is something so radically wrong in his dealings that it will blow the lid off the entire administration.

But first, let's think about it. Washington runs on whispers and intrigue. The entire world is nothing but spying and lying—right? Well, it seems that way. The examples of government we see certainly don't help us develop a very high regard for politics or politicians, and, basically, we're coming away with the impression that all politicians are thieves and murderers, interested in their own gains, or dedicated to strange, radical means for specialized interests. After all, I could care less who wins the war in Nicaragua. Daniel Ortega seems to me to be a very articulate, dedicated leader of his country.

Sure, he may be a communist, but who cares? He doesn't want Russia invading his country any more than he wants the United States invading. But really, who is the most threatening right now?

All they are doing is totally destroying America's image abroad, and making us all the fools of the world.

Meanwhile, all North has to do is say that he wants immunity, and for the sake of knowing what was going on, our Congress is willing to give him that immunity. Fine. Get him on the stand, and let him talk. But do you really think that man is going to tell the whole truth?

While watching the hearings on TV, I have repeatedly been amazed at how people have blatantly lied to the panel of investigators, and they have the balls to actually go back to the hearings and admit that they lied, because at the time it had been in the national interest to do it. Fine. Lie. Go ahead and lie, and see what happens. All they are doing is totally destroying America's image abroad, and making us all the fools of the world. But when relatively trivial pawns in this game lie and get away with it, how do we even conceive that someone as powerful as North will be honest?

The oddest thing of all is that before this whole mess, I never even heard of Oliver North. Now, there are people in this country who think he's a hero. The great lower classes think he's a wonderful maverick—a great pioneer who takes orders, follows them rigidly, then goes that extra step further

"Weathering A Blue Norther"

By Jeff Bray

when things get bogged down. Fine. That sort of person often gets things done when they normally wouldn't have gotten done, but that type of person also can make terrible mistakes without having received the permission to proceed, and the results can be completely devastating. Thank God he wasn't some missile silo commander during the Cuban Missile Crisis in '63!



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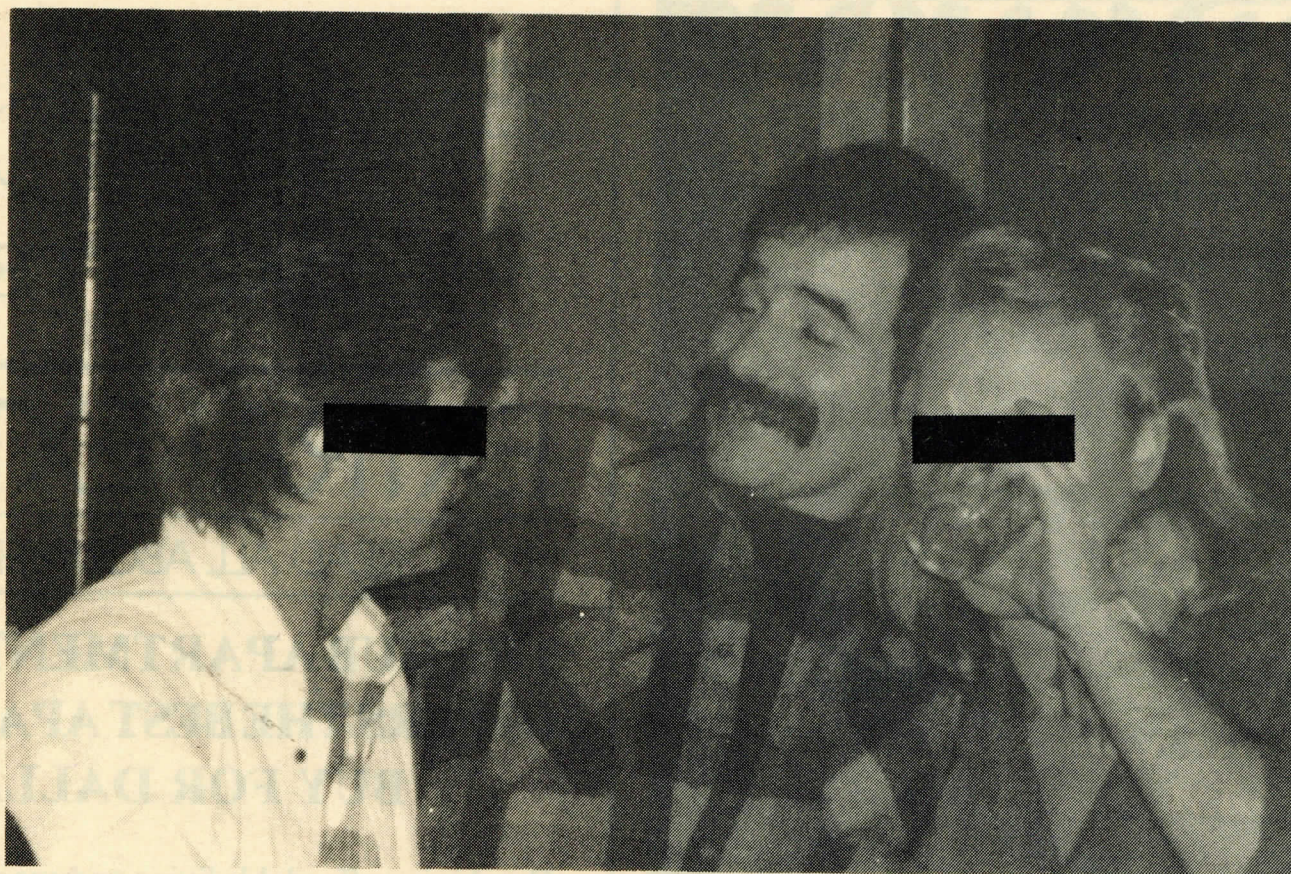
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MONA

Dear Mona:

Some of my friends have been getting their blood tested, and the results are very troubling. It seems that almost all of my friends are positive. I went and tested negative, which made me very happy. But at the same time, my lover is positive. This confuses me. Plus, it makes me worry about his health and the fate of all my friends. Sometimes I think I'm going to be left all alone in the world, and all my friends are going to be dead. I know this is a terrible thing to think of, but it's there anyway. Is there a group for those who test positive and are afraid of being left behind? Signed: Survivor

Dear Survivor:

First of all, you need to think of everyone as a survivor, whether he tests positive or not. You are faced with a horrible dilemma, my dear, and Mona truly sympathizes with you. What a marvelous idea—a group for those who test positive! It seems that everyone has been worrying so much about those who have AIDS that we may have overlooked the survivors. What a tragedy the survivors are going through—the elimination of whole groups of friends and loved ones. You know, your alternative is the Montrose Counseling Center, but Mona advises that you also get involved in some outside group where you can meet new people. I'm not saying that everyone who tests positive is going to die, because that isn't certain at all. But what I am saying is that people come and go. They make an impression in your life, give you the love and friendship you need, then if they're

taken away, that love always remains. Honey, don't think of your friends as dead unless they really are. Live with them day-to-day, like it has always really been anyway. And make new friends who will replace those who leave you. That's what life is all about anyway. Good luck, dear.

Dear Mona:

I was sitting at the Marble Slab the other night with a friend, and a car pulled up in front of us. That wasn't so bad, except that it was a big car with a big grill, and on that big grill was a big dead bird that had been squashed all over it. We didn't have time to get up or anything, it happened so fast. It pulled up and stopped right in front of us, and this grotesque thing just flopped off the grill onto the sidewalk right in front of us. We screamed and jumped up, and the guy in the car got out and looked at us like we were crazy. I was so embarrassed. What could we have done to have avoided such a scene? Couldn't the driver have at least taken the bird off his grill?

Signed: Grossed Completely and Utterly Out in Montrose

Dear Grossed Out:

Honey, if I had been in your shoes, they would have been peeling me off the top of the Allied Bank Tower. When confronted with squashed birds on grills, there is no such thing as etiquette.

Need advice? Having a particularly hard time of it all? Write **Mona**, care of the **TEXAS FORUM**, 1110 Bayland, Houston, Texas 77009.

WHAT A WORLD!! TV Enigmas

By Nancy Ford

—What did Gomez Addams, patriarch of *The Addams family*, do for a living? He never left the house in the morning to go to work, did he? As I recall he spent the day playing golf in the living room and speaking seductive French to Morticia. How did this man support his family? At least Herman Munster found gainful employment in the local cemetery. I believe it was on the graveyard shift.

—Does L.A. *Laws*' Susan Dey know that she's sleeping with a former cruise bar queen, and does the same's Harry Hamlin know that he's sleeping with a former *Partridge*?

—Why didn't anybody on *Gilligan's Island* ever get a decent suntan in all those year of tropical exposure?

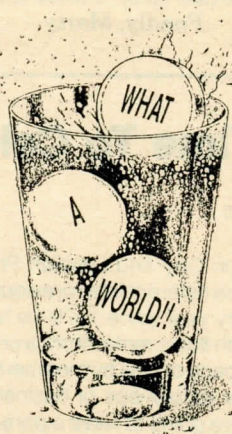
—Leave what to Beaver?

—Why do previously little-known TV actors who achieve rapid, inexplicable success automatically assume they are also destined to become successful recording artists, night club entertainers, and hawkers of wine coolers?

—Joan Rivers. Lucille Ball. George C. Scott. *Oh Madeline!*

—John Ritter. Tony Danza. Erin Moran. *Hee Haw*.

—How could anyone who popped Jim Bakker so much as admit it to him or herself, let alone spill the dirt to a nation of inquiring minds? Granted, money is money, but pride goeth before a falwell. Long before.



—If Elvis had lived, would he be doing commercials advertising tennis shoes or life insurance to veterans?

—Did Caroline Ingalls feel that the pioneer man she lived with in that little house on the prairie was something of a crybaby?

—Why didn't they send *Lassie* to find June Lockhart when she was *Lost In Space*?

—If most of America was concerned with *What's Happening* then, why would we care *What's Happening Now*?

—What does Bob Hope have on Brooke Shields, and/or vice versa, that assures her appearance on most of his NBC specials long before Brooke's lagoon turned blue?

—If Ted Turner owned a zoo, would he send his zebras to Earl Scheib?

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To Whom It May Concern

By Frank Bengé

Chapter Two

"Marty to Christopher"

My Dearest Christopher,

Excuse my tardiness in writing, but the laundry has been piling up. I know that that's a lousy excuse, but it's the best I can do after only one cup of coffee. What actually jogged my memory was a surprise visit last night from Diane of all people. She dropped in to tell me that she had joined AA and wanted to notify all of the "significant others" in her life. We were sitting in the living room when Diane felt like sharing one of her "Kodak moments." She sat around reminiscing about the first time she ever did cocaine. I almost fell off the sofa. After 12 years I still didn't have the heart to tell her that you had gone into the kitchen that night to cut her a large line of Sweet 'n' Low. It's wonderful to know that after all this time some of that insane behavior can come back and amuse me just as much as an old "I Love Lucy" rerun.

I miss your insanity so much at times. So, anyway, here I am on bended Calvins, begging for your forgiveness. So, write! And please, try to remember where I now come from. Living in "Big D" I have evolved into a true snob. But I shall try not to condescend too much. DIFFICULT AS IT MAY BE. So, tell me your sad tale. (I feel your hand moving swiftly across my face. Ouch.)

The IRS closed the restaurant last Tuesday for three days. I knew the owner was having money problems, but child. . . he hadn't paid anything in over six months. The restaurant will probably go belly-up fairly soon. My luck stays consistent. I'd better get my paychecks, or I'll kill!! It looks like I'll be pounding the pavement sooner than even I expected. Oh well, I was looking for a job when I made the mistake of taking this one.

Now for the shocker. I find myself back in the arms of blonde boob Cliff. We've even rented a place together (a first for me and have really terrified myself into an ulcer over THIS move, baby!)—it's a huge apartment. I have the expansive attic space for art studio, workouts and herb smoking. Always remember that it's yours to visit anytime.

Basically that's everything from here. Basically. Must get back to doing laundry. Thrilling.

I figure if I get enough done to provide properly matching and tasteful outfits for both of us that I might be able to talk Cliff into going down to Cedar Springs tonight. If I have to spend one more evening watching Meryl Streep cry on cue I'll pull the cable out of the walls with my bare hands.

Must close. Please take care.

Fondly, Marty

Hour Magazine Producer Explains Need for AIDS Segment

By Billie Duncan

"Not a day goes by that a guest comes on the show and had just been to a funeral or just found out about someone who has died," said Martin Berman, executive producer of *Hour Magazine*. "There's more of it in L.A. than in some other cities. I think our awareness is probably heightened. Even socially, you can't even go out and have the conversation not turn to AIDS."

Because of the heightened awareness of the AIDS crisis, *Hour Magazine* has decided to run a weekly segment on a broad range of topics dealing with the disease itself as well as its effects on the people touched by it. But Berman pointed out that a concern for AIDS and its victims is not new for the show. "I'm always quick to point out that we didn't get on the AIDS bandwagon. Even before they were calling it AIDS, we were covering (the progress of the disease)."

Because of the personality of host Gary Collins, Berman feels that the topic will be more readily accepted and understood. "We can take a subject that might be difficult for

some people and present it in a non-threatening way. And that has a lot to do with Gary Collins. The people know that Gary is married to a former Miss America from Mississippi."

Because of the threat of the disease spreading to a wider segment of the general population, Berman felt that *Hour Magazine* needed to expand its concern and coverage. "It's no longer the concern is just with someone you work with or someone you know. We're thinking about our children."

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It's Time To Celebrate

by Ray Hill

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This is not a protest march but a celebration parade. However, placards and banners are welcome. You can sing, dance, pull carts, push carts, entertain or inform. Just use your imagination and be creative. One of the major reasons for the change was to free up the \$50,000 spent on the parade for use helping people with AIDS and other community needs.

P.W.A.'s, P.W.A.R.C.'s are our Grand Marshals this year and it is hoped the rest of the community will develop the positive attitude adopted by these brave people and those who love and work with them. I have heard it said that this year's plans are a downer compared to years past. I disagree. The displays of love and courage seen everyday in our community is far more positive than trying to gloss over our concerns with tinsel and glitter.

If we have anything to be proud of in 1987 it is the maturity and responsibility we have

shown in the face of AIDS. While government, some of the health care industry and society at large have failed to address the serious issues of AIDS, we have shown loving care of those needing it in our community. While they have discussed and planned, we have produced risk reduction information and distributed it. While they have failed to address the issues politically we have raised the issues in appropriate forms and demonstrated when necessary.

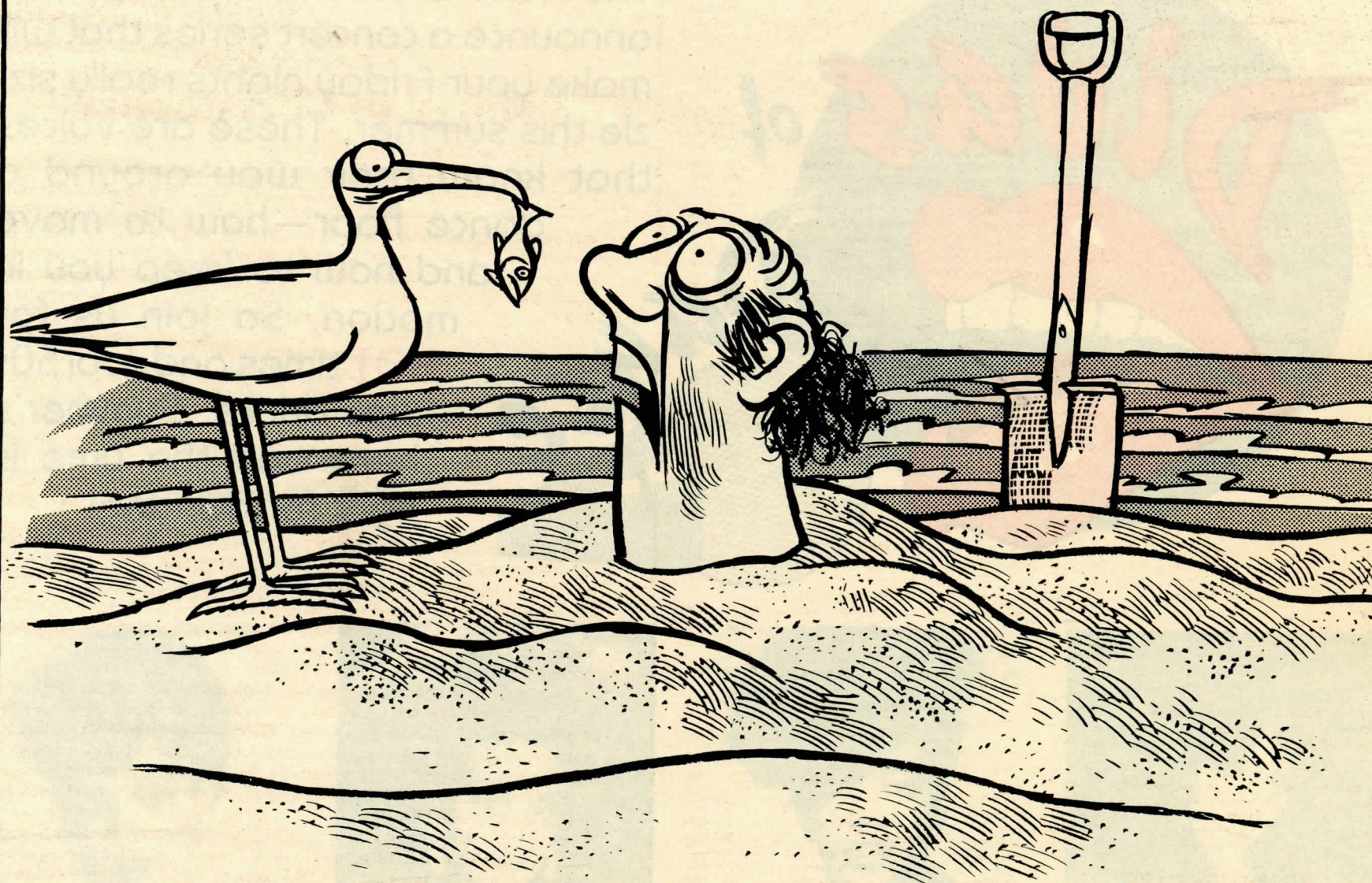
We can be proud of our community and we deserve to celebrate that pride.

Our slogan this year is "Come Out and Celebrate Pride" and while there are no doubts some who have no pride to come out and celebrate, most of us surely do. If you want to be in the Parade as a group or individually, you are welcome. There are no fees. Our permit application allows for 20 horses (or camels) and 20 vehicles (please reserve these for a motorcycle color guard or convertibles for those unable to make the walk).

To be in the parade come to Lanier Middle School (Westheimer at Woodhead) at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 28th. Bring as many friends as you can (non-gay people welcome). The only requirements is everyone must be proud of themselves and their lesbian and gay friends; no nudity please. If you wish to watch the parade, we will begin at Westheimer and Woodhead at 4:00 p.m. and parade eastbound to Montrose.

This year it is your turn to come out and Celebrate Pride.

Next GLPW meeting Sunday 14th, Dignity Ctr. 3217 Fannin 6 p.m.



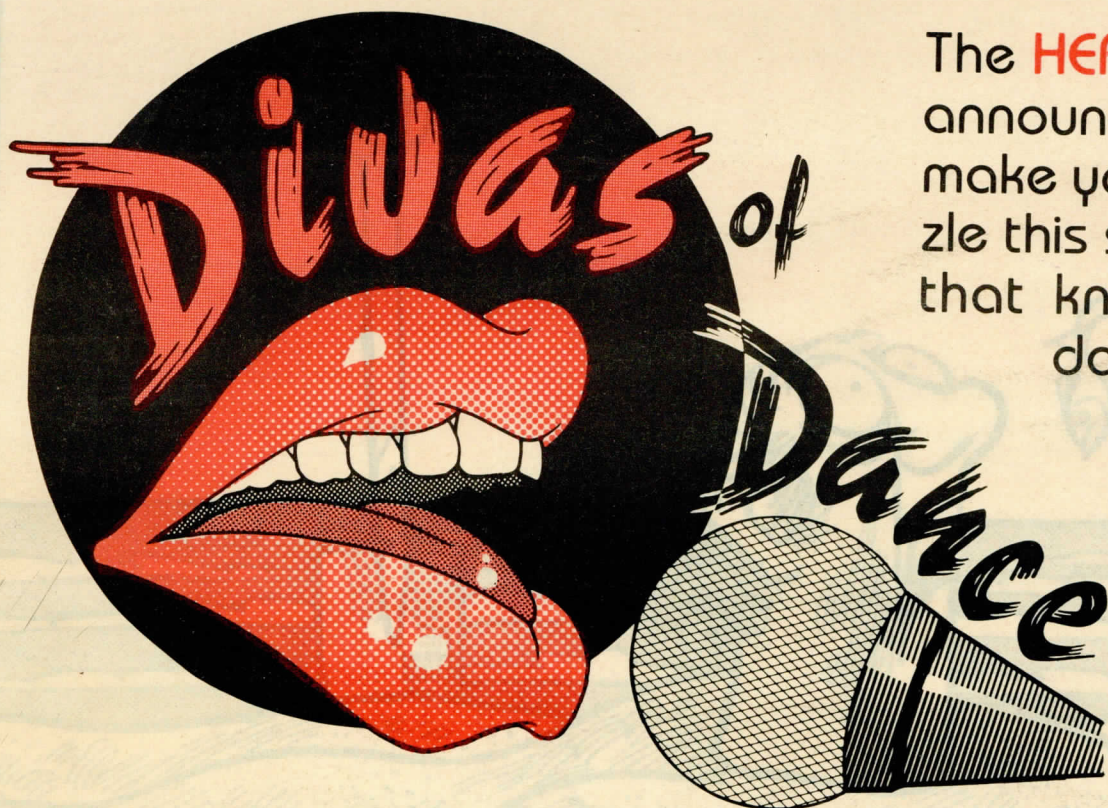
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