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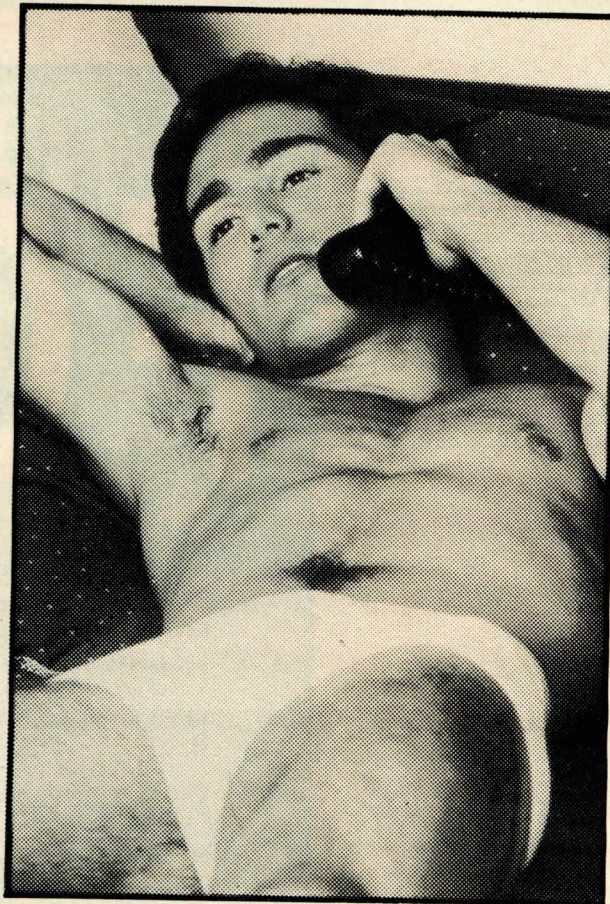
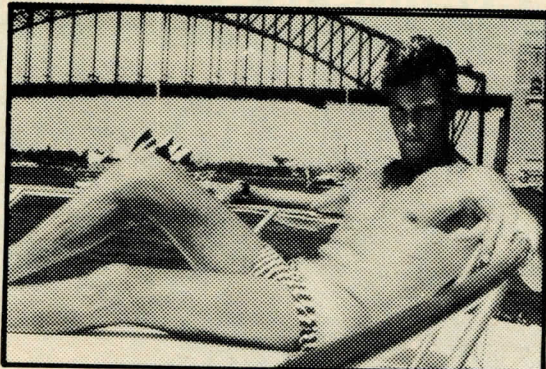
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LET'S GET REAL

Why Should We Be Proud?

By Randy Brown

Why do we celebrate Gay Pride, anyway? And is there any reason in the world that we should be proud? What do we have to proud of? Sexuality? That doesn't seem like a good basis for a major political movement, now does it?

All over the country this month, gay people will be celebrating a thing called Gay Pride, and most of us will not even know why. Most of us will just see it as a good enough reason to get together with friends, watch parades, join in carnivals, enjoy shows and generally have a good social time of it. Most of us will not even know why Gay Pride is celebrated in June in most places. Most of us will not examine what it is we have to be proud of.

Well, Gay Pride is not an excuse to have a party or a reflection of a major political movement or even a clear slogan for what we are celebrating.

We are celebrating a tiny inch won in this particular country in a struggle that has lasted since civilization has begun. We are celebrating the struggle itself. And we are celebrating the freedom that we have not yet won.

All the slogans in the world cannot diminish the fact that we are still oppressed, that we are still hated, that we are still denied rights that others in this country and this world take for granted. All the banners and flags can't wave away the reality that Gay Pride is not quite the celebration of a victory, but the reflection of continued defeat.

That is why Gay Pride is so important. Because we cannot let the rest of the world think that they can continue to defeat us. And, more importantly, we cannot allow ourselves to admit defeat. Even as we lose one battle after another. Even when we see our friends dying for lack of funding early in the AIDS crisis. Even when we think back on the

mistakes made by our own political leaders in an effort not to rock the straight boat. Even when almost every history book available does not even mention the struggle of gays for acceptance in society. Even with all of this and more, we cannot admit defeat.

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Only if we keep on fighting for freedom will freedom be won. Only if we realize that battles can be won, can we keep on battling.

It was June 28, 1969, that something remarkable happened to us. In the course of a regular harassing raid on a gay bar on Christopher Street in New York, a group of gays said, "Enough!" They refused to be quietly herded off to jail simply because they were gay. They fought back.

It was unheard of for gays to think they even had rights. And at that moment, Gay Pride began. That is why we celebrate Gay Pride in June, and why we continue to think that we can win the battle against oppression and degradation. You see, that one time, that moment in history, that night the cops were told, "Enough!", we stood up for ourselves.

So, Gay Pride is not an excuse for a party or a parade. It's not a time to get smashed in the bars and cruise the streets. It's not a time to wear T-shirts with slogans that so many do not understand. It is a time for us to reaffirm our willingness to stick our necks out in the cause of freedom.

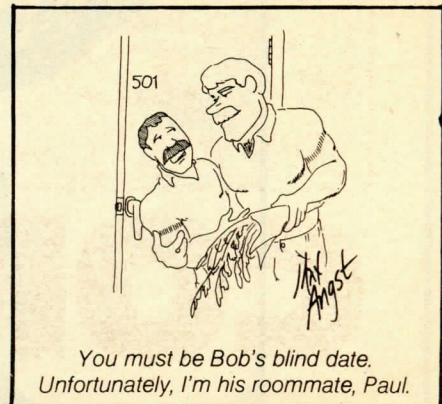
Pride is something that is part of the process of freedom. It does not mean that

we have won. It does not mean that we should be proud of being gay, even. It means that we should have pride in the fact that we have not given up the struggle, that as gay people, we will continue to say, "Enough!"

Sexuality is not the issue. We have been defined by sexuality alone for too long. As a community, we have contributed much to improve the quality of life for many others. As individuals, we have died for our country, built railroads, danced ballet, written songs, painted pictures, created plays, movies, records and books. We are not the swamy sub-human group of lurking perverts that the rest of the world would make us out to be.

We have redefined our own place in the world, and we are not going to fall for the perverse definitions of an ignorant and fearful society.

If we truly have Gay Pride, if we truly believe that we can win the struggle for freedom, if we truly see ourselves as contributing members of the world at large, then we can remember the battle at Stonewall in 1969 as it should be remembered—as humans who were oppressed for being different rising up to shout, "Enough!"



BEHIND THE FRONT COVER

Sullivan/Light



Beth

Beth Sullivan

Born: El Paso, Texas.

Sun Sign: Aquarius.

Eyes: Occasionally brown, occasionally green, occasionally hazel. Whichever you prefer.

Color hair: Brown, I believe. Yes, brown.

Favorite kind of woman: The one I'm married to.

Current projects: Trying to get my car fixed, actually.

Future project: Definitely lots of travel. Europe, Australia. I'm saving for that now. Well, I'm saving for my car and then Australia.

Favorite bars: It was "Just" Marion & Lynn's.

Message to Texas Forum readers: Think positive thoughts about yourself. And come visit me at Kindred Spirits.

Linda Light

Born: Purdey, Missouri.

Sun Sign: Taurus.

Eyes: Brown.

Color hair: Brown.

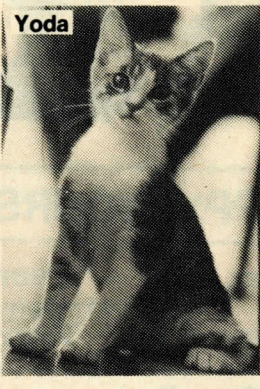
Favorite kind of woman: Curly-haired and kinky.

Current projects: Keeping up with Beth's changing employment.

Future project: Having the freedom to visit the world.

Favorite bars: Chocolate.

Message to Texas Forum readers: Don't let life's indecisions and disappointments get you down.



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Randy Jobe:

He's More Than Just a Social Director for Charles Armstrong

By Billie Duncan

Who would have thought that a talent like Randy Jobe would have come into this world in Paducah, Texas? As he explained, "I was only there for three days. My parents came to pick me up, and moved me to the Texas Panhandle. I'm a native-born Texan, and I've been here all my life."

His growing-up town sounds like one of those small places saluted on *Hee Haw*: Borger, Texas. But Jobe insists that it is not just a tiny freckle on the face of Texas. "It's a big place. Phillips Petroleum is there." When pressed to explain how big, Jobe said, "I don't know numbers. I don't know how many people are in Houston." Exasperation is one of Jobe's finer qualities.

After college days at Brazosport College, he hit Houston in 1974. "I came to Houston to pursue a theatrical career and wound up working in a Bonanza Sirloin Pit."

But, the sizzle of sirloin was not stronger than the smell of the greasepaint, and he soon found himself working with Theatre Under the Stars. His first show with TUTS was *Fiddler on the Roof* at Miller Outdoor Theatre. "We were wearing winter clothes in 110 degree heat. It was one of my better acting jobs to make perspiration look like melted snow."

Jobe worked with several TUTS shows, and in the years between 1983 and 1986, he was a star attraction at both Diversity Theatre and Risky Business, where he portrayed everyone from Carman Miranda to Willie Nelson to Joan Crawford to Porky Pig. With Diversity, Jobe continued his involvement with the Gay Pride shows (begun when he wrote the coordinated *Clapstick* in 1983 with Charles Jackson), starting with playing the

role of a Puerto Rican drag queen who leads the Stonewall riots in *Doric Wilson's Street Theatre*.

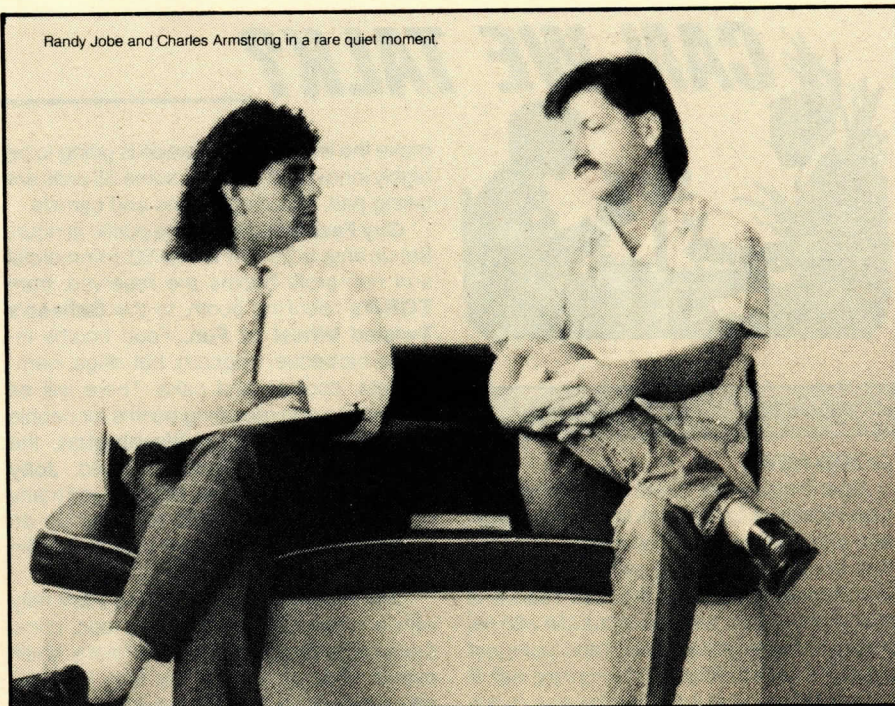
Last year, Jobe gave a delightful and poignant portrayal of a man who finds his own pride and imparts that pride to others in *Franny, The Queen of Provincetown*, directed by Joe Watts.

Again this year, Watts is the director of the official Gay Pride theatrical presentation, and again this year, Randy Jobe is involved in a major way. *Gulp: The Gay Beach Musical* is a show that has been described as having no message whatsoever, and was picked because the community really needed a break in the action, so to speak.

Being in *Gulp* is a thing of fun for Jobe, who loved doing *Franny*, but felt that it was too, too long. "It was too long," said Jobe. "Seventeen acts and 13 costume changes." *Gulp*, on the other hand, does not have those problems. "It was written (Job's part) for two costumes, and we managed three. You see, I change clothes. That's what I do best. Peter Jennings did the beach attire, and it's great fun. I shouldn't give too much away, but my first entrance on, I do a strip." Jobe dissolved into laughter. "It's called 'A Dance of Love.'"

Why Jobe has become a regular performer in the Gay Pride shows is interesting. He had seen others volunteering as buddies and manning telephones, etc., and he knew that he had something different to contribute. "You can only do what you can do as an individual, and there are certain things that I can't do. I want to be involved, but I want my involvement to have something to do with my creativity as well. That's why I get

Randy Jobe and Charles Armstrong in a rare quiet moment.



involved with the Gay Pride shows."

His job as promotions director for Charles Armstrong (owner of Heaven, JR's and the Mining Company) also allows him to take a great part in gay community work, and Jobe sees Armstrong as being a man who is committed to functioning as a facilitator in the community, bringing out the best in people, even if he might step on a toe or two to do it.

Currently, Jobe is waxing enthusiastic about Armstrong's commitment to Stone Soup, a project that Armstrong, Jobe and the employees of the three bars agreed was a way to send direct support to PWA's. Bringing this project to the attention of more people in the community has been a major thrust of Jobe's energy here lately. One way that they are promoting Stone Soup is through their Pacific Street People Parade,

which is their entry into this year's very original walking parade, that is taking place on the last day of Gay/Lesbian Pride Week in Houston, on June 29, starting at 4 p.m.

After the parade, Jobe is heavily involved in the entertainment section of Gay Fest, a project of the Houston Organization of Bar Owners, and for which he has arranged a slate of fine entertainment, including Jerry Atwood, Naomi Sims, Teresa Mauney, Nancy Ford and the cast of *Gulp* with Michael Bailey at the piano.

If that sounds like the man is burning the candle at both ends as well as singeing the middle, don't worry. As Jobe explained in typical fashion, "I know that Charles Armstrong will DEMAND that I take a vacation when it's all over!"

Good luck.

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HOUSTON... by Elroy Forbes

GOOD NEWS

Spending a week to visit his local "family," **Lou Hondros** came back to Houston. **Darwin** and **Fred** gave the hospitality, a dinner and bar tour. Visits were set up with **Cindy** and **Renee**, **Jim**, **Dave**, **Ike**, **Del Taco** and many others. Lou, still having trouble with his left leg and arm gained weight and looks just great. It's back to Atlanta until his next visit. If you would like to send a note to Lou c/o the Forum, I'll see letters are forwarded.

CLEAN MONTROSE

Gathered early Saturday at Westheimer Road were the **Papermakers**, **Al** and **Richard**, **Gayle Ramsey** in a Scarlet O'Hara straw hat, **Sharon Weintraub** with a rake, **Neartown's President Ron Rodricks**, members of **Neartown Business Alliance** and **The Greater Montrose Business Guild** working to clean up lower Westheimer. Many wore gloves—you never know what you'll pick up on Westheimer. But the results are great. Now don't mess with Montrose!

PRIDE WEEK WRAPS UP

Sunday's **G/LPW** meeting boasted an enthusiastic crowd. The Final press conference was held in **Heaven**. Each day's event was firmed up. Some 25 to 30 different organizations reserved space in the new walking parade. Representatives of each unit must report to **Lanier Middle School**, Woodhead at Westheimer at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 28. Units should arrive to take places by 3 p.m. in order to step off smoothly at 4 p.m. A refreshment stand will be there to relieve heat as units take position. Parade organizer **Ray Hill** announced that any unit not yet registered that wants to be in the parade should arrive before 3 p.m. in order to

make the line-up. This parade is going to be highly innovative. Already some 35 units are taking part, including horses and camels.

Gay Fest '87 opens to the public at noon. Set up time is 10 a.m. Some 50 commercial and non-profit booths are reserved, from **TGRA's** dunking booth, to the **Galleon's Twisted Wheel of Fun**. Food booths include barbecue, popcorn, hot dogs, hamburgers, cookies and cake. There will be information and recruiting booths for people to join the **March on Washington**, the **Greater Montrose Business Guild**, **Jolly Rogers**, **NOW**, **Couples**, **HOGS**, and many others. **Randy Jobe** has rounded up an exciting cast of entertainers for the main stage.

Gay Fest replaces the **Spotts Park** rally with a range of entertainment, food, drink, carnival booths, speakers and many small events. The excitement for Gay Fest will afford growth for following years.

FLAY DAY WITH DIGNITY

Stan Ford and **Gilbert Sanchez** threw open their Wild Indigo Swankiando to crowds for a cool dip, refreshments and a building fund raiser for **Dignity**. Swim suit attire, afternoon T-dresses and pool-side casual cotton designer garb overflowed the luxurious rooms and pool-side. More than 175 guests attended. Gilbert's thoughtful snacks, Stan's bar and the music of 1001 strings put everyone in a festive mood.

OUT AND ABOUT

The **Outlaws** filled to the top of their boots as encores rained on **Mr. Robbie Roberts'** big number. Popular **Dietra Allan** repeated her number, dedicated to **Victoria Lust**. Then many of the crowd headed out to **Camp Closet** for last call. So many people have crowded into the **Pot Pie** for meetings that it was suggested to **John** that the name be changed to **The Conference Room**. If you have not tried a salad and a special pot pie, you are missing out. **Mecca** was the hot spot for Monday night's **HEATWAVE** party. Literally thousands were jumping to the beat of popular **Mining Company's Randolph Park's** birthday blow out. FYI so many candles on the cake that **Harry Goldberg** alerted all hook-and-

ladders to stand by. Just recovering from the **Shamrock**, most firemen were too wasted to dance. I would report on faces in the crowd but so many masks! **Terry**, volleyball cheerleader from **E/J's**, noted that most players wore fashion-coordinated outfits. **Ray Hill** and **Deborah Bell**, co-chairs of **G/LPW** hope that the Black Gays will build as strong an organization as the Hispanics for next year. **Studio 13** hopes to be a key unit in next years Pride events. Their bar stars were inadvertently skipped over for the Gay Fest fundraiser. "It was an oversight," stated **Randy Jobe**. "So many stars and so little time." Our hearts go to the crew of **Outlaws** on the loss of their trail boss, **Bill Wussow**. **Charlie's** was the place for after the Pride Week's hot meeting. "Iced tea, all around," ordered Media co-ordinator **Jack Valinski** after setting in the Dignity Space's heated room. From everyone clowning around you would think multiple Rainbows. FYI **Ray Hill**, **Leslie**, **Brian Keever**, **Rainbow**, **Jack** and I filled a corner booth. **Randy Jobe's Bar Stars** to help with Gay Fest '87 billed Heaven for bar employees to perform. "Some Show". Until next week may Good News guide you toward tomorrow.

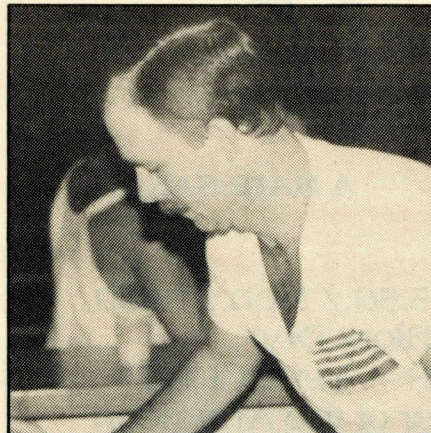
SAN ANTONIO... By Jackie Oh!

I just hope everyone's doin' all right. Jackie Oh! is just mightily fine! I'd like to think that most of you are enjoying **Gay Pride Week** here in S.A. and are taking advantage of the seminars and events that the **Gay Pride Committee** has approved this whole week (June 14 through 21). Don't fret, there are still a few more things going on this weekend that you can attend so check the Gay Pride schedule in your favorite bar or hangout, or clip it from last week's Forum.

For a just simply Divine week of events,



Hosting the Heat Wave at Mecca.



Randy Smith at Mecca? Only at the Heat Wave

the Gay Pride Committee deserves a round of applause (clap, clap, clap). Thanks, guys, it's been great!

LOST IN THE OZONE AGAIN

"Help, let me outta here!" This is a popular yell throughout the **2015!** Just who was it that got lost in the washroom and why was it so busy (Grand Central Station) last Saturday night in the restroom. I mean, really! I guess peoples' bladders aren't as big as they were. Til I get some answers from the guys at the 2015, I guess I just have to speculate and keep going back til I get some answers! I love it. I always have fun at the 2015. **Bob**, where do you find all those cute boys you've been with lately? I can keep a secret, tell me!

Where's the beef?!? Well, Weekly Readers, I think I found it. I hear that **Bill Burt** will be flipping burgers on the patio at the **French Connection** this summer, and for two bits, you might get a shave and haircut. Stay tuned...

PEOPLE, PLACES AND PEOPLE

Hi to **Daryl**, the new bartender at the **Crew**. **Miss Kitty** and her boys are always serving something up... Maybe **Bambi?** (Venison.) Yea! (Hi, hon.) AND, don't miss the show of the year when **Miss Kitty** and the crew celebrate the **Second Annual Miss Kitty Awards**. Yea! Sounds like a good time to me!

Hope no one missed the **Ninth Annual Mr. Gay San Antonio** contest last night at the ever popular **Bolt**. I wonder if they would let **Ron P.** win again? Why not? He's so cute! (Love ya, honey.) Speaking of reincarnation (what a concept)... I wonder? ... Hmmm... NAW! ... Bye, Snuffy's. It was fun! Nothings the same. Nothing's the same.

Speaking of Reincarnation (*deja vu*), another bar of old is re-opening next month. Do any of you Weekly Readers remember **Changes?** Well, **Mike**, the old manager of **Changes**, is now opening the new **Changes**. Stay tuned!

My apologies to **Miss Pauletta Leigh** and to **He & She Productions**. Last week I stated that Pauletta won **Miss Southwest/America**. Oh. She won, but it was **Miss Southwest/USA**, not **America**. In a candid interview, Pauletta said that he was really excited at the opportunity to represent S.A. and Texas with his new title. He said that he would be at the **Paper Moon** until they don't want him anymore! Well, Pauletta, don't worry, honey, you've paid your dues twofold and back. Congrats, girlfriend, and good luck in Indy, Ind. for the **Miss Gay U.S.A. Pageant**. S.A. loves you!

DISHES ARE IN THE AIR

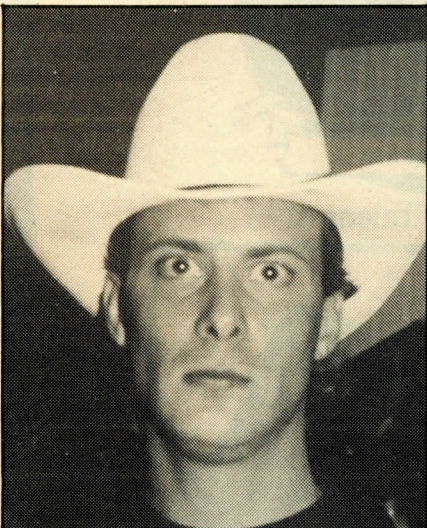
Not being a ditch digger, it's hard for me to sling dirt, but being the not-so-nice girl dog that I am, I'll try my best. **Rueben R.** and cohort **Bobby L.** (oh, I hate mentioning names) hosted **John** and **Ron!** I don't know why, John and Ron can't even keep appointments with me. I'm shocked and appalled by their actions! But, I love them anyway! (I told you I would, guys.) but, if you want answers to these questions, stop by the **Silver Dollar** or **Paper Moon** (they get around) and do some detective work.

Trick... trick... **Trixie!** Hi, girl, how's it hangin'? Not low enough, huh, girl? Well, stop by the **El Jardin** and see Trixie! (Just a-swingin'.)

Lollie Pop, Lollie Pop, **The Noo Zoo** Lollie Pop, hi honey. You've been lookin' so good, woman. And the girls and boys have been lookin' good at the Noo Zoo too! Yea! Boys, boys, boys! Just whom is this man **Harold** over there? Lollie. Bring him with ya to see me in the afternoons at the bar (where I am six days a week—a blatant plug if there ever was one).

CONTEMPLATION OF THE WEEK

Over at the Silver dollar (the plugs are getting thicker), how many bartenders there have *not* colored their hair? Not many! But the main two (you know I hate mentioning



What? Me. Vanna/Barry White in the heat at Gay Fest '87?



Darwin with Leu Hondros.



Celebrating the 1st Gay/Lesbian Pride Week meeting

names), **Jeff K.** and **Bobby A.** are up for an award! The award? Well, girl, the **Jackie Oh! Hair, No Hair, Real Root Color Awards**, of course! I thought you knew. Other nominees include: **Brian** at **Papa Bear's (Bear-Plex)**, **Fred** at the bolt, **Julie** at French Connection, **Keith** at French Connection, the one and only **Nick Starr**, the little boy **Mike M.** and **Doug** at the **106**.

Results will be from responses I get. In other words, get your friends to vote! Vote! Only your hairdresser knows for sure!

A very special hello to **Javier!** Hello!

Go out and show your Pride at the parade this Sunday and the picnic that follows! Til then, this is Jackie Oh! Be nice... Play safe!

Dallas... by Medium Richard

PROUD AND DAZZLING

Now we don our gay apparel, Fa, la, la, la, la, la—no, Virginia, it is not Christmas, but it is Holiday Season! Dallas will dazzle you this weekend—**Razzle Dazzle**, that is. If you're a native, you've teased, back combed and mouseed yourself into a frenzy. If you're new in town or from out of town, grab your hottest togs and hit the streets. **Razzle Dazzle Dallas "Impounded"** is Saturday night at 2300 Inwood Road (Old City Auto Pound) at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at **Gay Community Center, Oak Lawn Records, Off the Street** and **Union Jack**. There'll be disco. There'll be a casino. There'll be free buses to and from the party. **Razzle Dazzle** benefits **AIDS Financial Assistance Fund** and other organizations.

And that's not all. It's only the beginning as Dallas kicks off its Gay Pride Week this weekend. Events are numerous, so drop by **Dallas Gay Alliance** and pick up their schedule of all Gay Pride Week Events. Culminating Sunday with the **AIDS March/-Candlelight Vigil**, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Gay Community Center and ending at **Reverchon Park**. The March is sponsored by the AIDS Resource Center and Dallas Gay Alliance.

For your night life fun, try 'em all! The whole week is studded with stars. **Helen Reddy** at the **Village Station**, **Sally Mayes** and **Rick Weaver** and **Lee Aldridge** at **John L's**, and the wit of **Paradize** at **Ovations**, just to mention a few. What a lineup! In addition, you've just got to catch the new talent at the **Hideaway** featuring **Bernie Sibew**, who commutes from Austin to sing and play his dynamite showtune repertoire and **Keith Holder** who commutes from Cedar Springs road to wow his fans with sophisticated ballads like "The Pig Song" and much more. **Keith** at the piano and **Willie** at the bar on Fridays—now that's what I call a Happy Hour!

PARTY TIME

The **Arena** is gearing up for its **Jungle Party, Maneaters** costume party Friday night. Grrr—all those animals on the loose! bless the beasts. I wonder if they need any trainers?

Ray Martin's new **Destiny** held it's Grand Opening last weekend, and oh how grand it was with a mob scene on the dance floor, patio and pool rooms, not to mention both bars commended by **Lee** and **Julie**. As costumes **Carol, Dolores, Bette** and **Linda** attested—"It's about time we had a club like this." Congrats Ray.

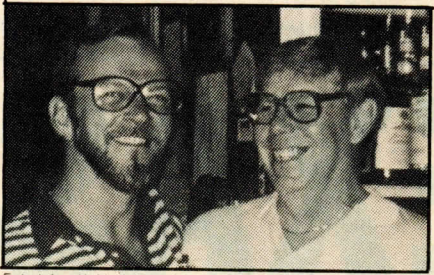
Keep **Zipper** on your agenda. Boy, do they know how to please a crowd—just hire **Sy, Eric, Michael** and **Chris** and let the show go on. Speaking of shows, one of the **Circuit's** big (and I mean BIG) features is bartender super hunk **Ferdinand**. What he shows and don't show! With manager **Bob Prentice** and bartender **Tim** on duty, this club may soon be known as Dallas' friendliest club. Speaking of friendly, there's none more than **Barbara O'Brien** of **Rumors**. That's why **Rumors** patrons, undaunted by heavy construction on Willis Street, still enjoy their favorite bar. So if you're nearby,

drop in to see **Barbara**, there's plenty of parking on the side streets and you'll love **Rumors**. And if it's a taste of country and western you want, the **Round-Up Saloon** is always rockin' and all those cowboys eager to meet you.

So get out there early. The whole city is at your beck and call for a terrific, dazzling week of entertainment. So satiate yourself!



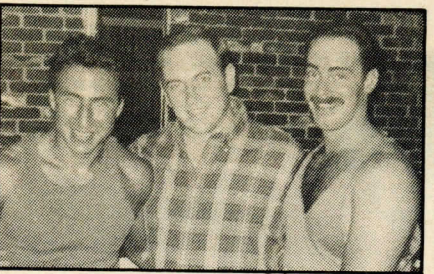
Rumors may have some roadwork outside, but the inside is going great.



Entertainer Keith Holder with star bartender Willie at the Hideaway.



Carol, Julie and Dolores enjoy their Destiny.



Chris, Sy and Eric are zipping at Zipper's!

Ft. Worth... By John Birdshot

FRIENDLY TOWN

Ft. Worth never slows down. Midweek and after **Gay Pride Week** and the beat goes on. **DJ's** and **Partners** well in full swing dancing the night away. both clubs have great music. **651**, as always, was packed, happy and festive. What a treat that place is. I discovered Dallasites like the Ft. Worth pace, especially the Corral—no wonder, bartender **Bob** would make anyone feel comfortable. I met four Dallasites there who drive over just to have Bob serve them. What's his secret?

I love Ft. Worth night life—everyone's friendly and fun, and the clubs are very accessible and parking is easy.

AUSTIN... By No One In Particular

THE SITUATION IS THUS

There is a lot going on in Austin. Being the capitol of Texas is no small shakes, and the people are friendly and the gay scene is hot.

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Official Events Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week

Friday, June 19

Pride Dance. Sponsored by Womynspace. 8 p.m. at Bering Memorial Church, 1440 Har- old. \$5.

Saturday, June 20

Women's Softball. Sponsored by the Hous- ton Women's Softball League hosting the Dallas Oak Lawn Women's All Stars. 11 a.m. at Memorial Park on field #1. No charge.

Gay/Lesbian Pride Week Kickoff. Spon- sored by the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Houston. 9 p.m. at Mecca, 2401 San Jacinto. \$5.

Sunday, June 21

Concert: Romanovsky and Phillips with Linda Lavner. Sponsored by Dignity and the Gay and Lesbian Student Association of U of H. 7:30 p.m. at Cullen Auditorium, U of H, 4800 Calhoun. \$8.

Monday, June 22

Participation: A People's Choice (Exhibit and Gala). Sponsored by Montrose Art Alliance and continuing through July 13. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for opening night at Missouri Street Gallery, 1006 Missouri Street. donations.

Tuesday, June 23

Gay Prom Night. Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Student Association of U of H and GALOR Group of Rice University. 6 p.m. at Kindred Spirits, 4902 Richmond. \$5.

Gay/Lesbian Film Festival: Law of Desire. Sponsored by the Montrose Councelling Center. 7:30 p.m. at River Oaks Theatre, 2009 West Gray. \$10.

Wednesday, June 24

Gay/Lesbian Film Festival: Law of Desire. Second showing.

Thursday, June 25

National Day of Remembrance. Sponsored by Houston Interfaith Alliance. 7:30 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 1919 Decatur. No charge.

Friday, June 26

Gulp: The Gay Beach Musical. Sponsored by The Group Theatre Workshop. 8 p.m. at Kindred Spirits, 4902 Richmond. \$7.

Saturday, June 27

Team Cup Tournament. Sponsored by the Houston Tennis Club and Mary's, Naturally, featuring teams from around the country and the state. Preliminaries. 9 a.m. at Mem- orial Park Tennis Courts, Memorial Park. Entry fee: \$10. No admission charge.

Montrose Symphonic Band Concert. Featur- ing players from the Oak Lawn Symphonic Band. 7:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Com- munity Church of the Resurrection, 1919 Decatur. \$2.

Baile (With Music by Dallaz). Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Hispanics Unidos. 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. at Marriot Hotel, 3000 North Loop West. \$10, advance. \$15 at the door.

Sunday, June 28

Team Cup Tournament. Finals. 9 a.m. at Memorial Park Tennis Courts, Memorial Park. No charge.

Gay/Lesbian Pride Week Parade. Spon- sored by the Gay/Lesbian Pride Week Committee. Starts at 4 p.m. and runs from Woodhead to Montrose on Westheimer. No charge.

Gay Fest 87. Sponsored by Houston Bar Owners Association. 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the parking lot of 3317 Montrose.

The Group Gulps



In keeping with a spirit of positive thinking for this year's **Gay/Lesbian Pride Week** in Houston, the Group Theatre Workshop will present **John Glines'** wacky musical tribute to fun in the sun, **Gulp: The Gay Beach Musical**. The show is directed by **Joe Watts** who said, "If this show doesn't cheer you up, than you've never had any fun at the beach either." Well, Joe didn't really say that, but he would have if he had thought of it.

Gulp, will open on June 26 as part of the festivities of GLP Week (doesn't that sound suspiciously like 'Gulp' if you try to pronounce it) and carry on (so to speak) on Monday and Tuesday nights through June 28, at **Kindred Spirits**, 1409 Richmond. Call (713)623-6135.

Busting

Patti Chunn of Nashville, Tenn., said she prayed to the Lord and that's why she won the radio contest in which her prize was breast implants, going from "little bitty" to a size 34C. She is ecstatic over her good fortune. It seems to me that this is a whole new twist on winning the boob prize.

Talking about boobs, Geraldo Rivera is back in the news. It seems that three of the men caught during *American Vice: The Doping of a Nation* were convicted of cocaine trafficking. Defense attorneys arguments included the statement that Rivera rushed the bust because the battery in the hidden camera was running down. Maybe he can search for some better energy source in Al Capone's secret vaults.

Busting chops was the order of the day recently in Houston when Houston Post

columnist Paul Harasim allegedly popped Dan Patrick (nee Goeb) outside Patrick's nightclub. Patrick said he didn't want Harasim in his club because "some lies had been written." One more good American, willing to uphold the values of freedom of expression. I seem to recall the words of another Patrick, Patrick Henry. What was that all about? But maybe Harasim was following a newer philosophy: You have to fight for your right to party.

Hazards and Hopes of Politics

City Hall in Houston is a fire trap, and the top politicians are getting nervous after the latest fire there on the eleventh floor. That's where the archives are, but Houston gay activist Ray Hill suggested in a casual conversation that the fire could provide a handy

excuse to Mayor Whitmire for not having the budget completed. She could always say, "Oh my! I left the budget in the archives!" Of course, it could be that Ray is working on his own excuses should he be elected to City Council in the near future.

An already elected official is putting out some fires of his own. Yes, our friend Ronnie is hearing that nasty old word "impeachment" more and more these days. Maybe that memo that Oliver North sent out about the proposal to divert funds to the Contras was inadvertently left on the eleventh floor of Houston City Hall.

In England, the ever unpopular Margaret Thatcher has won a third straight term as prime minister of Britain, despite the fact that it's hard to get anyone in that country to admit to liking her. Maybe Ray Hill has a chance in Houston after all.

Good news on the election front is that

By "Perfectly" Frank Carello

the religious right is mad, mad, mad at George Bush for what it calls "Christian-Bashing." According to Robert Grant, chairman of Christian Voice (not to be confused with Dallas voice or Montrose Voice), Bush repeated a joke about a new fundamentalist group called LORD, which stands for Let Oral Roberts Die. And to think that I haven't really cared for old Georgie up til now. That boy's got potential.

Talking about the religious right and politics, Pat Robertson was in Texas this past week campaigning. He told a group in Pampa that the press was right to report on Gary Hart's private life, but was irresponsible in looking into whether there was wrong-doing in the Iran-around Contra-versy. I guess breaking the highest laws of the land, playing fast and loose with the taxpayers' money and covering up government conspiracies pales for Pat when placed next to fooling around on your wife.

What an Animal

Ken Harris was found innocent in Ohio of cruelty to animals. It seems he was brought to court because he had a pet chimp who liked to drink beer and smoke cigarettes. When the jury set him free and returned Sam the chimp to his care, Harris said that they planned to go out and party. Look out, Spuds MacKenzie!

Perhaps Checkerboard the cat was looking for a party when she hopped a moving van in Brookline, Mass., and traveled all the way to San Francisco, where she was found eleven days later, hungry and weak. Checkerboard will jet from the west to the east coast this week, giving new meaning to the term, a real bi-coastal cat.

Animal lovers in Greenbelt, Md., are on a tear because of a radio station contest to see who can round up the most cicada, dead or alive. Well, they changed the rules to include only dead ones, but animal rights supporters feel that people will then kill the poor little defenseless insects before they turn time in in order to win the prize, a 17-year-old Volkswagen Beetle.

Of course, it's not always us humans that kill other animals. In Morgan Hill, Calif., a pit bulldog killed a 2½-year-old boy, and the owner has been charged with murder. It's not that he ordered the dog to do it, though. No, the fact is, the dog was guarding the man's marijuana crop. You know the police: the only good doper is a dead doper. Actually, I think some radio station should have a contest to see who can bring in the most dead pit bulldogs.

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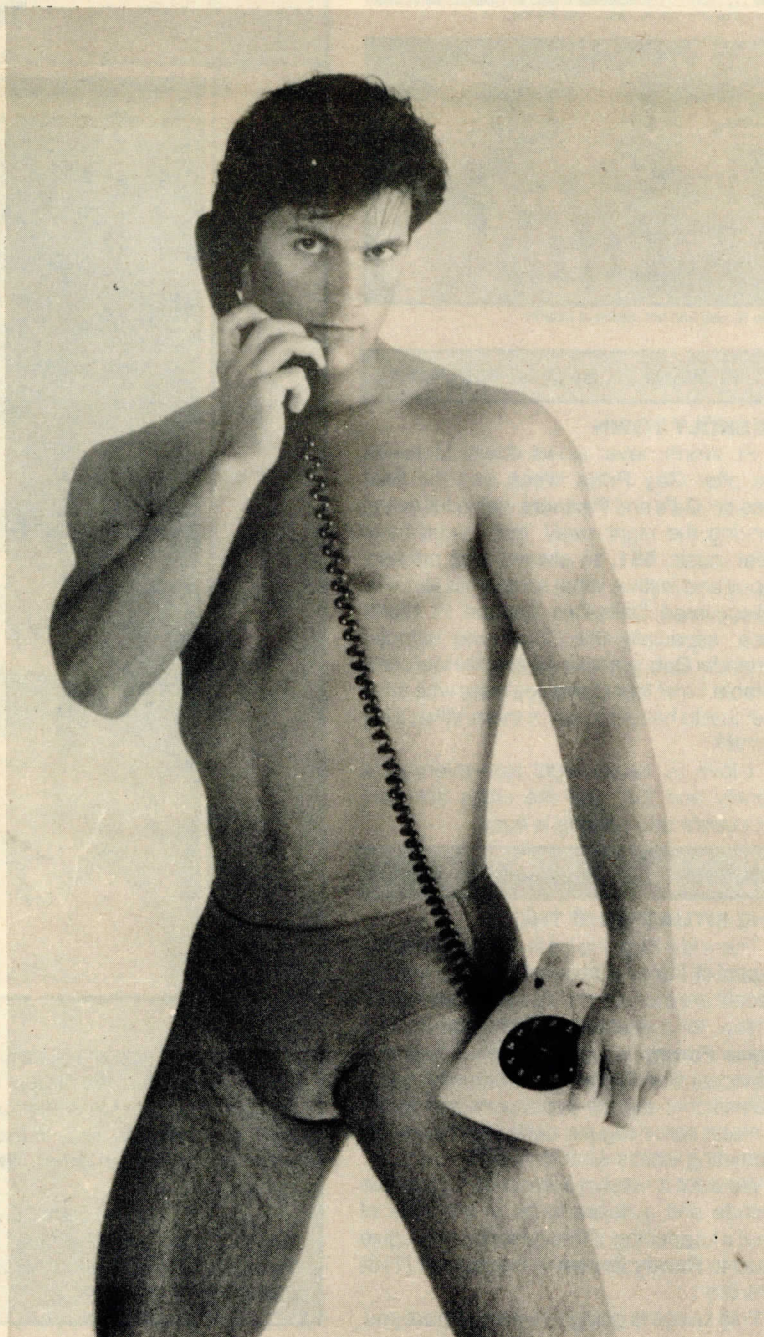
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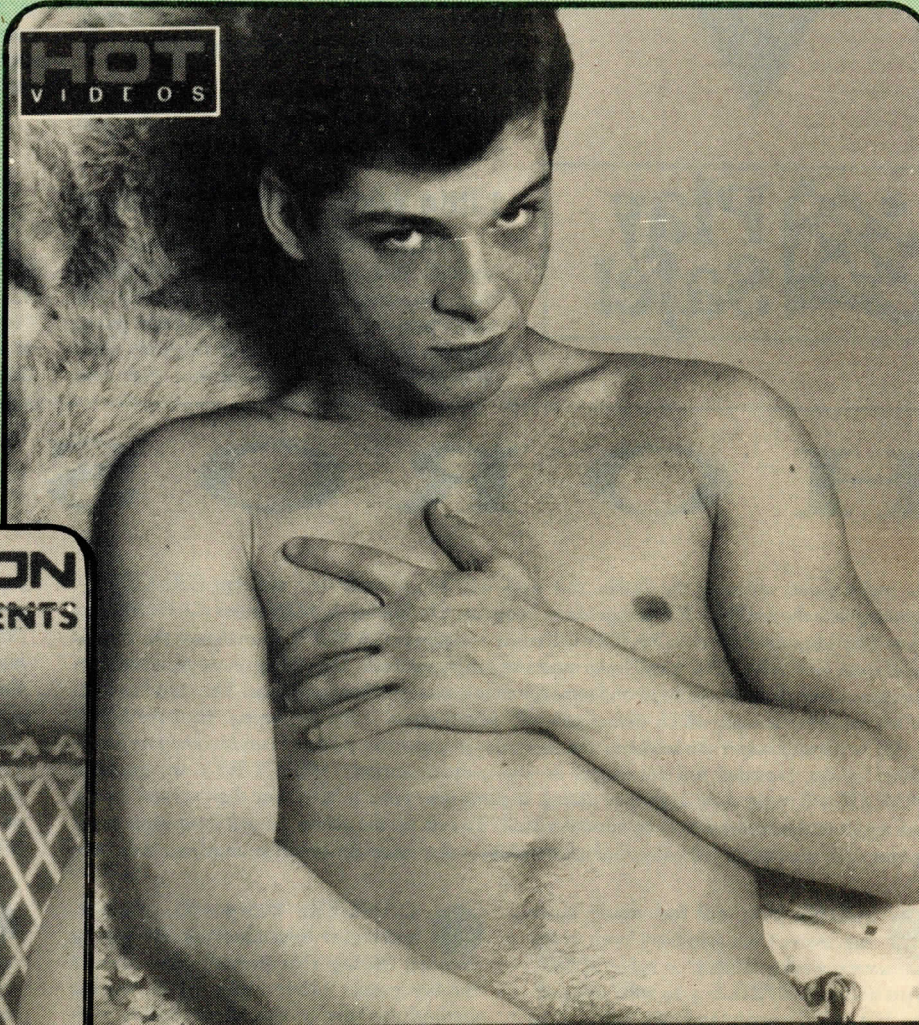
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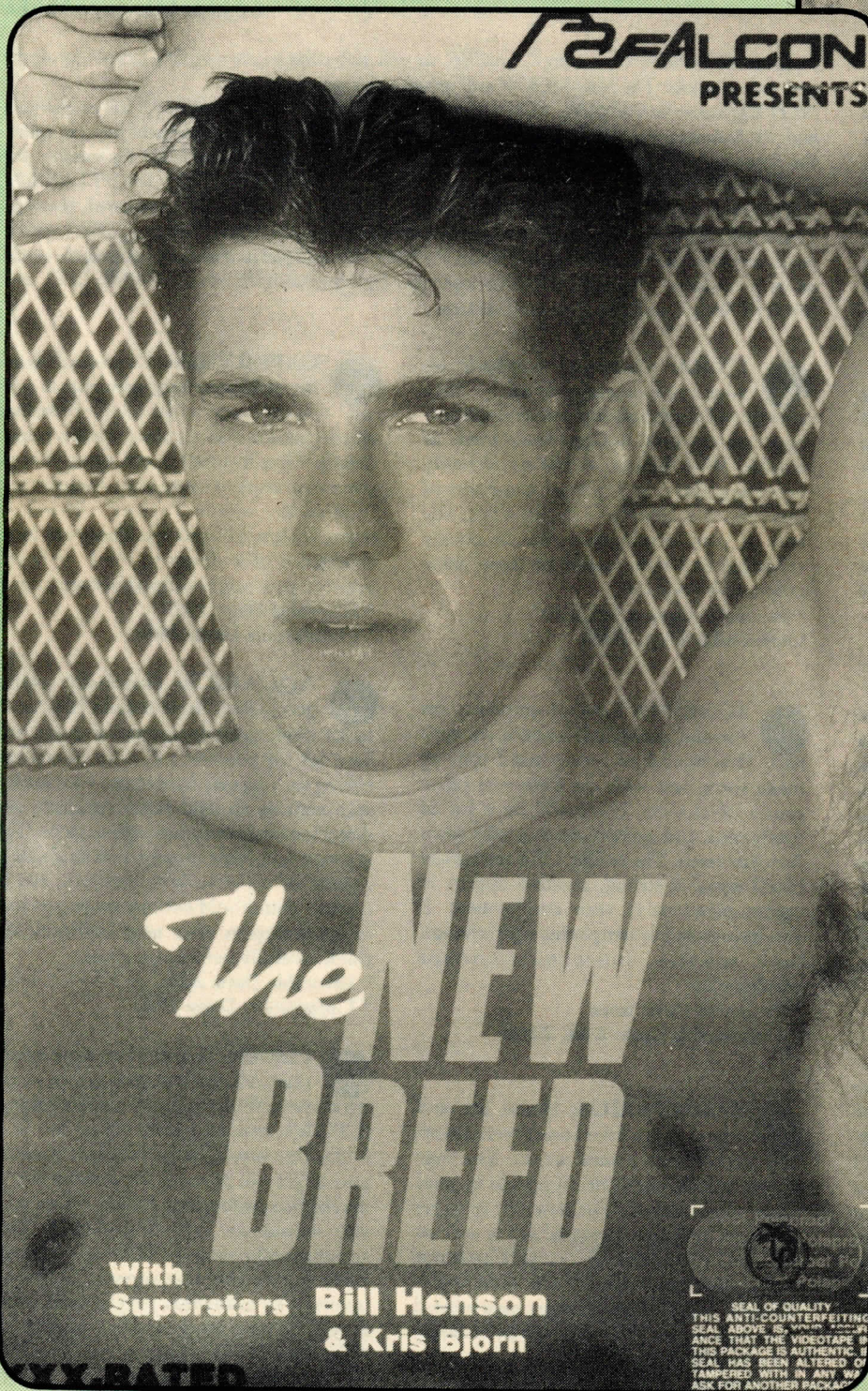
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NEWS BITS

AIDS Apartment Project Draws Fire

DALLAS—Neighbors of an apartment complex in Oak Cliff bought by the People with AIDS Coalition of Dallas, Inc., have signed a petition to the City council to protest the "interruption" of their neighborhood with AIDS.

Having PWA's living in the neighborhood is considered by the frightened residents to be hazardous to their health.

Little Wins Randall Ruling

HOUSTON—Steven E. Little's suit against Randall's Food Markets for being fired because it was suspected that his roommate might have AIDS has been given new life by the First Court of Appeals, who reversed a summary judgment that had

been granted in favor of Randall's.

Little had been fired after he returned from the hospital after receiving treatment for a ruptured hernia and told a cop that he thought his roommate might have AIDS. It turned out later that the roommate was suffering from allergies to the pair's dogs. However, the court overturned the ruling on a technicality and not on the merits of the case.

Geraldine Page Takes Final Bow

Academy Award winning actress Geraldine Page died of a heart attack last Saturday in her New York townhouse. She was currently drawing rave reviews in a revival of Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*, in which she played Madam Arcati.

High Court Upholds Ray Hill's Case

HOUSTON—With a resounding vote of eight to one, the United States Supreme Court ruled that a 29-year-old City of Houston ordinance outlawing acts that interrupt police investigations violates First Amendment guarantees of free speech and is thus unconstitutional.

Gay activist Ray Hill challenged the ordinance after his arrest in 1982 when he shouted at a policeman who was assaulting a man, "Officers, don't hit that man. He's done nothing wrong." soon after, Hill shouted, "Why don't you pick on somebody my size, bubba?"



H O R O S C O P E S

by Jack Marvin, AMAFA

The major events affecting the Zodiac this week will be all occur with the sign CANCER — beginning with the MERCURY retrograde on Saturday. On Sunday the SUN enters CANCER and by late Thursday night, the New MOON will occur — again in CANCER. Even though this is quite a wild week for CANCERS, it will by no means be a difficult week. Depending on the placements in your chart, some changes will occur and some communication problems will arise. This could signal a sudden romantic change, which means generally would signal a new beginning. Since the MERCURY retrograde occurs this weekend, the encounter you have this weekend may become your future partner in life, provided you are tactful in your communications. MERCURY's retrograde in CANCER will mean more aggressive dating, arguing your point a little more than normal, and a tendency to misunderstand or to be misunderstood. To sum up the above, we will have urges to get together with new people or breakup old relationships—also misunderstandings could be a little more

ARIES: You will feel much more aggressive than you have been in the past several weeks. With your ruler, MARS, approaching URANUS, you will have sudden bursts of energy and new ideas. You still need to play a low profile, but by the end of the week, you will be ready to burst back on the scene. Be very careful in communications as a secret romantic encounter is favored. Keep this liaison to yourself and tell no one.

* Favorable Days: 19th, 20th, 22nd
* Unfavorable Days: none

TAURUS: Your sensual nature is really on the rise and a strong emotional attachment to a lover is currently favored. The cold, damp blanket that has been hindering your sexual life is lifting and you will really burst out sexually by this week. Friendship is in high focus and social encounters are highlighted this weekend. Remember that communications could be difficult for the next three weeks.

* Favorable Days: 19th, 21st, 22nd, 24th
* Unfavorable Days: none

GEMINI: There is tremendous emphasis on your career and your job. With lucky JUPITER moving into this area of your life you will find your prestige on the rise. It would be best to remain modest, however, as the planet of communication, MERCURY, is not well placed in your chart and could cause some confusion when talking to others. Therefore, remain humble. Your aggressive search for a lover will increase rapidly and favorably as MARS moves away from SATURN.

* Favorable Days: 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th
* Unfavorable Days: 19th

CANCER: Philosophy, religion, and higher level education are heavily favored during this period. You should receive praise either orally or in writing around the first of this week dealing with your career or status. Take all compliments modestly and simply say, "Thank-you". If you have considered a trip or vacation, this is an excellent period for travel. There could be a sudden change in your job or health this weekend.

* Favorable Days: 20th, 22nd, 26th
* Unfavorable Days: none

LEO: Romantic LEO will become more and more sexual LEO as a strong emphasis on your sexual nature will be highlighted. There will be a lot of desire to play and maybe get involved in some light romance but steer clear of games of chance as there will be a tendency to make unwise decisions. As with any New MOON, this is a particularly favorable time for you to begin new projects. There is still some confusion in your working environment. Think before you speak.

* Favorable Days: 20th, 25th
* Unfavorable Days: none

VIRGO: Get involved! Now is the time for you to get active within the community. If you have been contemplating a decision on whether or not to make a romantic commitment, you should take a positive, affirmative step. This could lead to a big change for you in your living environment which could indicate that you and your lover will seek a new home. There will be some emotional attachment to your neighbors.

* Favorable Days: 22nd
* Unfavorable Days: 19th

frequent. With the SUN entering CANCER, we will all become a little more of a mother during the next several weeks. The New MOON will enhance this action.

NOTES: Stress for GEMINI, VIRGO, and ARIES today. CAPRICORN will feel emotionally high. By Saturday, the communications difficulties will begin that will continue until July 15, 1987. But Saturday will be a great day for SAGITTARIUS, AQUARIUS, and LEO. By Sunday, the JUPITER/URANUS trine will make for an excellent Father's Day with SAGITTARIUS, JUPITER and PISCES really feeling outstanding. SCORPIO will be a little depressed, however. CANCER, VIRGO, and ARIES will have an excellent Monday. TAURUS and LIBRA will be on an emotional high on Wednesday while CAPRICORN will feel as if they are carrying the world on their shoulders. The AQUARIANS won't like the New MOON, but CANCER, LEO, and SAGITTARIUS will feel great on Thursday.

LIBRA: Continued emphasis on your employment and health. There are signs of much activity in your neighborhood which could indicate some kinds of trouble. With the aspects that are currently occurring, this could indicate some sort of loss such as a robbery or maybe a fire. The area of your employment will be greatly enhanced and there could be travel associated with your job.

* Favorable Days: 19th, 24th
* Unfavorable Days: 20th

SCORPIO: Lots of emphasis on fun and games and romantic encounters. This would be a very good time to make some bets with the lottery or other games of chance. There will be a lot of motivation and activity dealing with your financial assets. The MERCURY retrograde could signal a strong, positive upturn in communications in your employment. If you have been contemplating a job change, look towards communication-type employment.

* Favorable Days: none
* Unfavorable Days: 21st, 22nd

SAGITTARIUS: Home life and travel with a loved one is very favorable for the next several weeks. You may appear a little eccentric to people in your home environment. The time for working on improving your personal self is well on the road to success. If you still have not joined Parkway Athletic Club, then now is the time. Some things you may have wanted to change about yourself cannot be done.

* Favorable Days: 20th
* Unfavorable Days: 23rd, 24th, 25th

CAPRICORN: Continued work ing with inner improvements to your self. You may tend to get a little frustrated when you don't see positive results immediately. Give yourself some time. It took you many years to cause your anxieties and frustrations, so give yourself a chance to improve slowly but surely. There will be an emergence of a desire to work with and improve your neighborhood or community.

* Favorable Days: 19th
* Unfavorable Days: 24th

AQUARIUS: Financially, you're good. Also there should be a lot of motivation towards achieving goals you have set for yourself and associations you belong to. You may have to use your leadership abilities to lend some structure and direct looking in to your organizations. This is a very favorable time for you to invest in objects of value such as antiques, art, or crystal. You should become more involved in leadership in your neighborhood, but think carefully before you speak.

* Favorable Days: 20th,
* Unfavorable Days: 25th

PISCES: This is your time of the year. All eyes will certainly be focusing on you. With the lucky planet of travel, JUPITER, making a great aspect to URANUS, this would be an excellent time for you to get out of town for a short trip — maybe San Antonio or Austin. Financially, you should use your "gift-of-gab". Your communications ability will help you financially during the next month. If you are involved in sales, this next several weeks should be used wisely and not wasted.

* Favorable Days: 21st,
* Unfavorable Days: none

QUESTION: I was born November 27, 1952, and would like to meet a hot man that would be interesting and... What is a good way for me to meet someone that I can really be turned on sexually as well as mentally? Yes, I want more out of a relationship than a quick turn in the sack!" B B R

ANSWER: SAGITTARIANS are naturally outgoing and find it easy to meet others. However, you should get involved with any activity dealing with the outdoors, such as hiking, scuba diving, or even bird-watching. You may even meet someone at a health spa (look at the

specials at the Parkway Athletic Club —there really are some "HOT MEN" there!), or a sporting event (keep your fingers crossed for the Astros, Cowboys, Rangers, and Oilers this year —since basketball has passed for the season...). It is very important that you establish a friendship first and don't attempt anything else until you are both comfortable with each other as SAGITTARIANS want a friend first, a lover second. Incidentally, I have a friend who is a SAGITTARIUS that gets ALL the hot men in the city of Houston. I'm so jealous — Oh, well. Guess I'll have to get over it..." 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

Dear Fans, Amanda was just sitting in her bubble bath, watching her Poseidon Adventure boat turn over, and hearing the little Shelly Winters recording inside scream "Manny! Manny!" when suddenly we were assaulted by a knock on the door.

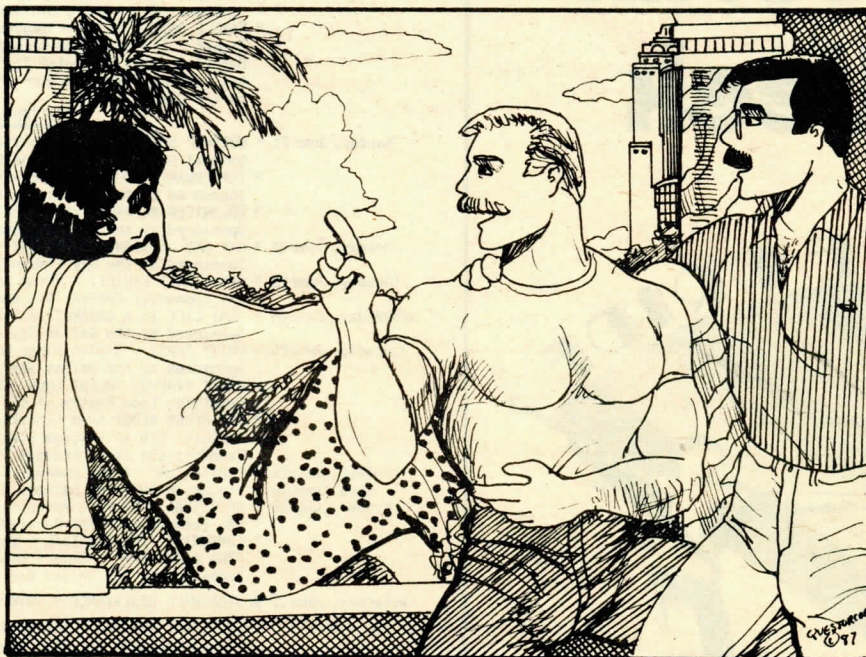
We had Celia, our bathroom maid, open the door, and in walked a dear friend, who couldn't wait another moment to talk to us.

It seems that he works for the City, and is in a terrible fuss because he is afraid he's going to have to take a blood test, and he may turn out to be positive. Well, we told him to go away for a minute, and when we met him again in the parlor, wearing our blue satin bustle robe with micro muff ostrich feather pom-pom pumps, we sat down for tea and listened to his problem.

Taking a blood test has become the dreaded deed of the century, Dear Fans. The testing is such a political issue that we're afraid the actual horror of the results and suspense of the outcome have been tragically overshadowed! As we talked, we could tell that our friend was beside himself with worry. He was upset that he had been so foolish to have had sex with so many people in the past, although he had been very safe for the last two years. But then, he wasn't sure if kissing was really safe, and he had never stopped doing that. But then, if he couldn't kiss someone, he may as well die anyway, because that was practically the only thing of great pleasure left to do...

On and on it went, Dear Fans. Two hours of agony over gallons of iced tea and innumerable trips to the bathroom, only to down more gallons. And when it was over, we couldn't say anything, really. It was something even Amanda had no power to advise.

Should he take the test, or shouldn't he? He felt certain that he was positive, and yet, if he turned out to be negative, he would be so



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relieved. Then again, if he did test positive, which he kind of figured he would anyway, he was afraid it would devastate him so badly that he would actually make himself sick with the realization!

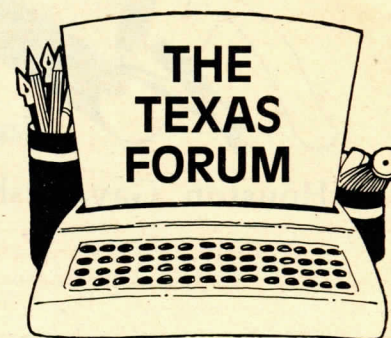
When he left our Montrose home, Dear Fans, he had decided to take the test, because we decided together that to test

positive would most likely validate his self doubts, and to test negative would give him great joy.

The strangest thing of all, however, is that we remember all the trite phrases from our past. The term, "think positive" has become almost obscene! The word "Positive" has always meant exactly what it says, but now,

all our friends have to think of it in the same terms that cancer patients and other terminally ill people have had to think of it. To be positive is no longer a good thing. Instead, it is a sentence of death, either immediate or lingering, and to Amanda, that is the greatest tragedy of the 20th century. Everything has double meaning, and nothing is as it appears to be. Even positive is negative, and negative is positive.

Well, our friend came back yesterday and told us that he tested negative, and he was so happy. Amanda fell to her knees after he had left, thanking god that he had been spared, so far. Of course, the tests are never totally conclusive, but we had to rejoice that he was negative, and wished so badly that so many of our friends weren't so positive. But then, we treasure our positive friends all the more because they are positive, which is what we always should have been doing, right? That's really about as positive as we can get.



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NETWORK

"The Storm Line Advances"

by Jeff Bray

There's been flooding in Texas again. Seems like every time I turn around, I'm hearing something about flooding in Texas. While that in itself doesn't seem like such an incredible thing, there's something rather ominous about it. After all, we are very close to sea level, and the Gulf sits out there, brooding and storming, affecting every day of our lives. There's a line in Texas that runs just north of Conroe, near Houston, in an arch all the way down past College Station and into McAllen. Everything on the Gulf side of that line is in danger each year of hurricane destruction. Everything north is in danger of tornadoes. It's a rather fuzzy line sometimes, but it's a line just the same. Those who live below it face the gulf, and those who live above it face the north, and the two separate orientations have a remarkable impact on the personality of each region.

But it's been flooding again, and the rains from the north have been swelling the rivers to the south, and the gulf beats its waves upon the sands of the shoreline in a relentless drumming warning that one of these days... one of these days.

They say the Gulf is warmer than ever before this year because the winter was so mild. They say the water is more clear than ever before, which is always a sign of disaster. They say the air currents are farther north, which makes tropical waves come closer. There are so many things going on down in the Caribbean—violent politics, violent illness, violent weather...

And the gulf seeps into our plumbing and sucks the nutrients from our soil as the ground level sinks and the cities expand. Our weight makes the gummy muck ooze and deflate, and our towers and our roads buckle and sink, closer to the gulf, closer to the brown muddy waters that continue to

beat against the rotting piers and the rusting cranes.

The seagulls know. they sit on their perches and watch us with amusement that borders on hysteria. They take our bread

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crumbs and accept our Tater-Tots with a thankless greed that is insulting, yet gratifying at the same time. They know we're not meant to be here. They know that our roads and towers were never meant to be here.

And up above the line, the cities sprawl across the prairie, and in the spring, the clouds come in great line formation, dark and brooding and black. Whirling winds and pounding rains attack like barbarian hordes against the fortifications of our civilization, beating us back into submission—making us pay for uprooting the Indians and devastating the wildlife.

Then, every once in awhile, a man looks up from his lawn mower and freezes. A housewife stares out her kitchen window in horror. A businessman swerves his car on the freeway. And in the near distance is something black and evil and twisting, its base growing and sucking with green-black hideousness and an unearthly violence that sends the world into oblivion before it. The lawn mower is abandoned. The kitchen sink sits with half peeled vegetables still fresh. The automobiles screech and swerve in panic. And nature once again dominates all.

In Texas, we live by these lines—above

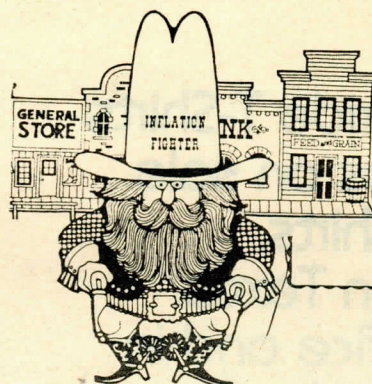
and below. Our cities are grand, and our civilization is complex. but it all boils down to where we live, above or below that certain line the line of reality.

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- Friday, June 19 * "COTILLION" - A gay comedy. Fair Park Hall of State. 8:00pm. \$8
thru June 21 Presented by Drama Dallas. Call 948-7865 for information.
Friday, June 19 * JUNGLE PARTY - "Maneaters" costume party at the Arena. 8:00pm - Midnight. \$5
Benefits: AIDS Resource Center - Gay Community Center - March On Washington.
Saturday, June 20 * BLACK HISTORY DAY/JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION - Metropolitan Community Church.
3:30pm. - Perspective in Literature and on Video. Activities Center.
5:30pm. - Soul Food Supper. Activities Center. \$5
6:30pm. - Third World Ministries - The Reverend Delores Berry. Activities Center.
* RAZZLE DAZZLE DALLAS - "Impounded" at 2300 Inwood Road (Old City Auto Pound) 8:00pm.
Tickets: \$10 at Oak Lawn Records - Off The Street - Union Jack - Gay Community Center.
Benefits: AIDS Financial Assistance Fund - Community Resource Center/Gayline -
Oak Lawn Counseling Center - Series'88/OLSA - Texas Human Rights Foundation -
Turtle Creek Chorale.

NATIONAL GAY PRIDE WEEK

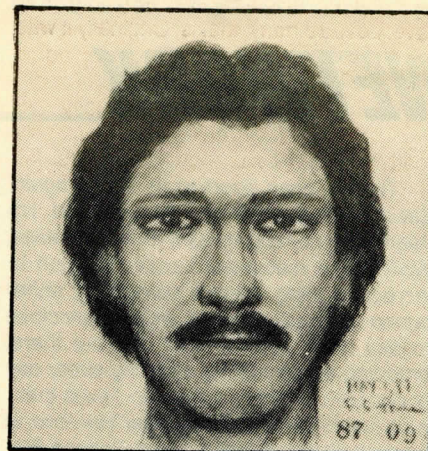
- Sunday, June 21 * WORSHIP SERVICES - Metropolitan Community Church. 10:30am. and 7:15pm.
Special Guest: The Reverend Delores Berry.
* TUPPERWARE PARTY at 1:00pm. - 3RD ANNUAL QUICHE-OFF at 2:00pm. Gay Community Center.
Sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance. Call 528-4233 for information.
* VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BANQUET - Arlington Hall at Lee Park. 7:00pm.
Sponsored by the AIDS Resource Center and Dallas Gay Alliance.
Monday, June 22 * GAY AND LESBIAN ART EXHIBIT - Gay Community Center. All Week.
Sponsored by the Gay Community Center.
Tuesday, June 23 * GAY RIGHTS EXHIBIT - "From Stonewall to the 1979 March On Washington."
Gay Community Center. All Week. Sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance.
Wednesday, June 24 * "GAY LIFE IS A CABARET" - Entertainment at the Gay Community Center. 8:00pm.
Sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance.
Thursday, June 25 * UNITY PARTY - Social mixer with entertainment at Rumors. 7:00 - 10:00pm.
Sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance.
* NASTY NYMPHOS TALENT SHOW - Entertainment (?) at the Arena. Donation: Canned Food.
Benefits: Food Pantry of the AIDS Resource Center.
* THE HELEN REDDY SHOW - Entertainment at the Village Station. 11:30pm.
Tickets: \$10 at Village Station and through Ticketron.
Benefits the Texas Freedom Parade - Sponsored by the Dallas Tavern Guild.
Friday, June 26 * "COTILLION" - A gay comedy. Fair Park Hall of State. 8:00pm. \$8
thru June 28 Presented by Drama Dallas. Call 848-7865 for information.
Friday, June 26 * SPIRITUAL RENEWAL - Metropolitan Community Church. 7:15pm.
"An Evening with The Reverend Don Eastman." Activities Center.
* COMMUNITY FILM FESTIVAL - Gay Community Center. 6:00 - 10:00pm.
"The AIDS Show" - "Desert Hearts" - and others
Sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance. Call 528-4233 for information.
Saturday, June 27 * STONEWALL OBSERVANCE - 18TH ANNIVERSARY
* SPIRITUAL RENEWAL - Metropolitan Community Church. 7:15pm.
"A Healing Service" with The Reverend Don Eastman. Sanctuary.
* COMMUNITY FILM FESTIVAL - Gay Community Center. Noon - 6:00pm.
"Before Stonewall" - and others
Sponsored by the Dallas Gay Alliance. Call 528-4233 for information.
Sunday, June 28 * WORSHIP SERVICES - Metropolitan Community Church. 10:30am.
Special Guest: The Reverend Don Eastman.
* CROSSROADS CARNIVAL - 4001 Parking Lot. 1:00 - 7:00pm.
Games, booths, free beer, and "Safer Sex for 2 in Waxahachie" drawing.
Benefits the Texas Freedom Parade - Sponsored by the Dallas Tavern Guild.
* MCC POTLUCK PICNIC IN THE PARK at 5:30pm. - SERVICE UNDER THE STARS at 7:00pm.
Reverchon Park Amphitheater. Special Guest: The Reverend Don Eastman.
Sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church. Call 526-6221 for information.
* AIDS MARCH/CANDLELIGHT VIGIL - March begins at the Gay Community Center. 7:30pm.
March ends at Reverchon Park for Vigil with the MCC "Service Under The Stars."
Sponsored by the AIDS Resource Center and Dallas Gay Alliance.

TEXAS FREEDOM PARADE
3pm., Sunday, September 27

Information Needed

North Hollywood Homicide Detective (Los Angeles Police Dept.) are currently searching for a male for questioning in the strangulation death of 42-year-old Charles Nover. The suspect who used the name David A. Phillips, is described as a male caucasian with black or brown medium length hair, five-foot-ten to six-foot-one in height, thin build, 27 to 33-years-old with a neatly groomed moustache.

He is possibly from the Dallas, Texas area. The victim and the suspect were both gay. If anyone has information regarding this person, please call the Dallas Police Dept. Detective Gallagher at (214)670-5146 or Los Angeles Police Dept. Detectives Sow-ers or Ball at (818)989-8831.



It's in the Cards

Sally Parish and **Robert Blackburn** star in the **Alley Theatre's Neuhaus Arena Stage** production *The Gin Game*. As **D. L. Coburn's** Pulitzer Prize-winning play opens, Weller Martin is playing solitaire (and cheating) out on the shabby porch of the retirement home where he has come to live out his life.

When **Fonsia Dorse** arrives, Weller engages her in a game of gin rummy. Much to Weller's chagrin, **Fonsia** continually beats him at the card game. As the marathon gin rummy game continues, their hilarious rivalry bittersweetly reveals their lifelong frustrations. Tickets are available at the Alley Theatre Box Office at 615 Texas Avenue, Houston, or by calling (713)228-8421. Alley Theatre tickets are also available at all **Rainbow Ticketmaster** centers, including **Joske's**.

MONA: Advice & Beads Read

Dear Mona:

This must be something you hear a lot of, but I'm wondering what you advise for someone who is always rejected. I think I'm doing a good job of meeting the right people, and I give a good impression at first, but almost always, I end up getting turned down. What's wrong with me?

Signed: B.L. in the Heights

Dear B.L.:

You aren't very specific, dear. There are many factors that you're not filling me in on. For instance, where are you approaching these people? It really makes a difference. If you're looking for people in the supermarket, that's much different than looking for them at the Stork Club. Also, I don't know what type of person you like. If you're into leather, it seems ludicrous to be searching for Mr. Right in



the Tea Room at Remington (maybe). Since, however, you have not given me much to go by, I will just tell you that rejection is a fact of life—not just gay life. It's always hard to take rejection, but it's something that happens daily. Maybe

you should look upon it as a blessing in disguise. After all, constant rejection makes that eventual acceptance all the more wonderful! Just think of that, and maybe it'll help you in your quest for Mr. Right. Good luck, hon.

Dear Mona:

I just want to write to tell you that I am a person with ARC who has found meaning in life. I read your column every week, and I'm always struck by the number of people out there who have such insignificant problems. When confronted by death, every other problem seems very small. Since finding out about my condition, I've found myself feeling very calm. It's helped me establish a better religious awareness, and I've been cutting away some of the useless things in my life. I'm also getting along with my friends much

better, and I'm not worried so much about what they think of me, or how my family reacts to me. I just wanted to let others know that sometimes getting sick can be a very good thing, and that I plan to live a very productive life until the end, which is what I should have been doing all the time anyway.

Signed: Michael in Montrose

Dear Michael:

You bring tears to Mona's eyes. I wish you the best of luck, and I hope your letter helps others who find themselves in your situation. Thank you, dear.

Whether your problems are minor irritations or major life decisions, write to **Mona**, in care of the **Texas Forum**, 1110 Bayland, Houston, Texas 77009. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for a personal reply. Letters of interest will be printed.

WHAT A WORLD!!

by Nancy Ford

There is a well-known adage in the television industry that claims that old stars never die—they just film another pilot. There is no reason to expect any less from the King and Queen of Wee-hour Television: Jim and Tammy Bakker.

Since the demise of *The PTL Club*, the Bakkers have been flooded with scripts suitable for their triumphant return to the airwaves. Don't be surprised if you see one or more of the following ratings-busters in a TV Guide of the not-too-distant future:

I Love Jimmy—Situation comedy based on the antics of that wacky married couple featuring weekly guest stars, all of whom have signed affidavits swearing that they have. Loved Jimmy, that is. Originally it was titled *I Love Tammy*, but no one would admit to it.

Lost in Eternity—Sci-fi fantasy set shortly after Space Family Bakker's untimely deaths caused by a sudden and fatal fall from grace. But instead of being called home by god, they are suspended in eternity and for an hour each week are exposed to religious and philosophical doctrines alien to their own. Premiere episode features a cameo appearance by Shirley MacLaine.

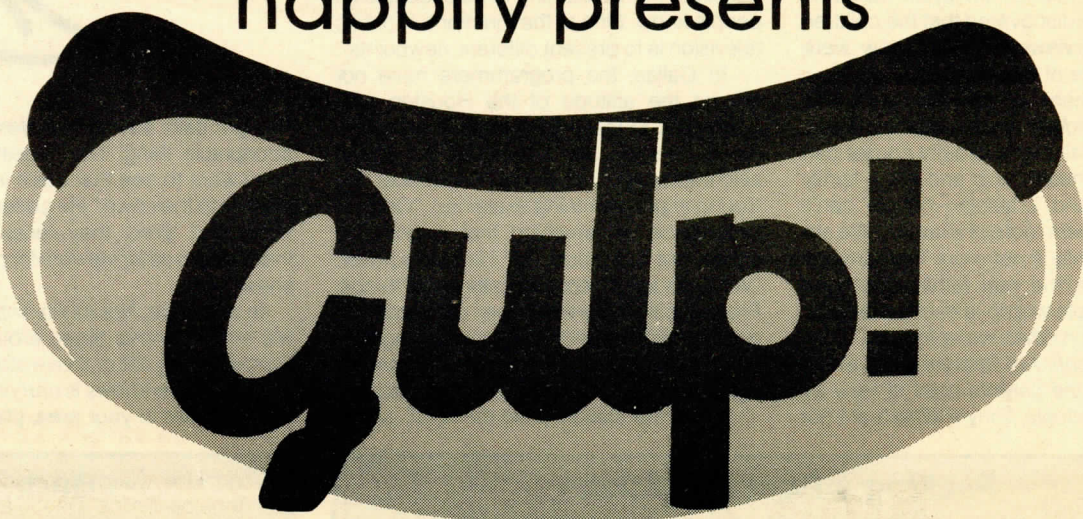
Let Us Pray for a Deal—Game show in which viewers are encouraged to mail in monetary contributions along with prayer requests. Those lucky contestants who actually have their prayers answered are then eligible to step up to the *Wheel of the Less Fortunate*. At that time, they are encouraged to part with whatever dollar amount or valuable prize that is indicated by the luck of the spin. Among valuable prizes are ceramic air-conditioned dog houses for previous winners of ceramic dalmations.

My Mother, the Drug Addict—Talk show hosted by Daughter of Divinity Tammy Sue Bakker who interviews and commiserates with a forum of her peers. guests include Liza Minnelli, Christina Crawford and Susan, Jack and Michael Ford.

The Wonderful World of Heritage Park—Sunday night family fare shot on location from the famed amusement park. Watch for the weekly pyrotechnic tribute to communion. Scheduled musical guests on Mormon Week are the New Osmonds.

Sidney Sheldon's PTL II, The Second Coming—A seven times seven-hour miniseries by Lorimar Productions, this sequel is based on the original series, but with much less sex and corruption at a far lower production cost. Jim Bakker: Richard Chamberlain. Tammy Bakker: Mother Teresa (in her dramatic small-screen debut). Men's Choir: touring company cast of *The Boys in the Band*. Jessica Hahn: Donna Rice. Jimmy Swaggart: Jerry Falwell. Jerry Falwell: Jimmy Swaggart. Dr. Ruth Westheimer: Herself.

The Group (Theatre Workshop) happily presents



the gay beach musical.

Book by
John Glines
Stephen Greco

Music by
John Glines

Lyrics by
John Glines
Robin Jones

Directed by
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Produced by
Marion E. Coleman

Musical Director: **Michael Bailey**
Choreographer: **Bob Pavey**

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PBS Program on Gay Parents to Air

By Billie Duncan

"It can be very isolating for the kids, having gay parents," explained Kevin White, director and producer of *Not All Parents Are Straight*, set to air across the state. "You feel a little nervous about bringing your friends over. And then there's the stigma with gay fathers with the AIDS issue. There's a lot of ignorance about the issue. It's a sad reality that AIDS is going to kill a lot of gay fathers, and these kids are going to have to deal with that."

White is very aware of the emotions and problems of a child of gay parents, because his own parents were gay. "I was raised by gay parents, and that's why I did the show." In doing the show and working with the stories of kids who were growing up in households unlike their peers, White found himself looking back on his own childhood experiences.

"Being the child of gay parents, you see all the stigmas. My dad had a lover who was a minister in Rhode Island and had kids who wouldn't even talk to him when he came out." But White discovered that the children whom he interviewed for the show were quite supportive of their parents.

In one segment, 13-year-old Satya, who lives with her mother and her mother's lover, says, "It's not fair that a straight couple can go to the city health club and get a family membership and a lesbian couple can't. What makes them more of a family? We are as much a family if not more than anyone else. We have the real family unit here. We've got people who love each other, who care about each other; we're friends."

Not All Parents Are Straight looks at the situation from the parents point of view as well. One gay couple, Tony and Alan, are not

only raising Tony's son, Jon, but an adopted son, Scoot (who has cerebral palsy) and a foster child named Mike. Rather than be lauded for their caring attitude, their child-rearing was at first looked on with suspicion. "Because I'm gay, as a parent, I'm scrutinized more carefully," says Tony in the program.

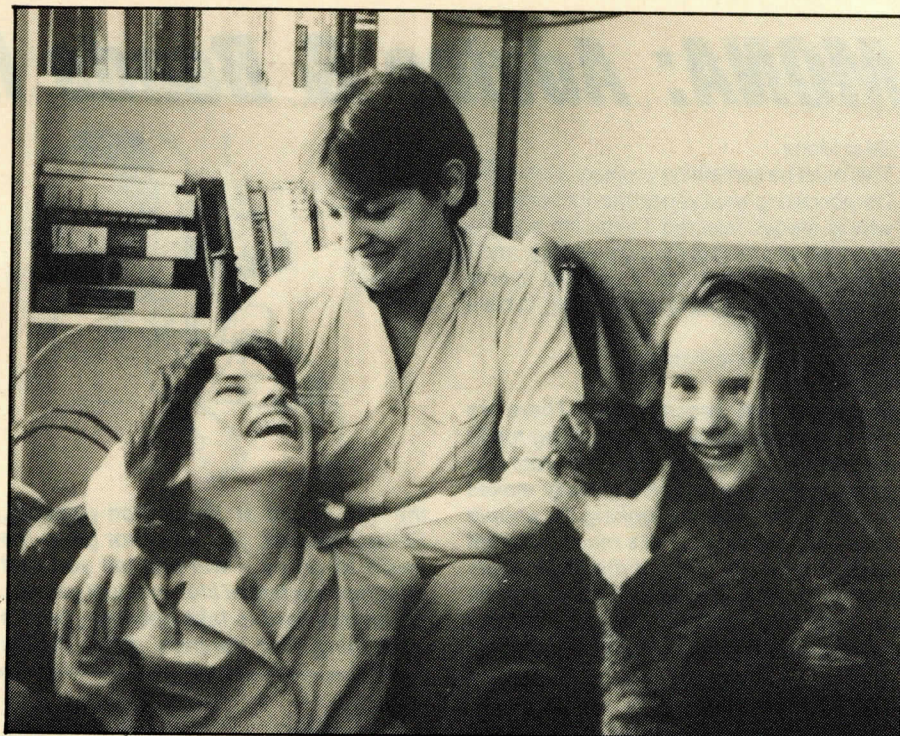
But now that the program has been made, it has run into other problems, one of which is getting stations to run it.

In Houston, Steve Gray of KUHT had no problem with running the show at all. In fact, the station scheduled it before they had even seen the actual show, because, said Gray, "KQED in San Francisco (where the show originated) is certainly a predominate station in the system." He also pointed out, "They gave us *The AIDS Show*, and we trust them."

But he does admit that programs with controversial content tend to get flack from a segment of viewers. "It's sad that that's the case, but there's nothing to do except to let people know. One of the functions of public television is to present different viewpoints."

In Dallas, the programmers have not shared the attitude of the Houston programmers. In fact, KERA has not yet scheduled the show and a member of the staff said that it might not air until September. Bill Young in programming explained, "On past experience, on anything that is going to cause, not furor, but . . ." He started over. "We get a lot of negative calls about things. Programs like *Frontline*. They did a program on pornography and we got a lot of negative calls. And another program, on *Frontline* again, we had on Christian fundamentalists."

When the station aired *the AIDS Show*,



NOT ALL PARENTS ARE Straight

"we got calls saying that lifestyle is not an acceptable thing. The people who call up don't want to see that there is an alternate lifestyle to their own." He added that after the show had aired, they received letters of thanks from other viewers for presenting the show.

In any case, *Not All Parents Are Straight* will air at various times around the state. Following is a list of those stations that the **Texas Forum** knows is carrying the show. If it is not listed in your area, please call your

local station for times.

Not All Parents Are Straight is a thoughtful, sometimes humorous and ultimately moving insight into the lives of some remarkable children and their parents.

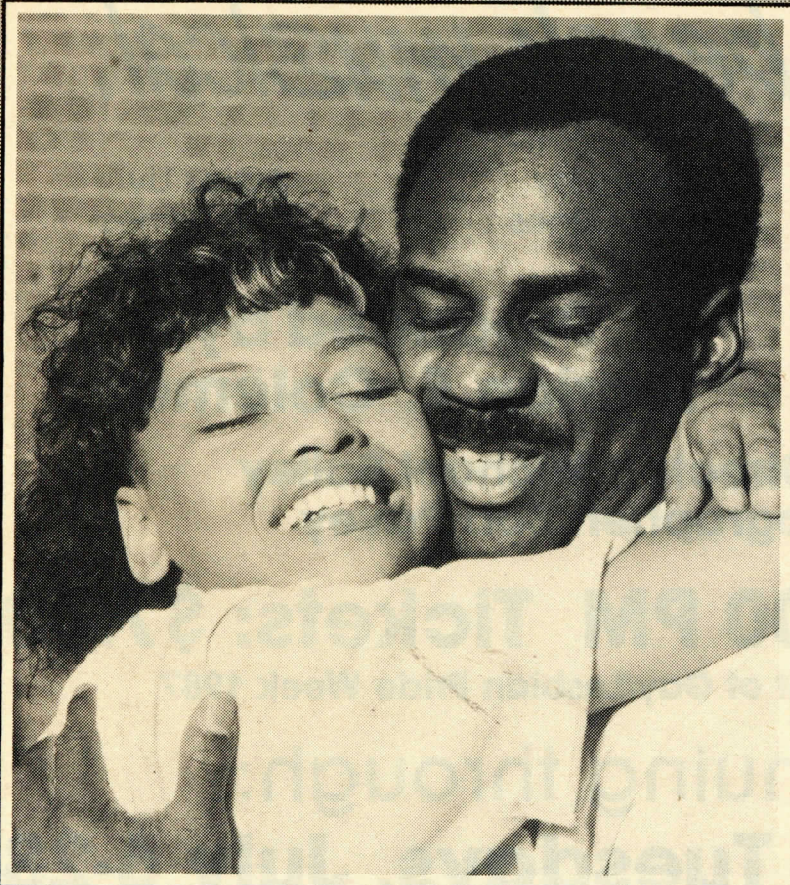
Austin: June 24 at 11 p.m. on KLRU

El Paso: June 21 at 10 p.m. on KCOS

Houston: June 19 at 10:30 p.m. on KUHT

San Antonio: June 24 at 11 p.m. on KLRN

Packing a Punch in Austin



Charles Fuller's *Zooman and the Sign* has been characterized by the New York critics as one of theater's most powerful examinations of late twentieth century urban alienation. *Zooman* explores the grief, terror and rage of the Tates, a decent Philadelphia family already troubled by domestic problems, as family members struggle to come to grips with the seemingly senseless murder of their 12-year-old daughter.

Zooman and the Sign opened June 18 and will run through July 18, on Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, June 28, at **Capitol City Playhouse**, 214 West Fourth Street in Austin. Call (512)472-2966.

Born Yesterday Offers Hilarity



An energetic production of *Born Yesterday*, a 1940's **Garson Kanin** play that for all its considerable hilarity offers a wealth of trenchant social commentary, is now playing at **The Actors Theatre of Houston**.

Director **Chris Wilson** establishes a crisp pacing; the set is perfect; and, **Dan Kamin** and **Louise Winner** deliver strong portrayals, with Kamin especially effective as an oily snake of a businessman attempting to "buy" a senator in post-war Washington, D.C. Lead **Roger Layman** is unconvincing when pressed to deliver some of the harder hitting lines decrying the moral turpitude he's witnessing, but **Jim Jeter's** utterly authentic sense of moral malaise carries the author's message well.

The Actor's Theatre is located at 2506 South Boulevard. *Born Yesterday* runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday through July 5. Call (713)529-6606. (Reviewed by Bill Gray.)

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To Whom It May Concern

By Frank Bengé

Chapter Three "Babs to Ethel"

Dear Sis:

Greetings from far less than sunny San Antonio! I say far less than sunny because it has rained here for the last 21 days in a row. I've been considering trading in my Isuzu for an outboard. I was not particularly pleased that the neighborhood ankle-biters had scrawled "gesundheit" under the words Isuzu on the tailgate. Lately the whole city seems like a River Walk. Maybe I should take the rosebushes I bought back to the nursery to see if I can trade them in on water lilies.

I'm glad to hear that you're finally working again and that you have a new roomie. Maybe she'll rub off on you. A little exercise never hurt anyone.

Mother called the other day and, as you well know, once the weather gets warm Dad starts his annual "let's pull up roots and start all over again somewhere else" routine. This year it's Arizona. It seems he wants to be closer to his only son, Danny. I pray to St. Jude every year that he won't think of moving to Texas to be closer to his two daughters. So far it's worked. I figure the cost of printing the Thank You to St. Jude in the San Antonio Light is a very small price to pay for sanity.

Now don't get me wrong. I love the folks. It's just that I've always considered parents karmic debt. I don't know what I did in my previous life that I'm paying so damn much for now, but I figure that I must of had one hell of a good time doing it. And, if that's Shirley MacLaine of me, then so be it. Just remember that a walk through the ocean of most souls would scarcely dampen your Reeboks.

So, how goes life in Austin? and what happened to your car? Please fill me in on all of the gorey details.

I've been thinking of you a lot lately as Gay Pride week approaches. I know you couldn't come down for Fiesta this year, but I do hope you make it for Pride week. I keep telling everyone about my older lesbian sister and you never come down. I'm frankly getting pretty tired of doing PR on a show that never comes to town. (Yes, that is a less than subtle hint . . . get over it. I don't play matchmaker for just anyone.)

Well, I must stop here, as the buyers have arrived and I have to check in a lot of new merchandise. That's what I love about the 80's. I used to be high on drugs, not I'm just high on stress.

Until later, Babs
(a.k.a. Baby Sister Type Person)

Welcome to the Reading Room

Welcome to the reading room. Relax, take off your shoes and make yourself at home. And on those shelves—oh, what treasures! Books, thousands of them—each one about gay men and lesbians and the lives we lead. So grab a book and a comfortable chair and join us in a celebration of a wonderful lifestyle.

Now, let's see what is new on the shelves. *I'm Looking for Mr. Right, but I'll Settle for Mr. Right Away* by Gregory Flood is definitely not for everyone. Gregory Flood has produced a controversial "spiritual self-help" book that often reads like a cheap tabloid. It is an examination of the concerns of the gay male as seen through the eyes of a Religious Scientist.

Beginning with the first chapter entitled "Attack of the Breeders," Mr. Flood shows us how we all learned to hate gays even before we learned exactly what a gay was. As we grew up and discovered our own sexual preferences, this conditioning often led to a subconscious self-hatred. Although we may deny that it even exists, this self-hatred is still there, way down deep, causing us all sorts of problems as we try to develop and form relationships. Mr. Flood leads us on a series of mental and spiritual exercises designed to rid us of these negative emotions.

Mr. Flood is a religious man, and he talks often of an all-intelligent, all-loving deity which he calls "Mind" as a way of separating it from "that big fag-basher in the sky" that

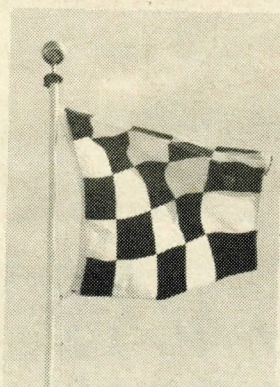
many people associate with the word "God." He is also a believer in metaphysical healing or the power of the body to cleanse itself of diseases, including AIDS, by first cleansing the mind of destructive, self-defeating ideas.

While I remain convinced of the physical causes of AIDS, Mr. Flood deals only with the perceived spiritual causes. He dictates a healing regimen based on positive thoughts and actions such as the refusal to believe that AIDS inevitably leads to death and the ridding yourself of any subconscious feelings that you deserve what is happening to you. While the author admits that most doctors would question the principles behind this treatment, it is advocated as an addition to doctor's treatments, not as a replacement

for them. At the worst, they could certainly do no harm.

I'm Looking for Mr. Right . . . is a witty book with many good ideas, as well as many far-out theories which most people will group together with those on Atlantis and trance channelers. It is a good book both for those who are interested in alternative religions and for those who have the patience to sift through the bizarre and unbelievable to find those gems the author has to offer.

(*I'm Looking for Mr. Right, but I'll Settle for Mr. Right Away* is available for \$6.95, plus \$1.50 tax, postage, and handling, from Royal Press Mailorder, P.O. Box 180788, Austin, TX 78718-0788.)



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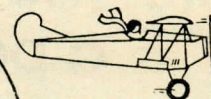
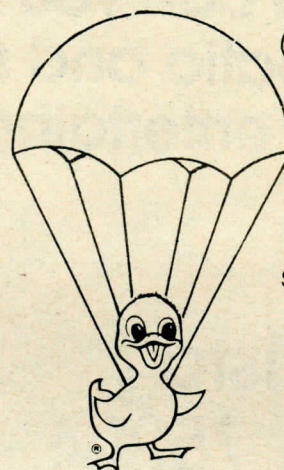
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Sat., July 18 — "Sweat and Leather, Part II"

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The house behind the vacant lot at 611 Pacific. Look for the Play Safe flag.

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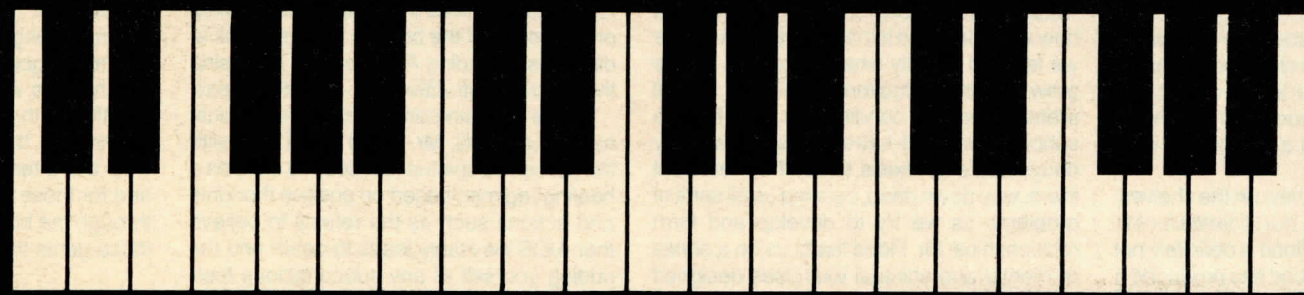
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