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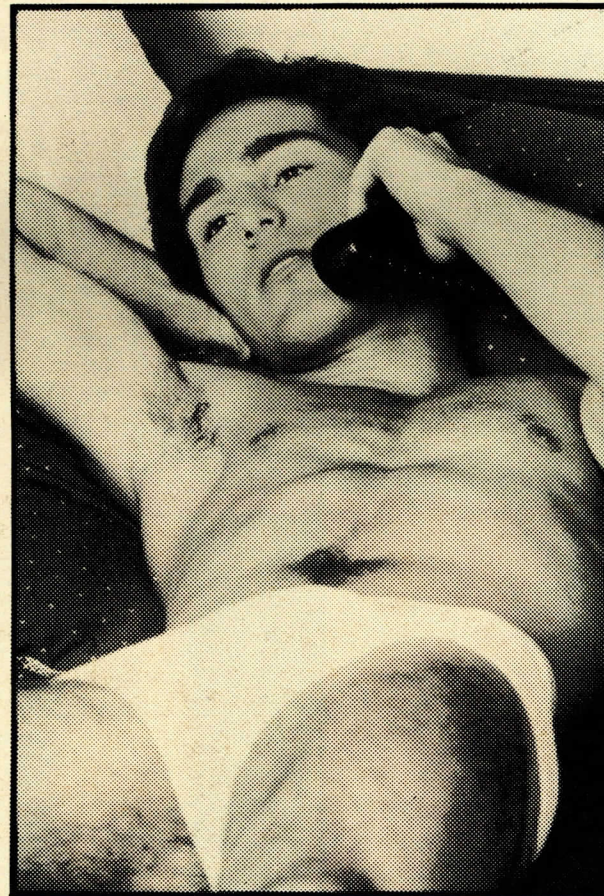
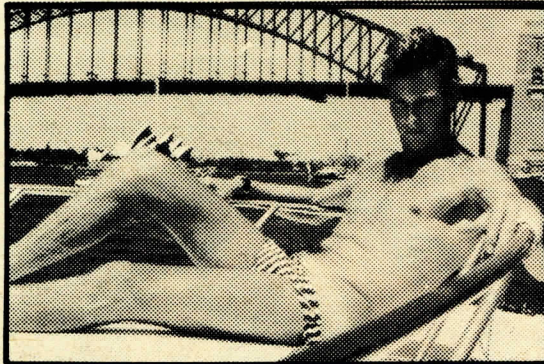
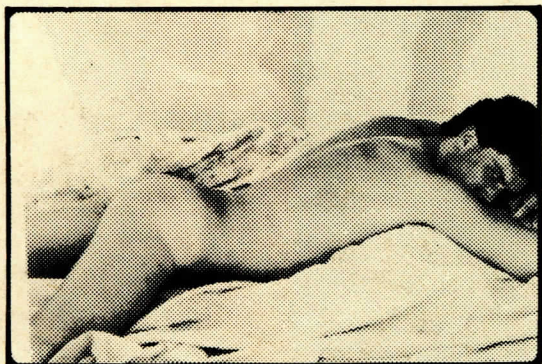
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LET'S GET REAL

It's Time To Coordinate Fundraising

By Randy Brown

Once again, we're getting reports of fundraisers for various AIDS support groups that indicate that the fundraisers are more beneficial to the places and people who put them on than to the people they are supposed to help.

That is not to say that there are not a great many fundraisers that do exactly what they say they will do, but we all know that sometimes a fundraising event can spell profit for someone other than the intended recipients of the goodwill.

The biggest catchphrase to look out for is "after expenses." If a bar or business is really into raising funds for someone, they should be ready to absorb the expense of putting on the event, as a contribution themselves.

Now, there are some very good examples of people who do just that, so I don't want a bunch of calls from people who want to prove that they are part of the Good Guys Contingent. What I want to do is to openly state what most of us have known for a long time: too many fundraisers are rip-offs. When I say that I am "benefitted out," I mean that I would rather give a check to a group or cause directly than to give a donation at a benefit where "expenses" come off the top.

Face it, the entertainers don't get paid. In fact, they usually wind up not only paying for costumes, make-up, music and what-have-you, but also donating to the other performers. Even though many of these performers are dedicated non-professionals, a lot of people who generally get paid for their work in the entertainment world generously donate their time and talents to many of these benefits.

But you are kidding yourself if you think that no one makes money off these shows. Just what are these "expenses" and why does the money have to come off the top? I can see funding a show that will bring in a lot of money—sometimes it takes money to make money—but what we're talking about here is the fact that some people put on fundraisers simply because they are good for business. And while that old cash register is ringing up, up, up, there is money going into

pockets other than those of the people we want to help.

I'll admit that their problem is a double-edged one. You see, with the AIDS crisis hitting us, it has hit the businesses as well.

... some people put on fundraisers simply because they are good for business.

Some people would say, "With the economy the way it is, who can blame them for taking a little profit off of someone else's human misery?" I don't say that. I think it's a rotten thing to do.

I also think that gay businesses need all the real support that we can give them. We're all in this together.

So, how do we solve both these problems?

First of all, we need to really look at ways of coordinating the effort to raise funds for our various AIDS resource and support groups. If the community could put forth a more organized effort, more would be raised without burning out the people in the community.

There are so many groups that each of us cannot support them all. We need to consolidate. We need to figure out the budget and have an umbrella group to deal it out to everybody. The umbrella group should be representative of the community. Actually, an elected body would be interesting, but we

would have to come up with an election system, which might be more time-consuming and expensive than the plan is worth.

I think the barowners and the business people who have any AIDS benefits should absorb all the costs, and the funds should go directly to the umbrella group. Any recipient of any funds would have to publish a full financial disclosure every six months.

At every benefit, there would be a representative from the umbrella group who would be in charge of any money taken in. No one who had anything to do with the bar or business or show would ever handle the money. The very next day, an exact figure of the money raised would be made available. A separate accounting of pledges (with the names of the pledgers) would also be made public.

The bar or business would donate all profits (over an established average for that day of the week) to the umbrella group. All services pertaining to the show would be donated or there would be no show.

We'd find out in short order which businesses were doing shows to benefit the community and which were doing them to benefit themselves.

Now, the health of the community is more than just physical health, it is financial health also. And we need to work to promote the business in our community. But, we need to see the difference between helping out business and helping out those who are suffering from AIDS.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AROUND THE STATE, PLEASE NOTE:

The **TEXAS FORUM** will be starting a Community Notes column, which will include events of any and all community-related, non-profit groups. If you wish your group's functions to be included, please send the information at least three weeks in advance to:

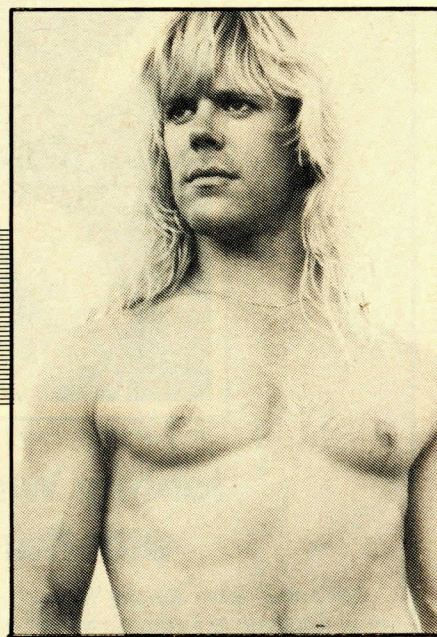
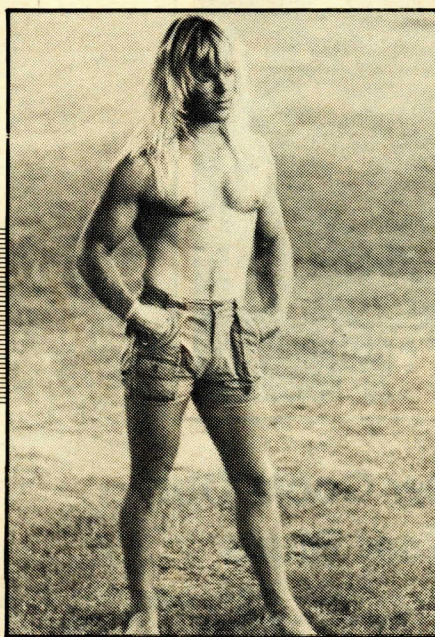
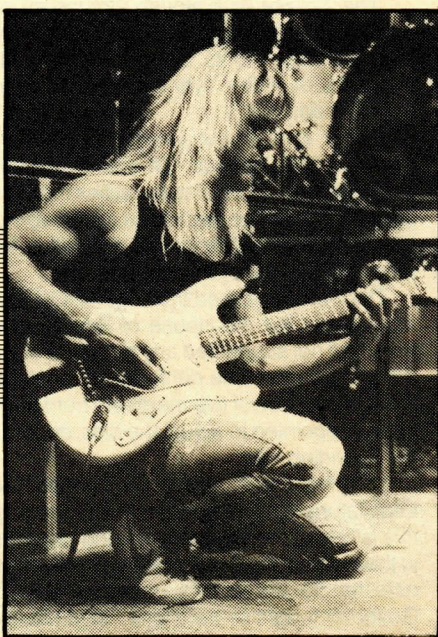
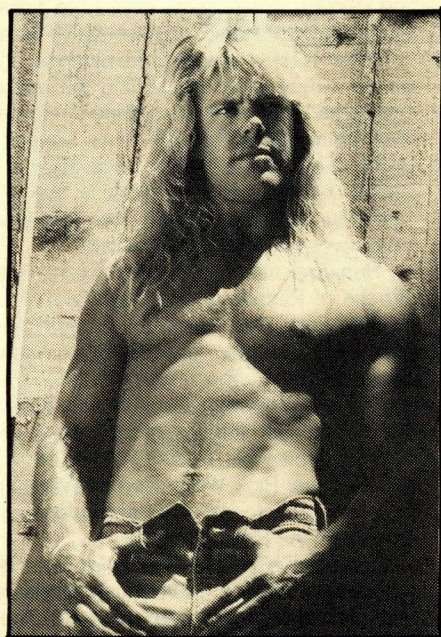
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BEHIND THE FRONT COVER

MUTT



Born: Southeast Texas.
Age: 26.
Sun Sign: Pisces.
Eyes: Blue.
Color hair: Blond.
Favorite kind of men: Guys into

rock-and-roll.
Job: Working for a Dallas utility company.
Leisure activity: Writing and playing rock-and-roll.
Current projects: Finishing the video for the band I'm in. I play lead guitar.

Future project: Playing club dates around Texas.
Message to Texas Forum readers: Even if you're with doesn't want to, you can play safe.

Ray Hill To Announce His Candidacy

By Billie Duncan

"I'm not running to cause problems; I'm running to propose solutions," said Houston gay activist Ray Hill, sounding quite a bit like a candidate for public office. However, Hill will not formally announce his intention to run for an at-large position on the Houston City Council until Wednesday, August 5, during the regularly scheduled Houston Gay Political Caucus meeting at 7:30 p.m., in the Apollo Ballroom of the Travelodge Viscount, 2828 Southwest Freeway.

It is somewhat ironic that Hill will be making his announcement before a group that has steadfastly refused to elect him to its presidency for some time now.

One of the reasons that Hill does not have the support of the conservative faction of the gay community is because he has a prison record—a record that he freely admits. Perhaps if Hill were a bit quieter about his past indiscretions, he would be more acceptable to the closeted or the friends of the closeted.

But one of Hill's strengths is his outspokenness. When speaking of his prison record, he said, "I went to prison in 1970, because I used to be in the burglary business. It was great work, good pay, not too many hours, but the retirement plan left a little to be desired. I graduated with honors (from the TDC) in 1975."

Since his "graduation," Hill has been a staunch supporter of prison reform. In fact, Hill has turned all of what is considered by most of the rest of the world to be negative experiences around in such a way to try to educate and enlighten.

He is a joy to those in the press, because he always does his homework, and he always has the perfect quote. He even knows how to time his quotes for the television crews, so that they can easily edit them into their stories. That does not mean



that Hill is artificial; he simply knows how to get his message across in the most efficient way possible.

It would seem likely that he has done his homework as far as his chances of winning an at-large position on the council, and it would seem likely that his research would indicate that his best chance would not be

the at-large spot, but District C, which has a large gay population. However, Hill explained, "I'm running at large rather than by district, because I'm registered to vote in George Greanias' district (District C), and while George and I approach the issues with different perspectives, we have mutual friends, so that such a race would give them

schizophrenia."

Also, he said that he was following the example of Harvey Milk, the first openly-gay man to be elected to the city government of San Francisco as a supervisor. "Harvey Milk's example proved that approach was the most likely to succeed."

So, Hill will be aiming his sights at the seat of Jim Westmoreland, who has been in an at-large position for longer than anyone on council.

And whether most of the powers-that-be think that he has much of a chance or not, Ray Hill has always been the sort of person who can get attention with his actions. And the sort of attention that he gets is not "kook" attention, but attention from intelligent, hard-hitting activism.

All in all, Ray Hill may surprise some people.

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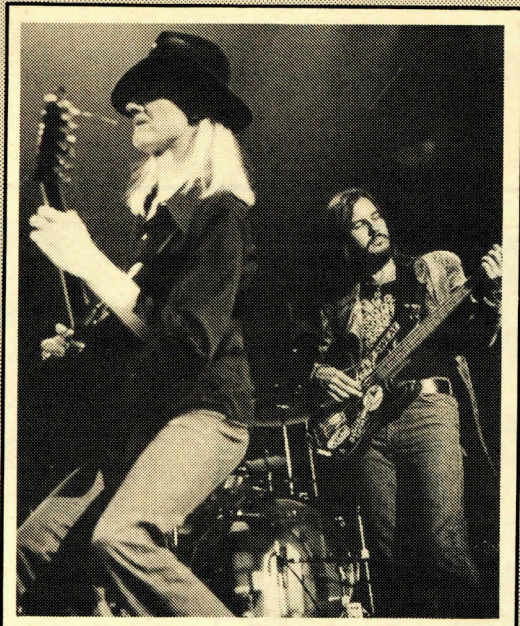
Union Wants AIDS Inmates Singled Out

HUNTSVILLE—The 3,500 member Texas State Employees Union at Huntsville has requested that the Texas Department of Corrections single out and identify to prison guards all inmates with AIDS, ARC or a positive HIV test.

Currently, TDC guards are informed of inmates who carry the virus only when guards are called upon to handle the infected prisoners.

NOTE: Frank Carello is ill. Hopefully, **FAST COPY** will return to these pages in the very near future.

Showbit



Johnny Winter and Isaac Payton Sweat

Johnny Winter Cools Out with Summer Blues

Port Arthur native **Johnny Winter** is on the road again doing Texas in a big way, with his trademark white mane and red-hot talent for blues-rock guitar pickin'.

Since he appeared on the cover of *Rolling Stone* 19 years ago, Winter has blazed a bright trail of 16 albums, including a song written for him by **Mick Jagger** and **Keith Richards** called "Silver Train." In a soon-to-be-released **Isaac Payton Sweat** album (Sweat played rhythm guitar for Johnny for eight years), Winter jams with Sweat on several cuts.

In Fort Worth: Sunday, August 2, at 9 p.m., at **Ft. Worth Stockyards**, within walk-

ing distance of **Billy Bob's**. And, guess what, the concert is **FREE!** (817)624-6810.

In Dallas: Monday, August 3, at 8 p.m., at **Dallas Alley** in the West End Historic District. **Webb Wilder** opens this **FREE** concert in the **Outdoor Plaza**. (214)988-9378.

In Austin: Thursday, August 6, at 8 p.m., at the **Aquafest** at **Palmer Auditorium** **Shores** along Town Lake.

In Houston: Saturday, August 8, at 9 p.m., at **Stage One**, 3860 S. Gessner at Westpark. Tickets available at all Ticketron and Rainbow Ticketmaster outlets and also at the Stage One box office, (713)975-6180. **Ezra Charles** opens.

Legislature Earmarks \$3.4 Million for AIDS Education

The Senate and House Conferees on July 12 agreed to a proposal pushed by the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas to expend \$3.4 million over the next two years for AIDS education.

"This is a major victory," said Glen Maxey, LGRL lobbyist. "Of course, it is not final until the full Legislature ratifies the conference committee report and the Governor signs the appropriations bill, but this is the most critical vote of the process."

The Senate passed the original full funding request but the House of Representatives had not suggested any money at all for AIDS education. The conference committee is composed of five members from each house appointed to adjust the differences in the spending bills.

"During these negotiations when the Legislature is so desperate to cut funding, this is one of the only new funding requests in the entire budget. We are extremely fortunate that Senate leaders and the Lieutenant Governor fought so hard for it," said Maxey.

"But the real hero in this past week's negotiations was not even on the conference committee—it was Rep. David Cain of Dallas. He lobbied each of the House conferees individually on the funding request and he turned them around for us," said Maxey.

"This money is directed to be spent in direct grants to local AIDS service groups around the state. It will be available to all our local organizations to continue the work to be done in risk reduction programs and general education."

The vote was adopted by an 8-1 margin after Rep. Jim McWilliams moved to strike all

the money. "McWilliams grilled the Texas Department of Health representative about whether TDH is teaching abstinence and asked if they were suggesting the use of condoms. I think every one of the conferees was embarrassed by his totally inappropriate use of this issue for his political purposes. McWilliams' craziness in the end probably helped us show the desperate need to get AIDS information out."

Senators who led the fight were Chet Brooks of Pasadena and Ray Farabee of Wichita Falls. Sen. Grant Jones from Abilene, Kent Caperton from Bryan, and John Montford from Lubbock supported the funding request (although Montford was absent for the vote). On the part of the House, Jim Rudd of Brownfield, Eddie Cavazos of Corpus Christie, Rick Williamson of Weatherford, and Jack Vowell of El Paso voted to go along with the Senate funding.

"Each of these men should hear from the community for their courageous efforts on our behalf. Also, we need to thank Rep. Nancy McDonald of El Paso, Lena Guerrero of Austin and Debra Danburg of Houston and Sen. Craig Washington of Houston for their tireless efforts in laying the groundwork during the regular session to make this funding vote possible. And a special note of thanks to Rep. David Cain for bringing the House members to support the line item request. "It would not have happened without his help," said Maxey.

Senate members can be written at P.O. Box 12068, Austin, 78711 and House members at Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78767.

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Houston Firefighters Want Gloves

HOUSTON—Citing instances in which firefighters have contracted the highly contagious hepatitis, Dr. Paul Pepe, Fire Department medical director, has asked that gloves be issued to all firefighters to be used when they come in contact with people who are bleeding.

Pepe downplayed the use of the gloves as a protection against AIDS, but it is only since the AIDS crisis has become more of a national problem that firefighters and police have expressed a desire for the gloves. Most all medical experts agree that it is a sensible precaution to use protective gloves and other protective clothing when handling blood products, to be certain that viral infections cannot be transmitted. Use of the gloves when not handling blood products or bleeding people is not considered to be necessary.

Part II

Ways to Stop Anti-Gay Violence

By Cleve Jones

(Last week, The Texas Forum published Cleve Jones' very personal account of how he suffered a violent attack simply because he was gay. This week, the focus is on how each person who suffers such attacks can help prevent them in the future. These are the steps given to Jones by Kevin Berrill of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Anti-Violence Project.)

Documentation: NGLTF first raised the issue of anti-gay violence more than five years ago and was told by government officials that they didn't have proof. There were statistics on hate crimes against blacks and Jews, but none documenting violence against gay people. No statistics meant no action.

Through careful documentation, NGLTF proved the problem did exist and that it was getting worse. The shocking truth about the severity of the problem is now a matter of public record, which NGLTF updates each year.

Federal lobbying: After a year of lobbying, the Project got Congress to hold hearings on anti-gay violence. The next step they're working on is to have the problem addressed by legislation.

Coalition building: Because of NGLTF's advocacy, the National Organization for Victim Assistance, the American Psychological Association and other groups across the country recognize the extent of anti-gay and lesbian violence, and include it among their concerns.

State and local lobbying: The Project works in cities, towns and state capitals to bring local attention to anti-gay violence. State attorneys general, local officials and

law enforcement agencies have been educated, lobbied and taken to task if they don't give the issue serious attention.

Police: Too often the police look the other way when gays are harassed or assaulted. Sometimes, it is the police themselves who do the harassing. NGLTF has met with the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Police Foundation to educate them about anti-gay crimes.

Media: NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project spreads the word—from Phil Donahue to Oprah Winfrey to the CBS Evening News and to dozens of radio and television programs.

Issues and Involvements

Whether it's high school bullies beating up effeminate classmates, vicious attacks like the one I endured or assassinations of our community leaders, it's all part of the same problem.

While our community is making progress in many areas, I strongly believe we must recognize the fact that violence against gay men and lesbians is on the increase. And we must support efforts—like the Task Force's Anti-Violence Project—to fight it.

Until we make anti-gay violence unacceptable, we will not achieve a tolerant society. We can pass all the gay rights bills we want, but, until we are free from the fear of violence, we aren't free at all.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is also in the forefront on other issues. They organized the first national gay and lesbian toll-free crisis line, the first clearing-house for information on gay issues and the

first political response to protect the rights of persons with AIDS.

In addition to the Anti-Violence Project (which has spawned scores of local groups), NGLTF coordinates the Privacy Project, a nationwide grassroots lobbying effort to reform sodomy laws state-by-state.

In Washington, NGLTF has been the single most persistent and persuasive lobbying voice for increased AIDS funding since the very beginning of the health crisis, resulting in millions of dollars to fight AIDS.

The Task force receives no government funding at all, and not many foundations support gay-related non-profit organizations.

The vast majority of NGLTF's funding comes from individuals like you and me—men and women, straight and gay—who believe in civil rights for gay people. Membership costs only \$35.

From a modest beginning in 1973, the Task Force has grown to include thousands of Americans from every state in the nation who support a strong national voice for gay rights.

These are times when no genuine defender of civil liberties can sit back and hope everything turns out for the best. We must take action now.

I wouldn't have taken the time to share my story with you if I didn't think you could make a difference. You can, and I hope you will.

(Editor's Note: If you wish to join the NGLTF or send a contribution, the address is 1517 U. Street NW, Washington, D.C., 20009.)

Gay Doctor Named to AIDS Panel

WASHINGTON—After an apparent White House dispute over whether a member of the gay community be included on the presidential commission on AIDS, Dr. Frank Lilly, a former board member of New York City's Gay Men's Health Crisis, was named among 11 others. Lilly is chairman of the genetics department of New York's Albert Einstein Medical Center.

Cigarette Connection

The American Cancer Society estimates that cigarette smoking is responsible for more than 75 percent of all lung cancer cases.

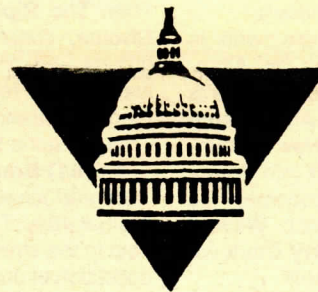
Brandley Seeks New Trial

CONROE—Attorneys for death row inmate Clarence Brandley, whose case received national attention because of protests claiming that he was a victim of racial prejudice, have been granted a hearing by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to determine if there is sufficient evidence for a new trial.

Brandley was convicted of the August 23, 1980, rape-slaying of 16-year-old Cheryl Ferguson, but the defense plans to show that there is evidence to support a claim that someone besides Brandley was the assailant.



Our relationship was so "open" that he walked right out of it!



AIDS Quilt Week: August 17-24

Organizers of the NAMES Project are requesting the assistance of local activists and organizations in building the national "AIDS Quilt" memorial. Fabric panels bearing the names of people lost to the AIDS epidemic are being sewn into a massive quilt for display in Washington, DC on Sunday, October 11, 1987.

Creators of the fabric tribute are asking local organizations and individuals to sponsor panel-making workshops or quilting bees during the week of August 17-24. Calling their effort *AIDS Quilt Week*, organizers hope to encourage participation in the NAMES Project throughout the United States in time for the October 11th display on the Capitol Mall, part of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

"We hope that political clubs, AIDS

agencies, sports teams, professional associations, churches, synagogues, and other groups will set aside time during Quilt Week to create memorial panels for their members and friends who have died," said Executive Director Cleve Jones, who was in Texas recently, promoting the project.

The three-foot by six-foot panels may be made of any durable, light-weight fabric. Complete panels will be sewn together by the NAMES Project in San Francisco, then shipped to Washington, DC for the National March.

For more information, contact the NAMES Project at (415) 863-0767 or (415) 626-5725. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to: The NAMES Project, P.O. Box 14573, San Francisco, CA 94114.

March on Washington Rooms Scarce

The National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, scheduled for October 11, 1987, appears destined to draw massive crowds of people from all over the country, and a shortage of hotel/motel accommodations will soon occur.

Various March on Washington committees from around the state have blocked space in several hotels in Washington, but the demand for rooms is so great that most hotels will start to sell the blocked space to the highest bidder if reservations are not made quickly.

Persons interested in reserving space are urged to call David Greiss at Advance Travel in Houston at (713) 682-2002 or Zach Thorne at Golden World Travel in Austin at (512) 453-1111. These agencies are coordinating all reservations for Texas, and both are donating ten to fifteen percent of their commission back to the March on Washington.

For local information, please call (214) 528-4233 in Dallas, (713) 523-6109 in Houston or (512) 261-4534 in Austin or San Antonio.



HOUSTON... By Elroy Forbes

AROUND THE LOOP

With all the rumors floating about that **Walter Strickler** sold **The Barn**, we finally have an answer. Walter is getting a check-up as I write at **Park Plaza** in Room 813, if you would like to send him flowers and chocolates. But it seems that one night he thought he would cook a real big pot of his famous Barn Chili. All the ingredients went into a large pot and slowly simmered in the big kitchen upstairs. About the time of Last Call, **Vince** received a phone call: "Vince, this is Papa. I think the chili might be finished upstairs. Would you check on the stove?" Vince reported back that what he found on the stove was no offer for *Gourmet Magazine*. All the wine in the world would never force a morsel down the Galloping Gourmet's throat!

Back on the story. Rumors were confirmed as fond memorials left the old Barn walls and empty spaces began to appear and the patrons began to speculate over who the new owner would be. I heard that The Barn would change its name to **The Farmhouse** or something catchy. Ashley said, "No, the name would be **The Animal House**." Then we heard some paint company bid on a new outside coat of paint, lavender, we heard, and someone else was running up chintz curtains for the front windows.

The word is out that the new owner is really **The Galleon's** very own **Jay Allen**, whose hands are really full now that he is center stage for **HOB0** as **Alan Pierce** becomes a married Dallasite. Now the rumors are that **Buzz** will never fit into **Vanna White's** outfits as **Ashley** becomes the emcee for Wednesday Night's **Wicked Wheel of Fun**. I wonder if **Terry Clark** will get to turn numbers at The Barn!!!

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Artist/designer and owner of **P.O. BOX RUBBER STAMPS**, **Lyle Barrett**, is back from all his fun runs across the nation. FYI Lyle was a winner of an outstanding catalog award for the first issue of his rubber stamps. Hence he, along with 30 top rubber stamp companies from sea to sea, were invited to a special showing out in Los Angeles. **Bill** rode shotgun as they found time to visit the **Getty Roman Villa** in Santa Barbara and various art studios in the Laguna Beach area. Lyle hit the ground running at Houston Intercontinental to rush off to Chicago for his 25th High School reunion where they



The 611 Breakfast Club gathers Toys for Tots.



A lost earring is a crisis at The Garden Party.

promptly named him one of the High Achievers of his class. This gave him time back to *Happy Days* era, visit a few other art studios before looking for our city. DYK with all of this wonderful attention, Lyle came back to do **I/H's** income tax!

THE NAMES PROJECT

Cleve Jones, once a close associate of **Harvey Milk**, was in town at **Sue Lovell's** 1950's period swankiend and the toast of Texas as he skipped across the state promoting **The Names Project**. Designed as a positive way to work out your grief for the loss of your friends to AIDS, the project contains directions to make a 3' x 6' panel to feature the name of your lost one to be assembled in one giant quilt and displayed across the Capitol Mall in Washington D.C. on Sunday October 11, 1987. A book will be assembled about the panel along with photos of the memorials. This quilt will start a national tour of cities to raise funds for the cure of AIDS. Inspired by the American folk art traditions of quilting and sewing bees, The Names Project is a positive expression of personal loss as well as a dramatic illustration of the impact of AIDS on American Society. Write The Names Project, Cleve Jones, Director, A Project of the Castro Street Fair, Inc., P.O. Box 14573, San Francisco, CA 94114 or call (415)626-5725. Deadline for the panels to be shipped for the **March on Washington** is before September 15, 1987. **Mary's** will host a Memorial Names Project on Sunday, August 9, at 5:30 p.m. before Steak Night.

EVENTS, EVENTS

The **BRB** hosted **The Stone Soup Christmas**. Thanks to The **611's Steve Shimer's** challenge, some \$4,100 was raised toward the purchase of a commercial refrigerator to help out with perishable food stock. Then **The Ripcord**, known for its **Prime Choice**, donated 100 pounds of prime ground—no one we knew, I hope!—in a leather collar for a starter. Tons of foodstuff filled the entrance and around the Christmas Tree for Stone Soup.

The **611 Breakfast Club** raised **Toys for Tots** and joined **Christmas in Montrose** this Saturday. The wonderful group pledged help in the street decorating as well as toy collection at our various events. I was there before noon and a large collection of toys enabled **Ron Mayes** to mow **Danny's** mane into a new hair style. This group is well known for its high energy.

FOLLOW THE DRAG...

Straight into **Mecca** for the magnificent decorations of banners simulating plants and flowers and all the blooming virginal ladies on the packed floor. This was **The Garden Party**. There was a lovely bride and a very handsome groom, **Elsa Rosenblau**, several **Chers**, many **Tammy Fayers**, a host of **Dollys**, several **Liz Taylors** and tons of **Alexis** and one very well known **Patsy Cline**—IN A NEW DRESS!!! So many



Hot men at The Denim Party.



Don't move to Florida.

beauties; so little time!

Between times, I caught some of the softball games at **Tim Hearn Park**, Jackson Hill at Memorial Drive just west of Waugh Drive. Next Sunday at 4 p.m. is the **Big Finals** with a champion selected to go to the **Softball World Series**. It is a fun and surprisingly cool Sunday. These guys deserve our attention. It's been a long hot summer and they are cute!

The **BRB** hosted another mind-boggling party of the year: **Denim Party '87**. Crowds well exceeded last year, over-whelming the AC and choking the patio area. Dancing was belly-to-belly and the **BRB Band** was hot, FYI the popular female lead singer is back! **The Back Pocket** was so crowded that **Tom** closed early for fear he would not get a drink! This final week of July was jam-packed. I suppose Halloween will be the next—FLASH!!!! Word is in that next Sunday August 2, 1987, **The Venture-N** will pull all stops for the **10th Anniversary**. That means all those **Space Cadets**, **Air Heads**, **UFO's** and **Wacko City Residents** will take the bar over. That means **Big Jim** will grow his hair back. That means **Don Bye** just might appear from New Orleans. That means **David** will do some wild graphics. That means fun and down right party!!! I will see you there a little later in the evening.

GOOD NEWS

Let me tell you about **Master Mind**. First of all you do not have to sacrifice your personal spiritual beliefs in order to attend and make it work. But it does work. And how! **Marjorie Kerr** (713)524-9048, is the leader of my Monday night group and she is forming groups for Tuesday and Wednesday and so on, as they are wanted. The cost is actually going up to \$21 for a seven-week program. That comes to about \$3 per session, and sessions run anywhere from an hour to about three hours, depending on how many of your group like to talk and stray off the main subject—which I find to be part of the stimulating part of the event. Anyway, as I approach the third big week of **Master Mind**, I have acquired no less than 28 accounts, some promising to be long range, many to be one-time projects. But in my industry, if a client is satisfied with your work, they come back plus all those wonderful referrals through networking. Now the question is "Can I Handle Success?" I cannot wait for that round with **Master Mind**.

OUT AND ABOUT

Our **Billie Duncan** is in the hospital for surgery to remove a tumor from the roof of her mouth. No, she did not put her foot in her mouth while wearing spike heels! We hope she has a speedy recovery and will be singing and playing in elevators in your neighborhood very soon. DYK she can't speak for 3 weeks! ... Gulp, that hit Gay Musical, is held-over for August 3 & 4 at **Kindred Spirits... Mothers** has some fine versions of **Fantasy in Motion**. I recognized a few of those beefy boys ... Until next week, may Good News lead you toward tomorrow.

SAN ANTONIO... By Jackie Oh!

OLA AMIGOS

So happy you tuned in! Hope everyone's week was full of wonder and pleasantry and maybe pageantry? Mine was, but, then, I don't expect it to be anything less!

I love to bowl, but I'm so glad that the **Summer League** is over. (Yea, **Fall League**!) Congrats to **Guys and Dolls**, who finished last (my team). They were a great team to bowl with. Lots of fun! Thanx to **Jim, Clyde** and **Jack**. It was a fun team! Congrats also to **Two-A-Breast** who finished in first place (I had to mention it). Just kidding, guys and girls! Everyone involved in bowling this summer was wonderful and lots of fun. I can't wait for **Fall League** play so I can bowl my 200!

The **Summer Pool League** of the **Alamo City Gay Pool League (ACGPL)**

has been going on now for three weeks. Yours Truly not only bowls but plays pool also. Multi-talented, I thought you knew. (We did.)

A FRANKIE UPDATE

Yea! **Frankie P.** is back home and out and about. He is recovering well after being jumped and stabbed in **Brackenridge Park** in broad daylight, no less. Frankie, I love you dearly. (Ain't she special!) But, Frankie, STAY OUT OF THE PARK !!!

RAISING FUNDS AND HAVING FUN

The **Tejas Motorcycle Club** had a fundraiser at the **Silver Dollar** this past Sunday. Thanx, guys, the hamburgers were great!

Speaking of pageantry, congrats to **Jennifer North**, the new **Miss River City Metro/U.S.A.** and to first runner-up, the one and only **Shady Lady**. Now to **Miss Texas/U.S.A.** to be held at the **Mecca** in Houston next month!

Just looking for something to do? Well, **Evita** will be playing at the **New Josephine Theatre**. Yea! At the **Paper Moon**, **Hazel Dean** will be performing live at the PM this coming Friday. So, everybody go down and see **Hazel Dean**! Yea! Ya-hoo!

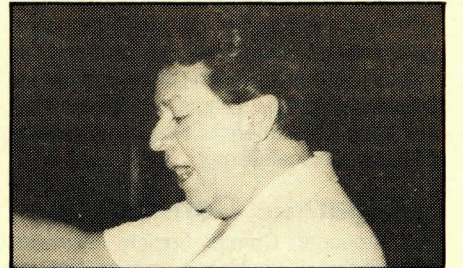
Well, kiddies, it's time to go ... Okay! I'm back! The restroom was busy! The **Jackie Oh! Hair and Fashion Awards** are coming soon. Stay tuned.

Hi to **Mr. Boots** in Houston, **Bill B., Javier, B.J.** and **Bill of S.A., Russell** in Pasadena, California, and to every other hot man, wherever you are!

Speaking of men! Congrats to **Doug S.** and **Brian B.** of the **106** for tying the knot! Yea! Well, bye for now, play safe and stay out of the park!



Bambi saw a big one at the Crew!



Oh! Is that what I think it is?



You're fired, you're fired. Everybody's fired!



Hi, stud, come see us at the Paper Moon. (Working girls on Main Street.)

P.S. FROM JACKIE OH!

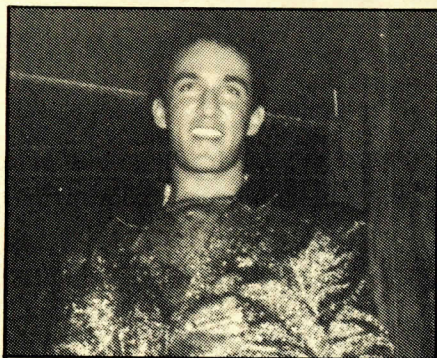
On the social scene, **Robbie** and **David** are throwing a party Saturday, August 8. It's the **Second Annual Sultry Mid-Summer Party**. So go out and get your invitation and let's party! Yea!

AUSTIN... By The Governor

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS

As the temperatures soared this week in The Governor's own Capital City, so did the festive moods of Austinites.

To set our week in motion, we went to see the selection of **Mr. Gay Austin '87** at **Badlands**. The distinguished judges were faced with a difficult decision, but, after much deliberation, the number-one slot was given to **Ron Perez** with runnerups being **Bret Morvant** (first), **Dwayne Spring** (second) and **Cliff Riley** (third). (Where were all you native Austin men?)



Ron Perez—Mr. Gay Austin '87.

Thursday night at **Hall's** proved to be most interesting when we went to see **Muscles in Action**. A warm welcome to Austin goes out to newcomers **Dex** and **Drew Starr**. We were also glad to see **Snake** and **Kurt Starr** with their tantalizing motions. Be sure and save your dollars for these guys!!!

The **Sunrise Hotel** became transformed into a new Hawaii for **TGRA's Luau 2**. Folks came from all around to enjoy food and fun. We were pleased to learn that over 180 people turned out for the festive occasion. The special of the evening came when a Houston visitor received the two round-trip tickets to the **Oklahoma Rodeo**. Hope to see y'all back next year!!

Speaking of Luau's, Saturday night, **Fred Fine** and the hunky men of **The Crossing** hosted a **Birthday Luau** for the Crossing's own **Roy Ianeda**. The patio boasted a true island atmosphere with torches, island music and traditional island cuisine. The party revelers carried out the island theme with their festive and somewhat original island garb. The evening was rounded out with authentic island dance and song provided by **Keith** and company. Wish you many more, Roy!!!



Barbara and Riki enjoying the traditional island cuisine.



Roy's birthday luau at the Crossing's patio.

August 2 is the date selected for the fundraiser to send those **Rag Dolls** to the Nationals. Let's all go out and support these girls in their pursuit of the title. Make sure you show up at **Nexus** ready to give that "little extra." Sorry to say "goodbye" to manager **Stacy Horn**, but we wish her all our best in her new endeavor. (Come back and visit us, child!) P.S. When we listed the hot bartenders last week, we forgot to say "hello" to our favorite **Cathy Kerby**. (Was **Phillip** only too HOT on the patio after being at the TGRA Luau all day Saturday???)

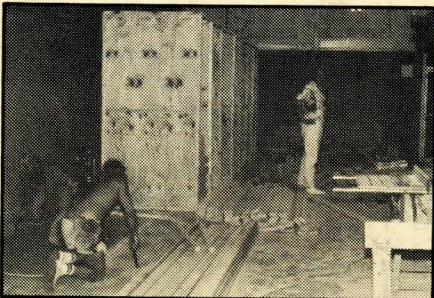
IS IT TRUE???

What empty bus terminal on Congress Avenue is to be reopened by what Houston barowner as a hot new club??... What bar on 4th and Colorado is reconsidering its big format change? (Seems like money does talk.)... Which fabulous entertainer is soon to be departing Austin for greener pastures??... Which anti-gay activist is going to target our own **Red River Strip** to try and once again demean the gay community? Come on, guys and gals, let's stand up for our basic human rights and show this individual what we're really made of!!!!

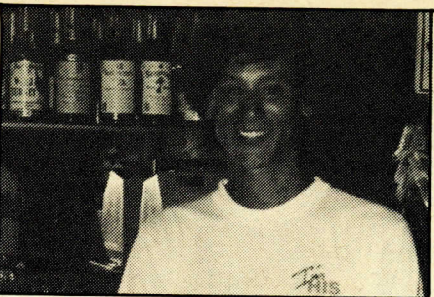


The Governor and departing entertainer.

Things seem to be getting hotter and hotter with the new **Red River Establishment**, as you can see in the photo.



Can you guess what this is going to be?



Phillip new manager of Rupert's.

Seems **Phillip** will be the new manager of **Rupert's**. Best of luck, guy. We'll be in to visit next week and get the news. Special thanks to **Lady Di** for putting "magic" in my words.

DALLAS... By N. Cognito

BEST LITTLE CAT HOUSE

Muffin is her name and kittens are her game. **The Hideaway**, home of the patio panther—a pampered pussy if there ever was one—is anxiously awaiting a blessed event any moment now. An extemporaneous "Kitty shower" is on hold until **Muffin** delivers, so keep yourself up to date or you'll miss the party! It's nearly always fatal to share the stage with any animal, but such is not the case at the Hideaway, because, because, applause, applause, the word is out that his eminence **Reverend W.** a man of many cloths, is coming out of retirement **Labor Day** to shed light (or perhaps dark shadows) on worldly matters. Eat your heart out **Church Lady!** Other blessed events at the Hideaway last week were birthday celebrations for **Randy** and **Ken** and celebrity **Bernie Siben**.

Other celebrations in town included **JJ's** nostalgic but very happy farewell party as owner **Lee McNary** hosted a huge crowd of loyal customers at last Friday night's closing festivities. **JJ's**, open since February, 1984, will always be a fond memory for many of us. Nearby, the **Texas Territory** hosted a benefit show by **Emperor XII Frank Cunningham** and **Empress Cati Collins** for **AIDS**

Resource Center and **Lone Star Empire's Scholarship Fund**. Across the street on Sunday, **Eagle Creek** held their Sunday show featuring the return to the boards of **Mae Clark**, a special moment by **Jay** as **Pee Wee Herman**, and Knockout performances by **Loretta Charles**, **Sherry Powers**, **Mona Williams**, **Roxie Hart** and **Cati Collins**. Meanwhile, at **Loma Dell's** on Gaston Ave., it was rock & roll time Saturday night at their **50's Party** featuring period costumes and swinging dance music of the 50's—a groovy, cool blast of a bash at Loma Dell's pad. Yeah Man!

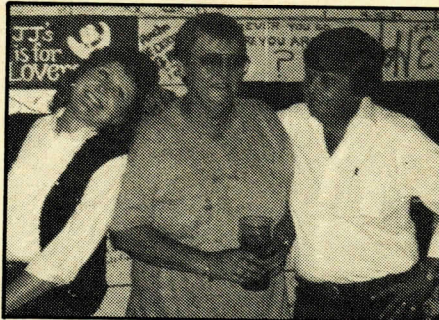
ON TAP

TR II will be host to the **Miss Gay Dallas Pageant** Wednesday and Thursday, August 5 and 6. This big extravaganza is an official **Miss Gay Texas** preliminary and will feature many past Miss Gay Dallas titleholders. On Cedar Springs, **JR's** is presenting **The Headliners** on Tuesday, August 4, so pacemaker warnings are out. Also not for the faint-hearted will be **Tramps' USO Party**, Saturday, August 8, sponsored by the **United Court** as a benefit for the **PWA House** and the **AIDS Resource Center**.

John L's continues to book your favorites, attested to by this week's performers **Sally Mayes** and **Rick Weaver** supplying the fireworks Friday and Saturday, followed by



Church Lady entertains at Mr. Nude Contest.



Nancy Slater (l) and Lou Miller (r) help Lee McNary (c) celebrate JJ's closing.



Sally Mayes & Rick Weaver at John L's.



Bartender Dean McMahon helps entertainer Bernie Siben warm up at the Hideaway.

the sophisticated stylings of pianist/vocalist **Allen Nichols** Sunday through Tuesday and the much awaited and exciting return of the incomparable **RSVP** on Wednesday for two weeks of sensational entertainment.

Feel like hitting the beach? Then try **Rumors Club** Friday, July 31 for their **Beach Party**. Get in the swim of things and take a dip with the gang of Rumors. By the way, all that construction in front of Rumors is gone, gone. No wonder they're having a party! And if you haven't caught **Lisa Michaels** entertaining at Rumors, you're missing something special.

DRESS DIVINE, THEN WINE AND DINE

Speaking of special, **Back to Basics** is featuring specials on Levi suspender jeans and Whooo's short sleeve shirts. So check 'em out before you go stepping out this weekend. And after you've donned your new duds you can show off your good taste at some good tasting places like **Pirate's Pub**, who just celebrated their first anniversary with a first-rate party last Monday, or the new **Registry Restaurant and Bar**, where owner **Larry Frankling** and chef **Bruce Birchard** serve up exquisite Italian entrees. Also, delicious food, beverage and delightful entertainment is served up by the **Blue Mill** which happily presents **Perry Wood's** return Friday and Saturday, July 31 and August 1, for your dining pleasure. An added treat with Perry is **David Darnell's** fabulous accompaniment at the keyboard.

Last, but not least, a hearty get well soon to **John-David**, pre-eminent piano virtuoso of the Hideaway. You are sorely missed by all your fans, so hurry back.

FORT WORTH... By N. Cahoots

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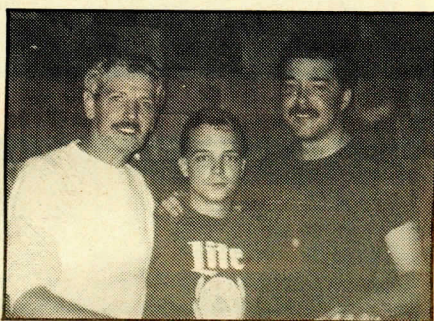
Well why not? Even our favorites have to have a bit of a lift. First of all, the **Corral** is adding a paint job and some other nice touches to make you feel more comfy, while **Bob** and **Richard** keep your elbows busy and your mind in step with their quick wit and repartee. If you don't enjoy a fun insult or two, this is not the place for you.

On down the muddy wet brick road, the **Lumber Company** has reverted to a super dance bar and is bringing old customers back to the fold. It's just like old times again, and you'll see some old friends returning to the scene of their earlier crimes.

Have you heard about the new bar? The **Blue Beacon** is here to stay. An alternate choice, a new sound, a catch-me-if-you-can type of place. Grand opening is right away, so get ready for a real Fort Worth welcome to our community.

Barbara Kozlo, manager of **Partners**, is all abuzz (is that a real word?) about **Partners'** big show, **A Night To Remember — Award Show and Unity Dinner**, on August 13, when the entire metroplex community is invited to join **Partners** in a gala grand evening of food, fun and frolic with a few surprises here and there to scintillate and celebrate.

Speaking of celebrations, **Rudy Martinez**, new **Emperor of Fort Worth**, was quietly celebrating his Coronation because Rudy, an introspective type, was musing over his heavy responsibility for the next year. Rudy told me his first priority is the **PWA Dream House** and his objectives to make it all come true. Ft. Worth has a jewel in Rudy.



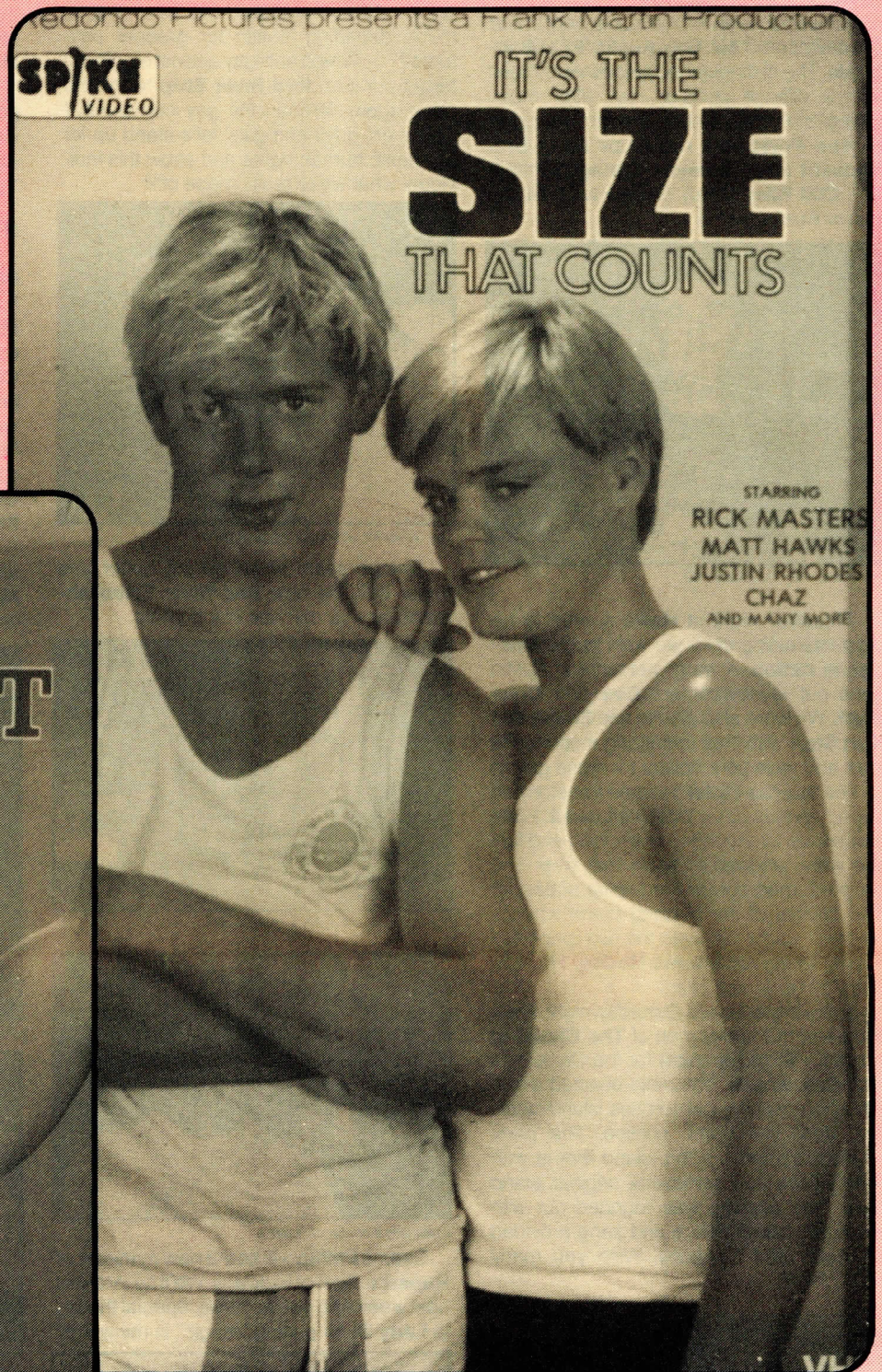
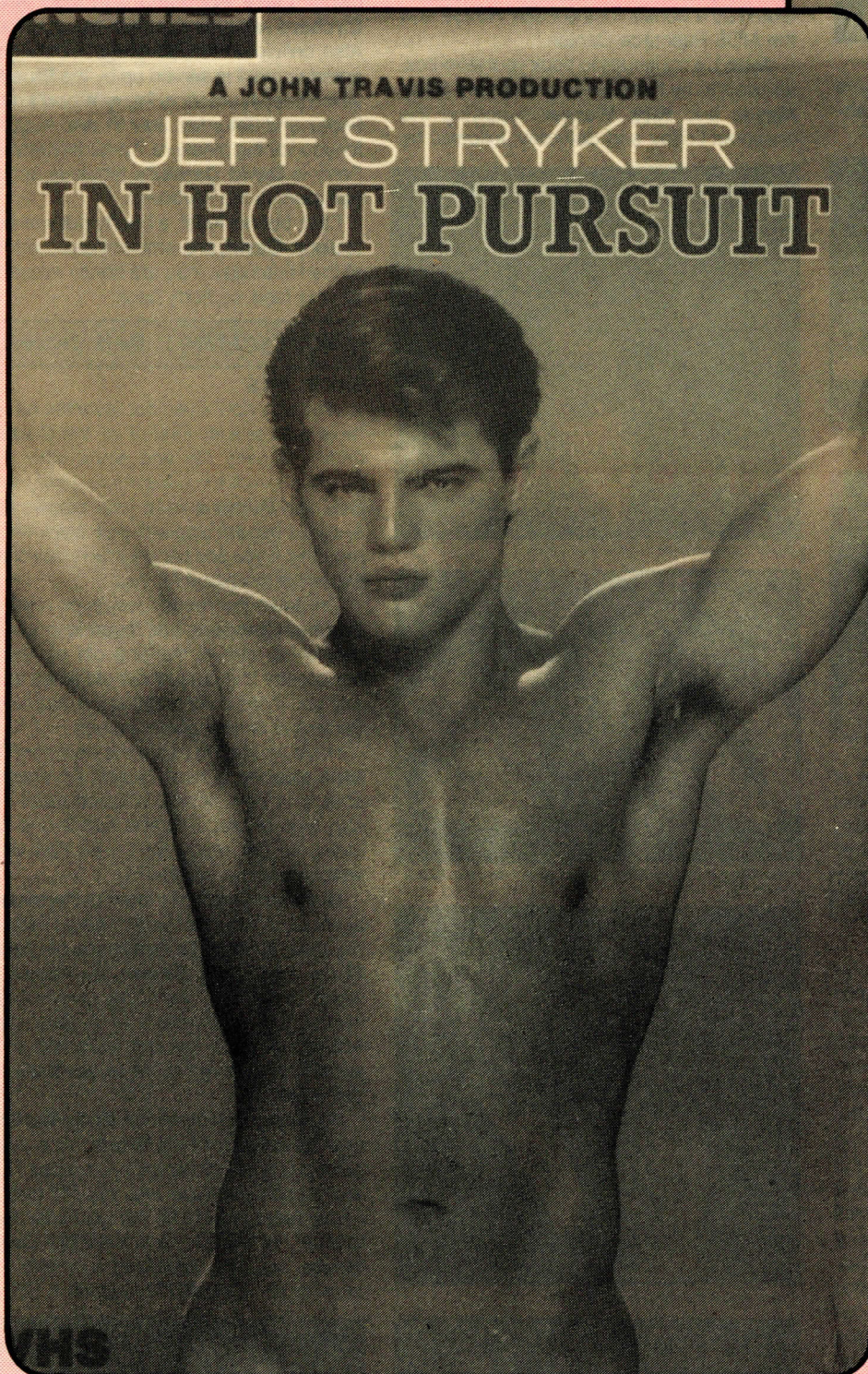
Buddy Harris (manager of 651 Arlington), Mickey Morris and Ralph Kimbrough welcome customers to their oasis in Arlington.

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NETWORK

Losing the Edge

By Jeff Bray

Everyone in Dallas is hopping up and down for joy because the latest census statistics have come out saying that the Dallas/Ft. Worth area is now larger in population than Houston. Now what will happen?

Will the freeways of Houston grow brittle and collapse? Will Dallas become another New York? Will there be a mass migration from one city to the other because people either don't want to live in the largest or next largest city? What does it all mean?

Frankly, my experience of living in Texas has revolved around an interesting competitive attitude between Dallas and Houston. The most important thing to remember is that when you are talking about Dallas, you are talking about many different communities all thrown together in a very familiar form of American conglomerate urban area. When you are talking about Houston, you

are talking about Houston only. So, the Dallas/Ft. Worth area is larger, but Dallas itself is not larger. So what?

Why do I find myself looking for excuses and explanations? Why am I so concerned?

Dallas people are supposed to be stuck-up and plastic. Houstonians are supposed to be brash and rude.

It's probably something in my childhood. I always wanted to live in the biggest city, in the nicest neighborhood. It's a natural territorial thing that probably everyone shares. But it's still confusing, and I doubt that the front page of every major newspaper in Ohio would make space for a big story about how Cleveland has surpassed Toledo in population. It's bigger than that down here.

Dallas people are supposed to be stuck-up and plastic. Houstonians are supposed to be brash and rude. Dallas people are supposed to be refined and cultivated. Houstonians are supposed to be hedonistic and wild.

Of course, we know that all these traits appear in every city's population. What is interesting is how Texans have such solid presumptions about what people and cities are like in different parts of the state.

So, Dallas/Ft. Worth is bigger now. Houston bows her head in shame. Her reigning days as the giant of Texas are over, because Dallas/Ft. Worth has surpassed her. But Dallas shouldn't be terribly overjoyed, because with increased growth come increased problems. And besides, you never know what will happen in the next ten years. After all, there's still Austin, with a rapidly growing crowd, providing they let themselves grow. And there's San Antonio, which will most likely surpass both Dallas and Houston as its Hispanic population continues to explode. Each city has something unique to offer, and that is, I suppose, the most redeeming quality about Texas—you always know you're in a different city when you travel.

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Dear Fans, Amanda is beginning to doubt her sanity some days. We knew that as we grew older, things would become more and more strange—you know, things would start falling apart, and wrinkles would become the major focus of our life. But now we're seeing the old things mattering more than before. So many mundane little matters are beginning to cross our increasingly mature mind, that we wonder if maybe there shouldn't be a return to the more simple times.

Perhaps we should all move out to the country in a more temperate climate, where the seasons come and go, and where the air is less humid. Maybe we should find ourselves mates and settle down in small frame houses on the prairie, waiting for that occasional tornado for summer excitement, or the frequent blizzards for snuggling in front of a fire.

However, since hardly any of us are going to move out to the boring country, and the expense of creating such an atmosphere in the city is prohibitive, Amanda thinks there are other things that can be done.

Personally, we feel that our dear male friends could simplify their lives TOTALLY by doing something extremely simple. It would take away much of the boredom of their urban lives, and add to the excitement of everyday living in the city—just as it was in the olden days.

Wear boxer shorts!

It's true, Dear Fans! Think of it. All day, you work in an office, or drive around the city, and all you see are men in business suits and work clothes, walking around here and there, all pent up, packed in, pulled back, and tucked under! It's depressing! BE FREE! Set yourselves free, and switch back to the days of your grandfather and his fathers before him, when women were women and men were very visibly men!



... we have to admit that a well tailored suit looks incredibly wonderful on a healthy, trim body—especially when what's underneath is so naturally visible!

Of course, our motives are not pure, Dear Fans. We have several friends who wear boxers under their suits during the day, and we have to admit that a well tailored suit looks incredibly wonderful on a healthy, trim body—especially when what's underneath is so naturally visible!

Enough of this pin-striped, Joe Namath, packed-like-an-orange stuff! Get real! Let it

all hang out, so to speak, and liberate yourselves.

There are those of you who are cringing in your chairs, wincing at the thought of having some sort of "accident" or getting "excited" and having it show. Well, we have thought about that, too, Dear Fans, and all we can say is that before the sexual revolution and all that, and before the modern

The Boxer Rebellion

By Amanda B. Recondwith

briefs were created, men daily walked around with that same threat, and it didn't seem to bother them all that much. In fact, those times were more outwardly tame than today, and Amanda's theory is that men have had it all hidden too long in the public world, which accounts for the deep inclination for private perversity. Suppression is always bad, Dear Fans, and to suppress a certain area of your body PHYSICALLY will only result in some type of social phenomenon.

So, that's Amanda's advice, Dear Fans. And we know that all the other girls in the country will appreciate your efforts to be natural.

Sportsbit E/J's to Host Volleyball Tourney

HOUSTON—On August 2, E/J's Watering Hole, 2517 Ralph, will host it's Second Invitational Volleyball Tournament, with team registration ending at 1:30 p.m. Since there are some new rules this year, teams are asked to call (713) 668-5558 for more information.

Also planned at the time of the tournament is a general meeting to decide the feasibility of starting a new volleyball league.

Smokers Beware

The risk of developing lung cancer is 10 times greater for smokers than for non-smokers, says the American Cancer Society. Those who smoke two or more packs of cigarettes daily are 15 to 25 times more likely to develop lung cancer than non-smokers.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD AND HE KNOWS I'M GAY

By Troy D. Perry

Since founding the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) in 1968, Reverend Troy Perry has seen his church grow from twelve members to over forty thousand worldwide. He has been at the forefront of civil and human rights movements for more than fifteen years.

The Lord Is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay is Troy Perry's story, ranging from his Georgia childhood to the formative years of his church. It is a story of pain and struggle, a story of triumph over homophobia and bigotry, a story of the joys and sorrows of being gay and being proud.

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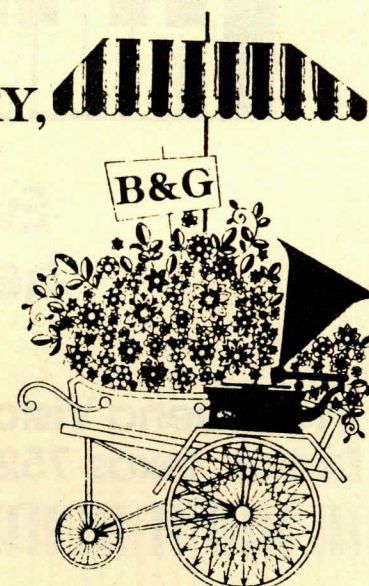
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MONA: Advice & Beads Read

Dear Mona:

I work at a very straight job and have two very straight roommates. Recently, I had sex (safe) with other men. I have always wanted to try it and I finally did. I loved it. Last night I went to some bars in Houston. I never knew that there were so many gay people out there.

Anyway, I love this new life. My problem is this: I can not tell my roommates. They would never be able to handle it. Still, I don't want to be dishonest with them. Telling anyone at work is strictly out of the question. But, what if someone finds out? Or, if my roommates find out about me from someone else? I can not live two lives and I can't keep being afraid. Can you help? PLEASE withhold my name.

Signed: John.

Dear John:

The decision is yours. I am not here to tell people how to run their lives. Advice, only.

P.S. What makes you think your "straight" roommates would read your name in the Texas Forum?

Dear Mona:

I'm scared to death to have the blood test done. Some of my friends and I were talking about it, and we decided the best way to do it is to go together as a group. That way, it will seem more relaxed. After all, we've all lived together for so long, it seems only proper that we die together. Don't you think that's logical thinking? And after the test is done, we're going out for drinks. And when we find out the results, we're going to celebrate. If we're negative, we'll celebrate being nega-

tive. If we're positive, we'll celebrate our remaining time together. It will probably be mixed, so we'll probably celebrate both things at once. Don't you think that's a good idea?

Signed: Dealing With It

Dear Dealing:

Mona is proud to death of your attitude. Certainly it is a better idea to experience your testing with friends. There is no reason why friends should hide from each other the very real and sometimes devastating results of their blood tests. To celebrate for any reason is always better than collapsing in ruins. Besides, a positive blood test does not necessarily mean a sentence of death. You are a wonderful example of this community's spirit.

Dear Mona:

I was invited to a dinner party the other night, but the host invited someone who is an enemy. The enemy said he wouldn't come unless I was uninvited, and I was basically uninvited to the party. What am I supposed to think of that?

Signed: Tiffed in Austin

Dear Tiffed:

Honey, what do you need? To be hit on the head with a sledge hammer? It's quite obvious where you stand with your host, and, if I were you, I would never speak to the jerk again. Of course, the real problem lies with you and your "enemy." That is something that should probably be worked out if it involves mutual friends. However, if it cannot be worked out, then you had better find new friends who don't relate to this supposed "enemy."

Dear Mona:

My brother is gay and goes out quite a bit. In fact, too much. He drinks and does drugs almost every night and seems to have no control over the amount he consumes. I've talked to him about it on several occasions and he seems to listen . . . until the next time. Sometimes he disappears for days on end.

I have gone so far as to throw him out of the apartment until he decides to quit drinking. He promises he will quit (or has) and inevitably starts back. I love him and I want the best for him. However, I am getting real tired of supporting him and his self abusive habits. He can't seem to hold down a job either. I feel like it is my place to help him in any way I can but I just don't know how. Do you have any suggestions on how I can get him to quit?

Signed: Concerned Sis.

Dear Sis:

Girl . . . get off the cross. We need the wood. It appears your bother has had just about all the help that any human being should be subjected to. I'm sure you have only the best intentions for your "booze up bro." You obviously want him fixed so that your life can go on in the comfortable manner you fantasize about.

Your brother has a problem that can only be resolved with willingness and a desire on his part. The best thing that you can do to help is cut him loose! As long as you are there with a sisterly cushion under his bottom every time he falls then he will never get to a place (that will be unbearable enough) to make him willing. The powers that be will see to it that he is taken care of. If you want to help—then stop helping! There are (Gay oriented) "Alcoholics Anonymous" and "Narcotics Anonymous" groups all over the state of Texas. Offer to take him to a meeting. Let him know that these organizations exist. They are working miracles in the lives of people everywhere. The American Medical Association recognizes Alcoholism and drug addiction as diseases. Would you try to help your brother if he had cancer by talking to him about it? Of course not, you silly sibling! Take him to some professionals or other people with the same problem (Who are recovering). If he's not willing to help himself, then the ball is out of your court. You will have done all you can. Get on with your own life. Perhaps you will learn something from the experience.

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PEOPLE'S FORUM

Pierce Leaves Houston

Thomas J. Audette,
Executive Director, Montrose Clinic

The Board of Trustees of the Montrose Clinic, Inc. has regretfully accepted the resignation of Trustee and Corporate Treasurer, Alan Pierce. The resignation was announced and effective at the July board meeting, and Trustee Ed Jamail was elected to fill Alan's term as Treasurer. After many years in Houston, Alan is relocating to Dallas.

Alan joined the Clinic Board in 1982 after serving in a volunteer capacity. He spent much of his personal time and professional talents in building renovation at the first two Clinic locations. In 1984, he was instrumental in finding the second and current Clinic site at 803 Hawthorne.

As Corporate Treasurer for several years, Alan strived for fiscal responsibility and the integrity of corporate financial records. Additional posts included Acting Administrative Director and Chairman of Fundraising

and Public Relations committees. We have benefited greatly from his successful donation efforts and his positive portrayal of the Clinic in the community.

The community owes its gratitude to Alan for the numerous and significant contributions he has made to the Clinic during his long tenure. He will be missed by many friends, and we wish him the best in Dallas.

Clinic Given Grant

Thomas J. Audette,
Executive Director, Montrose Clinic

The Montrose Clinic, Inc. recently received \$10,000 from the estate of James Lloyd, Sc.D. Dr. Lloyd had served as Trustee and Corporate Secretary on the Clinic board prior to his death in 1985. In his will, Dr. Lloyd stipulated that the bequeathed sum be restricted as an endowment for the Montrose Clinic, and the funds are being invested accordingly.

Because Dr. Lloyd was so committed to public health education, the Clinic instituted in 1986 an annual Health Education Award in his memory. The first recipient of this award was Volunteer Richard "Bud" Slining.

Showbit



Gulp! Before It's Too Late

Hordes of happy crowds have turned Gulp! into a hold-over sensation at **Kindred Spirits** in Houston. Waved on by good reviews and even better audience response, this gay beach musical has had to extend its run through August 3 and 4, with plans to bus-and-truck it to Galveston and possibly Austin in the near future.

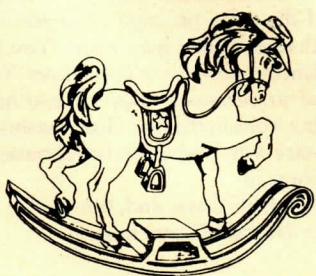
Frollicking through the sand and silliness are **Laurence Richard** and **Richard Alan** (pictured, pensively considering their love life) as an item, **Randy Jobe** and **Buzz Bell-**

mont as lovers (!) and **Michael Wilson** and **Richard Hezlep** as potential newlyweds.

Director **Joe Watts** should be more than beaming with the latest success of his **The Group Theatre Workshop**, which has brought sunshine to the community this summer.

Better make your reservations early for the final performances at Kindred Spirits, the only place in town where you can gulp down a few cocktails while enjoying Gulp! Call (713) 623-6135.

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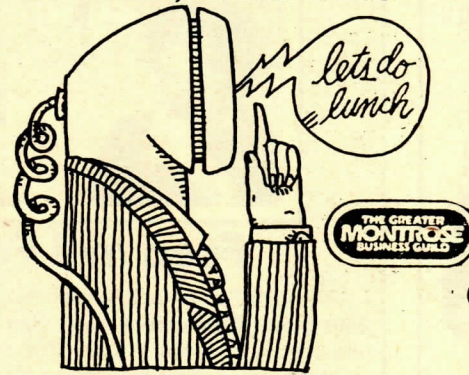


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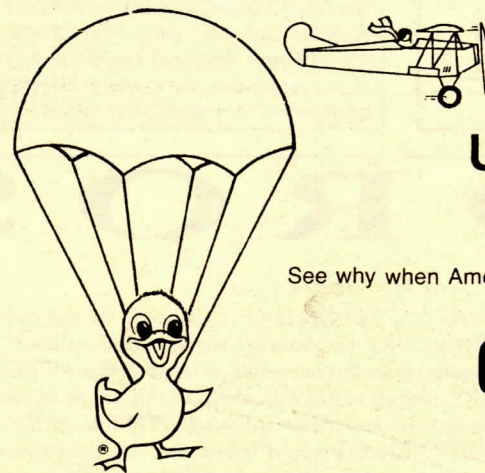
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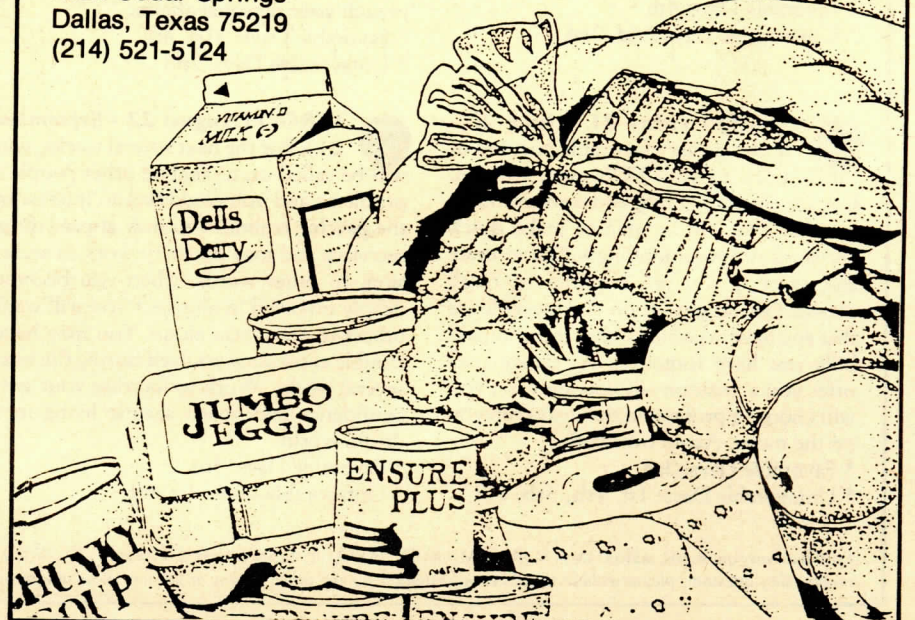
With your support, many people with AIDS can have the necessities of life that most of us take for granted.

The Food Pantry provides food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and paper goods free of charge to people with AIDS and AIDS-related illnesses. **The Food Pantry** stocks its shelves with contributions from food drives and personal donations. Cash donations to the program are also used to stock the Pantry.

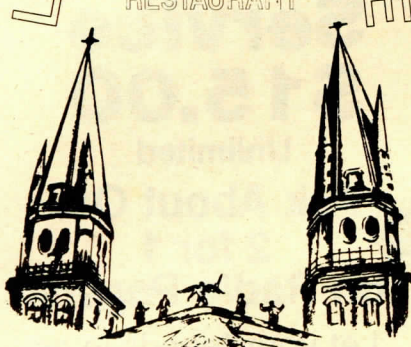
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Showbit



Feed me! Feed me! Feed me!

Although San Antonio audiences at the **24th Street Experiment** might dine vari-
tally, the big bad plant in *Little Shop of Hor-
rors* fasts frequently until such time that it can
fastidiously dine on white-collar corpuscles.
Oooh, gross! The character of Audrey,
played by **Marjorie Keller**, thinks so, too,
especially when the plant's proprietor, simply
Seymour (**Doug Boyer**), informs innocent
Audrey that her sado-masochistic main
man (**Roger Alvarez**) has been delectably
digested by the plant, which Seymour has
christened "Audrey II" in honor of his secret
love for innocent Audrey.
Will big bad "Audrey II" hors d'oeuvre
dear Audrey? Will Our Lady of Skid Row
conquer this satanic shrub specimen from
space? Will everyone please stop reading
this and go to the 24th St. Experiment, 411
S.W. 24th Street at **Our Lady of the Lake
University** in San Antonio, and feed "Aud-
rey II?" Human blood desired. Blood testing
not necessary (for type, of course).
Friday and Saturday through September
12, 8 p.m. For reservations, call (512)
435-2103.

Newsbit New Rules for Health Care

WASHINGTON—The Labor Department
has issued a new policy to employers of the
nation's health care workers requiring that
precautionary measures (gloves, gowns,
proper needle disposal) be taken against
exposure to patients' bodily fluids which
transmit the AIDS virus.

The new rules will be enforced by the
Occupational Safety and Health Administra-
tion and may fine employers up to \$10,000
per violation.

LegalLine Offers Free Advice

HOUSTON—The Houston Bar Associa-
tion's monthly public service program,
LegalLine, will be held on Wednesday,
August 5, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Volunteer attorneys will answer simple
legal questions, give brief legal advice or
refer the caller to the appropriate social
service agency for further assistance. The
number is (713) 222-1442.

H O R O S C O P E S

by Jack Marvin, AMAFA

As the MOON continues to wax from the New MOON in LEO last week, we will encounter another interesting occurrence in LEO. MERCURY, the planet of communications, will enter LEO on August 6, 1987 at 3:20 PM. What really makes this interesting, however, is that MERCURY will join the SUN, VENUS, and MARS currently in LEO. Incidentally, this will be an excellent time for all the fire signs since the previously mentioned planets will join JUPITER in ARIES along with SATURN and URANUS in SAGITTARIUS forming a "grand trine" in the fire signs of the Zodiac. This is the very best aspect that can be formed. Continue to execute plans you have considered

ARIES (March 21 - April 20):
During this period your thinking will be creative and you will be able to express yourself dramatically. Don't overact if you are asking for a raise since your boss will see right through it. Your mind will concentrate on lovemaking and the pursuit of pleasure. You will be effective when you are trying to meet people in social situations. This includes bars, etc. Currently, games that stimulate your mind will attract you, and you will be lucky with games of chance.
* Favorable Days: 5th
* Unfavorable Days: 31st, 1st, 3rd

TAURUS (April 21 - May 20):
Economy will be your password for the next several weeks. You can be determined in any effort that you pursue. Your memory will be excellent during this period with MERCURY in this area. Your interest may be stimulated towards antique, book, stamp or coin collecting. Incidentally, these are money making hobbies. You may decide to work out of your home during this period or take a second job that will have you headquartered out of your home. A relative may move in with you.
* Favorable Days: 4th
* Unfavorable Days: 2nd, 3rd

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):
With this very favorable position of MERCURY to your SUN sign, you will have excellent reasoning and conversational powers. You will be able to make quick decisions and your thinking will be accurate and exact if you are required to recall details. Get caught up on correspondence that you have neglected or pay those unpaid bills you have forgotten. A relative may offer you a position—if you are wise, you will choose a profession that will keep you on the move. Avoid overwork.
* Favorable Days: 3rd
* Unfavorable Days: 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th

CANCER (June 21 - July 20):
Only invest your time and money in matters that you have thoroughly investigated and that you are certain will produce practical results. Because you are a CANCER, you are naturally oriented toward money and businesses that will produce security. You will be able to make quick and accurate decisions concerning money and investments. Consider entering the sales profession during this period. You will be successful. This is still an excellent time of the month for you because of the New MOON.
* Favorable Days: 31st, 4th, 5th
* Unfavorable Days: 6th

LEO (July 21 - August 21): You can be quite restless and nervous during this period. This will also be a period when you will be curious and adaptable, a trait that is not normally true to LEO. You can be quite eloquent in your speech, but take care that you think carefully about what you want to say before you say it. During this MERCURY transit period, your thinking will center around yourself, and you will find it difficult to think of the feelings of others. You will rationally approach your personal affairs.
* Favorable Days: 31st, 4th
* Unfavorable Days: 2nd

VIRGO (August 22 - September 21): For the next several weeks, you will be called on to analyze other people's problems and you could feel an interest in the psychic realms. You may appear to be secretive and may prefer to work in seclusion. In other words, when you become deeply involved in a project you will want others to leave you alone. You may have trouble expressing yourself during the next several weeks. Work to increase your self-confidence and guard against living in a dream world.
* Favorable Days: 3rd
* Unfavorable Days: 1st, 6th

and put them into motion during this next week before the Full MOON that will occur on August 9th. All of you will be more dramatic in communicating with others.

NOTES: Friday will be an excellent day for LEO, CAPRICORN, and ARIES. Saturday will be great for AQUARIUS, but somewhat stressful for GEMINI and SAGITTARIUS. SCORPIO and PISCES will have a great Sunday, but it will be a downer day for LIBRA and LEO. VIRGO will have a great Monday and LEO will feel great on Tuesday. CANCER will be on a high on Wednesday. Again, SCORPIO and PISCES will feel great on Thursday.

LIBRA (September 22 - October 22): You will have many new and original ideas during the next several weeks. Make certain that you follow through on the ideas that you want to put to work for you. You will prefer friends who are intuitive and often idealistic. Your friends and groups are very important to you and you should work with them to achieve common goals. It will be important for you to share your knowledge with your friends since your friendships will be more mental than emotional.
* Favorable Days: 31st, 1st
* Unfavorable Days: 2nd, 4th

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 22): Even though you like facts, you could be too quick when making decisions instead of searching for the solutions thoroughly. You may also become over-involved during this period. Try to concentrate on only your main job and only get a second job if you financially need extra income. Your career is very important currently and you could be attracted to politics or become involved in a profession that involves public life. You will communicate your ideas successfully to other people.
* Favorable Days: 2nd, 3rd, 6th
* Unfavorable Days: 4th

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 20): You could tend to be somewhat skeptical towards religion during the next several weeks. Don't let the false prophets or anti-christs drive you from your religion. Your interest in foreign countries and foreign culture will be at a peak. Even though this is not really the best time for you to travel abroad, you should begin learning about foreign places and plan a distant trip. Consider entering advertising or any of its related fields as a profession.
* Favorable Days: 4th, 5th
* Unfavorable Days: 1st, 6th

CAPRICORN (December 21 - January 19): For the next several weeks, you will be attracted to the occult and your insight will be penetrating. You will be more intuitive, secretive, and psychic—you will even enjoy a little intrigue. This could lead to some slyness and sarcasm. You would do well to seek a profession handling the affairs or possessions of others, such as in banking, corporate finance, taxes or insurance. This is not a good time to be involved in politics. You will be attracted sexually to younger people.
* Favorable Days: 31st, 5th, 6th
* Unfavorable Days: none

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18): If you are currently involved in a love affair, you will be happy to note that your affair will be honest and refined. You will be on the same mental plane as your partner. You could become involved with someone younger—someone who is quick, witty, and talented. You will have an excellent rapport with the public at large as people will be very important to you. If you are having legal problems, settle them out of court.
* Favorable Days: 1st, 5th
* Unfavorable Days: none

PISCES (February 19 - March 29): For a change, you will become more practical, reserved, systematic, efficient, and observant. Your education, health, and hygiene will become very important to you. Enroll in the Parkway Athletic Club and discuss a program of physical fitness with one of their instructors. You need to balance your work and play times. You may tend to overwork your self and have too many irons in the fire. Guard against unnecessary worrying as this could cause you to become ill.
* Favorable Days: 2nd, 6th
* Unfavorable Days: none

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

Showbit



Coward's Hay Fever Is High Fluff

Amidst the current barrage of summer theatre fluff, **Karen Douglas**, artistic director of Houston's **Actor's Workshop**, elevates low fluff to high wag with the production of **Noel Coward's** sophisticated, stylish *Hay Fever*. There are no rules to the game of manners as the Bliss family, composed of two spoiled offspring (Simon and Sorel), a novelist father and a semi-retired actress of a mother, each invite a guest of the opposite sex for a weekend in the country. As the summer night smiles winsomely, a mid-summer night's sex comedy of Cowardesque proportions unfolds.

"We're so awfully bad-mannered!" exclaims Sorel Bliss, strikingly and saucily mannered by **Maureen Miggins**. "If people don't like it, they can lump it!" retorts her brother Simon, sprightly and surefiredly suggested by **Jon Watson**.

Pat Kriskche's broad gestures and deliberate overacting give the character of Judith Bliss, the actress mother, a blissfully

eccentric flair. **Tanya Lunstroth**, as the family's domestic technician, insouciantly serves up plenty of attitude and comic relief along with tea for two and petit fours.

Among the four guests, the standouts are **Joanne Carignan**, who deliciously displays a flippant flapper, and **Jerry Ingram**, who plays a proper gentleman (unfortunately, without the proper accent) with enough funny expressions to fuel his scenes.

Aptly adequate are **Ned Kavas**, as David Bliss, and **Marcie Morgan** and **David Prior** as the other guests.

The stunning set by **Lee Higginbotham** provided costumer and director Karen Douglas with a multitude of turnabouts and tantalizing tableaux, thereby making Noel Coward's *Hay Fever*, with its whimsical wit-tiness, fluff worth watching. High fluff, that is.

Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m., Sunday matinee at 5 p.m. through August 23. For reservations, call (713)236-1844.

(Reviewed by Buzz Bellmont.)

To Whom It May Concern

By Frank Bengé

Chapter Seven "Babs to Ethel"

Dear Sis:

Mother called yesterday to ask me if I knew your work number. I, of course, didn't give it to her, since I don't want to be an accessory to murder... which is what she'll do if she ever finds out that you work in an adult bookstore. How you could have the gall to tell her you're working for Waldenbooks is beyond me. She's called every outlet in Austin trying to contact you and, naturally, they've never heard of you. So, you'd better think up a good lie and call her before she worries the blue out of her do.

Now that I've gotten the "impending guilt alert" out of the way... on to the news portion of this letter.

In the mail yesterday was a letter announcing my high school's ten year reunion. I must admit that I didn't handle it particularly well. I looked in the closet mirror for signs of grey hair. (I didn't find any until I was getting ready for bed... but let that pass for now.) The next thing I noticed was a list of "people our planning committee has been unable to locate." Ethel... I knew where over 80% of the unlocated were and I'm still in contact with them! This told me two things immediately: 1) who it was that did the planning, and 2) that I didn't like them back then and I see no reason why that condition should have improved over the last ten years. Actually, I'm really torn over the whole affair. Part of me would really like to go back for the fun parts of that time; but, another part of me still clearly remembers the pain of knowing that I was "different"... it's taken me so damn long to be Gay and Proud that I find it increasingly impossible to deal with the Straight and Loathing. At any rate, I think I'd rather sit through a root canal than my high school reunion. Maybe I'll call that list and arrange an alternative reunion where we'll talk about the future and drink to forget the past.

Well, my cats, Flotsam and Jetsam, are scratching at the door so I'd best go and let them out and get some sleep.

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

WHAT A WORLD!!

By Nancy Ford

Unabridged Definitions for Modern Living

art (ärt) *n.* Work that reflects brilliance but with little or no monetary gain.

death (deth) *n.* State in which previously responsible organism no longer responds to normal stimuli. See **Oklahoma**.

disappointment (dis' e-point' ment) *n.* Any movie whose title includes a Roman numeral suffix.

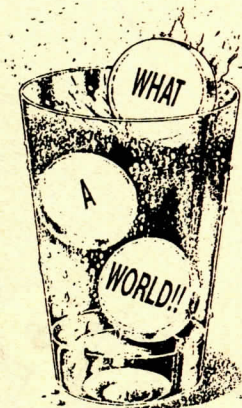
freedom (frē'dem) *n.* Nothin' left to lose.

happy hour (hap' ē our) Early Sunday afternoon, usually between noon and two o'clock or so. (You figure it out.)

heaven (hev'en) *n.* Triple coupon days at Kroger.

hell (hel) *n.* Late night mega-commercials that reveal (in 30 uninterrupted-by-regular-programming minutes) the secret to a. looking younger, b. being thinner, c. getting richer.

insanity (in-san' e-tē) *n.* Investing a minimum of \$17 for a ticket to a Beastie Boys concert. (If I wanted to spend an evening having obscenities hurled at me and beer spat upon me while being asked to expose my breasts, I would have stayed married.)



love (luv) *n.* Emotion characterized by slight dizziness, shortness of breath and an over-all feeling of well-being. See **Sugar-buzz**.

lust (lust) *n.* Love before the bills arrive.

maturity (me-tyoor'e-tē) *n.* The cessation of uncontrolled laughter at fart jokes.

morning sickness (mor' ning sik' nis) *n.* Affliction sometimes resulting from a. pregnancy, b. reading newspaper accounts of the Iran-Contra hearings.

passion (pash'en) *n.* When everything is status quo, only more so.

wealth (welth) *n.* Whatever's left.

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