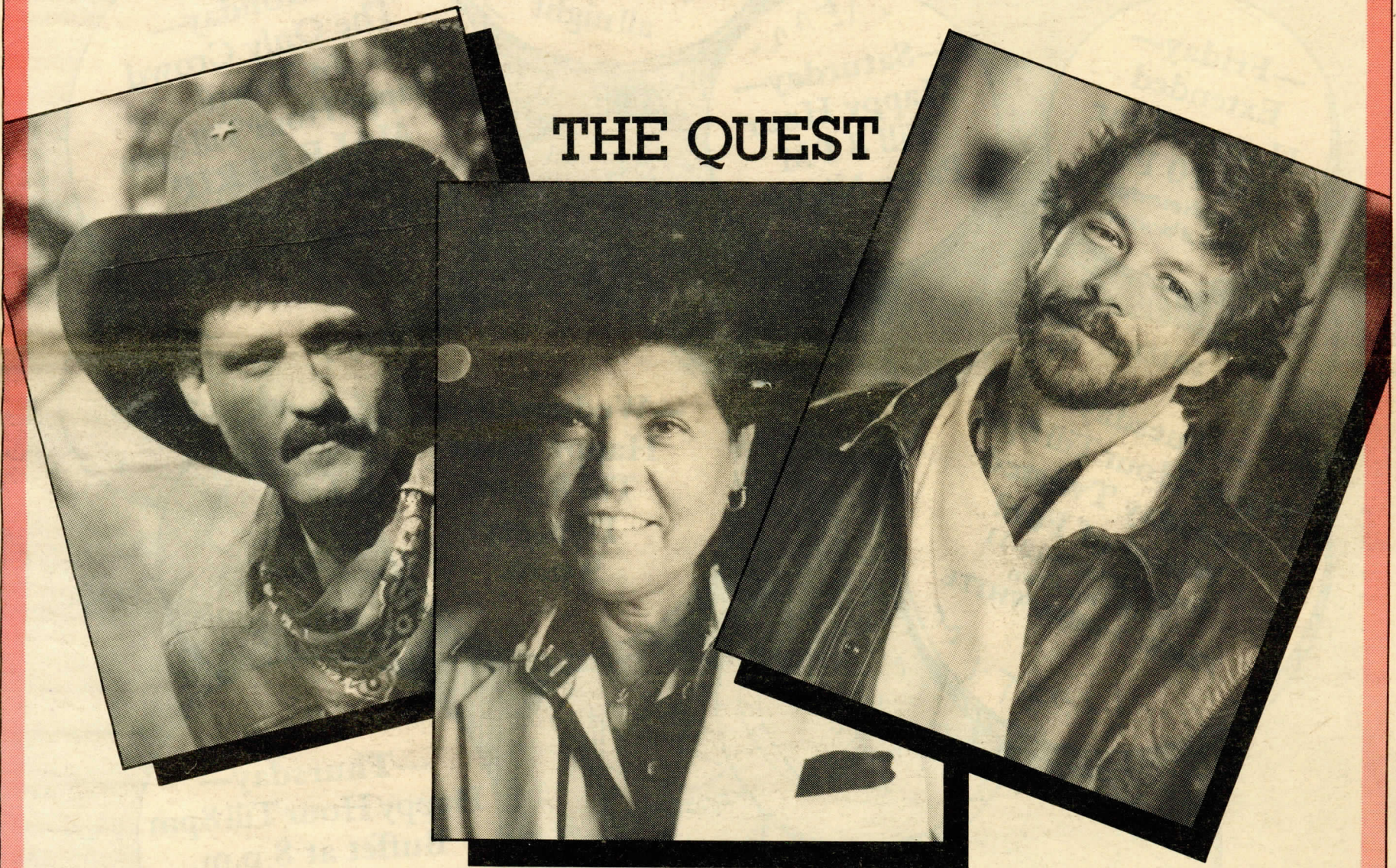


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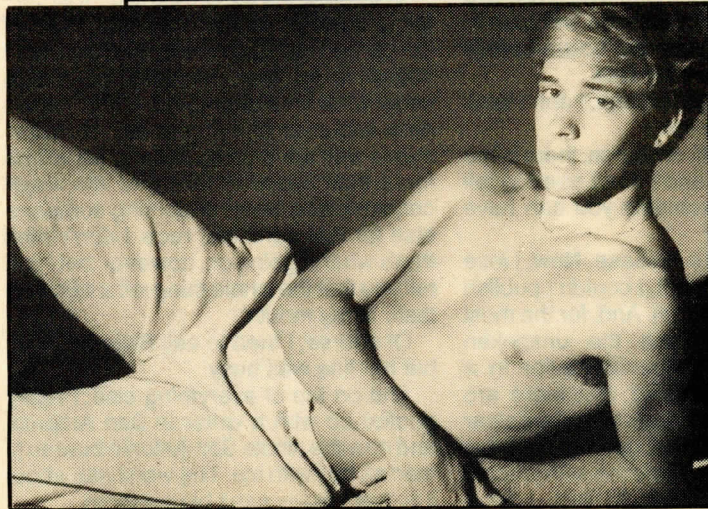
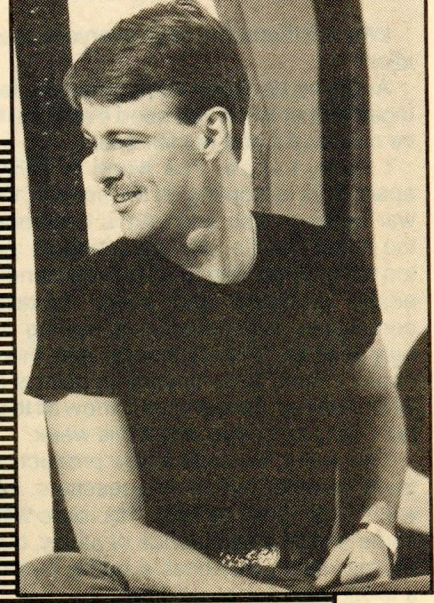
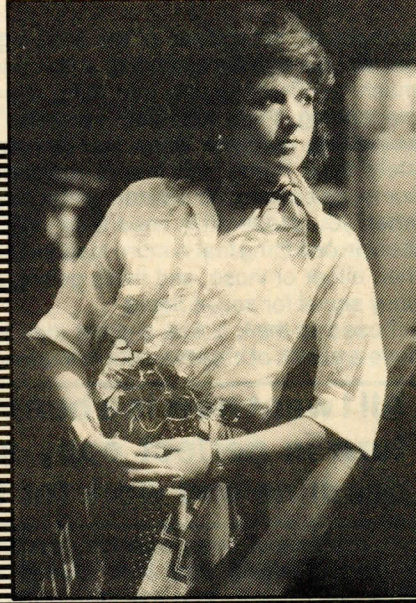
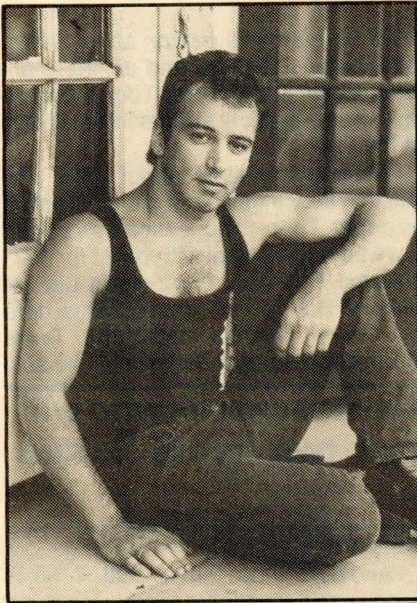
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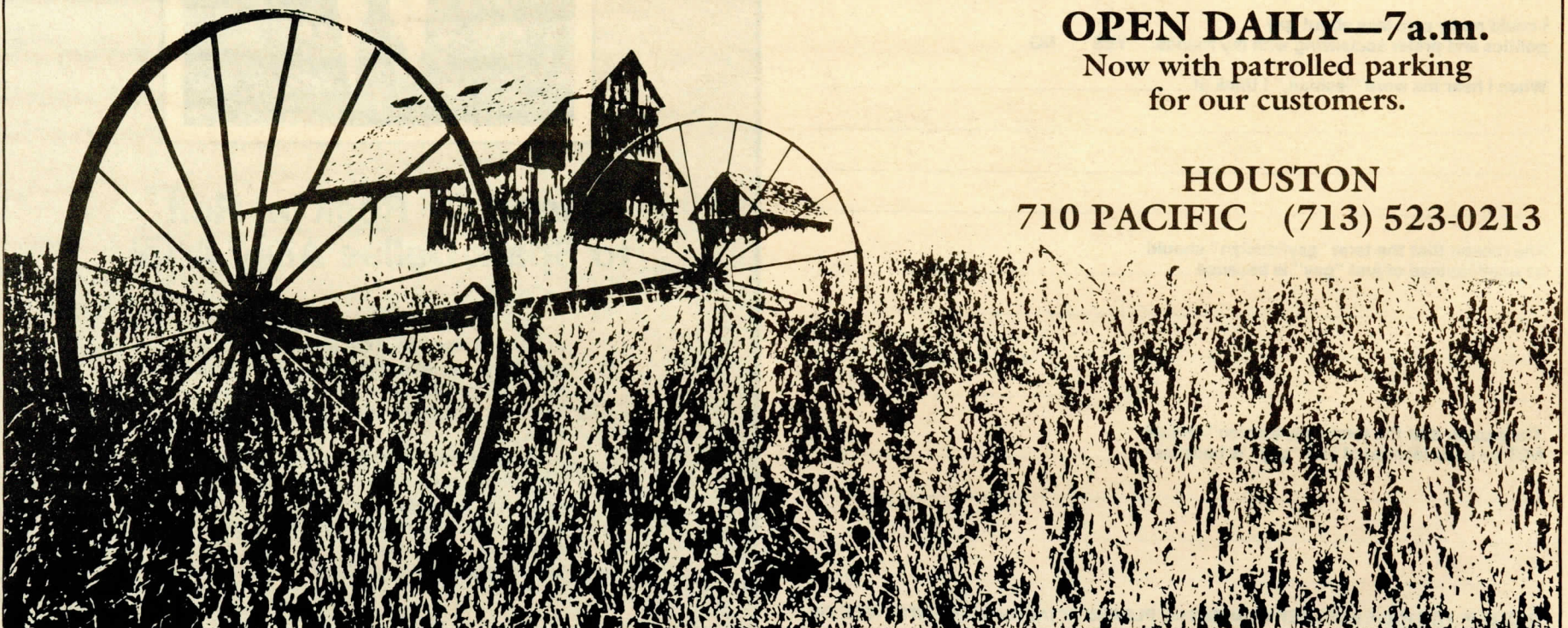
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By Randy Brown

Why is it that some days everyone is an idiot?

And why do those days generally fall together just when you need everyone to be on top of it and at their best?

I know, I know. The world is falling apart; Bork is looming on the horizon; the war between Iran and Iraq is becoming too hot to handle; city governments are too full of in-fighting to effectively handle health problems and police brutality complaints; homophobia is rearing its ugly head on Texas highways; and, there doesn't seem to be anyone in politics in whom we can put our trust. I know all this, but I just can't cope with it this week.

This week, we have a new production team, complete with new typesetters. All I want to do is get through this issue with some sort of a semblance of sanity, but, no, my usually reasonable staff is having a group nervous breakdown.

In the first place, half the staff has that cold that most of Texas came down with in the last two weeks. Even the unsinkable Nancy Ford was too sick last week to do a column. That wouldn't have been so bad except for the fact that the Houston "Can We Talk" writer was also laid up. When news editor Billie Duncan called and said she had a 101 degree fever, I told her I didn't want to hear about it, and if she valued the lives of her children, she'd better not so much as sneeze during our conversation.

But Billie is a trouper, and I knew I could count on her no matter what. When I called back to let her know that, I got a busyBut Billie is a trouper, and I knew I could count on her no matter what. When I called back to let her know that, I got a busy signal—for seven hours.

My business manager was likewise

indisposed, but instead of the busy signal, all I got was his electronic answering machine. There is only one thing more maddening than reaching someone's answering machine when you desperately need them, and that is reaching someone's *electronic* answering machine when you desperately need them. Well, there in *one* thing that is more maddening than either of those, and that's getting a busy signal for *seven hours*.

I used to think it was a great idea to have a bunch of creative people working

All I want now is a bunch of writer clones who will turn in perfect copy at least two hours before deadline and work for free.

on a newspaper, doing what they wanted to do and writing what they wanted to write, being free to go in any and all directions with any and all subjects. But, that was before last week. **All I want now is a bunch of writer clones who will turn in perfect copy at least two hours before deadline and work for free.**

After all I've been through, I don't think that's too much to ask.

Besides the staff, of course, there is the rest of the world, and I don't need to tell you how many problems you can have with those guys.

Take advertisers—please. Now, I *love* my advertisers. In fact, I couldn't publish the paper without them. And, for the most part, they understand the unspoken ground rules of proper behavior in a press/client relationship. But there are always exceptions. I want to make it clear that the exception that got me riled this past week was not someone with whom I generally do business. In fact, I have

never talked to this person about advertising before. But, still and all, there are some things that just aren't done and trying to *buy* a political endorsement is tops on the list.

This person asked about rates and said that they might put a chunk of ads in the paper. Then, the question was asked, "If we advertise, what will you do for us?" Whoops! Apparently this person did not study ethics in college—or anywhere else. How valuable could the Texas Forum endorsement be if it could be sold

off to the highest bidder? And how good is a candidate who thinks that it takes money and not a record to stand on to get an endorsement?

Of course, the candidate is almost certainly unaware of the unethical tactic of the person who asked the question, but I intend to let that particular candidate know what was attempted. If that candidate approves of trying to buy endorsements with advertising dollars, we will be more than happy to take that into major consideration when endorsing someone else for that particular race. I don't think that's what is going on, however, but I can tell you that the whole thing left a very bad taste in my mouth.

Of course, I tried to call Billie Duncan, but her line was busy.

And on top of everything else, I really goofed up with a writer in San Antonio, and now the whole San Antonio bureau is mad as hell with me. The worst part about it is that I really can't blame them.

So, on we go, and I try to keep my idiocy in line with everyone else's. And I try to make some sense of the world in general so I can write my column. And I try to straighten out the mess in San Antonio.

And I try to call Billie. But her line's busy.

12 Ways To Kill Your Organization

1. Don't attend meetings (but if you do follow rules 2 & 3)
2. Be sure to leave before the meeting is over
3. Next day, find fault with the officers and committees
4. Take no part in the organizations affairs
5. Be sure to sit in the back so you can talk to a friend
6. Get all the organization will give you but give nothing in return
7. Never ask anyone to join the organization
8. Talk cooperation but never cooperate
9. If asked to help on anything, always say you haven't the time
10. Never accept an office because it's easier to criticize than do things
11. If appointed to a committee, never give any time or service to the committee
12. Never do anything more than you have to, and when others willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help the organization along, howl because the organization is run by a clique

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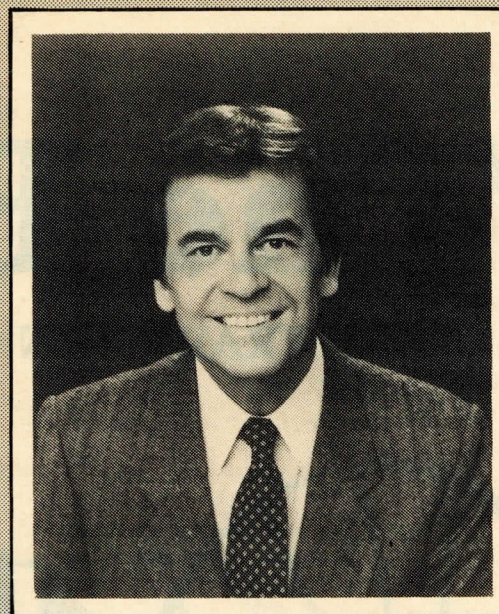
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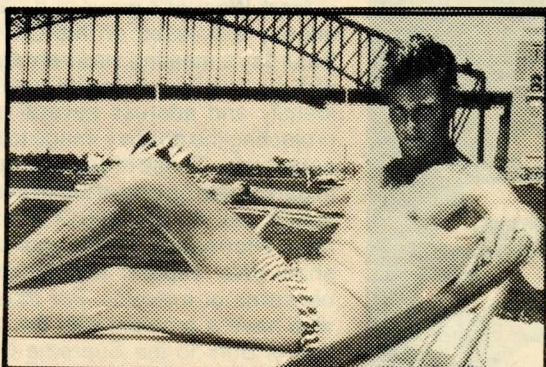
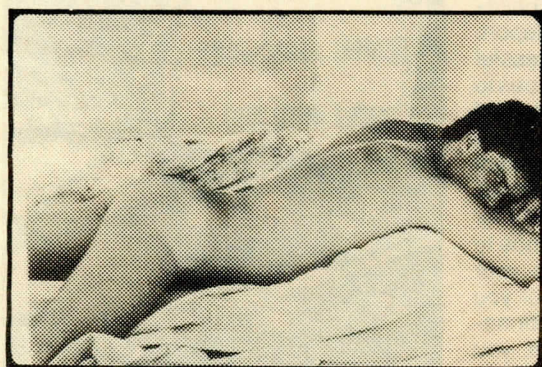
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CAN WE TALK?



HOUSTON... By Aunt Richard

Well, after a two week bout with the flu, I'm out and about again. Move over, Maxine!

WHAT I'VE MISSED

One would have thought that **Kathy** et al. would have delayed the opening of the Brown Convention Center until yours truly was able to march in the Landmarks on Parade event. I was to march in a costume representing the intersection of Montrose and Westheimer... not that your aunt has ever been accused of having been heavily traveled!

The building is big—nine football fields big per floor. I also understand that there may be another football field available on 610 at S. Main! What could we steal from Jacksonville to fill that space if it is actually vacated?

CHAPEAUX IN THE RING

Lance Lalor has announced that he is leaving his position as City Comptroller to open a chain of drive-thru charm schools. **George Greanias** will be vacating the District C City Council seat to make a bid for Lalor's old job. These two moves have emptied several hat boxes and hat trees in District C with a multitude of candidates filing for the job. The field includes **Barbara Goldfield**, **Cathy Mincberg**, **Dorothy Caram**, **Vince Ryan** and **Steve Shimer**. With **Ray Hill** running for an At-Large position, this promises to be a very interesting election.

OUT AND ABOUT

This Sunday, October 4, the **Galleon** will present their **Fifth Annual Happy Hour Daddy's Revue** at 8 p.m. All proceeds from this show go directly to the AIDS Foundation Houston. This show is always packed—so be there early.

Down the street **Club Romeo** will host **Torchy's Lone Star Revue** at 7 p.m., Sunday. **Torchy**, **Frankie**, **Chris** and the whole crew have been working hard to provide a great show to entertain you.

Last, but certainly not least, **Texas Forum's Nancy Ford** is appearing each Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at **Kindred Spirits**. If you have enjoyed reading her **What A World** column, you'll love her club act.

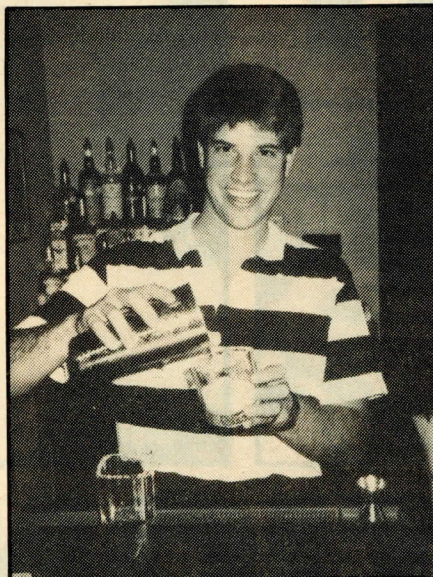
If you have never seen it, or if you need another dose, **Divine's** 1981 movie **Polyester** will be shown at the **River Oaks Theatre**, 2009 West Gray on Wednesday, October 7 at 5:15, 7:15 and 9:15. This movie was filmed in "odorama" for those of you who always wanted a scratch-and-sniff romance. **Francine Fishpaw** (Divine) and **Todd Tomorrow** (Tab Hunter) certainly create a different view of modern life!

So until next week—play safe and keep your cuffs clean.

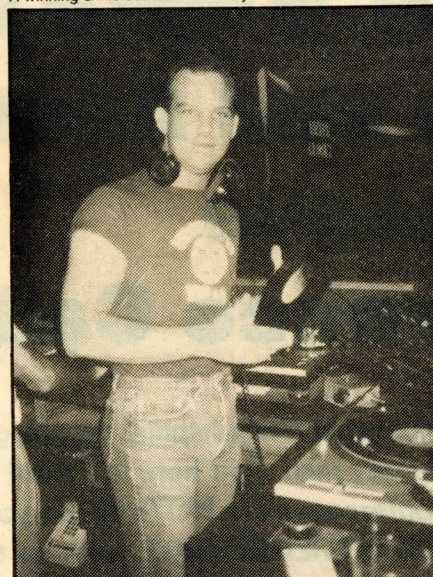
AUSTIN... By The Governor

CROWDS ARE IN... Seems that crowded events are the trend in Austin. Tuesday night was the scene of the "All-City Bartender's Drag Show" at **CHAIN DRIVE** and it was flawless! (We have some pretty girls around town.) The highlight of the evening was the opening number with "Dream Girls" (**NICOLE**, **RAY** (The Boathouse) and **KENNY** (Hall's)). A touch of humor was set with

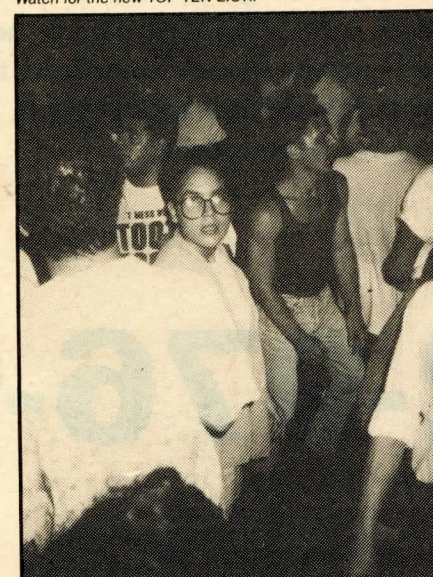
the performance of "THE BAPTIST WOMEN" when we were delivered the gospel from **GARY** (Rupert's), **PHILLIP** (Nexus) and **LYNN** (School For The Deaf). The audience was touched when **MICHAEL** (Chain Drive) made a personal appeal for support and contributions. It must have worked because they collected \$872.44. (Special thanks to bartenders **KEN DOYLE** and **BOBBY VAN METER** who graciously contributed all their tips to the benefit.) These funds will be greatly appreciated by **AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN**. (Job well done, Austin!)



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Hasta La Vista, Baby!!!

WINNER'S, ONE AND ALL!! Contests seem to be on the rise. Saturday night was the time to don your favorite togs in the colors of Orange and White at **THE BOATHOUSE**, the place was packed and there was fun for all! Sunday night was festive at **NEXUS** with the "Sexy Legs Contest" with the winners being **ANNA SANCHEZ** (top winner), **GAYLA WARD**

(first runner-up) followed by **JESSICA** (second runner-up) Good work, girls! Sunday night was also the culmination of **SNUFFY'S** "Second Anniversary Party" for the winner of that fabulous 72 El Dorado Classic Coupe and the winner is... **SCOTT NEWMAN!!** (Hope to have a picture of the winner in next week's column.)

SPECIAL INTEREST... Tuesday's open session of the **ALGPC** meeting proved exceptionally productive. It was a time to identify some of the possible strategies to educate the general public to the gay community. This was discussed at length and was extended to include another session on Saturday. The meeting was infiltrated by a member of **Mark Weaver's** group and was consequently discussed on his CAP Report. Saturday's meeting was very successful with the creation of several committees to identify and address several means of projecting the positive image to the entire community. Those of you who might want to participate on one of these committees should call **ALGPC** at 512/462-9888 for more information. This is your chance to show your support and/or voice your concerns or interests. For those of you who have a problem with the confirmation of **Bork** to the Supreme Court, you can express your opinion by writing to: The Honorable **Lloyd Bentsen** or The Honorable **Phil Gramm** at UNITED STATES SENATE, Washington, DC 20510 or call: 1/800-325-6000 Operator 9188 for preselected opinions poll. This is the way to let your representatives know how you feel. So... **SPEAK UP AUSTIN!!!**

ABOUT TOWN... Be sure and go by the **505** and visit with our bartender of the week, **MATHEW** for your favorite liquid libation. While you're out, go by **CHARLIE'S** and hear some of the great sounds spun by **DJ RANDY MINTEN**. Speaking of tunes... I am going to start providing you with a list of the **TOP 10 HITS** in the Austin area. This will be printed every other week. (Watch for your favorite song to climb the charts.) All right, girls pull out those sheets and get on over to **NEXUS** this Friday night for their "Nexus Sorority Toga Party". (Wear your toga, pay no cover!)

SPECIAL NOTE: For those of you who won't be able to attend the **MARCH ON WASHINGTON**, Austin will have their own version of "March On The Capitol" with a candlelight vigil on the evening of Sunday, October 11. Those who identify with this cause can show their support by attending this event, further details will be provided in next week's column... I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the interest you have exhibited for the **FORUM** and to assure you I will make every effort to keep you advised of the happenings around town. **THANKS—Your loving Governor—**

P.S. Have a good trip back to England, **CAROL**. Austin is going to miss you! Come back soon!!

DALLAS and FT. WORTH... By N. Cognito

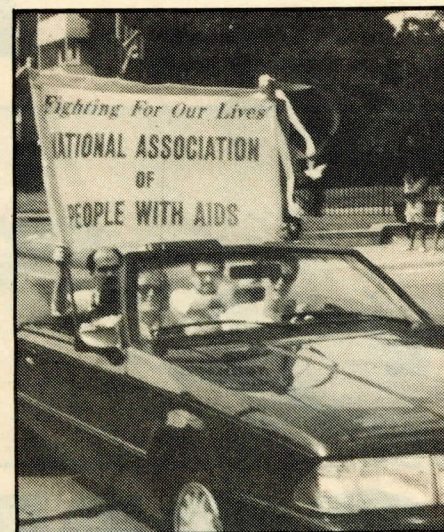
Pride and Unity

A huge crowd of spectators weathered the sizzling hot September sun to enjoy and celebrate the **Texas Freedom Parade** on Cedar Springs in Dallas last Sunday—a banner day for all of us. More than 60 entries high stepped and high kicked their way before an estimated 3,000 celebrants to emphasize our unity for freedom. Floats, bands, carriages, a stagecoach, cars, colorguards, motorcycles and marchers all braved the heat all

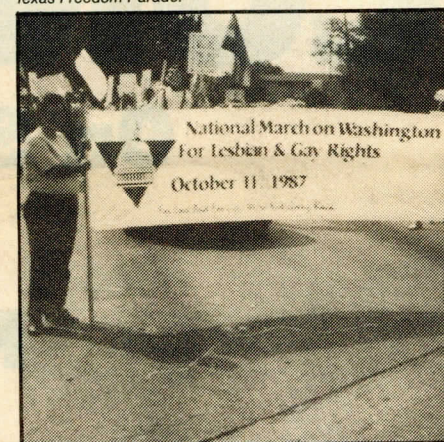
Houston Austin

the way to Lee Park for "after parade" ceremonies. Entries were from Dallas, Ft. Worth and Houston and brought cheers and tears from a rousing, carousing chorus of well wishers.

Floats included such renowned personalities as **Abe Lincoln**, the Statue of Liberty, **Miss Gay Texas Valerie Lohr** and **Johnny Lemmon**. Other entries included **PWA's**, **TGRA**, the **Imperial Court of the Flamingo** (Ft. Worth Emperor **Rudy Martinez** and their court), the **FT3Oak Lawn Symphony** and Houston's **Montrose Marching Band**, to name



PWA's proudly and courageously whoop it up in Texas Freedom Parade.



Washington D.C. marchers get some practice in early at Texas Freedom Parade.



Oak Lawn Symphony high steps it out in Texas Freedom Parade.

only a few. **Club Body Center** was kind enough to feature **Michael Erickson's** body for all to enjoy and admire (from a respectable distance of course) and **651's Stagecoach** was loaded with hunky cowboys. **Budweiser** and **Miller** entries whetted our thirst and **Cedar Springs Restaurants** and clubs took care of the rest.

The crowd started gathering at 1:00 for the 3:00 show and I'm not so sure the best part of the parade wasn't on the sidewalks of Cedar Springs. What some people will wear in public—honestly, you could see everything from period cos-

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Dallas Ft. Worth

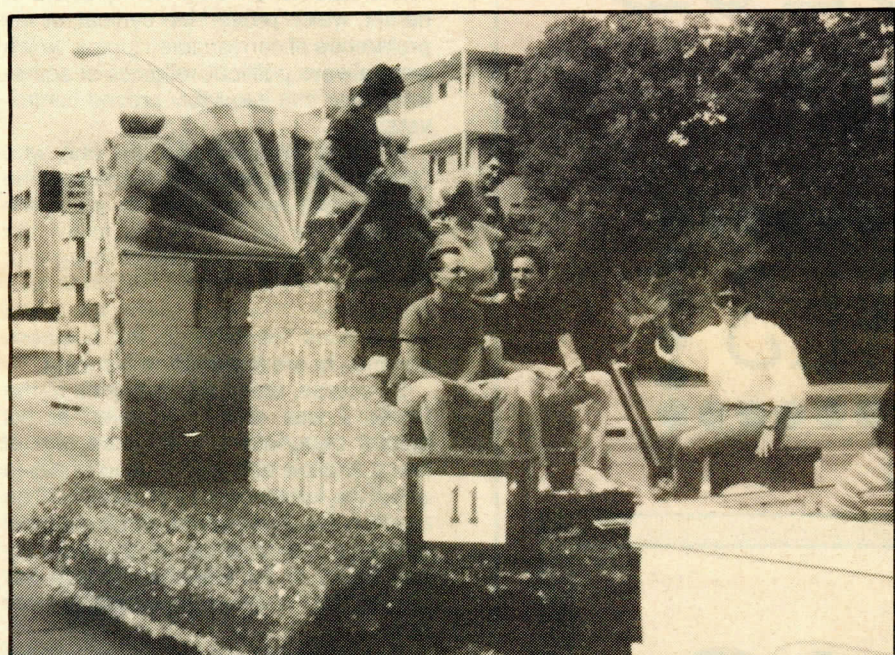
tunes to punk rock. However, clearly my favorites were the **Union Jack** Condom Kids in gold (lame?) —so very very chic (or should I say shick?).

My opinion, you ask? Possibly the best

parade of all. Certainly, unity was apparent with the great turnout and the rousing reception given all entries by the thousands who attended. I'm glad I was there, aren't you?



Union Jack's Condom Kids are fashionably safe in Texas Freedom Parade.



Village Station's entry in Texas Freedom Parade.



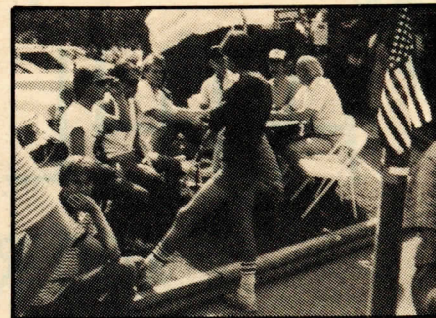
Claude, Front Row Center, celebrates birthday at Hideaway with real sister Claudia and Mike (front right), Chuck, Ernie and Horace (back row).



Emperor Rudy Martinez and Empress Foxie Roxie of Ft. Worth's Imperial Court of the Flamingo in Dallas' Texas Freedom Parade.



Vickery Station's Statue of Liberty float in Texas Freedom Parade.



Crowd gathers at Pirates' Pub prior to Texas Freedom Parade.



Spectators for Texas Freedom Parade assemble early for choice seats at Pirates' Pub.



Miss Gay Texas, Valerie Lohr in Texas Freedom Parade.



Grand Marshalls Karen Herndon and Earl Newsom lead Texas Freedom Parade.

SAN ANTONIO ... By Jackie Oh!

Jackie Oh is on holiday and will return next week.



Parents FLAG Announces West Houston Chapter

From Freda Jerrell, Houston

A West Houston chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays has been formed. We will meet the third Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m. The first meeting is Sunday, October 18.

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By Jeff Bray

For the first time in eight years my little brother came down to visit me. Well, to clarify matters, he didn't really come down specifically to visit me. He came down for business and stayed with me. Also, to further clarify matters, he is my *younger* brother, but certainly not *little*.

It was rather strange to have this younger reflection of myself around the house for several days. He's tall and blonde, although he's clean shaven and balding. His body is similar in build, but possesses a little more spare tire around the waist. He has the familiar blue eyes and the same Bray features, but when you get right down to the rest of him, he's completely different in every way.

Richard was in college when I moved. He went on to become a respected leader in the National Guard, he married a pretty girl from Des Moines, and they settled down in a beautiful home just off the third tee of the country club. He sells corporate insurance policies, travels on company carte blanc, wears beautifully tailored suits, and talks with his "Phone Voice" even when he's talking to me — or at least he did for the first day.

By the second day of his visit, he became more of the little brother I once knew. He had always been athletic and

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optimistic. He was always one of those kids who never had trouble with bullies or girls. He always knew just what to say and what to do — not at all like his more introspective, eccentric older brother. I would see him on holidays when I went home, but only for short periods, where he and my father would sit around and talk about cars and football and the army. There was never room for my brand of humor, which proved too cynical; or my preference of conversation topics, which were always political, religious or something else that inevitably proved controversial.

In short, Richard was the one who "Made It" in life, because he followed the straight and narrow road to corporate success. He also chose to follow the societal institutional mode of living with the woman of his choice. Living in sin was not his idea of freedom. Living with credit and a good reputation in the business community are foremost on his mind.

Of course, being the maverick in the family, I was always appalled at his blatant materialism. I accused him of being shallow and vain. I used to argue about the hopelessness of credit built on credit; of the shallowness of conventional marriage relationships; of the stupidity and futility of his National Guards war games. But I've grown considerably older now.

He still bothers me sometimes with his talk of cars and Rolex watches. I still gnash my teeth when he tells me about the latest superiority of our NATO conventional and nuclear armaments. I wonder if he realizes that if he's sent over there in a war, he'll be dead on a charred West German field within a week. I wonder if he realizes that money means nothing, and that credit can disappear with the wind, and that a corporation couldn't care less about his potential. But when you're 26 and successful, those failures seem impossible, and older brothers who write for a living are objects of curiosity and patient tolerance.

When he left, we hugged — something we never did before. We're both older, and our parents are growing old. Someday, it will be just us brothers. Maybe that is what really counts in the end. We have that same natal bond that, no matter what the socioeconomic or cultural or geographical differences, will always be there. And to me, that's such a great thing to have.

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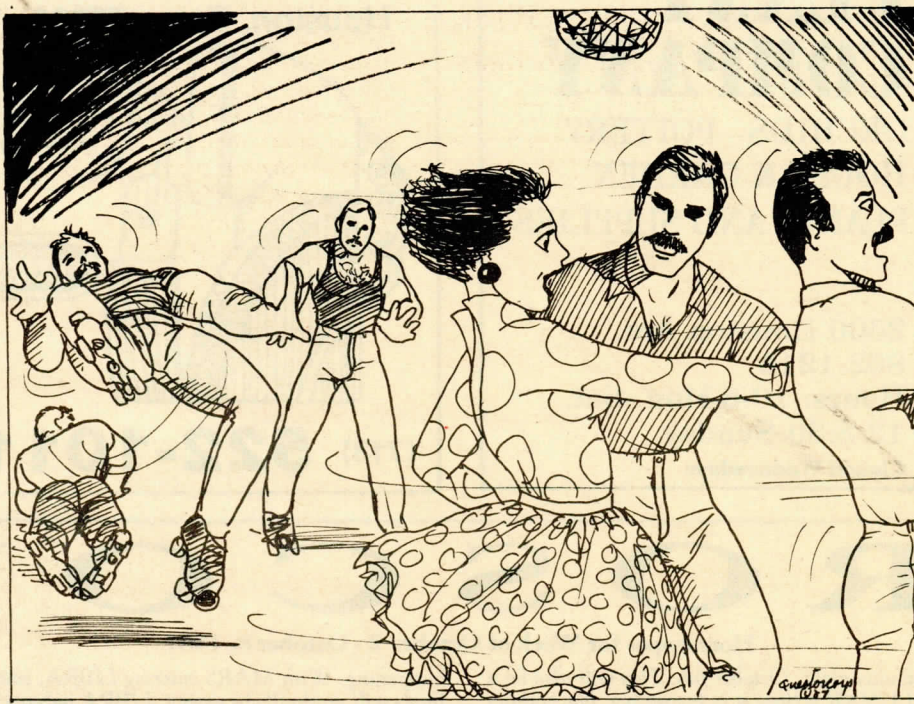
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Dear Fans, we thought we were getting too old for such things, but recently, we put on our most colorful mini tutu in pink organza tulle net mesh wire staple iron frill and dashed to the roller skating rink to have some fun with our dear friends. Of course, it doesn't really matter where or who you roller skate with. The main object is simply to skate!

Now, we know some of you are rolling your eyes and saying, "For heaven's sake, roller disco went out YEARS ago!" But we're going to surprise you by saying that some of the hottest men in the world can be found skating around in this country -- from the beaches of California to the smokey streets of Manhattan (of course, they're a little faster on skates in Manhattan!).

In fact, our interest was perked when we recently visited New York and saw hot muscular men on roller skates zipping in all directions on Wall Street. Because the streets are so narrow, it's advantageous to be on skates, and there were stock brokers with brief cases, pizza delivery boys, financial messengers and secretaries all zipping around on high-speed super conductive skates. Of course, they haven't totally perfected the technology yet, because once they do, one will be able to shove off the World Trade Center and roll all the way to the Seattle Space Needle without having to even push down! What wonders await us, Dear Fans!

Anyway, after having ourself spun around by numerous skaters on the East Coast, we decided to try it for ourself. So, we called our Dear Friend, Cher, who still secretly goes out to Mulhaven Drive in the Hollywood Hills and makes like a rocket all the way down on her skates.



So, off we went to the roller rink, with some of the best looking men in Texas, and we were amazed that the rest of the best looking men were already there!

She's the only skater we know who has Space Shuttle Tiles on the rump and knee pads of her skating suit, because the girl gets *moving*! Cher told us that skating is very good for our legs, and has especially helped her develop a nice hard rounded derrier! She told us a secret (which is always a very risky thing to do

with Amanda) that Tom Selleck and Burt Reynolds both have taken skating lessons from her in hopes of getting bigger butts. She said that Tom was troubled because his 501's weren't puckering like they should, and Burt needed to put on more padding after recovering from that jaw condition that so emaciated him, however,

we'll never understand how a disease of the jaw could cause the deflation of the posterior!

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Dear Fans, you must visit your local roller rink on Gay Night -- or better yet, go to one of your community organized roller skating fund raisers. We're sure most every Texas city has them, and if they don't you should help organize one. The first hour is the worst -- skating, that is. When we all hit the floor, we looked like a shoot out scene at the police station from "The Terminator." Men were falling all over the place! But even that can be interesting, if you know what we mean... (Roller Skating Night for Montrose Counselling Center every 2nd Tuesday of each month. Call 529-0037)

Newsbit

Mecham Recall Forces Gain Strength

PHOENIX, Ariz.-The Mecham Recall Committee announced last week that it had enough signatures to force a new gubernatorial election aimed at replacing Gov. Evan Mecham.

Mecham has managed to anger women, blacks, Hispanics and gays with obviously prejudicial remarks since his election.

Showbit



Oh, Zelda, How Do You Know?

Alone in her psychiatrist's office, Zelda Fitzgerald has the opportunity to discover what's in her patient file, while the audience of William Luce's one-woman play, The Last Flower, gets a chance to examine Zelda in all her colorful glory.

Piper Laurie portrays the many hues of Zelda in this gem directed by Charles Nelson Reilly, who seems to be fond of directing strong actresses in singular roles.

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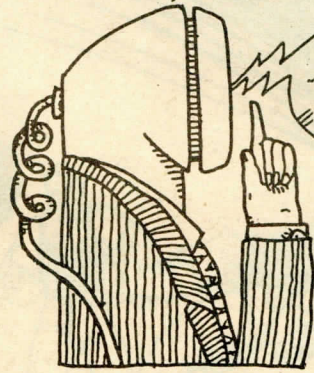
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H O R O S C O P E S

Horoscopes for Week of October 2 - October 8, 1987

by Jack Marvin, AMAFA

The Full MOON will occur at 10:15 PM Tuesday night, October 6th. This will also be a LUNAR eclipse. If you have never observed a LUNAR eclipse it is interesting, but nothing spectacular. If you look at the Full MOON around 10:15 PM, you will notice it change slowly from a brilliant white to a brownish red as the EARTH's shadow passes over the MOON during the eclipse phase. This will last for a few hours. How this full MOON will affect you will be discussed below.

Another interesting occurrence will be MARS entering LIBRA. This is certainly a needed

happening. With MARS entering LIBRA, some of the hostilities you have been experiencing lately will gradually be easing. LIBRA imparts balance and harmony to each of the planets as they pass through this sign. Incidentally, violent and war-like MARS does not feel comfortable in peace-loving LIBRA.

NOTES: VIRGO, GEMINI, & PISCES will have an excellent day on Saturday, TAURUS, LIBRA, & AQUARIUS will have an excellent Tuesday as well as Thursday. SCORPIO & GEMINI will also have an excellent Thursday.

♈ ARIES (March 21 - April 20):

Be on guard for some disagreements with your lover or partner during the first part of the week. Temperments could cause you to act irrationally or unwisely leading to a break-up. Don't over-react as things will smooth over and calm down towards the weekend. Do not do any serious negotiations as you will have clashes of ideas. You and your partner will tend to disagree more often during the next two weeks. Ride this out.

*Favorable Days: 6th, 7th

*Unfavorable Days: 5th

♉ TAURUS (April 21 - May 20):

Matters that are hidden that deal with your work, health, or problems of others will be brought to an emotional climax during the next several weeks. Someone who has been working secretly behind your back will be exposed and brought out in the open. News - especially gossip - may upset you due to its secret nature. Because of the current calming nature of MARS, however, you will soon solve any problem.

*Favorable Days: 3rd, 5th, 8th

*Unfavorable Days: 7th

♊ GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):

For the next couple of weeks, friends or social acquaintances will try to place heavier than normal loads and responsibilities on your shoulders. They will even expect favors from you that are more demanding than you had anticipated. Goals or tasks that you have really wanted to complete will again have to be set aside because someone close to you will make inroads into your time with their personal problems. Avoid speculative ventures.

*Favorable Days: 3rd, 4th, 7th

*Unfavorable Days: 2nd, 8th

♋ CANCER (June 21 - July 20):

You may be forced to change your residence due to an undesirable or unwanted change in your profession. Some difficulties with your business or career could be causing you problems with your home life. These difficulties could be reductions in income, responsibilities, or losses through property transactions. This could mean that you may fail to rent a suite or income property because of needed repairs.

*Favorable Days: 3rd, 4th

*Unfavorable Days: 5th, 6th

♌ LEO (July 21 - August 21):

You will be confronted with a decision concerning either documents or news received from afar. Be very careful what you say, do, or write as to avoid any possibility of libel or slander actions in the near future. Things you say can and will be misinterpreted and blown out of proportion. Be conservative. There could be some restriction on a desired activity or trip planned for the near future.

*Favorable Days: none

*Unfavorable Days: 2nd, 3rd, 6th

♍ VIRGO (August 22 - September 21):

You may have to draw on some cash savings to take care of forgotten bills you may have neglected. You may have an unexpected increase in car, house, or real estate insurance. You may be required to negotiate some bills in order to resolve some temporary financial difficulties. Be on watch for somebody trying to sell you a bill-of-goods that is not all that it seems to be, such as insurance policies, real estate, or even a home.

*Favorable Days: 2nd, 7th

*Unfavorable Days: 4th, 5th, 8th

♎ LIBRA (September 22 - October 22):

Try to listen to other people and hear their point of view. Be more co-operative. With MARS entering your sign, you will become more active in the next few months. Physical activity is favored. Join a gym (Parkway Athletic Club, of course!). You could experience some controversy with others of differing opinions during the next several weeks. You and your partner may disagree also on a personal project.

♏ SCORPIO (October 23 - November 22):

Look out! A co-worker will try to spread gossip and rumors about you or attempt to discredit your work efforts. Just rise above the B'S' and ignore them. You will have some secret enemies where you work and they will use underhanded tactics on you. Just ride this out as they will expose themselves—to their discredit. Keep all personal matters to yourself and confide in no one. Your superiors will be more demanding than normal.

*Favorable Days: 4th, 7th

*Unfavorable Days: 2nd, 8th

♐ SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 20):

Young people will require your help or assistance. You will have some difficulty getting your opinions across to your friends as they will not agree with you. My advice is to keep your opinions about everything to yourself for the next two weeks. Some vacation or recreational activity plans will have a monkey-wrench thrown into them suddenly and you will have to work out a last minute change. Remain calm — things always work out for the best.

*Favorable Days: 3rd

*Unfavorable Days: 7th

♑ CAPRICORN (December 21 - January 19):

You will experience depression due to an undercurrent of problems surrounding your home conditions or uncongenial individuals. For the next two weeks be careful in arranging your activities so as to avoid conditions that may prove upsetting to your security or which can get you and others off on negative, emotional, or unproductive tangents. Do not antagonize others with insistent ideas and talk about your ambitions. Remember, you are responsible for your own problems.

*Favorable Days: 2nd, 7th

*Unfavorable Days: 5th

♒ AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18):

This is definitely NOT the time for you to take either short or long trips. Simply do not take the chance on an accident. Be very careful what you write, say, or do. Repercussions could develop at a later date. Do not permit relatives, neighbors, or people at a distance to upset you. You may aggressively seek out someone from a different nationality or country for a sexual liaison.

*Favorable Days: 2nd, 3rd, 7th

*Unfavorable Days: 5th

♓ PISCES (February 19 - March 20):

Avoid all unnecessary spending. You will easily forget about the money you have spent and this will bring unexpected bills. For the next two weeks, use care regarding monetary matters and personal possessions. Don't be overly generous. A conflict could arise concerning your money and the possessions or resources of others. You will have to compromise to reach a settlement with an insurance company.

*Favorable Days: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th

*Unfavorable Days: 6th

QUESTION: "Please list what stones or crystals will give me a favorable peace-of-mind. You have explained what stones are medically favorable. Are they the same? I was born 4/18/52 at 4:30 AM in Austin, Texas." ARS

ANSWER: "I'm finally getting around to answering this very often-asked question. Medically favored stones and crystals are derived from salts and minerals that vibrations will benefit you. Psychically favored stones and crystals are generally favorably-colored that vibrate in relation to your SUN sign. Psychically-favored (or Affinitive) jewels can be cut and polished and are as follows. ARIES (Topaz): red stones (red varieties of ruby, pyrope garnet, tourmaline, zircon, topaz, feldspar); TAURUS (Lapis Lazuli): light blue stones (turquoise, lapis lazuli); GEMINI (Tourmaline & Sphene): topaz, agate, carnelian, pale yellow stones (crystals, sapphire, sphene, tourmaline, beryl, zircon);

CANCER (Crystal): moonstone, crystals, white stones (chalcedony, sapphire, topaz, opal); LEO (Sapphire): diamond, topaz, yellow and golden stones (citrine, tourmaline, sapphire, zircon, sphene, aventurine); VIRGO (Amber): topaz, all agates, citrine, chalcedony, carnelian, feldspar (including labradorite and sunstone); LIBRA (Jade): all blue stones except for the darkest shades (turquoise, lapis lazuli, opal) malachite, rose quartz, jade; SCORPIO (Ruby): red and green stones (ruby, emerald, tourmaline, garnets, jasper, feldspar, topaz); SAGITTARIUS (Amethyst): purple and violet stones (amethyst, almadine garnet, sphene, aventurine, haemite, obsidian); AQUARIUS (Chrysobery. Alexandrite & Cymophane) topaz, tiger-eyes, carnelian, agate, onyx, labradorite, aventurine; PISCES (Opals): green stones (opals, crystals, emeralds, nephrite)." 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

MONA: Advice & Beads Read

DEAR MONA:

I know that I should be writing this letter to the editor but I was afraid he wouldn't print it. I have been reading your column for a long time and I have learned that you will print just about anything short of your recipe for fried eggs. Through the years I am beginning to see the importance of lesbians and gay men uniting for our common goal, i.e., equal rights, etc. I have a lesbian room mate and, through her, I have learned that we are no different. There was a time when I thought all lesbians drove dump trucks and wore flannel shirts and Elvis hair styles. They intimidated me and represented a style of life that I thought I didn't agree with. In actuality, I just didn't understand their life style. We are all in the same boat together. As aids suppresses our community and continues to set us back it is vital that we learn to stick together for what we believe in. The time is now to come together. Thanks.

SIGNED: A DALLAS READER

Dear Dallas Reader:

I agree. Mona has been a long time advocate of coming together, every chance you get...

However, wouldn't it be nice if we could remember that the picture is a little larger than you have described. There is an existence outside our little sisi sub-culture. If you want to be active, and a supporter of equal rights, then I think it is important to remember that our horizons go far beyond the gay community. Be active as a human race. Every one seems to only be interested in their own little minority. What about "we the people"? I have never read, "we the gay, in order to form a more perfect union... etc,etc." When we stop acting as though we are suppressed and when we stop acting as though we are set back (even if we are) then perhaps the



manner in which people treat us will change. Additionally, I think it is ridiculous to refer to gay people as gays and lesbians or butch and fem. Why categorize us anymore than has already been done? Mona truly believes that when we change our actions and our attitudes about ourselves then perhaps others will change their attitudes about us. Don't get me wrong. I agree with you. We should unite; as

people, as human beings on one planet. Putting our energy into unity as a minority is necessary. However, there's a great big world out there and we're a part of it also.

MONA SUE AGNES

MONA'S RECIPE FOR FRIED EGGS:

two eggs

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Bring Crisco to a temp. that causes third degree burns to the touch. Crack eggs (this is important) and put in the Crisco. Make sure the Crisco is in a frying pan. Turn eggs over after a few seconds. Make sure to use a spatula. When the yellow of the egg is white then the egg is ready.

It's true... Mona will print just about anything that will pass through the watchful eye of our editor. You wouldn't believe what doesn't get approved for publication! So write...

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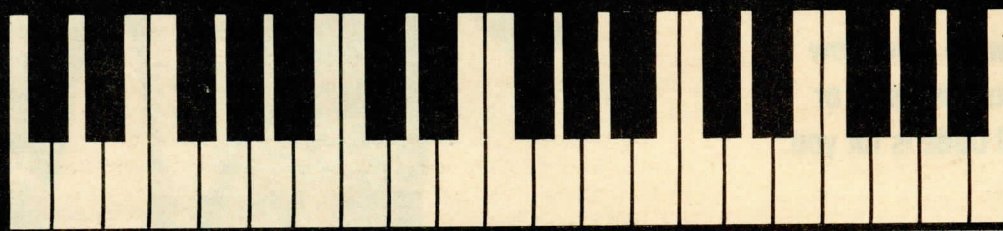
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Women, Girls and Females

Top Silver Snail Awards from the Project on Equal Education Rights of the National Organization for Women Legal Defense and Education Project went to Education Secretary William Bennett for his ignorance on the problems of teenage sex and to a group of men at Princeton who threw beer on a march of women who were protesting rape and then marching across campus shouting, "We can rape anyone we want." Obviously, the awards were not meant to be complimentary.

While Jessica Hahn's mother is complaining that Jessica is acting "like a bimbo," men who read Playboy are complaining that Jessica's tits sag. Everyone's a critic.

In India, 46 people were arrested after an 18-year-old widow was forced to be burned alive on her husband's funeral pyre as an act of fidelity. This practice, known as suttee, has been outlawed for hundreds of years, but it shows up every now and then. And women in the United States think they get burned in a divorce!

A lot of people in Houston are mad at Monique. It seems that the National Marketing Company sent out thousands of envelopes marked "Adults Only" which contained an ad for phone sex with "Monique." Lots complained about getting porn through the mails; more complained because when they dialed the number, Monique hung up on them without talking dirty.

A lot of people are very disappointed

that Pat Schroeder won't be going for the presidential nomination, but members of the far right are delighted, because they point out that a woman is not emotionally or physically equipped to run the country. The fact that Schroeder burst into tears when she made her announcement gave them some fuel for their argument, but I don't think that it should be held against her. It was probably just that time of month.

What is a woman anyway? In Louisville, Ky., they haven't decided. It seems that Jackie DeHart underwent a sex change from man to woman, even getting the birth certificate changed to state she was female, but the fire department insisted on evaluating her scores as a man, so that she did not benefit from Louisville's affirmative action guidelines

designed to help recruit women into the department. In fact, some people in the process indicated that Jackie had the operation just to give herself a better edge in the job market. It sounds like those people may be up to next year's Silver Snail Award.

By "Perfectly" Frank Carello

Just Trying to Get Along

It's a pretty sorry world when you can't trust the toys in your toy box of Cheerios. General Mills and the Consumer Product Safety Commission made an announcement that the free "Powerball" in boxes of 15- and 20-ounce boxes of Cheerios could be hazardous to the health of little kids who put them in their mouths. They didn't say whether the balls tasted better with or without fruit.

But eating can be dangerous in more ways than one.

Anthony Clarizio was sent back to prison last month because he ate a bagel with poppy seeds. It seems that the seeds made his drug test come back positive for morphine, which is made from poppies. He would have been better off eating Powerballs.

In Austin, the fear recently was not what was being eaten but who might be eaten, as animal control officers were called out to nab a 200-pound Bengal tiger that still had its front fangs and claws. Maybe they tranquilized it by feeding it poppy seed bagels until it was overcome by morphine.

Coffee drinkers should be aware that the EPA has found dioxin in coffee filters. They said it was no big deal, however, as it would mean just an extra risk of cancer to a coffee drinker of about one in 10,000. Of course, if you're that one, it's not much of a reassurance, is it?

In other health news, Houston's mayor Kathy Whitmire testified before the House Energy Committee's subcommittee on health and environment that Houston would rather have more money than clean air, pointing out that extending the Clean Air Act would slow down business growth. Why is health never a big priority to people who think in terms of profit as being only financial?

Getting There Is Half the Fun

Continental Airways' new ad campaign that apologizes for problems they've had in the past may need to be updated for present problems, such as getting jets stuck in the mud on takeoff. In Houston, a Boeing 727 taxied off the runway and all the passengers had to be taken off and sent by shuttle to another airport while Continental tried to get the plane back on the runway without damaging it. Now, if they can only get their reputation back on the runway.

But air travel is still safer now than it was in 1937 when Soviet flying pioneer Sigismund Levanevsky and his crew disappeared while attempting a flight across the North Pole to prove that it was feasible to have a commercial route from Moscow to the U.S. An American Expedition has just found what they think is the lost wreckage of that flight off Alaska's North Slope. Now, if they can just send an expedition team to find the suitcase I lost last year on my way to New York.

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NEWS

SAN MARCOS, TX. — Entertainment Park will kick off its month-long Octoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 3, park officials announced today. In recognition of this celebration and the beginning of the Fall season, prices on all combination tickets will be reduced by \$2.00 per ticket throughout the month of October.

The Park, located just off I-35 in San Marcos, is already taking on the look of Fall and with the addition of corn stalks, pumpkin patches, and scarecrows, the transformation should be completed soon.

A huge pile of pumpkins will greet each visitor as they enter the grounds, and if they can guess the exact number of pumpkins in the stack, they can win a complete park package to include hotel, park tickets, dinner, and golf for up to four people.

Operating hours for the Octoberfest Celebration will be from 10:00 am till 6:00 pm, seven days a week.

OPINIONS ON THE "GAY/LESBIAN" TERM

In the September 11 issue, we ran a questionnaire to find out how people around the state felt about the inclusion of "lesbian" in titles of gay organizations. The Texas Forum stand was that "gay" is an inclusive word that stands for all of us, while "lesbian" is an exclusive word that only has to do with gay women. We said that it was like saying "people/women" to say "gay/lesbian." We also pointed out that many women object to the term "lesbian" and would rather not be thought of in that term.

We also felt that no one had really asked women (or men, for that matter) what the use of the words "gay" and "lesbian" meant to them personally.

We got quite a response. Not only have people around the state returned the questionnaires with some really excellent additional comments, but we have had so many requests for copies of the questionnaire from people who heard about it, but did not pick up that particular issue, that we are going to run the questionnaire for the next four weeks to give everyone a chance to let her or his opinion be known.

So far, few men have replied, but the general opinion of the term "lesbian" is best described by a man in Austin who said that when he hears the word "lesbian," he thinks of "strident, humorless Trotskyites."

Women over the age of 41 who responded also were almost unanimously opposed to the word "lesbian" with one respondent saying that the word makes her think of "a stereotyped dyke, truck driver, and I see RED!!" Only one respondent over the age of 41 was in favor of using "lesbian" and her response was included on a questionnaire filled out by one woman, but representing the opinion of two.

Women who approved of the term "lesbian" tended to describe themselves as politically active and were younger on the whole than the women who opposed the use of the term. One respondent said that when she heard the term "lesbian," she thought of "wonderful, Amazon women—identified women. I think of *sisters in the struggle!*" Those approving of the term tended to see it as a symbol of a new political awareness for women specifically.

So far, respondents who oppose the term "lesbian" total 63%, with those who approve of the term taking up 37% of the response.

To make it easier to analyze the poll, we are including space for your name, address and phone number, but we will not be publishing this information. We need the phone numbers to spot check to verify responses.

October 2, 1987

Please feel free (as many did) to attach a separate sheet of paper for additional comments. We will be publishing some of these comments next month.

Newsbit

AIDS Around the Country New AIDS Vaccine to Be Tested

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A new vaccine, developed by Dr. Jonas Salk and designed to prevent the development of AIDS in people who have already been exposed to the virus, will be tested in humans starting in January if the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves.

Anti-Apartheid Protestors Sent to Jail

AUSTIN—Ignoring the recommendations of the county attorney's office that 12 protestors who took over the University of Texas president's office as a protest to the university's investment in companies that do business in South Africa be given probated sentences and required to pay \$3500 for damage and perform community service, County Court-at-Law Judge Leslie Taylor sentenced them to varying jail terms and fines.

Taylor said of the actions of the students, "This is not the way we address problems in our society."

Bork Opposition Grows

WASHINGTON—Despite support from retired Chief Justice Warren Burger, the opposition to the nomination of Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork continued to grow last week with representatives of minority concerns testifying daily against the confirmation of Bork.

In addition, a Harris Poll found that Americans in general were overwhelmingly opposed to the confirmation of Bork, with 57% against his assuming the position on the high court, and only 29% supporting him.

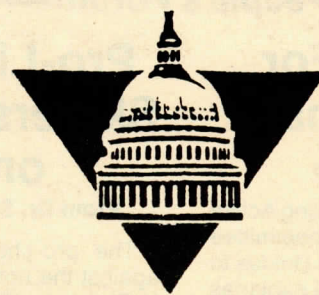
QUIZBIT

Life in these United States. Here is a quiz to check your knowledge of U.S. geography. Five correct answers you pass, eight or more right answers equal an A.

1. Name the longest river wholly within Texas.
2. Name the New York City borough that is not on an island.
3. Name two of the four states that officially use the word Commonwealth in their name.
4. El Paso is not only Texas' most western city but it has another distinction. Name El Paso's other geographic claim to fame.
5. What is unique about the area due south of Detroit, Michigan?
6. Lake Superior is the largest of the Great Lakes. Name the smallest.
7. Which city is farther north Chicago or New York City.
8. Which city is farther south Houston or New Orleans.
9. Of the lower 48 states, which state borders only one other state?
10. Of the lower 48 states, which state borders more states than any other state?

Answers:

1. Colorado
2. Bronx
3. Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia
4. It's in the Mountain Time Zone and Kentucky
5. Land due south of Detroit is Canada
6. Lake Ontario
7. Chicago
8. Houston
9. Maine
10. Tennessee borders eight other states



PWA Dinner on Capital Hill Seeks PWA's and Friends

WASHINGTON, D.C.—People with AIDS and their families are invited to a special dinner at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill on October 8 at 6:30 p.m., it was announced today by Ann E. McFarren, President of the AIDS Action Foundation—sponsor of the event.

"We have worked very hard to reach PWA's through various groups, but are concerned that there are many people who have not heard about the dinner. We want to encourage all PWA's, their friends and families to get in touch with us and make reservations for the dinner," McFarren said.

At the dinner PWA's will be joined by congresspeople, benefactors and local AIDS service providers. About 500 people

are expected to attend the October 8 dinner, which will begin a weekend of events culminating in the October 11 March on Washington.

"The dinner will be an educational experience in a social setting. It will provide a rare opportunity for members of Congress to learn first hand what the illness means in human terms," McFarren explained.

Senator Lowell Weicker, Jr. will be a featured speaker and singer Michael Callen, Marsha Malamet and friends will entertain.

For more information write Michael Geller c/o The AIDS Action Foundation, 729 Eighth Street, SE, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20003, or phone (202) 547-3101.



Newsbit

LegalLine to Give Advice

HOUSTON. The Houston Bar Association's monthly public service program, LegalLine, will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 1987 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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It's Here For Lesbian Latinas

From Linda Morales

All Mujeres Interested in Getting Active (AMIGA) is a recently formed committee of Gay and Lesbian Hispanics Unidas to serve as a support group to all Lesbianas Latinas. AMIGA already foresees the successful committee that it is intended to be. There's so much work to do—especially to develop consciousness raising workshops and rap-sessions where women can increase their awareness in most areas of interest and concern to them.

AMIGA will address the issues that concern Lesbianas Latinas, through education, culture and socialization. It is very important to have the opportunity to voice opinions, concerns, channel valuable energy in a positive manner and any personal concerns. Through monthly meetings (first Thursday of the month) AMIGA will present workshops and rap-sessions on topics such as Networking, Self-esteem/Self-image, Relationships etc., and anything else you would like to include.

AMIGA had its first social meeting on September 2. The group expressed much excitement about being part of Gay and Lesbian Hispanics Unidos, and I would like to encourage all (women and men) to contribute their ideas and energy. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, Thursday, October 2, where Juanita Bustamante, GLHU Vice-President will lead a workshop on "Networking." Establishing Friendships and Communication within the Community. For more information, call Laura Villagran at (713) 789-1486.

Anti-ERA Forces Urge Support for Bork From Houston Eagle Forum

Four members of Houston Eagle Forum, a pro-family organization have traveled to Washington, D.C. to support the nomination of Judge Robert H. Bork. Rita Bludworth, Pat LeGrand, Cathy Jennings and Susan Feldtman will be presenting their opinions to the Senators involved in Judge Bork's upcoming confirmation vote.

Spokesperson Susan Feldtman stated that, "Judge Bork is a strict constitutional interpretivist who will bring the Judiciary back into its proper constitutional context. We feel decisions made by Judge Bork will be very Pro-Family, and that is what we stand for."

Eagle Forum is headed nationally by Phyllis Schlafly, who founded the organization and has been described as the driving force behind the defeat of the ERA amendment.

Houston Eagle Forum is involved in many issues but feels this appointment of Judge Bork is vital and urges all citizens to communicate their support for Judge Bork to Senators Bentsen and Gramm. **We at the Texas Forum also feel that our readers who support the nomination of Judge Bork to the Supreme Court should certainly let their senators know how they feel. Of course, those of our readers who believe that women should be afforded equal rights in the constitution should let their senators know that they oppose the nomination of Judge Bork.** Editor.

Pro-Life Straight Skaters Want Bork on Court

From Dr. Steve Hotze, Houston

The pro-choice forces have rallied against the nomination of Judge Robert H. Bork to the Supreme Court. They have done so under the assumption he will vote against abortion. His actual stand on abortion is unknown, but his stand on the constitutionality of Roe v. Wade is known. That decision is clearly unconstitutional, as it imposes federal mandate on what is rightly a State decision.

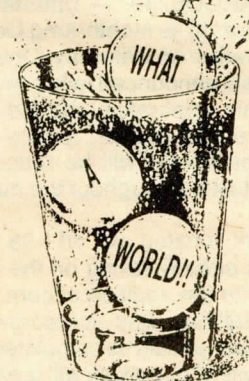
Each State has its own medical practice act, rules and regulations. We have the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners not the US Board of Medical Examiners. The federal government has no right to regulate the practice of medicine; the states do, only through the input of the citizens.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen is apparently not sure how he will vote. Let's hope the voters will remind him of his duty to Texas and our rights over and above "Federal Power." He was elected by Texans. He needs to be informed how to vote, by TEXANS, not special interest groups in Washington, D.C.

Our readers will no doubt remember you, Dr. Hotze, as the leader of the Straight Slate, a group that was formed specifically as an anti-gay political force. Our readers are also no doubt aware that Bork is also anti-gay. Many of those readers will probably be prompted to write to their senators as part of the opposition to the Bork nomination because of your letter. Thank you so much for writing. Editor.

WHAT A WORLD!!

By Nancy Ford



Eighteen Months And Counting

Let it be known that as of this past weekend my significant other and myself have been blissfully united in semi-matrimony (or a reasonable facsimile thereof) for the enviable duration of eighteen months.

Eighteen months. That's 12 years in Dog Years. According to some, eighteen months is a silver anniversary in Gay Years.

But we did it. Eighteen months. Five hundred-forty-and-some-odd days. And nights. Some have been odder than others.

We met during Prime Time at a popular local night spot. It took no more than a mere half a roll of quarters pumped into the Trivia Game machine to convince me that the impossible had happened: I had met someone I could actually like, perhaps (Dare I say it?) love, in the bar. We all know the likelihood of this happening. So do as I say, not as I do.

We were both regaining our equilibrium, recovering from previous broken relationships, and were both wary of jumping in again. It's difficult enough just functioning normally in the outside world as something more than half of a couple: Shortly after breaking up with my former lover I was invited to a dinner party. The hostess told me to feel free to bring a date. I brought a whole box of them.

So you see, nuclear family fusion wasn't a snap for either of us. It's been reported that children of divorced parents have an environmentally - produced incapability for emotional commitment. Both our parents (all four of them, that is) are divorced. Then The Beatles broke up. Then Wham split. We were lucky to be

able to commit to dancing to an extended play mix by Jody Watley.

But that first meeting led to a real date. Then a second. And a third and a fourth and a fifth. Suddenly we realized we'd known each other for *two whole days!* Then came the affirmation and exchange of the five basic human attractions: emotional, intellectual, physical, spiritual, sexual. Their order doesn't matter. Trust me on this one. The important thing is that it all led to the exchange of those three little words: *I love you.*

I love you led to *It's silly to pay rent at two apartments* which led to *This is your apartment. We need to live someplace that's ours together.* That led to holidays with the family, and major appliances purchased on revolving credit plans. Enter the dog. Ozzie Nelson isn't dead—he's alive and well and living in my body.

All this and heaven too, as the saying goes. All because of those three little words. And it's taken only eighteen months to irreversibly convince me that those three little words are far more desirable to hear than those five little words. No, not, *I love you very much.* I'm talking about those *other* five little words: *Never call me at home.*

Newsbits

New AIDS Treatment Challenged

WASHINGTON-A treatment based on standard typhoid vaccine is being challenged by officials at the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, but the two independent researchers who developed the treatment, Salvatore Catapano and Dr. Miguel Cima, insist that patients who have received the injections of the typhoid vaccine have shown marked improvement, including the shrinking and fading of Kaposi's sarcoma lesions.

AIDS Awareness Month Starts

WASHINGTON-President Reagan announced that October was to be AIDS Awareness and Prevention Month. In conjunction with the month, the federal government is distributing 45 million copies of a new brochure on AIDS.

The announcement of the distribution of the booklets came after the administration was criticized by a House subcommittee for not following a congressional directive for a national mailing.

Benefit Raises \$1 Million

CHICAGO-Angela Lansbury, Oprah Winfrey, Peter Allen, Colleen Dewhurst, Jerry Herman, Chita Rivera, Leslie Uggams and five Chicago choirs joined to raise \$1 million for PWA's in a show that drew more than 3,000 people.

HIV-Positive Nursing Student Reinstated

HOUSTON-John Westguard, who was dismissed from his clinical studies at St. Luke's in the licensed vocational nurse program of the Houston Community College because he tested positive for the AIDS virus, was reinstated with precautions this past week.

Westguard will not be allowed to insert catheters or start intravenous fluids and will work within the guidelines set down by the Centers for Disease Control aimed at preventing transmission of the virus in health care settings.

DOE Still Eyeing Port for Transport of Nuclear Waste

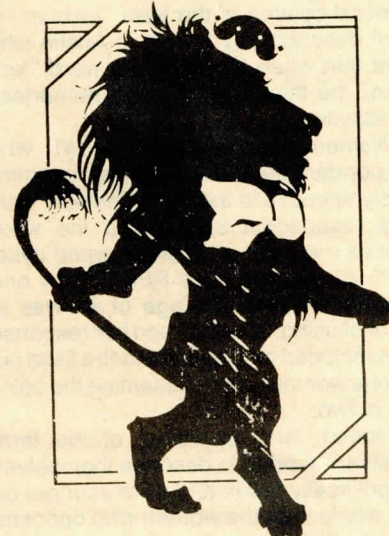
HOUSTON-Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Mike Moeller spoke to the Nuclear Safety League's last meeting about the fact that the Port of Houston is still being considered by the Department of Energy as a port of entry for high-level nuclear waste that might be buried in Deaf Smith County.

Moeller said that state agriculture officials were opposed to the burial of the waste in Deaf Smith as it is the number one producer of crops and livestock in the state. In addition, he said that the movement of high-level nuclear waste through the ship channel would cause risk factors that would have a negative financial impact on the City of Houston.

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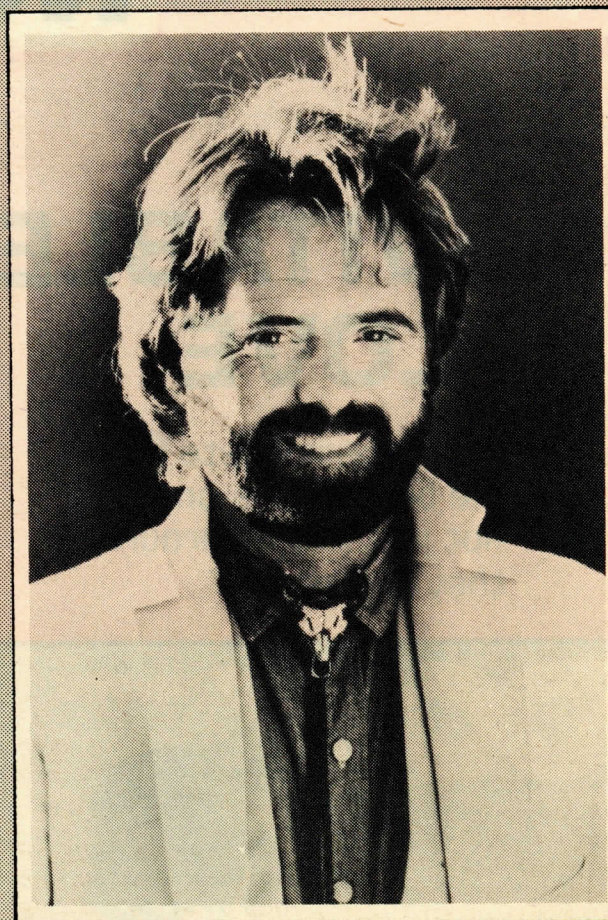
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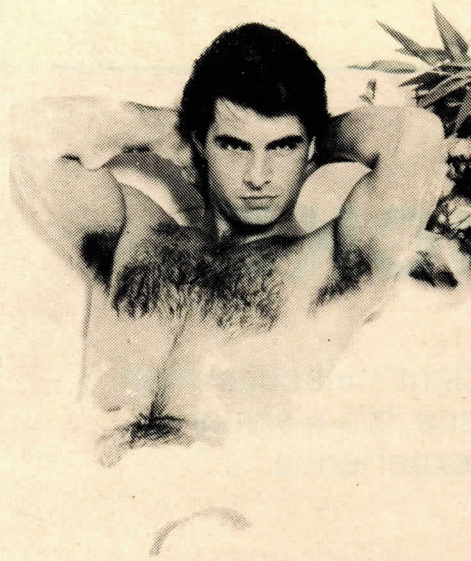
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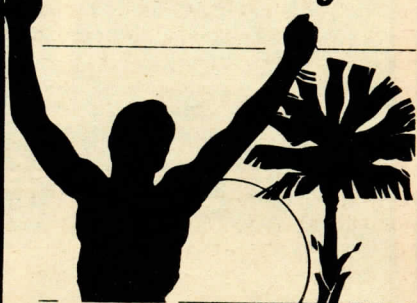
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