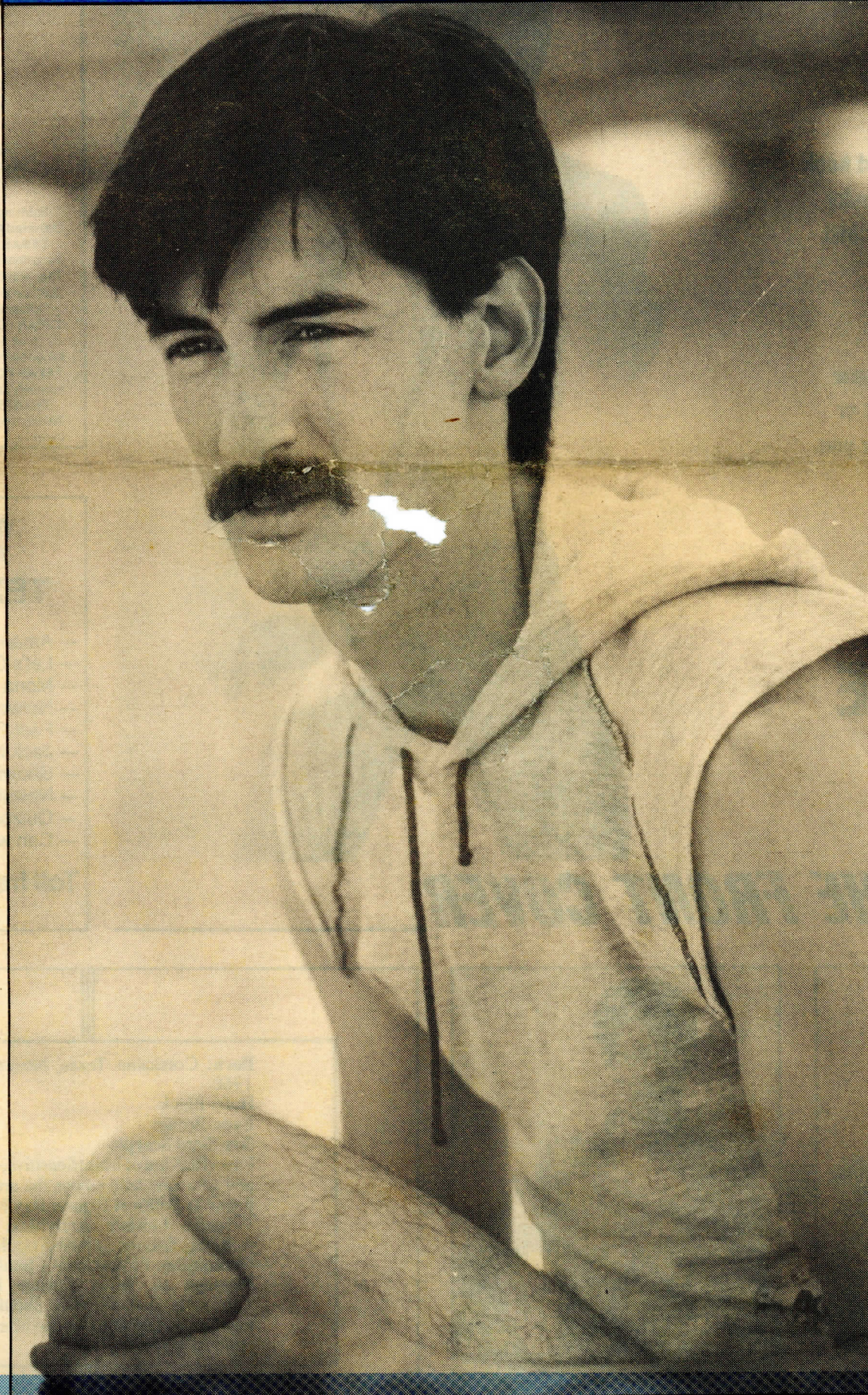


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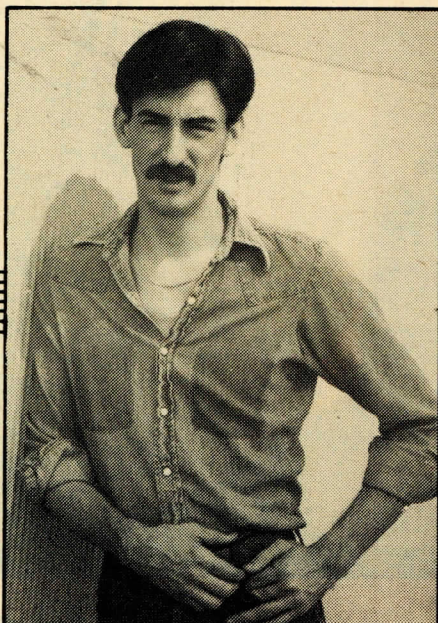
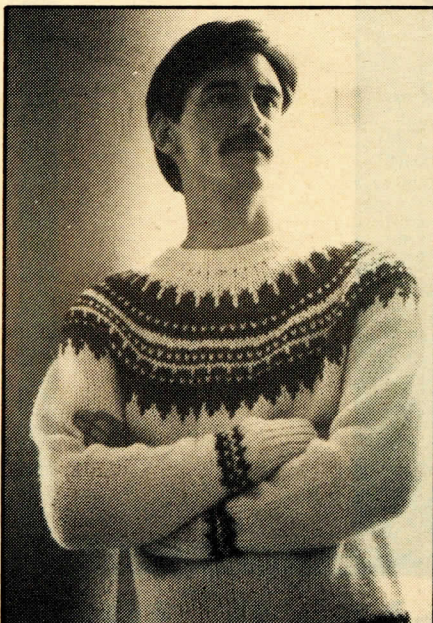
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By Billie Duncan

Recently I was pinned down by an acquaintance about why my name does not appear on the "Let's Get Real" column when (as this person put it) "everyone knows you write the column and not Randy Brown."

If this had been the first time that this subject had been brought up, I would have just brushed it off, but this question seems to be coming up more and more often. So, I decided to clear the air and change the column just a bit in doing so.

In the first place, every single column that has appeared with Randy Brown's name on it has reflected Randy Brown's attitudes and opinions. Many of those columns were written in Randy's own words. In fact, until recently, there have been only a few columns that did not have at least some phrases and terms that came directly from Randy Brown.

The way we like to work is that I sit at the typewriter and Randy picks a subject, then starts off on it. I type furiously, occasionally interjecting a question or two into the flow of his rhetoric. When he has exhausted the subject, he asks if we have enough for a column. If we don't, he looks mournful and asks me if I could just fill in a bit. If we do have enough for the column, he sits exhausted in his swivel chair, lights a cigarette and tells me, "Now, just clean it up and make it wonderful."

Randy and I have been friends for about six years, and we have mutual friends and backgrounds that go back farther than either of us cares to admit, so it's not hard for me to know what he's thinking or how he feels about just about any issue or current event. Even if I disagree with his views, it is easy for me to

express them for him. Also, I am a playwright, so I have an ability to write in many different styles. In fact, over the years, I have used seven different pen names when writing for many and various publications. Under some of those pen names, I write in ways that I would not do under my own name. (I have never written anything pornographic or hateful, just in different characters.)

But, recently, Randy has not had time to sit with me and go over the subjects or dictate his ideas very much, so I have

Also, and this is very important, the readers will be getting more complete information. Even though many people write under pen names or use ghost writers, in this case it would seem that we could be accused of misleading the public—without any aim at doing so. We don't want to do that.

One thing that is becoming quite clear, as the responses continue to come in for the "Gay/Lesbian Questionnaire," is that there is definitely something in a name. What name a thing bears has a relation-

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been pretty much writing the column then reading it to him. He then gives it the go-ahead and it hits the streets under his name.

What bothers me is that, sometimes, I would like to just completely let go with my own views, whether or not they conform exactly to Randy's, and I know that he supports me on this. In fact, I am so sure that he supports me on this, that I am writing this column without checking with him first.

So, from now on, this column will bear both our names if it is something that we both work on, Randy's name only if it is entirely his words and my name only if I write the whole thing.

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ship as to how it is accepted.

By the way, since the questionnaire was re-printed last week (completely separately from the story about it, unfortunately), we have been getting more responses from men in the community as to how they feel about the terms. Every man responding has been very opposed to using "gay/lesbian" rather than just "gay" on the grounds that it indicates division in the community just when solidarity is so very much needed. One man even went so far to say that he thought that women in the gay community wanted to be called "lesbians" so that they could distance themselves from the AIDS question and discrimination.

The questionnaire will be reprinted for three more weeks (including this week), and we will do our analysis of the responses as well as printing some of the

attached letters in November.

Please fill out the questionnaire if you have not done so already and ask your friends to do so also. The more responses we get, the more accurate our results will be in reflecting how people feel about the use of these terms.

Remember, a rose by any other name might smell as sweet, but some people might not stop to smell it if you called it a skunk.



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I am active in gay politics: YES NO

I am not active in organized gay politics, but strongly support the efforts of those who work on gay civil rights issues: YES NO

I could really care less about gay politics and prefer socializing with my friends: YES NO

When I hear the word "lesbian," I think of _____

The reason that the term "gay/lesbian" should be used instead of just "gay" is because _____

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Task Force Expands Lobbying Staff

WASHINGTON—The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) announced the expansion of its lobbying staff with the hiring of Peri Jude. Jude will work with Executive Director Jeffrey Levi on a broad range of issues which comprise the community's national agenda.

Jude brings to the Task Force years of experience as a lobbyist and organizer on lesbian/gay, feminist and health-related issues. She most recently served as the National coordinator of the Program on Lesbian and Gay Rights of the National Organization For Women (NOW). Prior to her work with NOW, Jude worked for the American Public Health Association (APHA) in its publications department.

She is the Lesbian Rights Task Force Chair of the Maryland Chapter of the National Organization For Women, and worked actively to advance the Maryland Sodomy Repeal Bill in the 1987 legislative session.

"Peri brings a great deal of savvy and experience to a very tough job," observed Jeff Levi, NGLTF Executive Director. "The Task Force will benefit greatly from the skill and commitment she brings. And with the addition of this staff position, NGTLF will be able to strengthen our lobbying efforts across the board at this very critical time."

The Task Force lobbies for gay civil rights in Congress, before the Executive Branch and before a wide range of governmental and private, non-profit agencies. In addition, NGLTF's State Action Lobby works closely with state and local organizations to secure gay civil rights throughout the country. Since 1982, NGLTF has worked to secure increased government funding for AIDS research and treatment and fought to safeguard the civil liberties of persons with AIDS and AIDS related illness.

WHAT A WORLD!!

By Nancy Ford

Fresh Ideas

Many people as a matter of conversation wonder how writers come up with fresh ideas day after day, week after week. How indeed.

Speaking for myself, I can only reveal the secret to how *not* to come up with fresh ideas day after day, week after week.

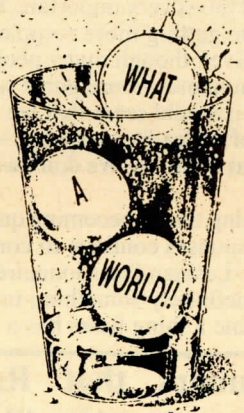
A good way *not* to start is to wait until you are at the very edge of the precipice of the brink of your deadline. Creative minds work best under pressure. Continue by surrounding yourself with the maximum number of distractions, either natural or man-made, i.e. the Woody Allen video that's due back at the same time said column is, the Fawn Hall issue of *Playboy* (although basically if you've seen one naked Fundamentalist you've seen them all,) and an extraordinarily-affectionate-for-this-time-of-the-day significant others. Charles Dickens couldn't write a grocery list in this environment.

But some of the greatest literary works known to mankind have been written under the worst of circumstances. Moses' stationery was granite, and not at all cost effective. Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address on the back of an envelope while riding on a train. Joe Biden Xeroxed most of his stuff in the dark.

As far as what is the most conducive atmosphere yielding maximum creativity and profitability I can only fantasize. And believe me, I do. Sandy beaches, tropical breezes, beautiful native women turning my pages, the whole routine.

But alas, in reality there are no sandy beaches, the dog breathing heavily at my feet is supplying the only available breeze, and no beautiful native women are so much as allowed to *touch* my pages. This was simply the scenario in which I would like people to *think* I write.

Based on their distinctive styles, this is how I assume other writers get their juices flowing:



Ernest Hemmingway First, be seated at the corner table in a dimly-lit cantina. If a decanter of Spanish brandy is not available, a six-pack of Lone Star will do. Deposit half of it directly into your liver, massaging the remaining half into your brain. Pick up a rusty typewriter (carefully not mistaking it for a shotgun), and go to work. Column will be breathtakingly metaphorically vivid and may smell like marlin.

Erma Bombeck Surround yourself with noisy children, sick pets, and numerous appliances. If none of these items are in your immediate possession, fret not. All are available at the mall. Column will be intuitively humorous and will have ketchup stains on it.

Leo Buscaglia Repeat Ernest Hemmingway process, substituting sugar water for brandy. Text will still smell fishy.

Barbara Cartland Languish with quill and onion skin paper in a bathtub filled with pink champagne. In the tub dissolve 1 part Calgon Bath Oil beads and two parts granulated estrogen. The result will be a column filled with your mother's fondest dreams.

Kitty Kelley Lock your door and call your attorneys.



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Peeking Through the BLUE WINDOW

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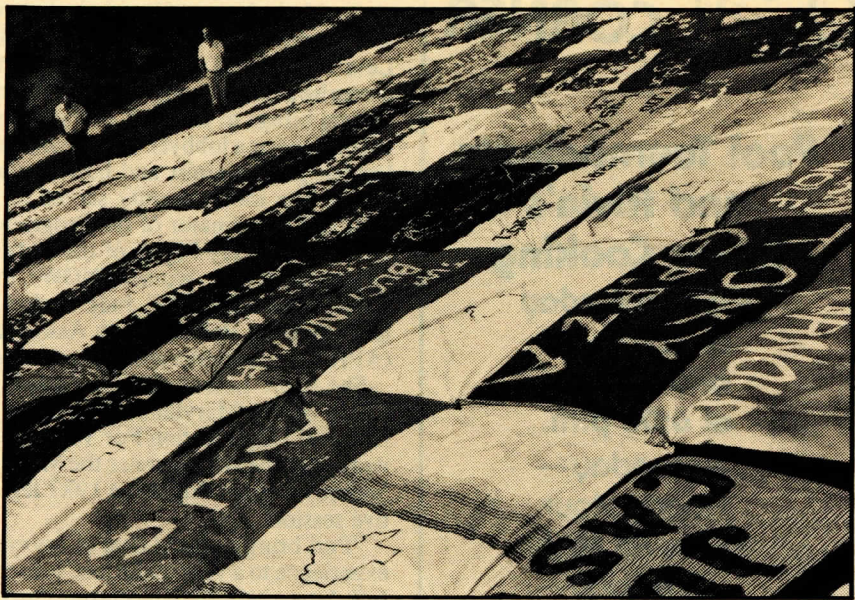
To the delight of Stages-deserves-a-comeupance forces, the **Houston House** production of **Craig Lucas' Blue Window** has proved to be a competent and well-played addition to Houston's theatre season. Of course, most of the audience (and writer of this story) could care less about the backstage, behind-the-scenes goings-on that prompted a full production of *Blue Window* by Houston House a scant five or six months after *Stages* did the play.

However, the fact that this production is more effective is undeniable.

In the play, seven characters with varying relationships and problems prepare for a dinner party, have the dinner and return home. Within that context *Blue Window* offers many courses; salty feelings, bittersweet memories and sweet hope provide the flavors. Making the play all the more enjoyable is the fine handling of the gay characters.

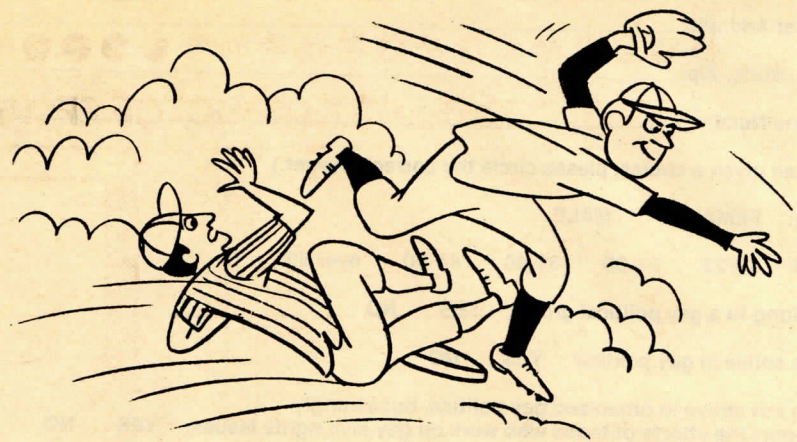
Lois Flack ably directed *Blue Window* which runs on Friday and Saturday through October 10 at Houston House Theatre, 1617 Fannin. Call (713) 759-0701. (Written by Garland West.)

Newsbits



March on Washington This Weekend

This weekend is the March on Washington that will include many Texans and a tribute to many other Texans who have passed on. The Texas Forum salutes the marchers and all who have worked to make the march a significant statement. Pictured above is part of the Panels Project that was put together in Houston, commemorating those who have died of AIDS. Panels from all over the country will form a huge quilt that will be displayed in Washington.



Sports Collectors to Have Show

HOUSTON—On Sunday, October 11, the Texas Sports Collectors Association will hold a show at the Holiday Inn North, 16510 North I-45, which will feature an appearance by two-time American League batting champ Pete Runnels, who will sign autographs from noon until 3 p.m.

Admission is \$1 for those who are not members of the association, and autograph tickets are available for \$2. In addition, there will be a luncheon buffet available for \$2.95 per person. For more information, call (713) 955-0734.

Casa of Care Opens

SAN ANTONIO—Casa of Care, a three-bedroom house furnished to serve the needs of six PWA's, has been opened by the San Antonio Tavern Guild AIDS Foundation. Three patients are presently residing there.

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The issue to me wasn't whether Bork was elected to the Supreme Court or not. I really didn't care, since I suppose he will be replaced eventually by someone of greater conservatism. After all, this is the age of the conservative.

Who would have guessed that all those Baby Boomers would grow up to covet the BMW and the Rolex more than their freedom? Sometimes, I wonder if they realize just how bland the whole thing really is. So someone like Judge Bork really doesn't surprise me. I've been watching his type rise to power for the past 15 years.

What really fascinated me, however, is the fact that the right to privacy has come into conflict. I don't remember ever hearing it referred to as being a really **given**

right. Like most every other American, I just assumed that we had a God Given right to privacy. Coming from the northern plains, privacy was something we just took for granted.

You see, on the prairie, you are the only human being in sight. It's just you, the earth and the sky for as far as the eye can see. That basic privacy - the haunting reality of the human being set in solitude against the natural surroundings, answerable only to God - has always just been assumed where I come from.

Perhaps the problem lies in the fact that, as we become more urban, and those prairies grow further away from us, we begin to take for granted the fact that there is no privacy.

I look out my window and see another skyscraper full of windows looking right back at me. In Houston, they're at least tinted, so I can't see what's going on unless it's dark and the light shines from inside. But in most other major cities, the windows aren't so heavily tinted. People stare out their windows into other windows. They're used to watching and being watched.

In Houston, because our tunnel system is so privately owned, we are on camera almost every step of the way, monitored by an army of special guards, supposedly for our own protection. I sometimes wonder if I would set off some type of alarm if I picked my nose or reached down to adjust myself. When you walk into the tunnels, you'd better have it all together, because someone is watching you.

And when I come home, I like to think that I have privacy. I have blinds and shades, and I'm fairly confident that my neighbors couldn't care less what I'm doing in the privacy of my own home - but that may not be a valid assumption anymore. Maybe they know something they don't approve of? Maybe they're watching to see what it is I'm doing, disapproving in secret amongst themselves...

Maybe, I'll be with someone or be doing something that seems perfectly normal to me, but not them, and suddenly a gang of armed men will burst down my door without warning and arrest me, without the benefit of a search warrant. To me, the reading of my "rights" after arrest would only be a mockery.

Personally, I think what each of us do in the privacy of our homes is our own business. I think it was just naturally assumed that a man is king of his castle - something I'm sure Jefferson would most heartily have agreed to. To assume that the right to privacy breeds drug addiction, vice and evil is to take the most basic form of human dignity - privacy - and make it a joke. They may as well make public restrooms with glass walls and set up cameras in each bedroom for public viewing. But that would enter the realm of obscenity. And as for those who choose to love another, regardless of sex, race or creed? Well, it seems that love is being reduced to obscenity also.

Just look at Mr. Bork. Do you see love in that face? I don't think so.

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DALLAS . . . By N. Cognito

HOOK 'EM HORNS AND BOOMER SOONER

It's rah rah time in Big D this weekend. The madness has already begun. Oh yes, fall is here and it's **OU-Texas Weekend**. So get your battle colors on (that's red or burnt orange in case you didn't know) and jump in to the fray. Don't be chicken and try to be neutral — it won't work. If you're a real trooper, you can trek on down to downtown Friday, but wear your hard hat. Otherwise, you can carry your colors to your favorite oasis and play in your own backyard, so to speak. But by all means, get out there and enjoy the madness. When it's all over, regardless who wins, you'll know you've experienced something only those of us in Dallas can experience.



Rusty (left) and Daniel will give you a warm welcome and great service at The Blue Mill Restaurant and Bar.



Pirate's Pub owner Jerry Smith (front row) and his friendly staff - Chuck, Dale, and Andre.

IN SEARCH OF BRUNCH

Looking for a deal? Need a nice place to brunch? Well, let me tell you that Sunday brunch on Cedar Springs can be a treat of treats. Oh yeah, I'm talking about both of my favorite brunch stops — **Pirate's Pub** and the **Blue Mill Restaurant and Bar** — next door to each other in the heart of Cedar Springs. **Pirate's Pub** boasts a Sunday buffet extraordinaire while the **Blue Mill** features special brunch entrees as well as their always fabulous German cuisine. Try 'em both, you won't be disappointed, you'll be ecstatic because the food is divine, service exquisite and the price is right!

Ride 'em Cowboys

It's not only football season, it's also rodeo time, State Fair time and Halloween is heading this way. Let's take rodeo

first — **TGRA** will be hosting their big, big rodeo in November and you'll be hearing more and more about that right here in the **Texas Forum**, and all other publications, the bars, restaurants, shops, organizations and churches. I mention it now only to get you to start thinking about this great and wonderful event. For instance, think about hundreds of cowboys coming to Dallas from all over the country!

Think about State Fair! If you've been there before, no doubt you're anxious to go again. If you haven't been there, you don't want to miss it. But go with a group of friends — it's a lot more fun. **South Pacific** is the State Fair musical and is already getting great reviews.

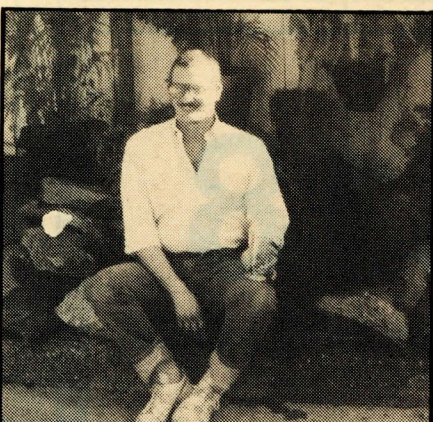
Think about Halloween! It's right around the corner and costumes are a must. I'll try and give you some tips next week on costume shopping.

Out and About

Who's entertaining where this week? If it's music you want, by all means check out the **Hideaway** where an exciting array of entertainers are showcased for your listening pleasure and for audience participation if you're not shy. And from what I've seen, there are no shy people in the **Hideaway**, patrons or employees. It simply isn't done!



Jerry (left), a visitor from Chicago, enjoys Hideaway entertainment with his Texas hosts Richard and Jerry.



Roger Nichols, Hideaway bartender, takes a quick break at Hideaway's fountain.

At **John L's**, the electrifying talents of Marilyn Walton are featured this weekend with the scintillating Trella Hart returning next Wednesday through Saturday. Both of these lovely women have hard core followers so be ready for a crowd.

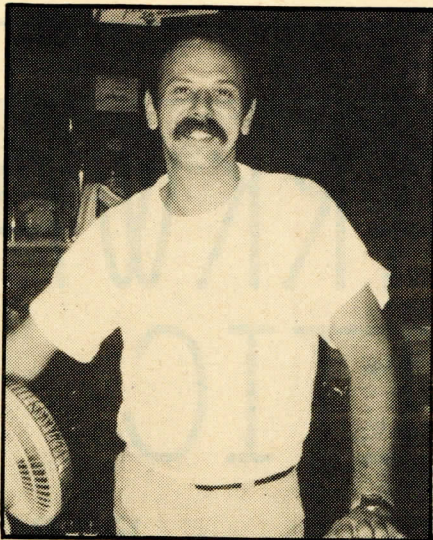
"**Express Male**" dancers are featured at Big Daddy's, "**Muscles in Action**" at **TRII**, the "**Headliners**" at the **Village Station**, and a number of other male dancers are featured at **Pirate's Pub**, **JR's** and **The Round-Up**. So, if skin and muscles get your blood up, give 'em all a try.

If disco's your style, check out the new Party's on Fitzhugh. While in the neighborhood, drop in on the **Texas Territory** and see their new look with new carpet, new lighting and a new dance floor on the way. The disco beat goes on and on and

on down the street at the ever popular **Crews Inn** where Tuesdays are still "the night".

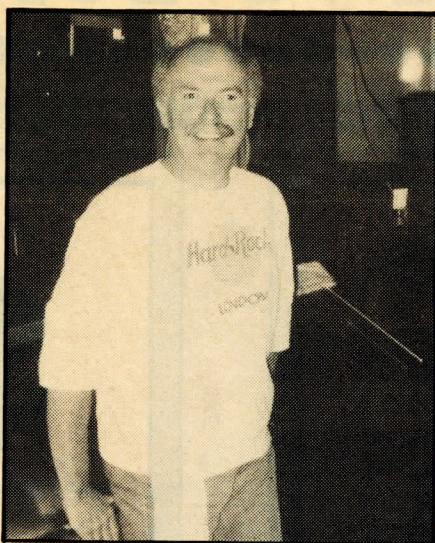
Western dancing is what **Eagle Creek**, the **High Country** and the **Round-Up** are all about, while you catch your breath from the disco haunt of your choice.

The ultra in disco is still a toss-up between **Village Station** and **TRII's**, but don't overlook the **Circuit** where Terry Chapman spins some mean music, or **Destiny** where a good mix of guys and gals really get down, or the sizzling hot **Arena**, where men are nearly always men.

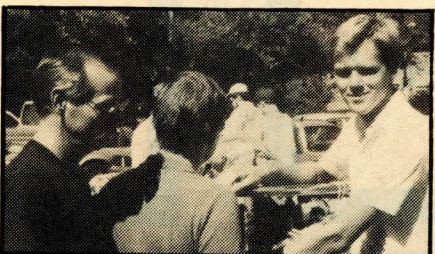


Bob Prentice, manager of The Circuit, flashes that friendly smile that makes you so comfy and welcome.

Buddies and **Loma Dell's** offer mixed music for your dancing pleasure, and the **Hidden Door** offers a good selection of mixed music—but no dancing. Talented DJ's also give good disco at the **Trestle**, **Mining Company**, **Jugs**, **Rumors** and the **North Forty**.



Buddies' bartender Jimmy is one of many reasons to visit this fun neighborhood bar.



Jim (right) assists shoppers at Aids Resources Center's yard sale.

Lastly, for those of you who want your music in the background because your basically intellectual and a conversationalist (you silver tongued devil you) **Zippers** or the **No Name** might very well be your haven.

Now, with all that to pick from, put your red shoes on Dorothy and let the Eyes of Texas get a good look at you. It's **OU-Texas** weekend.

Enjoy! Enjoy!

FORT WORTH . . . By N. Cahoots

The slaves are coming! The slaves are coming! This is not a yard sale! The **Corral** will be kicking off its upcoming slave auction very soon, so keep yourself posted (or should I say chained) right here in the **Texas Forum**.

Speaking of chains (subtle, right?), the **Ft. Worth Court of the Flamingo** has yet to break any late bulletins on their upcoming **Haunted House** festivities for Halloween, but rest assured **Rudy** and **Foxie** and their court are going to give you a real good time. More next week!

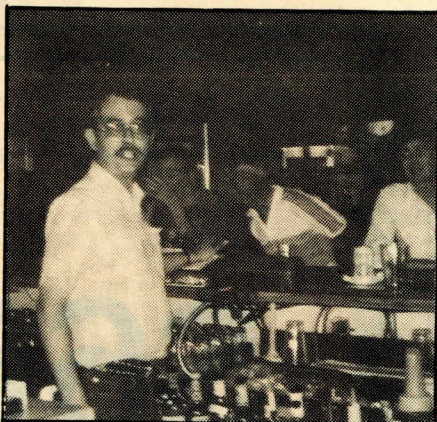
Have you experienced that dance floor at the **Blue Beacon**? Believe me, their lighting is not for the faint-hearted. What a place! The only thing missing was **Rudy's** brother—be still my heart!

My heart will not be still at **651**. It pounds and pounds, but whose doesn't? With all those (seems like thousands) cowboys lounging, lurking and dancing your blood pressure's bound to soar. I must be putting on weight, my jeans get tighter in the **651**. Maybe I was just glad to see **Daniel**.

Did you make the "**Dragathon**" at Arlington's **651**? What a show and what a blast! Congrats to **651** and to the bartender participants and the very generous patrons—**Buddy**, **651** manager, advises almost \$1300 was raised for the **Food Bank of the Ft. Worth Counseling Center**.

Partners continues to amaze me. If you want good music, great drinks, super company and friendly service, **Partners** is the place for you. **Barbara Kozlo**, **Partners'** manager is the epitome of friendly and boy oh boy does that rub off on everyone.

If your feet say dance, do what I do,—hit the road for DJ's and the **Vickery Street Station**. They are both a guarantee of feet fulfillment. Great sounds abound in both of these neat, neat clubs—just two more reasons why Ft. Worth is so much fun.



Rich keeps the crowd roped-in at the Corral in Fort Worth.

SAN ANTONIO . . . By Jackie Oh!

Hi Fairytails,

I'm back from vacation, well, sort of anyway! Back too soon! (ask anyone) Forgive me if this column is too short and (of course) too sweet. Short and sweet, sounds like a guy I've been seeing. Ok! Ok! So I'm into self abuse. But I haven't gone blind or crippled as my Grandmother once had me believe, (see what happens when you buy a VCR?)

Since I wasn't in town this past week, I don't know much about what went on. (heresay only) The city is still standing, that's always a good sign.

Coming up this Sunday Oct. 11 Gay Fiesta here in San Antonio also the **National March on Washington**! I know there's going to be more people who cannot go to D.C. than there are people who can! We can all do our part in a few

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different ways. We can go to D.C. and rally together there and let our country's government know that we as a gay community will not just lay down and die!

In San Antonio and surrounding areas we can Party Down together at **La Villita Assembly Hall** (Downtown San Antonio) during **Gay Fiesta** and show our local communities that we're as strong as ever!

We can unite together in the mailrooms across the nation writing our Senators and Congressmen letting them know to say "NO" to **Bork**! I hope everyone (gay or straight) really realize what **Bork's** confirmation, or hopefully his non-confirmation, can do to us as free Americans. So, please let our local reps in the House and Senate know that real freedom loving Americans don't want **Bork** making decisions that will have lasting impact long after we're all gone! Think of it... This Sunday if every gay person would take time... in church, home, parties, bars, or whatever, to reflect and think positive! With all that positive power illuminating off the Earth, how can we go wrong. Think Gay in a positive way is my newest motto!

In closing, something to think about.... If you ask for anything ask for patience, for with patience comes understanding and wisdom. In doing so, try and be patient and see how much further you get. Till next week... **Play Safe and think positive!**

AUSTIN... By The Governor

THE NIP IS IN THE AIR — Fall is upon us but that doesn't keep Austin from being one of the hottest spots around. Speaking of hot, that's what you'll see if you take a trip up to Temple at the new spot **HOT VINYL**. Those "**Nexus Naughties**" will be performing there on Sunday, October 11. If that's not enough of those girls, journey on down to Houston at **KJ/DIRTY SALLY's** on Thursday, October 11.

RUMOR HAS IT—THE BOATHOUSE "10 cent DRINK Special" on Friday nites will soon expand to include Wednesday nites—watch **THE FORUM** for more details. —A certain corporation is contemplating the opening of a new night spot on the Guadalupe, this could prove to be very interesting—keep watching for further updates.—Former D.J. **Jimmy Remington** is going to be spinning your favorite hits at **HALL's** beginning on the 21st. (Welcome back, Jimmy!)

BE PREPARED—Once more we will be seeing our own **NICOLE** as Mistress of Ceremonies for the **ALL CITY PAGEANT** to be held at **HALL's** later this month (exact dates will appear next week). This week is the first week for the **TOP 10** (special thanks to **Dale William** and **Randy Todd** for their contributions).

THE TEXAS FORUM TOP 10

1. **BREAK OUT**—Swinging Out Sisters
2. **JUMP START**—Natalie Cole
3. **TEARS OF A CLOWN**—Bassix
4. **SAVING MYSELF**—Eria Fachin
5. **FULL CIRCLE**—Company "B"
6. **I HEARD A RUMOR**—Bananarama
7. **GIMME SOME LOVIN'**—Fun fun
8. **BRYLLYANT**—Boytronic
9. **MIND OVER MATTER**—E.G. Daily
10. **IT'S A SIN**—Pet Shop Boys

SUPPORT THE CAUSE—As promised in last week's column I have the details of the Austin "**March On The Capital**". The candlelight vigil will be on the South Steps of the Capital at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11. (Try to get there

by 6:30 p.m.) If you have any further questions call Tom @ 512/454-1057. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Rep. Alma Guerra for her assistance in securing the scene for this meaningful event! **AROUND TOWN**—Those of you with the **VIP GOLD CARDS** will be treated to some fun and fancy for the monthly VIP party. The plans are for a "**Tammy Faye Baker**" Party. I'll provide times and dates next week.

SPECIAL FEATURE: For those of you who were unable to attend the "**ALL CITY BARTENDERS' DRAG SHOW**" I have a special surprise. I was able to provide you with several snapshots to let you see firsthand what the festivities were like. I'd like to say that we really had some real "beauties". Still like to have some input or output from my readers, please feel free to write me at P.O. Box 18893, Austin, Texas 78760—signed "**The Governor**".

NOTE:: Those of you who have not voiced their opinion about the **BORK** Nomination can still write to **THE HONORABLE LLOYD BENTSEN** and/or **THE HONORABLE PHIL GRAMM** at the United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510 or call 1/800-325-6000 Operator 9188. Once more I ask that you speak up **AUSTIN!!!**

AUSTIN'S ALL CITY BARTENDERS' DRAG SHOW



"The Governor" with **NICOLE** and "Little Mike" of **CHAIN DRIVE**.



New version of "Dream Girls" (**RAY**, **KENNY**, **NICOLE**)



Hasta La Vista from **Desiree** (**RAY**/**THE BOATHOUSE**)



HALL's own **Kenny**.



Greetings from **MODINE** (**GARY**/**RUPERT'S**) and **MOTHER TIM**.



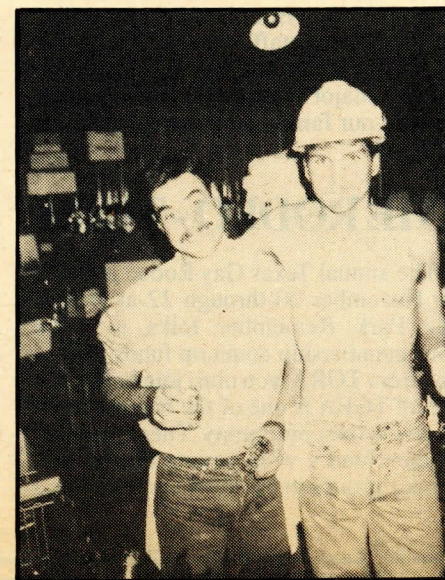
What's your pleasure? (**Maxine Furburger**/**CHAIN DRIVE**)



Who's that girl? (**Patsy Ray**/**CHARLIE'S**)



Tarzan Woman (**Lady Naugahyde**/**CHAIN DRIVE**)



We gave our part. (**Ken**/**HALL's** and **Bobby**/**CHAIN DRIVE**)

HOUSTON... By Aunt Richard

October in the Bayou City makes living through those humid summer months worthwhile. Festivals, fun and fair weather are the due rewards. The **Texas Renaissance Festival** is in full swing just north of Houston in **Plantersville**. Every year this annual event gets better - better facilities, better food, better crafts and better entertainment. Aunt Richard does NOT do out-of-doors events, but he does make an exception for this festival. The Renaissance Festival continues each weekend through November 15. Go and enjoy.

Closer to home is our very own **Montrose Art Festival**. The theme this year is **Christmas in October** featuring an illuminated costume contest with some great cash prizes. The Westheimer Colony Association will host this semi-annual festival October 17 and 18.

While you are enjoying the Art Festival you might want to plan for Sunday brunch at **La Strada**, 322 Westheimer. **La Strada**, located on the same block as **Numbers**, features an excellent brunch menu each Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LIGHTS - ACTION!

Lights, cinema, opera, marionettes, concerts - the list goes on and on. The **Italian Ministry of Tourism and Performing Arts** is presenting **Italy in Houston**, a cultural Exchange Program, October 12 through 31. It all begins this Monday, October 12 at 7 p.m., with **Le Luminarie**, Baroque style "light sculptures" in five downtown areas. For general program information call (713) 622-9677. There promises to be something for everyone in this celebration with

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many of the events boasting free admission. Now that is a price I can live with.

\$44,600!

The programs read "Love '87 - Together We Care." The end result was a check for the **AIDS Foundation Houston** totaling \$44,600. The only word to describe the evening - phenomenal.

The **Galleon** and the **Happy Hour Daddy's** gave us a customer's drag show that kept a packed house on their feet cheering for three power-packed hours. The acts included everything from the **Daddettes' Big Spender** (choreographed by **Jimi Cariola**) and **Jay Allen's** debut as Marilyn to the traditional Looking for a City by **Mama**.

Guest bartending, an auction, a brunch and a drag show don't equal \$44,600. Asking for and getting contributions from friends, family and co-workers (gay and straight) in addition to those events evidently can.

To the Happy Hour Daddy's, Jay Allen and the Galleon staff - thanks. Thanks for the fun, the entertainment, the hard work and the major contribution that you've made to our family. You inspire us all to do more!

THE RODEO - TGRA

The annual Texas Gay Rodeo is slated for November 20 through 22 at Dallas' Fair Park. Remember, folks, to make your membership count on funds allocation from TGRA, you must join before the rodeo! TGRA is one of the biggest fundraisers in our community. These men and women fund a wide variety of help and service groups in an effort to make this a

better place to live. If you want to be a part of an organization that really makes a difference, TGRA is the group for you.

Speaking of the annual rodeo, you will need to be up on your two-step!

What better place to sharpen your dance skill than **David Royalty's** Tuesday evening dance classes at the **Brazos River Bottom**. I really have to say I appreciate those dollar well drinks served all evening every Thursday! **Karl**, I do like that. October 16 will be the date of the **Mr. BRB** contest. This is the title for you good-looking cowboys. Get down to 2400 Brazos and strut your stuff.

MEAT MEET

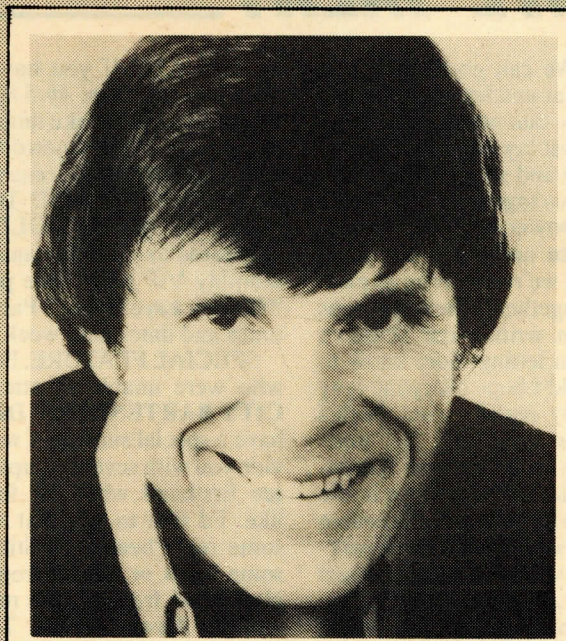
Aunt Richard plans to check out the various steak nights across town. I will be providing you with a Julia Child review in the next week or two.

Until then, play safe and keep you cuffs clean!

Free Glaucoma Screenings Offered

HOUSTON—The Texas Society to Prevent Blindness offers free glaucoma screenings for adults and preschool vision screenings for children ages 3 to 10. The dates for the remainder of 1987 are October 9, November 13 and December 11. The screenings will be held at the Society's office at 3211 W. Dallas from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, please call (713) 526-2559.

Showbit



Del Shannon to Soar at Alley Anni

Dallas, watch out! When **Dallas Alley** decides to put on a First Anniversary Show, it decides with class.

On October 18, the **West End Marketplace** will be rocking with the sounds of early rock, hosted by **Dick Clark** and featuring the talents of some fine names in rock and roll, including **Del Shannon**. It'll be hard not to sing along when he does some of his hits, such as "Runa-

way," "Hats Off to Larry," "Hey! Little Girl" and "Keep Searchin'." Besides recording all those (and more), Shannon penned "I Go To Pieces," which was a hit for **Peter and Gordon**.

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MONA: Advice & Beads Read

Dear Mona:

What do you do when someone you like dresses in a fashion that makes you uncomfortable? I have a great boyfriend that I have been seeing for about two months and he dresses in a most unusual manner. I don't mean the way he dresses. I mean what he wears after he's dressed. I am your basic, Texas blue jeans and boots kind of a guy. On the other hand, my friend dresses like something off "Star Search". He's very handsome and it just kills me to see him spoil the image he is capable of portraying by dressing in turqouis pants or wearing some outlandish costume out in public. People always stare at us. I guess I just like to be a little less conspicuous. I don't like to stick out in a crowd. But, whenever I am with my boyfriend it just can't be helped. Do you think I should say something to him? If so, what do I say? I am sure you think I am being unfair. Or am I? Don't I have a right to voice my opinion about what I think is acceptable and what is not? Let me know. Thanks...

SIGNED: CLOTHES MINDED

Dear Clothes:

Once again Mona is flabergasted at the nerve of a reader. Why can't you respect the unquity of your partner. Get over your hang-ups. Have you not realized that what other people think is of no consequence to you or your friend. I have said it before and will likely say it again... A real man can wear a poodle skirt and get away with it. If you are happy with your vanilla wardrobe then be happy. Why is it that so many people want to control the attitudes, actions, (and now) the attire of their companions? I just do not understand. If you didn't like the way he dressed then why did you start to date this guy? If you went into a relationship thinking you could change him then you are the one who needs the changes. In your attitude. Stop trying to control other people and worry about your own short comings. I am sure you have plenty of material to work with. Who died and left you in charge of



fashion coordination. Dull is out, sweet cheeks. And, you are out with it.

MONA

Dear Mona:

Well, the state sales tax has gone up again. This is the third time in three years. This is ridiculous. How can our state officials justify these constant increases? I am really hot! I just got a raise at my job and it's obvious where that will be going. What

can I do to lighten the blow, Mona?

SIGNED: OVER IT IN BEAUMONT
Dearest Over It:

If I were in Beaumont, I'd be over it, too. One thing you can do to "lighten the blow" is to stop waisting 22¢ on a stamp to write, Mona. I handle boyfriend problems and things like that. It is no secret that Mona is politically remedial. I am basically retarded when it comes to the government. Hell, I don't know where you should write. Tell your Congressman about it. That's who we tell everything else to. Write to the editor of the Forum, or tell the lady at the post office. Anyone, but me! Good luck. Perhaps if any of my readers know where to direct such questions they will write. Mona will publish such letters upon arrival.

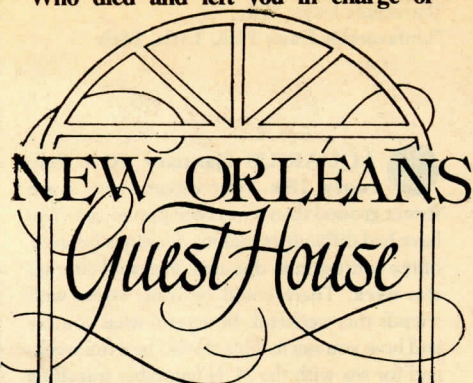
MONA LIL LOUDER

P.S. Texas has the third largest state taxes in the country according to some announcer on some radio station at 6:15 a.m. last

Wednesday morning (Good reporting requires that you always list your source of information!)

MONA

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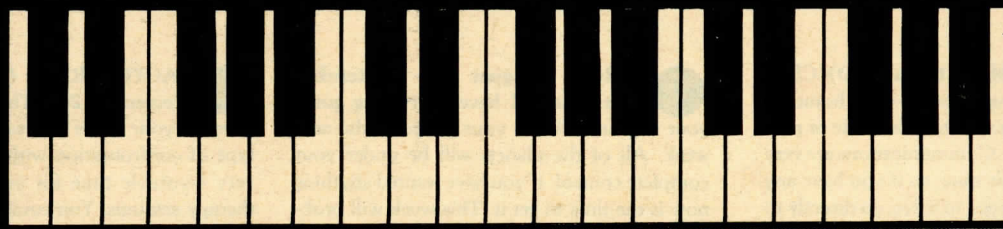
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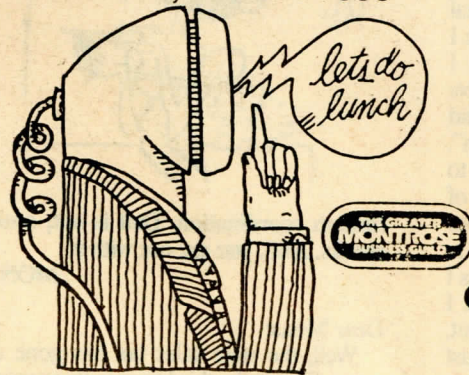
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Horoscopes for Week of October 9 - October 15, 1987

by Jack Marvin, AMAFA

After last week's Full MOON, the MOON will begin to get smaller and smaller until we have the New MOON on October 22, 1987. But the current happening that will concern you is the entrance of VENUS into SCORPIO that will certainly be a very favorable occurrence. Generally speaking, your romantic encounters will be colored quite heavily with sexual overtones. This is usually the case most people think, but in reality, romance is certainly based on more than just sex. This will also be a period of magnetic attraction.

You will be attracted to people not because of looks, but because of "chemistry". VENUS will soon conjoin PLUTO in SCORPIO and that will generate some pretty powerful sexual attractions!

NOTES: LEO and CAPRICORN will have a great Saturday and on Wednesday look for TAURUS, LIBRA, and PISCES to be kicking up their heels and having a really good time.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20): You will be involved in a lot of activity during this week. Your sexual nature will be much stronger than in previous weeks. Your sexual encounters could lead to a love affair, so be prepared. You may have some learning difficulties during this period and you could also be restless and uncomfortable with yourself. Make no decisions that could affect you financially.

*Favorable Days: 10th
*Unfavorable Days: 13th

CANCER (June 21 - July 20): This is your active time of the month. Get to work and get the projects you have been planning into the working stage. You will become interested in dating more than in the past and you should date several different people, not just one single person. There could be some stress centering around your job, but don't overreact to actions by others. Watch your health - join Parkway Athletic Club. Remember a healthy body begins with a healthy mind.

*Favorable Days: 10th, 13th, 14th
*Unfavorable Days: none

LIBRA (September 22 - October 22): Your assets should become more stable than they have been previously. You will have a tendency to be more indecisive than usual during this weekend - so make no commitments. This could really be a "hot" time for you sexually with your ruler VENUS transiting sexy SCORPIO. You could be attracted to someone only to find out later that the attraction was only sexual. You will be involved in several "one-night-stands".

*Favorable Days: 13th, 14th
*Unfavorable Days: 15th

CAPRICORN (December 21 - January 19): This is really a period of much activity for you with favorably placed MARS transiting your sign. Make certain you can see the results of your plans before you initiate your actions. NEPTUNE in your sign can cause some confusion and unwanted results. You could experience some mental stress during this week. Seek out what is troubling you and confront the issue rather than hide from it.

*Favorable Days: 10th
*Unfavorable Days: 11th, 13th, 14th

TAURUS (April 21 - May 20): If you are currently not involved in a relationship, get ready. With VENUS moving into this area of your life, there are strong indications that you will become romantically involved. This also indicates that if you are dating someone, you will both decide to begin a permanent relationship. You could have some sexual problems Saturday, but, of course, they will pass. This will be a great weekend for you to entertain - so have a party!

*Favorable Days: 9th, 13th, 14th
*Unfavorable Days: 15th

LEO (July 21 - August 21): This continues to be an excellent time for investing - especially in real estate or stock dealing with the earth or earth products. This is also a very favorable time for communications, but you could become too intense during the weekend. You will be full of sexual magnetism with the combinations of PLUTO, VENUS, and SCORPIO all working positively for you. You can get a lot of work accomplished during this week because of the favorable position of MARS in your house of employment.

*Favorable Days: 10th, 11th, 15th
*Unfavorable Days: 14th

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 22): Romance is in full bloom for you with romantic VENUS transiting your sign. If you are not currently involved with someone, you will soon discover people becoming magnetically attracted to you. Hold out for at least a five carat stone! There could be some stress on your assets this weekend. Don't gamble because of this difficult aspect. This is a good time to plan and set goals for the coming year.

Favorable Days: 13th
Unfavorable Days: 13th

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18): Your career is on much firmer ground than it has been previously. You have had difficulties making decisions because of the confusion in this area. It should clear up this week. There could be some stress with friends this weekend. Be careful what you say and how you say it. This should be a fun weekend for sex with the SUN favorably transiting this area for you. Finances will not be favorable until November.

*Favorable Days: none
*Unfavorable Days: 12th, 15th

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Clean up and fix up around your home or apartment. Now is a time to redecorate or purchase new furniture. Communications are very favorable during this time, so if you have any problems that you need to solve, go directly to the source and confront them. You could have some stress in your relationships this weekend, so don't say anything you may regret later. Your health should improve and your job will become more enjoyable.

*Favorable Days: 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th
*Unfavorable Days: none

VIRGO (August 22 - September 21): You will have everything going your way and with in your grasp for the next week. All of the planets will be under your complete control. If you have wanted anything now is the time to get it. This week will probably be the most favorable time of the year for you. Your assets may suddenly change and there could be a lack of stability here. There are indications of a romantic (and sexual) involvement with someone in your near neighborhood.

*Favorable Days: 13th
*Unfavorable Days: none

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 20): There could be some stress in your home this weekend. Avoid any type of confrontation with a lover. Now is a very favorable time for you get involved in therapy sessions. You could tend to imprison yourself mentally and be your own worst enemy. Avoid all of this by becoming your best friend. Your career should greatly improve because of favorable communications in this area.

*Favorable Days: none
*Unfavorable Days: 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th

PISCES (February 19 - March 29): There could be a lot of activity with you setting goals and trying to achieve these goals, but this activity could be in vain because of some confusion in this area. Your plans could be spoiled by alcohol or drugs so be most careful not to mix these while pursuing your goals. Communications with your lover are very favorable. This weekend will be very favorable for you to work out problems that may have arisen in your relationship.

*Favorable Days: 14th
*Unfavorable Days: 13th

QUESTION: "Why did you leave out CAPRICORN in your "affinitive" jewels listing last week? I looked, but did not see. Would you please list the stones we CAPRICORNs should carry?"

ANSWER: "Oops! I'm sorry. You really caught me on a mistake in a hurry. It was an oversight and I apologize for the slight, but I will list the CAPRICORN stones now. CAPRICORN (Coral):

smoky quartz, brown tourmaline, soapstone, sphene, aventurine, haemite, and obsidian. You can get several, if not all of these stones, very inexpensively. Carry one with you as often as you can and keep the others setting around your home and place of work. Since these are not medically valuable stones, they can be cut and polished. Thanks for calling this to my attention so quickly." JM, AMAFA

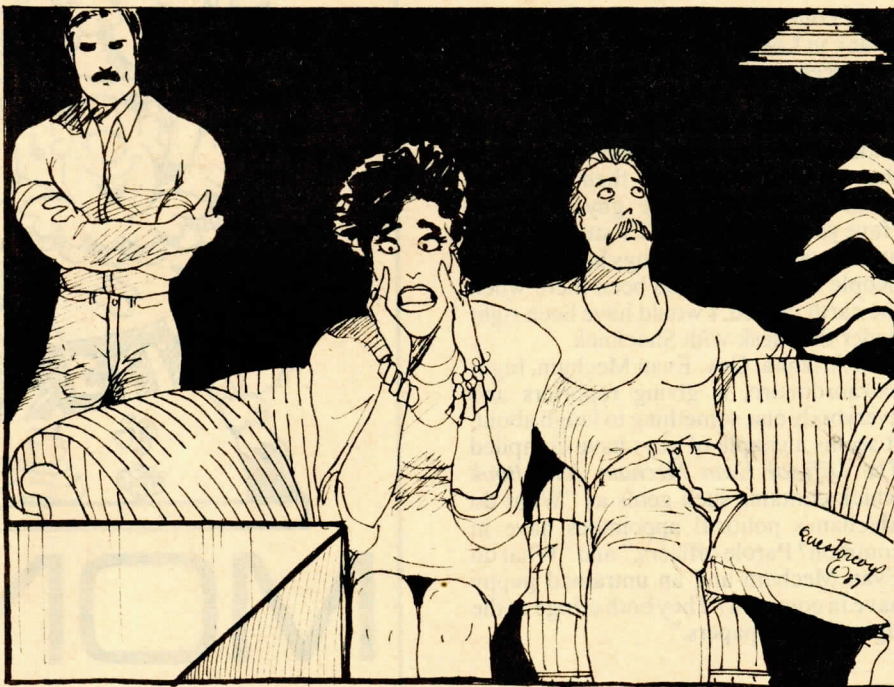
If you have any questions, address them to JACK MARVIN, AMAFA, 1238 West Bell, Houston, TX 77019. Phone number: (713)520-5206. Please include your birth date, birth time, and birth place, if known. If you are asking a compatibility question, please include the above information for the other person,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

Dear Fans, Amanda has to comment on the recent new television season. It seems that the passing years have only brought more and more strangeness upon us, as indeed everything has seemed to become more strange!

We nearly did a Momma Cass with our ham sandwich when we saw a fully exposed anus flashed into our television screen on *St. Elsewhere*. Why, we couldn't believe that they got away with such a thing on American television! What ever happened to the censors? Not that we're in favor of censorship, Dear Fans. Lord knows there's enough of that going on in the Supreme Court! But really! After seeing that man's rear end in our face, we were terribly glad that we didn't have full Sensoround on our TV, and our ham sandwich was given to the neighbor dog.

Then, no sooner than did we recover from that then *Dynasty* came on and literally PUT US TO SLEEP! We remember those wonderful early days, when Joan Collins was so bad, she seemed almost camp. Now, she takes herself so seriously. We talk to her every once in a while, and the next time we do, we're going to tell her to lighten up! Then, Falon literally falls from the sky to be found by Jeff, who seems to just have forgotten that his mother has died (she was a slut anyway...). The whole thing is simply preposterous! And then, Steven is turned into a complete puppet - not that he ever had any spine at all! Really, we think he should be examined as the first truly crustacean human being in history!

Well, we thought we were never going to see anything worse than these, when suddenly, we made the mistake of turning on Dolly Pardon's new show, *Dolly*. EEEEEK! Dear Fans, Amanda has visited mummies in the museums of the world who would envy the detail and completeness of the wrap job they have done on poor Dolly! That woman is nothing but skin and bones encased in ten pounds of lycra glitter! And her hair! Dear Lord! She looked like some sort of albino Amazon, flushed from the jungles of the Corn Palace! Her boobs are over-emphasized,



Then, no sooner than did we recover from that then *Dynasty* came on and literally PUT US TO SLEEP!

her rear end is over-exposed, her waist is over-corseted, her face is over-painted, and her hair is over-done to the point of almost hysterical superfluency! And the girl wouldn't even know what superfluency means! And when she talked, it was like this poor little girl imprisoned in this super-abundance of hormones -only we couldn't tell if they were hers or just her fashion designers'!

So, while we recover from these dreadful things thrown on our screen, we turn the channel and see a series on Viet Nam, where each and every show begins with the slaughter of at least a dozen handsome hunky young men by mysterious orientals who somehow slip through the woods while the Americans tromp around in line. Didn't they ever read about the English in the Revolution? They did the same thing,

only they wore red! And we children always thought they were so stupid! Now we get to watch that same stupidity on television every week, with a dash of sickly humor and really droll monologue thrown in. Is it any wonder that there are no real stars in this series? And the pseudo-psychadelic *Apocalypse Now* theme only seems to heighten the general depression and futility of that wretched conflict. After the second round of slaughter, where more good looking men were horribly killed and mutilated for no reason, we decided to turn to music video, where the mind is not bothered.

But there, before our very eyes, stood Michael Jackson, looking like he had just beamed in from Beta 12. His face was so distorted from its original features that it didn't seem real, and his skin so pale that

he looked positively anemic! He was painted and primped and looked simply ghastly, and as we screamed in terror and flipped the television off, we heard him say the one thing that sums up this whole television season! BAD!

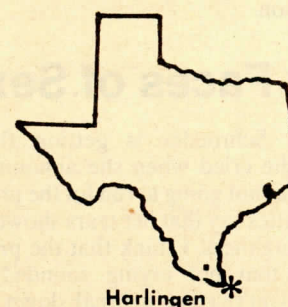


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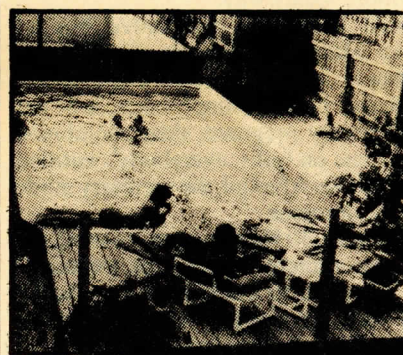
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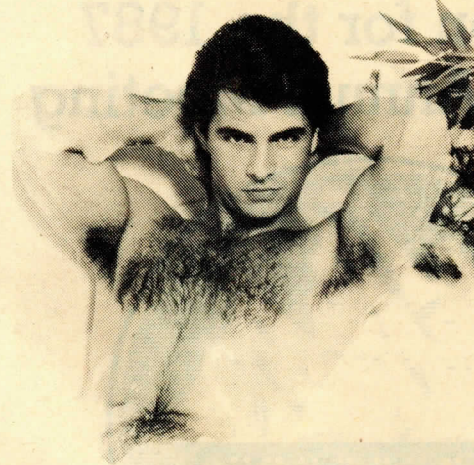


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SOME OF THE NEWS THAT MIGHT BE FIT TO PRINT

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In addition, at the door to this year's Garden Party, one of the best attended ever, \$860.00 worth of canned goods and other assorted items were collected for the Stone Soup Food Bank.

"The Garden Party would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who helped them achieve this goal," said Richard Wiederholt, secretary of the Garden Party, a non-profit organization.

The Faces of Sex

So Pat Schroeder is getting flack because she cried when she announced that she was not going to run for the presidency. Critics say that her tears showed a lack of toughness. I think that the problem was that her crying sounded so *whiney*. If you're going to break down as a politician in this country, you should do it in a more *manly* way.

Cecil Parkinson, fair-haired boy of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in England, is back in favor after he got scalded in the press simply because he got his secretary pregnant, then abandoned her. Come on folks, everybody's entitled to a mistake. After all, the secretary made one too, it seems.

In Miami, 30 Haitian men are suing the U.S. government because the treatment that was used to kill lice on them while they were incarcerated for entering the country illegally supposedly caused them to grow breasts. Since the story hit, there has been a run on that lice medication by prominent female impersonators in Florida. Anita Bryant, eat your heart out.

In Houston, Gladys D. Washington's case has been picked up by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission who have filed suit against Ashland Exploration Inc. and Ground Technology Inc. for sexual harassment. She wants to be reinstated and be given back pay. Why doesn't anybody ever sexually harass me? I could use the money.

In Johannesburg, a 48-year-old grandmother gave birth to her daughter's triplets last week. Does that mean that the children's mother is also their sister? I'm confused.

It Has Been Reported

Sam Donaldson must have felt as if he were back in school last week when a group of high school principals challenged his right to ask the president a question about the Bork nomination after a ceremony had been completed in the Rose Garden. One man called a reporter "ridiculous," and another told Donaldson that they were all "very disappointed in you." I guess that these people are so used to dealing with people who are under their thumbs that they forgot about the First Amendment. Or maybe they never studied it.

Of course reporters have come under attack in Los Angeles in the aftermath of the recent earthquake, when they were caught on air during one of the aftershocks. Kent Schocknek of KNBC ducked under his desk, causing comedians around the country to take out their pads and pencils. Who are these guys kidding? Have you ever been in a TV studio? There are all sorts of heavy things hanging over people's heads. If I had been there when the earth moved, I would have been right under that desk with Shocknek.

In Arizona, Gov. Evan Mecham, bigot extraordinaire, is giving reporters and everybody else something to laugh about. It seems a couple of guys have compiled *The Official Evan Mecham Joke Book* which contains such gems as "What do Mecham's political appointees have in common? Parole officers," and "What do Evan Mecham and an untrained puppy have in common? They both cringe at the sight of Newspapers."

The Big Guys Talk

Reagan insisted this past week that sanctions against South Africa have had no effect. Of course, he would say that. The sanctions were passed over his veto. You think he would have anything to say that would contradict his previous stand? Rep. Bill Gray, D-Pa. (not to be confused with Forum critic Bill Gray) commented on Reagan's remarks, "President Reagan once again has become the apologist for apartheid."

Reagan has also labled Bob Woodward's book on the CIA as "fiction." Since Woodward was the one who brought down Nixon in the Watergate scandal, maybe it's a smart move to discredit Woodward before he can start on some in-depth investigation of Reagan's knowledge of the Iran-Around Contra-Versy.

Ex-White House aide Michael Deaver is using a defense for perjury charges that relies on the fact that his memory was bad due to heavy drinking. So, what is this? The guy did his job all right because he was a drunk? I'm confused.

It's a good thing that George Bush took a plane back from the Soviet Union. It's hard to walk with a foot in your mouth. He said while he was touring a Soviet tank factory that if they ran out of work, "send them to Detroit, because we could use that kind of ability." Opponents for the Republican nomination who are presently campaigning in Michigan (where else?) were quick to jump on the remark. Bush later said that he was just trying to make a joke, thus insulting both the Americans and the Soviets. Good going, George.

As expected, Phil Gramm came out in favor of Bork's nomination, while Lloyd Bentsen announced his opposition. Steven Hotze, president of Texas Doctors for Life, an anti-abortion (and anti-gay) group, said that Bentsen was playing politics with the announcement. This is the same guy who has been sending letters to everyone in the world urging them to write to their senators to support Bork in order to push through an ultra-conservative political agenda. I guess it's only playing politics if it's the other guy who has an opinion.



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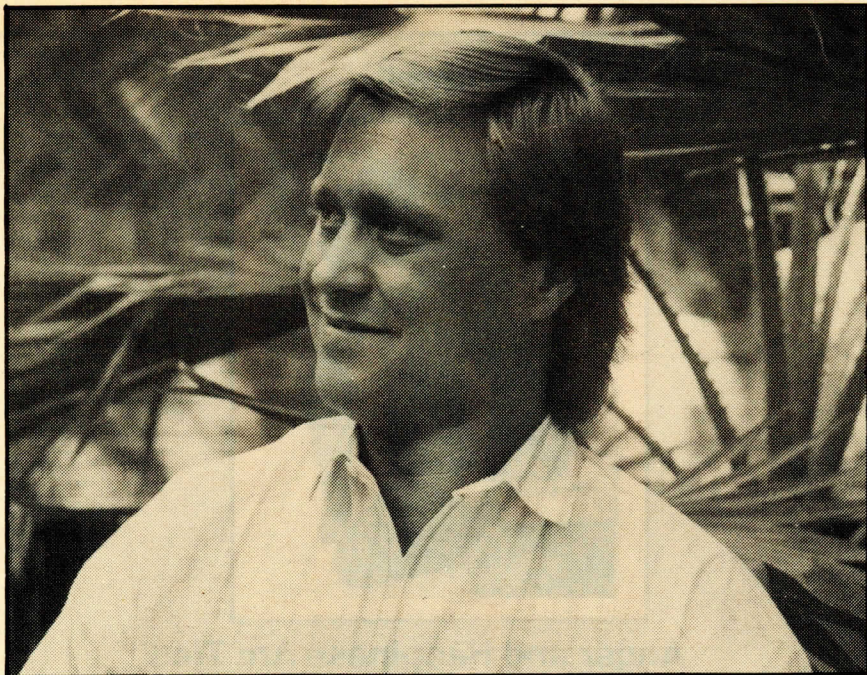
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Jay Allen: Blue-Eyed Shrewdness

Don't let Jay Allen's boyish good looks fool you, behind those baby-blue eyes, there is a management mind that any major corporation would be proud to have around.

Presently, he's the president of the Bar Owners Association of Texas (BOAT), president of Houston Organization of Bar Owners (HOB), owner of two bars in Houston, on the Advisory Board of the AIDS Foundation Houston and on the board of directors of the Happy Hour Daddy's, a social and fundraising organization.

When he interviewed for this story, he was recovering from a weekend spent building a set for the stage at the Galleon for a show in which he appeared. Actually, he was recovering from more than just the show. It seems that, for the first (and possibly last) time ever, Jay Allen put on a dress for charity, but he needed help with the make-up. Unfortunately, his make-up man switched the tubes of eyelash adhesive and fingernail glue, causing Jay's eyes to burn and his lovely nails to fall right off.

Needless to say, his baby blues were not the clearest they had ever been.

His mind, however, was still in gear, rattling off biographical information, business philosophy, political observations and organizational backgrounds, while fielding phone calls, staff problems and a personal crisis involving a friend in Los Angeles.

Top on his list of priorities—and Jay Allen makes a list every morning and checks it off item by item—was the upcoming General Meeting of BOAT on October 13 in Houston. (At the end of this story there is an agenda for the meeting for those who wish to attend.) "Since this meeting is required by law, I want the membership to get the most out of it as possible," said Allen, "so that busy bar owners aren't taking time out for just another meeting."

With that in mind, he planned an event-filled day, with an evening of dinner and the theatre. "So often when bar owners go out of town, what do they do? They wind up in bars!" He admitted that after the theatre (Alley's *Henceforward...*), the members just might hit a bar or two in any case—research, you know.

Actually, it's not just the bar owners that Allen is trying to reach out to right now, it is the bartenders. He pointed out that there are three categories of membership in BOAT, full-time (bar owners), business (vendors and suppliers) and associates (bar employees). Quite a lot of the lobbying that is done in Austin by BOAT serves to protect and aid the livelihood of bartenders.

As an example of that Allen said, "Without a doubt, the largest major accomplishment of BOAT during the last session was the prevention of a tax increase on mixed beverages. That would have meant a hefty drink increase, and that drink increase would have come directly out of the bartenders' tips."

Two other accomplishments of BOAT that he considers major are helping to make liability laws that affect bars more equitable and "keeping BOAT's doors open and viable in these hard economic times."

Besides the biggies, he pointed out, "We always have so many cockamamie things we've got to fight. Every year, someone introduces a bill to prohibit same-sex dancing. Now, they're trying to say they want the bill to help stop AIDS." Allen admitted that he had not heard of any cases of AIDS being transmitted yet by way of the two-step. "But we have to fight things like that every single year."

Giving credit where credit is due, Allen lavished praise on the work and abilities of Betty Naylor. "Betty Naylor, as executive Director of BOAT, is a full-time lobbyist who not only watches liquor legislation, but also actively watches all legislation as it affects the gay community."

Allen, in fact, was quick to credit all sorts of people with work on the multitudinous projects in which he's involved, even though he is the sort of person who finds it hard to delegate. At one point, he even called his tendency to try to do everything himself, "my greatest shortcoming." However, he also called his perfectionism and his self-criticism as "my greatest shortcoming," leading one to believe that Jay Allen's greatest critic is Jay Allen.

Of course, being critical of highly visible people in the community seems to be the national sport of Texas sometimes, and Allen has certainly been in the critical spotlight recently, as he bought The Barn from Walter Strickler and rumors flew around that he was going to change the place completely, fire people, make it into a "Galleon Jr."

But, he never had that in mind. He bought The Barn, he said, for the same reason he bought the Galleon: to continue a tradition. "To be honest with you," he said, "I think the Barn's a great little country/western bar. It has played a major role in the Montrose Softball League, Montrose Bowling League, Montrose Pool League and many other local organizations. It has been a key supporter of the TGRA (Texas Gay Rodeo Association). As such, it was too important to the community to lose."

"It's a Texas tradition."

Although Allen is fixing the structure, painting and paving the parking lot, he said, "I'm planning on maintaining The Barn as the country/western institution it has become known and loved as."

Before this story becomes too much of a cheerleading section for this man, it might be a good thing to point out that it is fortunate for Jay Allen that he is a businessman, because reports from his appearance at the Fifth Annual Happy Hour Daddy's Review indicate that—as much as the crowd loved his act—Jay Allen looks much better in jeans than a gown. Of course, he *did* look fairly good in a gown, one has to grudgingly admit.

Even Allen himself, will attest, though, that it was an unexpected road that took him to his present life. He was born on December 8, some time in the middle to recent past, in Chicago and grew up all over the country because his father was a leading wine expert who set up wine programs. When Allen was a teenager, his father opened the first champagne winery in the state of Illinois. "I grew up on Falcon Crest," he joked.

Then his life took an abrupt turn at age 17, when his father died and his mother remarried immediately. As soon as he graduated, he drove to University of Houston "and got as far away from there as possible." He studied business (what

else) and went to his very first gay bar: The Farmhouse. "I didn't even know that gay bars existed. I had no idea. But I came out of the closet *running*!"

His life then reads like the Great American Success Story, as he went from being a bar employee to being a manager to owning his own bars. Besides those he owns now, he has owned the Galleon in San Antonio and the Light Company in Houston, as well as designing and setting up many other bar business for large corporate interests.

But, he's never been more positive about his future. "My biggest shortcoming right now," he said, "is that I have so many things I enjoy doing, and it's hard to give them all the time I want to. I have a great excitement for the community. Our community is in the process of growing and becoming stronger than it ever has before. With our handling of the health crisis as well as the *maturing* of so many gay people, we're really starting to shine as a community."

So, with \$45,370 raised at the Happy Hour Daddy's Review, the agenda set for the BOAT meeting and the bar business running smoothly, Jay had just a moment to pick at the glue on his eyelashes and share his philosophy of life. "You have to set up every situation so that there are no losers, only winners."

It's a good philosophy.

Agenda For Boat General Metting of October the 13th

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Registration—Lobby of Ramada Inn—2929 Southwest Freeway, Houston.
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks—Jay Allen
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Address from Representative Lloyd Criss. Committee on Workman's Comp. Reform
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Addresses from the TABC Randy Yarbrough, Deputy Assistant Administrator, and Larry Sullivan Chief of Enforcement.
12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Lunch - Ramada Inn Address from Representative Ron Wilson—Chairman of Texas House Committee on Liquor Regulation.
1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Mary Nabors from the Texas Employment Commission Business Council.
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Address from John Strickland -Risk Management, DRAM Shop and Server Training, how to protect yourself in these times.
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	General Meeting - Budget, and Proposed By-Law Changes, How to improve your association.
5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Travel Time
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Cocktails - Hunt Room
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner - Hunt Room
7:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Travel Time
8:00 p.m.	Alley Theatre - <i>Henceforward...</i> (615 Texas Ave, Houston)

People who have not pre-registered, can register at the door.

Newsbit

Clinical Studies Groups Established

WASHINGTON—HHS Secretary Otis R. Bowen, M.D., today announced the award of \$18.6 million in cooperative agreements for research on AIDS treatment, basic studies and outreach. Seventeen Clinical Studies Groups will be established in 10 states and the District of Columbia by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The total projected funding for the groups is approximately \$100 million for 1987 through 1992.

In announcing the awards, Dr. Bowen said, "Everyone is keenly aware that AIDS is an enormous and growing problem, demanding strenuous effort and creative solutions. This initiative is another example of how America's scientific talent is being mobilized to combat AIDS."

Through the clinical studies groups, NIAID can extend access to clinical trials of promising AIDS therapies to patients in a much wider geographic area than is now possible. The CSG clinical trials will be coordinated with the institute's existing 19 AIDS Treatment Evaluation Units, which were established in 1986 and early 1987.

In Texas, the Clinical Studies Group will be headed by Alan G. Barbour, M.D., University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio.



Confidential Testing Continues to be Available

SAN ANTONIO—Confidential testing, along with counseling is available at several locations around San Antonio. For specific times and locations, call the AIDS Help Line at (512) 821-6218.

Testing for people without funds is underwritten by the San Antonio Tavern Guild AIDS Foundation, but those with the ability to pay are asked for a \$20 donation to cover the cost of the test.

New Meeting Times for OLCC Group

DALLAS—The Oak Lawn Counseling center has changed the meeting times for the Center's Surviving Partners Support Group. The weekly meetings are now held on Saturdays from noon until 1:30 p.m. at the OLCC's new offices, 3000 Turtle Creek Plaza, Suite 116.

The group provides help in dealing with the loss or death of one's spouse and the readjustment to life that follows, said facilitators Betty Thomas and Rodney Woods. Both Thomas and Woods are graduate students. Career goals of both are counseling in times of grief and loss.

Although most members of the support group have lost loved ones due to AIDS, people who have lost loved ones under any circumstances are welcome, they added.

For more information about how to attend the group, contact OLCC's AIDS Programs at (214) 521-5144.

More TV Spots Airing on AIDS

SAN ANTONIO—Following the lead of KOOL (Channel 4), KENS (Channel 5) and KSAT (Channel 12), KRRT (Channel 35) has begun showing educational public service announcements that were made available to them by the San Antonio Tavern Guild AIDS Foundation.

The Foundation has also produced an audio tape from the TV spots to be used by area radio stations. Any stations wishing to use the spots, which are free of charge, should call the Foundation at (512) 821-6218.

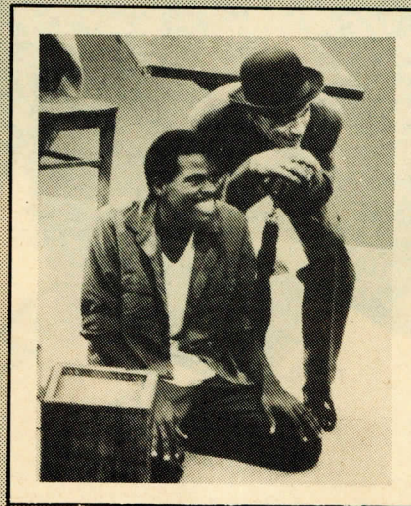
UH-Clear Lake Ushers in October With Three-Day Oktoberfest Celebration

HOUSTON—The sights, sounds and smells of Germany will fill Atrium II of the University of Houston-Clear Lake's Bayou Building as Oktoberfest '87 unfolds October 13 through 15.

Over 30 artists and craftsmen will display their wares during the three-day event from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day on campus at 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Of special interest are a display on Germany and daily entertainment. Kicking off the Oktoberfest entertainment will be the Alpine Gypsies, an ompah band, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 13. From 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, a magician will roam the campus to perform spot magic shows where you'd least expect them.

German food and beer will be available. For more information, call (713) 488-9466.

Showbit



Anger and Happiness Are Tied Together In *The Blood Knot*

In a way, it seems ironic to watch a play mance in *The Birds* last year, gives filled with injustice, inhumanity and another great performance as he tears prejudice—and enjoy it. But, with the through the happiness, anger, fear and combination of Athol Fugard's writing guilt which makes his character, Morris, and the direction of Jack Lampert, *The Blood Knot*, now playing at Stages Repertory Theatre in Houston, turns out to be an excellent evening of theatre.

A small shack in South Africa, shared by two brothers, is the setting. One brother is considered white, the other black. Morris is fair-skinned and well-educated, while Zack happens to be the exact opposite. The love/hate relationship of brothers and members of society intertwines and forms a thin line on which the two try to keep balance.

John Toia, sound designer, does a wonderful job at both enhancing and creating moods, which serve as one part of a whole that makes *The Blood Knot* a show to see. *The Blood Knot* plays through November 7, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m., at Stages Repertory Theatre, 3201 Allen Parkway. For reservations, call (713) 52-STAGE. (Reviewed by Hillary Searl.)



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Powerful Wobblies Revived in Austin

In 1918, Big Bill Haywood was one of the most-loved and most-despised men in America. As General Secretary of the **Industrial Workers of the World**, a powerful labor organization, his call for "one big union" brought him notoriety and more than one jail sentence. **Stewart Bird** and **Peter Robilotta's** *The Wobblies* chronicles his trial, along with 100 other IWW members (called wobblies), for conspiracy to hamper the U.S. war effort.

Originally published by **Randall Wheatley's Triple A Theatre** in 1984 and hailed as one of Austin's 10 best productions of that year, the revival opening on October 15 at **Capital City Playhouse** in Austin is again directed by Wheatley and features many of the cast and crew that made the original production an exciting success.

For times and tickets, call (512) 472-2966.

QUIZBIT

Just as Harrison Ford is Indiana Jones; Margaret Rutherford is Jane Marple; and Christopher Reeve is Superman, certain actors are forever identified with characters they have created. Match the actor with the correct character. Five correct matches and you pass. Eight matches equals an A.

Actors	Characters
1 Vanessa Redgrave	A Phileas Fogg
2 Judy Holiday	B Blanch du Bois
3 Gloria Swanson	C Billie Dawn
4 David Niven	D Margo Channing
5 James Stewart	E Laura Hunt
6 Bette Davis	F Agatha Christie
7 Humphrey Bogart	G Dorothy Michaels
8 Vivian Leigh	H Elwood P. Dowd
9 Dustin Hoffman	I Norma Desmond
10 Gene Tierney	J Rick Blaine

Answers

- 1-F in *Agatha* (1979)
- 2-C in *Born Yesterday* (1950)
- 3-I in *Sunset Boulevard* (1950)
- 4-A in *Ground the World in 80 Days* (1957)
- 5-H in *Harvey* (1950)
- 6-D in *All About Eve* (1950)
- 7-J in *Casablanca* (1943)
- 8-B in *A Streetcar Named Desire* (1951)
- 9-G *Tootsie* (1982)
- 10-E *Laura* (1944)

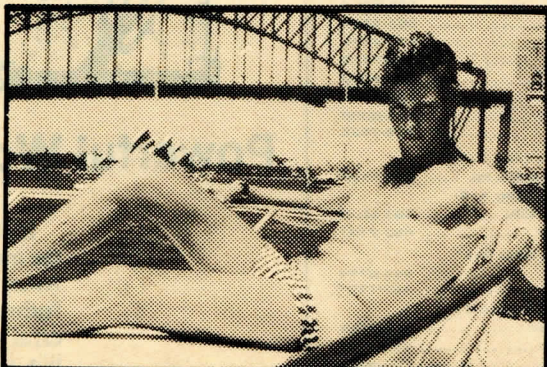
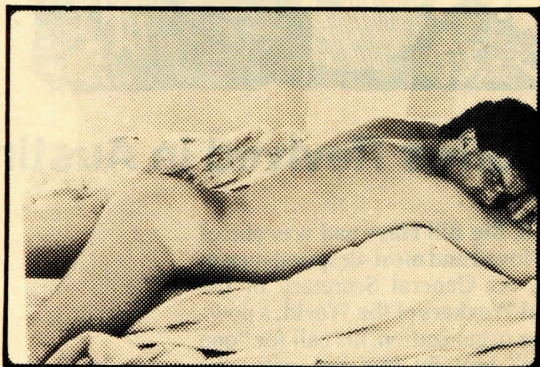
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