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LET'S GET REAL Do We Need Both Gays and Lesbians?

By Randy Brown

Just recently, the Houton Gay Political Caucus changed it's name to the Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus, giving impetus to a trend that is showing up all over Texas. And I don't like the trend.

Although there has been a great sense of separation between the sexes in other parts of the country (notably in New York and San Francisco), I have always liked the fact that here in Texas the men and women enjoyed one another's company and thought of themselves as part of one community: the gay community. Even though there have been some bars that have tried to be exclusively set aside for one sex or the other, they generally fail.

But, besides the separatism that the use of "gay/lesbian" implies, there is another thing that gets to me. Why do we need both terms anyhow? Are lesbians not gay? Have I missed something? Do we now have a whole group of people in the gay community who do not think of themselves as being gay? Saying "gay/lesbian" strikes me as being about the same as saying "people/women." Are women not people?

And, even more than that, there are a lot of women in the community who do not like to be called lesbians. They just flat-out do not like the term at all. Why force these women (some of whom belong to the Caucus) to wear a label that they detest? A lot of gay women think of the term "lesbian" as being

in the same vein as "faggot" or "nigger" or "spic."

Of course, one way to take the sting out of a word is to use that word until its negative meaning is lost. Lenny Bruce was one who thought that it was the best way to take negative power out of a word. He once said

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that if everybody used the word "nigger" all the time, that no little black kid would come running home crying from school because someone had called him that. But, the World According to Bruce is not the world that we live in, and words do have power. They have power because each word stands for a thought—or a process of thought. And if enough people think something, the world changes.

But if only some think something and they force their ideas on the unwilling rest of the world, then that is not right.

I don't think that the people who keep putting the word "lesbian" into the titles of gay organizations have really tried to find out

how the rest of gay women think about the issue. And, I would like to see something done about it.

If someone can come up with a good reason for this divisive change in terms, I would really like to hear it. But, more than that, I would like to hear from women around the state to get some sort of idea as to what they think about the terms.

So, the **Texas Forum** would like to invite opinions from women about the use of the word "lesbian" and about the trend towards changing the names of gay organizations into "gay/lesbian" organizations.

We've gotten a good response from men on the gloves issue and are in the process of getting some really interesting feedback on how city governments around the state have reacted to the AIDS crisis. We would really like to hear from our women readers on this issue. *But*, just so we don't fall into a stance that could be construed as being sexist, we welcome the comments of men on this subject also.

We will not publish names or addresses of those responding, but we would like to have names, addresses and phone numbers, so that we can be sure that a small group does not try to sway the results by sending in multiple entries.

Please complete the following questionnaire and send it to the **Texas Forum**, 1110 Bayland, Houston, Texas 77009.

QUESTIONNAIRE

(When given a choice, please circle the correct answer.)

I am: FEMALE MALE

I am: 19 - 23 24 - 30 31 - 40 41 - 50 over 50

I belong to a gay political group. YES NO

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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BEHIND THE FRONT COVER

CAROLE BRUNSON



Born: Yes
NO WHERE WERE YOU BORN? Hodge, Louisiana
Population of Hodge: Well, let's see, this is 1987 so it ought to be up to about 400 by now. That's counting the chickens, dogs and a couple of cows.
Sun Sign: Virgo-my lover's also a Virgo. She's the only one I've ever met I didn't like.

Favorite Kind of Woman: Somewhere between Ann Murry and Martina Navratilova.
Favorite Political Figure: Barbara Jordan
Favorite Leisure Activity: Drinking
Eyes: Hazel/bloodshot
Hair: Dishwater gray! God's frosting it for me.
Message to the Texas Forum Readers: Be happy, be gay!

DEBBIE WARD



Born: Midland, Texas
Eyes: Hazel
Sun Sign: Virgo
Favorite Kind of Woman: Loud-mouth drunks, like the one you just interviewed.
Favorite Political Figure: I'm not that much into politics.
Favorite Leisure Activity: Shooting pool
ARE YOU ANY GOOD? Pretty Good

Hair: Dark Brown
Message to Texas Forum Readers: We should work together as a community that doesn't separate gay women and gay men. WE ARE ONE!



Dental Clinic for PWA's Opens

HOUSTON—A dental clinic for people with AIDS opened at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church on September 4.

The first-of-its-kind clinic will be operated jointly by Bering Church, the Bering Community Service Foundation and the Houston District Dental Society. More than 35 local dentists will donate their services on a rotating basis.

Houston dentist Dr. Bruce Smith, who heads the dental society's infectious hazards committee, said the clinic is badly needed.

"People with AIDS often have difficulty obtaining dental care because of discrimination and lack of money or insurance coverage," he said.

He noted that AIDS patients need more frequent dental care to reduce the risk of infection and they may require special treatment.

Smith said many dentists refuse to treat people with AIDS out of fear of contracting infection from the patient. "The facts prove that the transmission of AIDS is virtually impossible in a dental setting, providing proper procedures are used," he said.

The Bering Dental Clinic will be open to all AIDS patients and charge on ability to pay. No public dental facilities are available to



people with AIDS in Houston, although the city had the fourth largest number of reported AIDS cases in the country. Dental services for people with AIDS in other cities are tax supported, he noted.

Even before the opening of the clinic was

announced, more than 50 people had asked to be put on the waiting list for dental care.

Smith said the dental society has been working to open a clinic for more than two years. Half-a-dozen landlords refused to lease office space to an AIDS dental clinic, he said.

"A member of Bering Church suggested we approach them for space in their facility. When we did, we were welcomed with open arms," he said.

Bering Church also operates the Center for Counseling and Spiritual Growth, by Dr. L. Annette Jones, the center provides one-on-one counseling and a spiritual support network for people with AIDS, their family, friends and survivors.

Smith said various dental, electrical and plumbing supply companies, equipment vendors and local dentists made donations to set up the clinic. Dozens of volunteers worked to prepare the former church school classrooms into dental facilities.

Unlike many charity clinics, Smith noted, the Bering Dental Clinic will save state-of-the-art equipment and employ the latest dental and sterilization procedures.

The clinic will gather data and research infection control procedures to share with other dentists.

GOP Officials in Trouble over Racist and Sexist Jokes

In two separate instances, jokes by GOP officials have spawned angry responses from women and blacks, and in one, an official in the Jack Kemp campaign organization in New Hampshire was dismissed.

In the New Hampshire case, State Sen. John Chandler Jr., 76, who has stated that "race-mixing" is threatening the white race and that he "almost threw up" when he saw Jesse Jackson publicly kiss a white girl, told UPI that he was not going to apologize and said, "What I said is what I meant." What he said was supposedly a joke that he told repeatedly.

The story that Chandler told was: "Did you hear that Jesse Jackson is pulling out of the presidential race? They found out that his grandmother had posed nude for the centerfold of National Geographic."

After being dismissed by Kemp as honorary chairman of Merrimack County, Chandler blamed the media for his dismissal.

In Florida, former Republican state Sen. Tom Slade made a remark to a group of Jacksonville officials that sent shock waves through women of both the Republican and Democratic parties. In talking about the controversy over the consumer services tax, Slade said, "Excuse me, ladies, but it's sort of like rape. Once you know it's coming, you might as well lay back and enjoy it."

Slade later told the Tallahassee Democrat that the remark referred to "political rape and not personal rape," but members of women's groups were still not amused.

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Newsbits

AIDS Around the Nation

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New AIDS Definition Swells Numbers

ATLANTA—The federal Centers for Disease Control have issued new guidelines that broaden the definition of AIDS to include those afflicted with HIV dementia complex, chronic wasting syndrome and AIDS-related tuberculosis, which is predicted to increase the official number of AIDS cases by 10% to 15%.

Doctors no longer have to study tissue samples to confirm diagnosis, but can make clinical diagnosis under the new guidelines.

Newsbit

National Town Meeting on Sex & Politics Called

A national Town Meeting on Sex and Politics will be hosted by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on October 10, the Saturday before the National March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights. The town meeting will focus on gay and lesbian sexuality today, and will bring together a diverse panel of leading gay/lesbian writers, and activists, and thinkers. Gay historian and academician John D'Emilio will moderate the panel. The Town Meeting will be held at George Washington University.

Town Meeting organizer and NGLTF Privacy Project Director Sue Hyde explained some of the reasons behind the proposed discussions. "In our work at the Task Force we have noticed that gay and lesbian definition of our sexuality has been noticeably absent from the public discussions of sex. The cultural terror of sex and the cultural terror of death have conveniently dovetailed in the politicizing of AIDS by the right wing. The little sexual ground and cultural space we gained since Stonewall seems to be rapidly eroding. We want a chance to talk about our sexualities to each other. We want a chance to contemplate the tremendous toll the past seven years have taken on our community, and to look ahead."

A panel of four presenters is being assembled. Each presenter will deliver a pre-

pared paper which will be followed by comments from two respondents. Time will be allowed for small group discussions; and a reception will follow the event.

Among the issues NGLTF has asked panelists to cover are the following:

*Whether the current unprecedented public scrutiny of sex make us more comfortable with sex? Are we any safer in the world as gay people?

*Can gay men and lesbians shape the public discussion of sexuality so that our sexuality is not simply reduced to a public health problem?

*How do lesbians celebrate their sexuality in the context of a major problem of diminishing desire in long-term relationships? Is this an issue in gay male relationships too?

*How do gay men deal with the changes in their sexuality since the AIDS health crises?

*How does the current discussions of sexuality and AIDS influence women's rights, our reproductive choices as gay men and lesbians and our privacy rights?

The Task Force is actively soliciting input into this important project. Please send comments, questions for the panel, and suggestions for speakers to: NGLTF Town Meeting, 1517 U Street NW, Washington DC 20009.



The Texas Forum Salutes the Constitution

In keeping with the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution, over the next 10 weeks, the **Texas Forum** would like to print the first ten Amendments to the Constitution, which were ratified on December 15, 1791, and are known as the Bill of Rights.

The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the rights of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

CAN WE TALK?

Dallas Ft. Worth Houston



DALLAS ... By N. Cognito



Party's staff: Eddie, Christopher and Jerry



Jimbo Smart and Michael Griffin of Party's

PARTY FEVER

Whew! Am I ever glad Labor Day is over and done with, Kaput. I don't know about you, but it seemed more Bacchanal than Labor Day. There was **Party's** grand opening, to begin with, a rousing celebration of Dallas' newest disco bar. **Jimbo Smart**, Party's manager, promises big things for Fitzhugh, and if my guess is right, he's already got the big things behind his bar with **Eddie Epting**, **Christopher Jonathan**, **Jerry Langford** and **Michael Griffin**. Party Fever was running amok, especially on Cedar Springs where **Heatwave '87** was on tap at the **Throckmorton Mining Company** with it's exciting new look where a sea of bodies flowed all weekend; at **JR's** which became an instant beach and pina colada-land all at the

THE REV. STOPPED THE RAIN!

At the **Hideaway**, the sizzling **Hot Hidettes** warmed up a rain soaked packed house, for the **Reverend Willie Show**. You had to be there to believe, but the **Rev.** stopped his show long enough to ordain the rain to cease. It did, and the **Rev.** "read".

Food was anything but scarce, as many clubs treated patrons to hot dogs and hamburgers. **Loma Dell's** on Gaston Ave. even had free barbeque for their big Labor Day party. **Buddies** and **TRII** were so crowded that people were parking two blocks away. Mahana was a parking lot. Around the corner, the **Hidden Door** celebrated all weekend too, with a hot dog party.

Destiny's pool party and cookout was their way of holiday celebrating and very well may have been the best.

All in all I'm grateful I survived the weekend. I'm so pooped, I can't even think about what's happening this coming week. I know the sensational **Sally Mayes** is at **John L's** this weekend for a special engagement prior to heading for New York with her new cabaret show. **Sally** draws a crowd, so you don't want to miss her new songs and routines and a chance to wish her well in New York.

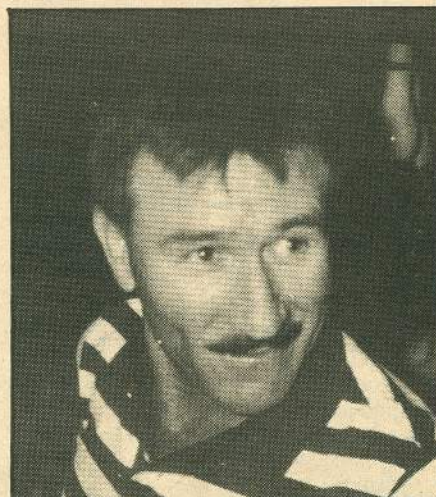
FORT WORTH ... By N. Cahoots

Ft. Worth's newest dance and showbar, the **Blue Beacon**, celebrated Labor Day with a drawing for a free trip for two to Las Vegas. Now that's downright nice. I don't know who won, but I'm green with envy.

Did you know **Partners** has their own pin-ups? That's right. They've got a contest going on weekends to select their pin-ups. And on Sundays, if you need advice, just ask **Alice** —at **Partners**.

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Customer Appreciation Party host Randolph, Montrose Mining Co.'s Mgr.

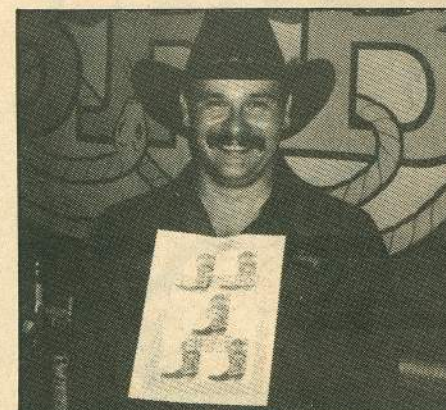


Yo'r Mama, before she was a star!



Torchy Lane in Torchy's Lone Star Review at Club Romeo.

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Tony L., Houston's Mr. IGRA Candidate.



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Back on Fitzhugh, **Gary Monier's No Name Bar** celebrated its ninth anniversary with a big spread of food and a mob of well wishers. Across the street, the **Imperial Court of Dallas** held a drag show with **Emperor Frank Cunningham** as host and **Cati Collins** as MC.



Infamous Birdman of Texas: Territory and owner Vance



Bernie Siben and Paul Little - Hideaway entertainers

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HOUSTON... By Aunt Richard

SUMMER ENDS, THE FUN GOES ON

I have to stop, take a deep breath and say thanks to all the area clubs for laboring so hard to give us this last weekend's fantastic Labor Day Holiday! I'm getting much too old to party non-stop. What a rush to the past when I was still thin!

Charles Armstrong's organization certainly had out the welcome mat. **Reed, JR.'s** manager, and **Randolph, Montrose Mining Co.'s** manager, had the crowds at both clubs smiling all night with those Texas sized three-for-one drinks at their **Customer Appreciation Party**. **Bill, Charles** and **Ray** came in from San Antonio and were being more than appreciated on the Mining Co.'s patio. It took very little to get them over to JR.'s to view the exposed talents of the **Pacific Coast Dancers**.

The **Barn** continues to get better! Physically, the bar looks better with each visit. Thanks, **Jay**, you are giving the heart of Montrose a tasty bit of Texana. Of course, handsome **David's** friendly service makes the Barn a great place to bend your elbow. You may remember David as one of our November 1986 cover men.

BOWLING FOR DOLLARS?

Not dollars exactly, but a **Joint League Award Party** will be held this Sunday, September 13 from 3 to 7 p.m. at **Chute's**. Your hosts will be providing free barbeque,

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MAMA AND THE DADDY'S

Mama and the **Happy Hour Daddy's** had a great kick-off for their series of activities to help the **AIDS Foundation Houston**. **Jerry F.** was the lucky winner of the 19 inch color television presented by the HHD's at the **Galleon** on Labor Day. Congratulations to you, Jerry. We can only hope that you'll soon see a final breakthrough on this disease on your new TV! The **Happy Hour Daddy's** will guest bartend on Tuesday, September 15, while **Vanna** spins that famous Wheel at the **Galleon**. The time is 8 p.m. Mark your calendar for Friday, September 18. HHD's will hold a benefit auction for AFH at 9 p.m. Items include furniture, accessories, theater tickets, health club membership, art work, bicycle, Acapulco vacation and much, much more. The events will continue—culminating with the **Fifth Annual Happy Hour Daddy's Revue** at 8 p.m., Sunday, October 4.

TONY AND TGRA

Tony Lozano, Mr. TGRA-Houston, was working hard at **Bacchus** last Sunday at the fundraiser to help send him to the **Mr. IGRA** competition. **TGRA** members, the **Brazos River Bottom** men and the entire crowd were treated to a great evening's entertainment. I especially enjoyed **Jesse's** balloon act!

Labor Day found Tony and **R.C. Cuellar, Ms. TGRA** contestant, guest bartending at the **BRB's Quiet Bar**! Let me assure you that it was anything but quiet!

TORCHY'S REVIEW

I truly feel sorry for anyone who missed **Torchy's Lone Star Review** at **Club Romeo**



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The **Newlywed Game** will return to the **Rock 'N' Horse** this Friday night at 8 p.m. It will be a great time for contestants and audience alike. Don't forget that finals for the Game will be coming up soon. Be there for all the fun.

Mary's has a new bar top. It doesn't

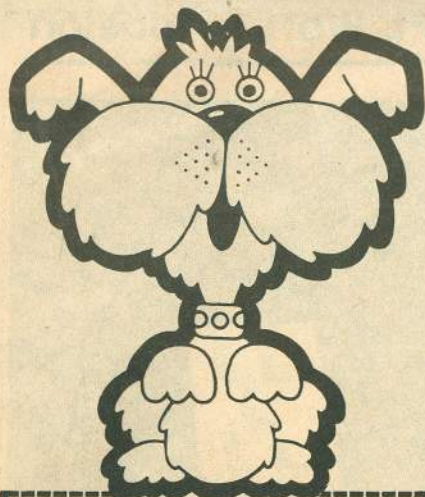
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sound like a big deal? Well, you have to see this to believe it! Get over there and see if you may be one of the many patrons now made a permanent part of this landmark club. **Jim** of **Venture N** fame is off giving the Pacific Northwest a little taste of Texas. He'll be home this next week for more fun and games.

Have fun till next time, but keep your cuffs clean.

SAN ANTONIO . . . By Jackie Oh!

Hi Storm Babies, where were you when the lights went out? Well fans, I was at the **2015** playing pool. Wouldn't you know I'd be playing with balls. The lights out party at the **2015** with **Desi** was just so much fun! Have you ever noticed how much prettier she looks in the dark? Well honey, don't we all look so much better in the dark? How true! How true!

The **Dena Kaye Show** at **AB's** this past Wednesday was a great show as always! **Thanks AB**, we need a bar with live dance music! So yea! Pictures of this will appear next week! I promise!

Down at the **French Connection** the lights didn't go out but the fun continued! At least I got to finish my pool game! The burgers were put on hold because of the storm, but were promised for another day! And don't forget weekend's at the **French Connection** with live entertainment! Hi gang!

Friday's are a blast at The Bolt, with **Johnny T.** spinning those discs! A lot of good sounds both old and new and lots of booze makes The Bolt a fun place on Fridays!

COMING SOON

The **106** known for it's own kind of entertainment, presents the **Miss Try Anything Pagent** real soon so stay tuned to

Channel **106** on your gay bar station (**The Texas Forum**).

Miss Gay Texas/America is coming up real soon in Dallas. Good Luck to **Miss Gay S.A. Vita Vixen**!

Don't forget Readers, that you're not allowed to drink and drive. Not only is it dangerous, but now it's against the law.

For those who know "The Story" thanx for your support it's very much appreciated and needed at this time in my life. You know what they say "what goes around comes around". So be nice and the B.S. will pass you by!

Until next week, you can find me at **TEC**! Oh! Well "Stuff" happens!



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Tracers Pows with Lazer-Etched Reality

Originally conceived by John Difusco and seven other Vietnam veterans from a series of psychotherapy sessions, the Southwest premiere of *Tracers* at the **Actors Workshop** aims at Vietnam and is right on target with sure-fire emotional intensity and laser-etched blood red reality. So buckle your seat belts for a bumpy, exhilarating, poignant and profane collage from 1967 to 1984, as we soar through the athanasia and the daily death of six soldiers, their drill sergeant and a medic.

Producer, director and actor (he vigorously steals scenes from his "goddamn maggots" as the drill sergeant) **Harry Brewer** handles *Tracers'* disjointed script with creative and stunning handiwork as he masterfully stages this important piece.

Charismatic **Darren Byrnes** stands out with a riveting performance as Dinky Dau, especially in his "Initiation" to the heroin needle and as a wheelchair-bound vet. As an intellectual **Hermann Hesse** (pronounced "Hessah," for the record) fan, **Larry Balfe** plays the Professor with superfine subtlety. In a scene filled with much needed comic

relief, the Professor meets Doc, the medic, who is brilliantly encapsulated by **Steve Martinez** in his only scene.

Hulky **Walton Wilson's** man-turned-machine Little John brought tears to my eyes as a Jack black slurping lush but over-angsted a few too many times. **Howard French's** marvellous characterization of Scooter was fine method acting until his closing monologue, when he produced no tears and little or no emotional response.

Totally believable as the youngest recruit, Baby San, is **John Hoff**, especially in a moving monologue about how he has lost his "Sense of Judgement." **Carl Green** brings home a fine performance as Habu, who ties his men together with traces of sanity.

All in all, *Tracers* is a must-see. Raw, powerful, moving theatre at its best, *Tracers* runs Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m. through September at the Actors Workshop, 1009 Chartres. For reservations, call (713) 236-1844. (Reviewed by Buzz Bellmont.)

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Stone Soup Presents Wish List From Lavelle Shaw, Houston

Enclosed is our current wish list.

Last month, Stone Soup received \$765 in groceries purchased by the Colt 45's with cash raised at Christmas in July at the Brazos River Bottom.

This will greatly help in serving approximately 125 clients, including 24 new ones in August. Through the 21st of August, 139 orders were filled.

Thank you so much for the good work. And thanks to everyone who has helped out Stone Soup so far. Stone Soup says that smaller, individual sized packaging is preferred in donated food. The current list of needed food is: apple and grape juices, tea bags, instant coffee, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, sugar, gravies, sauces, chicken, & tuna helper, deodorant, food wraps, vitamins, pork & beans, light bulbs, canned meats, beef stew, pasta, cold cereal, jello, pudding, instant potatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste, canned fruits (no applesauce), canned vegetables (spinach, carrots, beets, but NO green beans or veg-all), Ensure protein drink, jelly, honey, peanut butter and chunky soups.

Donations can be brought to Stone Soup at 1004 California on Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or taken directly to AIDS Foundation Houston, 3927 Essex Lane.

Some bars also have drop-off boxes. If your favorite bar does not have one, suggest they get one. Editor.

By "Perfectly" Frank Carello

People in Trouble

Hey, he didn't know the bat was loaded! Poor old Billy Hatcher of the Houston Astros got caught with a corked bat when it exploded during a game with the Cubs. But Billy says he's innocent as a sleeping kitten, because it wasn't even his bat. And the guy who brought the bat into the game says it was all an honest mistake. Right. And no Astros have ever scuffed a baseball and professional wrestling is real.

Bouncing back like a ball off a corked bat, President Ronnie's popularity is once again climbing, according to a poll by his very own pollster, Richard Wirthlin. Depending on the accuracy of figures in a poll taken by someone who depends on you for a living seems a bit shakey, but things like that have never bothered Ronnie before, so why should they bother him now? A spokesman compared Ronnie's new figures, which showed 55% job approval rate, to Eisenhower's 66% job approval rating at the same time in his administration. To further show how great the Republicans do, he compared the job approval figures of Ronnie against Democrats Truman, Carter and Johnson, who were all in the depths as far as popularity was concerned when they were in the last gasps of their administrations. However, this guy (Fitzwater, the Republican spokesman) somehow did not have any figures on the job approval ratings towards the end of the administrations of Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. It was probably just an honest oversight on his part. Right.

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and women over the years, but I think he's banging with a corked gavel.

Of course, justice comes in many countries, as seen in the recent trial of 19-year-old West German Mathias Rust, the kid who foiled the defense system of the Soviet Union and landed a small plane in Red Square. He got two years for violating the Soviet border and three years for breaking international flight rules. But, the big charge—the one that netted him four years in a labor camp—was for malicious hooliganism. They said the kid was an egotist and a glory-seeker. It's a good thing we don't send people to jail for egotism and glory-seeking here, or we'd wind up without a movie industry or any politicians.

But, at least the Soviets are more open in their judicial process than the Israelis, who are keeping the wraps on the trial of Mordechai Vanunu, who has been accused of treason and espionage because of talking about his job at the Dimona nuclear plant in the Negev Desert to the London Sunday Times. Israeli authorities have denied access at the trial to reporters, representatives of human rights groups and members of Vanunu's immediate family. All this after they kidnapped him to bring him to trial. Vanunu has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. I'm nominating the Israelis who are handling the trial for Heavy-Handed Jerks of the Year.

But the Stupid Quote of the Week Award goes to liberal Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, who was quoted in Life Magazine as saying, "If it's a dope case, I won't even read the petition. I ain't giving no break to no drug dealer. I won't handle incest cases, either. Disgusting." I wonder how he'd rule on people who murder the English language.

Let's Hear It for the Little People

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business. They can't hide. Show business is a small business." Especially for a midget.

Violence broke out in London after a street carnival, so an official of Scotland Yark announced, "The carnival is over. I urge law-abiding citizens to go home." Don't you think it would have been better to urge the trouble-makers to go home?

Johnny Carson is in trouble for making dentist jokes. Johnny is being sued for \$5 million by Dr. Michael Mendelson for telling jokes which included, "Were it not for dentists, we would never have the opportunity to look up a grown man's nose." I think Johnny would be better off giving money to people who laugh at his jokes rather than to people who don't think he's funny at all.

Personal Disasters

A pilot was treated for a cut hand after he fell out of an airplane but managed to cling to the open door until the plane made an emergency landing. Said Henry Dempsey after his ordeal, "When I was first sucked out of the plane, I knew I was in big trouble." Masters of the Obvious are sending Dempsey a pre-approved membership application for that remark.

Three men in a New York subway tunnel jumped onto the tracks and pulled another man who had fallen off the platform to safety just seconds before a train came roaring into the station. It's really irritating when New Yorkers blow their cool like that and confuse people who think of them all as unfeeling, uncaring slobs who wouldn't help their grandmothers cross the streets.

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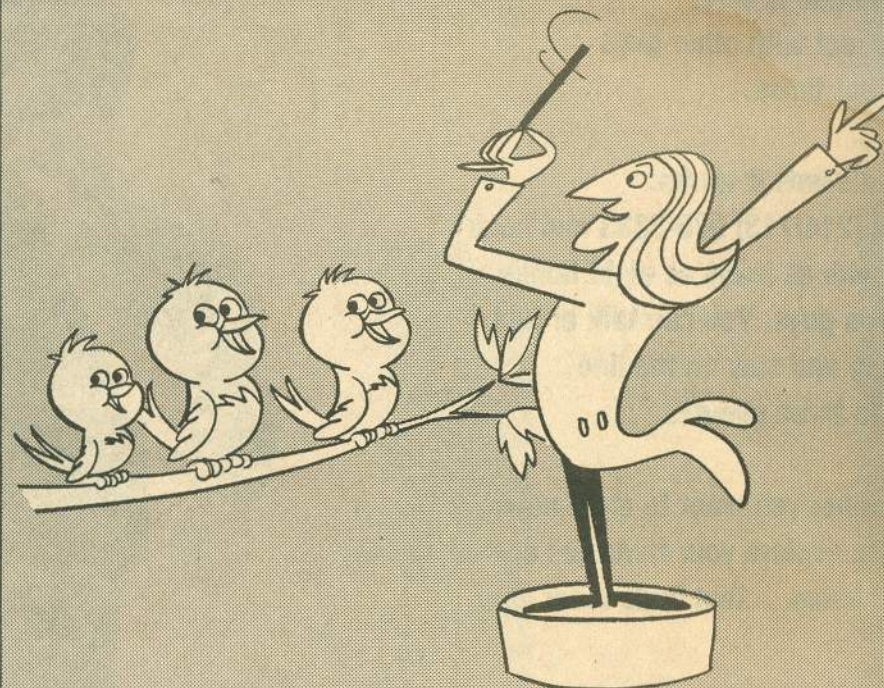
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Singing Groups Are Seeking New Voices

Houston has two groups that are eagerly looking for more people to join in with them for music, fun and community.

The **Montrose Singers**, Houston's gay men's chorus, is already in the throes of putting together their Christmas concert, so men interested in getting in on the Yuletide harmonies should plan to attend one of their rehearsals on either a Tuesday at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. or a Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at a rehearsal spot that's near Montrose and West Gray. If you want the exact address or more info, please call **Mike** at (713)

526-3810.

Women who want to join in with **HeartSong**, the Houston area women's chorus, are encouraged to attend one of their rehearsals, which are held on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Montrose. HeartSong is preparing music for the tentatively scheduled **Domestic Violence Week** memorial service and also for several Christmas concerts. Regardless of musical ability, women who wish to sing together should get the details from **Tori** at (713) 522-1954.

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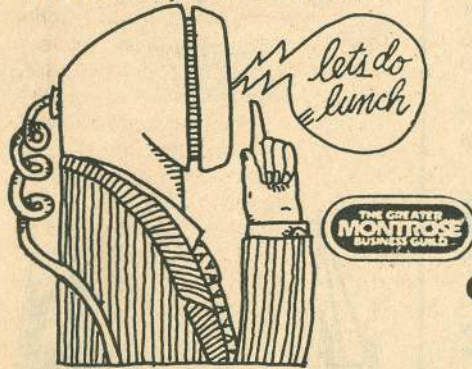
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MONA

Dear Mona:

My problem has become such a part of my life that I can not seem to get out from under it. Mona, I am a sick procrastinator. I put everything off. My checkbook has never been balanced. I almost wait until I am stepping on my hair before I get it cut. My car only gets an oil change if it happens to be in the shop for something else. You name it, and I neglect it, put it off, ignore it and do just about anything to get around having to do it. My house has become such a mess that I can hardly stand to stay here. I would stay at the office except I have managed to clutter it up as much as the house. I only eat one meal per day because I put off breakfast and lunch until it is dinner time. It goes on and on. It is a sickness that keeps me in constant turmoil. Do you have an answer for me, Mona?

Signed: "Getting Around To It" in Dallas.

Dear G.A.T.I.:

I can only hope my vomiting will stop long enough for me to complete this worthless reply. It is true, G.A.T.I., you are sick. I can understand a little procrastination in one's life, but really, you are not procrastinating. You are mentally comotose. Let's face the facts, forgettable one. You are a mess in a handbag! The bottom line is that you do not have the discipline to get up off your spread and get things done. There is no clinical explanation, no therapy needed. Just a smart slap across your silly attitude should do the trick (pardon the pun). The best way to get things done is to get up and do them. Not all at once, but, a little at a time. Mona knows you are probably too far gone to get it all done at once. Therefore, just start with those things that are driving you the most mad (er). Do a little bit every day and someday, before your worthless existence is over with, you may find that you're living a relatively normal life. Or you can just lay around in your own "forget about it feces" and drive yourself crazier than you already are.

It makes Mona wonder how you even took the time out to seek my advice. Did you go a night without dinner so that you could write? It is likely that you have put off more important things than those you have mentioned. It is not healthy, nor is it wise to "put off until tomorrow what you can do today", or, in your case "put off until another life what you can do in this one". My advice to you is nothing more than get over it. The problem is an age old one. We in the business have a name for it. Laziness. No one is going to do it for you. No one can. Get up off your garters and get with it.

Dear Mona:

My new boyfriend collects reptiles. They are everywhere and he feeds them live animals. He has a snake that looks as if it could eat me. I really like this guy but I am too uncomfortable with snakes and lizards and spiders in the bedroom. Should I talk to him about it? Should I give him an ultimatum, me or the reptiles? What should I do Mona? Signed: Scared of Snakes.

Dear S.O.S.

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(1) Tell him that you're scared of his pets. Maybe he can put them in the garage, or closet. Anywhere but a girl's chambers!

(2) Stop seeing him. There are lots of guys out there with nice little poodles. They work out O.K. in the bedroom.

(3) Wait until he is at work one day and have yourself an elegant purse and boot set made. You may suffer his wrath, but you will be in fashion all the while!

Are you in need of answers?

Do you need help?

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It's a wild time in New York City, Dear Fans. Amanda has just finished a wild evening with our Dear Friend Ken Duncan of Red Shoes fame. He wanted to show us such fine places as the Savoy and the Park Lane, but after dressing in our most exquisite purple pouf dress with matching mega-bustle and trip-me-train, he decided to take us to the Saint instead.

Well, we've been to Heaven, and we've been to Mecca, and we even remember a trip to Studio Whatever-it-used-to-be, back when everyone was dancing the Freak and bumping each other until their hips bled.

Needless to say, real estate in Manhattan has gone up in both price and quality since those dark dreary days! One can now saunter into the most dreadful looking dive wearing a million dollars worth of jewelry and gowns, and not even be looked at!

Of course, we remember our old days, hanging out with Mary McFaddin and some other notable lesbians, smoking black Russian cigarettes that smelled like burning badger fur and looking through too much mascara at men who never wore underwear and should have.

Back then, Manhattan was Breakfast at Tiffanies. It was Hair and Godspell. It was dirty and vile and disgusting—the way a real city should be. Now, New York is trendy, and that's not so bad.

Our Dear Friend, Jonathan, who toils unendingly as Amanda's agent, lives the posh life of Manhattan, although he braves the subways. We ourselves took the subway from one place to the other, but our megatulle skirts kept getting caught in the doorways, and street people kept snipping off the excess for their own use. Now we know how Cyndi Lauper got her look. By the time we reached Penn Station, our clothing was



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NO! NOT THAT!) Academy Award!

So, here we are, sitting in our favorite Jewish bagel shop, eating cream cheese and rummaging through old books. Oh God, there goes a policeman—one of New York's finest! Did you know they are starting to wear lycra stretch pants on their horses now. Dear Fans? They look like Jor El with a moustache. There really is a God!!

We love New York and the East Coast, but next week we will be back with our very much missed and loved Houston friends. Til then, play safe and we'll see you then.

Newsbit

Auditions Announced

HOUSTON—The Group (Theatre Workshop) announced that auditions would be held on September 12 and 13, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Kindred Spirits, 4902 Richmond, for the Houston premiere of Doug Holsclaw's *Life of the Party*, an award-winning play about a group of gay friends dealing with the 80's lifestyle and the AIDS crisis.

Director Joe Watts said, "It's extremely funny and also quite touching."

Watts needs five males, ranging in age from mid-twenties to 40-years-old, and one female in her late twenties.

Life of the Party won the Cable Car Award in San Francisco as Outstanding Theatrical Production of 1986 and the Will Glickman Theater Trust Award as best new play to premiere in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1986.

For further info, contact Watts at (713) 522-2204 or (713) 266-1000.

NETWORK

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I couldn't help but think how strange it was that in Texas, one can have something as highly specialized and developed as a hairstyling convention. After all, this is supposed to be TEXAS! People up north would be very surprised to learn that we macho Texans had hosted something like that.

Even more surprising is how the world has grown so incredibly small.

I met Graham as he stood outside his shop in Mayfair in London. We became good friends, and have written or called on a regular basis for almost two years. When he said he was going to "pass through" Houston, I simply had to see him. So, I got on the Metro and zipped up to the airport to see him for only 20 minutes before he had to fly off again for London.

He and Simon were very tired. They had been teasing, spraying, moussing, washing, coloring and talking for three days straight. They flew in on Friday night, and flew out on Monday afternoon. A weekend trip to another continent.

I wondered, as I rode the bus back into the city, how our ancestors would have been so stunned at the speed in which we live. Even 80 years ago, it took several days to cross Texas. One hundred years ago, it took months. A trip by wagon from Houston to San Antonio took about five days! Now it takes 30 minutes. And from there, people jump other jets and dart off to Europe or other cities in America.

It was a miracle to see Graham under these conditions. Although it was short, and many people scoffed at my even taking the time and trouble to get all the way up to Intercontinental Airport for a 20 minute visit, it was a miracle to see him darting through. It was a visit for these fast times. It was hello, how are you, have a drink, run to the gate, sit and chat intimately for a few minutes, jump up at last call, wave goodbye, and fly off. It was like a fast motion film.

And when it was over, I felt very happy to have seen my friend, and he felt the same. But the next day, it seemed to be rather a blur. Almost a dream.

That's the price we pay for our speed. A dreamlike quality.

Newsbit

NEA Sends Out AIDS Education Booklet

NEW YORK — The National Education Association inserted 1.9 million booklets (*The Facts About AIDS and Principles of Education and Behavioral Change*) in NEA Today, the union's monthly publication, which was sent to all members of the NEA.

Showbit



After Buddy's Birthday, It's Mamou

It's hard to find a reasonable human being who does not love either **Buddy Holly** or Cajun music—or both. So, fear not, reasonable people, you can have both at **Dallas Alley** within a week.

Well, you can't have *live* Holly, unfortunately, but on Sunday, September 13, in the **Boiler Room**, the main celebration of Buddy Holly's music (which began on his birthday on September 7) will commence at 8 p.m., featuring **Sgt. Fury and the Valiant All-Stars**, **Karen Bella**, **The Walker Sisters** and **Mayes, Grimes and Kennard**, (with **Mouse Mayes** and **Ty Grimes** of the **Farlow Brothers** and **Guthrie Kennard**, who performs with **Marc Benno**). **Stoney Burns**, editor and publisher of *Buddy Mag-*

azine, will emcee the show.

Burns will be featured on **Phil York's** KNON radio show from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, September 12, playing music and discussing the life and career of the Lubbock-born singer/songwriter who penned and recorded such hits as "Peggy Sue" and "That'll Be the Day" before dying tragically in a 1959 plane crash at the age of 21.

For Cajun rockers, **Mamou** will be sending out their hot sounds and distinctive harmonies on September 18 and 19 at **Froggy Bottoms**, with guitarist **Wayne Aguilard** jumping in on the accordion while backed solidly by bass player **Steve La-Fleur** and drummer **Tony Soileau**. This is Cajun cooking for your ears.

WHAT A WORLD!!

Wacky World of Music

By Nancy Ford

There are a few things happening in the wacky, wacky world of music and entertainment which recently have captured my attention for reasons beyond my being musically entertained. Consider:

Item I: Andy Warhol said that in the future everyone will be famous for fifteen minutes. What a pity it is that fifteen minutes aren't enough for some people. Like Madonna, who recently brought her "Who's That Girl" tour to Houston's Astrodome. Who's That Girl? What's that smell? It's not enough that they bring the rodeo into a crowded, enclosed space for three weeks every year. No, let's bring in Madonna, too. In her underwear, no less. At least she's started shaving.

Madonna — 1987's answer to Marilyn Monroe, even though nobody asked the question. Same hair, same makeup, same facial mole, same everything. How long can it be 'til she's sleeping with Reagan? And they thought Contragate was a scandal. Should this presidential sexual pattern actually repeat itself, I would hope that Nancy would bite her lip (somebody should.) and stand by her man. Jackie did. Goodness knows there wasn't enough room to lay down beside him with all that traffic.

Could this be why Sean and Madonna have begun divorce proceedings? What a shame — they're such a perfect couple. She

assaults our sensibilities. He assaults everything else. From this union has sprung a child, a daughter, who is heavily guarded from the media. Her name is Luka.

Sean Penn isn't even his real name. He shortened it from *Penitentiary*, which proves conclusively that we not only are what we eat, we are where we live. Recently Sean has lived in a penitentiary, of sorts, serving time on an assault charge. Actually the penitentiary is more of a private suite hidden somewhere in California where he is spending thirty days' time paying his debt to society, reading scripts and working deals via telephone.

This is not appropriate punishment for assault. This is appropriate punishment for getting a bad grade on one's report card.

Private suite hidden in California. They could have at least sentenced him to a La Quinta. What would happen had he committed murder? No TV?

But the sentencing judge claims Sean is being treated no differently than if he were incarcerated in a traditional prison. That must mean that among his phone calls are greetings from Henry-Lee-Lucas and Ted-Bundy types. *Collect* calls, so to speak "Hello, Sean? You have a pretty voice, Sean. You're mine for the next three minutes, Sean."

Item II: America's second-most-talked about couple, Jim and Tammy Bakker are back in the news, wailing about continued financial hardship. Things have gotten so bad that Tammy has been forced to lay off

her makeup man. Fortunately his old job back at Ziebart was still available. To help supplement the family income, Tammy Faye has returned to the recording studio to record a country-western album, soon to be available at a K-Mart near you. More than just a recording, it is the realization of Tammy's life-long dream to become her own blue-light special. God Bless America.

Item III: Following her much publicized divorce from Swedish rock-star Peter Holm, when asked if she'd ever marry again Joan Collins replied that she didn't need a husband — she needed a wife. Colbyco would never be the same.

Sean and Madonna, Jim and Tammy, Joan and Peter, Sodom and Gomorrah. I love show biz.

Newsbits

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WORCESTER, Mass.—Although the Centers of Disease Control in Atlanta have identified 563 children with AIDS and Surgeon General C. Everett Koop has said that there will be 3,000 in the next five years, states have been slow to cope with the particular problem of children born with AIDS.

Phyllis Tourse, executive director of the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange conducted a study of 25 states that showed that about one-third of the babies born with AIDS are abandoned in the hospital or orphaned at birth, but that only five states in the survey had policies that would help children with AIDS get placed in foster or adoptive homes.




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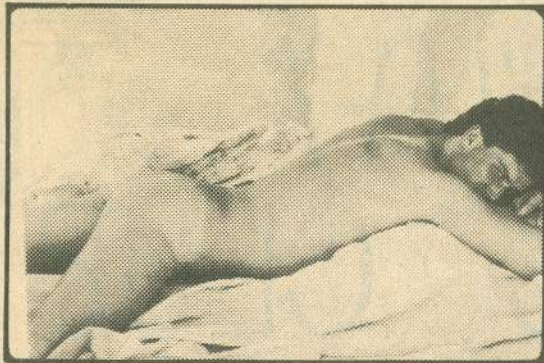
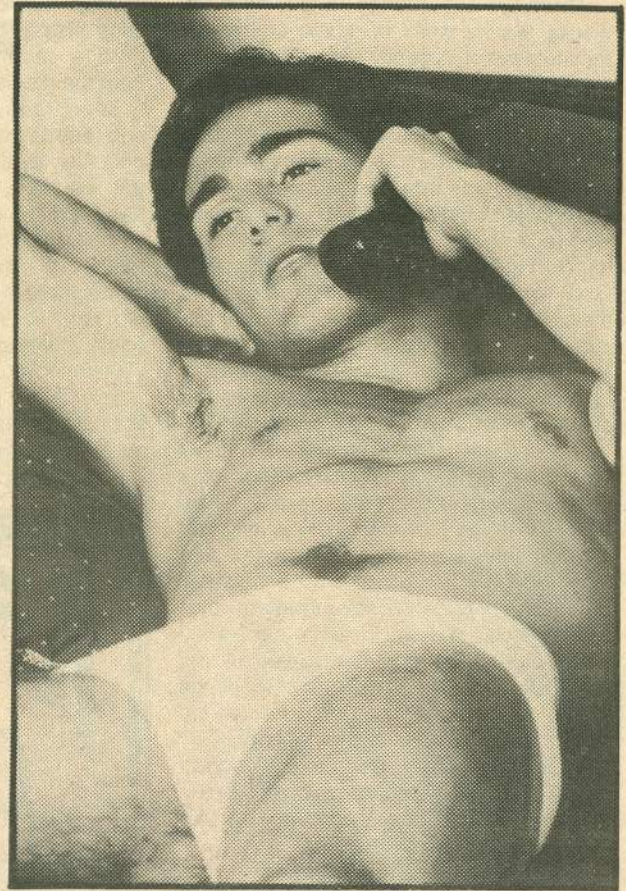
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