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Cops in the bars may cause gays in the streets, City Council told

By Henry McClurg
PUBLISHER/EDITOR

Eight Houston police officers and one trained police attack dog swarmed Mary's lounge, a gay club at 1022 Westheimer, *en masse* Tuesday evening, Oct. 23, and arrested club manager Andy Mills and a female customer.

Mills was charged with assaulting a police officer after he had questioned their reason for entering the club. He was released on \$200 bond a few hours after the arrest.

Betty Matthews was charged with three counts of assault and possessing a deadly weapon (a leg bracelet containing pointed studs). She was not released until two days later with \$1000 bond posted.

Mills said that when the policemen came into the club, he went up to them, introduced himself, and stuck out his hand for a handshake.

"The officers refused to shake my hand, but instead started going up to customers which had on belts with decorative studs, asking them to come outside and remove their belts or else be charged with possessing a deadly weapon. Customers at first cooperated, Mills said.

When they approached Matthews, playing pool, she told them she would not go outside with them and remove her leg bracelet. They then forced her outside, at which time Mills got on the club's public address system and said, "All right, we've had enough. Let's just everybody sit down on the floor."

As Mills was getting out the last words, the police grabbed him, took him outside and placed him in a police car for the trip to jail, along with Matthews.

Mills said, "Betty is a regular customer of the club and when they started forcing her outside, that's when I really got mad and got on the P.A."

He says Matthews has a fused leg, unable to bend, but when police put her in the police car, they forced it to bend. At the jail, police doctors ordered her



Andy Mills

taken to a hospital for tests.

Mills and local gay political leaders had previously scheduled a time slot at the regular Wednesday morning City Council session the following day. Because of the unexpected police raid and arrest, the speakers devoted time to warning council members that if action is not taken against individual police officers which are harassing the gay community, there could be violent trouble.

About fifty gay people gathered on the street outside Mary's shortly after word spread of Mills and Matthews' arrest. The crowd was in an angry mood but no trouble occurred at that time. A short time later, however, several garbage dumpsters in the Montrose area were set on fire.

"You can take this as a warning," activist/publisher Gary Van Otteghem told the city councilmen.

Also, by coincidence ap-

parently, officials of the gay Montrose Patrol, a neighborhood security group, had scheduled a meeting with Assistant Police Chief R.G. McKeehan Wednesday afternoon. McKeehan is the police department's "liaison" with the gay community. The Montrose Patrol was attempting to solve problems that have emerged with certain police officers that are hampering its effort to keep the neighborhood safe from anti-gay troublemakers.

McKeehan later said that the police department has a policy of transferring out of the Montrose area police officers which have personal problems in dealing with homosexuals but he added, "We can't eliminate this characteristic from each officer."

Mills disagrees with the sincerity of McKeehan's effort to remove homophobic police officers from Montrose.

"We've got two officers in particular, a Officer Lucas and a Officer Shine, and we've complained about them forty times, but they're still in Montrose."

Gay Political Caucus president Steve Shiflett and National March on Washington organizer/longtime local activist Ray Hill spoke also before City Council.

Shiflett spoke to announce that there would be a gay community rally to raise funds to help defeat anti-gay Position One Councilman Frank Mann and Hill to allege that the recent crackdown by police against adult bookstores would only cause independent operators to close so organized crime could move in.

Councilman Mann walked out of the meeting, as he usually does when a gay person speaks. The other councilmen remained, however, and told Hill that if he has any proof of his allegation about organized crime, he should bring it to the attention of the organized crime control division of the Houston Police Dept.

Hill said he has no such actual proof. He was just "logically speculating."

Hot Shots



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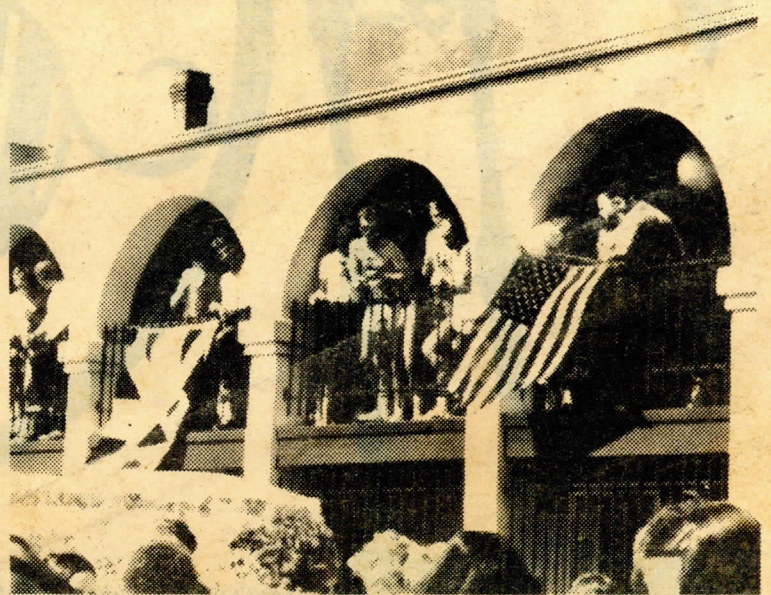
Art Fest festive

Literally hundreds of thousands turned out Oct. 19 and 20 for the Westheimer Colony Art Festival, a twice-a-year event from the 100 to 1000 block of Westheimer in the heart of Montrose.

Despite the fact that the street was not blocked off to traffic, as most everyone thought City Council had said would be done, gay and straight people cruised, purchased, ate, drank and partied from 9:00 a.m. to sunset, both days.

City Council, claiming it *thought* it had voted to have the street blocked off to all except emergency vehicles, voted instead (because of a typographical error, one source claimed) simply to have the *parking lane* closed to traffic.

(More photos inside.)



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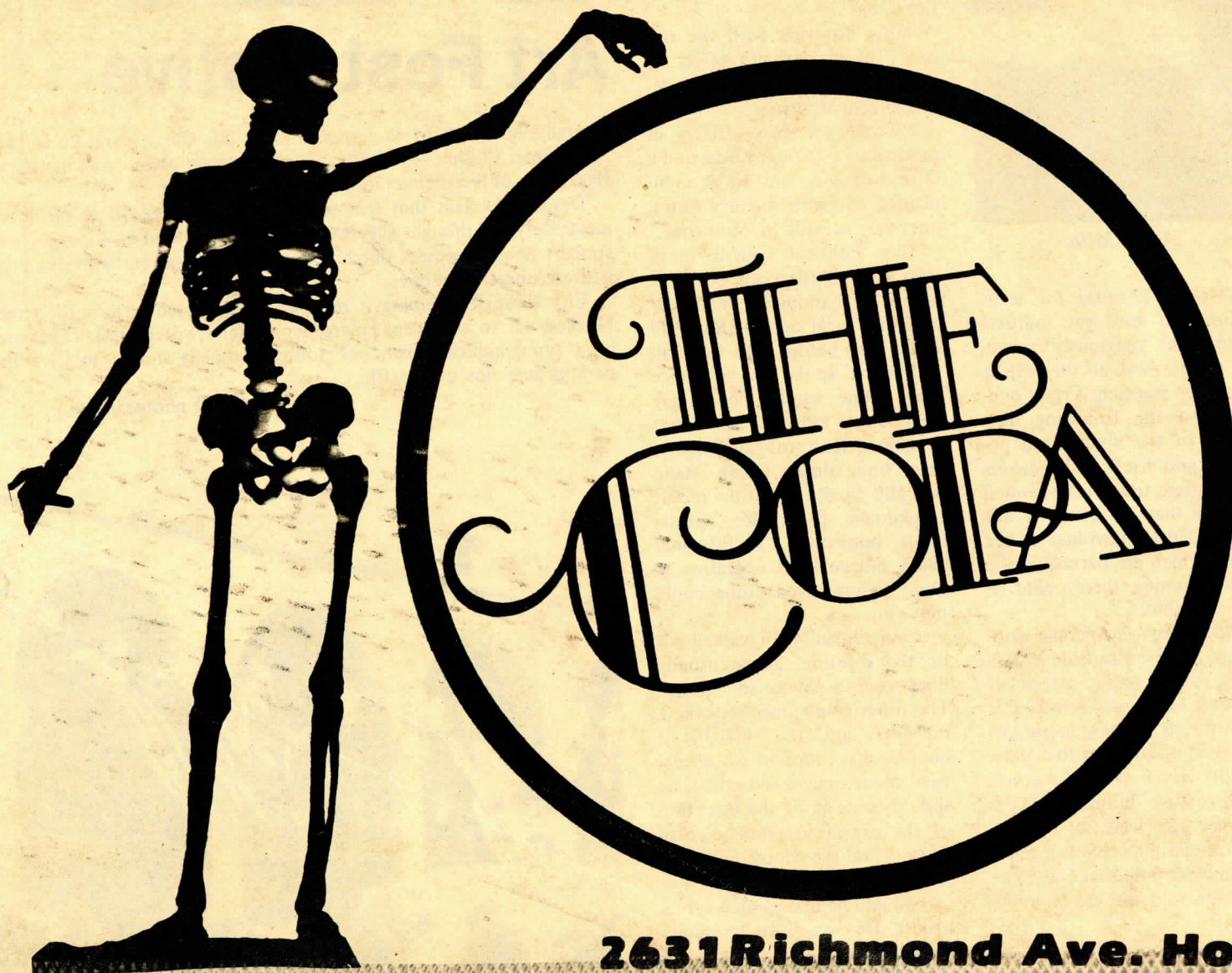
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Horoscope

SCORPIO: Outside forces may pull you in wrong direction so keep one eye on your rearview mirror at all times. Conserve time, energy. Don't permit gloom to grab you as we head into November. Week of determination.

SAGITTARIUS: Because you love home and friends, you are sometimes known as the great parent of the Zodiac. Self-doubt is your weakness, however, and must be watched, for it can lead to depression. During early November you'll move into new, demanding cycle.

CAPRICORN: Abandon yourself to the new month of November by getting out of doors and smelling the cool air. But don't go pogo. Take friend/lover with you. Salute autumn with the toss of a Frisbee or Yo-Yo. At heart, you are a child and Mother Nature loves you.

AQUARIUS: Take time to go barefoot during an autumn warm

day. Fling your bones under a tree and just watch the ants work and the worms wiggle. The wonders of nature surround you. Fall welcomes you.

PISCES: Get mandatory tasks done, including hanging out sign: Go Away. November will be for enjoying. Tell one who would have you hot-footing it day and night to go shimmy up a waxed rope.

ARIES: Current lifestyle comes into question. A frank discussion is in order and you must instigate it. You deal from position of strength if you put all cards on the table. In final shuffle you wind up with the pot.

TAURUS: Tatty old memories return. Fight the blues with whatever is handy. You may think your lot is bitter, but not so. On last day, the sun warms your shoulders and your faith is renewed. Thank heaven.

GEMINI: Spring into the thick of November with a smile on your face. This week is a whirly one and you are a whirly one. You hum through days ahead in tune with the

universe. Week ends on key of D-sharp for dream, drama and drollery.

MOONBABY: Life is not a bowl of cherries. It's a game of checkers, so study the rules. Surrender one to take two; don't make two moves at one time; move up, not down; and when you get to the top, you can move as you like.

LEO: You must change your ways concerning personal matter. True, "once an error is learned, it is hard to unlearn" but it is not impossible. Strength and inspiration come from unexpected source. You'll shimmy into the thick of November.

VIRGO: A lie mixed with a little truth is difficult to determine. Offer may be made. What you see ain't necessarily what you gonna get, so be foxy. And November welcomes you.

LIBRA: Each of us must sometimes play the fool and this just happens to be your week. Still, week can be unusually productive. Don't be flabbergasted when you arrive at a new state of awareness through backdoor entrance.

Texans visit 18 reps, senators after March

WASHINGTON — Eighteen members of the 24-member Texas congressional delegation were visited during Constituent Lobby Day following the National

March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Both U.S. Senators from Texas, John Tower and Lloyd Bentsen, were visited.

Although no new sponsors came forward from Texas for support of gay rights legislation, "Congresspersons were generally attentive and amazed to learn they have gay/lesbian constituents living in their districts," said Kathy Deitsch, moderator of the Texas Gay Task Force.

Rep. Mickey Leland, a Democrat whose district includes Montrose, is the only member of the Texas delegation openly supporting the pending gay rights bill in the House.

Many of the Texas congressional delegation admitted they had never talked with openly gay people prior to the Oct. 15 visit.

GRNL to go after political parties

WASHINGTON — The Gay Rights National Lobby has decided to sponsor a "National Convention Project," they say, which will be the "first nationwide attempt to build an effective gay voice in grassroots American politics."

The group said the project is estimated to cost \$96,000 and

has as its goal "a national platform plank committing the Democratic and Republican parties for the first time to defend the basic rights of American men and women who are gay."

The project will work toward that end, they said, by assisting local gay organizations to:

1) Influence the gay rights

stands of Presidential candidates by making gay concerns known (e.g., holding fooms, sending questionnaires),

2) Lobby the parties' platform writing processes by offering testimony and communicating with individual committee members,

3) Elect "out" gay convention delegates committed to gay rights, and

4) Establish gay presence at the conventions and off the convention floors.

GRNL announced the four-point project at the Oct. 14 national gay march.

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Stanley

By Stanley S. Stanley
MONTROSE STAR STAFF

Dear Stanley: I am very concerned about all the hustlers that stand around in our beautiful Turtle Creek area in Dallas. Why don't they get out and work and stop trying to leach off others? They are an eyesore and trashy.

(Signed) Concerned

Dear Concerned: First, they are usually misfortunates, make very little money and may need

qualified mental and medical care. REMEMBER, as long as someone will drive by and give them a dollar, they will be there.

So tell whomever you know to stop paying and stop stopping or cruising the block.

Then they'll go away. Where's there a market, there'll be a product.

Dear Stanley: I am now just over 40 years old and my social and sex life seems to be ebbing away. People don't really want to be acquainted with "over 40's" and are not approaching me and allowing me to approach them, as they used to do. I still need company, sex and all the other likes I have always had.

What do we do after 40.
(signed) Old and Worried.

Dear Worried: Bull! You are apparently resigned to a rumor that over 40 is over the hill. False. YOU HAVE RETREATED. All you need to do is reevaluate your self-esteem, start smiling, think logically and happily.

You'll be surprised at the change.

If you are a chicken hawk, you need to find a chicken with a rooster complex - but don't. Stay with your age group - 36-50 is probably best. BE SURE THAT YOU ARE WELL GROOMED AND PHYSICALLY FIT and TRIM. It's good for

your health, too.
You'll do OK.

Dear Stanley: I moved into a lovely apartment complex about three months ago. Though the complex is tops, the tenants seem to be noisy and disturbing in a thoughtless way all of the time. What can I do?

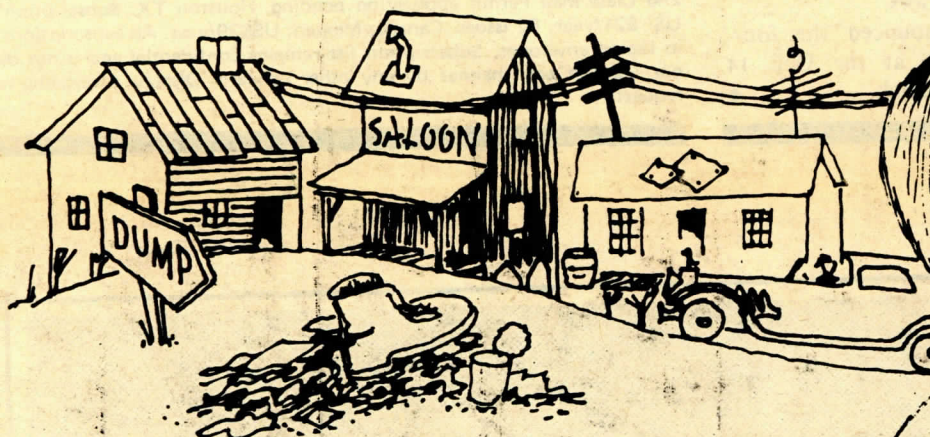
(signed) Mad.

Dear Mad: In this case, MOVE. You got there last and apparently moved into a party house. Next time investigate your location.

You want a more sedate environment, perhaps. If you had been there a long time and the situation changed, then

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Paper refuses ad

By Daniel Curzon
IGNA

SAN FRANCISCO — The *San Francisco Sunday Examiner and Chronicle* has rejected as "unacceptable" an ad for the Gay Men's Chorus. The ad shows two men with their heads touching and their arms around each other.

No reason was given by the newspaper for the rejection.

Jim Mabry, the artist of what has become a controversial drawing, said that the illustration for an appearance by the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus is meant to show "a moment of tenderness. It is not the least bit prurient."

Mabry, who is also a member of the chorus, said he thinks the ad was turned down by the 700,000-circulation paper "because it shows two men displaying affection for each other, and to reject such an ad indicates

that the straight press still feels the only proper way to present men relating to each other is in violent or competitive ways."

Reportedly, the newspaper advertising salesman who had originally received the advertisement, upon instructions of his bosses, contacted the chorus and said that the ad could be run only if they were willing to have the illustration "cropped below the arm of the figure on the right."

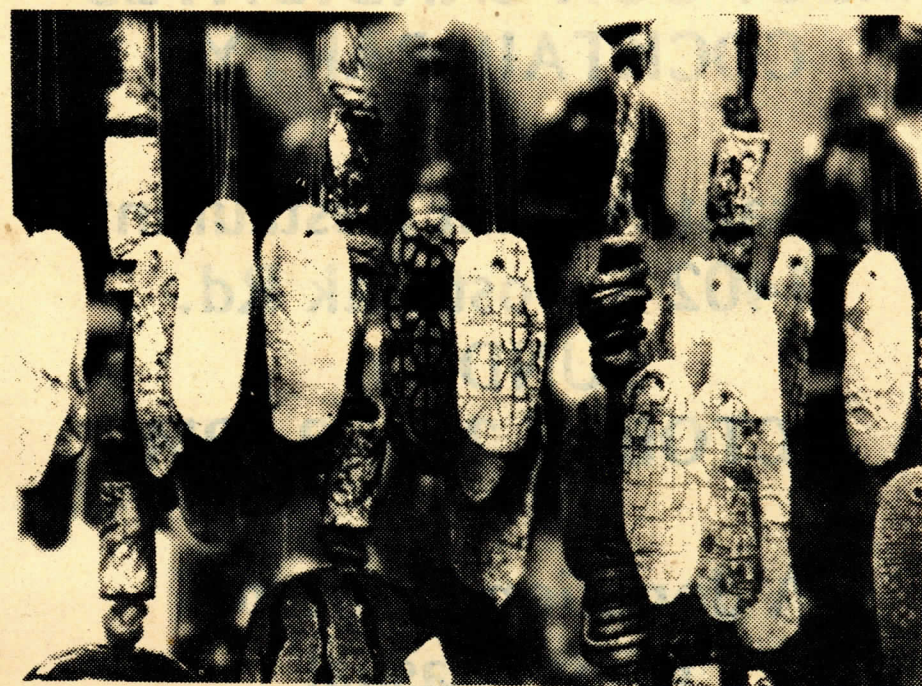
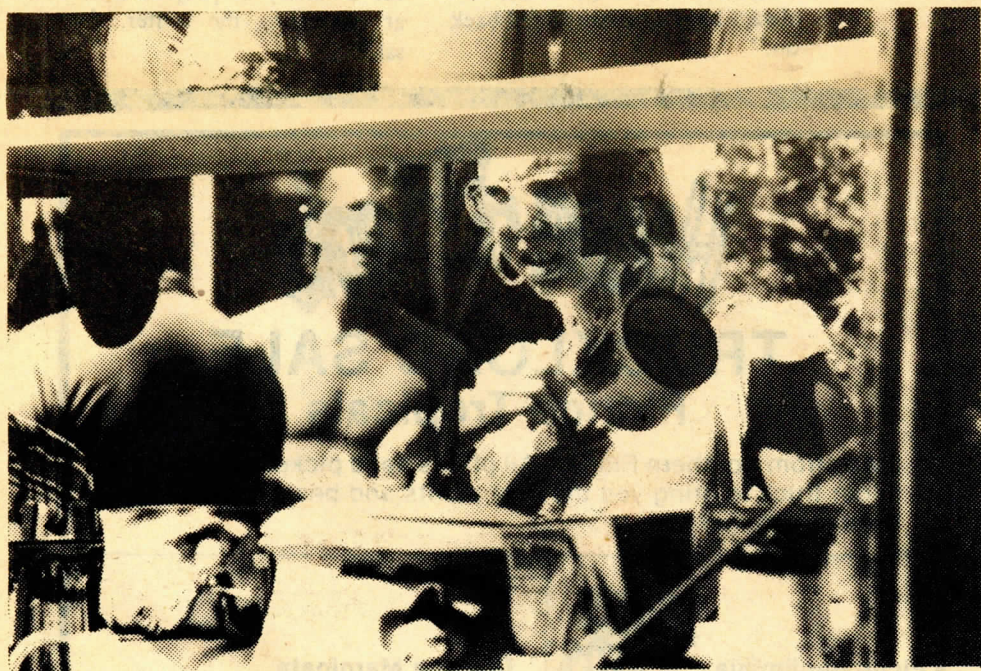
No explanation was given as to why this cropping (cutting the illustration off) would make the ad acceptable or what was objectionable to the lower part of the illustration.

The Gay Men's Chorus decided to gather in front of the *Chronicle* building on Oct. 12 to protest with a "sing-in." Placards reading "the ad that dare not show its face" were carried and copies of the illustration were handed to passersby.



Hot Shots

A few more snapshots from last weekend's Westheimer Colony Art Festival.



— PHOTOS BY BILL LUBING

EPAH, a gay business group growing, changing

By Bill Lubing
MONTROSE STAR STAFF

"You have to crawl before you walk and walk before you can run," is the way Bert Hollister, president of the Executive and Professional Association of Houston describes that organization's growth over the past three years.

EPAH is "set up for business and professional gay people interested in serving the community in civic and social ways — to promote business among its members," continues Hollister.

He goes on to explain EPAH is nonpolitical and engages in no political fundraising. Presently the group is donating one dollar for every three donated to the Montrose Activity Center

The organization is three years old. "Some people might say we've grown at a slow rate," tells Hollister. Membership is presently at around eighty-five. "You could say we've planned it this way. There've been no external projects in the past because we've worked within the organization to make the group as stable as possible.

"You wouldn't say we've had a change in philosophy but are advancing to another stage of our growth," Hollister con-

cludes.

EPAH holds a general meeting on the third Tuesday of the month in the ballroom of Stouffers Hotel, in Greenway Plaza. Generally the evening begins with an hour or so of cocktails and socializing. A meal

follows, with a guest speaker and general business after that. Visitors with reservations are welcome.

A social function is planned once a month. A monthly newsletter with information pertinent to the organization is sent to

EPAH members. Also available to members is a directory.

Dues for the organization are \$60.00 yearly.

"Our members are generally in business at a management level," explains Hollister, "business owners and professional people." He says many people join for both the social and business related contacts.

While members find EPAH a social and business catalyst, the community projects in the planning stages will prove rewarding to members.

"Our projects committee is working on plans for neighborhood beautification, charitable projects and those for deaf and blind gays," says Hollister.

As well as the projects committee, EPAH contains a directory/publicity committee; social/program committee; coordinating committee and the board of trustees.

"Each committee has five members," tells Hollister. "The reason there aren't any more than five people in a committee is this way everybody is busy. Generally we've found groups of more than five don't get as much done." Hollister goes on to say that because the committees are kept small, "we always have a reserve to fall back on."

Hollister is the third president for EPAH in as many years.

"Bill Ramsey was president during the founding of EPAH," relates Hollister. "He worked excellent as a founder, being able to organize EPAH. Our second president was Tom White. He was good at bringing the thing together, tying up a lot of the loose ends and building a firm foundation."

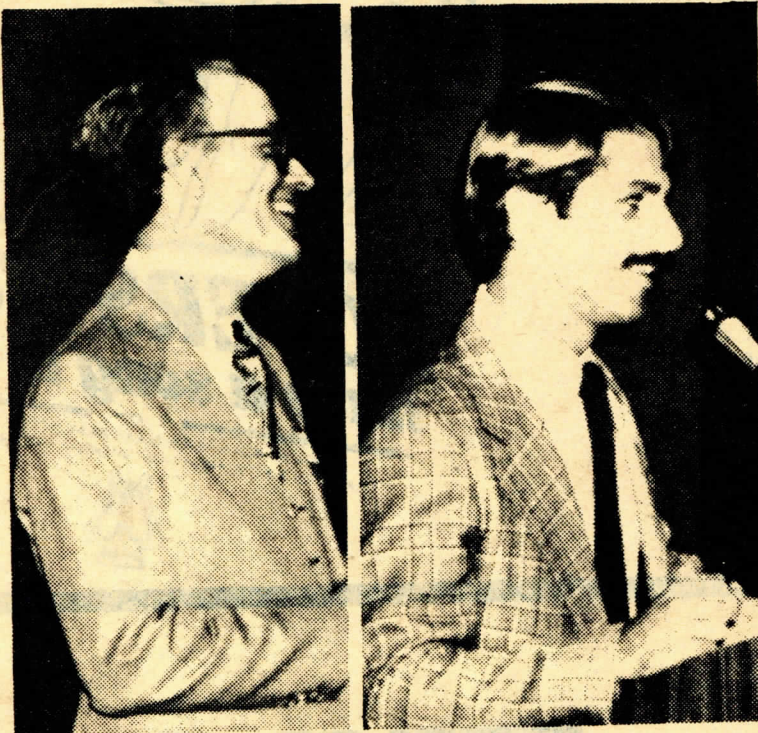
As the current president Of EPAH, Hollister says, "I hope we increase membership, make our existence felt more in the community."

The Executive and Professional Association of Houston (EPAH) has agreed to donate one dollar for every three dollars donated to the Montrose Activity Center through EPAH from individual sources.

The Montrose Activity Center is a gay community center located at the corner of Holman and La Branch.

"People interested in seeing their money make money" for MAC should send their donations to EPAH at 1343 S. Voss Road, Houston, TX 77057. All donations are tax deductible.

MAC will use the money for a variety of projects geared at renovating the center, they said.



Bert Hollister

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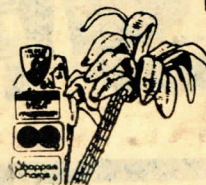
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Remembering the March

By Tom Rolfsen
and Henry McClurg
IGNA/MONTROSE STAR STAFF

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Now, a couple of weeks later, the exhilaration that crept in that Sunday morning, Oct. 14, infecting 130,000-or-so gay people, has been carried back across America. Back to the big cities and small towns in every state. Some of that exhilaration remains here, however, in the nation's capital.

It was after one day of heavy snow and two days of rain that the sun rose gloriously on the Capitol Mall. It was the day for the first-ever "National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights."

By noon, the thousands of lesbians, gay men, their parents, their friends, began a two-mile march up Pennsylvania Avenue, past the White House, to the Washington Monument for a rally of speeches and music.

The first contingent, you remember, was women, with "third world" women leading. Second came the physically disabled, followed by children and the aged. International groups followed, led by Puerto Rico. Next were the parents and close friends of gay people, and then the largest group: the general state delegations. Last were non-gay supporters.

Thousands of marchers lined up at the Washington Monument to get to the top for an overall view, since that was the only position available from which to see the entire crowd. Shortly after the rally commenced, how-

ever, the park police closed the entrance with no announced reason. It's been learned now that this was the first time in history that the landmark has been closed on a Sunday.

Something else you remember, I'm sure, if you were there, was that the poor earlier weather made the field rather wet. Only those in rain gear rested on the muddy ground. And since the speeches and music lasted 4½ hours, many participants left before the program completed.

You remember that Robin Tyler was the "Person of Ceremonies."

And you remember that among the speakers were Congressman Red Weiss (D-N.Y.), a co-sponsor of the national gay rights bill; Eleanor Smeal, president of the National Organization for Women; Lucia Valeska, a co-director of the National Gay Task Force; the Rev. Troy Perry of the Metropolitan Community Church group; Arthur McCombs of the Gay Atheist League; feminist writer Kate Millet; poet Allen Ginsburg; San Francisco Supervisor (councilman) Harry Britt; and activist Flo Kennedy.

You didn't see Marion Barry, the mayor of Washington, speak. He was reported to have been unable to attend.

Shortly after 2:00 p.m. on that Sunday afternoon, just as the rally began, a group of about 100 anti-gay religious fundamentalists staged a prayer session in the Rayburn House Office Building for the "repentance of homosexuals." The Rev. Jerry Falwell of Lynchburg, Va., preached, saying, "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve." Unable to attend the prayer session, Anita Bryant sent a telegram to say that her prayers were with "those misguided individuals marching in Washington today to seek to flaunt their immoral lifestyle."

If you were in Washington on the eve of the march, you remember the many special events and parties. You remember that the local gay bars were swamped with you and other non-Washingtonians.

And if you stayed until the day after the march, Monday, you remember the groups which called on their state's senators and representatives.

If you were there in Washington you'll never forget it. If you weren't, you always be reading about it. For it was, like the Stonewall Riot ten years earlier, the gay event of the decade.

Now what will we do for the 1980s?



Texans leading the state delegations.

— PHOTO BY STEPHEN CARROLL



"We Are Everywhere," we screamed.

— PHOTO BY INTERNATIONAL GAY NEWS AGENCY

THEATER OWNERS SUE POLICE

The owners of six Houston adult theaters sued police and the Harris County district attorney's office in federal court Monday, Oct. 22, to stop alleged harassment of customers.

Joe Spiegel, owner of Cinema West and two other theaters, said officers had singled him out because he has been an outspoken advocate of adult entertainment in the community.

The intimidation over a two-year period has frightened off many of the theaters' customers,

the suit contends. Police practices, it alleges, include photographing customers and taking their identifications.

Other plaintiffs were David Gee, owner of Academy Theaters Inc.; Universal Amusement Co. (Village Theater), and theater employee Melody Hutchins.

Spiegel's wife was arrested at the Cinema West theater Oct. 17 and charged with commercial obscenity based on the sale tickets.

Cinema West was raided the

night before by vice officers taking their first action under the new state obscenity law. Two motion pictures were confiscated and an employee arrested.

Other bookstore "raids" continued to take place during the past week. Diner's News at 240 Westheimer was visited by officers Oct. 18 and the attendant, Vance Mitchel, 49, arrested and charged with promotion of obscene material. Bond was set at \$400.

Officers said the arrest was based on exhibition in one of the store's booths of a film depicting "anal sex, oral sodomy and ejaculation," which are in violation of the new state statute passed at the last legislative session.

Police Sgt. Bill Brown said the arrest was made after officers "viewed the film and determined it violated the law."



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McClurg



By Henry McClurg
PUBLISHER/EDITOR

Vote

The MONTROSE STAR recently questioned candidates running for City Council District C (which includes Montrose) and the five at-large council positions. Based on information from the questioning and on input from the Gay Political Caucus and the Gay Hispanic Caucus, which conducted their own interviews, the MONTROSE STAR endorses the following candidates in the Nov. 6 city election:

Mayor
Leonel J. Castillo
City Council District C
Lance Lalor
City Council at-large Position 1
Jeff Daiell
City Council at-large Position 2
Eleanor Tinsley

City Council at-large Position 3
Joe Allen Mallott
City Council at-large Position 4
Pat Ginther
City Council at-large Position 5
Judson Robinson Jr.
City Controller
Kathryn K. "Kathy" Whitmire

In all cases of endorsements, the candidate specifically responded with a pro-gay and pro-Montrose attitude.

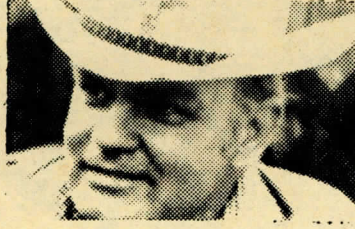
For example, among the questions asked by the newspaper were, "Do you favor the hiring of qualified homosexual applicants as Houston police officers?"

All of those endorsed above answered yes without reservations or conditions, as did some others.

All of the above candidates responded that they opposed the after-hours dance law currently in effect. And all said they would be happy to attend next spring's Gay Day at Astroworld as a guest of this newspaper.

There were many other questions asked. Next week, the MONTROSE STAR will present the specific questions and answers from each candidate, in an election pull-out special, which you can take to the polls with you on Nov. 6.

Slusser



By Phil Slusser
MONTROSE STAR
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

allows for two co-chairs to be elected from the "eastern region" (which includes Houston).

Consequently, those interested in giving input or assisting in electing representatives, can attend the planning meeting at 4600 Main, Thursday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m. More info is available from 526-2668.

The Houston Gay Writers will hold their regular first Monday meeting Nov. 5 at the Spirit Cafe, 243 Westheimer, 6:30 p.m. More info available from Barney at 861-3451.

The agenda will include a final decision on the proposal for a souvenir program for Gay Pride Week 1980.

Mother Ruth and the the City VD Boys will be at the 2306 Baths on the 27th, this Saturday night, 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Everybody line up!

Preparations for the 1979 Crystal Ball are complete, and the event is this Saturday night. Brothers, a non-profit organization, is hosting it for the second year and they say profits will be given to the Children's Burn Center in Galveston.

This year's Ball will be at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 5520 Wesleyan. There'll be special

entertainment, costume judging, prizes donated by gay bars. Tickets are \$15, but hurry. (Drinks are included.) Call 455-0261 or 526-0449.

The Rainbow Society for the Deaf is trying to get a chapter going in Houston. They'll have a meeting at 416 Hawthorne, 11:00 a.m., Nov. 4. More info from Bruce Herman at 529-2111 (TTY or voice).

The Family of Sisters is having a women's dance this Saturday night, Oct. 27, starting 10:00 p.m., at the Montrose Activity Center. It's a "women's dance in honor of a great female fairy, Tinkerbell," the group says. Tickets are just \$2.50 at the door. It'll last all night, to 7:00 a.m., they say.

The MCCR church will be having a "Costume Ball and Buffet" also this Saturday night, 7:30 p.m., at the church at 1919 Decatur. They say come in costume and win prizes. Or just come in costume and don't win any prizes. Or just come. Whatever.

All Houston clubs, except the Midnite Sun which will be open strictly for dancing (but you can dance in your Halloween costume, of course), will be having Halloween costume contests and balls. So check their ads to see which one(s) you want to visit. ■

Politics & Parties

Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas, a political group, is organizing for the 1980 Presidential year. The structure of the organization as it stands now

Other Views

H.R.A.

By Bettie Naylor
and Kathy Deitsch
OF TEXAS HUMAN RIGHTS
ADVOCATES

The recently held "Lobby Dollar Night" in Houston netted the Human Rights Advocates (the gay lobby in Austin) nearly \$2200. Many of Houston's bars participated by offering free or half-priced drinks in exchange for a Lobby Dollar.

Similar nights will be planned in other Texas cities. We hope to announce a November Lobby Night date for Dallas shortly.

Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, Bill Clayton, was recently quoted as saying,

"The Governor has assured me that he plans to call a special session of the Texas Legislature. Although he has not told me when he will make the call, he has said that it will include initiative and referendum, wiretapping (electronic surveillance) and tax relief measures."

The Human Rights Advocates plan to be present in Austin during the special session so the gay interest can be protected.

If you are not a part of the HRA network, please mail us your name and address and phone number. It is the goal of the HRA to keep gay people in Texas informed about state laws so more of us can monitor our lawmakers.

We must let them know that we are everywhere and expect them to be responsive to our concerns.

Thanks to Houston bar owners/managers and all Houstonians who participated in and supported Lobby Dollar Night. ■

Castillo

By T. Vega
HOUSTON READER

I have noticed a sad attitude in our community lately. I feel it must be cleared before Nov. 6.

Several weeks ago I attended a small straight party. There was only one other gay person there. The conversation turned to politics and the mayor's race. I stated that I believe Mr. Castillo is the best person for the job.

Mr. K (I'll withhold his real name) immediately stated that he isn't going to vote for a "big, fat, dumb Mexican." Mr. K and others like him need to take a good look at what's going on in this city. They need to look at candidates objectively instead of through ignorance.

Mr. Castillo is not dumb. Their evaluation of him is! To

judge a viable candidate by his size or ethnic background is ridiculous.

Mr. Castillo deserves our support. He helped the gay community during the recent immigration hassles in San Francisco and Michigan. Castillo was elected and did an excellent job as Houston City Controller. He knows how the city works.

He once delayed a police class because there were too few minority rookies. If his policy had continued we may not have had the Torres affair, the Moody Park riot, etc.

Mr. Castillo openly sought and received the support of the Gay Political Caucus. (Where was Mr. K when the GPC evaluated the candidates?) To Mr. Castillo's credit, his answers concerning the police department and Chief Caldwell were intelligent and well thought out. If Castillo is mayor we may not need the Montrose Patrol or be afraid to leave the bars alone to

go home.

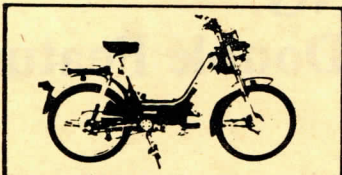
I urge Mr. K and others like him to rise above their ignorance and vote for Mr. Castillo and the other GPC-endorsed candidates (of all races and both sexes). Block voting has helped other minorities politically. It could do the same for us. Your well-being may depend on it. ■

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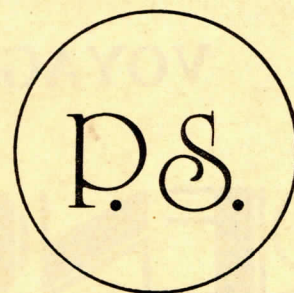


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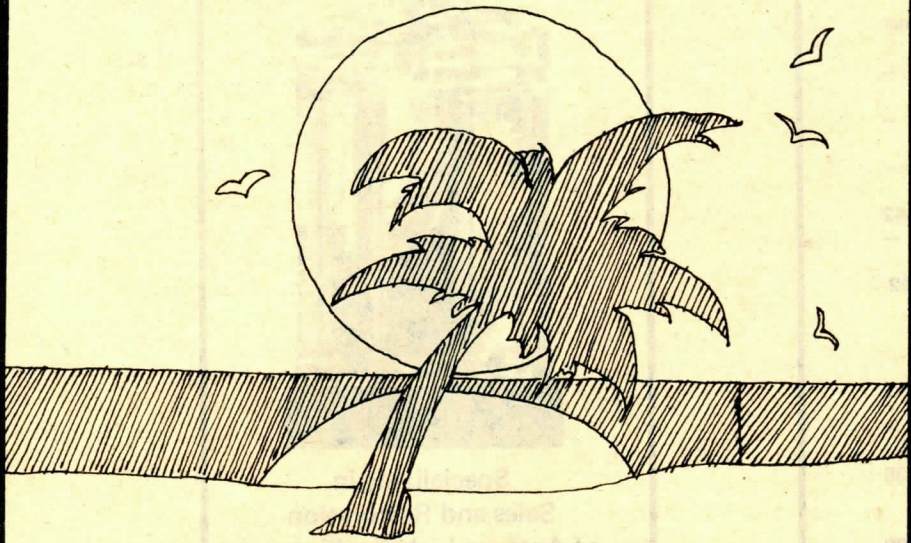
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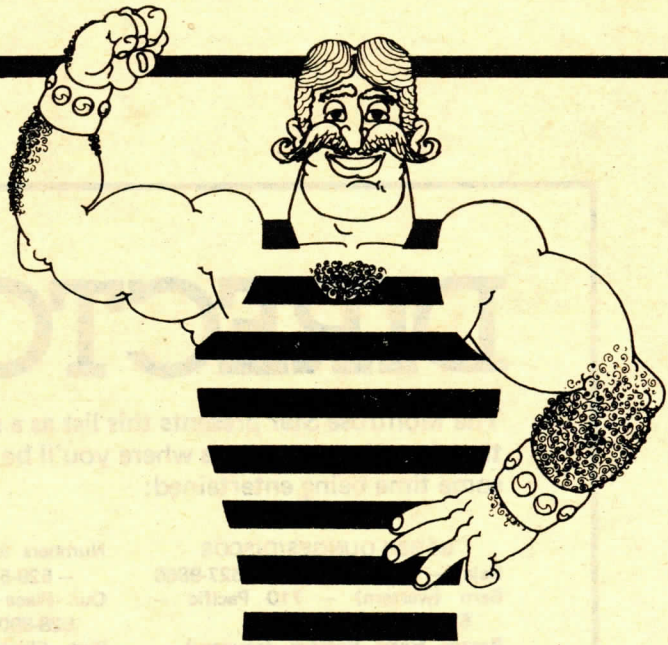
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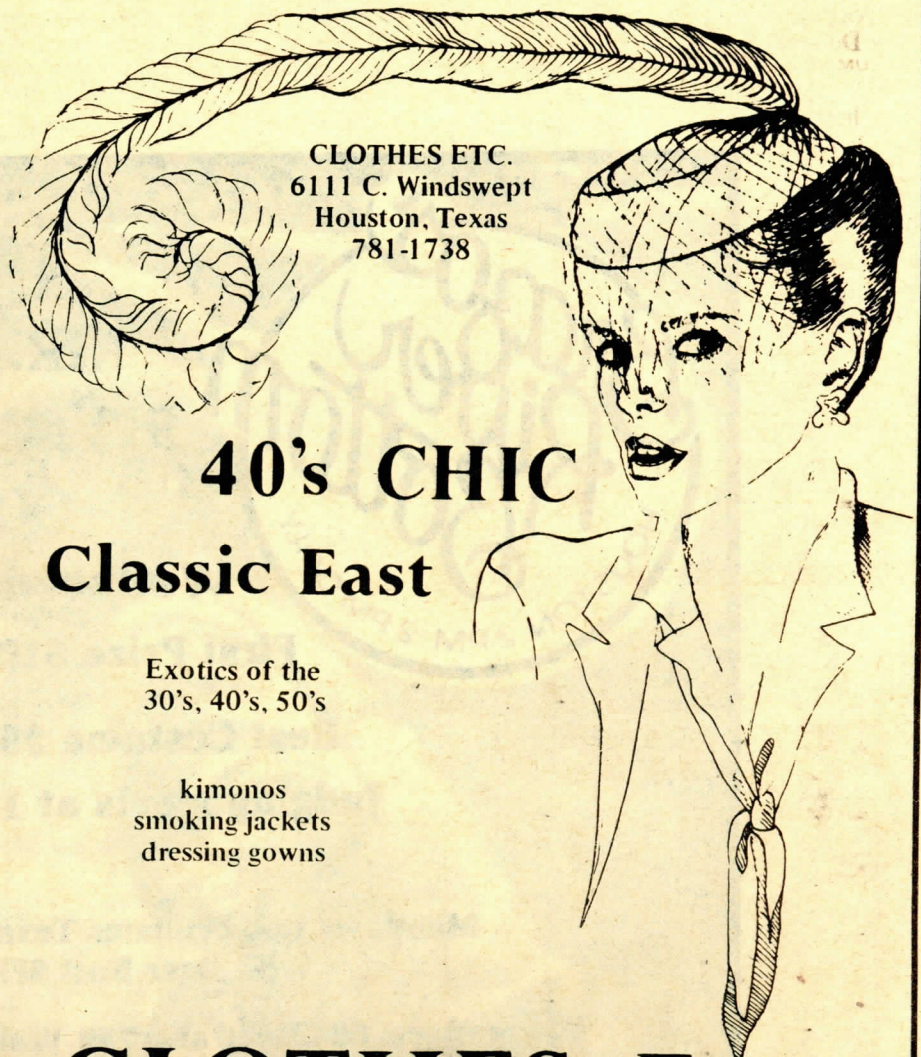
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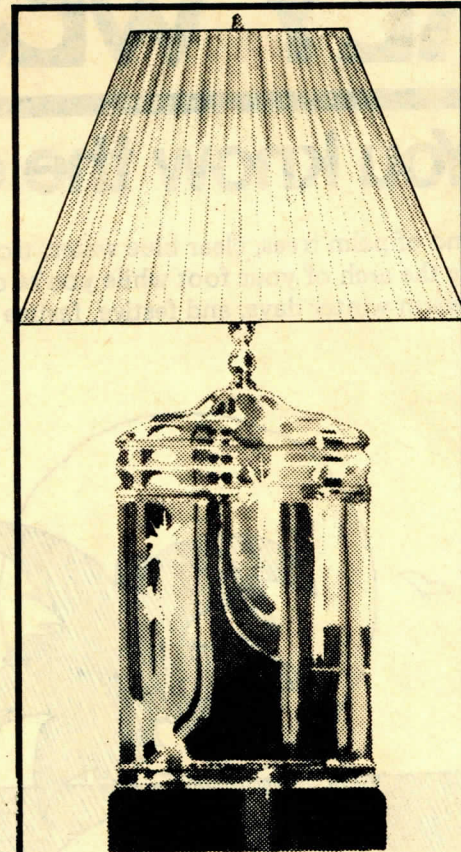
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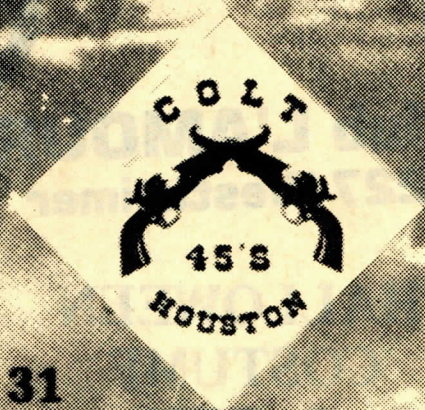
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THIS IS MONTROSE

A Montrose area coalition of civic, political and church groups presented to Houston City Council Wednesday, Oct. 24, the results of a major study into conditions of the neighborhood.

Containing about 700 hours of work, the report was an analysis of streets and sidewalks, lighting, litter, health hazards, drainage, water and sewer problems in the 1500-block area.

The survey is called the "Montrose Quality of Life Survey" and was conducted entirely by volunteers, reported *Houston Post* correspondent Mark Carreau. The area studied is bordered by Allen Parkway, South Shepherd, the Southwest Freeway, Bagby and Interstate 45. The group walked the area block by block.

The city's Public Works Dept. was asked to address itself to as many of the problems as possible. City Council praised the work.

A total of eight speakers pinpointed certain areas of the report to councilmen, with promises that residents would help with clean-up matters.

The location and dimensions of thousands of potholes, missing or obscured traffic signs, breaks in water lines, clogged storm sewers and overgrown lots were noted in the survey. John Zipprich, a Houston lawyer, who is leader of the Montrose Civic Coalition, said the study would have cost at least \$35,000 if done by professional consultants.

Coalition leaders will mail 150 letters to owners of property where problems were noted.

Problems that property owners can take care of themselves will be noted in the letters. They will include telephone numbers of persons who may be contacted for help. Problems run from moving a trash receptacle out of a traffic right-of-way to cleaning up lots overgrown with weeds or littered with trash.

"We encourage this type of thing," Roberta Burroughs, chief of the neighborhood revitalization division of the city's Plan-

ning Dept. was quoted in the *Post* as saying. "They are to be given a lot of credit."

She went on to say the Houston Heights Association recently completed a similar study of neighborhood conditions.

"It's been suggested we take their studies and develop a uniform survey for other groups. I think it's a good idea and we plan to do that," said Burroughs.

Houston has about 550 civic associations, reported Burroughs, adding that a publication by the neighborhood revitalization division will be reporting on the Montrose and Heights areas soon.

"I'm sure others (associations) will follow suit," Burroughs predicted.

"I think we're going to get good cooperation," Zipprich predicted, also saying that coalition members have been contacted by other neighborhood association who are interested in making similar studies.

Zipprich could give no estimates on the cost to the city to repair the problems, but he stressed city department heads were being asked to address conditions that need "immediate attention." The eastern and central section of Montrose is the area of the most distressing conditions, while the northwest and southwest areas appear to be in the best shape, says the survey.

"I think the older and younger Montrose residents have a real sense of neighborhood. The older residents remember the glory when it was a premier place to live and the younger ones want it to be a vibrant residential and commercial mix," felt Zipprich.

Both retired persons and young professionals were among the seventy-plus volunteers participating in the survey. They worked during two September weekends.

The twelve individual organizations of the coalition are working on eight Montrose-area problems that include finding

park land and solving parking and traffic movement along congested Westheimer Road.

One possible solution to Westheimer Road problems under discussion are vans that would shuttle customers between area merchants. Special parking lots would be provided.

"Love Boat" company sued

LONG BEACH, Calif. (IGNA) — A gay man recently dismissed from his job with Princess Cruises because of "questionable sexual preference" has filed a \$4.5 million lawsuit against the company.

The gay man is James Estes. But on the other hand, Stanley B. McDonald, president of Princess Cruises (which also happens to be the company portrayed in the *Love Boat* television series on ABC), said in a letter to Estes' attorney that he was "terminated for cause completely unrelated to his sexuality."

Attorney Edward Baskett, however, displayed a copy of a memo written by Jim McCarthy, an official of Princess Cruises, dated Sept. 12, 1978, which read, "It has come to my attention that James is of questionable sexual preference. This is totally unacceptable behavior and I should have your total cooperation in having this remedied no later than is workable, in such case, no later than Oct. 15, 1978. Let us act as soon as possible."

Even with the letter, Estes' attorney is baffled, he says, claiming there is nothing that can be done about this "overt act of bigotry" in a court of law. ... There is still no real protection for those who work in private enterprise. Unhappily, (a) recent law adopted by the

SAN FRANCISCO — Sixteen self-admitted gay people are among the 190 persons placed on an official eligibility list for hiring as police officers here, a group organized to recruit gay men and lesbians for the force reported.

The homosexuals, nine men and seven women, like the rest of the recruits, must still pass background investigations and medical examinations before entering the police academy, said Les Morgan, coordinator of the Gay Outreach Program.

City of Los Angeles (barring employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation) would probably be superseded in court in state statutes. In other words, the progress that has been made is still simply not good enough.

The multi-million-dollar lawsuit was filed, nevertheless. But

Baskett offered an idea that he thought could help change Princess Cruises' mind, at least in future situations.

"Perhaps welcoming committees of two or three thousand at their ports-of-call in the cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle will induce a change of mind," he said.

Church OKs gays

LONDON — After pondering the controversial subject for five years, the Church of England produced a report Oct. 19 saying that homosexual relationships can be justified and recommended that homosexuals not be barred from the priesthood.

But it rejected the concept of marriage between homosexuals, prompting a gay Christian group to term the report, "woolly-minded."

The next archbishop of Canterbury stressed that the report calling for liberalization of attitudes toward gay people was

not the Church of England's final say on the subject.

"We are still a long way from getting the agreed moral and pastoral guidelines which church leaders need," Dr. Robert Runcie, now bishop of St. Albans, said.

"There is more work to be done if we are to avoid Gallup Poll ethics or a wooden view of Biblical authority," he continued.

Runcie was named the next archbishop of Canterbury on Sept. 7 and will formally take over the post next March.

"It's just gone!"

NAMPA, Idaho (IGNA) — The *Idaho Free Press*, a 9000-copy daily newspaper, reports that a 22-year-old Sherwood, Ore., man says he is no longer a practicing homosexual because he underwent an exorcism at a local Nampa church.

The paper identified the man only as Denny B. and said the exorcism took place at Peace Lutheran Church.

The paper said it was told by the man that he believed the "satanic spirits" that caused his homosexuality were driven out in two exorcism sessions in August and September. The paper said Denny B. now describes homosexuality as evil and that the man claims he is now "straight."

"It's (the homosexuality) just gone," he was quoted as saying. But he added that he still has memories and that "I can

can sometimes feel a small inkling of temptation." He was reported to have said that he helps counter the temptation by dating a girl.

Denny B. is also quoted by the paper as saying he still regularly visits gay friends in Portland because "I can go down there and relate. I've helped quite a few of them with God."

The paper reported it questioned him about his motivation, and the man said, "I wasn't really happy."

The *Free Press* said Denny B. had tried to "go straight" before but that those attempts would only last a couple of days. The newspaper gave two reasons why the man went through the exorcism: His family had encouraged him to "drop" homosexuality and homosexuals are "teased and harassed."

Other Views

Thanks to GPC

By Barney O'Reiley
HOUSTON GAY WRITERS

The recent GPC effort to register voters is commendable. Ultimately, the "clout of the community" will be measured in votes on election days. If gays do not vote, then gays will not be recognized as a politically potent entity within the overall

electorate.

Many of the problems that gays face as emergency situations now — lack of adequate police protection, harassment that allegedly goes unabated, etc. — are ultimately to be solved in the ballot box.

Gays do not receive a voter registration certificate that in any way identifies them differently from other citizens (a misconception that some have, especially the younger unregistered voters).

If you do not wish to register through GPC booths regularly set up in the Montrose area, obtain a voter registration certificate from the Harris County Voter Registrar or from GPC, then mail it yourself and nobody but you and the Harris County office ever knows about it.

Remember, voter registration is a function of Harris County. Deputy registrars, wherever they be, are working for the County.

One suggestion that has come to my personal attention is that some proprietors of gay businesses wish to offer this service (voter registration) on their own premises as a steady process. They can themselves be deputized by the Harris County Voter Registrar and then set up their own ongoing voter registration during the course of their daily business.

Every vote does count. Don't deal in numbers, deal in people, and in the long run the community will have a potent weapon — a mass of registered voters unequalled as a block in Harris County.

Stage

From Broadway to Houston to Timbuktu

By Cissy Segall

Timbuktu!, starring Eartha Kitt in the role of Sahleem-La-Lume, which returned her to Broadway, opens a one-week run in the Houston Music Hall Oct. 30.

This production marks the beginning of Theatre Under the Stars' 1979-1980 "Premiere Star Season," presented in association with Tower Ventures and Zev Bufman.

The show was directed, choreographed and costumed by Tony Award winner Geoffrey Holder and also stars Gregg Baker, Vanessa Shaw, Bruce Hubbard, Donald Coleman and Tony Carroll. Martial Roumain, Cheryl Cummings, P.L. Brown and Louis Tucker round out the principals.

For Kitt, her return to Broadway heralded several decades of visibility as one of the entertainment world's controversial personalities. She first appeared in Leonard Sillman's *New Faces of 1952*, and her specialty number included *Monotonous* sung while lolling on a couch. It brought her instant notoriety.

Kitt's recordings include *C'est Si Bon*, *Uska Dara* and *I Want to be Evil*. Films, additional Broadway appearances and performances in supper clubs peaked a career which came to a blinding halt when at a White House tea in 1968 she addressed herself to the Viet Nam War and emerged *persona non grata* both to the Johnson regime as well as to theatrical agents politically fearful of booking her talent.

A welcomed moment arrived almost ten years later to the day, when appearing with *Timbuktu!* in Washington, D.C., she was warmly welcomed back to the White House by President Carter. The meeting was particularly significant happening as it did so soon after her newfound success on Broadway from which she had been absent since 1965 when she last appeared in *The Owl and the Pussycat*.

Set in 14th century West Africa in the capital city of Mali, Kitt's exotic role as Sahleem-La-Lume, the scheming wife of the Wazir, offers her the opportunity to display her style in the cat-like communication for which she had become famous.

"Rahadlakum," set in the Wazir's harem and always a show-stopper, was further supported by a new opening number especially written for her, "In the Beginning, Woman." To those, add "Baubles, Bangles and Beads," "Rhymes Have I," "And This Is My Beloved" and "Stranger in Paradise."

Gregg Baker (as Hadji) has

appeared in such operatic productions as *Norma* with Beverly Sills and *Belshazzar's Feast*. His acting debut started with a production of *Godspell*, which led to his playing the lead role of Walter Lee Younger in *Raisin*. *Timbuktu!* marked his Broadway debut.

Venessa Shaw, the beautiful Marsinah, has appeared in Europe in *Carmen Jones* and in the United States in *Porgy and Bess*. She has appeared on Broadway in *Hello Dolly*, *Raisin* and *Purlie*. She is currently starring as Lila Rose on *One Life to Live* on ABC.

Bruce Hubbard stars in this production as the Mansa of Mail. He was featured last season on Broadway as the Chief Policeman in *Timbuktu!* and the season before as Jake in *Porgy and Bess*. His operatic roles have ranged from Mozart to Massenet, Puccini to Prokofiev. He made his Broadway debut in Leonard Bernstein and Alan Jay Lerner's *1600 Pennsylvania Avenue* and followed with an extensive tour as Joe in *Showboat*, which starred Shirley Jones and Gale Gordon.

Donald Coleman, the Wazir, has appeared in Houston before with the Houston Grand Opera's production of *Porgy and Bess*. He played the part of Mingo and went on to tour the U.S. and Europe. He has appeared on Broadway in *Hello Dolly*, *The Desert Song*, *Lost in the Stars*, *Promises, Promises* and *Dear World*.

Coleman has received special coaching from international recording star Roberta Flack.

The Strongman, Tony Carroll, is in the cast via special request of Kitt, who upon seeing the 6'4" frame, 250 pounds, 56" chest and 31" waist, and fabulous physique, roared to director-choreographer Geogrey Holder, "I gotta have that man in the show!" Carroll was Mr. America in 1970, Mr. World in 1973 and, ultimately, Mr. Universe in 1977. The on-stage entrance which he makes with Kitt creates a spectacular sensation.

Dancer Martial Roumain stars as Munshi and the Bird of Paradise. He has been lead and soloist dancer in the Chuck Davis Dance Company, Eleo Pomare Dance Company, Alvin Ailey Repertory Company, the Juse Limon Company, and the Kazuko Hirabayashi Dance Theater. His Broadway credits include *1600 Pennsylvania Avenue*, *Bubbling Brown Sugar*, *West Side Story*, *Raisin* and *The Wiz*. He has most recently choreographed the off-Broadway production of *Carmelita*.

Cheryl Cummings stars as Najua and the Bird of Paradise



Tony Carroll (left) and Eartha Kitt in "Timbuktu"

and is a native of Trinidad. She made her Broadway debut in *Timbuktu!* Prior to that, she had performed in Europe and the U.S. with the Trinidad Folk Performing Company.

M'Ballah of the River, P.L. Brown, has appeared in *Porgy and Bess* and *Lost in the Stars*. He is affiliated with the Clifford Sears Dance Theater of Detroit, Detroit City Dance and the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater and has worked with Lavinia Williams Yarborough's Dunham Haitian Workshop. M'Ballah of the River is his first dramatic role.

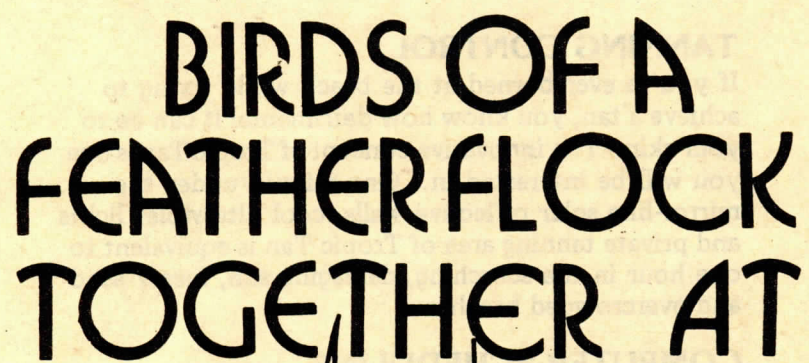
Louis Tucker, who plays the Chief Policeman, began his

Broadway career with *Timbuktu!*. He has performed in operas such as *Carmen*, *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and *The Abduction from the Seraglio*. In musical comedy, he has performed in *Candide* and *Bye, Bye Birdie*. He has performed in the non-comedies of *Rhinoceros*, *The Skin of Our Teeth* and *The Crucible*. His voice can be heard on *Sesame Street* as Muscles, the gym teacher, and in a mini-cartoon series, *Billy Joe Jive*, *Super Private Eye*.

An extravagant Broadway production, *Timbuktu!* is based

on the Arabian fantasy *Kismet*, whose original music and lyrics by Robert Wright and George Forrest, drawn from the themes of Alexander Borodin, were further complemented by African folk music. The book by Luther Davis is based on the musical by Charles Lederer and Davis from the play by Edward Knoblock.

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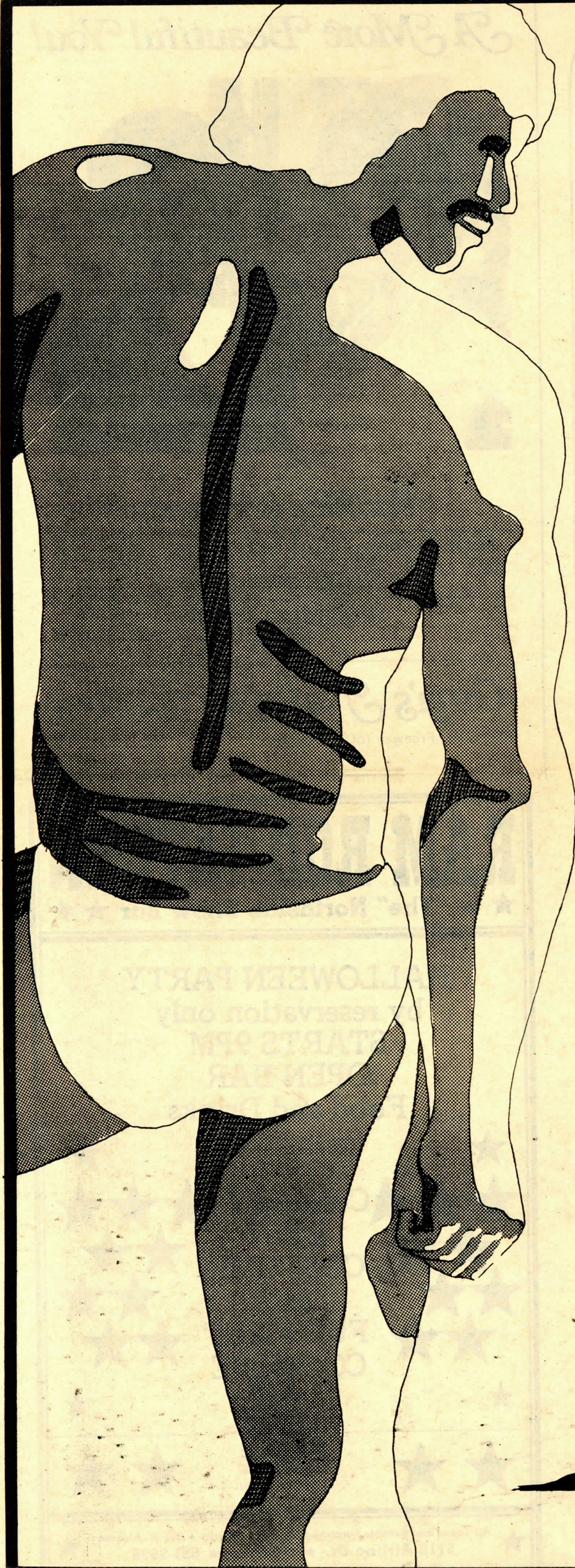
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EMPANDAS

Our Cookin' column this week comes courtesy of the Texas Renaissance Festival. It's a recipe for Empandas — food "fit for a king and a queen."

Brought to the Renaissance by the Conquistadores from their journey to South America, Empanada is a fine pastry filled with sixteen ingredients: beef, potatoes, vegetables and imported spices.

THE FILLING:

Three pounds boneless sirloin steak, cut into 1/8-inch cubes.

One pound cooked white potatoes, cut up into small cubes.

One half-cup finely chopped white onions.

Two cups instant beef flavor bouillon with one envelope unflavored gelatin.

One cup green pepper chopped into small pieces.

One cup fresh mushrooms cut into small pieces.

One cup ripe olives. Peruvian or Greek olives are best.

One-half cup green onions chopped fine.

One-half cup parsley chopped fine.

Two tablespoons seedless raisins, soaked in one cup boiling water for ten minutes and drained thoroughly.

Three tablespoons worcestershire sauce.

Three tablespoons maggi sauce.

One tablespoon sugar.

Two tablespoons paprika.

One tablespoon ground cumin seeds.

Two tablespoons ground cayenne pepper.

One tablespoon garlic.

One-half tablespoon freshly ground black pepper.

Four hard cooked eggs, each cut into eight wedges lengthwise.

THE PASTRY:

Eight cups all-purpose flour.

Three teaspoons salt.

Two cups of butter cut into quarter-inch cubes.

One and one-half cups cold water.

First prepare the filling in the following fashion: In an eight to ten inch skillet, heat the oil,

saute the white onions, green pepper, and mushrooms. Add the meat and cook stirring constantly, until it is browned on all sides, stir in the beef bouillon, potatoes, olives, green onions, parsley, raisins, worchestershire sauce and maggi sauce, sugar, salt, paprika, ground cumin seeds, garlic, cayenne pepper and grindings of black pepper.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. To make the dough combine the flour, salt and butter in a large bowl. Use your fingers to rub the flour and butter together until they blend and look like coarse meal. Pour the water over the mixture, work with hands. Gather the dough into a compact ball. Let rest ten minutes.

Roll the dough out on a lightly floured surface, making a rough circle about 1/8 inch thick. As you roll, lift up the dough from time to time and sprinkle a light dusting of flour under it. This prevents the dough from sticking. With a cookie cutter five inches in diameter or using a saucer five inches in diameter as a pattern, cut out the circles with a knife of pastry wheel.

Place about two tablespoons of the meat filling into the center of each circle, leaving at least a half inch of dough exposed around it. Top the filling with one piece of egg, and moisten the exposed dough with finger dipped in water.

Fold the empanada in half to form a crescent and press the edges together. Then turn 1/2 inch of the edge, pressing each fold tight, as you proceed to create a "rope" along the arc of the empanada.

Arrange the empanadas on a greased baking sheet. If they must wait, cover them with aluminum foil or plastic wrap and refrigerate them.

Bake the empanadas on the baking sheet in the middle of the oven until they are lightly browned. With a spatula, transfer them to a heated platter and serve at once. They are especially good served with a glass of wine, beer, or Coke.

This recipe will make about 50 empanadas.

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Books "Cruising"

By Daniel Curzon
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The novel that is the basis for the movie that caused gay people in New York City to take to the streets in protest will be issued in paperback by

Bantam Books in January, six weeks prior to the scheduled release of the film.

Cruising by Gerald Walker was not a commercial success on its original publication in 1970 and has been out of print, generally unavailable, for the past five years. The publicity surrounding the gay protests over the content of the screen play is thus now causing a major publishing company to issue a paperback version of the novel.

According to associate editor Marilyn Abrahams of Bantam, "*Cruising* has been a book ahead

of its time in its haunting, no-holds-barred look at a particularly violent and bizarre expression of homophobia."

She added, "The novel's view of homophobia is certainly controversial and frequently misunderstood. But now that we're bringing the book back into print, everyone can read it and form his or her own opinion."

The original hardback version was praised by noted writer Gore Vidal as "a brilliant and sadly unforgettable study of one of America's most persistent sexual nightmares."

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