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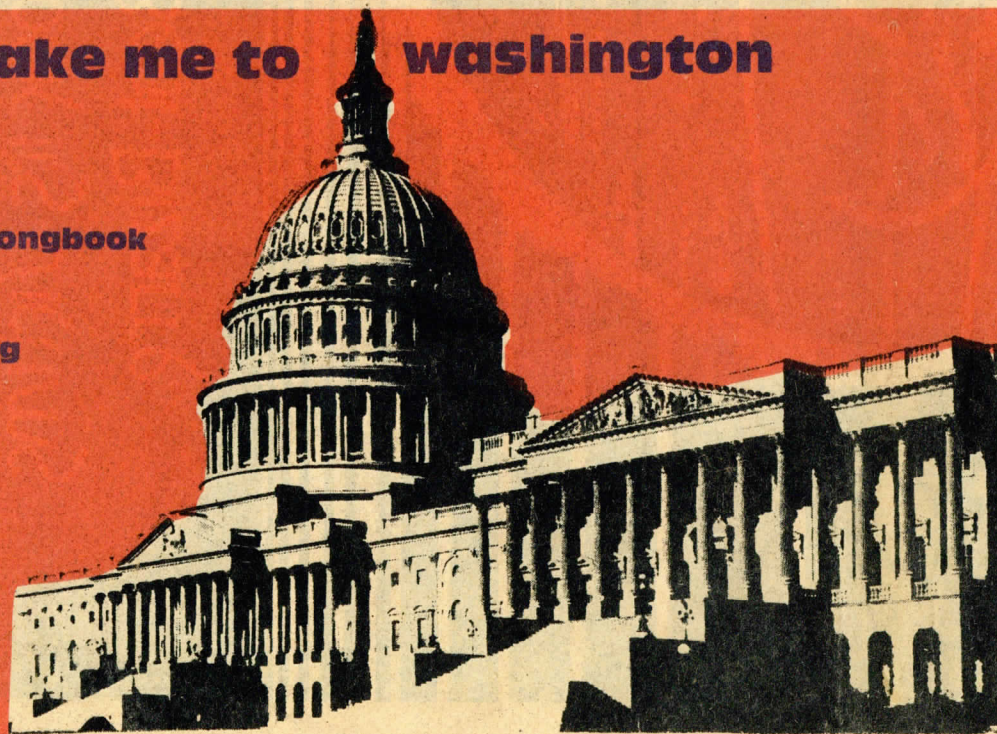
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Newsfront

'playboy' grant

SAN FRANCISCO—The Playboy Foundation has announced a major funding grant to the public interest law firm, **Gay Rights Advocates**. Margaret Standish, Playboy Foundation Executive Director has earmarked the funds to assist in seeking change in the Immigration and Naturalization policy which has excluded gay people from entering the United States for the last twenty-seven years because of their "psychopathic personalities."

Earlier this year GRA succeeded in obtaining help from the U.S. Surgeon General and from the Commissioner of the Immigration Service to cease examining and deporting aliens based on their sexual orientation. Congress must now act on the decision as to whether to exclude persons based on their sexual orientation and if so, to provide clear standards and procedures for exclusion.

The Playboy Foundation funds will be used to continue to challenge the INS regulations. Currently in the offices of GRA is the case of Zenaida Rebutan, a lesbian from the Phillipines who is being denied the right to join her family in the United States.

chairs elected

AUSTIN, TX—The Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas recently elected co-chairs and is now in the process of electing a steering committee to serve until the 1980 State Democratic Convention.

This organization provides communication and coordination for gay people who work for gay rights with the Democratic Party. Newly elected co-chairs are Janina Zumbun of Austin and Allan Calkin of Dallas. They will serve on a temporary basis. One woman and one man will be elected from each of the five Texas regions to serve as the steering committee. When completed, the steering committee will draft a more detailed statement of purpose and set up operating procedures until the 1980 convention.

support from ada

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), one of the nation's largest liberal political/lobby groups has called on the U.S. Senate to support legislation to prohibit discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation. This type legislation will be introduced soon by Senator Paul Tsongas, D—Mass.

ADA President Patsy T. Mink stated in a letter to members of the Senate, "The principle that employment should not be based on irrelevant criteria such as race, creed, color, etc., but rather on ability to do the job is well established. The inclusion of 'sexual orientation' is a logical extension of this principle."

"ADA strongly supports Senator Tsongas' efforts in this area and urges your co-sponsorship of the proposed fair employment legislation."

In a further statement Leon Shull, ADA's National Director, said "ADA has consistently striven for the guarantee of civil liberties for all groups of American citizens. The right to employment based on ability is basic to freedom. It must be awarded to all American citizens."

endorsements

HOUSTON/SAN FRANCISCO—The Gay Political Caucus of Houston has released its list of candidates that it officially endorses for the upcoming city elections:

Mayor	Leonel Castillo
City Council:	
Dist. A	No Endorsement
Dist. B	Ernest McGowen Sr.
Dist. C	includes the Montrose State Rep. Lance Laylor
Dist. D	Moses LeRoy
Dist. E	No Endorsement
Dist. F	No Endorsement at this time
Dist. G	Katherine Ross
Dist. H	includes the Heights Ann Wheeler
Dist. I	State Rep. Ben Reyes
Councilmember at Large:	
Pos. 1	Jeff Daiell
Pos. 2	Eleanor Tinsley
Pos. 3	No Endorsement
Pos. 4	Pat Ginther
Pos. 5	Judson Robinson
City Comptroller:	
By acclamation	Kathy Whitmire

The city elections in both San Francisco and Houston are scheduled for Tuesday, November 6. However, the Mayor's race in San Francisco is not as clear cut as Houston's.

The largest democratic club in San Francisco, Alice B. Toklas, has decided that it cannot even endorse a candidate for Mayor. The Barbary Coast Democratic Club and the Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights are both pushing current Supervisor Quentin Kopp's election, while the Stonewall Democratic Club is favoring David Scott, a gay candidate.

Michael Hennessy is being endorsed for Sheriff of the city by three different groups, but the Barbary Coast Club has thrown their support behind Bob Geary.

In the San Francisco Supervisor's race Harry Britt, the incumbent from the predominately gay Castro Area (district 5) is supported by the Toklas and Stonewall Democratic organizations. Terrence Hallinan has received the support of the Barbary Coast organization, but Concerned Republicans endorse Kevin Wadsworth.

Carol Ruth Silver, a current city supervisor, has received support in her race for District Attorney from the Alice B. Toklas group, yet both Stonewall and Republicans have endorsed Arlo Smith, and Barbary Coat is behind Joseph Russoniello.

she's a he

ST. LOUIS—A prisoner who spent five days in the women's quarters in the St. Louis Workhouse finally got moved to the men's section. It seems that the guards found out she wasn't a she, but a he.

Marlowe Ransome, 23, had masqueraded as a woman since his arrest five days prior on a charge of tampering with an automobile. Police found out about his true sex during a routine strip search.

Newsfront

final logistics announced

NEW YORK—Organizers for the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights have finalized plans for the October 14 event.

The March will include contingents from all 50 states. Participants will gather in the block bordered by Constitution and Independence Avenues, 3rd and 4th Streets beginning early Sunday, October 14. This is the area directly in front of the reflection pool of the Capitol Building. Buses will park in West Potomac Park parking lot near the Lincoln Memorial. When this fills they will park along Constitution Avenue. Each bus should have a chosen marshal. The march steps off at noon and will proceed down Pennsylvania Avenue passing directly by the Federal Trade Commission Building, The National Archives, and the F.B.I. Building. Then turning left onto E Street, it passes the Commerce Building on the left. Here participants will get their first view of the White House coming up on their right. Continuing directly in front of the White House and down E Street marchers will turn left on 17th and proceed down the side of The Ellipse (which lies in front of the White House) to the Constitution Street intersection. At this point participants will begin breaking up at the final landmark, The Washington Monument, where a rally will begin at 2pm.

The Lineup:

1. Third World and other lesbians
2. The physically challenged
3. Children and senior citizens
4. International (led by Puerto Rico)
5. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gay Men
6. Prairie Region (led by Texas, which will be led by Houston)
7. Rocky Mountain Region
8. Far West Region
9. Midwest Region
10. Southeast Region
11. Northeast Region
12. Middle Atlantic Region
13. Remaining contingents (non-regional and/or state contingents)

Confirmed Speakers for the Rally:

Steve Ault, March on Washington
 Marion Barry, Mayor of Washington, D.C.
 Harry Britt, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
 Charlotte Bunch, Lesbian Feminist Theorist
 Flo Kennedy, Attorney
 Morris Kight, Activist
 Charles Law, (keynote speaker), Dir. of Institutional Research, Texas Southern University, Houston
 Audre Lourde, Poet
 Arthur McCombes, Gay Activist League of America
 Kate Millet, Feminist, Activist, Writer
 Troy Perry, Metropolitan Community Church
 Juanita Ramos & Armondo Gaitan, Comite Homosexual Latinoamericano
 Stanley Rebutan, speaker on the immigration issue
 Sky Rose, Lesbian/Gay Youth
 Betty Santoro, (keynote speaker), Lesbian Feminist Liberation
 Arlie Scott, National Organization for Women
 Eleanor Smeal, NOW President
 Adele Starr & Richard Ashworth, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
 Lucia Valeska, Co-Executive Director of National Gay Task Force
 Howard Wallace, Labor Leader
 Rep. Ted Weiss, Co-sponsor of House Resolution 2074

Confirmed Entertainers:

Meg Christian
 Tom Robinson
 Mary Watkins

Holly Near
 Linda Tillary
 Robin Tyler

Part of the rally program will include "A Spiritual Celebration of Life."

Related Events:

Thursday, October 11—An evening of culture in conjunction with the Third World Conference, at Harambee House, 2225 Georgia Ave. NW, 9pm. Entertainment will include Mary Watkins and Linda Tillary, Phillip Baker and Blackberry. Information—(202) 789-8877.

Friday, October 12—Dignity Women's Caucus Open House, 2210 F St. N.W., 8pm, Information—(202) 332-2424.

Saturday, October 13—Presidential Nomination Convention Project for Lesbians and Gay Men, 1-3:30pm, a 1980 planning meeting at 1pm, Cannon House Office Building, Caucus Room No. 345. A list of participants must be transmitted in advance. Information—(713) 526-2668. Steve Shiflett and Kerry Woodward organizers.

—Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gay Men will hold an open business meeting at the First Congregational Church, 10th and G NW at 1pm. They will hold a press conference at the same location at 4pm and a diner at 7pm, \$4.50, reservations required. Information—Gene Baker-Information (202) 726-3223.

—"Lone Star in Washington", A Bar-B-Q, TEXAS STYLE, at The Lost and Found Bar, No. 56 L St. SE, 3-6pm, \$8 (includes 3 drinks) BBQ, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert, DJed disco. All proceeds to North

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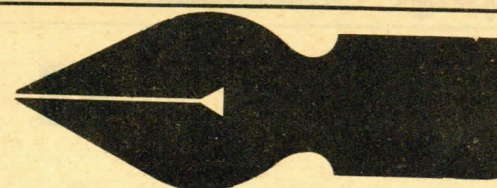
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Editorials



City Desk

what if i'm not going . . . ?

We wish you were but there are things you can do at home to help.

A special radio broadcast from the National March on Washington will be carried by the National Public Radio Network on Sunday, October 14 from 2:30 - 4:30 pm Eastern time. The broadcast will be sent to the 200 NPR member stations. However, few are expected to air the show unless community interest is strongly expressed. Gay organizations and individuals should contact all local, non-commercial stations and request that the broadcast be carried if it is available to them. Non-commercial stations that do not subscribe to NPR also may be able to pick up the broadcast. Negotiations are underway as of press time that will allow members of the National Federation of Community Broadcasters to tap into the NPR network on this occasion.

The five Pacifica radio stations—**KPFA San Francisco, KPFT Houston, WFW Washington D.C., WBAI New York, and KPFK Los Angeles**—will all carry the broadcast. A thank you call would certainly make these people feel good about their hard efforts to furnish this service. **KPFT Houston** deserves special mention for being the key station that, through the NPR network, initiated the request and continually pushed for this important network feed during the early days of the march organization.

Pacifica Network has worked long and hard for this broadcast and while you are listening we at **UPFRONT** hope you remember that gay people all over the country will be at work keeping that program on the line for you. A network of gays and supporting non-gays, nationwide, spreading the word. Stonewall Nation Media Collective will be producing the program.

The two-hour special will include highlights of the National Conference of Third World Lesbians and Gays and selections from the special evening of entertainment by Robin Tyler on Saturday, October 13 at Sylvan Theater in Washington. Bill Bogan in Washington is putting all of this together and will also be sponsoring a meeting of gay radio programmers on Monday, October 15 in Washington, D.C. at 3110 19th St N.W. at 3pm. If you're interested you can reach him at (202) 332-1136.

The **ABC Network** will broadcast a one-hour documentary on "Gay Lifestyles" at 10pm Eastern Time, 9pm Houston time, (check your local listings) Thursday, October 11. The program, produced by Helen Whitney, features a human-interest approach to the gay movement. **UPFRONT** talked with Jane Lippett of ABC News New York and she told us that Houston was not in this particular special, but San Franciscans will be seeing the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps featured plus an interview with one of the band members about how his association with the band relates to himself and his lifestyle.

Channel 13 in Houston is to be commended for asking members the gay community to preview the film on Thursday, October 4 at their Bissonnet studios. The station wanted to know how the gay community leaders felt about the preview of the special which deals chiefly with San Francisco, New Orleans, and New York. Carol Fennema was one of the local invitees and she commented that the special is "very positive" and that "what KTRK-TV wanted was to ask how we were affected by what we saw, and if we had suggestions." As of press time we had not heard from the ABC affiliate in San Francisco.

On Saturday, October 13, just prior to march day, President Carter will participate in and "Ask The President" program from 12 noon to 2pm which will air on National Public Radio stations

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Vantage Point

until tomorrow

I used to be an avid reader of World War II novels and stories. That was when I was younger. Several wars later, the appeal of such reading had diminished greatly. But some of the stories from that period still linger with me.

One common theme that I remember from my readings concerned the treatment of citizens in the various war-torn countries. You may recall how some citizens were treated by certain government authorities, mainly governmental police forces operating under the guise of law and order instituted and enacted by government(s) insensitive to basic human needs. This seemingly simple indifference eventually elevated itself into wholesale denials of basic human rights for large segments of populations. It started low-key with small incidents which, when left unchallenged by the masses, grew as cancer often does into a horrible, deadly dilemma. Rights to life and freedom were only available to those in power at the time. Minority individuality, opinions, and beliefs were not allowed to exist or co-exist. Not with fear, anyway.

In *The Diary of Anne Frank* for example, there are stories of the "police" coming in the dead of night and pulling screaming citizens from their homes. Very often, they were never seen again. For the few who did return, stories of beatings and other brutal treatments were abundant. These horror stories from the World War II era are well documented. They could have been avoided if they and their neighbors, collectively, would have bonded together to resist such tyranny at any cost. But they didn't. Not enough of them took the time to stop the offenders before it became too late.

Today, we are faced with some situations closely resembling those early pre-war days just mentioned. Can you see any similarities? In Houston, for example, the police under Chief Harry Caldwell are increasing their intrusions into otherwise peaceful establishments, principally bars, bookstores, and the like. How often have you heard these stories: Non-drinkers who happen to be in the bar are arrested for public intoxication? Arrest of people walking on our streets because they "look suspicious?" Citizens not involved in any particular incident are arrested if they ask for police badge numbers when they see their friends and neighbors being hassled? Beatings of our people while under police custody? The list goes on.

San Francisco is not immune from this either. The Elephant Walk still should be fresh in our memories. When police attack peacefully assembled citizens without provocation and get away with it, a sick problem exists. And Dan White; what about him? Is that justice? No, it's not and we all know it.

Innocent people victimized then, today: Is there a difference? Tomorrow, and all the tomorrows after that, don't have to be the same as our yesterdays. We have the opportunity to not let history repeat itself. The day we march together in Washington on Sunday, October 14th, is one of those tomorrows. Today we are preparing ourselves. Tomorrow can make the difference.

Until tomorrow,

Gary J. Van Ooteghem
Publisher

a non-conversation with the chief

by George Barnhart

After a recent meeting of the Educational Committee of the Houston Gay Political Caucus regarding violence in the Montrose area and police relations with the community overall, it was decided the only option left was to deal directly with the Mayor and the Chief of Police.

Steve Shiflett, President of GPC again requested a meeting with Harry Caldwell, Chief of Police. (GPC had been trying to obtain a meeting with Caldwell for over a year but in spite of Mayor McConn's promise to set one up, had been unsuccessful to this point.) Previous requests to Caldwell's office had gone unanswered or denied. "Up to now all we were facing" said Shiflett, "was a brick wall. Caldwell said he would never meet with us, because he didn't schedule meetings for the purpose of politics or advocacy." Shiflett went on "If we aren't the advocates for our own cause, who is?"

"I have no intention on attending a GPC meeting. I'm no community psychiatrist and I have no need to attend a forum where people vent their frustrations."

Recent events on the Federal level seem to have exerted enough pressure to affect a change. While the GPC president was in Washington conferring with the United States Assistant Attorney General, Caldwell's office called to confirm the first meeting in over one and one-half years. The appointment was made, but because of previous commitments, Larry Bagneris, Vice-President of GPC, was not in town and the meeting had to be rescheduled. The second date had to be cancelled because Caldwell was called out to survey and help handle problems associated with the recent serious flood damage.

Feeling that affairs had perhaps come to a standstill community activist Ray Hill entered the picture. Placing a call to Mayor McConn's office, Hill confronted the Mayor's secretary with the fact that the situation seemingly was at an impasse again and requested Ms. Coates to inform the Mayor of the meeting's cancellation, suggesting the Mayor take corrective steps to see the situation remedied and the talks back on track.

"McConn must have got my message" said Hill, "and he (McConn) must have regarded the urgency of the situation as high enough to contact Caldwell and get the ball moving again, because Caldwell called both myself and Steve (Shiflett) and summoned us to his office the following day."

The meeting took place Tuesday, September 25 with Shiflett, Hill, and Bagneris representing the Gay Community. Also present was Patti O'Kane, newly appointed member of the Police Advisory Committee and Larry Trout, Press Advisor for the Houston Police Department.

Caldwell fielded questions regarding the Internal Affairs Department's procedures by refusing to discuss the issue and directed the group to the U.S. Attorney's office to seek remedy from police abuse. He then questioned Larry Bagneris on whether or not he represented any community at all. (Bagneris, besides his office as VP of GPC and a member of Family, is also founder of the Gay Chicano Caucus and helped to start the Black Gay Caucus.) Caldwell seemed perturbed at Bagneris when asked "in the spirit of open dialog, would you attend a GPC meeting?" Caldwell replied, "I have no intention of attending a GPC meeting. I'm not a community psychiatrist and I have no need to attend a forum where people vent their frustrations. Questions on policy will be discussed in my office."

On the porno question, Caldwell related that, according to Bagneris, "he was against gay adult bookstores", recounting an incident where he had to close a downtown bookstore because of "circle-jerking". Caldwell also expressed his opinion of his department's actions against bookstores as being justified because of the easy access for children to pornography and child molestation.

Shiflett asked about the polygraph test questions that

eliminated Gays from being hired by the HPD. "Caldwell answered three separate questions concerning this discrimination issue with the identical response" said Shiflett. "Each time he he would only deal with the qualifications of the individuals applying." Shiflett continued, "He would not admit whether or not the questions are on the test, or whether they are being used to eliminate qualified people." He added that Caldwell's evasiveness was more apparent on this question than on any other, even to the point that it upset him (Caldwell) so much that he lit his cigarette on the wrong end and quickly tried to hide it, hoping it would not be seen.

"This is not a Howard Johnson's, you know."

Educational and Sensitivity training issues within the HPD concerning Gay relations were reacted to positively at first by Houston's top police official, but when asked to specify what he was willing to actually do, he side-stepped the issue by stating, "it might be good for you people to offer how you view life". But he did ask for any instructional materials available and said he would consider insituting a course in the Police Academy on Human Sexuality and Behavior.

Additional comments regarding the use of excessive force by patrols in dealing with gay people prompted Caldwell to express his belief that the problem simply did not exist and he regards it for the most part as "perceived." Said Bagneris, "He just does not understand how gays in jail are vulnerable to "in-jail-abuse." His remark to that statement was "this is not Howard Johnson's you know."

Hill walked out in the middle of the conference in disgust and spoke with reporter about the recent raids on several bars, saying "we are under a seige of some kind." He added "The mayor appoints the Police Chief here and unless we make it clear that we cannot and will not support a Mayoral candidate (Mc Conn) in the upcoming elections (who will not help us) we don't stand a chance of doing anything really constructive in our relations with the HPD."

By-passing any comments to the Press, Shiflett, Bagneris and O'Kane felt it would be better to keep their options open and exhaust every possibility. This included another conference, this time with Assistant Police Chief R.G. McKeegan, the person more directly charged with the administrative tasks of the HPD management and Field Command (Street Patrols).

That meeting was Monday, October 1 in McKeegan's office. Shiflett was joined by Andy Mills, President of the newly formed Houston Tavern Guild, and Bev Wren, owner of "Numbers" -Houston's largest gay disco. McKeegan was open, receptive, and seemed interested in helping to resolve problems. Admitting that his office was so far removed from the actual happenings on the streets, that he really didn't know what was going on with his officers and stated his intention to "do the right thing administratively" to corrFct problems and stop abuses, if indeed any existed.

"I have had the Happy Budda for years and also ran the Million Dollar City Dump and I never had any trouble with the police until I started operating a gay disco and that's awfully strange to me."

Bev Wren set the tone for the meeting, stating "I have had the 'Happy Budda' (a restaurant down the street from 'Numbers') and also ran the 'Million Dollar City Dump' (the name of 'Numbers' when it was a heterosexual nightspot) and I have never had any trouble with the police until I started operating a gay disco, and

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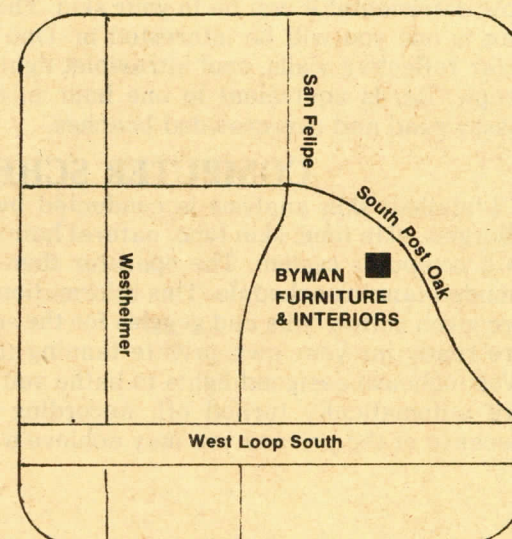
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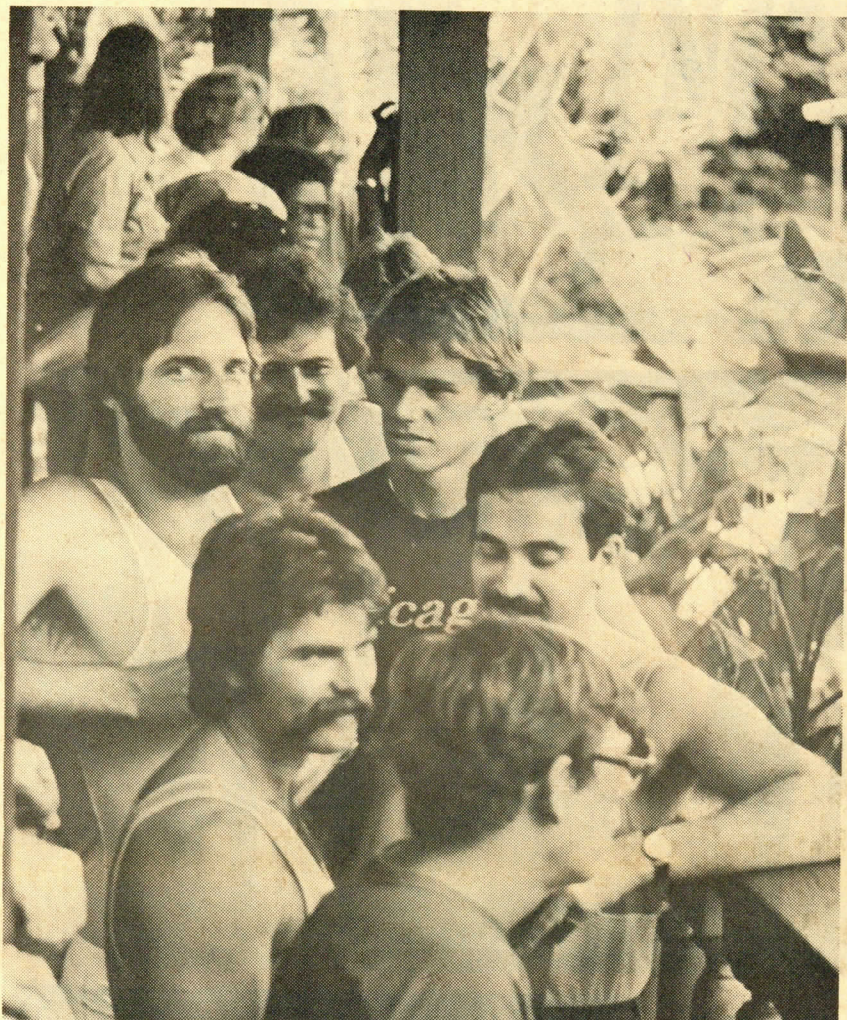
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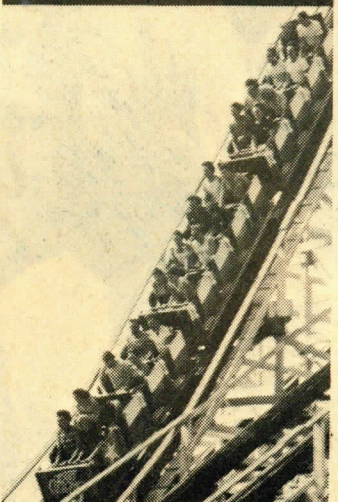
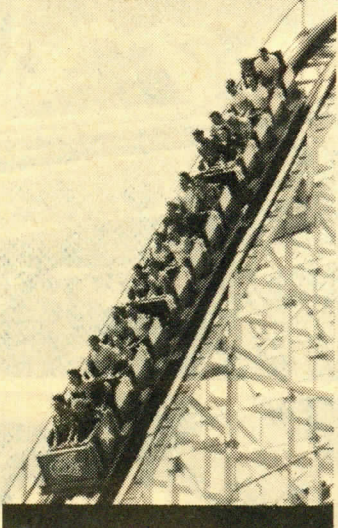
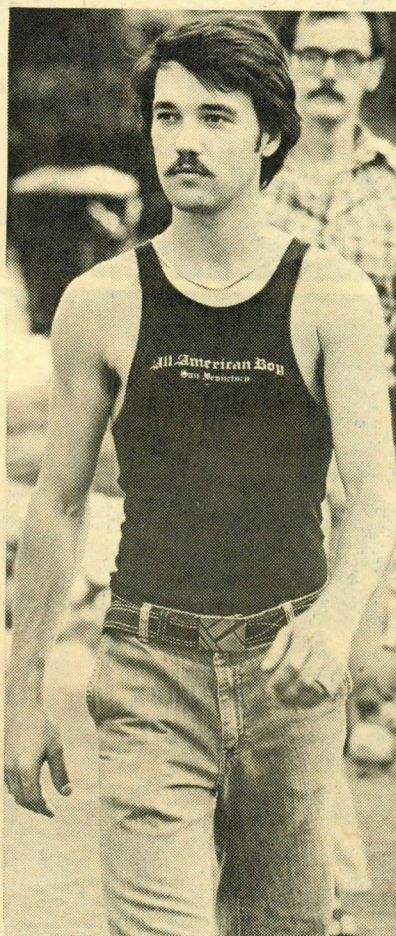
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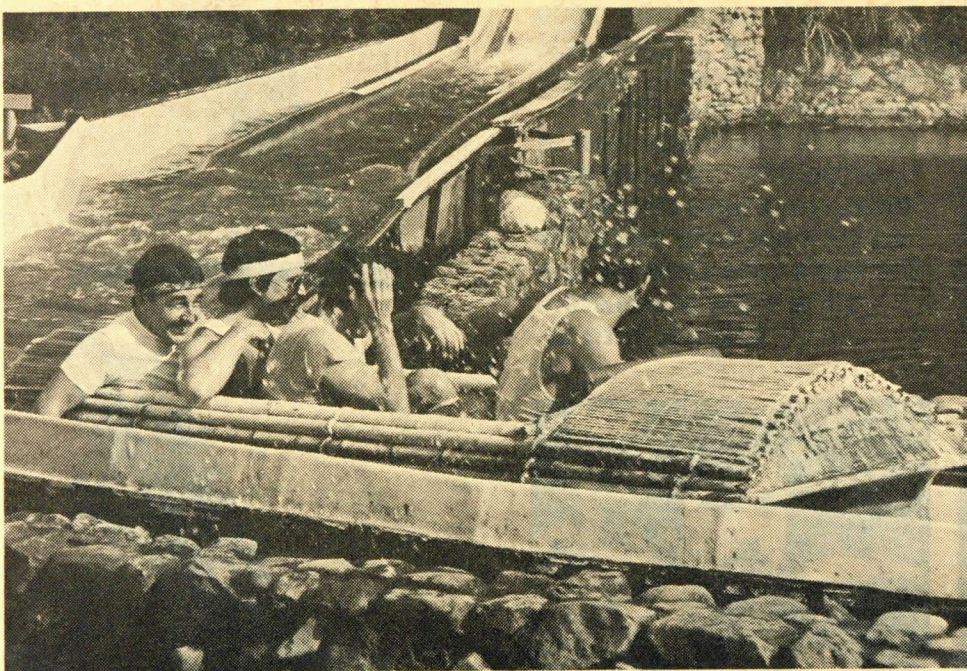


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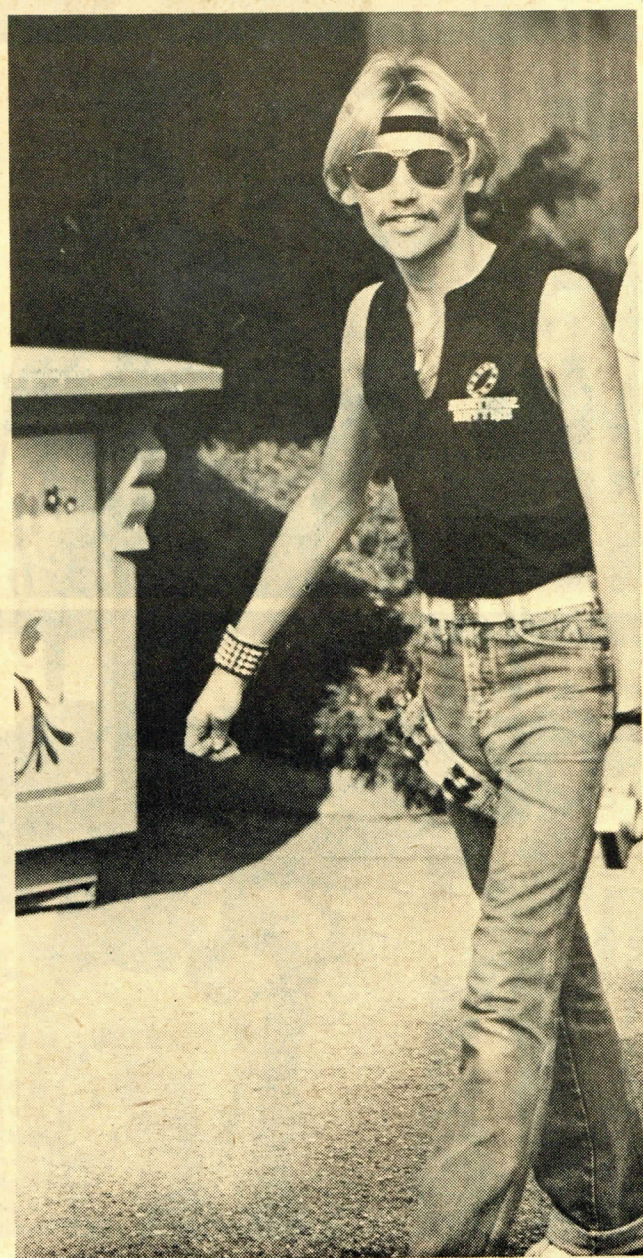


Montrose day at Astroworld was a success and a good time. Approximately 7000 people attended and about \$12,000 was raised. The event was attended by people from all over Texas and surrounding states. Due to the success in Houston, it is rumored that Dallas gays have approached Six Flags Over Texas for the same type event. It was quite a day in Houston. Share it with us.





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and Jeff Baggett



I wonder what it's like
when you stop saying
there's still time to make changes.

The college years, often affectionately recalled as the good old days, are times of friends, of anxieties and of hopes for the future. This kaleidoscope of people, of fears and of plans are remarkably well profiled by Wendy Wasserstein in her play "Uncommon Women and Others".

The play is set on the campus of Mount Holyoke College, prestigious school for a few especially promising (i.e. uncommon) women. Eight of these women are found living together in their dorm under the watchful, if unfocused, eye of their housemother. Each of these students reveals a different aspect of the college experience.

Kate, the Phi Beta blonde, follows the yellow brick road to popularity, honor and a law career. She's the disgustingly cute coed who smiles sweetly while she knocks the top off of tough exams. Samantha, the realistic closet wit, thinks about a family. She sets aside feminism for family-ism. Chubby Holly, lonely and unhappy, calls old boyfriends late at night to try to recapture relationships she never really enjoyed. Muffet seeks a meaningful relationship, but always gets too "clutchy" when she finds a good friend.

Rita, the "pretty f....g amazing" one, spouts a steady stream of unpublishables while she worries about living a fulfilling life. Susia Friend, the organizer, effervesces through the dorm introducing herself and coordinating a bunch of uncoordinatiables. Leilah, book worm and worry wort, spends her time on her homework with only an occasional break to relax and envy Kate. Finally, Carter, the quiet one, just plugs along. She simply observes while others overflow or withdraw. She is the eye of this her-icane.

United only by their common address, these disparate women struggle to live up to the unrealistic expectations placed on them by their parents, by their teachers' and by themselves. Their fear of failure drives them into deeper and deeper self-reflection. They promise each other that by the time they are 30 they will be amazing. When they gather again at age 27, they push the deadline back to age 45.

The Main Street Theatre's production of this play would bring a grateful smile to Wendy Wasserstein's face. Thanks to some sparkling performances, audiences are treated to a very human, un-stereotyped look at our universal anxieties about the meaning of our confusing lives.

Rousing applause must go to four actresses: Jeannine Pasini Beekman (Rita) harshly, yet sensitively, portrayed an anxious unfulfilled woman. Jennifer Bryant (Kate) managed to convey her confidence and charm without conceit. Mary Galligan (Leilah) had me reminiscing to my library days. She was the archetypal library rat. Quietly cynical Abbe Garfinkel (Carter) portrayed the sensitive sponge so well, that I began to identify with her. My guess is that writer Wasserstein was Carter.

Encouraging applause should go to five more actresses. Nan Newborn Charpiot (Samantha) intelligently defended the choice of motherhood as a career. Patti Bean (Susia) caught the tries-too-hard spirit of the compulsive running-for-officer. Kathleen Layman, fighting a shortage of lines, still managed to capture much of the spirit of the attention-seeking malcontent. Rita Oldham (Mrs. Plum), although a bit too stereotyped, did remind me of the eternal sipping housemother.

Polite applause can go to Ellen Horr (Holly) for her overly melodramatic portrayal of her I-want-to-be-loved character. Her telephone conversation with Dr. Silverstien was straight from Ryan's Hope. If Ellen restrains herself a bit, her power will multiply geometrically.

"Uncommon Women" belongs near the top of Houston stage productions of recent years. Thanks to nine truly gifted actresses, fine direction by Rebecca Greene Udden and Wasserstein's insightful (although at times too political) play, I was treated to a meaningful reexamination of my values and expectations.

If we could only stop waiting for tomorrow and enjoy today, life would be so much more rewarding. If we don't discard anticipation for actuality, we will someday find that the time to change has run out.
by Brent Northup

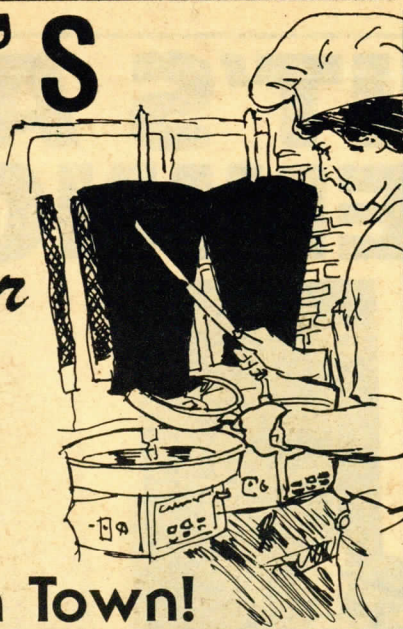
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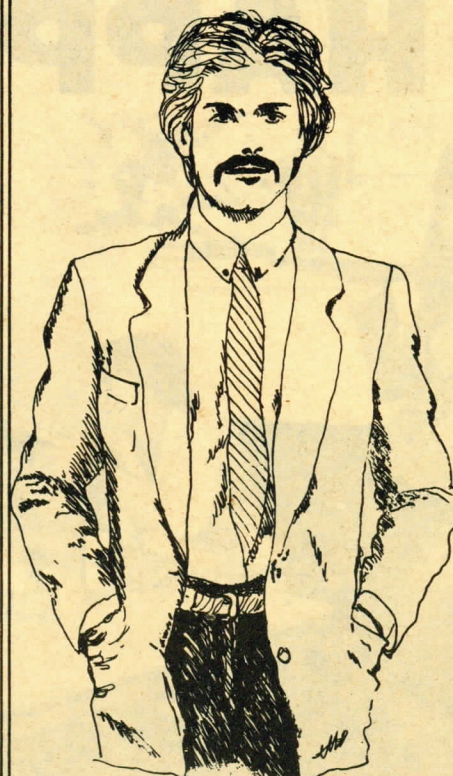
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La primera Marcha Nacional sobre Washington para derechos Lesbianos y Gay esta planeado para el 14 de Octubre, 1979. Reconociendo los problemas no usuales de lesbianas y de mujeres del tercer mundo en particular, las Asamblea Nacional de Delegados mando las siguientes polizas como resultado de su preocupacion por las mujeres.

1. Todo comite organizador de la marcha debe implementar polizas de representacion que consiga igualdad sexual. Esta meta se consiguio en la Conferencia sobre organizacion de la Marcha Nacional celebrada en Houston el 6, 7 y 8 de Julio, donde el 47% de los delegados elegidos nacionalmente eran mujeres y el 30% eran representantes del tercer mundo. La asamblea de delegados, elegida nacionalmente, ha instruido que se siga una poliza de representacion femenina del 50% en todos los comites y han de tener asientos co-sexuales.

2. Mujeres del tercer mundo y lesbianas han de encabezar la Marcha sobre Washington.

3. En organizando a los oradores a los marchadores, igualdad sexual ha de ser el objetivo primario del comite de seleccion, con tiempo ahecuada y posiciones reservado para lesbianas y en particular a mujeres del tercer mundo.

4. La Asamblea Nacional de Delegados ha instruido que sea poliza

de la marcha el que el 10% de todos jundos recogidos (el 50% de todos jundos recibidos como resultado de la subscripcion de agencias de viaje al cnetro Nacional de Transporte), sean reservados para proveer jundos de transportacion para los tienen desventaja economica. Estos jundos han de ser distribuidos sobre una base de prioridades de lesbianas del tercer mundo, hombres Gay que sufren economicamente.

5. La Asamblea Nacional de Delegados mando una poliza de que no se halle acomondaciones publicas en Virginia ya que este estado no ha aprobado el E.R.A.

6. La Asamblea Nacional de Delegados ha mandado que las preocupaciones de mujeres lesbiana han de ser del interes primordial de la organizacion planeadora y ayuda prticular ha de hacerse a las comunidades lesbianas a lo largo de los Estados Unidos.

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san francisco's gay men's chorus

by Jay
in San Francisco

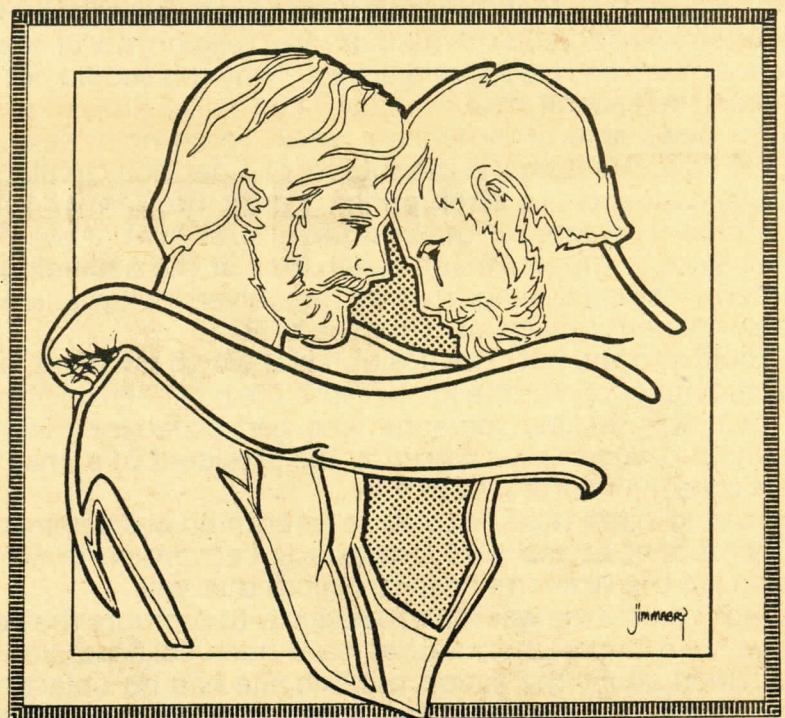
On the evening of December 20, 1978, more than 100 men joined the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band in concert and for the first time, under the direction of Dick Kramer, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus made a significant social and musical statement.

The director of the chorus, Dick Kramer says "there are two aspects to our purpose for being - social and musical." Through the chorus the men have found a meaningful way to relate with each other and musically they have been able to continue an experience which many originally found during high school or college in glee clubs and choirs. The big difference is that now their music is expressed with their gay brothers.

Members of the chorus have a wide spectrum of musical backgrounds. Several have sung in the San Francisco Opera chorus and with other respected musical organizations in the Bay Area. Many have received Master's Degrees in musical training. Others have found a place in the chorus singing for the first time since their high school days.

The group's repertoire is varied. It ranges from the music of Brahms, Bach and Handel to Sigmund Romberg and the smaller swing chorus. The Men About Town, present music from Broadway shows and the swing era. In addition to the Men's Chorus and the Men About Town, a group called the Chamber Singers performs works of Scarlatti, Schubert and other chamber selections.

The chorus now has over 150 members. It was founded in October, 1978 by Jon R. Sims, founder and director of the famous San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps. The chorus first sang on the steps of the San Francisco City Hall at a Memorial Service for the late Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. In May, 1979 they scheduled their first concert at Everett Middle School and promptly sold-out. That led to a second concert which was also a sell-out.



LOVERS TOO have a song to sing

a concert

Lovers Too Have a Song to Sing is the first autumn concert scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, 8pm at Mission High School.

Under the direction of Dick Kramer, the group will perform a broad new range of selections from Bach and Gabrielli to Lennon and McCartney. Popular arrangements from "The Wiz" and "The King and I" will counterpoint such classical selections as "Sound the Trumpet" by Purcell and "Good Fellow, Be Merry" by Bach.

The Chamber Singers, a select group of 20 men will add to the program three contemporary pieces by Charles Ives: "Serenity", "For You and Me", and "This is the Day" as well as the popular "Du, du, liegst mir im Herzen", "Breezy Bach", "Fire, Fire My Heart", "Sweet Love Doth Now Invite", and "Ti Parti, Cor Mio Caro."

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jerry brown speaks at u of h

by Rue Starr at
the University of Houston

California Governor Jerry Brown recently spoke at the University of Houston Student Center. During the session he mentioned such issues as halting the development of nuclear power, expanding the space program, and building mass transit "for people instead of bombs".

He declared that by cutting back on Federal spending as has been done on the state level in California, the value of the dollar could be stabilized. Brown suggests a constitutional amendment to balance the budget. He also instituted mandatory energy efficiency standards for buildings and appliances in his home state.

"We could be the OPEC of the 1990's" said Brown, "if the technology needed to utilize solar power is developed through increased activity in near space." He went on to state that under his administration in California over a thousand women and minorities were appointed to important posts in state government.

His shortest reply of the session came in answer to a question from U of H Gay Resource Service spokesperson John Crocker about Brown's support for the gay civil rights bill (H.R. 2074). The governor pointed out that California has by Executive order, a law banning discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex or sexual preference. "I see no reason" said Brown, "why this should not be affected on the Federal level."

In other news at U of H—Francis "Sissy" Farenthold, Keynote Speaker at Town Meeting I, is the subject of a petition circulating on campus. Students are attempting to draft the former Texas gubernatorial candidate for the position of president of the U of H system. Since Phillip Hoffman's resignation at the beginning of the fall term, the governing body of the university has failed to name a permanent replacement for the office.

Farenthold said she felt "the position was worth pursuing" and that she did not apply for the job because she had been informed that U of H was seeking someone who had experience with a multi-campus college. She is currently the president of a small, all women's college in Aurora, New York.

After serving in the Texas legislature Farenthold was nominated for vice-president at the 1976 Democratic Convention in Miami Beach and led the Women's Political Caucus that year.

An Ad Hoc Committee was formed recently to promote the petition drive. Two hundred signatures have been collected so far. When notified about the action she said she had no objections because "that's how I became nominated in Miami, by students who circulated a petition".

gas for d.c.

by Phyllis Frye
in Houston

As you prepare to motor up to Washington for our human rights march to declare freedom for gay and transpeople citizens, you may be concerned about the availability of gasoline.

I have requested information from those States along the various routes. They all report that no big problem exists at this time. Some stations on the interstates do close at night and on weekends. Even so, you will probably pack with a lighter heart and in a more festive mood if you have, in hand, some contacts at the beginning and at the return end of your trip.

If you are in Dallas-Ft. Worth or Oklahoma City, then your trip's first leg and return last leg is Arkansas. If, San Antonio or Houston; then, Louisiana. While in Arkansas, phone (800)482-8999. If outside of Arkansas, phone (800)643-8383.

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Do not carry gas cans. They can explode if you are in an auto accident.

Resurfacing of highways is always an ongoing thing in every state. The letters that I received indicated that we will experience little, if any, delay from those few repairs which exist. Tennessee gave an extensive report which will be of interest to the Dallas-Ft. Worth and Oklahoma City area travelers. Memphis has a convenient bypass. I-40 in both Nashville and Knoxville is being redone—the Knoxville project cannot be circumvented.

With respect to those State which have **not** ratified the Equal Right Amendment, you will spend your money in those States which are on record or not for equal rights as you desire. Those which have NOT ratified and are along our routes are the following: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Virginia, and Georgia.



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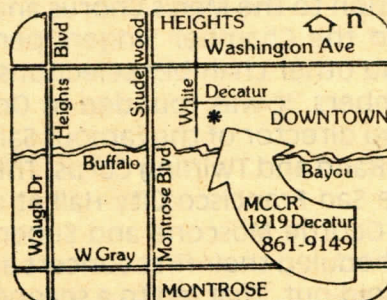
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the marchers' songbook

by Phyllis Frye
in Houston

As we head for the greatest of all our marches we must remember that the eyes and ears of America (through the electronic media) will be upon us. If we appear to be a rabble or disorganized it will only add fuel to some already hotly burning fires. With this in mind we have put together some well-recognized tunes that I propose we use in the March on Washington.

THIS IS IMPORTANT - use the same songs in the same order with the same verses and using inclusive language. This way we can all raise our voices (thousands of them) as one huge chorus. Have your church, social or professional organization, and/or recreational club make copies. Distribute them, rehearse them and take them with you to Washington. Let us, through the media, show America that its gay citizens, and supporting non-gay citizens are a wholesome, patriotic, and (most of all) united front. If you wish to add songs to the list as you make copies, go ahead. But **PLEASE**, do not insert into the middle of this listing. We need the same songs in the same order with the same verses and using inclusive language. Take this paper with you and carry it in the march. This page is your "Songbook."

These songs are not the exclusive property of those who oppress us or ask us to leave their churches. America is ours, too! These songs are our songs, too! America's heritage is ours, too! Their God is ours, too! (God does not need permission from Anita Bryant or Jerry Falwell to love us, too!) Our best is good enough... **SING OUT!**

1. LOVE US, AMERICA (to tune of God Bless America)

Love us, America. We are your own.
Stand beside us...and guide us
to the light from the fright and the fear.
We're your sisters...and your brothers
We're your parents, children and friends.
Love us, America--you are our home.
Love us, America--you are our home.

2. BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

I. My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of my God
Who is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath
are stored
God has loosed the fateful lightning of the terrible swift
sword
God's truth is marching on.

CHORUS: Glory, Glory Hallelujah; Glory, Glory hallelujah;
Glory, Glory Hallelujah; Our God is marching on.

II. God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound
retreat;
God is sifting out the hearts of all before the judgement
seat;
Oh be swift my soul to answer God, be jubilant my feet;
Our God is marching on;

BACK TO CHORUS:

III. God is coming like the glory of the morning on the way;
God is wisdom to those list'ning, God is honor to the brave
So the world shall be God's footstool, and the soul of wrong
God's slave
Our God is marching on.

BACK TO CHORUS:

3. EXODUS

This land is mine. God gave this land to me, this brave and ancient land to me. And when the morning sun reveals its hills and plains, then I see a land where children can run free.

So take my hand and walk this land with me, and walk this lovely land with me. Though I am just hu-man, when you are by my side, with help of God I know I can be strong.

Repeat second verse.

4. AMERICA

My country tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my parents died...Land of the pilgrims pride,
from every mountain side, let FREEDOM ring.

Let music swell the breeze and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom's song
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake'
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

5. DO LORD, DO LORD, (this is a hand clapper)

I've gotta home in gloryland that outshines the sun (three times)
Way beyond the blue.

CHORUS: Do Lord, oh Do Lord, oh Do remember me (three times)
Way beyond the blue

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take him too.
(three times)
Way beyond the blue.

BACK TO CHORUS:

6. JEREMIAH WAS A BULLFROG (this is a hand-clapper)

Jeremiah was a bullfrog, was a good friend of mine
I never understood a single word he said,
but we always had some mighty good times

CHORUS: Joy to the world; ALL the boys and girls
Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea,
Joy for you and me

If I were the QUEEN of the world, tell you what I'd do
Throw away the bombs and the bigots and the wars
Yes, and make sweet love to you--singing:

BACK TO CHORUS:

7. GIVE ME THAT OLD TIME RELIGION (this is a hand-clapper)

I. Give me that old time religion
(repeat three times)
It's good enough for me

II. It was good for the Hebrew children
(repeat three times)

the marchers' songbook continued

It's good enough for me
REPEAT Verse 1

III. It will bring you out of bondage
(repeat three times)
It's good enough for me
REPEAT Verse I

IV. It was good for Mary and Martha, It was good for Paul and Silas,
It is good for all you list'ning and it's good enough for me.
REPEAT Verse I.

8 AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain's majesties above the fruited plain,
America, America, God shed God's grace on thee,
And crown with love from heav'n above, from sea to shining
sea

O beautiful for we will prove in liberating strife,
We more than self our country love and mercy more than life,
America, America, May God our hearts refine,
Till our success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

9. **KUM BA YAH** (Come by here)

Kum ba yah, my God, Kum ba yad (repeat three times)
Dear God, Kum ba yah.

**We've been crying, God Kum ba yah (repeat three times)
Dear God, Kum ba yah.**

**We've been praying, God, Kum ba yah (repeat three times)
Dear God. Kum ba yah.**

**We are marching, god, Kum ba yah (repeat three times)
Dear God, Kum ba yah.**

**We are singing, God Kum ba yah (repeat three times)
Dear God, Kum ba yah.**

10 WE SHALL OVERCOME

(We Know this song. Sing the word "TODAY" rather than the world, "SOMEDAY" when singing the chorus.)

We shall overcome.
We are not afraid.
We walk hand in hand.
OUR God will see us through
We shall live in peace.
We shall overcome.

11. I'LL FLY AWAY (this is a hand-clapper)

**Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.**

**CHOR: I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away.

Like a bird from prison bars have flown, I'll fly away.

CHORUS

**But for now, I'll march and I'll proclaim, I'll fly away,
That God loves each one of use the same, I'll fly away.**

CHORUS

12 ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Onward Christian Soldiers, marching as to war, with the
cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal leader, goes against the foe;
Forward into battle, see God's banner go.

**CHOR: Onward Christian Soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus, going on before.**

Onward then ye people, join our HAPPY throng, blend with
ours your voices in the triumph song;
Glory, laud and honor, unto Christ our King;
This through countless ages, angels with us sing.

Chorus

13. I HAVE THE JOY, JOY, JOY

I have the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy down in my heart.
(where?)
Down in my heart (where?), down in my heart.
I have the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy down in my heart.
(where?)
Down in my heart to stay.

I have the peace that passes understanding down
in my heart, (where?)
Down in my heart (where?), down in my heart.
I have the peace that passes understanding down
in my heart, (where?)
Down in my heart to stay.

14. GOD'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN GOD'S HANDS
(a hand-clapper)

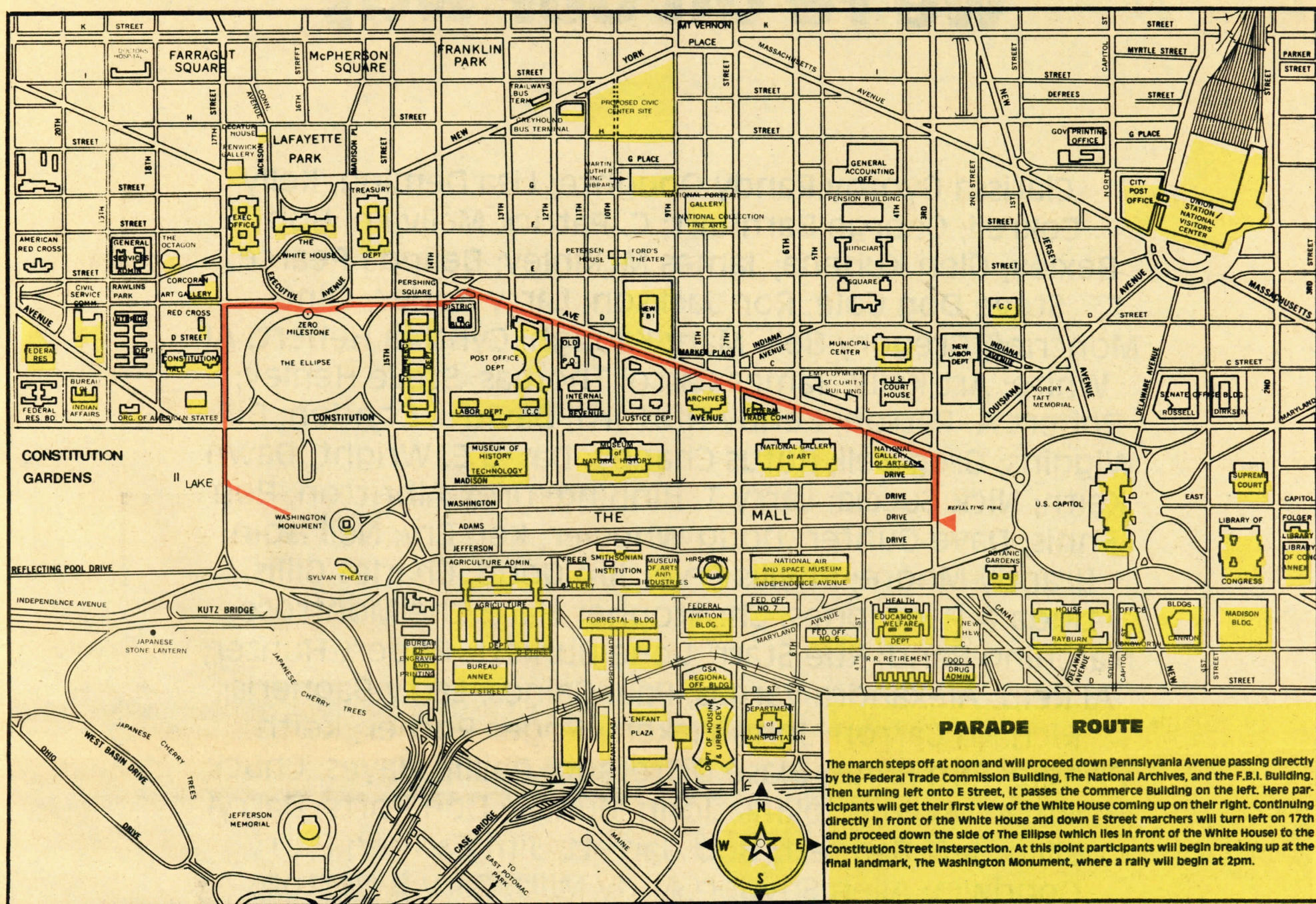
God's got the whole world in God's hands (repeat 4 times)
God's got the wind and the rain in God's hand
(repeat 4 times)

God's got you and me, sister, in God's hands.
God's got you and me, brother, in God's hands,
God's got you and me, Citizen, in God's hands,
God's got the whole world in God's hands.

**God's got Anita and Jerry in God's hands.
(repeat 4 times)**

**God's got everybody here in God's hands
(repeat four times)**

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In 1790, after much discussion over whether the capital would be located in the north or south, George Washington finally chose a site on the banks of the Potomac. He decided that the capital should be centrally located within the existing states. Original plans called for 100 square miles for the District of Columbia; a ten-by-ten square to come out of both Maryland and Virginia. By 1791 Washington had the land and an aspiring young Frenchman, Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant, who set up headquarters in a stone cottage in Georgetown.

L'Enfant had a great dream of a city which would be both big and beautiful, with great avenues, expansive parks and at least one boulevard 400 feet wide! Washington, himself set the cornerstone for the Capitol building in 1792. But the Major's gusto got

a little away with him. In his enthusiasm for spaciousness he demanded that a wealthy and influential citizen move his home out of the way of an oncoming boulevard. The heat began and after angry words, Washington was forced to ask for the Major's resignation. Even so the city still retains much of its beauty and owes that to the young Frenchman.

Preserving his dream has not been easy. Andrew Jackson is rumored to have planted the great gray Treasury Building directly in the way of the White House-Capitol vista with a simple wave of his cane.

Money has run dry at times; work began on the Capitol in 1792, but the 4,500 ton cast-iron dome was not in place yet for Lincoln's inaugural in 1861. The Washington Monument stood half completed for 20 years! Look closely and you can see the two-toned marble facing.

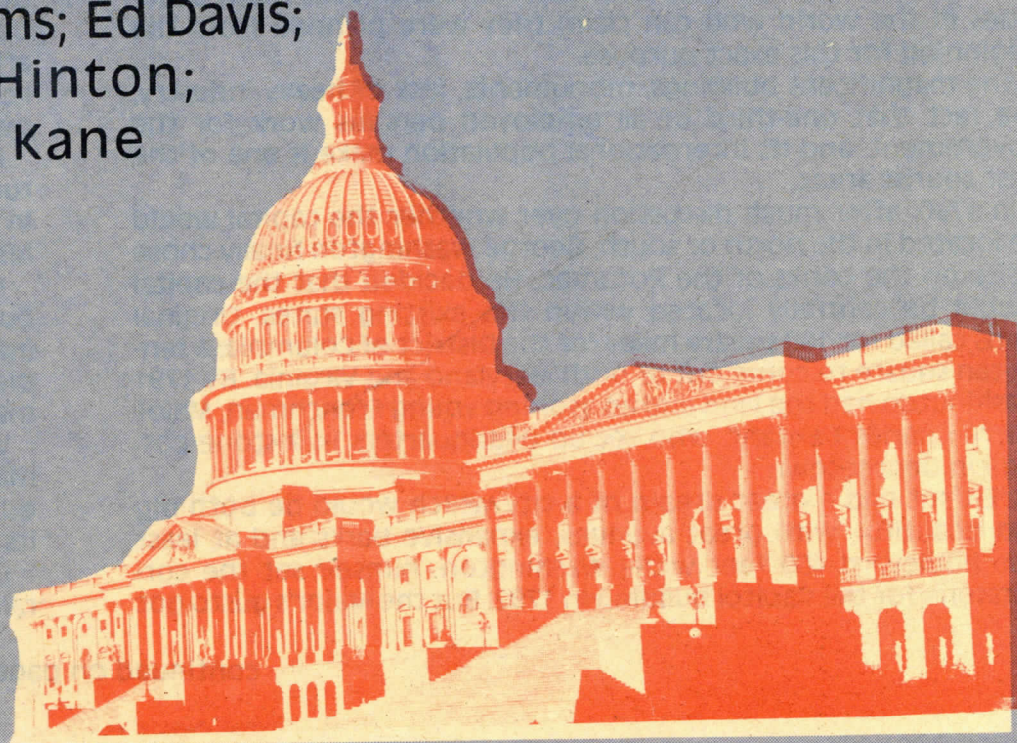
Washington stayed well within the 100 square mile limit for many years. So long, in fact, that Virginia's land was returned unused to the original owners over 50 years later. That left the city with its current 69 square miles, eight of them under water.

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gay hispanics a new direction

by Charles Clinton
in Houston

Often to achieve change there must be struggle. Sometimes it is a hard struggle, sometimes not. It can take many forms; between classes, sexes, races or even just between individuals. In the face of all, though, is the constant that there will be change. Through change comes growth.

A New Name. The officially recognized organization for gay Hispanics has been known as the Gay Chicano Caucus. Recent consideration has led the caucus to evaluate the effectiveness of the name, and as a result, to change the name to the Gay Hispanic Caucus. The new name became effective Tuesday, October 2. Reasoning behind the change is twofold. First is the exclusion of other Hispanics who are not Chicano. Secondly, the gender of the word may be alienating as "Chicano" is a masculine noun. The implication being that it's a men's group. It is hoped that "Hispanic" instead of "Chicano" will encourage all gays, male or female, of any Hispanic origin to become involved. The membership is not limited to Hispanics either. Many have black or anglo lovers and they too are actively involved.

A New Face. Recent changes in the official structure have been occurring since new officers have been installed. New leaders are Ron Burnett—chair, Efrien Calderone—treasurer, and Bob Pinon—secretary. The officers are intensely involved with all members of the caucus and are working for caucus unity and participation.

The group has among its goals to establish the Caucus as an independent organization. Past associations have led to the belief

that the Gay Hispanic Caucus is a part of The Gay Political Caucus of Houston. The organization has never been part of the GPC even though they are aligned in many areas.

New Projects. The Caucus has expended a lot of energy towards the March on Washington and the Third World Conference running in conjunction with the march. Ron Burnett will be conducting a workshop on Chicano identity, even though it will relate to Hispanic identity altogether. The aim will be to raise consciousness about cultural problems Hispanics encounter when facing their homosexuality with respect to the church, the family and the role playing of the general Hispanic community. By doing so, strategies for addressing these problems can be devised.

New Avenues. The Third World Conference will hopefully open other new avenues of communication between gay Hispanics in Houston and other areas. When the groups hook up into an educational network and work together, tremendous outreach into the Hispanic community at large can be achieved.

The conference will also enable participants to plan further on a possible exchange with gays in Mexico and other Latin American countries.

A New Direction. Gay Hispanic Caucus has many programs going. Probably the most important function of the caucus is to establish the role of the gay Hispanic in the Hispanic community. By establishing and maintaining the visibility of gays, attitudes will begin to change. The process will not occur overnight.

The first step for the Gay Hispanic Caucus has already been taken. Representatives have approached the coordinating council of Fiestas Patrias about participation in next year's festivities. Fiestas Patrias is a major Hispanic patriotic holiday that is celebrated on September 15 and 16. In Houston there is a parade down Main Street terminating in a cultural festival at Moody Park. Though anxious about the meeting, overall the gay Hispanics felt they were well received. The council of Fiestas Patrias will not reconvene until February, but the caucus is going to proceed with plans in the meantime, feeling confident they will be participating. Gay groups are currently participating in celebration parades in California and the East Coast. According to sources in those areas, there were some snickers the first time gays entered floats, but there were no incidents or confrontations.

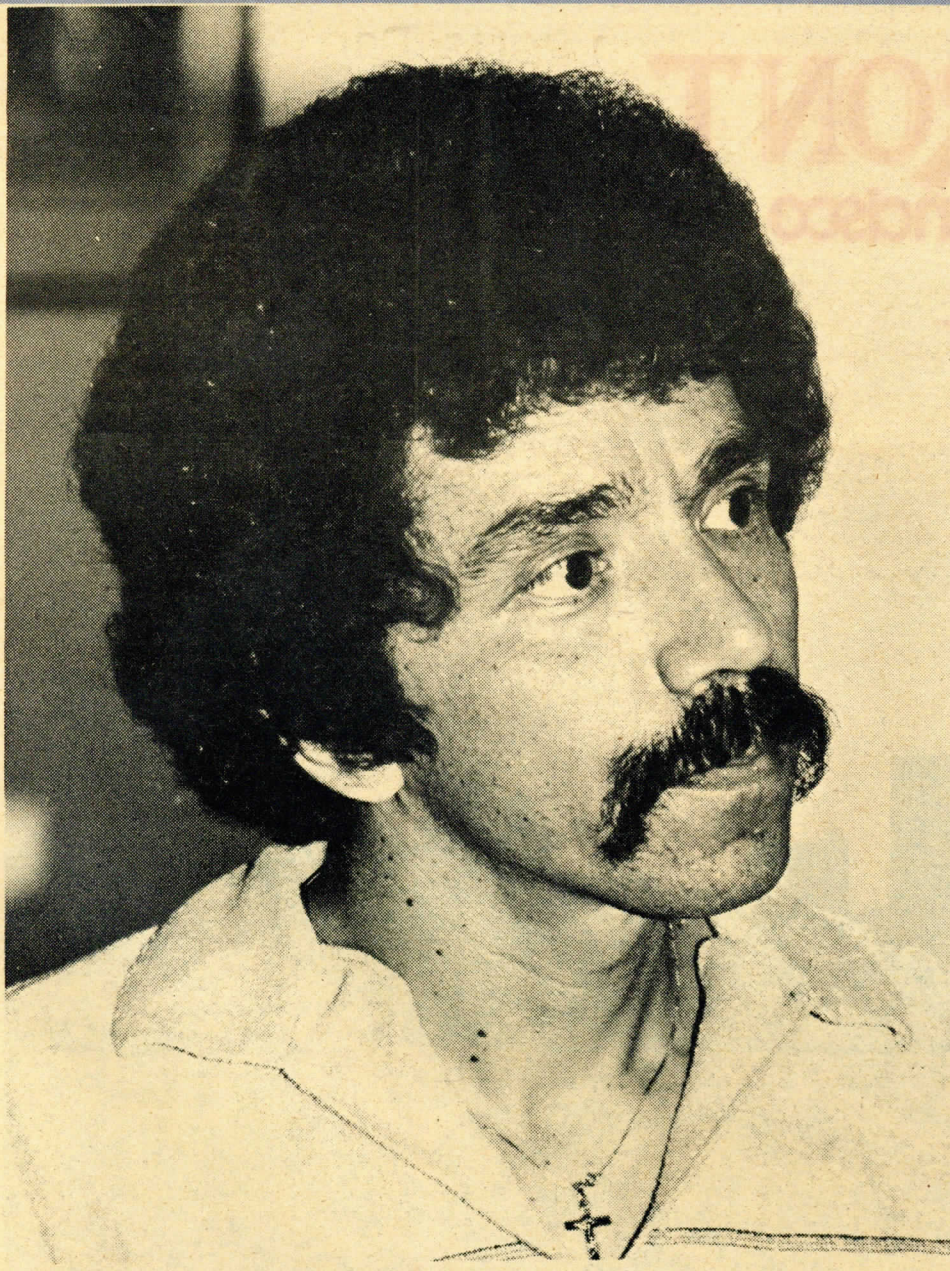
At present a liaison has begun between the Gay Hispanic Caucus and Gay Resource Services at the University of Houston. This will be advantageous for both groups; particularly beneficial for the Hispanic Caucus will be the foot-in-the-door at U of H. The general feeling being that the college age Hispanic person will be more receptive to new ideas.

When the March on Washington is over and everyone returns, there will be a celebration party. This will be the first attempt to involve new people in the caucus with a social mixer. As the membership grows, the group will develop a strategy to combat voter apathy in the Hispanic community in an effort to develop the political clout necessary to assure Hispanic interests.

A New Hope. Hispanics have always clung tightly to the concepts taught of family, church and the specific roles of men and women. It is also the hope of the caucus to teach the family to be supportive of their gay members; educate and liberate Hispanics from the restrictions of the unchanging church in a changing world. The Gay Hispanic Caucus hopes to begin breaking the stereotypical myths of the roles of the sexes. Women in Hispanic culture have long been neglected and have never asserted themselves in an equal role. By the same token, the machismo of the male alienates many gays because they don't fit all standard patterns.

The new hopes of the caucus are idealistic and may never be accomplished in total, but the group is dedicated to making changes and is taking positive steps under their new leadership to make them come to pass.

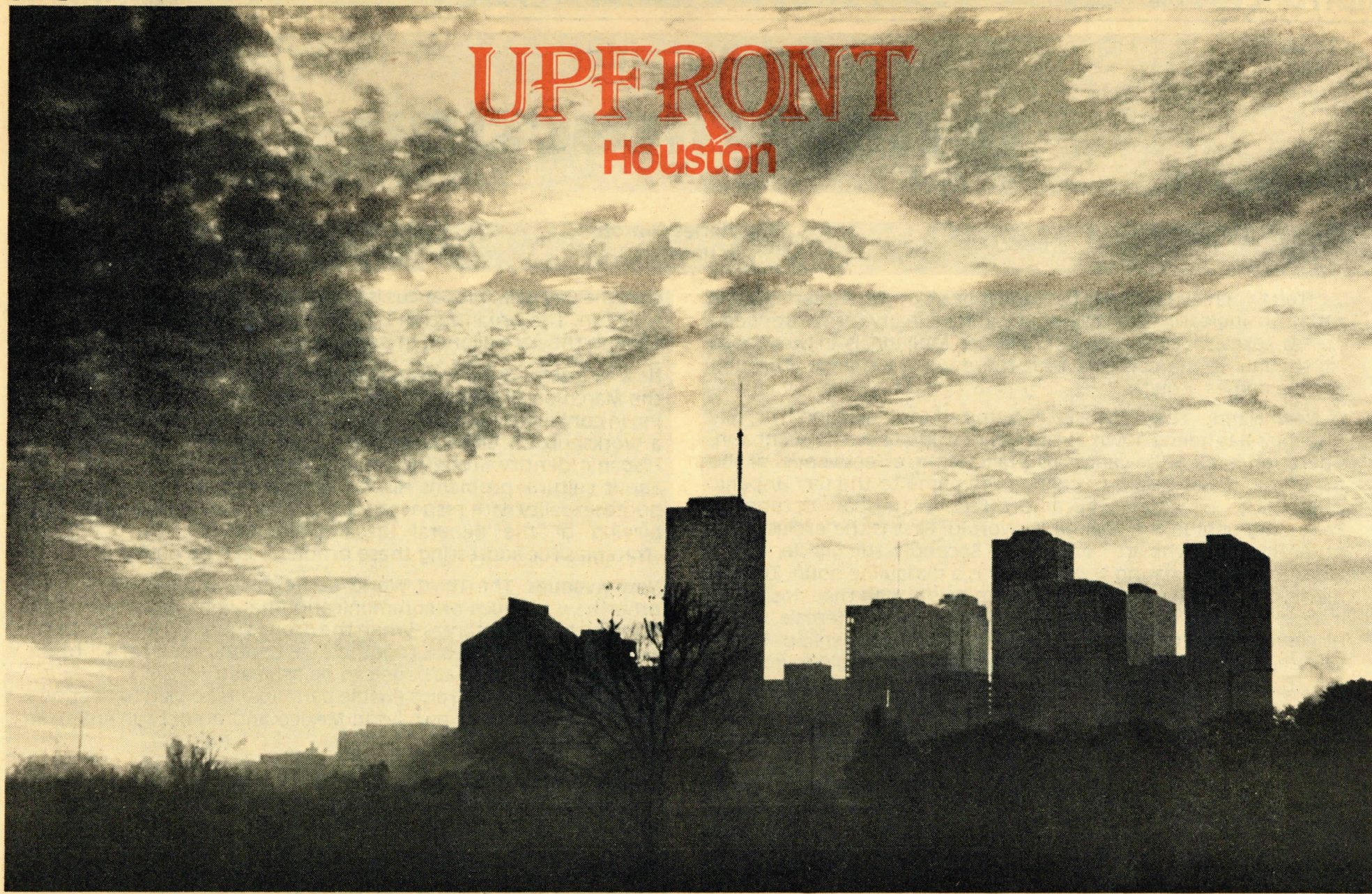
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band for sale

"Come Boogie With The Band - A Capitol Idea" made \$1,021 for Houston's Montrose Marching Band on Monday night, October 1, at Gene Howle's Copa Disco. Clint Moncrief, band spokesperson, says that leaves only about \$2,000 and the trip to Washington, D.C. for the National March will be paid.

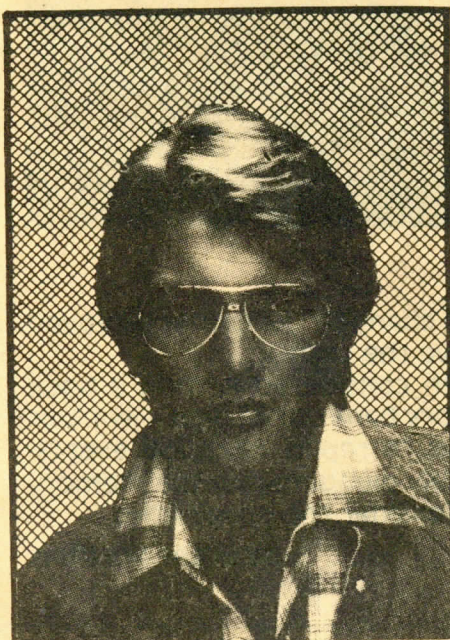
Moncrief has announced that anyone interested in becoming an honorary member may send \$50 and will receive an honorary membership certificate "making them a member" and a t-shirt which shows their support. The band has also announced plans by which anyone can have their "very own private concert." For a donation of \$500 the band can be yours for an evening... of music.

MMB has a new set of officers. It was discovered when the band filed with the State of Texas for their non-profit organization status that all officers of the group had to be elected to their

posts. Since prior office holders had been appointed the group immediately held an election and new leaders have been announced.

The band's new president is Ted Boya; Vice-President and Captain of the Color Guard is Larry Butler; Secretary, David Wright; Treasurer, (incumbent) Ron Jackson. New Board of Trustee members are Rue Starr, Clint Moncrief, and Bobby Jackson. Moncrief was also re-elected to his position as Conductor and Drum Major for the group.

At present MMB plans to march 32 members when it leads the United States contingent at the National March on Washington. Moncrief notes that there are still plenty of slots left for anyone who wants to play and commented that "Copa Night" helped because they "picked up" three new members.



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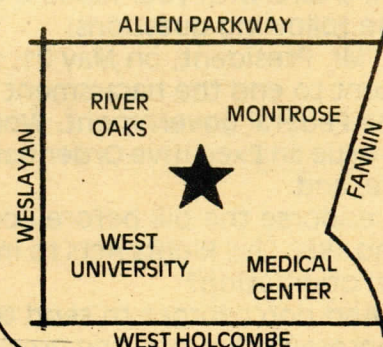


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All movies can be reviewed in at least two quite distinct ways. A film can either be judged on an absolute standard by comparing it to the reviewer's ideal film, or the film can be judged on a relative standard by comparing it in the same genre.

This system works well for most movies: "The Deer Hunter" can be praised absolutely, and "Alien" can be praised relatively as a fine suspense film. Every once in awhile, however, a film comes along that refuses to settle neatly into any one genre. The new film "Time After Time", for example straddles a number of different genres. What to do?

Well, recalling my old grad school report cards, I have devised a report card for this new film.

Film: TIME AFTER TIME

GENRE RATINGS

Carries a classy title	A
Throbs with suspense	B
Horrifies	B-
Devises great special effects	F
Romantic	A--
Avoids silly satire	D
Spins an ingenious story	A-
Ends powerfully	C-

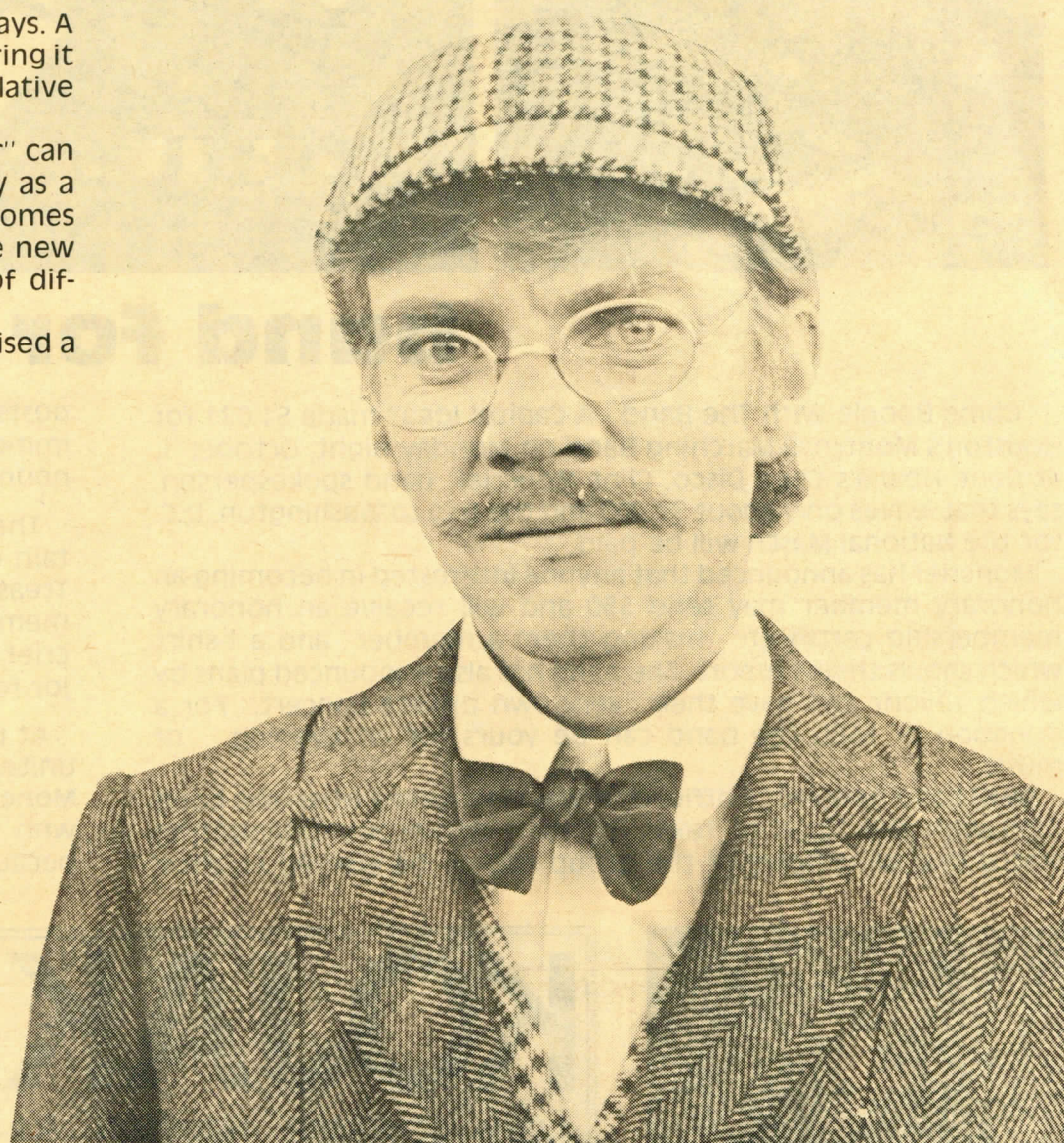
ACTOR RATINGS

Malcom McDowell	A
David Warner	B-
Mary Steenburgen	A-

TECHNICAL RATINGS

Nicholas Meyer's direction	C
Nicholas Meyer's screenplay	B
Paul Lohman's photography	B-
Special effects	F

ABSOLUTE RATING B, 83



How's that for reducing a film to a few arbitrary categories! Not fair, admittedly, but this report card does allow me to efficiently rate a film that refuses to sit still for its genre portrait.

I left the theatre very glad that I had seen this film. McDowell and his lover Steenburgen were both very effective. The basic story of Jack the Ripper's escape to 1979 via his friend's (H.G. Wells) time machine was quite clever. Wells' pursuit of Jack into this age was plausible to a science fiction buff like me. I was amazed by all

of the silly "my, my how things have changed" jokes, but I enjoyed the use of the time machine to solve the crime.

Along the same line, I have often considered writing a book about a machine that lifts the memory bank out of men -- living or dead. This invention could allow us to replay historical events, crimes, wars and old movies by simply plugging into the memory of someone who once saw them. Consider the possibilities . . .

by Brent Northup

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around the country. If you want to ask him a question, send a postcard to: Ask The President, P.O. Box 19369, Washington, D.C. 20036. It is not too late, so go ahead, you stand as good a chance as anyone of being one of the people who get's to talk to him. (Do NOT include the question you may be asking)

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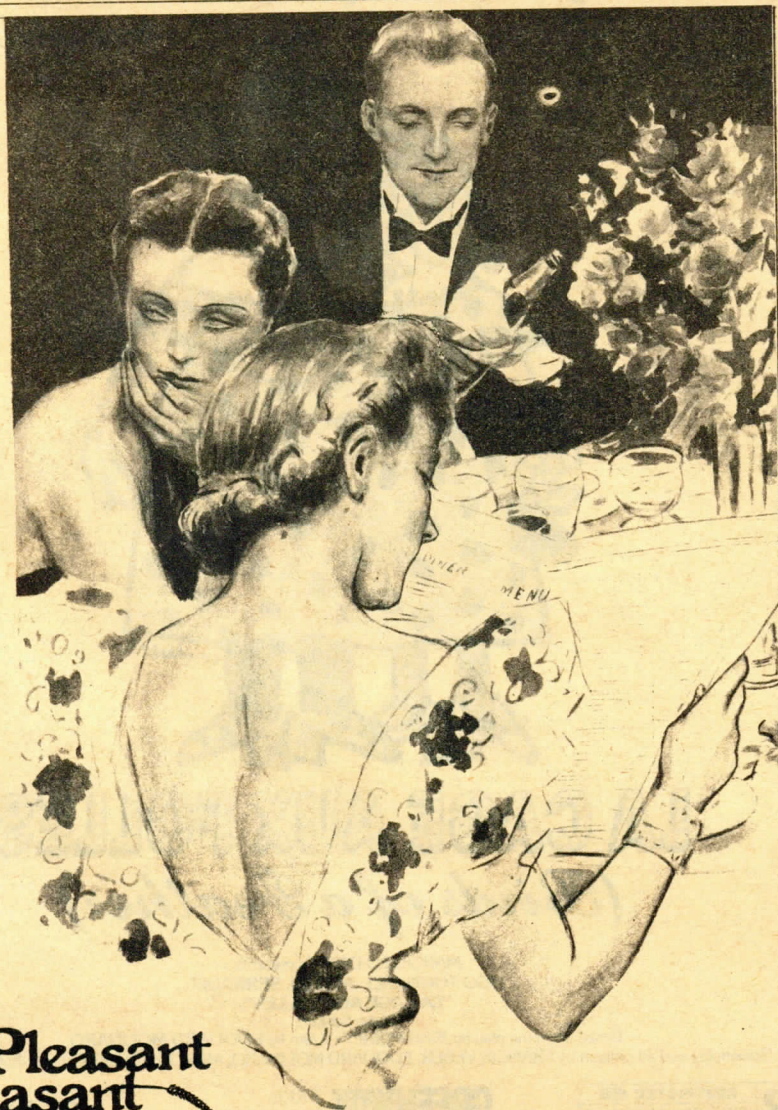
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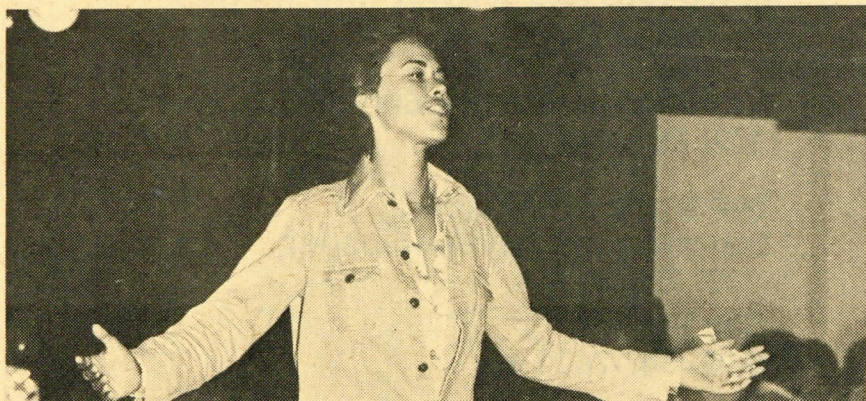


not to be taken for granite

An interesting phenomena in our culture is "drag". Drag is by no means limited to gay life either. The term is in common usage for costume or outfit dressing by many "with it" heterosexual people. An interesting happening occurred recently when a new twist was introduced to the whole drag scene.

Club L'Amour les femmes was the backdrop for a male impersonation show. The show's star, Jade Stone, is traveling around the country with her entourage trying to get a drag circuit built up like there is established for female impersonators in men's clubs. Jade is no stranger to the men's club circuit, being a better source of income than women's bars.

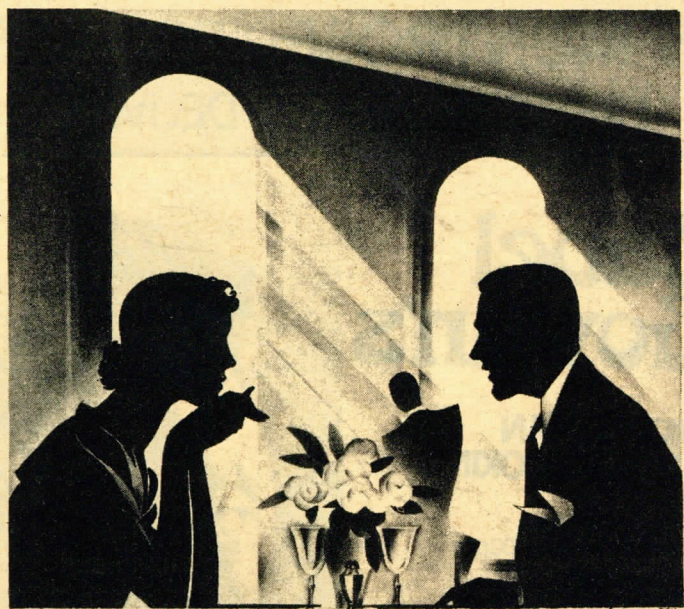
What's the reason for playing women's clubs? Said Jade "I want to get the crowds beyond the personal feelings they might have about men, and be appreciated solely for the entertainment value."



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LINCOLN MEMORIAL—built like a Greek temple it faces the Washington Monument across a long reflection pool. The statue of Lincoln (19 feet high) by Daniel Chester French looks as though it was carved from a single piece of marble; actually 28 separate pieces. This memorial opened in 1922 and has the President's Second Inaugural and Gettysburg addresses inscribed on the walls. HAS AN ELEVATOR TO ACCOMMODATE WHEELCHAIRS ALONG WITH CURB RAMPS AND PARKING FACILITIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL—the newest of these three opened in 1943. Pantheon-shaped like his home, Monticello, it also contains a 19 foot statue with quotations from the Declaration of Independence and other Jeffersonian documents. STEPS LEAD TO THE INTERIOR OF THE MEMORIAL, BUT THERE IS AN ELEVATOR TO HELP THE HANDICAPPED.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION—most famous of them all and affectionately known as "the nation's attic". Here you'll see Mamie Eisenhower's wedding dress, a working model of a 1928 Willys engine and a cat (stuffed) that in life, survived a fall from the top of the Washington Monument. The major feature is the Museum of History and Technology at 14th and Constitution Avenue N.W. The Institute was originally endowed by an Englishman who never set foot in the United States. ENTRANCE RAMP ON CONSTITUTION AVENUE WITH ELEVATORS FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

Included in the Smithsonian Group are: the Air and Space Museum, WHEELCHAIR RAMP AT INDEPENDENCE AVENUE ENTRANCE; Hirshorn Museum, WHEELCHAIRS ON REQUEST AND AN ELEVATOR FOR HANDICAPPED. ENTER FROM INDEPENDENCE AVENUE; Museum of Natural History, ENTRANCE RAMP ON CONSTITUTION AVENUE WITH ELEVATORS AND REST ROOM FACILITIES FOR HANDICAPPED; Renwick Museum, WHEELCHAIRS AND ELEVATOR AVAILABLE, BUT CALL 381-6440 FOR ARRANGEMENTS; Freer Museum, CALL 381-5344 FOR HANDICAPPED ARRANGEMENTS; National Collection of Fine Arts and National Portrait Gallery, HANDICAPPED ENTRANCE AT 9th AND G STREETS. CALL 381-6347 FOR ARRANGEMENTS; and the Arts and Industries Building, WHEELCHAIR RAMP AT JEFFERSON DRIVE ENTRANCE (THROUGH VICTORIAN GARDEN).

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that's awfully strange to me." Wren commented "I can tell you, the kid's (her customers) tempers are flaring!"

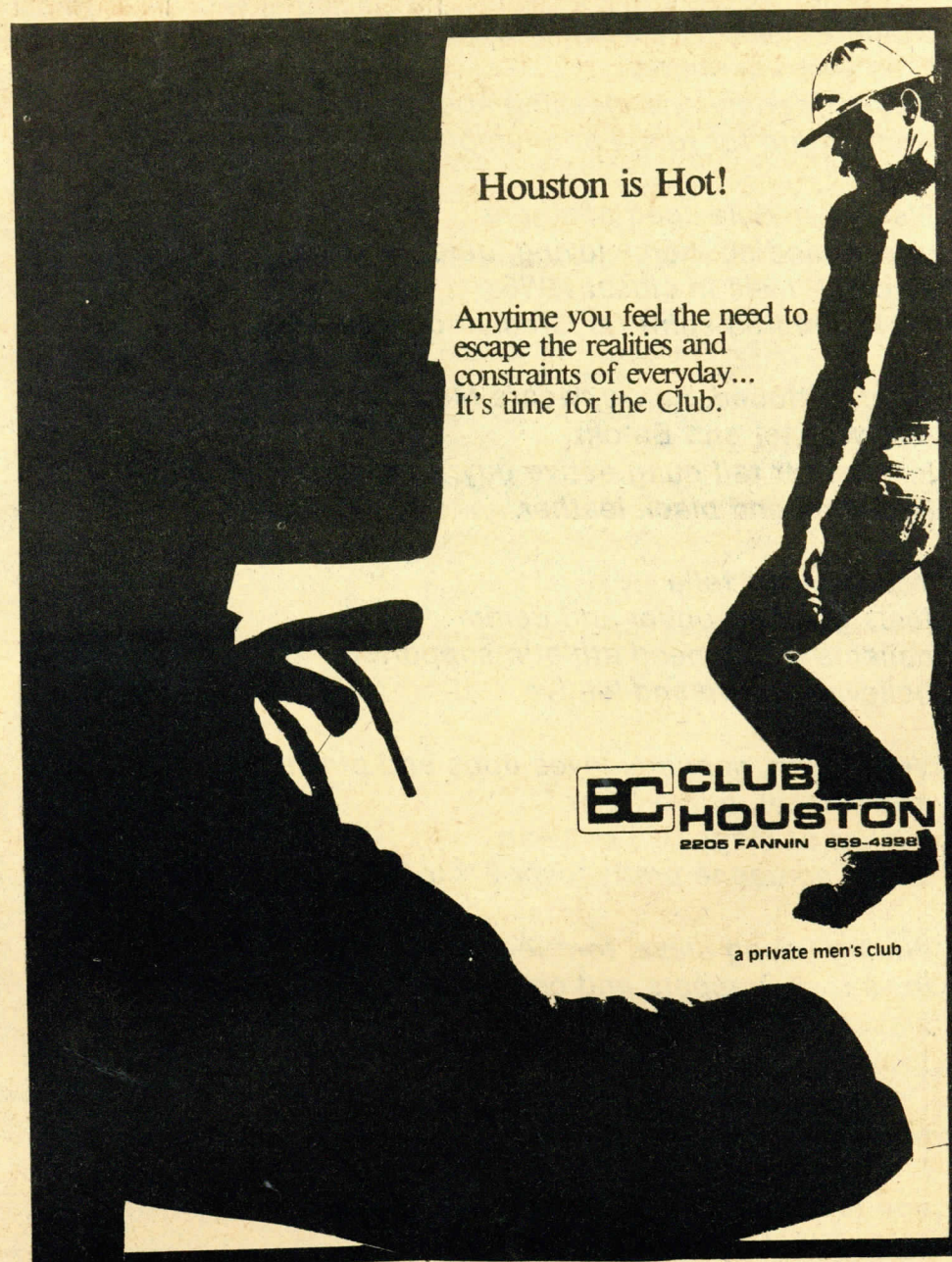
Andy Mills explained he understood the need for police to check bars since it is a part of the Texas liquor laws. What he objected to was the manner in which it is done and the extent to which some police will go in conducting these checks to harass and intimidate customers. Specific officers names (Officers Shane, Lucas, and Newman) and particular incidents were cited to document his statements.

Shiflett then laid his requests before McKeehan:

1. That the GPC be furnished with a copy of the standard operating procedure on bar checks (police investigation into the operation of bars and taverns during open hours.)
2. Immediate investigation into complaints of deliberate and unprovoked harassment of gay establishments and gay people by certain members of the department.
3. Interpretation of the enforcement procedure for City Ordinance 79-3 which deals with after hours dancing in clubs and close scrutiny of its enforcement.

Also, the group asked that specific officers (see preceding names) be called in and a discussion held with them concerning their problems with the gay community and serious situations which could ensue. McKeehan promised to act on all points as quick as possible and to let the GPC and the Tavern Guild know his findings.

In effect the GPC and Tavern Guild have placed the HPD on formal notice that the gay community has tried and exhausted every remedy possible and that it's expected that some action will be taken on these situations or the HPD could be inviting unnecessary confrontations. Shiflett stated to McKeehan, "My personal feelings are that if these strong-arm, Gestapo-type raids and tactics continue—with no probable cause—not only will the officers be filed upon with Internal Affairs and their superiors, but will actually be setting the stage for a possible 'Houston Stonewall.' Shiflett is quick to assert that he does not condone violence, but if it were to occur (under these circumstances) he would "certainly understand it."



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I waited as you followed me at decent pace
rather as one choosing

after some consideration, the just moment
to lift the clue
from the black stones, to show commitment.

And though to other eyes
we would have seemed indifferent, distinct,
two strolling shadows, these

separate paths drew to the moondark meeting place
our certain recognizing
of fit needs, the unchallengeable rightness of our
embrace.

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non-smoker, non-drinker
has lot of mags (!!!) to swap
wants someone pretty (over 21) to drink cocoa with

Willing young slave, torn jeans, own dungeon
likes toys, poppers and cock-rings
craves strong-minded master
to whip, cut and burn

My friend, we also met here -
in this circus of failures
and fantasists
are we just the next turn?

The pink triangle

We come of noble stock, we should be proud :
Marlowe and Michelangelo, Whitman and Wilde -
Their lives and works are known, their names are filed
In all history books, their place is sure.

Achilles, Coeur-de-Lion, Alexander the Great -
No limp wrists there, yet everyone a nancy
Lovers of men and youths, dread warriors all. I fancy
No taunting bully-boy unscathed would tweak their beards.

Tchaikovsky, Tennessee Williams, Genet, Auden -
We are of every race and place and time,
We are the men of action, artisans and dreamers. Every clime
Has spawned us, each generation sees us born anew.

We are a people of a separate gender,
Gentle yet sensual, barbaric, extravagant, kind :
Rimbaud and Gaveston, Hylas and Ganymedes - our names are
signed

In the blaze and the margins of legend. We will not be denied.

We have been ridiculed, spat on, burnt alive, impaled,
Led to gas-chambers. What natural acts were these ?
Shakespeare and Socrates, king and carpenter's son
Were of our company. That we are gay, and proud,
Let the wide world know :

Sing out, sweet Sappho, for us all - relight
That fiery torch of love and truth that burned so fierce and
pure and bright

And unashamed, on Lesbos long ago.

Real thing, take twelve

suddenly his eye is brighter
suddenly his skin more supple
suddenly the world's his apple
green and round as Yamanote.

possibly he's caught a fever
possibly another lover
possibly the looks are tender
they exchange. I wonder.

probably the lad's a charmer
probably he acts the daddy
probably this latest buddy
's dark and Latin, like the former.

certainly he's looking younger
probably his hopes are stronger
possibly he'll be surprised when
suddenly it's over

logistics continued

Texas Committee for the March on Washington. Information—Terry Tebedo (214) 826-7467 or (202) 488-1200

—The Gay Atheists League of America hospitality suite at the Holiday Inn, 1900 Conn. Ave. at 7pm. Information—Don (212) 595-1445

—Gay Youth Open House, 1-4pm, Bachelors Mill, 500 8th ST. S.E., 21 yrs or less only, open bar, soft drinks only and munchies. Information via Gay Hotline—(202) 547-7601

—P-WAGS, Parents Who Are Gay, 12-2pm, Georgetown Regional Library, Wisconsin Ave & r. St. N.W., Panel Discussion, Rap Group. Information—Vern (202) 232-8855.

—Lamma's Woman's Bookstore, 10am-9pm, reception, 321 7th ST. S.E., refreshments, Information—(202) 546-7292.

—The First National Lesbian/Gay Concert will be held in the Sylvan Theatre (near the Washington Monument) beginning at 6pm. Entertainment will include Castleberry and Dupree, the Great American Yankee Freedom Band from Los Angeles, Maxine Feldman, Carol MacDonald and Isis. Speakers will include Flo Kennedy, Kate Millet, Troy Perry and Margo St. James. Admission - free. **Important**—bring warm clothing, enthusiasm, and perhaps a picnic lunch!

—Disco Dance in conjunction with the Third World Conference at Harambee House, 2225 Georgia Ave. NW, 10pm. Information—(202) 789-8877.

Sunday October 14—Lesbian/Gay Business Brunch at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Conn. Ave. NW, 9:30 - 11am, \$12 plus tax & tip. Information—Brandy (202) 789-1070.

The March steps off at noon from 4th St. between Constitution and Independence Avenues. Rally at 2pm on the Mall near the Washington Monument.

Monday, October 15—Constitutency Lobbying Day. Information—Paul Boneberg—(202) 789-1070

gay archives

HOUSTON - One of this area's most important resources is the Gay Archives of Texas, a non-circulating library and resource center. Originally begun as the library of Awareness, Unity, Research Association, a Fort Worth organization in the early '70's, the Gay Archives were continued by the efforts of Charles Gillis, owner of Wilde'N'Stein Book Shop, and Ken Cyr, the first moderator of the Texas Gay Task Force.

Gillis and Cyr moved to Houston in 1976 and kept the Archives stored in their small north side home until Wilde'N'Stein Books opened at 819 Richmond in 1978. At that time the collection was kept in a small room behind the store and was available for limited use. After moving to a new location at 520 Westheimer it was found that there wasn't enough room to store the Archives, so they were turned over to **INTEGRITY/Houston**, Texas' oldest active gay organization. The Archives currently consist of over 700 books, hundreds of publications, papers, tapes and miscellaneous items about gays. During the six months that **INTEGRITY/Houston** has been the custodian of the collection many people from Texas and other states have used the material for research purposes. Even more have requested information by mail.

The Gay Archives of Texas is the only such facility of its type in this part of the United States, and probably the largest collection of this nature outside of the west coast. Up until now the Archives have been available only through appointments. **INTEGRITY/Houston** does not have the facilities nor the space to offer the kind of service they would like. Without funds the group's dream of a complete Gay Resource and Information Center cannot be fulfilled. They need volunteers to help with the extensive job of cataloging. There is currently a search going on for anyone who would like to donate space in the Montrose area for the collection; the hope being to make the Archives readily available within the predominately gay neighborhood of the city.

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And start preparing for the next concert. It's coming Friday, November 2, 8pm, at the First Unitarian Church, corner of Geary and Franklin.

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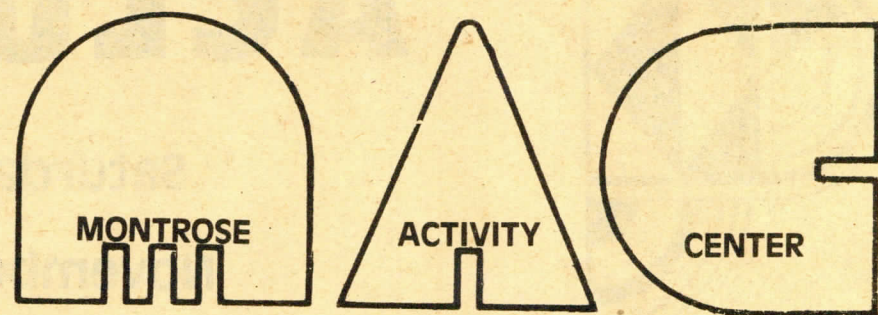
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constituency lobby

October 15, 1979! The day after the March, while Washington and the nation are still absorbing the reality of the largest, national gay rights demonstration in history, is the time to press for concrete changes in federal government policy towards our gay community. There will be thousands of supporters still in Washington, we will have national and international media attention, and most of us will have shown the strength of the gay community. After demonstrating our "muscle", we need to flex them. After stating our overall purpose, we need to focus our attention upon tangible goals; to do that, **WE NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT!**

It is not the expectation of the Constituent Lobbying Committee that we can "immediately" pass gay rights legislation or implement major government policy changes, due to the March effort. The goals of constituency Lobby Day are centered instead around massive involvement and education. Those goals are:

1. To provide a vehicle for more personal involvement in pressuring the federal government for equal rights for gay people. By encouraging gay people to take a very personal interest in the workings of the federal government, we insure that after the march, these people will be watching and pressuring the government. We are educating and energizing a national, grass roots gay rights advocacy group.
2. To force both elected officials and federal bureaucrats to deal with us as people and as voters. Repeated surveys show that there is a correspondence between meeting gay people, and supporting gay rights. When we step out of a faceless group as individual constituents, we can make very real educational progress.
3. The media throughout the world will still be reacting to the March and we have a tremendous opportunity to get in a final word about the March.
4. We can influence Congressional legislation and bureaucratic policy. The degree to which changes can be made is not definite, because we have never before brought this much pressure to bear

But, it is certain that we will have impact. A strategy for actual

Congressional and Executive branch changes is being formulated.

To move towards these goals, we must involve thousands of people throughout the country in Constituency Lobby Day. Hundreds of these people will be the same individuals who are already contributing greatly to the March effort. Within the time frame we are working, this cannot be avoided. This is beneficial in that March organizations have the best people to speak for the March on Capitol Hill. It is a disadvantage in that these people are already overworked. It is hoped that you will see the Constituency Lobby Day as a logical extension of the March effort; and therefore, make a commitment to become involved.

The Constituency Lobby Committee will provide large amounts of assistance to all lobbying groups (local) to minimize actual time involvement. We hope you will be able to make an immediate commitment to lobby in Washington, D.C. on October 15, 1979, in one of the following capacities;

1. **Congressional District Core Group**—As a member of this group you are committed to meet with your Congressperson on October 15, and be informed of the issues. Further, some members in each district must do outreach to the gay community of that area, to insure diverse representation of the lobbying group . . . and make the actual appointment with the Congressperson. The National Constituent Lobby Committee will provide extensive "how to" and sample materials to avoid duplication of work throughout the country. Average time commitment, 4-8 hours monthly.
2. **State Core Group**—Members of this group are committed to meet with U.S. Senators, be informed of the issues, and assist the national group organizing of hard to reach Congressional Districts within that state. It is not the responsibility of the State core group to organize the state, but to assist the national group in doing so. Members of this group must make the actual appointment with the U.S. Senators. Materials will be provided as with the above Congressional group. Average time commitment 8-12 hours monthly.

by Paul Boneberg

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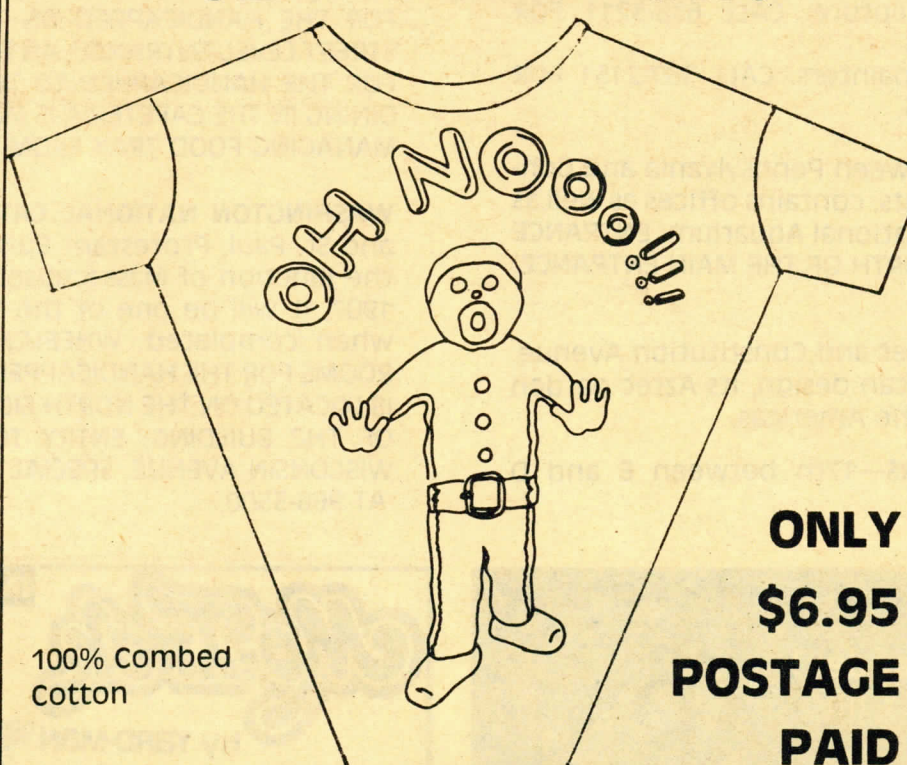
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AMERICAN RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS—17th between E and D streets has a number of exhibits.

CONTINENTAL HALL—17th between C and D streets. For a dollar anyone can look up his or her family tree in the genealogy library. There are also furniture and glass collections and concerts in Constitution Hall next door.

MOUNT VERNON is one of the pleasantest way to spend a sunny week-end afternoon. If you have the time take the four-hour steamer trip from Washington to George Washington's former home. It is beautiful and **WHEELCHAIRS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE. FOR ARRANGEMENTS CALL 780-2000. THERE ARE REST ROOMS FOR THE HANDICAPPED JUST OUTSIDE THE MAIN GATE.**

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY and ARLINGTON HOUSE also known as the LEE MANSION—on the Virginia side of the Potomac River are visited by thousands paying tribute to the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. On the cemetery's 400 acres are the graves of more 70,000 soldiers. Kennedy's simple grave is high on the hill overlooking the nation's capital, marked by a flame which burns day and night and can be seen from across the Potomac from the Lincoln Memorial. **BOTH THE KENNEDY GRAVE AND THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER HAVE RAMPS. THE GUARD WILL DIRECT YOU TO THE VISITORS CENTER FIRST, WHERE YOU CAN GET PERMISSION TO BE DRIVEN INTO THE CEMETERY. (VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IS GENERALLY PROHIBITED). THE LEE MANSION, former home of Robert E. Lee HAS NO WHEELCHAIR FACILITIES AT THIS TIME.**

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Dear Upfront:

The violence in our community continues - only this time it's those very people whom we are paying for protection who are perpetrators of it - the police. In the last (number of weeks) vice officers have intruded upon gay establishments, harassing people, and arresting people on trumped up charges of public intoxication, interfering with police officers and other types of phony charges. Several of the people arrested have been physically abused and others have been verbally abused and humiliated by the police. We are citizens and they are supposed to be our servants. They, however, see us as something less than human and themselves as bullies. Bullies, however, only pick on people that they think can't or won't fight back. We **MUST** fight back. If you are arrested **DO NOT** simply plead guilty and pay a fine. Request a jury trial and stand up for your rights. This will cost the city time and money and tie up the police in the courts. Large numbers of such cases will make them realize that gays are not easy marks for collecting fines. If you are acquitted file a counter suit against the arresting officer for false arrest. You say you can't afford it as far as money, time and reputation go. Well, you can get some help if you will choose to help yourself and stand up for your own defense. A new coalition of private individuals, gay businesses and lawyers has formed to help those who are arrested. If you are arrested, before you panic and think you are all alone, call this 24-hour number, 527-9669. You will be given immediate advice. Every effort will be made to assist those who need it with bail, especially if you are arrested inside or right outside of a bar. The most important thing to remember is **DO NOT PLEAD GUILTY AND PAY FINES FOR FALSE CHARGES**. Stand up and fight back. It is the only way we are going to get rid of the rotten apples on the police force or at least have some restraints put on their abuse of authority. Money will be needed and soon there will be fund raising benefits for this endeavor. Everyone's help is needed - both for raising money and to cooperate with the group if you are arrested. If you have been recently arrested we need to know that too, so please call the number given above. One very important thing to remember if you are arrested - it is a frightening experience and your first reaction is to feel afraid and isolated - but just remember there are friends out there who will help you in any way they can. Carry the number with you and call those friends - **WE ARE FAMILY!**

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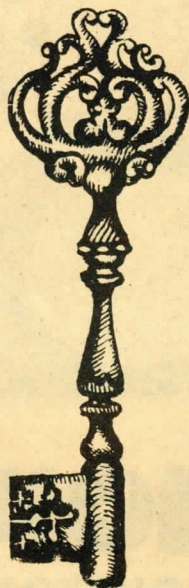
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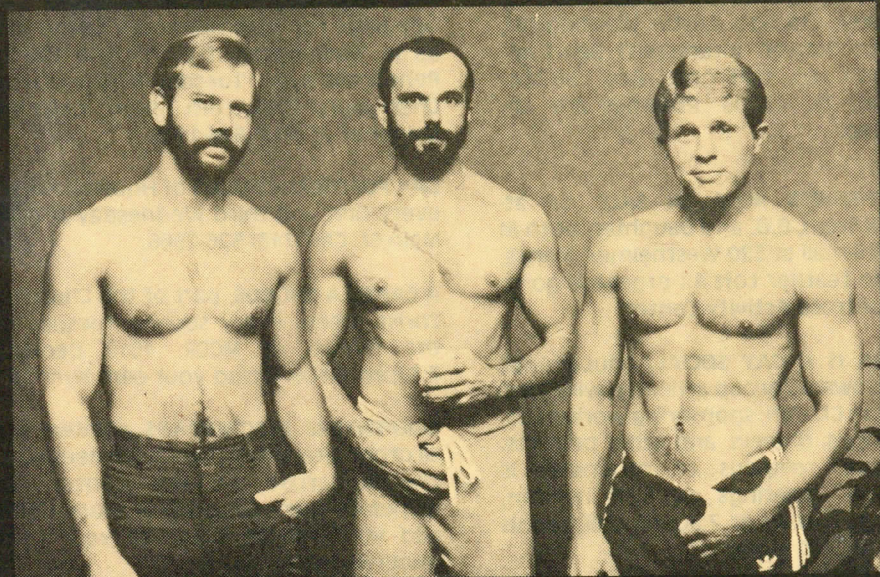
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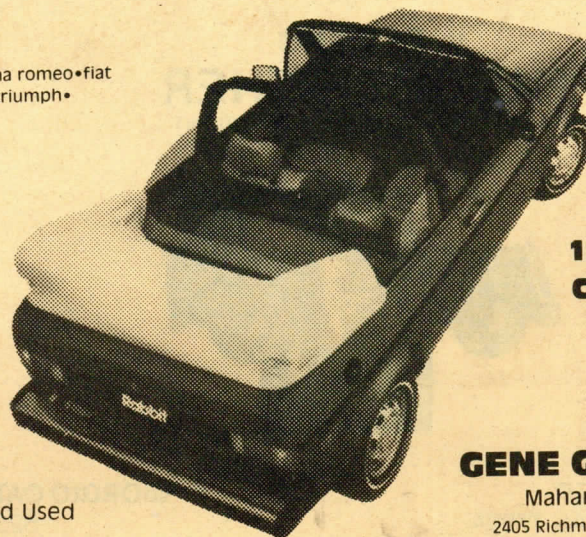
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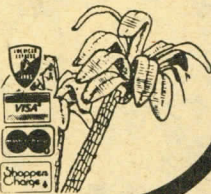
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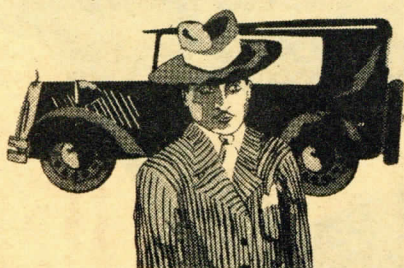
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