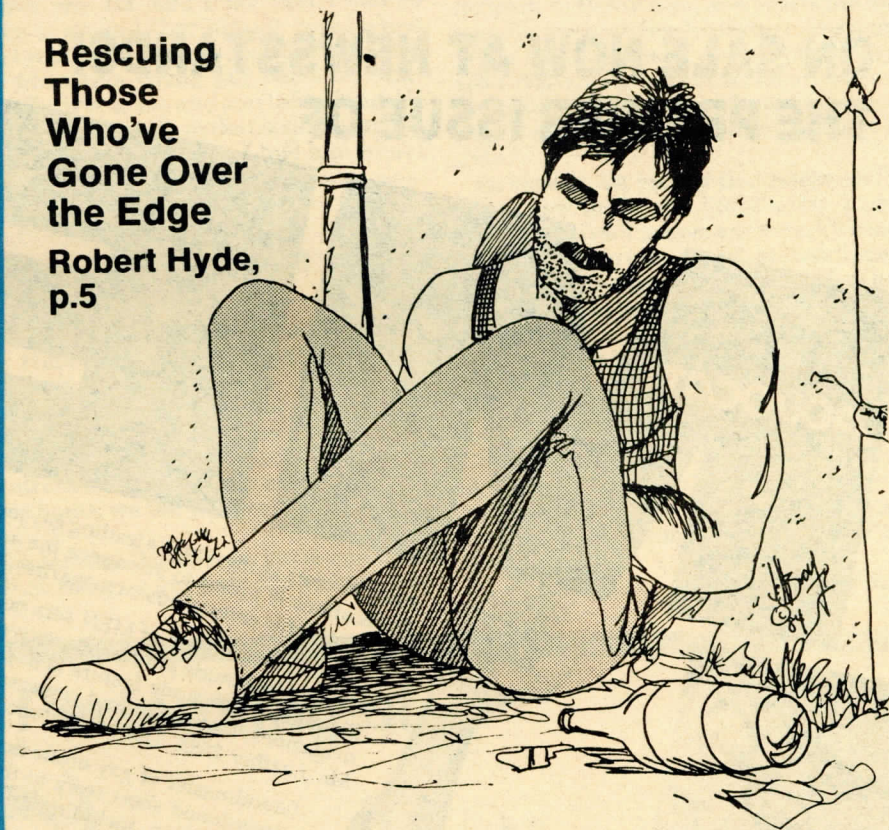


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## Gay to be Highly Visible at Democratic Convention

By David Lamble

SAN FRANCISCO (IGNA)—“Everytime the major national press has come to San Francisco to cover the lesbian/gay community, they’ve done hit pieces on us! ‘Sixty Minutes’ filmed a segment that made Sister Boom Boom appear to be the major gay spokesperson, when he represents merely one viewpoint. The documentary, ‘Gay Power, Gay Politics,’ distorted the impact of our community on San Francisco.

“In 1980, we nominated a gay man to be vice president of the United States and no one even knows it happened!

“We know that a great many media people are coming to San Francisco in July to write the lesbian/gay story, and that some plan to do a hit piece on us! Those of us organizing the lesbian/gay march to the Democratic Convention plan to put forth the best leaders of our community, people of the calibre of Ginny Apuzzo, Gary Studds and James Baldwin, so that reporters who want to do a fair and honest job covering us will have the materials to work with. Even so, we know there will still be anti-gay hit pieces appearing in the media, because a lot of the press, frankly, doesn’t like us!”

Paul Boneberg spends virtually his every waking moment these days trying to shape the impression of lesbians and gay men given by the thousands of media persons who will be descending on San Francisco in mid-July when the city plans host to the 1984 Democratic National Convention. Boneberg, president of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club, one of three lesbian/gay Democratic clubs in the city, is one of a coalition of gay leaders trying to see that the march from the gay Castro District to the Moscone Convention Center, July 15, the day before the convention opens, surpasses the 100,000 lesbians and

gay men who marched in Washington, D.C., in October 1979.

Boneberg notes that while all three candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination have given some degree of support to lesbian/gay issues, Messrs. Mondale, Jackson and Hart are not even whispering the words “gay rights” in their campaign debates.

“We’re not going to get lesbian/gay rights bills; we’re not going to get changes in the immigration laws or adequate funding for AIDS research, until there is a discussion. The equal rights of millions of lesbian/gay people are not even included in the discussion being waged across

America. The first thing is to get into the conversation. Then we have some possibility of getting some action on our agenda.”

Near the top of that agenda is a solution to the AIDS health crisis, as reported cases of the epidemic top the 4,000 mark in the United States. San Francisco’s openly gay supervisor Harry Britt said the gay community has not received a fair share of help from Washington.

“We face the potential of many thousands of deaths in the next few years,” noted Britt. “We want the federal government to pay its share of the cost” to eradi-

cate the disease and treat its victims.

Lesbian and gay leaders of the march stress that it is not primarily directed against the Democratic Party.

“The Democratic Party has really dealt with gay America and offered us the chance to participate and we’re doing that,” Harry Britt asserted. “It’s sad that the Republicans are mostly controlled by straight, white men. That’s not America!”

At least one gay San Franciscan is trying to put an especially positive tone to the reception given Democratic Party delegates and the media. Businessman Russ Alley is paying to put this message on a billboard across the street from the Hilton Hotel: “Best Wishes for a Successful Convention. (Signed) The Men and Women of San Francisco’s Gay Community.”

Calling his billboard a “glorified Christmas card,” Alley explained that he was afraid that a march on the convention might be off-putting.

“People look at their TVs in the living room and think that’s what gay people are all about. I don’t feel it best represents me.”

Howard Wallace is media co-chair of the lesbian/gay July 15 march to the Democratic Convention. He explained the march’s leaders plan their own billboards, which he said would complement and not clash with Russ Alley’s.

“Our signs will probably proclaim the theme of the march: ‘We Come From Everywhere!’”

Wallace noted that the most important thing is for a serious message from lesbians and gays to reach the estimated half a billion people around the world who will catch some coverage of the Democrats’ nominating meeting. Wallace said that the Alice Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club will publish special editions of their newspaper to brief delegates and reporters about lesbian/gay history and issues.





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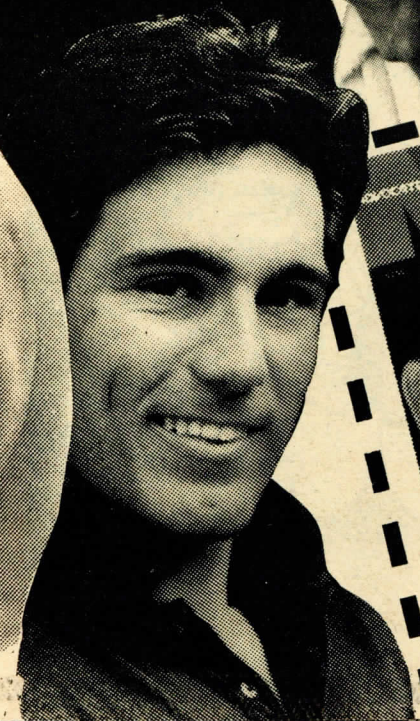
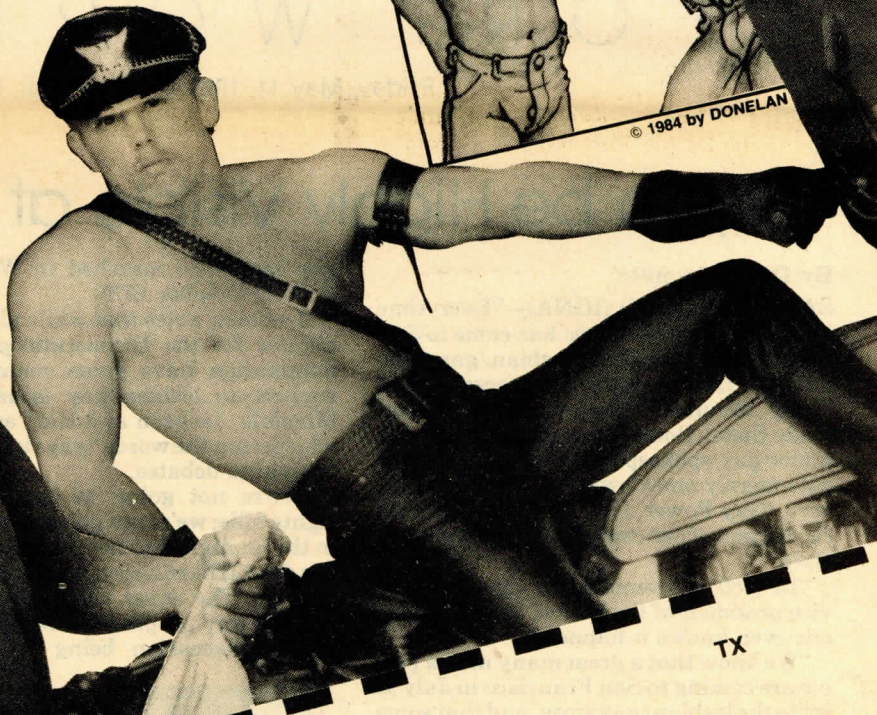
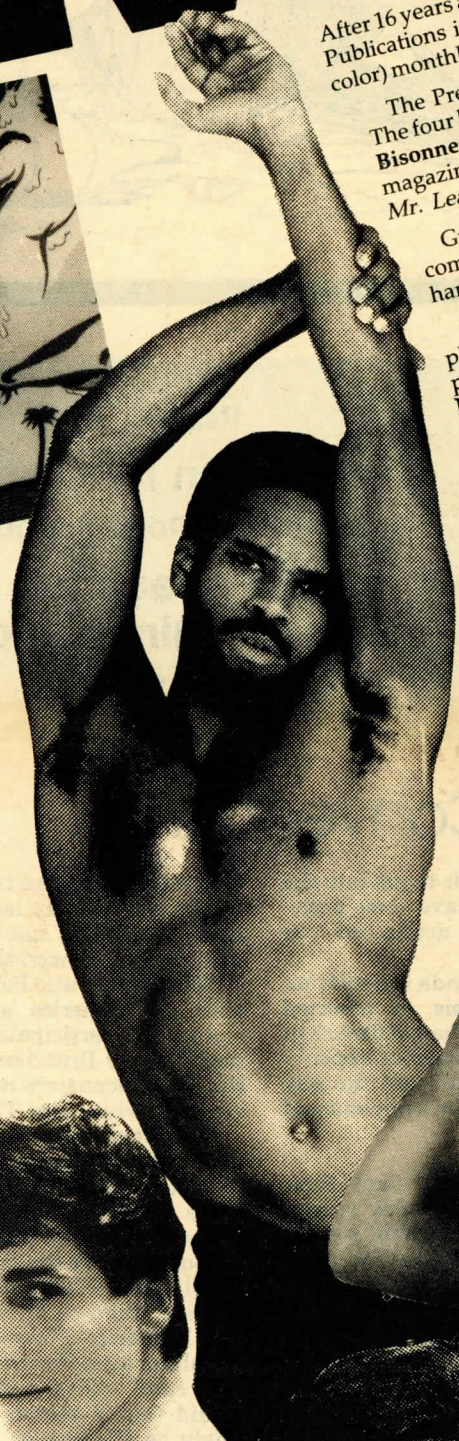
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## Letters

## There's More to Entertainment Than Drag

From "A Performer" (Unsigned), Dallas

While I appreciate and even respect the talent that goes into female impersonation, I am wondering why TWT and GAY NEWS continue to turn a blind eye to the wide variety of other talent being offered within the same gay venues. Why no (or so few) photos, interviews, profiles, reviews and, in short, media adoration of the singers, dancers, mimes, magicians and others who often mount the same stages that impersonators frequently do? If you can be there, camera and note pad in hand, for the queens of drag, why can't you be there for us? Are our civil rights being violated?

*Editor's note: Clever line that last one. Frankly, I think the gay press in Dallas/Fort Worth has been caught a little flat-footed on the seeming sudden rise in non-impersonator gay talent. Either that, or we simply haven't been paying enough attention, and I hesitated to be that rough on us....*

However, your complaint couldn't have come at a better moment in GAY NEWS' history, because we are beginning a new series of reviews/profiles on local talent who perform in gay-identified clubs starting with our very next issue.

Starting off our new series is a review of Deborah Davis, who is currently appearing at Bentley's on Cedar Springs, and a profile of her career. The lady's one hell of a singer, and we think you're going to enjoy reading all about it. That and, of course, a whole lot more next week.

## Just Idle Gossip

From Dwight Allen, Dallas

I was rather surprised to pick up an issue of GAY NEWS this week, considering that I'd heard it had "gone under." I can't imagine the Dallas/Fort Worth gay community without a legit gay newspaper and was devastated to hear you were (supposedly) ceasing publication. Thanks for

being there as usual and proving idle gossip is exactly that. I'm eagerly looking forward to future issues under your new staff and wish you well, indeed.

*Editor's note: You pinpointed the reason that GAY NEWS is still here and will remain available: Dallas/Fort Worth needs a "legit gay newspaper," and we're the ones doing it. And if you were satisfied with GAY NEWS before, just wait till you see what we have in store for you! Never fear, GAY NEWS will still be around when the others become merely a question in a gay version of Trivial Pursuit.*

## A Dallasite Saves My Life

From D.K., Abilene, Texas

I am writing this letter in hopes that you will print it as a small way of thanking someone from the community.

I was in Dallas last weekend with the

plan of killing myself. My parents had thrown me out, and I felt that I had no place to go and that nobody cared about me. I was sitting in a bar called the Round-Up when this young guy came in, came directly over to me and started talking. He was so easy to talk to that soon I began to tell him the whole story. I told him what I

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planned to do. He spent hours talking to me, reminding me what I had to live for. He really saved my life.

We went back to my motel room, and he asked if he could call my parents. He talked to them, and I talked to them, and we all cried together. They now want me to come home; we feel like we can work it all out.

I'm leaving Dallas now, but my problem is that this guy gave me his address and

phone number and I have misplaced it. I do want to thank him, and this is the best way I know of to reach him now. His name is Les Lomnick, and if you will print this in GAY NEWS, I'm sure he will see it and will know that I'm okay now. I want to tell him that I really appreciate him for what he did.

In closing, let me say that although I'm fairly new to the gay life (I'm 19), I have seen how afraid people are to talk to each other; afraid to take that first step. I guess it's a fear of being rejected. But if Les had been afraid to approach me, I wouldn't be alive today.

Thank you, Les. I'll never forget what you've done.

There has got to be a special place in heaven for people like your friend Les. Consider "thank you" delivered. But your debt is not paid in full until you help out a gay person (or any person) who desperately needs your timely intercession. Pass it on.

—Editor

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## More Gays Appear on Home Screen

SAN FRANCISCO (IGNA)—Gay viewers who tire of Wednesday "Dynasty" nights may soon have some wider viewing choices. Two major networks and a cable TV service have announced plans to air programs with significant gay content.

NBC has a pilot comedy show in the works, "All Together Now," in which Tom Byrd (formerly of the "Boone" series) plays the son who hops out of an All-American family closet.

Showtime has scheduled a six-people mini-series, "Brothers," where two older brothers must deal with a younger sibling's announcement that he's gay. "Brothers" will air this summer.

Fans of ABC's "The Love Boat" will find their favorite series sailing into gay waters next season. "The Love Boat" will air a program in which one of the three subplots will feature a gay couple. Actor Roy Thinnes will play an old college buddy of series character Doc who comes out to his old friend.

The new trend in upfront gay TV characters has been hailed by Chris Uszler of the Alliance for Gay Artists: "We're very pleased because they're getting away from treating gays and lesbians as an issue or a problem."

Uszler noted that "there are more of what we call 'happens-to-be-gay' characters."

## French Discovered AIDS Virus a Year Ago

Scientists at the Pasteur Institute on Paris' Left Bank discovered the probable cause of AIDS more than a year ago, reports the Associated Press.

Because of modesty on the part of the French and the U.S. feeling that the French results, which were published last May in the *American Journal of Science*, were unexpected, preliminary and difficult to interpret, the find was kept quiet until the U.S. team discovered what is possibly the same AIDS-causing virus.

Dr. Luc Montagnier, one of three French scientists, said, "We've been talking for six months, but only now, and because our great American colleagues are saying the same thing, do people finally believe us."

## Dignity Dallas to Discuss Other Gay Organizations at Meeting

The Dallas chapter of Dignity, the gay Catholic organization, has announced they will be holding a Mass on Tuesday, May 15, and will follow Mass with a discussion of the activities of other organizations that focus on gay people and our concerns.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of other Dignity chapters in the region.

For more information on this meeting (location, time, etc.), or for more information about Dignity, call 330-1063.

## Rolling Stones as Raunchy as Ever

MTV didn't get much satisfaction from the Rolling Stones' latest video. The music channel recently turned thumbs down on the group's video of "She's So Bad," reports the *New York Post*.

The problem: a steamy bedroom montage featuring Mick, Keith and Broadway star Anita Morris. The Stones were forced to edit out the offending scene.

But Mick and the gang don't seem to mind being told they're too raunchy for some tastes.

Says the band's publicist: "The boys thought it was nice to be controversial again after all these years."

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## Gay Pastor Leaves Methodist Ministry

The Rev. Paul Abels, for 11 years the pastor of the Washington Square United Methodist Church in Greenwich Village in New York City, has retired from his ministry in anticipation of an upcoming move on the part of the UMC to forbid at its May general conference the appointment of homosexual clerics, reports the Religious News Service. Abels is the only openly homosexual minister in the UMC.

According to the *New York Times*, Abels, 46, has held "covenant services" for same-sex couples during his tenure at the Greenwich Village church, and has also provided space in the church for gay and lesbian groups.

Abels is retiring with full pension rights and plans to live in Albany, N.Y., where he will rehabilitate an old home and try to develop "a retreat center and conference place."

Abels also stated, "I feel a deep need to write, and what I want to say I couldn't say as pastor of this church."

Abels says his reasons for leaving are because of a "convergence of a number of forces. I am weary of the struggle—that combined with other personal needs."

## Pee Wee Herman Brings Show to Dallas

One of the most bizarre new comics ever to appear on stage is set for a two-show gig at the Majestic Theatre in Dallas on May 18 and 19. This is an authentic "must-see" event for those whose taste in humor is unabashedly off-the-wall. You must see this guy to believe him. And, happily enough, he's not only strange looking, he's wildly funny.

Pee Wee comes to life in a stage setting that looks like a surreal version of a '50s television children's show. The colors are primary bright, the angles are kiltered and the props are outrageous. He moves jerkily and his high-pitched voice rushes out with a torrent of comments, observations and outright jokes. He'll show you his toys, he'll play with them for you and...well, it's all very difficult to explain. But Pee Wee Herman is without question a brilliant satirist, along with being clearly bonkers. His cable-vision comedy special was one of the most popular shows ever presented on pay TV, and his concert appearances are greeted by platoons of loyal zany who constitute a cult following. In fact, he was scheduled for only one performance at the Majestic, but popular demand for tickets caused a second show to be added.

Funny as well as obnoxious, Pee Wee is the nerd we all could have been. Relive your childhood TV viewing days (only if your childhood was spent on acid), and get your tickets while they're still available. Tix are on sale at all Rainbow-Ticketmaster locations or call 263-9191 in Dallas to order by phone.

"Okay, okay, okay!"

## There's No Accounting for a Bad Image

The latest group trying to upgrade its professional image is accountants, reports the *Wall Street Journal*.

People know they're honest, that's not the problem. It's that everyone thinks they're so dull.

For example, Charles Bronson would have played a vigilante accountant in the movie *Death Wish*, but the producer changed him to an architect instead.

However, the new head of the New York Society of Accountants says his colleagues aren't dull at all: they hang-glide and sky-dive, and there's no reason they shouldn't be TV heroes like Ben Casey or Perry Mason.

Former accountant Bob Newhart has his doubts. Says he: "You're more likely to see *Northwest Notary*."



# Rescuing Those Who've Gone Over the Edge

By Robert Hyde

There are very few of us who do not enjoy a cocktail on occasion. They relax us after a hard day at the office, or after a particularly intense meeting, or during the more emotional periods of our lives.

And at one time or another, there are quite a few of us who have probably popped a tranquilizer when things get particularly rough or out of focus.

But for most of us, these occasions for alcohol or drugs pass over us like peaceful clouds and we get on with our lives. The drink is not necessary, nor is the tranquilizer.

For many, however, especially in the gay culture, the fine line between drinking and relaxing for pleasure becomes blurred. The latest statistics indicate that one out of three gay men and women are either alcoholics or drug addicts—or both. One out of three. Think about it.

Most of those who abuse alcohol in the gay culture are men and women who, for one reason or another, have found themselves living on the edge of a society which chooses to condemn them for not being a part of the mainstream of life. Too frequently, this condemnation becomes internalized, and unnecessary guilt feelings rise to the surface. Then the gay man or woman begins to condemn himself for being what he is—gay. If so many people think being gay is wrong, maybe it is, they reason. Consequently, it's something to be ashamed of, something to be hidden. Low self-esteem sets in, the need for an escape surfaces, and the desire for a drink becomes paramount. But drinking, in itself, is a heavy depressant, and so the road leads downward, spiraling to the end of the bottle, draining the last drop, then not finding the self-esteem sought after when all the booze is gone.

For the more fortunate gay men and women who are more comfortable with their lifestyles, drinking still rears its head, primarily because the main meeting places for gay men and women are the bars. And sometimes hanging around for Mr. or Miss Right can take quite a while—sometimes all night. And what do most people in the bars do until the man or woman jumps off that white charger to carry them away? Going out for a drink or a couple of cocktails becomes going out for a six pack or half a fifth.

And because of the depressing nature of alcohol, after the euphoric state has passed (usually after three or four drinks), it's Depression City.

Then there's always the joint to be smoked out on the bar's patio. There's always the Mandrex to really relax the more tense or the disillusioned and help wipe away the night. Or there's MDA or LSD—or heroin—to make the night a technicolor experience.

One out of three gay men and women are either alcoholics or drug addicts or both.

Some people can drink all their lives and never become alcoholics. Some people can take downers and not become dependent on them.

For others, it's not that easy.

Some of you out there may be asking

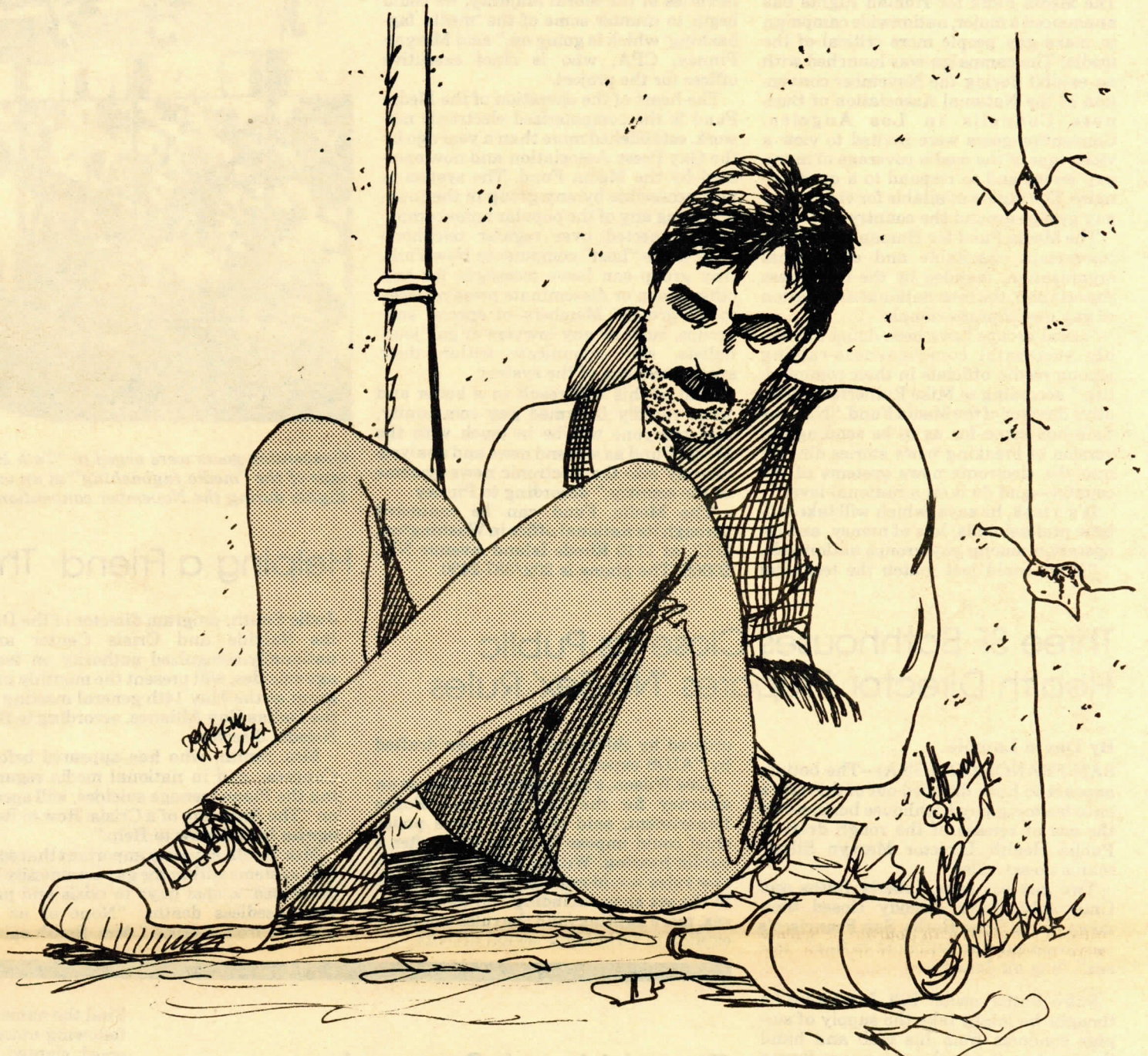
## Criminals Like Crime

Don't blame crime on society—blame it on the criminals, says the *Washington Post*.

That's what Virginia psychologist Stanton Samenow says he learned after 15 years of working in prisons, clinics and halfway houses.

He believes bad neighborhoods, parents, schools, drugs and unemployment have little to do with how people turn out. Criminals turn to crime because they think it's fun, he says, and treating them like victims only gives them what they already have too much of: self-esteem.

Samenow says the only way to reform criminals is to hold them totally accountable for their offenses—in hopes that they will learn to feel remorse themselves.



why am I writing about this—knowing full well that I come from a long line of Southern bourbon-drinking boozers and have been seen too often blasted to the four winds. But I can get myself off the hook by quoting F. Scott Fitzgerald: "All writers are children, and 90 percent of them are alcoholics."

You won't buy that? I'm not sure I will, either.

Let me tell you a story.

On a recent Wednesday afternoon, a young man came into my office to relate his experiences. He was young—in his early 20s—and somewhat of an introvert. He was of small stature and appeared to be one of those people who are frightened by life—afraid to reach for any ring, much less catch hold of one.

In July of '81, the young man, I'll call him Randy, decided to openly admit his homosexuality and at the same time started drinking and smoking grass. Why?

"I couldn't identify with anybody," he said, "gay or straight. I did the drugs and the alcohol to try to fit somewhere."

Locked in McAllen, Tex., two years ago, he decided to move to the big city, thinking that *here* he would finally find his niche. He did not. Randy went to work for a fast food establishment. Either the devil of fate had pushed him there or he had subconsciously sought it on his own, because "everyone at work was into drugs," he said, "including the management."

He told of parties before and after work—of booze and downers to put him to sleep at night—of speed to get him through his job during the day. He was fired four times because of his temper tantrums—but always asked to come back. Then at the end of October, he quit.

"Things just got unbearable," he said, noting that his intake of drugs and booze was increasing. "I couldn't see a way out

anymore ... of starting my life over. And I didn't have anyone to turn to."

Because Randy's father had been an alcoholic, he was becoming scared for himself. He did not want to repeat the mistakes of his dad.

Through his reading of local publications, Randy called a local gay alcoholics anonymous group, who referred him to a counselor. After talking with her, he decided to investigate the a gay alcoholic recovery house.

Randy was beginning to have suicidal feelings, but *did* admit to himself that he could not pull his life together alone.

"It just seemed like a dead end," he said of the time.

Randy showed up at the recovery house last November. After staying there for two months (the length of their program), he is now sober and off drugs and is attending college.

But at first, it wasn't easy.

"I was scared," he said, referring to feelings he had after his first interview. "But I couldn't see any other way of getting my life together."

Randy was asked to dinner with the other men and women who were staying at the house, and he immediately began to withdraw and refused to communicate with anyone.

"I thought I was going to have to live with *these* people for 60 days," he said, not feeling comfortable with any of them.

But as it worked out, Randy discovered that his fears of not fitting in—of not being accepted—began to vanish.

"I could be myself and be accepted," he said of his experience. "It felt like being in a family for the first time. Unconditional love was something I had never experienced before. We all loved each other," he said still amazed, since everyone had come from different backgrounds.

Randy admitted that it was very diffi-

cult to break his partying routine, especially on weekends, and it was particularly rough for him when two of his roommates left the recovery house to return to their old habits.

"Dealing with that was *real* strange," he said.

But Randy said that after his first 30 days, "I started feeling happier about everything."

He admitted by helping others, he was coming out of his shell.

"Things weren't as bad as I thought they were," he said.

I spoke with Harry Teten, one of the counselors at the recovery house, and he said that 58 percent of the people who walk through its doors resume successful, productive lives—free of drugs and booze.

He spoke of parties those who had recovered enjoy—free of "spirits" usually associated with those occasions—where everyone is on a natural high.

Then after our meeting, we ran into two people who had visited the recovery house for 60 days, and I was immediately taken aback by their good looks which radiated health and happiness—a rare sight in a world where red eyes and afternoon bags are all too common.

Teten himself admits he is a former alcoholic, and there's a tattered edge to his visage that betrays the years when he found himself downing in excess of a fifth of booze a day.

"But I want people to know that we *do* make it," he said, smiling. "In 1940, they didn't think homosexuals could sober up."

Apparently, while staying at the house, most of its residents do. And not only do they end their escapes through drugs and booze, they begin to accept themselves for what they are and become less concerned with what most of society would think of them. Upon leaving the home, "proud to be" takes on a special meaning for them.



# Gay People Urged to 'Talk Back to the Media'

The Media Fund for Human Rights has announced a major, nationwide campaign to make gay people more critical of the media. The campaign was launched with an exhibit during the November convention of the National Association of Business Councils in Los Angeles. Convention-goers were invited to view a video tape of the media coverage of many gay issues and to respond to a questionnaire. The tape is available for viewing by gay groups around the country.

The Media Fund for Human Rights is a tax-exempt charitable and educational organization, founded by the Gay Press Association, the international association of gay media professionals.

"Local groups have been doing incredibly successful consciousness-raising among media officials in their communities," according to Mike Rutherford, executive director of the Media Fund. "Now the time has come for us to be sending our version of breaking news stories directly into the electronic news systems of the country—and do it on a national level."

It's a task, he says, which will take full-time professionals, lots of money, and co-operation among gay groups nationwide. "If we could just match the technical

facilities of the Moral Majority, we could begin to counter some of the 'media fag-bashing' which is going on," said Morgan Pinney, CPA, who is chief executive officer for the project.

The heart of the operation of the Media Fund is the computerized electronic network, established more than a year ago by the Gay Press Association and now operated by the Media Fund. The system is now accessible by any group in the country, using any of the popular home computers connected over regular telephone lines to the "host" computer in New York. Any group can leave messages for any other group or disseminate press releases to all groups. Members of special sub-groups, such as gay lawyers or gay journalists, will communicate within their special sections of the system.

"All of this will result in a better and more rapidly informed gay community, and everyone will be in touch with the Media Fund as we send news and analysis directly into the electronic news systems of the country," according to Pinney.

The Media Fund can be contacted through its national office in Washington, D.C., at 1110 Rhode Island Avenue NW, 20005. The phone is 202/387-2430.

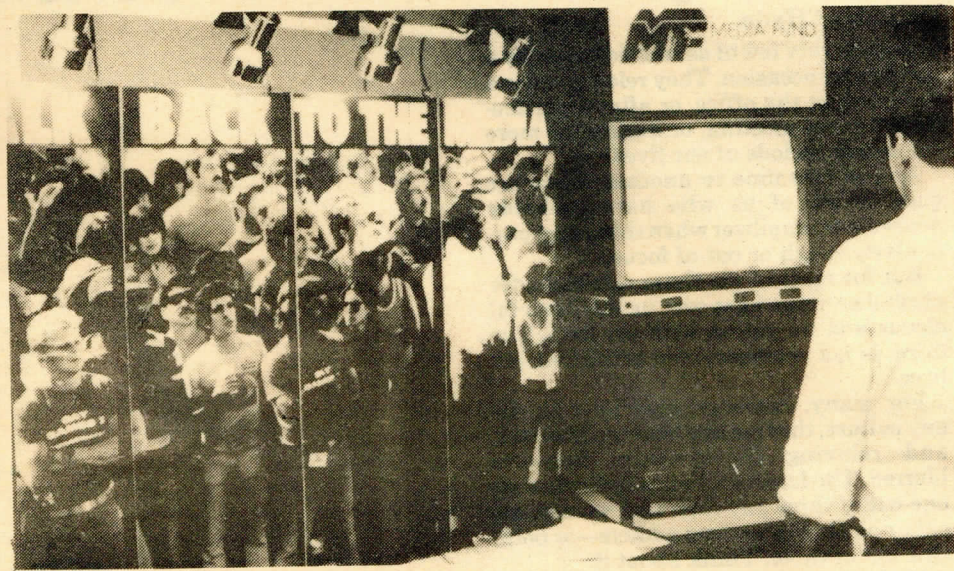


PHOTO ROBERT FINNEY

Convention-goers were urged to "Talk Back to the Media" and view a video tape of the "media fagbashing" at an exhibit of the Media Fund for Human Rights during the November convention of the NABC in Los Angeles

## Three SF Bathhouses Close as Public Health Director Prepares 'No-Sex' Rules

By David Lamble

SAN FRANCISCO (IGNA)—The bottom appears to have dropped out of this city's once booming gay bathhouse business on the eve of release of the rough draft of Public Health Director Mervyn Silverman's no-sex rules.

Two gay sex spas, Liberty Baths and Catacombs, have already closed their doors, while Sutro Baths, San Francisco's only bisexual club, will hold its final "safe sex" fling on June 2.

Sutro Baths' owner Bill Jones said he thought he might take the supply of surplus condoms from his club and hand them out in the bushes at cruisy Buena Vista Park to point out one safe-sex role that the shuttered bathhouses will no longer be performing.

Sal Accardi, the elected spokesperson of Northern California Bathhouse Owners Association, suggested dropping a ton of unused condoms on the steps of City Hall.

Accardi charged Health Director Silverman with discarding the safe-sex program the bathhouse owners have pledged to follow.

Meanwhile seven Northern California bathhouses, belonging to Accardi's association, took out a full-page ad in San Francisco's gay bi-weekly *The Sentinel*. The ad, containing a half-price admission coupon, bristles with strong language, asserting among other things that "the right of gay citizens to freely associate in gay clubs...is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution."

The ad charges bathhouse opponents with having the "private political goal of eliminating first the gay baths, then the bars, then all gay businesses and organizations, and possibly the jobs of every gay person."

While the ad's language pledges the bathhouse owners to resist further attacks on their businesses by the city, privately some of the owners concede that Dr. Silverman's strategy of banning sex at the baths without shutting them down has taken much of the legal wind out of the sails of any possible lawsuit.

Observers of the San Francisco bathhouse scene speculate that a lawsuit might still come if the no-sex rules to be handed down May 7 call for removal of the doors on the popular private cubicles that many owners consider the heart and soul of their business.

San Francisco City Attorney George Agnost said that the new bathhouse rules

ordered by Silverman have been drafted by "AIDS experts."

Law Wilson, a gay man who works as an attorney for the San Francisco Police Department, said that the city's police chief could impose the new rules after a public hearing. Wilson asserted that the new rules would require physical changes in the sex spas, including "no cubicles for sex, more lighting (and the rules would) be explicit in forbidding sexual activity."

## Helping a Friend Through a Crisis:

Judie Smith, program director of the Dallas Suicide and Crisis Center and nationally-recognized authority on teenage suicides, will present the monthly program at the May 14th general meeting of the Dallas Gay Alliance, according to Bill Nelson, director.

Mrs. Smith, who has appeared before Congress and in national media regarding the Plano teenage suicides, will speak on "The Anatomy of a Crisis: How to Recognize It and How to Help."

Mrs. Smith says it is important that support systems within the gay community be developed to spot gays in crisis and prevent needless deaths. "None of us is immune from a crisis," Mrs. Smith said.

"A crisis is a feeling response to an event, situation or belief and it is through these feelings that we can communicate with each other. It doesn't require anyone to be a mental health professional to help someone in crisis. By better understanding what a crisis is, we are then able to better understand ourselves, and the benefit of that is that we then can help someone else when they are in crisis," Mrs. Smith said.

The Dallas Suicide and Crisis Center maintains a 24-hour hotline for callers at 828-1000, and is involved in the training of Gayline volunteers.

For more information, contact Bill Nelson, 521-8919.

## The Word Search ...

Find the names of Dallas gay clubs in the following maze. They are horizontal, reversed, slanted, up or down. Plus the word "gay" 4 or 5 times, "bitch" 4 or 5 times, "I Love You," "Mark," and "Ron."

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## A Real Gay 'Soap' to Debut in Gay News

The editor of the Dallas/Fort Worth Gay News announced this week that "Dallas Diary," a continuing adult gay "soap opera," will begin in Issue 89 of the newspaper.

"Considering the popularity of such shows as 'Dynasty' and 'Dallas,'" said a Gay News spokesperson, "this new weekly continuing story is a natural. We are delighted to have acquired the services of Thom Allen, a highly regarded com-

munity figure and writer, to author this series."

Set in the Cedar Springs neighborhood of Dallas, "Dallas Diary" tells the story of Paul Andrews, a 26-year-old gay man who moved here from Battle Creek, Michigan, two years ago and who is constantly confused, amused, appalled and loved by a series of friends and lovers. If Paul's trials, tribulations, joys and laughter sound rather familiar, it's no coincidence: the story line is based on *actual* people and dialogue culled from gay restaurants, bars, businesses and everywhere else.

"All we've done," laughed writer Allen, "is change the names to protect the guilty."

Starting next week in GAY NEWS.

## Metroplex (Gay) Republicans Plan Party, Questions Arise

To celebrate the election of Stan Aten, president of the Metroplex Republicans (a gay GOP group), to the position of Precinct Chairperson and his selection as a delegate to the Senatorial Caucus, the organization is planning a May 18th blow-out.

Additionally, according to a source within the group, the club will soon be meeting with the newly-formed Houston Gay Republican Club to discuss plans for the GOP National Convention being held in Dallas this summer.

"The question," Aten was quoted as saying recently, "is how can we make an impact on the delegates?"

GAY NEWS has learned that the gay organization will discuss at least five proposals with Republican delegates.

Those wishing to attend the party and help the group celebrate, or those wishing more information on the group and its goals, may call President Aten at 521-9638.

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## Commentary

## Dealing with the Car Dealer

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In a previous column, we began our series on buying a new car, and we suggested that you do your homework before you go to a dealer. We began by suggesting that you investigate your own needs, first. That's most important, since the salesman you talk to will undoubtedly try to play on your views of his car and your need for the kind of status owning it will give you.

We also told you that the sticker price on any automobile was totally negotiable, reminding you that any dollar figure posted is only "suggested" list price. *Consumer Reports* publishes a book that lists actual costs to the dealers themselves, so you can know not only what the car should cost, but if the deal you want to make is a fair one.

Before you talk with the salesman, you'll also have checked out interest rates for car loans, the cost of insuring the models you're that interested in buying, and the book value of any trade-in you intended to make on your purchase.

That's a lot of information to be carrying around in your head, so don't be too shy to write it all down and bring your notebook with you to the showroom. It may seem klutzy to you, but it tells the salesperson that you're serious, and you know what you're doing.

Now, let's say that you've fallen in love with the Toklas convertible with four-speed manual transmission and vinyl interior. You've checked out its trouble report in *Consumer Reports*, and you've found that the only thing that has given other owners of the car trouble is the automatic transmission. You've checked out "Blue Book" value on your trade-in, a 1979 Wilde two-door, and it's listed for \$1200 wholesale in good condition. Since your old car is clean and undented, you feel that it's in top shape. *Consumer Reports* also states that the car you want costs the dealer \$9500, and you know that you can get a loan from your credit union at 13 percent.

You have the background you need. Now you can face the challenge of dealing with the dealer.

Your first shock will probably come at the showroom when you encounter the sticker price. Your Toklas convertible lists at \$12,500, but there are some additions, as well. There's an item called "dealer prep" that raises the cost another \$1500. There are side moldings, racing mirrors, pinstripes and air-conditioning to the tune of another \$900. The car you've been dreaming about will cost you \$14,900. Or at least, so it appears.

Take it one step at a time. Ask the salesman what "dealer prep" involves. There are some legitimate expenses for a dealer included here, such as cleaning the car after its trip to your city and waxing it to the sheen that makes it so pretty. But we all know that cost cannot be more than about \$80.

The dealer has probably also added undercoating, a protective shield against the corrosive effects of road salt and water to the exposed metal that you can't see and a protective finish for the paint job. Both of these may or may not be worth the price being asked. Find out if there is any guarantee offered with either device; will the dealer replace any rusted underparts within a year? How long can you expect your paint to remain shiny and unblemished?

If there is a guarantee, fine. You can haggle on the total price. If there is none, ask the salesman whether he offers less expensive undercoating, and tell him you'll have paint protection done yourself. Reputable autofinishers will do the job for you for about \$400-\$500, with a three-year warranty on the results.

The accessories are another matter. Do you really need air-conditioning at all, especially on a convertible? If you want it, that's okay. If not, check the sticker to see how much that option costs and subtract it from the list price you're working with. Do

the same with any other options you don't want.

By this time, you should have a good idea of what your specific dream car should cost. Ask the salesperson if there are any rebates being offered on this model or if the dealer offers any special loan rates for buying it. Now, figure out what his deal is. Let's say you've reduced the dealer prep charges to \$500 and that you've taken off \$500 for the unwanted air-conditioning. Your car now lists at \$13,900.

There's no rebate being offered, but the dealer will give you financing at 9.9 percent over three years if you pay the tax and license fees and put 20 percent of the purchase price as a down payment. That would be \$2780 with no further haggling, but you still have your old car for a trade-in. It's time to see what offer he will make you on it.

Surprisingly, if your car is in good shape, you may be offered more than its wholesale book value. That's the car dealer's way of keeping up his profit on his sale to you, since he knows that if he can stick with his list price, he makes money, and he'll also make a little selling your old car on his lot. Let's say he offers you \$1500 for your car.

That still leaves you with \$1280 plus tax and license to come up with for a down payment, though. It's time for you to counter with your deal. Since you know the basic car cost him \$9500, and the cost of your desired accessories are \$400 plus \$500 dealer prep, you can figure pretty well. The accessory and prep figures include his profit, so adding 10 percent to the base price, you can offer him \$11,350 for his car and ask that he take your trade-in as full down payment. Undoubtedly, this won't be a deal, but you've established a fair position from which you can bargain. Your figure, as you tell the salesperson, allows him a 10 percent basic profit, plus his added accessories.

The amount of horse-trading you'll have to do depends on several factors. If it's late in the model year, he may be anxious to sell. If his car is not one of the big sellers, he'll also trade more readily. If the model you want is not a fast-moving item in his part of the country, you'll also find it easier.

One thing, though. Once you've settled on a deal, make sure it's approved by an executive, at least the sales manager. Salespeople in car dealerships love to bait prospective customers into dreaming that they nearly own a car, then report that the deal has not been approved and that the price has to be higher. They know that the buyer is so anxious at that point he will often go ahead with a less attractive deal, just to get his new car.

Buying a car is just like buying anything else; you have to know what you're doing. Inform yourself and be prepared to do some on-your-feet figuring. You'll only go through this experience a few times in your life, and the people on the other side of the deal handle these transactions every day. It's up to you to even the odds for a happy purchase.

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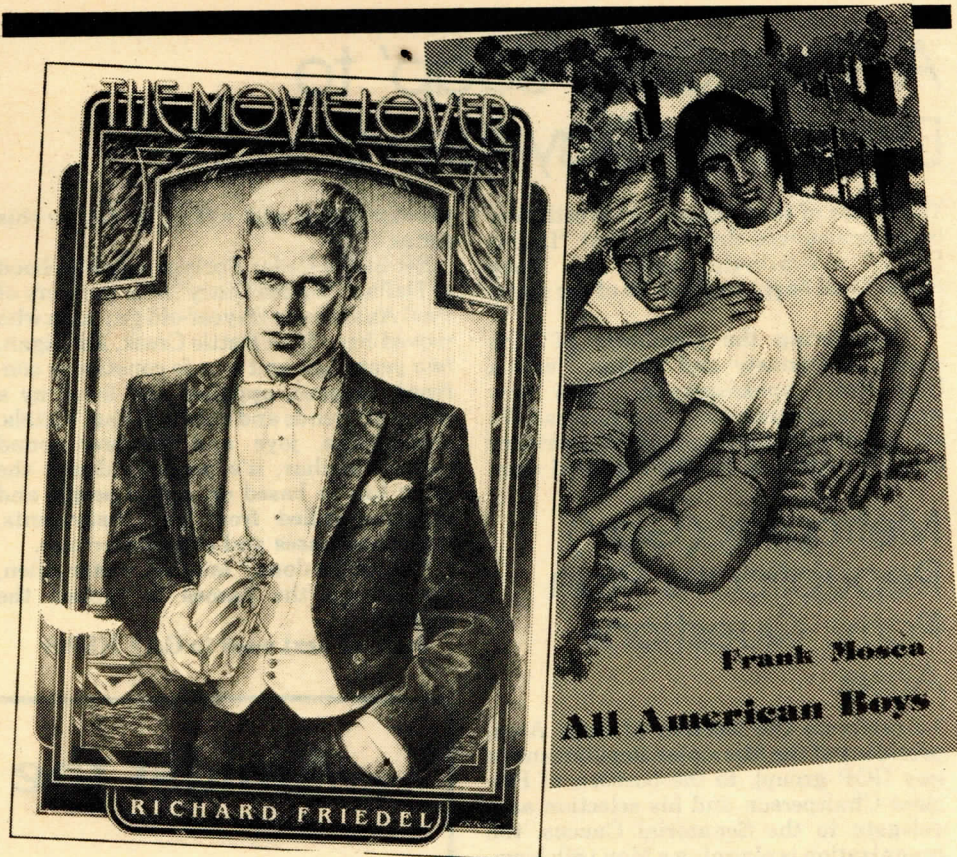
## Love That Gloom and Doom

Why do newspapers keep printing so much bad news and gore? Because we like it, just as we love horror films, TV violence and punk rock.

So says University of Tennessee Professor Jack Haskins in the *Washington Journalism Review* who claims the average reader is a third more interested in sad stories than in happy ones.

Haskins says he's puzzled about why that is, and he plans a two-day symposium in April to study the phenomenon.

Says he, "I'm following this trend with morbid curiosity of my own."



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# Historical Virgin Islands Offer Laid-Back Escape for Lovers ... and Others

By Bob Damron

On a clear night when the waters of the Atlantic Ocean meet the deep blue of the Caribbean Sea, in that tranquil spot, visitors to one of the three Virgin Islands—after imbibing in one of the islands' famous rum punches—might spy the moonlit ghost ship of Captian Kidd or Blackbeard flowing gracefully over the waves, for anything is possible in this romantic paradise which conjures dreams of buccaneers and invites lovers to stroll along its sandy beaches or become lost on the steep slopes in its lush, tropical foliage.

St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John are the three major islands which belong to the group, and each has a uniqueness yet shares a historical past which lends an air of exotic tranquility to these islands of sun, fun and escape from the ordinary drum of contemporary life found in most of America's larger cities.

Originally peopled by the war-like Caribe Indians, in the late 1700s, pirates chose the spot to set up personal kingdoms and to prey on the luxury ships of Spain, France and England which were robbing the new world of its riches. And not only have the islands been ruled by those three historical exploiters, but by Malta, Holland and Denmark, as well.

Denmark, their most recent ruler prior to the United States who acquired the islands in 1917 for \$25 million to keep them out of the hands of Germany, has left the most notable affects on the island, especially on St. Thomas.

Islanders still cling to their Danish heritage and drive on the left side of the street. Since the roads are narrow, steep and busy, I suggest you go by taxis, which are cheap and plentiful, even if many of the drivers could stand a crash course in Dale Carnegie.

Charlotte Amalie, population 40,000, is the capital city and the only city on St. Thomas named after a former queen of Denmark. The streets are narrow and colorful, with intriguing Danish names, such as Dronningens Gade, Vimmelskafts Gade or Creques Alley. The charming

waterfront town has a magnificent natural harbor filled with yachts, and at least two large cruise ships can be seen sliding in and out daily. The steep hills behind the city are dotted with red-roofed houses and verdant lush tropical plants. The elegant and expensive Bluebeard's Castle Hotel offers a magnificent panoramic view of the city and harbor.

More liberated men and women should be comfortable at the popular Safari—a club with two bars and a lively disco located on a little alley called Tronpeter, two blocks up from Sparky's Waterfront Saloon and just past T.J.'s on Back Street, which is where most of the action is. Also, Partners is an attractive new upstairs disco for the avant-garde just around the corner from Raadets Gade and Back Street. Walter's Living Room at 14 Kungens Gade attracts mostly natives.

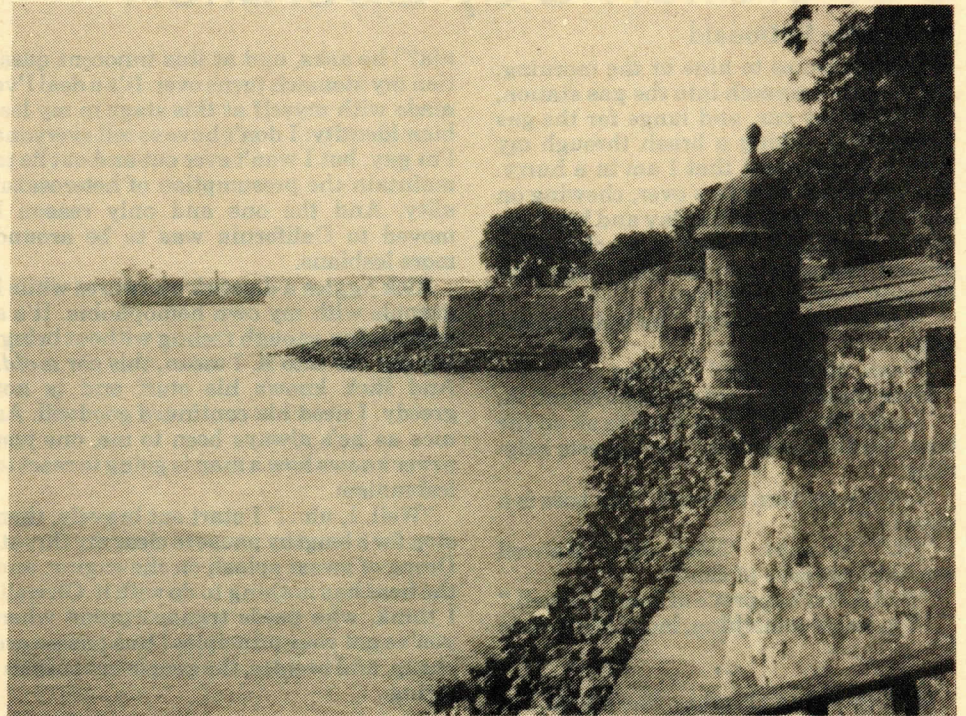
Harbour View, a pleasant guest house on Frenchman's Hill, serves excellent meals, and Danish Chalet on the hill is also very comfortable.

Other good dining areas are at L'Escargot, Hotel 1829, Twins Garden, Fiddle Leaf and Au Bon Vivant, all in Charlotte Amalie.

If a touch of decadence is in order, the Morningstar Beach Resort is about 10 minutes from downtown and offers a beach with a bar. Not as elegant as days of yore, it's still an attractive area for those wishing to get away from the mainstream.

Even slower paced than St. Thomas Island, St. Croix is a quaint old Danish island centered around its largest city (10,000) Christiansted. Ideal for women and more mature men, the King Frederik Hotel has very nice units right on the beach. Also recommended is the Royal Dane Hotel at 13 Strand Street overlooks a tranquil harbor.

Skinny dipping on deserted beaches is



Reflecting an age of buccaneers, the Virgin Islands lure the romantic

within walking distance from either hotel.

For dining out in Christiansted, try the Swashbuckler or the Brandy Snifter, a good place to meet visiting seamen when they are in town.

I can't say I found any virgins on the Virgin Islands, but then I can't say I was looking for any either. What I did find were good bargains, because these are duty-free ports, and you can buy booze, cigarettes, jewelry, perfume, cameras, watches and other items for about half what you pay in the States. A fifth of good Virgin Island Cruzan Rum costs \$1.95,

and you can take five bottles back with you.

Unfortunately, in all fairness I must advise you that some of the native population, especially on St. Thomas, can be sullen and even rude. But this can be overlooked since the weather is nearly perfect and the islands are beautiful.

Damron is the publisher of "Bob Damron's Address Book '84," available at shops and bookstores or by sending \$12 to Bob Damron Enterprises, Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114

## Food Abuse Equal to Alcohol, Drug Addiction

Alcoholism and drug addiction are serious problems, but doctors are saying the most commonly abused substance today may be food, reports the *San Jose Mercury News*.

According to psychologist Gloria Arenson, compulsive eaters are like other addicts: they're looking for a temporary feeling of tranquility and an escape from reality.

How can you tell if you're a victim? If you eat when you're not hungry, don't enjoy what you eat, or feel guilty before, during or after eating.

Arenson compared food addiction to an allergic reaction to life's problems. In other words, you won't be able to stop over-eating until you find out what's eating you.

## Watch Out, Bartenders!

The bartender can only take four drink orders at a time, will ignore you if your voice isn't familiar, and spills a few drinks every now and then. But what do you expect from a robot?

The *San Francisco Chronicle* and *San Francisco Examiner* say that the Scarab X-One is programmed to take voice commands for three or four brands of whiskey, brandy, vodka, gin or rum, as well as four kinds of wine, 21 cordials and 28 different cocktails.

It will pour doubles or triples on request, but if you want someone to tell your troubles do, Scarab has a tin ear.

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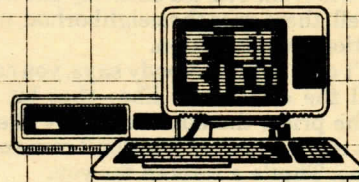
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## Commentary

## Gas Station Gay Liberation

By Sharon McDonald

It's five minutes to nine in the morning. By the way I screech into the gas station, fall out of my car, and lunge for the gas pump while raking a brush through my hair, it is apparent that I am in a hurry. The attendant saunters over, chewing on his first toothpick of the day and hitching up his pants as he watches me clattering around bumping into the gay pump and tripping over my rear tire.

"You're late for work," he notes cheerfully.

"Yeah, no kidding," I mutter.

He is chuckling. I see no cause for mirth.

"Looks like you'll just have to sit on the boss' lap this morning," he suggests helpfully.

Now it's my turn to laugh. "My boss is a woman."

"Oh!" he says. "Now, Jerry Falwell wouldn't approve of that!"

"Well, I don't approve of Jerry Falwell."

"You know something, lady? Neither do I."

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My Toyota is sick again. She's good, but old. Very old. Luckily for us, we have a sweetheart of a mechanic who's been performing moderately priced miracle cures on her for the last couple of years. Next to the typewriter repairman, it's Rick that keeps me in business. Grateful for his skills, I've always cultivated his goodwill. This hasn't been difficult; Rick is a real nice guy.

nia?" he asks, and at this innocent question my stomach turns over. It's a deal I've made with myself at this stage in my lesbian identity: I don't have to tell everyone I'm gay, but I won't ever out-and-out lie to maintain the presumption of heterosexuality. And the one and only reason I moved to California was to be around more lesbians.

Rick jiggles a dipstick unawares while I grapple with my own homophobia. It's a frightening enough feeling without bringing my car into it. I mean, this car is old. And Rick knows his stuff and is not greedy. I need his continued goodwill. As nice as he's always been to me, one just never knows how a man is going to react to lesbianism.

"Well, I, uh..." I start out bravely, then stop for a lengthy pause to clear my throat. Drops of sweat splash on the engine, and the heat has nothing to do with it. Oh well, I think, who needs transportation when you've got your principles? Bus passes are cheap, and besides, the people are so interesting.

"I moved here just after I came out of the closet. I figured California was a pretty good place to be a lesbian."

Rick looks up, holding the top to my air filter in one hand, with a smile on his face.

"Oh, boy, I'll bet you're right about that. Good move."

He replaces the air filter top, wipes his hands on a rag, and tells me it's nothing major; she'll be ready in an hour.

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I saw her at the gas station and was instantly attracted: long slim legs in tight dark jeans, rumply spikey somewhat punky hair, a haircut that said, "Oh, yeah," "Sez who," and "Prove it." Straight back and proud shoulders, and over all this, a leather jacket. Getting out of a beat-up Mustang, well, she caught my eye.

I watched her all the way to the cashier to pay the money, then got my heart broken when she started back: my she was a he. Well, there goes the neighborhood, not to mention the attraction.

I don't care what anybody says, you can take all the elements I like—that bit of hood, the pride, the adulthood—lay them all on a man, and they just don't come out the same. That's a lesbian for you.

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"You a writer?" asks the guy from the gas station on the corner.

"Yep," I say.

We chit chat. He tells me he's working part-time now as a bartender and that he got into it because his friend broke his shoulder and needed somebody to fill in.

"Bartending can get to be a pretty depressing job, can't it?" I ask.

"Yeah, if you listen to everybody's problems. But I work in a gay bar, so it's okay."

This is the first time I've ever heard anybody refer to gay bars as less depressing. This guy must be straight. He's a handsome, bearded, muscular type, but they're straight-looking muscles, not gay-looking muscles.

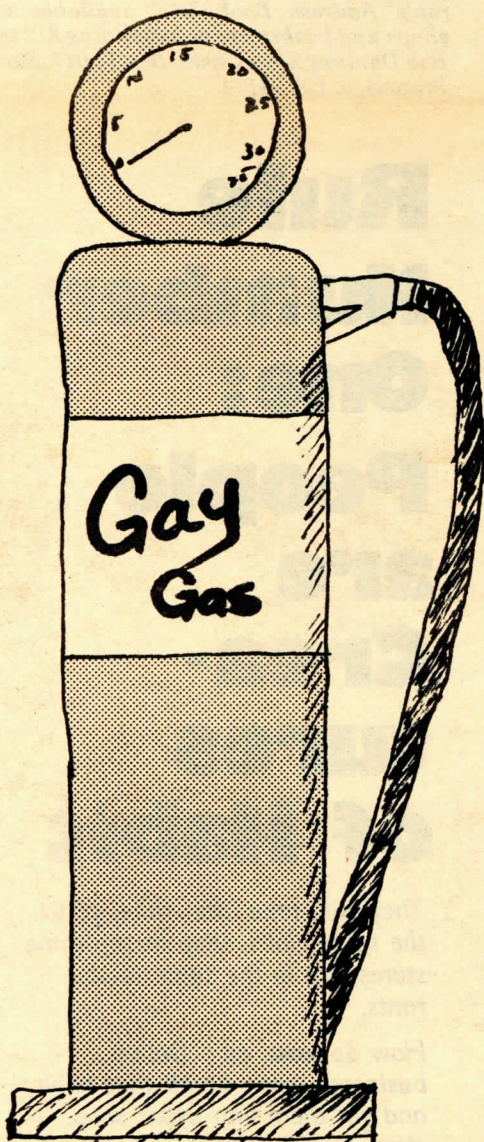
I say, "Oh, great, what's the name of the place? I'll have to come in sometime."

He tells me, and we chat bars; where do you go, and where do you go? He knows the names of the lesbian bars. I'm impressed; a lot of gay men don't know the lesbian bars, to say nothing of straight men.

I tell him about how I took the apartment I live in because the manager of the building had told me, "We've got all kinds of people here: black, white, red, yellow, gay and straight." We laugh, and then fall silent for a few minutes.

Quietly he says, "Everyone's gay in his own way."

*McDonald, who lives in Los Angeles, is co-winner of the 1983 Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Work in Feature Writing from the Gay Press Association. Her column appears here and in other gay newspapers.*



We're standing shoulder to sweaty shoulder, Rick and I, on a hot California day, peering into the mysterious depths of my poor old baby's engine. While Rick pokes around, we're making idle conversation.

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## Dallas Soap

By The Contessa

### The Contessa's Court

Yes, gentle people, the Contessa has come out of retirement to thrill your hearts with the latest courtly gossip and special interest of things happening on the regal Dallas scene. We have pulled the old limo from the garage, dusted it off, and are making appearances at all the most elegant spots in Big D. The Contessa's friend, **Amanda** (wasn't she just too bitchy last week), says she has too much to keep up with on her own column, so I volunteered my help. You one does get so much personal satisfaction from charity work.

We made an appearance at the wonderful show the other night at the **Round-Up Saloon**. You know the one—"An Evening with Tom"—that benefitted the **Dallas Gay Alliance**. My dears, the show was stunning, even with a power loss. Why, we never had seen such a professional show like this one given as a benefit. **Tom Davis** of the Round-Up did a wonderful job entertaining along with songstress **Dena Kaye**, illusionist **Rick Walker** with **Cheryl Hale**, and the beautiful accompaniment of **Tom Holder** on the piano. We also enjoyed **Francine Blackburn** as Michael Jackson. Dears, there were so many limos coming and going that the Contessa thought she would never be able to make her entrance.

We must say congratulations to **Dena Kaye** for her up-coming two-day gig in Nashville. We send our royal support, as do many of your fans in Big D. The Contessa will call all of her influential friends there and tell them to look out for your arrival.

After that special evening with Tom, the Contessa and her Court adjourned to **Bentley's** across the street. Such a lovely place with all those mirrors and things. The bartender there is so hunky and blond and tanned and nice and hunky and we can go on and on and on ...

Happy 11th to the **Wranglers**. They're the 2nd oldest motorcycle club in Texas. The Contessa used to have birthdays too, until she turned 29. Then she stopped.

We are pleased as champagne that the Contessa's friend, **Wayland Flowers** and **Madame**, are coming to Dallas May 17 through May 19, appearing at **Granny's Dinner Playhouse**. Madame is such an old dear, she and I once drank ourselves into oblivion and woke up with a couple of sailors somewhere near Malibu. Now you know how the Contessa feels about water, but she didn't mind making waves that day.

Former Dallasite and current resident of Houston (the Armpit of the Southwest) **Barry Godwin** is spinning again at Numbers there. You subjects need to drop down on Thursday, Friday or Saturday evenings to hear one of America's top (bottom, actually) new-wave discos. By the way, she does own the Record Rack there, and she does deliver to Dallas. (We aren't sure what she delivers, but she does deliver!)

We want to know, **Tom M.** of the **Hidden Door**, what's all this about door locks not being locked prior to an evening's pleasure? The Contessa did that once, and the Count just died—literally.

Time to get out those regal wraps, **Razzle Dazzle** is fast approaching Dallas.

Now, dears, this Sunday is going to be busy, so pay close attention. First, go to **MCC**, an absolute must after that wicked and wonderful Saturday night, after which you may brunch at **Richard's Cafe Americain** downtown overlooking this gorgeous city. Don't dawdle over cocktails, next is the open house at the **Gay Community Center** from 2 to 4 p.m. brought to you by the **Dallas Gay Alliance**. You absolutely must become acquainted with their wonderful and useful facilities. Are you with me? (I think I'm having vapors already.) Then rush over to the **Oak Lawn Symphonic Band** concert at the amphitheatre on Cedar Springs—a/k/a the **ex-Old Plantation**. I'll be there, so you have to attend also. I'll be in the pink '59 Cadillac limo and in yards of chiffon.

Special note: Our good friend, **David Decker**, is in the Methodist Hospital at Oak Cliff. Call him at 944-8826. He's in room 4144. Contessa

hopes you get well soon.

The strictly by-invitation-only gala hosted by her regal highness will be on May 19. If you're not invited, perhaps you can catch a glimpse of us.

**Miss Richie**—fabulous show—is **Al** jealous of your new props?

**Dale of CI**, you were wonderful, as always. Can we get physical?

The Contessa and Dallas are losing a good friend to Florida. **Chuck**, hope that **Richard** likes his meals in disguise. Wish you luck. I'll watch after you-know-who for you. The Contessa goes to Florida at least once a year, but since her friend **Margie Meriweather Post** died, Palm Beach just isn't the same.

The Contessa is just all a titter about the upcoming concert of the **Turtle Creek Chorus**. Tickets are on sale, and we just know you'll all be there. It is directed by **Bill Keck** and promises to be an exciting evening at the **Grand Crystal Palace**. "Spotlight '84" is the name of this year's show and you, too, can get your tickets reserved by calling 368-5500. The show is May 13th and 15th at 7:30 and 9:15 p.m. Tickets are only \$10.

**Roy**, don't you think that a half of a lime in the Contessa's drink, how shall we say, a bit much? After all, had we wanted vodka and limeade, we would not have hesitated to order it. We find that taking vitamin C supplements is easier on the Contessa's delicate constitution.

Please be reminded that Sunday is Mother's Day. Make a couple of mothers happy and call them. We think that we will call ours, too. That way, we'll make two mothers happy—ours and Ma Bell.

We noticed a sign in the other evening in **JR's** that really befits the times, now that the **DPD** has doubled its **DWI** force. If you're too drunk to drive, let them call you a cab and they'll pick up the tab. Don't chance your live and others by driving under the influence.

**Ray Don**, perhaps a little more A/C and not so many tropical nights. We don't like having to bring our Spanish lace fan with us to these places. Why, we remember when funeral

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homes passed out fans at church before A/C was introduced. Why, we even used to spend afternoons standing at the freezer case at the grocery store just to keep cool in the summers.

The Contessa hears that **Kathy Jacks** of the **Unicorn** has something ever so sore.

**Jim Ryan** and **Lori Hewitt** were just precious hosting the bar owners' drag show. Even the Contessa has sequins on one of her gowns. Ours were red, of course. We all want to know if **Dennis** is the former **Miss Cavens**. **Miss Munier**, president of the **Tavern Guild**, socked it to the crowd Tuesday night. What a delightful evening, and what a great cause the money went for. We are sure that the **Oak Lawn Counseling Center** needs the cash, because there are a lot of sickos out there. Also the **Pride III 84** receives coin from that show.

**Ray Martin**, the Contessa would just kill for that red dress! Don't ever wear it in a parking lot at night, or we will mess you up. We had one similar once, but we fell off a yacht into the sea off Monaco and just destroyed it. You all know what salt water does to things. You all note that the Contessa lives away from the water. She does, however, enjoy fountains and streams, but gets queasy at the sight of large waves.

And weren't you all just the dears! That show raised so much money, and even the dear table attendants (never say waiter or waitress anymore) and bartenders donated their tips, which were over \$1700.

Well, the Contessa must close—you know charity begins at home and we've been charitable enough for this week. Remember, the Contessa is everywhere and hears everything. If you don't want in the Court, don't do it. If we have offended anyone, get over it. Love and kisses—The Contessa

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## American Soap

By Amanda B. Recondwith

### One's Better Than None

The other day, **Amanda** was standing in line at the gas station waiting to fill her tank because that pesky **Sebastian** had left his *chauffer* job and run off with some young *tart* from **Highland Park**. Well, while standing there, a young man mentioned that he was *used* to waiting in line. He said that not only was waiting in line something that he took for granted since moving to **Dallas**, he also stated that he was used to it because of his **Catholic** background.

Oh, *Dear Fans*, that statement made Amanda just *reel* at memories of her poor childhood, trapped in a **Catholic School** with hundreds of other little victims.

Yes, we *were* used to waiting in line. Amanda remembers going out for recess and standing in line at the door while **Sister Roxanne** stood there and drilled us with **flash cards**! Now, Amanda was always a *bright* child, but as far as math was concerned—*forget it!* By the time the old thing finished, Amanda was usually the last child standing there, while that old nun flashed those cards. They actually *blurred* by, she flashed them so fast!

Then, of course, there was the **Habit**. Amanda used to spend hours at a time, just watching those nuns shuffle about, wondering *what* was underneath. There were wild rumors going around that hinted at bizarre hairdos under those cowls, and Amanda personally thought that **Sister Gretchin** had a *Mohawk* hairdo under *hers*! The nuns were a complete puzzle to most well-adjusted children. They obviously didn't have sex, and they obviously were different from the rest of the female race. They always traveled in *groups*, like *gaggles* of geese, pecking and fretting along, their depressing little habits fluttering behind like feathers.

The *weirdest* thing about the whole system was the name of the church and school. Amanda's school was called **Our Holy Savior of Non-redeemable Sinful Flaming Souls in Eternal Agony**. The convent was *The Sisters of Perpetual Twilight and Flaming Mortification*.

Probably the most *terrifying* experience in Amanda's otherwise *dewy* life was when **John F. Kennedy** died. Of course, we know that *everyone* remembers exactly where they were and what they were doing when it happened, but surely not everyone was in the third grade of a Catholic school! Little kids know when something is up, and we were all wondering why the nuns were acting so strangely. Kennedy was Catholic, and he was *their* president. His picture was to the right of **Pope John's** at the blackboard. When he died, all hell broke loose.

There was this incredible wailing down the hall, and suddenly **Mother Superior** (Lake Superior, we called her!) flung the door open and screamed "**The President is dead!**"

**Sister Strophus** at the front of the class room literally *threw* herself to the floor, and we kids followed, thinking it was a continuation of the "**Duck and Cover**" drills from the year before. Then, Mother Superior said something like, "*His immortal soul is rising to Heaven this very moment!*"

*Dear Fans*, Amanda looked out those windows and expected to see the **Second Coming**. All she saw was a jet trail.

We were used to *trauma*. We used to have to kneel down on the floor and say a **Hail Mary** every time an ambulance went by. Thank **God** Amanda grew up in a rather small Midwestern city. If it had been much larger, there would have been *grooves* in the floor next to her desk!

Remember **Mary Tyler Moore** as a nun with **Elvis Presley**? We know that the **60's** were *tasteless*, but that was *it!* Amanda remembers when organs were practically *thrown* out of the churches because the **Singing Nun** had revolutionized church music. All Amanda remembers is something like "*Dominique—a-nik—nik—nik something or other.*" Thank heavens all that went out with mini skirts and Granny glasses.

Life is complicated in the 20th century, *Dear Fans*, but should you not have grown up in a Catholic school, your life was most likely just a little *less* complicated. Amanda remembers seeing the nuns in a little beat up red Volkswagen. They were all off in a group, packed like holy wafers in that little car, their habits flapping from under the doors. The sisters never did notice the dirt on their habits, and the man at the gas station laughed as he pointed to his T-shirt that said, "**I survived Catholic School.**" So did Amanda!

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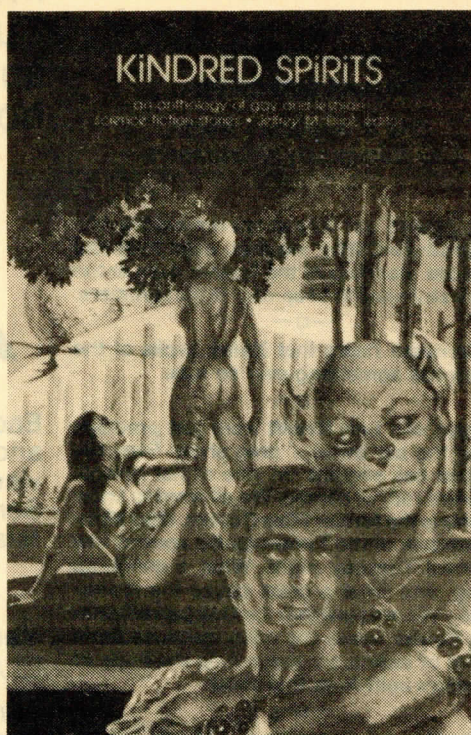
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## Sports

### LAMBDA Posts League Standings

According to information received from Paul Kolasei, secretary of the LAMBDA Bowling League, first place was won by Numero Uno, with a 48½/15½ record. Second place was taken away by Move It Girls, with a 43/21 record. Third place was won by the Snake Pit Aspens, who matched Move It Girls' score of 43/21.

The Womens' High Series records belong to Pat Coombs, with a 173 game/500 series. Scott Harbison, with a 246 game/658 series, walked away with the Mens' High Game in series.

GAY NEWS congratulates everyone involved.

### Lambda Bowling Standings

RANKINGS

Following May 3 competition

	W	L
1 Numero Uno	48½	15½
3 Move It Girls	43	21
2 Snake Pit Aspens	43	21

Women High Game: Pat Coombs 173  
Women High Series: Coombs 500  
Men High Game: Scott Harbison 246 Men High Series: Harbison 658

### Gay Softball Scores Start Rolling In

Six games were played this past Sunday at Griggs Field in Dallas between three sets of gay men's teams and three sets of lesbian teams.

Here are the latest scores and standings according to information supplied to GAY NEWS by the Oaklawn Softball Association.

The next series of games will be played this coming Sunday, May 13, at Griggs Field starting at 1 p.m. Be there to cheer on your favorite teams and drink plenty of free beer courtesy of gay-business sponsors.

### Oak Lawn Softball Association

RESULTS

Sunday, May 6

MEN'S DIVISION			
TMC	19	JRs	5
Studio 4	11	Round-Up	4
Crews Inn	14	Hidden Door	4
WOMEN'S DIVISION			
Happy Daze	11	Jugs	4
Unicorn	18	MCC Dallas	3
No. Dallas 40	9	High Country	4

SCHEDULE  
(Games at Griggs Field)

Sunday, May 13

six games beginning 1pm

### Men of Different Colors to Meet in Dallas

Black and White Men Together (BWMT), the fastest growing gay organization in the country, has announced that it will hold its monthly meeting on May 15th at the Dallas Gay Alliance office on Cedar Springs. The meeting stars at 7:30 p.m.

BWMT, founded in San Francisco in 1980, has leap-frogged across the country and around the world, with thousands of members and a communication network based on a slickly produced quarterly magazine and dozens of locally-produced newsletters in all major cities.

"The purpose of the group," said Bill Martin, a member of the national organization, "is to help break down racial barriers and bigotry, promote peaceful communication between gay men of different colors, to act as a sounding board for problems between bi-racial gay couples, and to serve as a welcoming ground for those who are ostracized by society—both straight and gay—for being interested in relations between blacks and whites."

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## Seven Day Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					MAY 11	MAY 12
MAY 13	MAY 14	MAY 15	MAY 16	MAY 17		

For additional information or phone numbers for events listed below, look for the sponsoring organization under "Organizations" in the Montrose Classified.

Selected Events  
through 7 Days

■ **FRIDAY:** Baytown Lambda meets 7:30pm May 11

■ **FRIDAY:** Committee for Public Health Awareness's "Sharing Group for the Worried Well," 7:30pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett

■ **SATURDAY:** World's Fair opens in New Orleans, May 12-Nov. 11

■ **SATURDAY:** Houston North Professionals meets 7:30pm, May 12

■ **SUNDAY:** Mother's Day, May 13

■ **SUNDAY:** Montrose Tennis Club plays 9am-noon, MacGregor Park

■ **SUNDAY:** MSA/Women's Softball regular season play, Fonde Field, I-45 & Telephone Rd.

■ **SUNDAY:** MSA Greater Houston Softball League regular season competition, 6pm May 13, Levy Field

■ **SUNDAY:** Overeaters Anonymous meet 8pm Bering Church, 1440 Harold

■ **MONDAY:** 7th Annual Fund for Human Dignity Dinner, May 14, Plaza Hotel, New York, honoring U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.)

■ **MONDAY:** AIDS victim support group meets 6:30pm, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Blvd., Suite 203

■ **MONDAY:** MSA Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain

■ **TUESDAY:** Women's Support Group 7pm Tues., Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett

■ **TUESDAY:** Montrose Symphonic Band meets at Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 7:30pm

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Gay Political Caucus meets 4600 Main #217, 7:30pm May 16

■ **WEDNESDAY:** Overeaters Anonymous meet 8pm Bering Church, 1440 Harold

■ **THURSDAY:** Wilde 'n Stein gay radio show 7:30-9pm on KPFT Radio, FM-90

■ **THURSDAY:** MSA Mixed Bowling League bowls, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain

Selected Events  
in Future Weeks

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Texas Senatorial District Party Conventions, May 19

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Choices meets 12:30pm May 20

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Unitarian/Universalist Gay Caucus meets May 20, 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Lesbian/Gay Resource Service, Univ. of Houston, meets 2:30pm May 22, Spindletop Room, Univ. Center, Univ. Park

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists meet 7pm May 22

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Montrose Civic Club (Near-town) meets 7pm May 22, 1413 Westheimer

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Lutherans Concerned meets May 23, Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Integrity meets May 23, Autry House, 6265 Main

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Greater Montrose Business Guild meets 7:30pm May 23, Savoy Hotel, 1919 Main

■ **IN 1 WEEK:** Interact meeting, Bering Church, 1440 Harold, 7:30pm May 23

■ **IN 2 WEEKS:** Lone Star 5, May 25-28

■ **IN 2 WEEKS:** Integrity Southern Regional Conference, May 25-27, Atlanta

■ **IN 2 WEEKS:** Gay Press Association 4th National Convention, May 25-28, Los Angeles

■ **IN 2 WEEKS:** Memorial Day, May 28

■ **IN 2 WEEKS:** Gay Fathers Coalition 5th International Conference opens, New York, May 31-June 2

■ **IN 3 WEEKS:** Rocky Mountain Regional (Gay) Rodeo, Aurora (Denver), June 1-3

■ **IN 3 WEEKS:** Run-off party elections in Texas, June 2

■ **IN 3 WEEKS:** Lesbians & Gay People in Medicine meet 7:30pm June 2

■ **IN 3 WEEKS:** Austin Gay Pride Week begins, June 4-10

■ **IN 3 WEEKS:** Montrose Clinic seminar on patient-staff & staff-staff relations, David McGee, 8-10pm, June 6

■ **IN 4 WEEKS:** Ft. Worth Gay Pride Week begins, June 10-16

■ **IN 4 WEEKS:** Citizens for Human Equality meets 7:30pm June 12, Watson-DeNagy Gallery, 1106 Berthea

■ **IN 4 WEEKS:** Houston Data Professionals meets 7:30pm June 12

■ **IN 5 WEEKS:** Texas Democratic Party Convention, June 15-17

■ **IN 5 WEEKS:** National Gay Health Education Foundation's 1st International Lesbian/Gay Health Conference, "Toward Diversity," New York, June 16-19

■ **IN 6 WEEKS:** Dallas "Pride III '84" opens, "Unity and More in '84," Gay Pride Week June 23-30

■ **IN 6 WEEKS:** 1984 Gay Pride Week begins June 24 in many areas, national slogan "United & More in '84"

■ **IN 6 WEEKS:** Houston Gay Pride Week event: parade, June 24

■ **IN 6 WEEKS:** 15th anniversary of Stonewall Riots, New York, June 27, 1969, marking the beginning of the modern gay rights movement

■ **IN 7 WEEKS:** Lesbian and Gay Bands of America concert, Hollywood Bowl, Los Angeles, June 29

■ **IN 7 WEEKS:** Los Angeles Gay Pride Week event: 2-day festival, West Hollywood, June 30-July 1

■ **IN 7 WEEKS:** Dallas Gay Pride Week event: Oak Lawn Softball Association tournament June 30

■ **IN 7 WEEKS:** Dallas Gay Pride Week event: Razzle Dazzle Dallas, June 30

■ **IN 7 WEEKS:** Los Angeles Gay Pride Week event: Christopher Street West Gay Pride Parade, Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, July 1

■ **IN 9 WEEKS:** Democratic National Convention, San Francisco, July 16-19

■ **IN 9 WEEKS:** 9th annual Reno Gay Rodeo opens, July 19-22, Reno, Nev.

■ **IN 10 WEEKS:** MSA Greater Houston Softball Playoffs, 5pm June 21, 6pm June 22, 5pm June 28 & 6pm June 29

■ **IN 13 WEEKS:** "Hot Men, Hotlanta," annual raft race down Chattahoochee River, Atlanta, Aug. 3-5

■ **IN 13 WEEKS:** 21.06 Freedom Celebration, Dallas, Aug. 17-19

■ **IN 13 WEEKS:** Castro Street Fair, Aug. 19, San Francisco

■ **IN 13 WEEKS:** Republican National Convention opens, Dallas, August 20

■ **IN 14 WEEKS:** "Series 8," Gay World Series Softball Tournament opens Memorial Park, Houston, Aug. 26-31

■ **IN 18 WEEKS:** opening of Texas Freedom Festival, Dallas, Sept. 16-23

■ **IN 19 WEEKS:** Texas Freedom Festival event: Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner, Dallas, Sept. 22 (tentative)

■ **IN 19 WEEKS:** Texas Freedom Festival event: Texas Gay Pride Parade and Rally, Dallas, Sept. 23

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Gay Rights National Lobby—POB 1892, Washington, DC 20013—(202) 546-1801  
Human Rights Campaign Fund—POB 1396, Washington, DC 20013—(202) 546-2025  
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National Association of Business Councils—Box 15445, San Francisco, CA 94115—(415) 885-6363  
National Association of Gay & Lesbian Democratic Clubs—1742 Mass Av SE, Washington, DC 20003—(202) 547-3104  
National Gay Health Education Foundation—POB 784, New York, NY 10036—(212) 563-6313 or Dr Greenberg at (713) 523-5204  
National Gay Rights Advocates—540 Castro, San Francisco, CA 94114—(415) 863-3624  
National Gay Task Force—80 5th Av, New York, NY 10011—(212) 741-5800  
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### DALLAS—

**GAY CHUBBIES & CHASERS**  
Dallas Girth & Mirth meets monthly every 2nd Saturday. Next meeting May 12. For info write POB 190811, Dallas, TX 75219  
Affirmative—528-4913: meets 3pm 2nd Sun

AIDS Action Project: affiliate Oak Lawn Counseling Center

AIDS Information Line—c/o Oak Lawn Counseling Center, 3409 Oak Lawn—528-2181 24 hours  
Black & White Men Together—POB 36133, 75235—821-4838

Church of Christ gay support group—Kerry Dees at 522-5115

Citizens on Patrol (COPs)—526-5313

Community Productions & Community Arts Foundation—3331 Knight suite D—521-2037, 824-1263: Gay Pride Week presentation Jun 23  
Dallas Alternative Business Association—POB 190664, 75219—528-6130

Dallas Dinner Committee—521-8919: Texas Freedom Festival's Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner Sept 22 (tentative)

Dallas Gay Alliance—Box 190712, 75219—528-4233: Gay Pride Week Country-Western Hoedown, street fair, outdoor concert and barbecue Jun 24; Gay Pride Week Dena Kaye Show, Round-Up, Jun 24; Texas Freedom Festival's Texas Command Performance Sept 21

Dallas Gay Historic Archives—6146 St Moritz, 75214

Dallas Gay Political Caucus—political action committee of Dallas Gay Alliance

Dallas Girth & Mirth—POB 190811, 75219: meets 2nd Sat

Dallas Motorcycle Club—POB 190525, 75219: meets 2nd Wed at Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser

Dallas Tavern Guild: Texas Freedom Festival Big Event Carnival Sept 16

Evangelical Concerned—2901 Knight #111/75219—522-2061

Friends & Relatives of Gays—530-9358: meets 3rd Sat

Gay Academic Union of N Texas—POB 2402, 75221—821-5833

Gay & Lesbian Student Support Organization—Box 1636, SMU, Dallas 75275

Gay Community Center—3920 Cedar Springs—528-4233: employment, housing, voter registration, tourist info; open 12-8pm Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat

Gay & Lesbian Jews of the Metroplex—827-9161 or 337-4102

Gay Pride Week '84 Planning Committee: fundraiser for steering committee, May 20, Unicorn; Dallas Gay Pride Week Jun 23-30, "Pride III '84," "Unity & More in '84"; Dallas Gay Alliance Country-Western Hoedown, street fair, outdoor concert and barbecue Jun 24; Dallas Gay Alliance sponsored Dena Kaye Show at the Round-Up, Jun 24; Turtle Creek Chorale concerts, SMU, Jun 26, 29, 30; GRACE-coordinated Stonewall Observance, commemorative march to Lee Park, non-religious candlelight observation, Jun 27; bar-sponsored events Jun 27; Texas All-Star Softball Games, hosted by Oak Lawn Softball Assoc, Dallas vs Houston, Jun 30; Razzle Dazzle Dallas, New Convention Center, Jun 30

Gay Unitarians of Dallas: meet 2nd Sun, 7:30pm, First Unitarian Church of Dallas, 4015 Normandy, University Park

Gayline/Community Resource Center—POB 190835, 75219—748-6790

GRACE: Gay Pride Week Stonewall Observance, commemorative march to Lee Park, non-religious candlelight observation, Jun 27

Grace Fellowship in Christ Jesus, Grace Ministries—POB 29729, 75229—243-2924

Hispanic Task Force: subgroup of Dallas Gay Alliance

Holy Trinity Community Church—4402 Roseland—827-5088: services 11am, 7:30pm Sun

Imperial Court of the Shooting Stars—POB 26666 75226—827-9216: meet 2pm 3rd Sun, 5534 Merrimac

Integrity/Dallas-Ft Worth—522-6305: meets last Thurs of month

La Nuit Chaude—POB 140213, 75214—526-8060

Ladies & Men Bowlers of Dallas Association (LAMBDA)—Circle Bowl, 10011 Denton Drive—Paul 526-7453, Alicia 620-2385: bowls 7pm Thurs

Lambda Group of Alcoholics Anonymous—4525 McKinney—487-7667 24 hours: meetings Mon-Sat 8am, noon, 6pm, 8pm & 11pm; Sun 1pm, 6pm, 8pm, 11pm

Lambda Weekly—c/o Dallas Gay Alliance: 12-1pm Sun, KNON, 90.9FM

Little Feather Productions: Gay Pride Week presentation Jun 23

Lutherans Concerned/DFW—POB 881, Bedford 76021—(214) 526-2553

Metroplex Republican Society—POB 190510, 75219—521-9638

Metropolitan Community Church—2701 Reagan—526-6221

Oak Lawn Bowling Association—Jim Beck at 528-2963: plays at at Bronco Bowling Lanes, Oak Cliff, 8:30pm Mon

●Oak Lawn Counseling Center—3409 Oak Lawn #202—528-2081: alcohol & drug dependencies workshops 7pm Mon & Thurs

Oak Lawn Forum—3635 Lemmon Av, Suite 215, POB 191187, 75219—521-4597

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Oak Lawn Softball Association—president Steve Tracey 651-8295, Val Mastrianni 559-2819, 522-9335, 521-7525, 522-9204, 349-8431: Texas All-Star Softball Games, Dallas vs Houston, Jun 30

Oak Lawn Symphonic Band—POB 190973, 75219—351-6697: meets Tues, 7pm, MCC, 2701 Reagan; Gay Pride Week presentation Jun 23

Oak Lawn Tennis Association—Sam Yee at 739-2726 or 823-2051: plays noon Sun & 7:30pm Wed at Cole Park Tennis Courts

Oak Lawn Volleyball Association—Jim Goodwin at 526-6433 after 6pm: practice Wed, 7-9pm, Reverchon Recreation Center, 3505 Maple

Razzle Dazzle Dallas—POB 50031, 75250: Gay Pride Week event, New Convention Center, Jun 30

Safeplace—698-3483, 6pm-12am

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Texas Freedom Festival: week Sept 16-23; "Big Event" carnival sponsored by Dallas Tavern Guild Sept 16; Texas Command Performance sponsored by Dallas Gay Alliance Sept 21 (tentative); Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner, Sept 22 (tentative); Texas Gay Pride Parade & Rally, Sept 23

Texas Human Rights Foundation—3128 Lemmon Ave E #304—522-5991

Trash of America—POB 36235, 75235—521-3221

Turtle Creek Chorale—POB 190806, 75219—368-5500, 821-3086: Gay Pride Week presentations Jun 26, 29, 30, SMU

21.06 Freedom Celebration: weekend Aug 17-19; cocktail party, 4001, 4001 Cedar Springs, Aug 17; banquet Aug 17

### DENTON—

Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force—POB AK, 76201—387-8216

### FT WORTH—

Agape Metropolitan Community Church—4615 SE Loop 820—535-5002: Gay Pride Week dedication, services Jun 10; Gay Pride Week AIDS benefit Jun 16

Center for the Community—2412 Lipscomb—926-3521: meet 7:30pm Tues; Gay Pride Week event Jun 12

Cowtown Leathermen: Gay Pride Week party Jun 13

Dignity—Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge—283-8588: meets 1st & 3rd Mon

FW Gay Pride Assoc—POB 3235, 76113—294-2447, 877-4419: meets 7pm 1st Mon, Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb; Gay Pride Week Jun 10-16; Mr & Ms Gay Pride Week contest Jun 8, sponsored by Tarrant County Gay Alliance, Sir Bud's, 600 W Magnolia; Agape MCC Gay Pride Week dedication, services Jun 10; WADS Gay Pride Week Street Fair, Jun 10, 600 S Jennings; Longhorn Bowling League Gay Pride Week Party Jun 11; Center for the Community & National Lambda Gay Pride Week event Jun 12; Cowtown Leathermen Gay Pride Week party Jun 13; Imperial Council Gay Pride Week party Jun 14, Come Along Inn, 515 S Jennings; Gay Pride Week party Jun 15, 651 Club Arlington, 1851 W Division, Arlington; Gay Pride Picnic sponsored by Court of the Golden Lion Jun 16, Forest Park; Agape MCC Gay Pride Week AIDS benefit Jun 16

FW Sports Assoc—332-2091

Gay Hot Line—926-3521

Imperial Court of FW/Arlington (Court of Golden Lion)—870-2470: Meets 3rd Sun monthly at 2412 Lipscomb; Imperial Council Gay Pride Week party Jun 14, Come Along Inn, 515 S Jennings; Gay Pride Picnic Jun 16

Lambda Group of Alcoholics Anonymous—332-3533: meetings 8pm Mon-Sat & 2pm Sun

Longhorn Bowling League: Gay Pride Week Party Jun 11

Lutherans Concerned/DFW—POB 881, Bedford 76021—(817) 595-1176

National Lambda—POB 470282, 76147—478-2872; Gay Pride Week event Jun 12

Tarrant Co Gay Alliance—Center for the Community, 2412 Lipscomb—926-8242: meets 1st Thurs; Mr & Ms Gay Pride Week contest Jun 8, Sir Bud's, 600 W Magnolia

Texas Gay Rodeo Assoc—Jack Guthrie at 877-0781

Wednesday Afternoon Drinking Society (WADS): Gay Pride Week Street Fair Jun 10, 600 S Jennings

### ARLINGTON—

Gay/Lesbian Association of UTA—POB 19348-77, UTA, 76019—(817) 860-6801: meets 1st Wed & 3rd Thurs

### AMARILLO—

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### MIDLAND—

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### NORMAN, OKLA—

Gay & Lesbian Activist Alliance—329-7758, 329-6877, 360-3640

### OKLAHOMA CITY—

Dignity—3901 SW 29th—842-0518

Gay Community Center—2135 NW 39th—232-1312

Metropolitan Community Church—1900 NW 17th—521-8352

Oklahomans for Human Rights—POB 207, 73101: meets 2nd Sun, 7:30pm, Hilton Inn Northwest

OHR Gay Helpline—232-1312

### SHREVEPORT—

Gay Pride Committee—POB 16, 71161

Metropolitan Community Church—1134 Shreveport-Barksdale Hwy—221-8875

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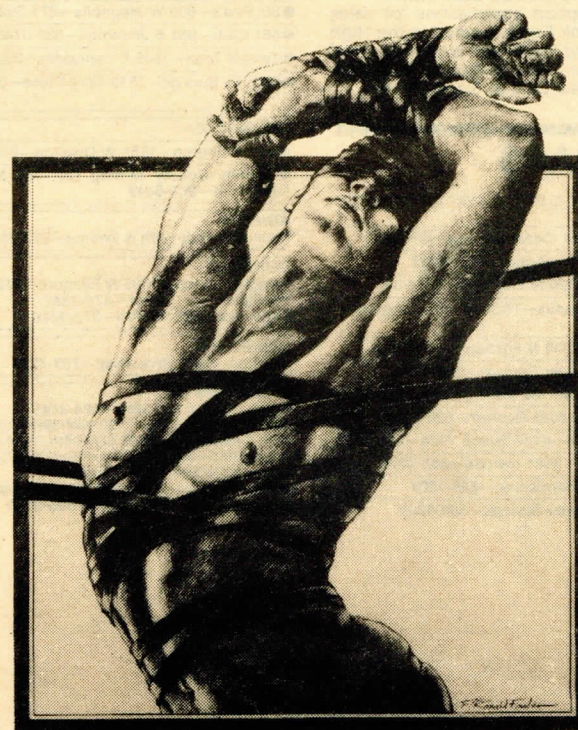
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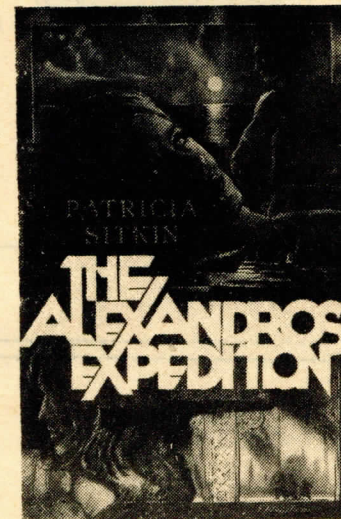


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## The Dirt on Your Astrological Sign

By Adrian

For Friday, May 11, 1984, through Thursday, May 17, 1984:

**ARIES**—That cute trick over by the cigarette machine at the Ranch wants to come on to you, but your star charts show that while your body may be screaming "Yes, yes, yes!" your emotional condition cannot bear up to someone whose idea of a good time is to strap on headsets and listen to Van Halen's "Jump!" with the volume setting on 10. Next time you're in Bentley's, come on to the waiter again. This time he might—and he likes country music, too. Romance is in store.

**TAURUS**—Yours truly has a hard time getting along with a Taurus. But, nevertheless, it's an excellent sign and you have a good reading this week. Be on the lookout for money (especially when there are clumsy drunks at the service bar) and a new love. (Old romances are about as common with you as Nehru jackets at 4001 anyway. I'm not saying you're not true: you're true to yourself.

**GEMINI**—With your unique "double" personality, you can be hanging out on the Hidden Door patio and posing in JR's at the same time! This ability confuses your friends and makes your lovers nervous. This week, try real hard to get your act ... er ... straight. Keep an eye on your cash and don't sign legal documents under duress this week.

**CANCER**—Your mood shifts from Fort Worth to Dallas, from the Lumber Company to Richard's Cafe American this week. In short, you are undecided and going vaguely crazy. It'll sort itself out by the end of the month and you will finally decide if you want hot men or hot food. A little of both has never occurred to you.

**LEO**—This is the week to take a break from all that "creativity" and "generosity" for which Leos are famed. Don't do anything that might cause someone to suspect you are a Leo. Except, of course, buying rounds of drinks for the house at the Snake Pit and making John a new sign for the door at the Round Up. You will meet a tall, dark stranger who will probably mug you on Knight Street.

**VIRGO**—Stop pretending you're such a virgin and get out there and ENJOY! Your shyness is perceived as snobbishness by many this week, and you will miss getting a trick in Crew's Inn, the Fraternity House, Patrick's, the Eighth Day and even Moon Dreams! However, you will get lucky at the 651 Club. But he won't want to drive back to Dallas.

**LIBRA**—Boy, is this your week! Not only will you top your previous record week for scoring (remember, 2-a-day every day, 7-days!), but you will NOT come down with any penicillin-resistant diseases, either. Avoid dull places and dull people this week (you know where, you know who ...). The other signs of the zodiac will all envy you.

**SCORPIO**—Are you still at home watching the home fires burn? Are there only embers left in the fireplace? That's because you haven't stoked it enough. This is the week for stoking, if you know what I mean, and I think you do. To get those flames roaring again, call every number in your little black book and remind them who you are and that you're alive and well. Never forget that you must live up to your nickname of "helium heels."

**SAGITTARIUS**—So very few people are born under this sign that I don't know why I even bother. Just kidding. (Really, I am!) SAGs are sensitive and loyal—perfect for being gay. And you are. Very gay, that is. In any event, your quest for the perfect love relationship is ill-fated this week. Instead of trying to hard to be perfect, relax a little and take in a little atmosphere at Tequila Sunrise or the Other Place in Fort Worth or Studio 4 and Throckmorton Mining Company in Dallas. Wear your best smile. They will notice you.

**CAPRICORN**—Oh my god! Have you seen your star chart for this week?! Well, I'm here to tell ya that you had better park your car, avoid heavy machinery and even shy away from nail clippers for this week. You are star-crossed and may be prone to accidents. If you don't believe it, consider what happened with that trick you picked up at Lobo Books yesterday! Too bad. And he was such a nice guy, too. Your accidents are not accidents this week; they're pre-ordained and almost unavoidable. The only thing that might help is if you take all your cash from your wallet and mail it to ADRIAN, c/o GAY NEWS. I'll fix it up for you by retouching your charts.

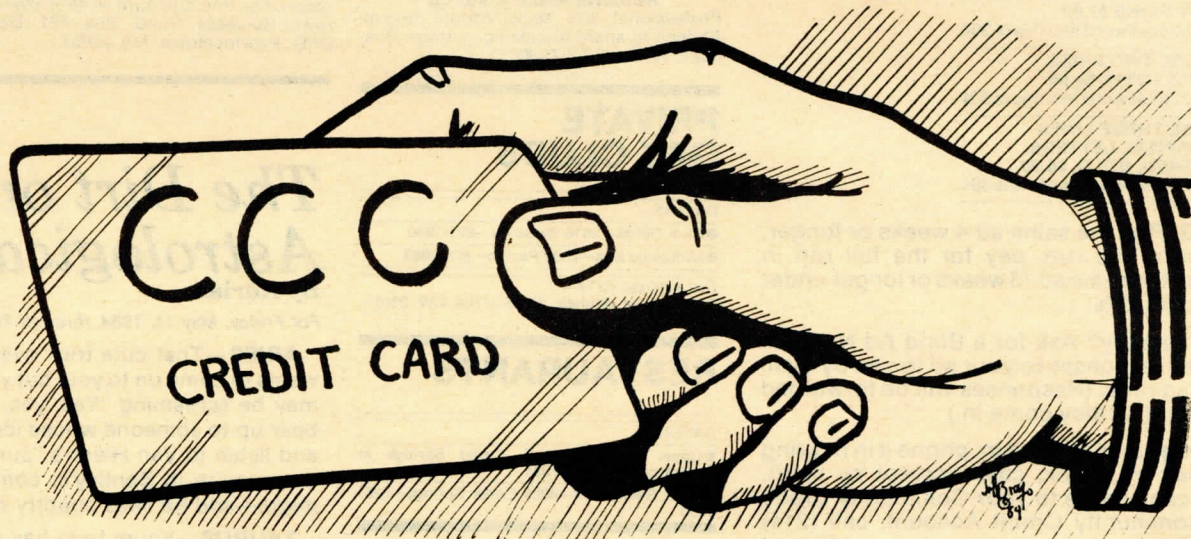
**AQUARIUS**—Just because you're a water sign doesn't mean there's a spot on the beach at Hippie Hollow with your name on it for Memorial Weekend. Tie up loose details and make better plans for the future this week. Also, pay up your outstanding bar tabs. You will meet and fall for a Leo this week. He'll be buying rounds of drinks at the Snake Pit, and you will drink like a fish while finding him irresistible. Take the plunge.

**PISCES**—Bartenders love you 'cause you tip so well. Good for you! Bartenders are some of the most underappreciated people on earth—and many of them are Pisces. Your financial situation improves this week, and your roommate will finally do his share of the household chores. Could you ask for a better week? Probably, but don't.

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