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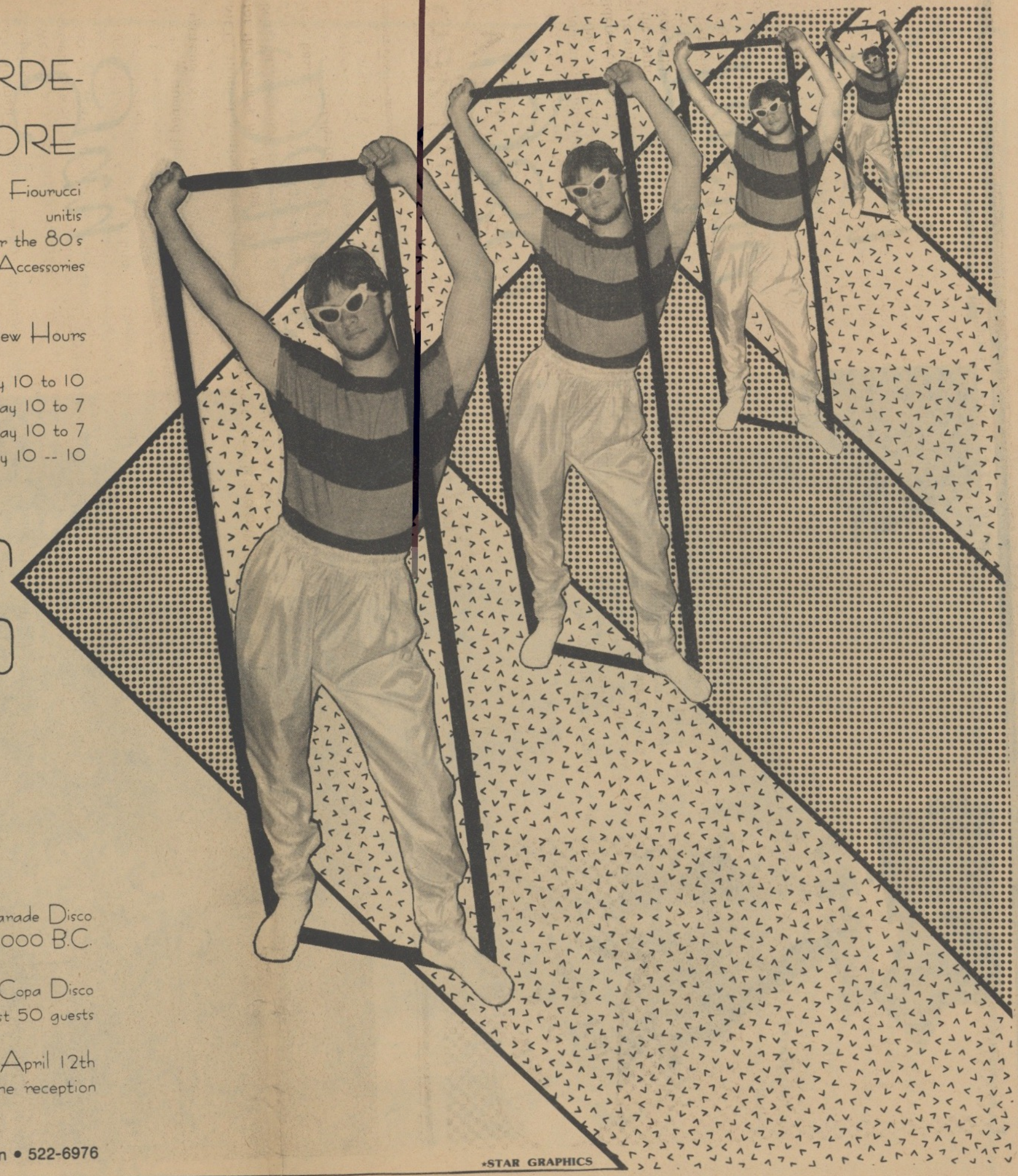
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LOCAL

Pittenger

Holds Entertaining Talk at MCC

By Roy Hall
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

If you had the idea that all theologians are dull, stodgy creatures whose chief delight in life is establishing themselves as pedantic bores to sedate unwary worshippers and intimidate the unworthy, guess again.

Dr. Norman Pittenger is a definite exception to such a rule.

We were privileged to meet this 75-year-old man Sunday, March 30, just before he spoke during the evening service at Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas. We had met him on several other occasions as well, and it was a pleasure chatting with him as he donned his special clerical vestments for the service.

As Rev. Don Eastman, pastor of MCC, finished putting on his robe for the services by knotting a rope belt, Dr. Pittenger pointed to the dangling ends of the rope and advised Rev. Eastman to make sure he had the loose ends of the rope hanging on the proper side (referring to the practice of wearing keys on one's belt), adding with a droll smile: "You see, I do know some things."

Dr. Pittenger, the author of some 75 books (the most recent of which is not yet been published in the United States), was in Dallas as a part of his annual tour of the US. Since his first visit to Dallas as a speaker for MCC's General Conference (although he previously taught at SMU for a number of years) in 1975, he has made it a point to include MCC-Dallas in his itinerary, along with such prestigious congregations as St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, where, he reported, he had seen several MCC'ers playing hookey earlier that day.

Dr. Pittenger, who is presently a professor of divinity at Kings College, Cambridge, England, authored a book on gay lifestyles published by Fellowship Press, the publishing branch of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.



'Gay Church' To Launch TV Program

The founder of Metropolitan Community Churches and the clerk of the denomination's Board of Elders were in Dallas Friday, March 28, to announce plans for the future of the church.

Rev. Elder Troy Perry and Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson presented a multi-media history and future of the rapidly expanding church, which has now reached 150 congregations around the world, including Europe, Africa and Australia as sites of present churches.

The denomination was founded in October of 1968, at which time Rev. Perry, rejected by his previous church affiliaton because of his homosexuality, had no idea of the great potential for growth and outreach offered by his group of ten people meeting to worship in his apartment.

Rev, Perry was nor destined to remain working at Sears, however, and the new group caught on. Visitors, impressed with the spirituality of the congregation, obtained charters for groups in their own cities, and in 1970 a Dallasite, Rob Shivers, travelled to Los Angeles with her companion to visit their first MCC worship service and returned to found what subsequently grew to the present congregation of over 400 members.

The presentation, which took place at the Anatole Hotel, is scheduled for Houston and other cities internationally and announces plans for a Fellowship national radio and, later, television show.

These shows, in addition to providing an outreach for the denomination itself, would also be of impressive value in demonstrating to the straight community the validity of the gay lifestyle and the authenticity of gay spiritual expression.

Metropolitan Community Church and its leaders are not newcomers to the political scene, with the Rev. Perry having held public offices in Los Angeles, Perry and other campaigning actively in the "No on 6" campaign to protect the rights of gay teachers in California, and the former Dallas pastor Jim Harris running for the Dallas City Council.

Individuals interested in obtaining assitional information or in making a deductable contribution to the efforts to put MCC on the radio and on television may write to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches at 5900 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029, to the attention of Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson.



NATIONAL

Anti-Sodomy Law Sought By Mormon Cop

SEATTLE - (IGNA) - The Mormon police officer who was one of the forces arrayed against gays in the Initiative 13 fight here has placed before the legislature a bill attacking sodomy (as defined by the bill's author), child prostitution, and pornography using sodomy.

Although some might say this sounds like three bills, David Estes, the officer, insists that these issues are so closely related they should be considered in one bill.

Estes proposes that "persons engaging in acts of sodomy in the state of Washington shall be considered emotionally or mentally disturbed and not criminal.'

Although it is not mentioned in the bill itself, according to *GCC Newsletter*, Estes believes that people who engage in acts of sodomy should be given mental health care at state expense, voluntarily if they agree, involuntarily if they do not.

Under section 2 of the bill it would be illegal "for any private individual, agency, group, corporation, business, company or non-profit organization to sell or distribute and/or manufacture, for profit, any material that encourages, advocates or promotes acts of sodomy."

If passed, this bill would forbid any governmental agency or any agency that receives government support of any kind from advocating rights for sexual minorities.

Another sweeping section would raise the age of sexual consent to 18 and make it a felony to engage in acts of prostitution with "children."

The reason Estes feels that sodomy, pornography, and child prostitution are linked is that "Eighty percent of pornography uses sodomy and 40-year-old men use these pictures to entice youngsters to commit prostitution, and also pornography gives the customers ideas they want to try."

So far the bill has received little support in the legislature.

The next move, according to Estes, is to gather approximately 130,000 signatures and put the measure to a vote of the people in November, 1981.

Gay Union Denial Challenged by ACLU

FULLERTON, CA - (IGNA) - Lawyers of the American Civil Liberties Union said they will force trustees of the North Orange County Community College District to change a vote that rejected the presence of a homosexual club on the campus of Fullerton College.

Fullerton of the home of California Senator John Briggs who authored Proposition 6 which denied employment of gay teachers and was soundly defeated by the voters of California.

Two weeks ago, the college trustees were asked to ratify the existence of Gay-Lesbian Student Education Union, which student-trustees advised the majority of trustees that they had the legal right to organize.

At the regular College District meeting, attorney for the ACLU Susan McGreivey, said she could not believe that the board of trustees, knowing that the Gay/Lesbian Union had a legal right, would consciously deny it. "That's a bad example for the youth," she said, "defying the law."

Only one trustee declined to go along with the board and had voted to give the club the right to have the same facilities granted to it as other student clubs on campus.

Keran Schmidt of the gay union said that, as a result of the trustee action, the club had been deprived of its postal address at the campus and other privileges.

ACLU attorney McGrievey said she had supplied case law to the trustees at state and federal level which ruled that homosexual clubs could be legally represented on campus.

She said she hoped that the trustees would, "comply voluntarily by the next board meeting, two weeks hence," otherwise she, "would immediately go to court on the case."

John Briggs was not available for comment.



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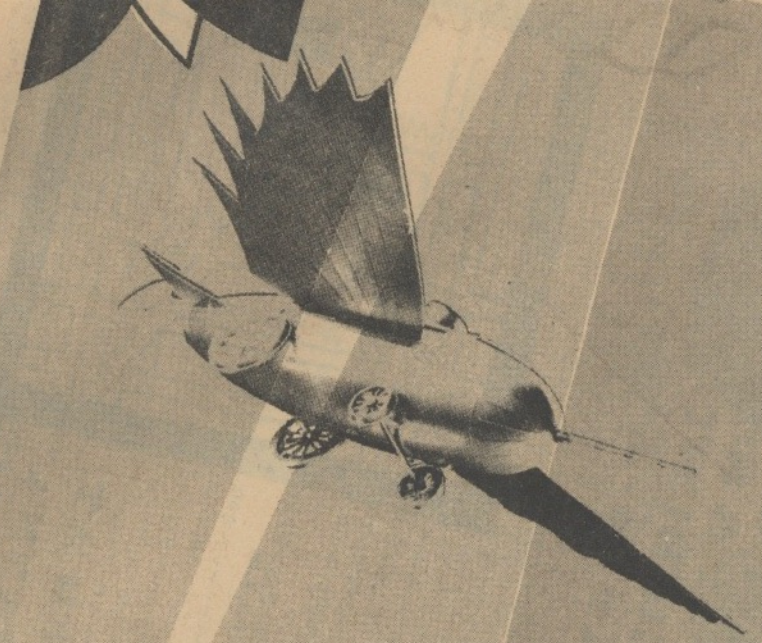
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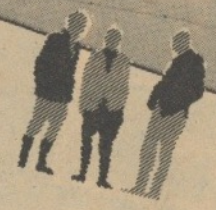
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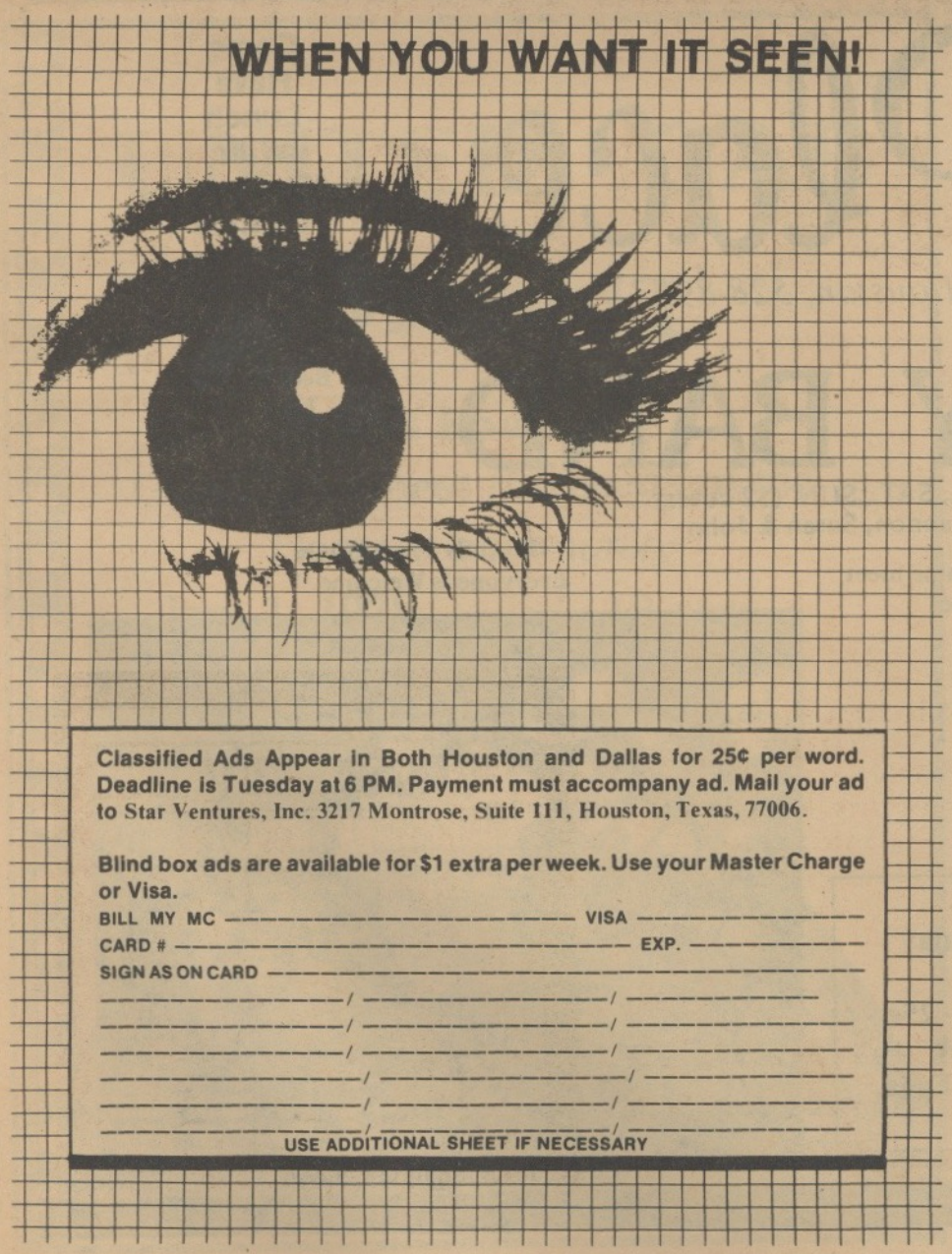
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COOKING

By Bert Hollister
STAR PUBLISHER

Sukiyaki Dish is a Gourmet's Delight

I got the recipe for this wonderful Sukiyaki dish from acress Debra Paget Kung. It's just fantastic!

Sukiyaki

- Half-pound beef per person.
- Four bunches of green onions.
- A few tablespoons of oil.
- One cup white wine.
- Soya sauce, sugar and salt.

Halve the green onions. Saute in oil in an electric skillet. Add the rest of the ingredients, putting the meat on top of the onions.

Cook from one to two minutes. Turn the meat over and cook until done.

Serve over steamed rice.

Let's now do some cooking from our neighbors down south. This recipe comes from Mickey Gilley.

Tamale Pie or
Cowboy Heaven

- Three cans tamales (15 ounces).
- Three cans chili without beans.
- One cup fine chopped roast beef.
- One can whole kernel corn.
- Two cups corn chips (taco flavored).
- One large onion, chopped.
- One large green pepper, chopped.
- Two cups grated cheddar cheese.

Peel tamales, arrange in a 12-cup pan, and set aside. Combine chili, beef, and corn in a broiler, heat slowly.

Sprinkle corn chips over tamales, then add one half of chili mixture, onions, and green pepper. Add the rest of the tamales and repeat with remaining mixture of chili, onions, and green pepper.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

Sprinkle cheese over the top and bake for an additional five minutes or until cheese melts.

West German Denied Citizenship

KPFT - A federal judge in Virginia has denied US citizenship to a West German hairdresser, who has been living in the United States since 1967 as a resident alien, because the man is a homosexual.

US District Judge Oren Lewis has denied the naturalization request of Horst Nemetz of Springfield, Virginia. In his three-page opinion, Judge Lewis described homosexuality as "licentious living" that is "likely to lead to moral decay."

However, homosexuality is not listed in either immigration regulations or federal law as grounds for denying aliens US Citizenship.

Judge Lewis ruled that Nemetz had failed to establish that he has been a person of good moral character because he refused to answer questions about his sexual conduct.

Nemetz's lawyer, in the meanwhile, says he will appeal the case. Attorney Richard Murray said, "The issue is whether private sexual acts between consenting adults have anything to do with laws governing citizenship."

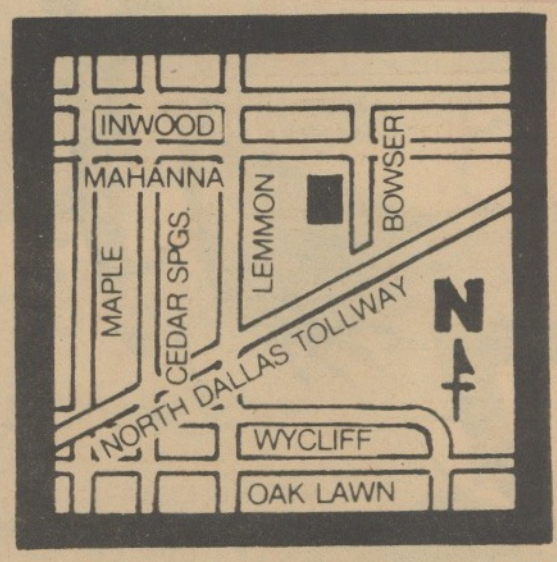


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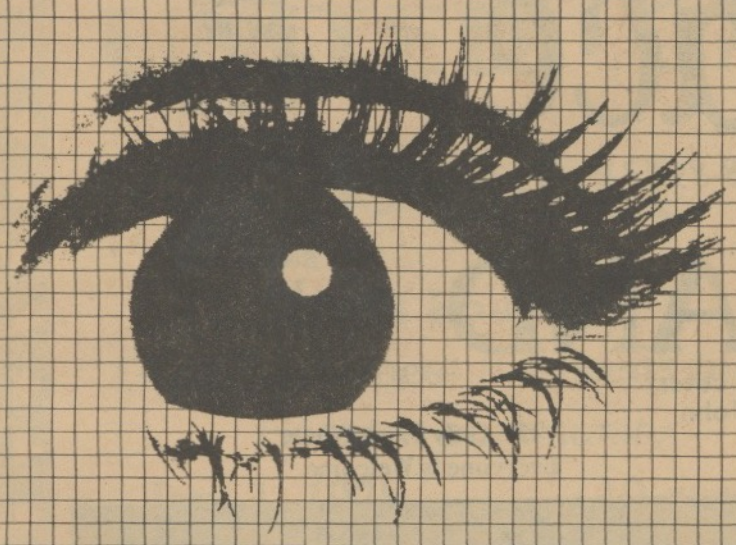
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Taxation is Set on a Dangerous Course

By Bert Hollister
STAR PUBLISHER

The United States faces challenges as disasterous as any in our history. Although the dangers we have today are less definable than those in the 1940's, they are just as serious a threat.

Our economic strength has saved us in the past, but now, with an incompetent congress, our economy is falling because of unsound government policies, mainly our taxation policies.

Taxes have been burdened on work, savings, investments, and along with other government mismanagements, the growth of America economically has virtually halted.

What does this mean for you and me? This means less *real* income for us. And this means less dominant influence in global markets and in our international affairs. We can see it now. We can send the armadas and armies to save the hostages -- but we cannot afford financially to support a war, and our enemies know our dollars are becoming weaker and our fleets older.

Therefore the threat of American power is coming from a toothless lion! We are no longer rich enough to stay the leading world power.

Taxes have not been boosted for 30 years. Inflation has boosted it! When your income goes up to help you make-up for inflated prices, you are booted into a higher tax bracket. If you get a 10 percent raise, your taxes get a 16 percent raise! This is a fast way to become poor. Even if you can save money, and few today can, inflation can wipe out any interest -- even if you were not taxed on your interest earnings! But you are taxed on them! This seems an overbearing problem for us who are known to be hard workers. I wonder how much this upside down situation bothers our elected representatives? It should, and if it does, they can certainly do something about it. What?

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Strengthen the dollar, have the financial ability to protect our country and its interests, and you will strengthen the rest of the world's respect and admiration of the United States. Everybody likes a winner. None a loser. It is a sound way to stay out of war!

It is up to us. We will set the future. In the ways we personally spend or save, in the way we allow our government to spend or save. In the way we demand of our candidates what they will do about the money situation. It is important for the gay community to demand of candidates what they feel about our rights . . . and it is important that the gay community demand answers satisfactory to fiscal policies, too!

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Assailant Dressed as Woman Shot, Killed by Officer

According to a report by Rob Meckel in the *Houston Post*, two men dressed in female clothing were flagged down by a plainclothes Houston Police Department officer. One of the two men was killed during a struggle after they tried to rob the officer at gunpoint, in the March 26 incident.

Police Officer A. W. William, 27, fatally wounded L.B. Harris, 21, address unknown, who was wearing a wig, and padded bra.

In a similar incident HPD officials are investigating a fatal stabbing by two men dressed as women. The incident happened outside a southwest Houston Nightclub.

According to the *Houston Post* report, officers Williams and F.A. Keys had arrested a suspected prostitute. Williams was driving her car to the police station when he was flagged down by two people, who appeared to be women, in the 4700 block of Main.

With one sitting in the front seat, with Williams, Harris, sitting in the back seat, pulled a pistol and demanded money, the investigators said. According to Detective William Young, Williams stopped the car near a vacant lot in the 1300 block of Rosedale, reached back and grabbed the gun. As he and Harris struggled, the other man fled.

Both Williams and Harris fell out of the car onto the ground. They struggled over the .32-caliber pistol, which discharged, hitting Harris in the chest at close range.

Police reports say Harris bit Williams on the back several times during the struggle, which required treatment at Hermann Hospital for deep wounds, some of which left large holes in the flesh.

Williams joined the HPD in November 1973 and was assigned to the vice squad on February.

Vice Division Sergeant Jerry Lineberry said Williams will be routinely reassigned to desk duty, pending completion of the HPD investigation.

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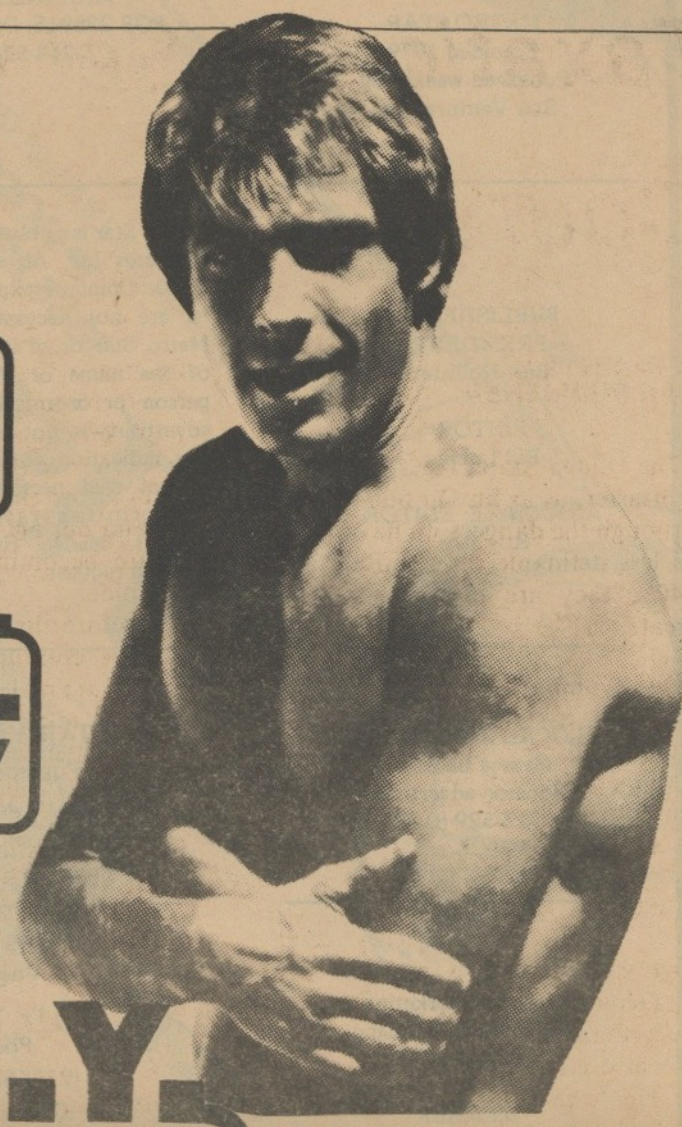
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Miss Gay Dallas Pageant



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Dallas - Wed., April 2, matched the excitement filled culmination of a star studded 2 day official 1980 Miss Gay Dallas Pageant.

A lineup of 18 contestants paraded their talents and features before a panel of judges who selected Fort Worth's Tasha Kohl as the new reigning Miss Gay Dallas.

Tasha was crowned by outgoing title holder Deva Sanchez before a packed house at the Landing.

Special guests, some in the show plus a number in the audience, included Miss Gay Universe, Tiffany Jones, Roxanne Russell, Deva Sanchez, Jimmy Dee, Cindy Birdsong, The Lady Shawn, Alan Allision, Linsey Love, Raina Lee, Lynn Christopher, Beth Bette Sheba to name only a few.

The task set before the five judges was not an easy one.

Included in the lineup of would-be title holders were perenial favorites such as, Lady Bashti and Leslie Michaels as well as talented entrants who's names were not familiar to this reporter. Noteworthy among the unfamiliar names were The Lady Peaches, winner of the Miss Congeniality Award and Dioanne Martel.

The new Miss Gay Dallas , Tasha Kohl, is a newcomer to the female impersonation scene, having made her Dallas Debut on March 23, at the Landing.

Chosen as First Runner Up was Chatty Cathy, Second Runner Up was Monique.

Miss Gay Dallas will be sponsored for entry into the Official Miss Gay Texas Contest, preliminaries to the Miss Gay America Pageant.

The *Star* congratulates each of the 18 contestants on the fine performances and entertaining evenings which they shared with us April 1 and 2.

A surprise footnote to the evening came when notorious police officer Danny Kain, noted for his strong anti-Gay feelings advised those in charge of the Pageant, that the police were aware of the Pageant and would not interfere or cause trouble, although the Pageant continued until 3 AM Thursday morning.

Marring the Pageant was the theft of a $1,500.00 gown borrowed by one of the contestants for the final lineup. The *Star* along with the producers encourage the theif to return the gown.

No questions will be asked.



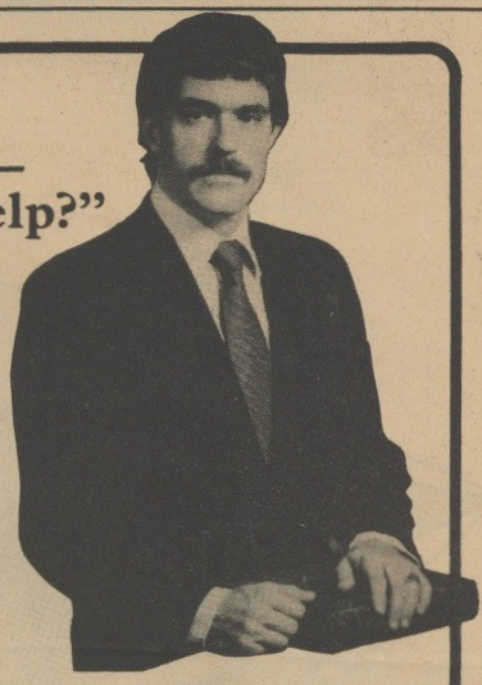


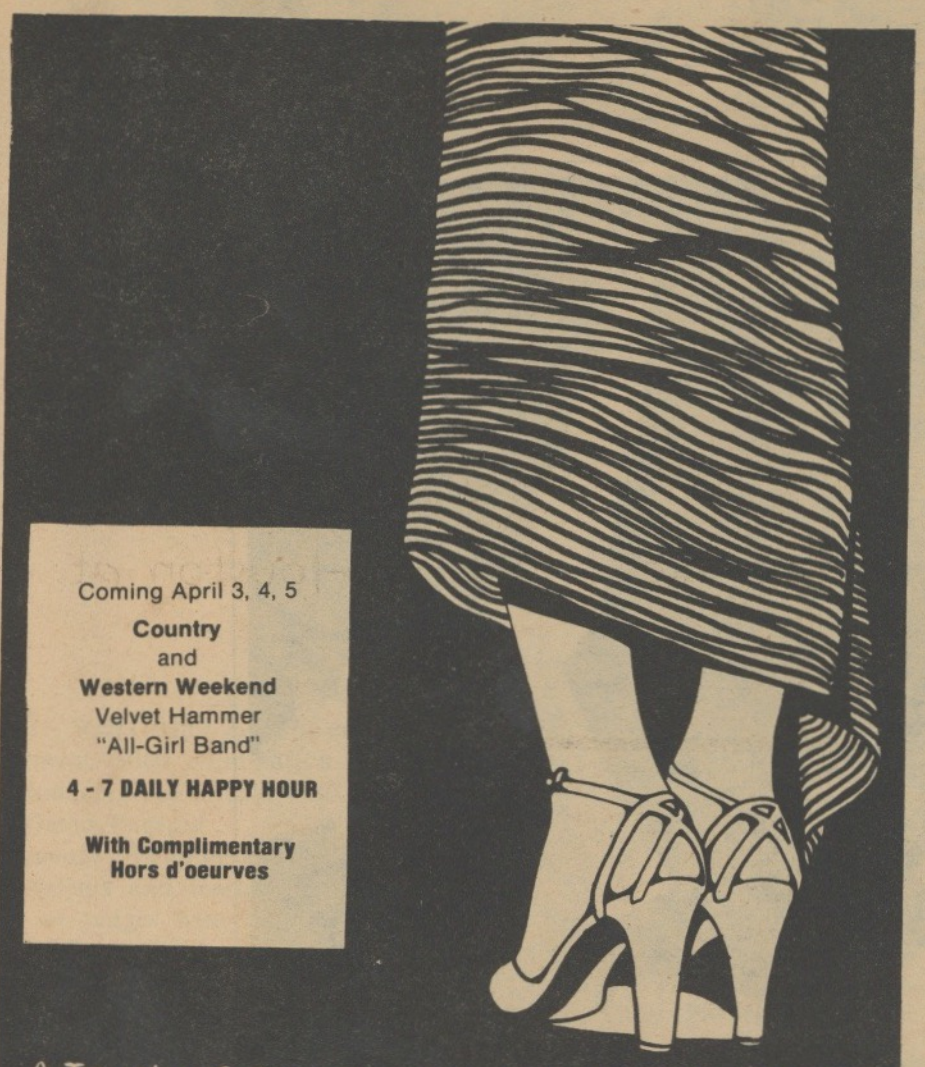
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Nature says that whenever Ariel Six crosses over either of those two points, it turns itself off.

The astronomers monitoring Ariel Six say that two of the craft's three power systems automatically shut down, while the third system just as mysteriously continues operating.

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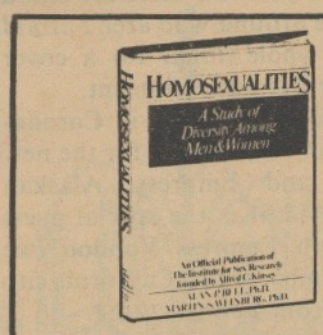
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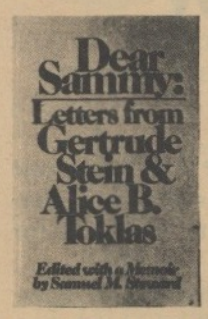
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METROBEAT

'Red Door' No Longer Gay But 'Split' Does

By Roy Hall
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For those of you are are partial to male skin uncoverage, there's good and bad news: First, the bad news.

When we stopped by the **Red Door** in Fort Worth, where male strippers are the order of the day for Friday nights, we saw the strangest looking male we've seen for a long time.

In fact, even without a close inspection we were able to observe that it *wasn't* a male. That's right.

All those photos on the walls and all gave us the hint without even being told: The **Red Door** has gone (choke, sob) straight.

The good news is that the **Split Image** has a sign up announcing male strippers for Thursday nights. Maybe we ought to check this out. We *know* there are some good-lookng hunks in Fort Worth, now if only we can get a few of them to 'share the wealth' by revealing all (or nearly all) for our eager eagle eyes.

Another bar which just closed last week is the **Mad Hatter**. However, like the **Phoenix**, it can be expected to rise again. Keep watching for the news.

On the Dallas scene, the grand opening of the new **Landing** (formerly **Raintree Landing, Bayou Landing, D-III** etc.) under new ownership attracted a nice crowd, mostly of female persuasion, where they are regaled with the music of the **Velvet Hammer**. Even thought the crowd was predominantly female, it is a mixed gender bar. Guys are more than welcome.

Whatever you do, don't miss the very special treat in store for gays at Dallas' **Granada Theatre, where the** *Consequence* is presently showing.

If you're going in hopes of seeing lots of lovely skin and hot action, forget it. *The Consequence* is a serious film with nothing pornographic, but I like it.

I regret that it could not have been properly dubbed rather than subtitled, but you can't have everything. Some stark scenes which stood out were the confrontation between Martin, Thomas, and Thomas' parents, the scene where Thomas' mother refuses to speak to him, and the episode where the reformatory youths get their jollies with Babette in an abandoned building – a distinct contrast to the tender ad genuine love scene between Martin and Thomas.

As we mentioned in our review, this is one you could take your straight friends or family to see. In fact, I'm speaking out in favor of kidnapping Anita Bryant and James Robison and making them sit throught the movie twice.

The moment we've been waiting for has come and gone.

That's right, and there are pix elesewhere in this issue of the **Official Miss Gay Dallas Pageant**. With all the talent signed up, what else could have been expected but a dynamite show!

The signs are coming up: On the side of the **Village Station** we spotted a large banner urging *you* to register to vote. We hope you did, because we need lots of people set up for the primaries in May.

April 3 was the deadline for the registration for the primaries, but you can still register for later elections.

The other sign we spotted is the new 'park if you're half crazy' warning (no, that isn't the wording, we didn't get a chance to read it) which has been posted in front of the moped shop at Travis and Fitzhugh to keep unwary gays from losing their cars to the **Able Wrecker Service** (service?)

We understand that the **Brazos River Rats** brought down the house at the **Wild Crowd Saloon** with a SRO crowd (that's sardine room only).

It's good to know there are still a few people around who aren't afraid to pay a whole dollar for a cover charge for live entertainment.

Countdown: Sunday is **Coronation Day** in Fort Worth for the new Emperor and Empress. Alaskan Emperor **M&M** is the special guest emcee, with **Empress Voodoo** (we can't remember which California city she hails from) co-emceeing.

Sunday, April 6, is Easter Sunday. Look for the full page ad elsewhere in this issue listing the names of churches serving and welcoming the gay community.

These churches want you to know that you can be gay and Christian at the same time, and now, a some churches would advocate, by becoming celibate.

Personally, we were raised n a church which had their own interpretation of what the Bible said about gays, but we've since discovered that they weren't always right. So if you have problems understanding how you can be gay and Christian at the same time, get in touch with one of these churches and fine out where they're coming from.

A follow-up reminder to save your April 17 open for a workshop on the Coming Out process; **Rev. Shawn Farrell** says this process lasts your entire Lifetime. The workshop is free, and will be at **United Community Church.**

Before we drop these subjects, we did want to mention that we understand the cantata presented by **MCC's** choir really got a warm reception.

There's more remodelling going on at **Tex's Ranch** . . . **Magnolia's** is having a live band in on Thursdays. And **Magnolia's** is the scene for the **DGPC Easter Party** April 6.

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Della Dallas Returns With a Few Words of Wisdom

(In accordance with the Star's *policy of providing real service to our readers, Della Dallas has drawn up the following guide to the art of cruising . . . for those of you who still haven't the knack.)*

• The further away the guy gets, the more interesting he becomes.

• The less interested he seems, the more attractive he appears.

• The more interested a prospect gets, the more likely he is to be so drunk he'll pass out instead of put out.

• If it looks like there's a salami down there, chances are he got it out of the refrigerator just before heading out.

• Never say 'yes': he'll think you're too easy to be any good.

• Never say 'no': he'll think you're playing hard-to-get and go looking for easier prey.

• Avoid people who come and ask you for sex; they're only after one thing (who isn't?) or they're undercover police trying to bust you for something.

• Never go out with someone older; it makes you look like you couldn't get something better.

• Never go out with someone younger; they haven't the experience to know what they're doing and you won't enjoy yourself.

• Never go out with someone your age; people will think you're really narcissistic and trying to get someone who will make it seem you're making love to yourself.

• Don't play prim and proper in the bar; he'll think you're frigid.

• Don't grope, fondle or show affection in the bar; you'll get busted.

• Don't stare at his crotch; nobody likes somebody whose interest is obvious.

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