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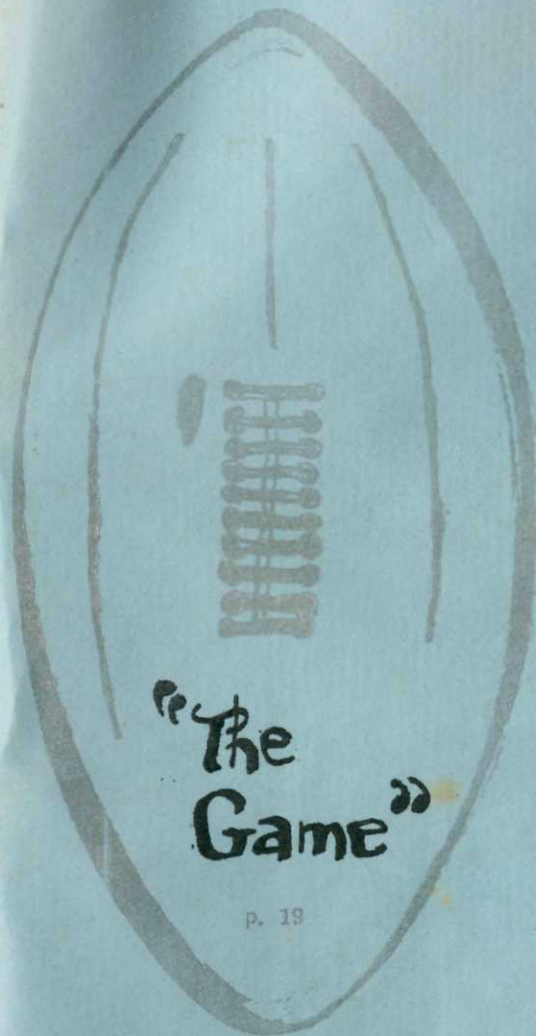
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"Quotables . . ."

"The Moral Majority is pseudo-Christianity,"—TV spokesperson for the National Black Pastors' Conference at Houston, October 1981 (Channel 2 News),

"Each 'moral majority' in our history has petered out for committing the ultimate political sin: It has bored the sovereign electorate seven days a week instead of uplifting it on Sunday."—John Roche, historian/columnist (Houston Chronicle, Oct. 5, 1981)

"Secular humanism is the New Right's all-purpose buzzword," (Willard) McGuire (President, National Education Assn.) said, 'used interchangeably with 'atheism' and 'communism' to stir up the collective blood pressure of America against public education.'" AP (The Houston Chronicle, Oct. 24, 1981)

"A backlash is developing against the Christian New Right political movement just at the time that the movement is gearing up to try to take over a majority of state legislatures in this country, say two prominent religious leaders (Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum of the American Jewish Committee and the Rev. Dr. James Dunn, a Southern Baptist leader.)"—Louis Moore (Houston Chronicle, Oct. 23, 1981)

"'America is in a rancorous mood these days. These moods have found different names: Nativism, Know-Nothingism, America First, the Ku Klux Klan, McCarthyism. Now we have the new righteousness and its prophet, the Moral Majority,' declared the Rev. Dr. Timothy S. Healy (President, Georgetown University)." —AP (Houston Chronicle, Oct. 2, '81)

"The Chicago and Committee on Fair Play, made up of 100 Chicago-area ministers and priests who say the New Christian Right is 'narrow-minded,' is attempting to exert influence on the nation's political scene without employing the tactics of the group it is trying to counter."—UPI (The Houston Post Oct. 11, 1981)

NEWS BRIEFS

REFERENDUM SOUGHT TO ALLOW HOUSING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GAYS (Austin, TX)—A movement called Citizens for Decency seeks a January 1982 referendum to permit property owners of the capital city to refuse to rent or sell property to homosexuals. The group alleges that its major support is from church members—Catholics, Protestants and Evangelicals.

The Austin City Council has proposed revising the Fair Housing Ordinance to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The citizens group expects that it will have the required petition signatures for an initiative referendum and it estimates that it will raise \$50,000 to campaign for its passage.

NEW MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC HOMOSEXUALS (Baltimore)—Archbishop William Borders has announced the establishment of a public ministry to Catholic homosexuals of the Baltimore Archdiocese. The Archbishop's decision for the ministry was based upon a report made at his request by a task force of nuns and priests. The task force concluded that homosexual orientation is not sinful as long as homosexuals remain chaste. Similar decisions have been reached in other archdioceses; among them, San Francisco, New York and Richmond (VA).

BAN ON HOMOSEXUAL DANCING AT DISNEYLAND UPHOLD (San Bernardino)—The 4th District Court of Appeals has upheld an Orange Co. (CA) superior court ruling that officials at Disneyland have the right to prohibit homosexuals dancing together on the premises. Andrew Exler of Fullerton made the appeal. He was ejected from Disneyland for dancing with a man there last year.

OREGON LAW SCHOOL CANCELS FBI RECRUITING (Eugene)—The University of Oregon Law School canceled an FBI campus recruiting visit recently. The University cited the FBI's policy against hiring homosexuals as its reason for the action. University policy prohibits the use of facilities by prospective employers who discriminate on bases not "directly or substantially related to effective job performance."

MaryLee **DONUTS**

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SEX LAW OVERTURNED (Washington, D. C.)—The U. S. House of Representatives has struck down an ordinance passed by the District of Columbia City Council that would have legalized most sexual acts between consenting adults in our nation's capital. The House vote (281-119) allows DC laws to stand that permit sex only between marriage partners in a face-to-face position. The House action, believed to have been due to pressure from religious fundamentalists, was the first instance Congress has repealed a DC ordinance not clearly in conflict with Federal interests.

TICKETS FOR SALE —LAST CALL! (Selma, Ala.)—America's orange warbler is coming out of "retirement" to give a public concert November 9 at Selma, Ala. for benefit of her group Protect America's Children. PAC is an anti-gay rights organization based at Selma. PAC's head is most noted for her 1977 anti-gay rights campaign—Save Our Children—in Dade County, Florida.

PACIFICA-WASHINGTON'S LICENSE CHALLENGED (Washington, D.C.)—The District of Columbia Pacifica Foundation radio station WPFW-FM has had its application for license renewal actively opposed before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by the American Legal Foundation (ALF). ALF chairman, Daniel J. Popeo, said that challenges to all Pacifica stations, including KPFT-FM at Houston, might follow if the Washington renewal is successfully blocked. The legal foundation describes its political position only as "pro-free-enterprise." ALF alleges that Pacifica-Washington has consistently violated FCC regulations and federal laws governing broadcasting. Pacifica stations are often controversial because their format allows minority opinion, including homosexual advocacy, to be aired. Houston's gay community has long associated KPFT-FM with its Wilde 'n Stein Show dedicated exclusively to gay interests.

THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (ERA)—Recent Events
The National Organization for Women (NOW) held its 14th annual convention in Washington, D.C. during October. NOW President Eleanor Smeal said that if the ERA fails to pass there will be less chance of equalizing the salary differences between men and women.

A \$1 million pro-ERA advertising campaign was announced by NOW. Endorsements by celebrities will be featured in the ads: among the notables will be former First Lady Betty Ford, actor Alan Alda (MASH), actor Paul Neuman and his wife actress Joanne Woodward, and the stars of "All in the Family"—Carroll O'Connor and Jean Stapleton (Archie and Edith Bunker).

From the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, three prominent Republican women—Betty Ford; Helen Milliken, wife of the governor of Michigan; and Mary Crisp, former Co-chairman of the Republican National Committee—denounced President Reagan's state-by-state approach to women's rights. (The President supports equal rights for women, but not the ERA.) Lady Bird Johnson also spoke at the rally and said that her family all support the ERA.

NOW canvassed 30 cities in October to sign up persons to contact influential political leaders on behalf of the ERA. NOW's goal is a "message brigade" one million strong. In Texas, Houston and Austin were canvassed.

The states which have not ratified the ERA are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia. Three more states must ratify before the ERA can become effective. The deadline for passage is June 30, 1982.

The Amendment states, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

About Women

by DR. LINDA PARKS, Ph. D.

BEHAVIOR

One of the greatest needs in human behavior is constant stimulation. It stands to reason that in order to achieve this, constant changes in life styles are necessary. Once the human species falls down into a routine, into a bored state, it becomes irritable and aggressive and looks for avenues to release the stored energy. The homosexual community has long been the target of this built-up hostility. However, we are not the only target; we are only one of many minority groups that become part of the majority's hatred and envy.

For stimulation and for the exercising of their human rights, young Germans are stripping off their clothing in public places and strolling through the English Garden. They are creating havoc among the "decent citizens who want to use the garden for recreational purposes." As you can see, right away it has become an issue of who is "decent" and who is not. So, you see, society in Germany, or society in the United States always has its irrate do-gooders, who seem to lurk around in dark corners and you never seem to see or hear anything of them until they have an opportunity to strike out at a group or an individual. They never seem to contribute much to the world, except in hatred and harassment. I say "Good Show" to the young Germans, and "Good Luck" in their struggle for individual expression.

Now, we Lesbians have not gone so far as to strip off our clothing in public, but then we are not traditionally the sunbathers that the German people are. We just want to hold hands or show some simple affection. I'd hate to

think what the public's reaction would be if we dared to bare our bottoms in public.

I'd like to bring to your attention also an article I recently read in the National Enquirer, 'about homosexuals and the fact that we do not live as long as straights, do not live as happily as straights, we have more diseases, a higher rate of suicides, more mental illnesses, more auto accidents, and to top it off we contribute over 20 per cent of all cases of gonorrhea and one-third of all cases of syphilis. The Enquirer refers to the straight community as being "normal" and this in itself is quite questionable. As a psychologist, I have not been able to determine for a fact what is normal, and I doubt if it will ever be clearly defined. But according to Dr. Paul Cameron, and Dr. Jim Crandall, and Dr. Daniel Cappon, who have done surveys on homosexuals, we are "sad clowns"; "we are 'gay' on the outside and dying on the inside." The article was titled, "Gays' Life—Sad, Sick, Short." This article and others like it neglect to show real facts, ignore truths, and show only the outline of a few investigations, I know for a fact that if you try to pin down these professors to give true accounts of their surveys, the results would suddenly become confidential.

One thought did strike me: if our "gay" life is so sad and short, why does the "normal" society keep trying to add to its problems? Perhaps we would not be so sad, if the straight world would stop harassing, stop meddling and stop trying to erase our very existence.

I'd also like to see just one study of Lesbians as a separate group. And I'd like to find someone who would survey and come up with something other than derogatory information. But human nature, being what it is, loves the bizarre, the violent, and the shocking subject matter. A true accounting of Lesbians would perhaps be too dull, too forthright to make any real headlines,

ORGANIZATIONS & OUTREACH/HELP GROUPS

Houston Gay Political Caucus (GPC)

ENDORSEMENTS FOR CITY ELECTION 1981

MAYOR

A RUNOFF IN SOME RACES

Kathy Whitmire

CITY COUNCIL

Eleanor Tinsley (incumbent)

Judson Robinson (incumbent)

Dale Gorczynski (incumbent)

Ernest McGowen (incumbent)

George Greanias (for vacant seat formerly held
by Lance Lalor—includes Montrose)

Jim Greenwood (for vacant seat formerly held
by Johnny Goyen)

Morris Belt (endorsed over incumbent Jim
Westmoreland)

CITY CONTROLLER

Lance Lalor

(Editor's Note: INSIGHT does not endorse political candidates, nor necessarily agree with those of any group.)

ACLU (Gay Rights)	524-5925	Houston Human Rights League	523-6969
Affirmation (Gay Mormons) P.O. 1139/3305 Montrose		Interact/Houston	529-7014
Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf	529-8514	Krewe of Apollo	524-5311
Between Two Worlds	747-7746	or	524-0963
Black and White Men Together	529-5006	Lambda (social)	524-7254
Community Coffee House	529-7014	Lambda Center for Alcoholics	521-9772
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Dignity (Gay Catholics) ..	528-7944	Montrose Civic Club-Near Town	522-1000
Episcopal Integrity Houston	960-0733	Montrose Counseling Center 900 Lovett Blvd.	529-0037
Families and Friends of Gays	684-5339	Montrose Patrol	528-CARE
Gay Atheist League of America ... 3317 Montrose/#1193		Montrose Sports Association	6419 Skyline
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Gay Joggers Association ..	523-8788	Texas Bay Area Gays ...	332-3737
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Gay Parents	524-0125	Unitarian-Universalist Gay Caucus	524-7254
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Gay Political Caucus	521-1000	<u>Religious Services</u>  	
Gay Resource Services (UH Central Campus)	749-3489	Bering Memorial Methodist Church	526-1017
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NIGHTLIFE

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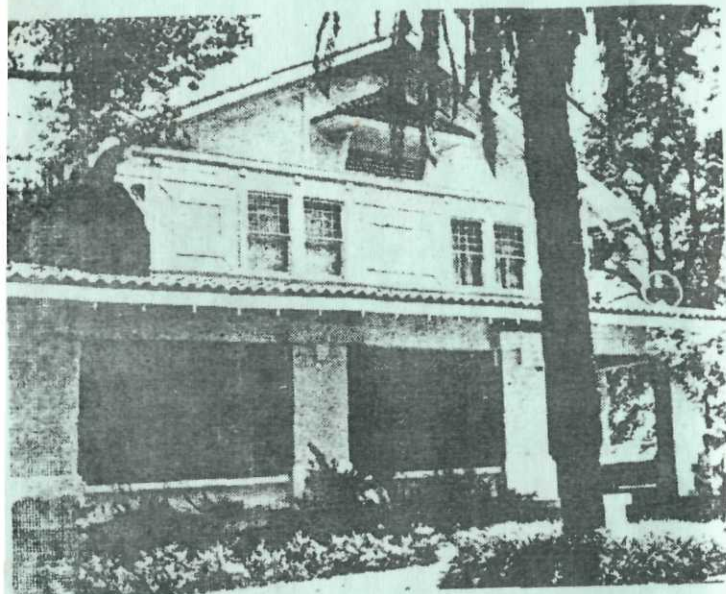
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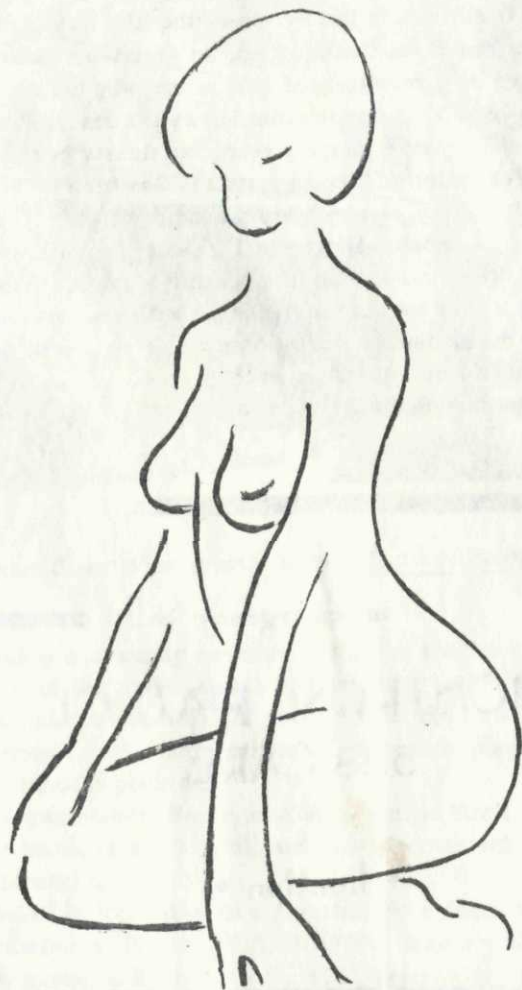
TV SERIES ABOUT HOMOSEXUAL PREMIERES

After as much pressure was brought to bear on a network as has ever been noted by this reporter, Love, Sidney, premiered in October on NBC-TV (Channel 2, Houston). Shortly in advance of the TV series, the film on which the series is based was finally aired. In the film, Sidney is identified as a middle-aged homosexual who has recently lost his lover, but in the series Sidney is a sexual nothing due to the pressure of sponsor-boycott threats by the National Federation of Decency and the Coalition for Better Television, both of which are headed by the Rev. Donald Wildmon of Tupelo, Miss. Moral Majority, an affiliate of the Coalition, panned the film because of the homosexual identification, but the Federation has withdrawn its objections to the neutered series because the producer has promised that Sidney will never ever again be known to his viewers as homosexual. (Wednesdays, 8:30 PM, NBC-TV)

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Barney's World

BARNEY
O'REILEY

THE GAME

The tube is featuring another season of the game. Which game? Why, THE game—the world's gayest sport.

Of course you and I, gay friends, would be jailed without bail for even thinking of doing half the things in public those guys do front and center on TV all across the land and via satellite before the world. It's hugging and kissing man-to-man, yes! And fanny-patting. And, well, ladies, read on with caution—squatting.

I would have missed the significance of the squatting except for an article an anthropologist wrote in Western Folklore (1978) calling attention to the uncanny resemblance between the game's squatting males and male apes which squat to "display" their genitals to the males of their kind which outrank them in sexual prowess. The genital displaying acknowledges that the lesser males know "their sexual place." The difference between us gays and the apes is that we know the masculinity trip is bullshit. But the players of the game "show their genitals" to their superiors in the "backfield" for all the world to see—their genitals neatly packed into a codpiece, visible on Mars. And the players squat like they mean business.

We've known all our lives that, short of scoring, the objective of the game is for one man to hug another to the ground. And how often they roll in the grass together!

Barney O'Relley

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And the ball! Second only to the Washington Monument, it's America's favorite phallic symbol.

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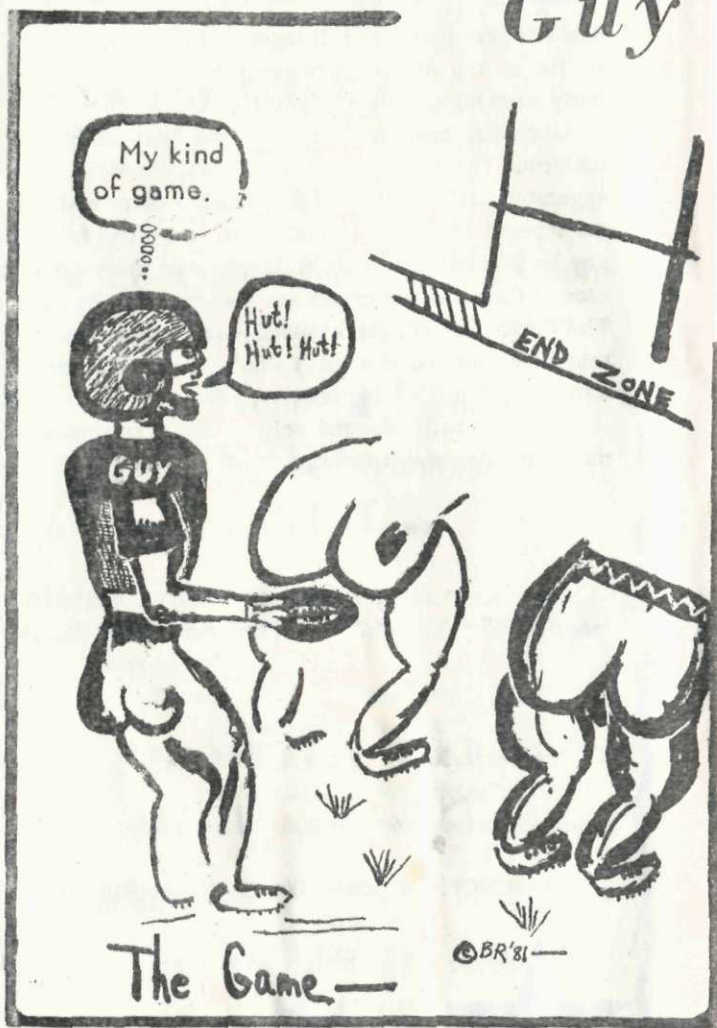
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A RUNOFF IN SOME RACES NOVEMBER 17th



VOTE

Guy



I need not discuss the purpose of the game. Everybody's been taught since kindergarten that it's to penetrate the other guys' end zone.

I forget the name of the game. But you know the one, the one in which the players scoff at the idea of anything but male playmates—exclusively. Do they recruit, I hope, I hope?

"No," you say.

Then, it's true. They're like us. They were born to be.

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OUR BLOOD: PROPHECIES AND DISCOURSES ON SEXUAL POLITICS by Andrea Dworkin. Paperback. Putnam-Perigree. \$4.95.

The author is a lesbian and a feminist. The book is a strong feminist viewpoint. The author sees marriage as an enslavement of women, rape laws as male-protective, etc. She is an intelligent writer, however the reader might judge her views on sexual politics.

Editorial

Although the New Right does not live up to its boast of support, it is nevertheless catalyzing the rise of that bugaboo always latent in our society—censorship.

One religious leader in north Texas is holding record burnings and bragging about the demon-repressing effect that has. Whole collections of musical recordings are being tossed onto bonfires merely because the reverend says they are evil. It is in the nature of the hooligan censor never to objectively evaluate the materials censored (if s/he indeed possesses the mentality for it) nor to analyze the reasons why the possessors of undesirable materials purchased them in the first place. The materials are censored merely because the censor personally does not like them, whether the censor is a single person or a group.

No one in America is forced to buy anything. Materials are produced precisely because there is a market. Change the consumer and the product will follow as the night the day. Ah, there's the rub. The censors, it never fails, are imminently unsuccessful in changing the consumer, so they condemn the product. There is no significant evidence that printed or filmed materials of any type present a real and present threat to society.

Banning and burning solve nothing and are inherently dangerous for society because such actions are predicated on personal value systems. Thank God!, we do not all have the same value system. This is a pluralistic society, not a fascistic one, and that's all there is to that argument.

Homosexuals are just beginning to gain access to some general media, but we are a primary target of the Rightist banners, even in school textbooks on sexual development. There's work to be done, much work! And Houstonians have a good place to start—Geneva Kirk Brooks.



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"Quotables . . ."

KOOKS, LITTLE OLD LADIES WITH FANGS
AND OTHER POLITICAL OPERATIVES

Quote of the Week is Alvin Van Black's hysterical laughter after a caller on Alvin's KPRC Radio talk-show described a political cartoon in a "minorities for Heard" leaflet. It seems Kathy Whitmire is standing in front of City Hall, as she holds an apple labeled "sin." Snakes labeled "gay" crawl about her.

Houston Concerned Citizens sent out 107,000 Mailgrams (at a cost of more than \$200,000). The upshot of HCC's message was that Whitmire's campaign was being "orchestrated by homosexuals"—from San Francisco yet. (Whitmire was elected Mayor by more than 62% of the mayoral vote.)

"(Candidate for City Council) Murphy, in a campaign mailing, said the election of (Jim) Greenwood would lead to 'homosexual control' of city government. In a television appearance he (Murphy) said it also could result in having a gay police chief in Houston."—Mark Winiarski (Houston Post, 11-18-81)

A lady caller on a radio talk-show asked Jim Greenwood if he would have accepted the KKK's endorsement, and Greenwood said "No." The lady said "better that" than the Gay Political Caucus endorsement, which she maintained he should have repudiated. "They flaunt their sin," she said. "They want to control you," she insisted. (Greenwood won by more than 63% of the vote in his race against O'Brien Murphy.)

"(Former City Councilman) Gottlieb, conceding defeat (to George Greanias), said, 'it's the strangest election I ever saw. I was declared the winner by three media outlets and all of a sudden I'm the loser' after two Montrose boxes come in."—Mark Winiarski (Houston Post, 11-18-81).

NEWS BRIEFS

HOUSTON CITY ELECTION RESULTS

All candidates endorsed by Houston Gay Political Caucus won, except Morris Belt—who was endorsed over incumbent Jim Westmoreland.

Mayor

Kathy Whitmire

City Council

All incumbents who ran were re-elected.

New Members of Council

Jim Greenwood, Councilman at Large
George Greanias, Councilman, District C
(includes Montrose)

Controller

Lance Lalor

KOOP CONFIRMED SURGEON GENERAL

Washington, D. C.—Dr. C. Everett Koop was confirmed as the Reagan administration's Public Health Service head this month by a 68-24 vote in the U.S. Senate. Dr. Koop's confirmation has been delayed since early this year because the law specifying qualifications had to be changed for Dr. Koop to be nominated. Also, he has some very highly controversial positions on public health issues. Koop opposes abortion and he thinks homosexuals might take advantage of test-tube technology to produce new gay voters.

PROPOSED ANTI-GAY HOUSING ORDINANCE

Austin, TX—A group—Citizens for Decency, composed mainly of ministers—has secured the required petition sig-

natures to force a citywide election January 16th to vote on its proposed anti-gay housing ordinance if, as expected, the Austin City Council does not approve it. The group's ordinance reads "It shall not be unlawful to deny housing on the basis of sexual orientation."

Dr. Steven Hotze, a leader of the "decency" group, predicts that the anti-gay ordinance will be approved by Austin voters.

TEXAS A & M GAY STUDENT SERVICES

Houston—The long-standing lawsuit by the Gay Student Services at Texas A & M University to gain official recognition by the University administration had another hearing in court in November. U. S. District Court Judge Ross N. Sterling directed lawyers in the case to file additional legal briefs. The University denied recognition of the student group in 1977. The University's case is based in part on section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code that makes homosexual activity illegal in Texas. GSS members contend that refusal of official recognition denies their constitutional rights of free speech.

HEPATITIS B VACCINE APPROVED

Washington, D.C.—The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved a vaccine for Hepatitis B, the first vaccine for the disease ever cleared for use in the U.S. The new vaccine has proven to be safe and highly effective in clinical trials, according to Dr. Arthur Hull Hayes, Jr., FDA Commissioner. The vaccine, manufactured by Merck Sharp & Dome, will cost about \$75-\$120 for three shots. Male homosexuals who have a large number of sexual partners are considered a high risk group for Hepatitis B. The new vaccine is predicted to cut the occurrence of the disease in half and, hopefully, eventually to eliminate it.

LANDMARK HOMOSEXUAL PARENTAL DECISION

Richmond, VA—The Virginia Supreme Court, in the nation's first affirmative ruling on basic homosexual parental rights, said: "We decline to hold that every lesbian mother or homosexual father is per se an unfit parent."

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) lawyers argued the case for the lesbian mother; it overturned a lower court ruling that denied her contact and communication with her 11-year-old son.

GAY SEEKS ALIMONY IN GAY "DIVORCE"

Philadelphia—Lawyers for John DeSanto and William Barnsley said that theirs is the first homosexual "divorce" case admitted to a court in Pennsylvania. DeSanto claims that the two were married by a friend in a ceremony; that they presented themselves to friends as a married couple; and that they exchanged rings.

The judge in the case is expected to rule soon on whether the two men had a common-law marriage. Pennsylvania law describes a marriage as a relationship between a husband and a wife, but the law does not specify that the wife must be a woman.

DeSanto claims that he was "a good wife" to Barnsley for 10 years. DeSanto seeks an equal division of property and alimony.

GAY DISMISSED FROM BOY SCOUTS LOSES SUIT

Los Angeles—Timothy Curran, a former Eagle Scout seeking reinstatement, lost his suit against the Boy Scouts of America. Curran had been dismissed when he publicly admitted being gay. A Los Angeles Superior Court judge ruled that Curran has no constitutional right to belong to the Scouts, and, therefore, the BSA's refusal of membership does not constitute discrimination against homosexuals.

ANTI-GAY PROPAGANDA USED IN ELECTION

Immediately prior to the Houston City Election run-off, a hastily formed political action group—Houston Concerned Citizens—sent out 107,000 Mailgrams (at a cost of about \$200,000) advising voters of Kathy Whitmire's gay community support.

Attempts to buy endorsement from a former candidate had failed. Whitmire led in the polls by almost 1.5 to 1 for weeks. The Mailgram, alleging among other things that Whitmire would support the teaching of the "gay lifestyle" to children in schools, was apparently a product of desperation.

The Heard campaign disclaimed knowledge of the Mailgram, as it had consistently done of the other vicious anti-gay slurs made in the name of the Jack Heard campaign.

The Harris County District Attorney's office is conducting an investigation into the mailing for possible election-law violations. The Mailgram did not contain the required disclaimer. The DA's office indicated that it was subpoenaing bank and Western Union records in an attempt to learn who paid for the Mailgram.

The Houston Chronicle learned the name of a River Oaks resident alleged to have been involved. When a reporter and a photographer arrived at the given address, they faced a shotgun from inside a window. A man inside the house fired two shots as the journalists prepared to leave. Charges for firing the gun in the general direction of the two men were pending election day.



FAMILY PROTECTION ACT

A year ago when Senator Paul Laxalt introduced the "Family Protection Act" most people dismissed it as posturing by a member of the "New Right" pleasing only a narrow constituency. Now this omnibus bill (has been)... reintroduced at the height of the reactionary power push in Congress. Representatives of these right-wing groups state that the anti-homosexual issue is the only one which unites their various interests. At the same time, the liberal community is fragmented and searching for new direction. Clearly, every citizen who values privacy and civil liberties must examine this legislation carefully. Here are two of the provisions which directly impact the homosexual community.

Section 507 would bar Federal funds from going to any gay or non-gay individual who suggests that homosexuality can be an acceptable life style. Such an individual could not receive any Federal funds under such programs as Social Security, welfare, veterans benefits or student assistance. The challenge to due process, freedom of speech and privacy is blatant.

Section 508 would amend Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to eliminate existing protection

of unlawful employment practice if an individual is found to be homosexual or proclaims homosexual tendencies. Further, the revised section would allow discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, or national origin if the person suffering discrimination were gay.

And the "Moral Majority" in its well-financed and highly organized national media campaign has proclaimed that lesbians and gay men should not be recognized as part of the American community.

"We oppose legislation that favors these kinds of 'diverse family forms', thereby penalizing the traditional family unit. We oppose legislation that might promote homosexuals as a 'bonafide minority' like women, blacks, Hispanics, etc. We do not oppose civil rights for homosexuals. We do oppose 'special rights' for homosexuals who have chosen a perverted rather than a traditional life style."

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The innuendo and duplicity in these assertions of the "New Right" are unnerving to a community which has only recently braved a public stand after years lived in fear and little dignity. After centuries of prejudice, persecution, and murder; this kind of public threat must be taken seriously.

Over the past ten years, more and more gay people have decided to be more open about their private lives. Now they face an irrational and determined effort to force invisibility and fear. If the "New Right" succeeds in trampling the civil rights of gay people by the "Family Protection Act", the threat to the civil rights of all Americans is obvious.—Robert Herrick, Co-Executive Director, The Fund for Human Dignity, Inc.

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ACLU (Gay Rights)	524-5925	Houston Human Rights League	523-6969
Affirmation (Gay Mormons) Bx 1139/3305 Montrose		Interact/Houston	529-7014
Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf	529-3514	Krewe of Apollo	524-5311
Between Two Worlds	747-7746	or	524-0963
Black and White Men Together	529-5006	Lambda (social)	524-7254
Community Coffee House	529-7014	Lambda Center for Alcoholics	521-9772
Crisis Hotline	228-1505	Lutherans Concerned for Gay People	521-0863
Diana Foundation	2700 Mason	Montrose Civic Club-Near Town	453-1143
Dignity (Gay Catholics) ..	528-7644	Montrose Counseling Center	522-1000
Episcopal Integrity Houston	960-0733	900 Lovett Blvd.	529-0037
Families and Friends of Gays	684-5339	Montrose Patrol	528-CARE
Gay Atheist League of America ... 3317 Montrose/#1193		Montrose Sports Association	6419 Skyline
Gay Hispanic Caucus of Houston	520-9461	National Gay Youth Council (Southern Region) ...	520-9273
Gay Joggers Association ..	523-8788	Texas Bay Area Gays ...	332-3737
Gay Nurses and Physicians of Houston/Hepatitis		Texas Human Rights Foundation	526-9139
Hotline- 3-10AM & 2-10P	777-2287	Unitarian-Universalist Gay Caucus	524-7254
12M-3AM & 10 AM-2PM	933-0962	Wesleyan Fellowship (Methodists)	864-8399
Gay Parents	524-0125	Religious Services  	
Gay People in Medicine ..	522-7360	Bering Memorial Methodist Church	526-1017
Gay Political Caucus	521-1000	Church of Christian Faith .	529-8005
Gay Resource Services (UH Central Campus)	749-3489	Congregation Beth Chiam (Gay Jews)	529-4876
Gay Young Adults	871-1269	First Unitarian Church	526-1571
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WOMEN BEHIND BARS will play through January at the Babylon, 300 Westheimer. The cast of the Tom Eyan Off-Broadway play includes some of the same performers who premiered the play in Houston in 1979 at the former Montrose Activities Center. Big Skinny Brown repeats as the matron. Shows at 8:30 P.M. Mondays and Tuesdays. Ticket information—call 526-6551.

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BAJA'S—402 Lovett Blvd., cabaret and restaurant.
Now appearing: vocalist Samantha Samuels.
(BAJA'S is also in Dallas—2508 Maple.

As always we enjoyed JUSTINE—fine all-woman band—at the LAMPOST. Justine is at its best in country-western, but not limited to it.

INSIGHT enjoyed E/J's Thanksgiving show featuring David and Dazzle. David is an engaging ventriloquist. Dazzle, his traditional-styled dummy, is an entertaining act, but David is at his best with Albert Albert Albert—a very unconventional lion dummy. We were unable to stay for David's magician act, but he showed us a sample of his legerdemain at intermission. We were properly confounded. David deserves his popularity in Montrose.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you are not already registered, you must register at least 30 days prior to an election to be able to vote in that election. That is the residency requirement.

If you need information, contact the office of the Harris County Voter Registrar, County Annex Bldg., 1001 Preston at Main, Houston 77002.

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BADLANDS.....	304 Avondale	526-2160
BAJA'S.....	402 Lovett	527-9866
THE BARN.....	710 Pacific	528-9427
BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM	2400 Brazos	528-9192
BRIAR PATCH.....	2294 W. Holcombe	665-9678
CHICKEN COOP.....	535 Westheimer	526-2240

COPA.....	2631 Richmond	523-2259
COVE.....	2912 S. Shepherd	524-0170
DIFFERENT DRUM.....	1732 Westheimer	523-3503
DIRTY SALLY'S.....	220 Avondale	529-7525
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EXILE.....	1011 Bell	659-0453
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WILDWOOD SALOON...	1504 Westheimer	528-9040

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BRASSERIE.....	515 W. Alabama	528-8744
DECATUR CAFE.....	708 W. Alabama	528-8837
HOUSE OF PIES.....	3112 Kirby	528-3816
STEAK & EGGS.....	4321 Montrose	528-8135
TIM'S COFFEE SHOP...	1525 Westheimer	529-2289

Barney's World

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EMPIRE-WRECKERS, UNLIMITED

Will the real Mark Twain please speak:

- I. "The accounts of my death are highly exaggerated."
- II. "My readers think I'm a screaming macho, but I'm really a butch queen."
- III. "(I'm an) author."

Well, they all sound like imposters to Barney.

Okay, Number II is. Barney made him up. And the real Twain would never have written the one word quoted in III, much less the two implied ones, as touchy as he was about verbal "spendthrifts." If you're an author, everybody knows it. If you're not, everybody knows that, too. So what's the percentage in spending your life saying stuff everybody already knows? Number III was actually written by a person calling himself "Mark Twain III," but III's definitely not the Mark Twain and III's definitely no author (the word has the same root of origin as "authority.") We need go no further.

But let's do. Simply because III's no author doesn't mean he can't say things. Anybody can write. And, wow, did he ever! Enough practically to wreck the reputation of the Houston Post, which had the crass judgment to accept his full-page ad in the Sunday edition prior to the Houston election.

Barney hasn't recovered—I've been laughing mostly, though. The election and run-off have come and gone and the Post has apologized in print for running the ad. But night and day Barney's still seeing empires crash down throughout history as they "went gay." We've never once

in the history of Western civilization been able to command our basic human rights, but we can knock off empires in a fell swoop. Gays "brought down" Persia, Greece and that old chestnut of homophobes, the Roman Empire. Build an empire, it makes no difference how dominant, let in gays and—abracadabra, kalamazoo, shazam—no more empire.

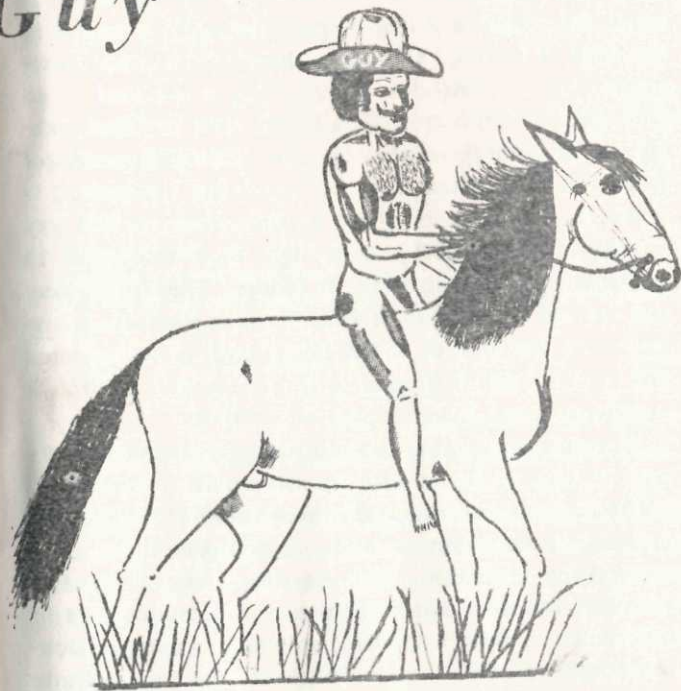
I haven't gotten a great amount of sleep since the ad, I lie awake wondering if it was a typographical error that left out Babylon or whether in history according to Twain III we gays were inactive in its collapse. In empires past, it's the "Big Four" of Biblical notation that yokel bibliolators get up-tight about—Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome. One must wonder if they've ever heard that world history is full of empires; there have been dozens and every last one has fallen. Where are there so many gays, past or present?

In modern times, Twain III makes it sound as if San Francisco has been annexed by Sodom (or vice versa). And, Houston, beware! America, you've got problems, too—oh! have you got problems. Send money that you might be saved (not to Barney; he can't save anybody).

Apparently, America's doomed on its present course. III's ultimate solution to America's peril is fuzzy stuff indeed. But as best I can tell, America's off the empire-wrecking crew's list if we gays are suppressed—that is, not allowed to gain "control" (whatever that means). And our national fate would appear to rest largely upon the shoulders of Twain III himself. I ask you: what kind of universe is run in such a slip-shod manner?

Whether we gays like it or not, we are in the empire-wrecking business in the minds of the paranoid far-right now influencing America's politics, I was dumbfounded in disbelief and wonderment the first time I heard about the empire-wrecking aspect of our "history." I was first

Guy



"It all started when he asked if I liked to ride. How was I to know he's a real cowboy?"

"enlightened" by the Dade County lunacy, lately of Seima. (We will have a blow-by-blow look at empire-crashing in a column soon. We've already had a close look at Sodom.)

One of the Moral Mercenaries (MMs) recently appeared on the Columbia U. campus to blow the empire-wrecking trumpet loud and strong into academic ears. To be sure, there was backtalk from one professor and the MM was asked for evidence of empire-gay relationships "except in the case of Sodom." Of course, there's not a scrap of evidence that we have ever had anything whatsoever to do with empire destruction. The Sodom story itself has nothing to do with homosexuals. The historical record (of which the bibliolators have no knowledge whatsoever) is quite clear that Sodom's "sin" or wickedness was NOT gay in nature. Lot himself tells us right there in Genesis 19 it was a heterosexual affair in Sodom. The Sodom story can be and some times is interpreted as bisexual, but no way were the men of Sodom homosexual in Lot's opinion and Lot's opinion in Genesis 19 is the sum total of Biblical knowledge about Sodom's same-sex activity.

The only queer thing about all this gay "empire-smashing" is that all the empires are still around in some form. AND with more inhabitants than they ever had in their empire days! Look at Rome; at its highest peak it had about one million population. Why, Houston, a loyal descendant of Rome, has more than twice that number round-about its megapolis. And Rome is also represented by most of Western Europe; North, Central and South America; and miscellaneous pockets of settlement the world around.

Twain III himself accuses us of "not reproducing." Well just how did all that happen if we subverted all those empires with "zero population" growth (one of our goals according to III)?

Barney, you forgot quotation Number I above. Who said

it? That was him. Him who? The master himself—after reading some published obituaries about himself.

I daresay he's turning in his grave—probably roaring with laughter—at this latest publishing boo-boo resting upon his name.

And you know he ain't Mark Twain the Third; nobody else would've had the gaul to be the Second.

("Barney's World" now originates from INSIGHT. Written for gays by long-established Montrose writer Barney O'Reilly, the column presents a gay viewpoint on gay topics in morality, religion, culture and politics. For syndication contact INSIGHT.

HARVEY MILK COMMEMORATION

Harvey Milk, San Francisco supervisor (councilman) at the time of his assassination, is commemorated by the gay community in San Francisco. A candlelight parade is sponsored by the Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club, also commemorating Mayor George Moscone, assassinated by the same man during a rage through San Francisco's City Hall three years ago.

This year the parade will also be a protest against the violence perpetrated against the San Francisco gay community. Mayor Dianne Feinstein has said that anti-gay bias contributed to the murder of two homosexuals recently in the near-downtown area of San Francisco where many gays live.

