

## City Responds to Gay Political Caucus

Dr. Campbell Reed, media spokesperson for the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, has advised *The Metro Star* of an open meeting between David Rosen of the City Attorney's office and the gay community. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28 and will be held at Metropolitan Community Church at 2701 Reagan at 7:30 PM.

Dr. Reed stressed that this will be a question and answer session and urged anyone having special concerns dealing with police harassment to attend the meeting and address Mr. Rosen on this issue.

The meeting is open to the public.

The open meeting came about as the result of a series of meetings with local officials which are being held by officials of the DGPC.

Within the previous

month, DGPC representatives have met with Mr. Rosen, the chief of police and his assistant chief, and the president of the Dallas Police Association.

Dr. Reed pointed out that two important things were stressed in these meetings: First, the police cannot enforce laws against the gay community if these laws are taken off the books, and, second, that it is important for those having grievances to contact the police department's internal affairs division, which exists for problems between citizens and officers.

In other action the DGPC Board decided to study the Montrose Patrol, which is presently working to make the streets safer for gays in Houston, with the hope of establishing such a patrol to put an end to recent violence in the Oak Lawn/Cedar Springs area. •



## Boys Paid \$5 to \$15 in Child Porno Ring

HOUSTON -- A story in the *Houston Post* by reporter Rob Mechel says police charged three men with indecency with a child as well as seizing two trunks full of child pronography on Saturday, January 5 in a southwest Houston apartment.

Young boys were allegedly lured into performing sexual acts and being photographed in the nude, said officers of the Houston Police Department. They went on to say the men offered boys from disadvantaged homes gifts and mon-

ey to perform the sexual acts.

According to the *Post* report, Golden Preston Hatcher, 54, a draftsman, Frederick Keller, 34, an unemployed surveyor and Jon J. Johansen, 64, occupation unknown, all of the 1800 block of Huldy were each charged with three counts of indecency with a child. Bond on Hatch and Keller was posted at \$35,000 each. Late Saturday Johansen was still being sought.

Six boys, ages 9 to 14 described the activities to police. Juvenile officer John

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Freeman of the 'Child Sex Exploitation Squad' told the *Post*, "There could be another 100 kids involved as well as we know. We don't believe it's just these six," he concluded.

When police arrested Hatcher in his home he had about 15 pieces of bubble gum in his coat pockets. Also in the home police found jars stocked with candy, cookies and "anything kids would like to have," said Sergeant R.R. Benestante.

Two trunks full of magazines and photographs of nude boys were also found in the home, said Benestante.

Also seized by officers were movie films, negatives and another two trunks full of photographic equipment used for developing film and making photo enlargements, Benestante reported to the *Post*.

He explained the boys came from poor families that couldn't provide luxuries like going to the movies

or eating in restaurants.

The boys were allegedly paid from \$5 to \$15 when posing for photographs. There were some cases where the men knew the boys' parents and had the parents' permission to keep the children overnight after taking them to a sporting or other event for the evening, said Benestante.

"Psychologically the kids like this guy. He (Hatcher) is a likeable fellow. But they didn't know what was going on. He was grooming them to become

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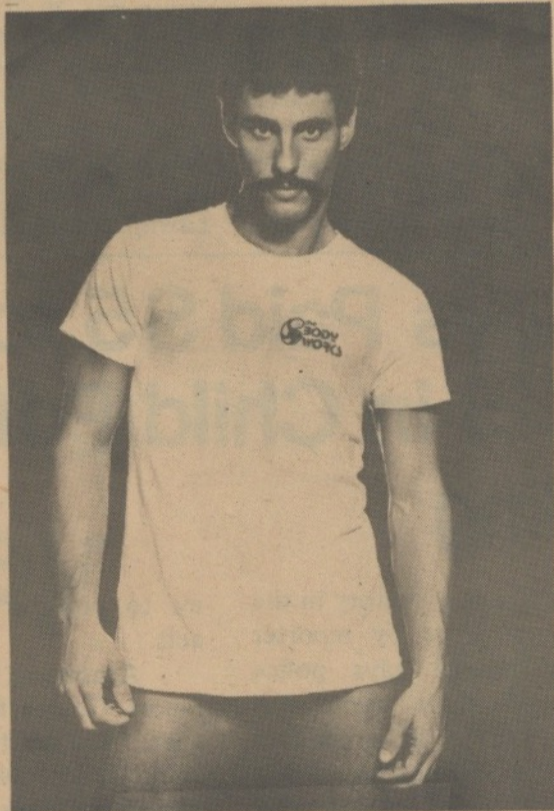
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# metro beat:

## Villa Fontana Bites the Dust

By Roy Hall  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Obviously the holiday lull is over. This past Sunday, the oldest bar in Dallas held its final drag show. The actual closing date for the Villa Fontana, which has stood in the in same location on Skiles for roughly 30 years or so, died on Wednesday, as friends old and new gathered to help empty the shelves of the remaining liquor and to auction off mementos of the "good old days." The Villa closed to make room for a new downtown area housing development.

On the opposite side, the good news for women is a new club called the Conference Room at the corner of Knox and McKinney.

Ray Martin has announced January 19 as the grand opening. The club gets my vote for "Nightspot I'd Most Like to Move Into - If I had to Move Into a Nightspot."

The decor at the Conference Room is impressive and there's even a beautiful lounge area and a large screen television, which will be used for viewing the Super Bowl (whatever that is, I never did like bowling much anyway but I suppose somebody must). If you're of the female persuasion, you owe it to yourself to at least drop by and see this new club, and they might even let a few guys look at it if they promise to behave.

The Mad Hatter in Arlington presents a Chorus Line Revue from the popular musical on Thursday, January 17. We blundered in by accident and watched the rehearsals, and it looks like this could very well be worth going to see. If you don't make it, look here the following weekend for pictures.

And speaking of shows, Raintree Landing (the former D-III) resumes shows on Sunday, January 13. Lady Shawn, Miss Gay Texas, joins the show the following week.

(The *Star* is busily working up a spread on the Lady for our readers, so keep watching.)

Fort Worth and Arlington are busily throwing together about a thousand different title contests, with the most urgent one being the Mr. Tarrant County Pageant, to be held January 23 at the Corral.

The show will be held to benefit the Texas Human Rights Advocate, our lobbyist in Austin, so remember to be there to support a good cause. If you see a few good looking guys in next to nothing, well, it's worth a small sacrifice.

Bette Sheba (to whom we apologize for the misspelling of her name last week), the reigning Miss Gay Tarrant County, along with Sonnie Terry, Emperor of Fort Worth, will co-emcee the show.

Also present will be Grand Duchess I (Raina Lee, also known as Miss Mad Hatter) and Miss Chubby of Texas, better known of as Carlotta.

Aunt Bea was chosen Miss New Year's Eve in festivities at the Downtown, with Empress Barbie Doll first runner-up.

We welcome a new column for those of you who are into two-wheelers. If you like them big and hot (motorcycles, that is), be sure to catch this column regularly.

Would you believe it? We're breaking into legitimate reviews even more, with coverage of the dinner theatres. We, as members of the press, have reservations for two to see not only gay rights supporter Liz Torres (of "All in the Family") in "Murder at the Howard Johnson's" but also (be still my beating heart!) Patrick, the Original All-American Male Stripper in "Jubilation 80!" at Granny's. Watch for our review.

As this goes to press we had reservations for two and no nice young man to go with us, so volunteers might be able to get into the act for free dinner and show if they act quickly. Mail us a one-page essay on "Why I Would Like to Accompany the Associate Editor to the Dinner Theatre," at Box 225915, Dallas, Texas 75265.

An update, dear reader, on the value of *Metro*

*Star* advertising comes from one of our advertisers who shall remain anonymous.

He ran a classified ad with such great response he is now begging us to take the ad out of the paper because he got six responses in just one day (the day we spoke with him). We were afraid to ask about the rest of the time the ad was running.

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Just to remind you we aren't only a bar newspaper, we've taken a new advertiser, the Oak Cliff Market.

Salvador is the friendly proprietor, offering fresh vegetable to the fresh fruits off Oak Cliff and Dallas. He is also the founder, president and sole member of the Gay Oak Cliff Welcoming Committee and is anxious to see more gays moving into the area.

If you are in need of a fresh fruit (or vegetable), take the Beckley exit off South R.L. Thornton, go south (I think - nobody knows what direction is which in Big D) to the first light, turn left and it's on the corner.

Salvador's market will be open 366 days this year - "especially holidays," he says.

Next few weeks we've got some more goodies for everybody. Tarrant County has a few delectable young fellows who could become upcoming centerspreads and before long they'll overtake Dallas, so we urge Dallasites to become Dallas sights inside our pages.

And finally, your associate editor is joining the Body Works. We hope we're not sanforized because we could really do with some shrinkage.

When you're hot, you're hot! Thanks again, Metroplex, for heating us up.

## GGBA Hosting Installation Dinner

SAN FRANCISCO -- The Golden Gate Business Association is having its sixth annual officers installation dinner on January 17, 1980, in the United Irish Cultural Center.

Dianne Feinstein, mayor of San Francisco, is the guest speaker for the evening event.

Arthur Lazere, president of GGBA has sent an invitation to the president of the Executive and Professional Association of Houston, (EPAH) to attend.

Others who are inter-

ested in attending should send a \$25 check to GGBA at once.

The address is P.O. Box 966, San Francisco, California, 94101. The telephone number is (415) 956-8660.

Golden Gate Business Association is the nation's second largest gay professional and executive organization. The Greater Gotham Business Council, in New York City, is the largest. The third largest gay professional association is EPAH, in Houston.

## Gays Almost Out of Closet, Then Pushed Back In

PASCO, Wash. (IGNA) -- Tri-City homosexuals came close to emerging from their closets recently, but they were firmly pushed back in.

The manager of the Rivershore Motor Inn, in Richland, Washington, according to a column in the *Tri-City Herald*, confirmed that when he found out homosexuals had been leasing his bar on Monday nights he put a stop to it.

Originally the manager had leased the bar because Monday nights are slow for business. But after two Mondays he told the group that it couldn't use the bar anymore.

Said Jim Wong, the manager: "I went in there and the men were dancing with the men and the women with the women. I thought, 'What's going on here?'"

Wong took over the bar a year ago. It had a reputation as a gay bar. "But we don't allow that. The last thing I wanted was a reputation like that," he said.

Two parents expressed distress that the 400 teenagers who attend the disco nights at the bar might have to mix with the gays.

Richland Police Chief Bernie Colligan said he had heard of the gay gatherings but had done nothing because there was no trouble and what they were doing, "is not a crime."

The chief went on to say he was worried that news of the gatherings might get out and attract people who could cause trouble.

"We have a lot of macho people in this area who it might offend," he concluded.

## Porno Ring

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homosexuals," said Benestante to the *Post*.

The police arrested Hatcher about 1 AM on Saturday. The police waited and about 30 minutes later Keller drive up with three boys, ages 9 through 11, whom he had taken out to a wrestling match, reported Benestante.

While he was walking into the house Keller was arrested. The children were released to the custody of their parents after talking to police.

Benestante said the parents were "very surprised" that the man they'd know for three years was accused of abusing children.



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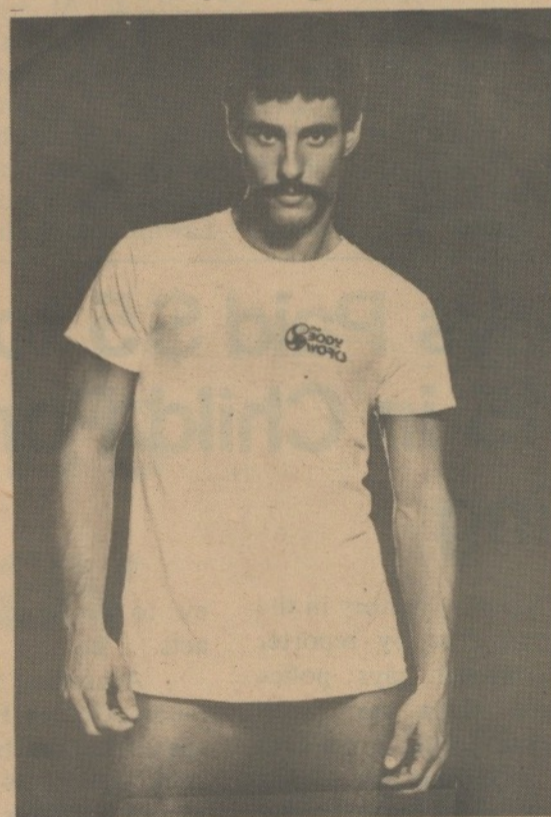
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## White House to Ban Discrimination Against Gays?

WASHINGTON -- The White House is thinking over an executive order banning discrimination against gays in the federal government, according to presidential aides.

The aides also told UPI the administration will intervene with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and lift a ban prohibiting a gay church from holding services in the institutions.

Representatives of the National Gay Task Force met at the White House recently and talked to presidential assistant Anne Wexler as well as domestic affairs aide Robert Malson.

President Carter did not meet with the group.

A petition containing 51,000 signatures was presented to the aides. The petition seeks an executive order and offers support for extending provisions of civil

rights acts to gays.

"The message of the administration is that they are actively considering an executive order, along with other measures, to address the institutional prejudice within the federal government directed toward lesbians and gay men," Charles Brydon of the NGTF told UPI.

"That's under consideration, that's true," said Malson.

He went on to say the gay demands had been brought to Carter's personal attention.

California Governor Jerry Brown, who is challenging Carter for the Democratic presidential nomination has actively sought out the gay vote. He has pledged to eliminate discrimination against homosexuals in the federal government, if elected

## Gay Prisoner Plight Focus of IGA

TERRE HAUTE, In. (IGNA) Russell D. Smith is a gay prisoner in the United States who has become the focus of a campaign by the International Gay Association (IGA) to secure his release.

Smith was originally sentenced to five years in prison on December, 1973. In December, 1976 he brought suit against the director of the Bureau of Prisons. Among his complaints was the fact that gay literature that he had requested was being withheld.

The reason given by the director of the Bureau of Prisons was that, "publications that call attention or identify inmates who accept homosexuality can, in our opinion, be detrimental to their safety as well as the safety of others."

But Smith did not get his day in court. A week before the scheduled court appearance he was released from prison, only to be

immediately arrested again for assault with intent to commit murder.

The assault charge arose because earlier Smith had been raped by several other prisoners and had defended himself against four others by slashing one of the rapists with a sliver of glass.

Although he was examined by the prison doctor who found traces of semen in his rectum, Smith was locked up in disciplinary segregation.

A second attempted rape took place when Smith was put on a bus for another prison. Smith again fought to protect himself. Smith believes the prison authorities set up the attempted rape.

On April 17, 1978 Smith was sentenced to three years for assault with intent to commit murder.

From July to October 1978, Smith spent his time in solitary confinement waiting for transfer to Mar-

ion Federal Prison, once again to present his gay rights case. He was again placed in a situation where he was threatened by two men who had tried to rape him before. He was placed in solitary confinement when he attacked the rapists.

Then, on September 7, 1979 Smith wrote from prison that another prisoner had attacked him with a steam pipe.

He wrote, "When I came to I found that he had kicked me in the face several times with steel-toed boots. He also kicked me in the chest, abdomen and groin."

Those who wish to help in the case of Smith should write to:

J.D. Henderson  
Fed. Bureau of Prisons  
U.C.I. Bank Bldg.  
8800 N.A. 122th St.  
Kansa City, Mo, 64153  
Also: Warden Kenney  
Box 33  
Terre Haute, In.47808

## Man Buys Huge Ad to Condemn Brown, Gays

By Daniel Curzon  
IGNA

LOS ANGELES -- a Christian fundamentalist has paid \$4,000 for a full-page ad in the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* to say that Governor Jerry Brown is wrong to support gay rights.

Vergil Grove used the headline: "No, No, Mr. Brown! God's Answer to Gays is Nay, Nay!" plus reproductions of recent news stories that show Brown's appointment of a gay judge and his pro-gay political stand.

In a letter that is part of the full-page ad, Grove tells the governor that he is "headed straight into hell unless you allow God's grace to save your poor needy soul..."

He warned Brown that "over 50 million Christian

people in America of all faiths" would not "allow such a person as you to become their commander-in-chief, to be their leader when your own life is one of confusion."

He also said that people have begun to call for Brown's ouster from office.

"Surely you can see the handwriting on the wall by now, even now at this date, there are many thousands of signatures in for your recall," continued the ad.

Grove cites the Bible, and adds that it "has the answer to every person's need and problem no matter how great or small."

The letter, besides quoting the Biblical passages that call for the death of homosexuals, is full of basic grammatical and pun-

## Supreme Court Avoids Gay Cases

WASH. D.C. (IGNA) -- The United States Supreme Court has consistently avoided hearing cases concerning gay rights, according to a story in *The Los Angeles Times*.

The reasons cited were lack of a willingness to get involved. Both a reluctance to contribute to a reduction of constitutional rights and the opposite risk of an unwanted expansion of rights were two reasons given for the court's attitude.

The court majority may view homosexual cases

as a no-win situation in which restrictive rulings could endanger constitutional right generally while expansive rulings could incite public wrath.

Whatever its reasons, the court has remained silent:

- in 1976 the court affirmed without comment a conviction obtained under Virginia law coming it a felony to commit "crimes against nature."

- In 1977, without comment, the court disposed of the case of James M. Gaylord, a teacher fired

for being gay. Thus the court let stand a Tacoma, Washington school board's decision to fire a teacher never charged with any crime, a man with an excellent professional work record.

- In 1977 the court let stand the convictions of men arrested in stalls in a public restroom, although the sodomy convictions came about only because state troopers concealed themselves in the attic to watch through heating grates.

situation errors.

In addition, the credit for the ad is taken by a man, "Who believes in Christ, the First Amendment and Purity in Government."

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# world:

## Here's How the World Rates Gays

(The following is how legal or illegal gays are in various countries of the world. The list was compiled by International Gay News Agency).

- Algeria: Homosexuality is illegal.

- Argentina: Legal after the age of 22. The official attitude is one of scorn, seldom tolerant.

- Australia: Gay sex is illegal except in southern Australia, where the age limit is 18.

- Austria: Love between people of the same sex is legal after the age of 18.

- Belgium: Age 18 for homosexual relations; 14 for heterosexual.

- Brazil: Legal after age 18.

- Bulgaria: Legal after age 21.

- Canada: Legal after age 18.

- Chile: Absolutely illegal. The military junta can act any way it considers appropriate.

- China: All sexual activities outside marriage are considered wrong and criminal by the authorities. Homosexuality is considered a bourgeois perversion that will disappear with the

revolution.

- Cuba: Homosexuality is illegal, but it exists. Private meetings are frequent. No gay establishments as such. Encounters at certain straight bars.

- Czechoslovakia: Legal after age 18.

- Denmark: Legal since 1976. Age of consent is 15.

- Egypt: Homosexuality is illegal but flourishing.

- Ireland: Completely forbidden. Legal age for heterosexuals is 16.

- Finland: Legal after age 18.

- France: Legal since 1974 at age 18; 15 for heterosexuals.

- Greece: At present homosexuality is legal at age 17, but there is a proposal to limit homosexual acts.

- Germany: In East Germany homosexuality was "legalized" in 1968 in the sense that the authorities overlook its existence. There are penalties for those over 18. In West Germany, since 1973 the age of consent for heterosexuals has been 14; 18 for gays.

- India: Completely

illegal. It is dangerous to "appear gay" in public.

- Iran: Although there is a homosexual tradition, especially pedophilia (children as sex objects), the new regime condemns homosexuality because it is "against nature."

- Israel: Although technically homosexuality is illegal, there are no prosecutions when sex partners are 18 or older.

- Italy: Age 16 for "corrupting" relationships. Age 14 for heterosexual relationships.

- Japan: Homosexuality is legal after age 19.

- Luxembourg: Age 18 for gay relationships since 1971; 14 for heterosexual.

- Libya: Illegal, punishable by death.

- Mexico: The penal code does not cite homosexuality as a transgression of the law. But there is a fine of \$800 or six months or five years for those who act against public morality. The legal age for all is 18.

- Morocco: Since 1971 homosexuality has been illegal. The police sometimes torture those accused of such "crimes."

- Holland: Since 1971 it is no longer a crime. Legal age of 16.

- New Zealand: Completely illegal. Up to 14 years for criminals.

- Nigeria: Homosexuality is illegal but rarely prosecuted.

- Norway: Since 1972 there have been no legal sanctions against gays.

- Peru: Homosexuality is legal after age 18, but it is not very well accepted.

- Poland: Homosexuality is legal after age 15.

- Portugal: There are no sanctions against gays.

- Rhodesia: Homosexuality is illegal.

- Rumania: Homosexual acts are completely illegal.

- Russia: Same as Rumania. Article 121 of the penal code provides from 5 to 8 years of prison.

- South Africa: Homosexuality is legal after age 19. Some old laws still in existence forbid relations between the black and white races.

- Spain: Since Franco's death this nation has seen an intense gay movement. Gay relationships are not considered criminal, but

gays still must fight repressive attitudes.

- Sweden: Legal after age 18.

- Switzerland: Since 1950 homosexuality has been legal after age 20.

- Tanzania: Homosexuality is illegal.

- Thailand: It is a paradise for gays.

- Tunis: Homosexuality is illegal, though less strict than Morocco. Tunisian males accept their bisexuality.

- Turkey: Homosexuality is generally tolerated, as is bisexuality.

- Uganda: Idi Amin established the death penalty as well as sadistic punishments for homosexuality. Unclear what the attitude is now.

- United Kingdom: Age 21 for homoerotic relationships since 1967; age 16 for heterosexuals.

- U.S.A.: Laws vary from state to state.

- Uruguay: Homosexuals are victims of persecutions.

- Yugoslavia: Homosexuality is illegal but tolerated.

## Gay Australian Claims U.S. Residency Based on Marriage

L.A. (IGNA) — Tony Sullivan, an Australian citizen visiting the United States, married an American woman six years ago so that he could stay in the country with his lover, another man.

But a year later Sullivan had the marriage annulled because he and his lover, Richard Adams, a 32-year-old Hollywood man, could no longer tolerate the "psychological environment" created by their deception.

Sullivan and Adams were then married by an ordained minister in April, 1975 in Colorado, a state which, according to their attorney, had a marriage law that, "seemed to be gender-neutral."

But the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service wishes to deport Sullivan because it believes that Sullivan's purported status as Adams' spouse does not qualify him for permanent resident status.

U.S. District Court Judge Irving Hill allowed the couple's lawyer very little time to argue his clients' side of the case and cut short the lawyer's attempt to give rebuttal arguments. John Hill, according to the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, said that he based his negative decision on his interpretation of Colorado law, which he said does not recognize same-sex marriages.

According to Judge Hill, there might yet come a time when gay marriages are recognized as legitimate, "but that time is not here yet . . . and may be decades or even generations away."

The lawyer, David Brown, said he had expected the decision and would appeal.

"It makes no sense today," Brown said, noting his arguments were based on federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection and due process. Similar arguments have led to the U.S. Supreme Court's striking down legal barriers to interracial marriages and abortion.

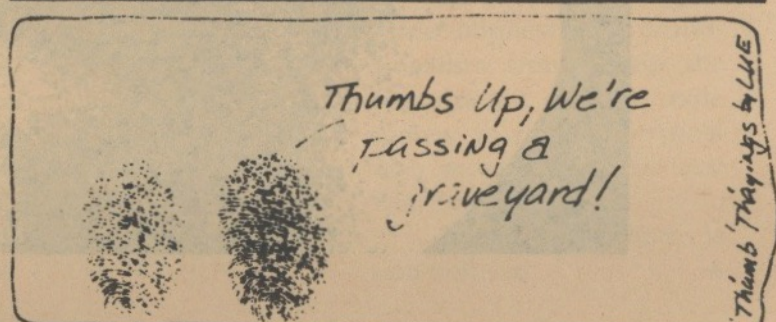
## No Unsightly Nudists!

MILAN, Italy — An article in *Gay Scene* tells how Italian author Luigi Barzini, a former Liberal Party member of Parliament, has suggested forming a commission of beauty experts which would issue permits to nudist to keep people from baring their unsightly bodies.

In the Milan newspaper

er *Corriere della Sera*, Barzini said that when nudism first became popular in Italy about ten years ago, nudists on the beaches, "seemed like Greek gods and goddesses."

Barzini is author of the book *The Italians*, which has enjoyed wide readership.



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## A Gay Look at Motorcycles; Anniversary Planned

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By Frank Gentry and Carmine Botto  
STAR COLUMNISTS

The sight of ten men on motorcycles roaring down the highway, dressed in black leather jackets with club overlays on their backs, leather chaps, and black boots is almost enough to make you slam on your brakes and hit the ditch. But, take heart, it is only a gay motorcycle club out on a weekend outing.

Some of the benefits of an organized motorcycle ride are the freedom of feeling the wind, smelling the earth, basking in the everchanging beauty of nature, unconfined by the hard shell of an automobile.

In tune with one's bike, one's self and riding companions can be as fulfilling as any experience that one could desire.

The reason for the dress is a basic safety feature. Leather is tough.

If for any reason an accident occurs, the leather will absorb the road's scrapes and snarls better than any other material. It also fits the nature of most bike riders. It reflects feelings that most of us enjoy, a closeness to the road and a rugged independence.

Biking, leather and club "business" permeate our conversation and mannerisms, but under all that leather we are about the same as other gay people.

Our dreams, hopes, wants and desires are as basic as those of other humans. Our outward looks move us into a crowd that seems to understand the hazards and joys of a motorcycle and the fascination of flesh, leather and the machine.

In the "bike crowd" can be found people from most occupations — doctors, lawyers, florists, models, accountants, hair-stylists, to name a few. Gay bikers don't seem to be confined to any basic design or mold;

there's just a sharing of a desire to belong. The diversity of people makes for a unique and varied social life.

The motorcycle club calendar runs 12 months a year and activities spread from coast to coast.

Along with the brotherhood and sharing that is found in one's own club, members are welcomed and accepted by club members in almost any major city in the world.

Many of the gay motorcycle clubs sponsor annual "motorcycle runs" where bikers are not hampered by geography, be it state or national lines. At a major run, "Prairie Fire," outside of Chicago last July, there were several dozen clubs represented from five countries.

These runs draw a gathering of several hundred participants who come to share similar interests, to compete for trophies in many kinds of events, and to generally experience each other in a social atmosphere.

The rules for winning trophies at most of the runs are governed by the Mid-America Conference of Clubs, and awards are given to clubs with the greatest participation and riders who compile points by demonstrating outstanding skill and safety.

All in all these runs are fun times with lots of beer, food, people.

A gay motorcycle club, then, is a group of people who have banded together for the joy of organized riding, the fellowship of sharing and the benefits of working together in a social setting.

There are several clubs represented here in Dallas, all unique and reflecting their own brand of the "club scene."

Dallas is fortunate to have one of the finest women's motorcycle clubs in the country. Although the women's and men's clubs usually have separate activities, their goals and commitment to motorcycling are similar. The women in Dallas have expanded upon the ideas and joys of

biking and have created a working club that is an integral part of the Dallas gay women's social life.

There are other clubs which are part of the "scene" that are related to the motorcycle clubs, but have other primary interests.

The western clubs are more involved in social activities that reflect the "C & W" life style — horseback riding, dancing, hayrides.

The uniform clubs have a commonality of socializing in an atmosphere where the "uniform" or dress takes priority.

All of the Dallas clubs have worked together to form an increasingly important expression of gay men and women in our community.

On January 15, 1976 a group of men formed a new club, the Dallas Motorcycle Club. As have the other clubs in Dallas, the DMC has been dedicated to the promotion of safe motorcycling, support of charitable organizations and providing social activities which have benefited the entire gay community. The weekend of January 18 through 20 will be the time of the fourth anniversary celebration of the Dallas Motorcycle Club.

Many activities are planned, including beer busts, brunches, and a dinner program at the Stoneleigh Terrace Hotel. There will certainly be lots of good food and drink, and an opportunity for newcomers to meet some of the club members.

And, of course, for those more familiar with the club scene, the DMC looks forward to seeing old friends and sharing good times.

If you are interested in learning more about the Dallas clubs or would like to share in the anniversary celebration of the DMC, stop by the Hidden Door at 5025 Bowser and talk with one of the bartenders. •

### READ OUR WANT ADS

## Communication is Set Up, Use It!

By Roy Hall  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Our lead story this week from Dallas is one we all need to read and give careful consideration. It's easy for us to talk about harassment. It's not as easy to actually do something about it.

Now the Dallas Gay Political Caucus has set up a line of communication with city government, with more meetings planned with the District Attorney and Mayor, we need to make our voices heard.

If you possibly can make time in your schedule, the *Star* urges you to be

present at the meeting with Mr. David Rosen of the City Attorney's office. Tell the rest of the community that you, personally, are committed to more than just talk and that you are ready to work for a solution.

One important aspect of this meeting, in addition to the educational benefits for the community when we hear Mr. Rosen's answers, is to let him take back with him to City Hall a picture of a large, interested community.

Be there January 28; it's our chance to be heard. Don't let the Little Red Hen do all the work! •

## Catholic Commission Endorses Gay Rights

SAN JOSE, Ca. (IGNA) — A Roman Catholic commission has endorsed gay rights ordinances that will be decided in a vote here next June.

The endorsement came from the Social Justice Commission of the San Francisco Archdiocese, which includes Santa Clara County.

The ordinances, which will be on both the San Jose and County-wide ballots, have been opposed by Christian fundamentalists, who claim that the

government is trying to legislate a change in morality.

"We're not talking about morality; we're talking about human rights," said the Rev. C. Moriarity, chairperson of the Social Justice Commission.

The ordinances will be voted on because opponents earlier raised 50,000 signatures county-wide to block implementation of the laws passed by officials of both the county and the city of San Jose. •

## EPAH Seeking Groups

The Executive and Professional Association of Houston (EPAH) a member of the National Association of Business Councils is an established local organization interested in working with groups in Dallas, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Austin, Waco, Tyler and other cities in or near Texas to help organize a business and professional association.

For information you are encouraged to write EPAH, 1343 S. Voss Road, Houston, Texas, 77057 or call (713) 789-1074 (10-

4PM). Evening calls should be made to 523-2025, in Houston between 6 and 9 PM.

EPAH contains 100 members from the gay professional and executive business world as well as business owners.

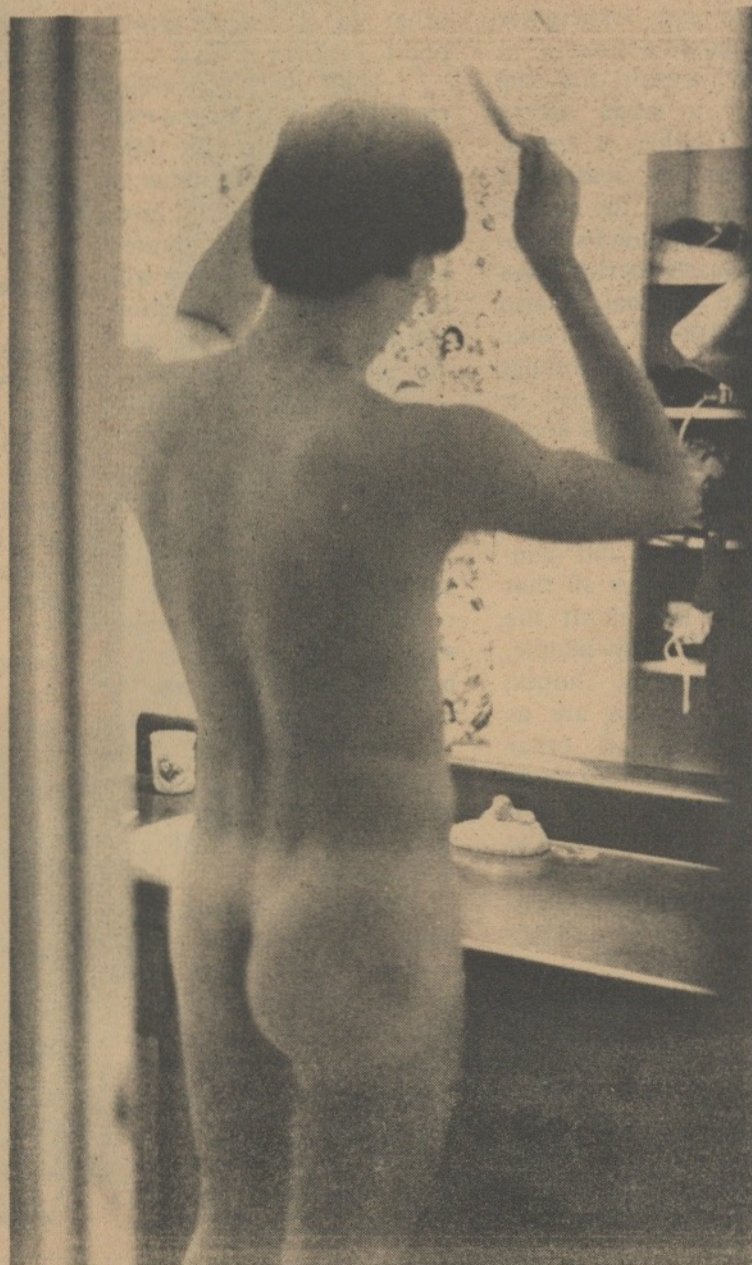
Its purpose is to promote business and professionalism from within the organization and to raise money to promote original idea projects for civic and charity events.

The organization is non-political. •

# BART

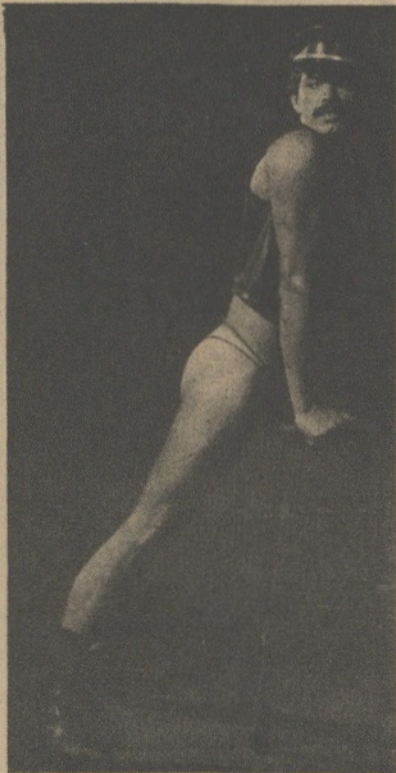
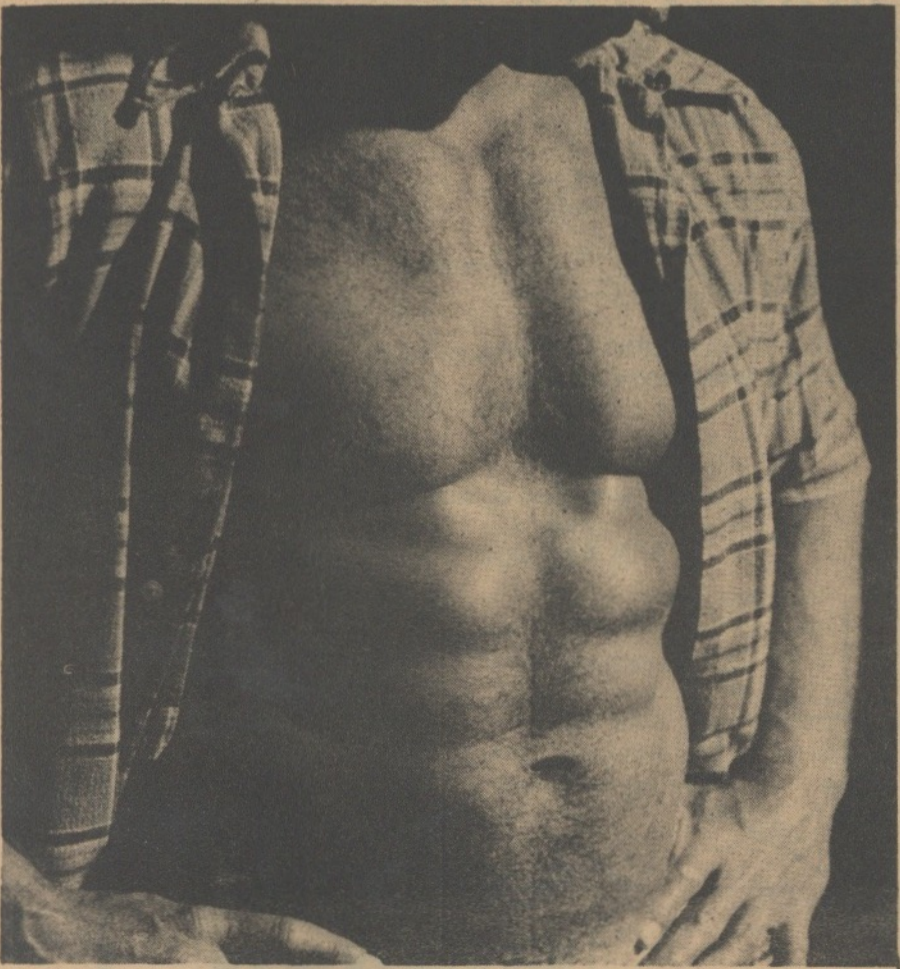


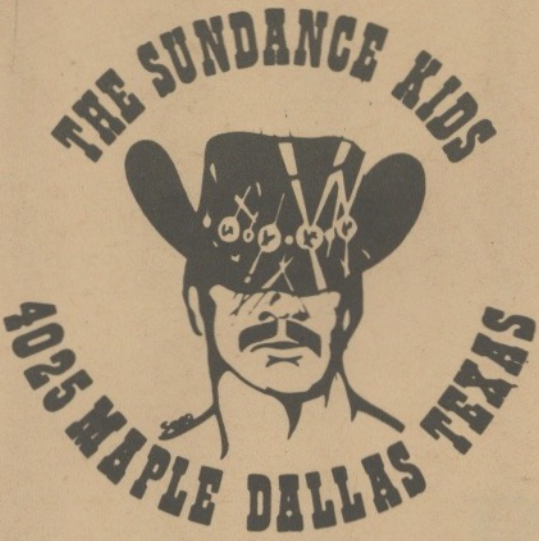
The Star model for this week is delectable Bart. At 19 he is a "disco maniac." He drives a pick up and works as a bartender at a restaurant in town. Star photographer Roy Hall really picked a sweet guy when he decided to photograph Bart. If you're interested in being a "Dallasite who's in sight," that is, in the Metro Star, give Roy a call at 214-528-9944.





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## 'Mother Ruth in Critical Condition at 12 Oaks Hospital'

HOUSTON - 'Mother' Ruth Rava, an official of the Texas Department of Health Resources, well known in Houston's gay community because of her involvement with the City

of Houston Health Department, for whom she does much VD screening, was involved in a one-car accident in north Harris County last Tuesday evening, January 8.

Ravas was admitted to a hospital in that location after which she was transferred by her doctor to Twelve Oaks Hospital, in Houston.

In the intensive care unit, probably through the weekend, Ravas suffered a contusion (mashing) of one lung as well as a compound fracture to her left leg.

Her doctor says Ravas was alert Wednesday afternoon but was unable to talk because she is on a respirator. Because of her leg he expects her to be in the hospital, "from four to six weeks."

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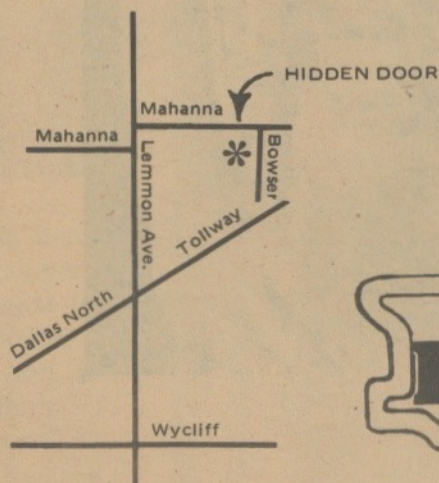
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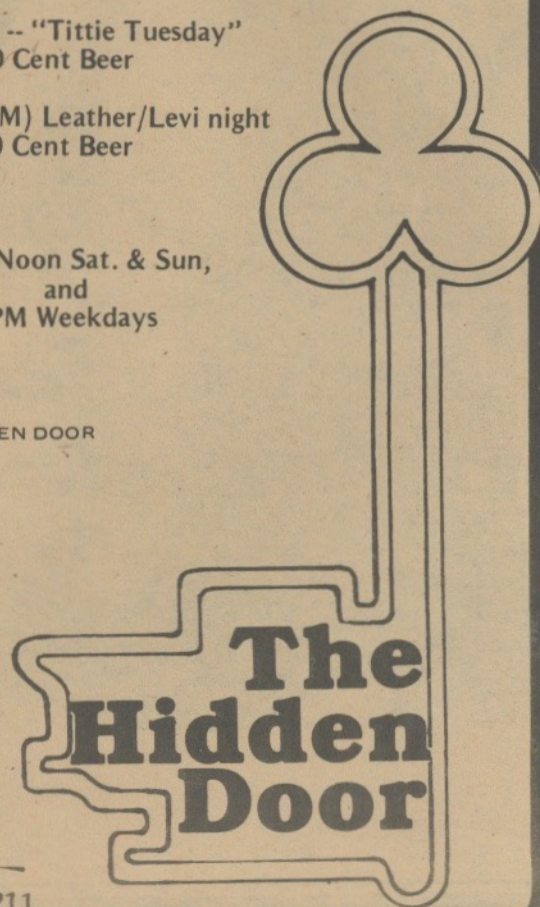
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# special feature:

## A Monologue for Our Brothers and Sisters on Jupiter

By Ben LeDoux  
STAR CONTRIBUTOR

A Monday!

Waking at noon with a hangover so heavy I couldn't find my ass with both hands. Ah, fond memories of Sundays past.

A cup of caffeine in my trembling hands. The *Dallas Morning News* and well, Texas Shanks, Shocks and Bullshit the lead read, "Possibility of Life on Jupiter Moon Indicated by Data."

You could have blown me off in two licks. I'm blessed with a questioning mind, at times the kind that keeps one from having friends with lovers, none the less the idea swept.

Humanity seeks a friend. Aspects of "we" as the only inhabitants in an endless sea of space are no longer entertained.

We know of three logical locations in our solar system alone: Mars; Titan, a satellite of Saturn and Europa, a moon of the planet Jupiter.

The Voyager data gathered during its fly-bys of Jupiter and its four moons indicated a global ocean 60 miles deep with a five mile crust of ice.

Hey people, that means water. NASA now admits not only could life exist, it should; Jupiter for a few million years existed as a miniature sun, accommodating the oceans to be free of ice and probable land masses.

Now I'm quite sure, those of you who have read the preceding junk, are asking what is the point. What does life elsewhere have to do with the gay community at large?

Actually -- a great

deal. Suppose for a moment we meet, communicate and examine our new friends.

Needless to say all Earth citizens would experience a new found brotherhood. A time of more acceptance among ourselves.

Realize, of course, instead of social distinctions, we then are massed as one race, Earthlings!

Let us further assume our newly discovered neighbors are intellectually superior. Advanced to the point of non-sexual reproduction methods, for perfected systems that insure genetic and of course cosmetic hybrid specimens. Imagine the lack of sexual suppression, the structural as well as social differences. Could not the logical order of our highly evolved neighbors influence the general thought of our world? Damn straight (no pun intended).

So it occurred to me what if, a lot of ifs in this story, our new friends are of the gay persuasion? Not an unlikely idea. Would lack of emotion and pure logical reasoning produce a race where words such as normal, natural and always are eliminated? Violence, hate and prejudice are unknown?

Yes dear brothers and sisters, our present social awareness would be expanded. Passage of a bill to give one equal rights and life would seem silly, more so than now.

Please don't condemn me as a "Treckie" or with head in stars waiting for a U.F.O. deliverance.

But what if it landed with banners that read "Sapien to be Homo." •



# gay america:

## P-Town Is 'THE' Town!

By Bob Damron  
STAR COLUMNIST

PROVINCETOWN — There is no resort in the world quite like Provincetown . . . commonly known of as P-Town.

P stands for "Pretty People," permissiveness, promiscuity, pot, pure pleasure and potential paradise.

P is also for the predominant Portuguese population which caters, out of necessity, to the ever increasing hordes of summer tourists.

P-Town is located on the far end of Massachusetts' scenic Cape Cod, about 125 miles by car from Boston. The two-hour drive can take twice as long during the season.

You can also go by excursion boat (Bay State Cruises) which takes 3 1/2 hours, or frequently scheduled half-hour flights on Provincetown Airlines from Boston's Logan Airport.

Gays and straights mingle usually harmoniously along quaint, narrow Commercial Street, which winds through the heart of picturesque Provincetown. July and August are the busiest months, but the season stretches from early April to mid October.

On busy days the street is comparable to Greenwich Village, the Left Bank, Hollywood Blvd., Castro Street or Houston's Westheimer.

Severe winters cause most places to close, but a few such as the Provincetown Inn and Back Room Disco are open year 'round.

Almost every place in P-Town is mixed, but there are around forty owned or orientated guest houses, hotels, etc.

The Boatslip Motel, at 161 Commercial is "where its at," especially for the seasonal "tea dance" disco, daily from 3:30 until 6:30 PM. The Boatslip has six apartments, forty rooms, swimming pool, beach, restaurant, three bars, and hundreds of beautiful bodies.

Restless dudes are still cruising along the beach and bushes at 3 AM . . . two hours after the bars close.

The Crown & Anchor and Gifford House are older downtown hotels welcoming gay tourists. Many people will prefer the ambience

and individuality of the various guest houses. Although too numerous and diversified to describe here, some of the more popular ones are Angel's Landing, Captain & His Ship, Carl's, Chicago, Fisherman's Cove, George's, Sandpiper, Sea Drift, The Ranch and Trade Winds.

Despite police problems in 1977, the Atlantic House on Masonic, off 216 Commercial is the "in place" for macho males. Upstairs and downstairs cruise bars attract some S & M and next door is the "hottest" disco (at \$3 a head admission).

At closing time (1 AM) everyone congregates outside in the alley-like street, which become a "meat rack" overflowing for several blocks in either direction on Commercial.

The Pied Piper, across the street at 193-A Commercial, is just as popular with the foxy ladies and is starting to get some men too.

The Back Room, at the Crown & Anchor, 247 Commercial, and Dance, 293 Commercial, downstairs and next door to the Town House are discos attracting guys, gals and straight couples.

Just as mixed are the Lobby, Cellar Bar and Sidewalk Cafe at Crown & Anchor, and Post Office Cabaret, upstairs at 303 Commercial.

Older guys (including a lot of French-Canadians) dig the sing along bar in the back room at the Town House, 291 Commercial.

Craig Russell and other stars appear during the season at the Back Room Cabaret, and Lynn Carter is an "Institution" at the Madeira Room, 336 Commercial.

Of many good "mixed" restaurants, I recommend the Boatslip, Mews, Poor Richard's Butterfly Terrace and "brand new" Jenny Lind. For breakfast or brunch try the Cottage or Cafe Edwing.

Isis Unveiled is a friendly feminist oriented record, book and clothing store at the Crown & Anchor, and Liverpool Mod, at 393 Commercial is comparable for men ("toys" and "liquid" sold too). Beach ware and other



## auto:

### New Lines for Buick's Century Sedan; Protecting Chrome

By Doyle K. Getter  
STAR COLUMNIST

The most noticeable changes in the entire Buick lineup for 1980 have been made in the new Century and Century Limited four-door sedans.

When Buick downsized its popular mid-size Century line in 1978 the sedans all received a slanting fastback roofline, called an "Aeroback" by Buick. It was an abrupt departure from earlier styling and it failed to catch on with the buying public.

When sales lagged well behind expectations, Buick and General Motors stylists went to work to do something about it. The result is a handsome new 1980 Century sedan with a more

clothes are featured at the Uptown Struthers Ball.

Swimming, sailing, sunbathing, cycling, dune buggies, horse back riding, hiking and volley ball are readily available, but most P-Town afficionados seem more intent on dancing, boozing and cruising.

Vacationing here is like the little kid in a candy store; there are so many "goodies" you don't know which to choose! Don't make the same mistake I have and play too hard to get, or you'll end up alone.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of BOB DAMRON'S ADDRESS BOOK 1980, available at most better bars, baths and book store throughout America. Or send \$8 for your copy (which includes packing and shipping) to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, INC., Box 14-077, San Francisco, California, 94114)

proper and formal notchback roofline, notched behind the rear window, which permits a flatter trunk lid for an extra plus.

Not stopping there, the stylist also came up with what should be a welcome new option, a new swing-out ventilating rear quarter window just behind the stationary rear door windows.

It's available on the Century with the \$202 power window option. The electric vent controls can be operated by the driver or from either side of the rear seat.

The Century coupes continue the aeroback design that the sedans abandoned this year and one can safely bet that Buick will be closely comparing the 1980 sales appeal of the two rooflines.

My vote is for the more formal notchback.

The standard Century powerplant continues to be Buick's time-tested 3.8 liter (231 cubic inch) V-6 with a two-barrel carburetor. It's rated 110 net horsepower.

A four-barrel turbo-charged version of the same engine, rated 170 horsepower, is also available, along with two small V-8's, a two-barrel 4.3 liter and four-barrel 4.9 liter, rated at 120 and 140 horsepower, respectively.

The standard engine can be ordered with the standard three-speed manual transmission or with the optional automatic transmission. All of the optional engines require an automatic transmission.

With its coil spring suspension, the Century's ride is light and soft. The test car also was easy to steer and brake. Its power brakes were standard but the power steering was a \$174 option.

I think ~~unassisted~~ manual steering might require a lot of effort at parking speeds.

I tested the Century Limited sedan with the standard engine and automatic transmission. I averaged 17.2 miles per gallon in city and urban freeway driving and 23.2 MPG on the highway at 55 miles an hour.

There were not quite 200 miles of break-in driving on the car when I received it. After about 2,000 miles of break-in driving, I would expect about two more miles per gallon from that engine.

I could accelerate from zero to 50 miles an hour in 10.6 seconds and from 30 to 50 in 6.6 seconds.

The base price of the Century Limited sedan is \$6,132.33. Twenty-nine options on the car boosted the price tested to 9,915.57 plus transportation and tax charges.

Some of the options not previously mentioned include automatic air conditioning, electric door locks and trunk release, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, automatic level control, rear window defroster, power controls on the driver's side of the standard

# cinema:

## 'Kramer vs Kramer' is Unrealistic

KRAMER VS. KRAMER Rated PG. Released by Columbia Pictures. Written and directed by Robert Benton. From the novel by Avery Corman. Starring Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep. With Jan Alexander and Justin Henry.

By Seth Cagin  
STAR COLUMNIST

There is no question that *Kramer vs. Kramer* is the most effective tear-jerker since *Madame Rosa*, or maybe, even *Love Story*. The movie's ability to provoke a flood of tears is almost certain to guarantee its box office success.

Whether that makes *Kramer* commendable or entertaining is another question, however.

Set up for the big cry by crudely manipulative and sentimental means, audiences may feel more resentment than satisfaction at the final fade-out.

This is another story of divorce in Manhattan (following *An Unmarried Woman*, *Rich Kids* and *Starting Over*) with the emphasis this time around on the relationship between father and son.

Dustin Hoffman delivers a bravura performance as the father, Ted Kramer, and seven-year-old Justin Henry is Billy, his adorable son.

Filling out the cast is Meryl Streep as Joanna

Kramer, the woman who abandons her family in order to find herself and having found herself a year later, in California, fights for the custody of her son. Streep's talent is so prodigious that she engenders full sympathy for so unattractive a character.

The performances are indeed the film's big strength. Hoffman and Streep commandeer the movie, each milking key scenes for all they're worth. The story is organized as a series of isolated scenes, and many of these are intense and perceptive.

This quality, along with that of the performances, tends to involve us fully with the characters and situation. Then, when the plot takes wild turns, contradicting itself and sometimes reality, we are bullied into going along with it.

A prime example of this occurs in the very first scene, as Joanna Kramer walks out on her family. Ted comes home from work late — he is a workaholic — to be caught entirely off guard when Joanna tells him she's leaving.

He is plainly the world's most insensitive man.

The audience can recognize Joanne's distress at a glance, in the film's opening shot, but Ted has been oblivious to it. Fine — but now, is it realistic that in his wife's absence Ted will turn into the world's greatest dad? It's not likely, but this is what we get.

Hoffman and Justin Henry are wonderful together, so maybe we buy the dubious notion that Ted has been shocked into developing a new personality to cope with his child. But when Joanna turns up a year later, is it really necessary for the battle for custody, without even attempting an out-of-court settlement? No way!

That would spoil the dramatic impact of the cruelty the Kramers inflict on one another.

Both Ted and Joanna are portrayed sympathetically — this is plainly the filmmaker's intent — and only the filmmaker's manipulations prevent them from discussing their problems reasonably.

The feeling of helplessness that overcomes us by the time the Kramers end up in court is real, all right — it's been shoved down our throats, but it's dramatically inauthentic.

Writer-director Robert Benton, the co-screenwriter of *Bonnie and Clyde* and the writer-director of *The Late Show*, displays a talent for well-crafted scenes and realistic dialogue, but he has chosen to overlook workings of the real world in a

cold-hearted assault on the tear ducts.

Even the work of celebrated cinematographer Nestor (*Days of Heaven*) Almendros is claustrophobic. From beginning to end, at every turn, *Kramer vs. Kramer* boxes us in.

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# WANT ADS

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### FRIENDS

W/m, 33 SEEKS MEN interested in Centaurs, horses, boots, uniforms, breeches, cowboys, football players. Write, Steve, 2605 Shelby St. Apt. 204, Dallas, Texas 75219.

Would like real man who lifts weights or is solid to do everything with. Michael (817) 626-0828. Keep Trying.

5' 11" 180 pound RUSSIAN BODY BUILDER from San Francisco wants place to stay in New Orleans during Mardi Gras. Will cover own expenses. Will send photo and resume in advance and visa versa if possible. Please write Stan Orloffsky, 1214 Polk, No. 206, San Francisco, Cal. 94109.

YOU: intelligent, butch, cute, responsible, 20 - 35, sexually versatile, gay and proud, no drugs. Some respect for religion/metaphysics, looking for commitment. ME: all the above. Robert, 817/870-9031.

Tired, fat, dirty old man seeks someone to start off the new year right. Must be young, versatile and not afraid to stand in front of a camera.

WANTED: Young black hot number seeks good looking white man to have good time. Must be versatile have neat appearance. Rickey R. Sodie, 823-2374.

B/M, 180 pounds, 36 years, neat, trim, educated, employed, independent, ambitious, mature, math and business oriented, liberal conservative, well read. No racial hang-up, no kooks, no kinks, no feds, no pills, no hard drugs. Alcohol and weed O.K. in moderation. (817) 534-1210. Terry 3AM to 2 PM.

Just say, "I found him in the Want Ads."

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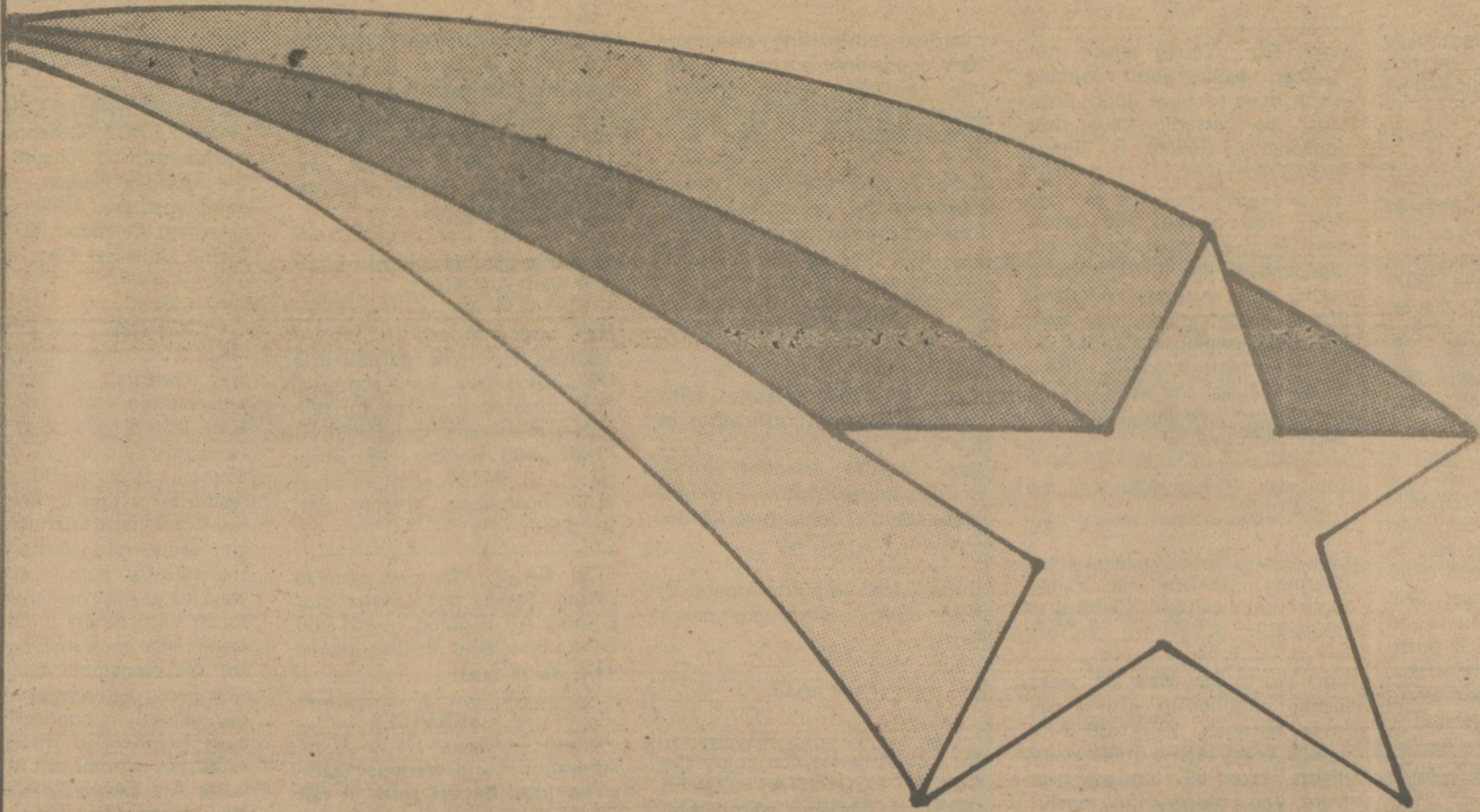
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