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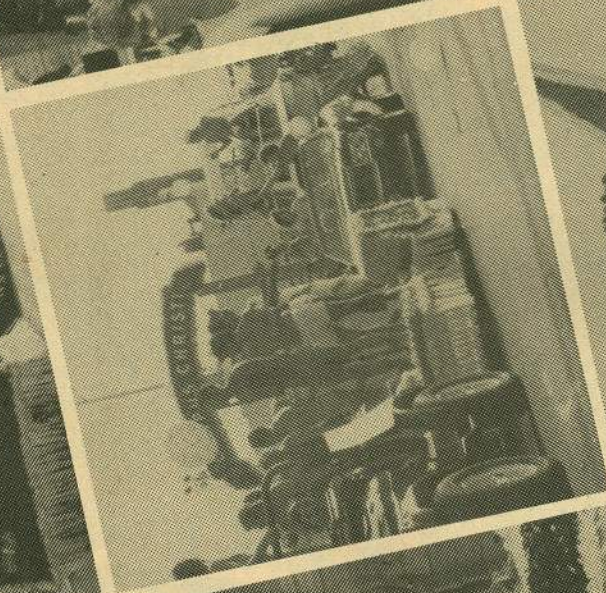
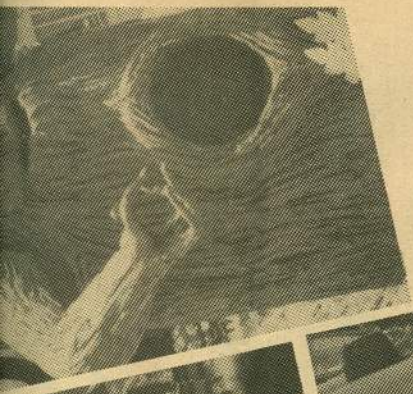
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Parades Draw Thousands Coast to Coast

Houston Gay Pride Parade organizers estimated last Sunday's crowd at 50,000 for the two-mile parade of dignitaries, floats and bands down lower Westheimer through Montrose.

Houston police patrolling the parade appeared cheerful and there was no instance like the previous year when a jay-walker was arrested and jailed.

Other parades and marches were held the same day in San Francisco, New York and Chicago.

Police estimated the San Francisco crowd at 200,000, where one of the floats was a cable car with victims of AIDS.

In Chicago, Mayor Jayne Byrne lead the annual parade there.

In Houston, Mayor Kathy Whitmire did not participate in the parade but did attend the Gay Political Caucus Rally—attended by several thousand—at the Summit later in the evening.

Organizers announced they were pleased with the attendance at the Summit, although they said they would have been more pleased had it been a larger crowd.

In previous years, the annual rally was a free event in Spotts Park. This year, it was a \$9 per person "GPCelebration" with live entertainment by singing artists Tina Turner and Pamela Stanley.

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Montrose Mouth

Welcome Ball Players

The Montrose Voice welcomes well over 100 out-of-town gay softball players to Houston for this weekend's Lone Star Classic—our city's second year for the event. Twelve teams from just about everywhere important are here: New York (Eagle's Nest), Tulsa (Tim's Outlaws), Kansas City (Fox Trax, Cabaret and Rangers), Dallas (Round Up, Steel, Gay News and Throckmorton Mining Co.), Los Angeles (Greg's Blue Dot) and San Francisco (Trax and Cafe San Marcus).

They'll compete against eight Houston teams (Barn, Briar Patch, Montrose Mine/JR's, Galleon, BRB, Dirty Sally's, Charlotte's and, yours truly, the Montrose Voice team) Saturday and Sunday at four Houston ball fields.

For complete schedule see the sports page.

And for good viewing of hot men in uniforms (have I got your attention now?), come out and watch the games.

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Between now and the next two weeks, we want you to do two things for us: Don't wash your car and get real hungry.

On Saturday, July 16, the Montrose Voice softball team will host a "celebrity car wash" (location to be announced next week). So please try and get your auto real dirty between now and then and come on by.

And on Sunday, July 17, the Montrose Voice will stage its first annual "Montrose Gourmet Cookoff" at the Officer's Club, noon to 5pm. For a few bucks there'll be unlimited beer and all sorts of gourmet delights—from traditional chili to who-knows-what. It's all a joint benefit for the Montrose Sports Association and the Media Fund for Human Rights—a national organization parented by the Gay Press Association.

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There's a new gay game on the market called "Twinkees and Trolls." The game begins with those first, early experiences while growing up and progresses through gay lifestyle accumulating as many twinkees and trolls as possible. It will be in stores soon, or write for info to GAYMES, P.O. Box 30325, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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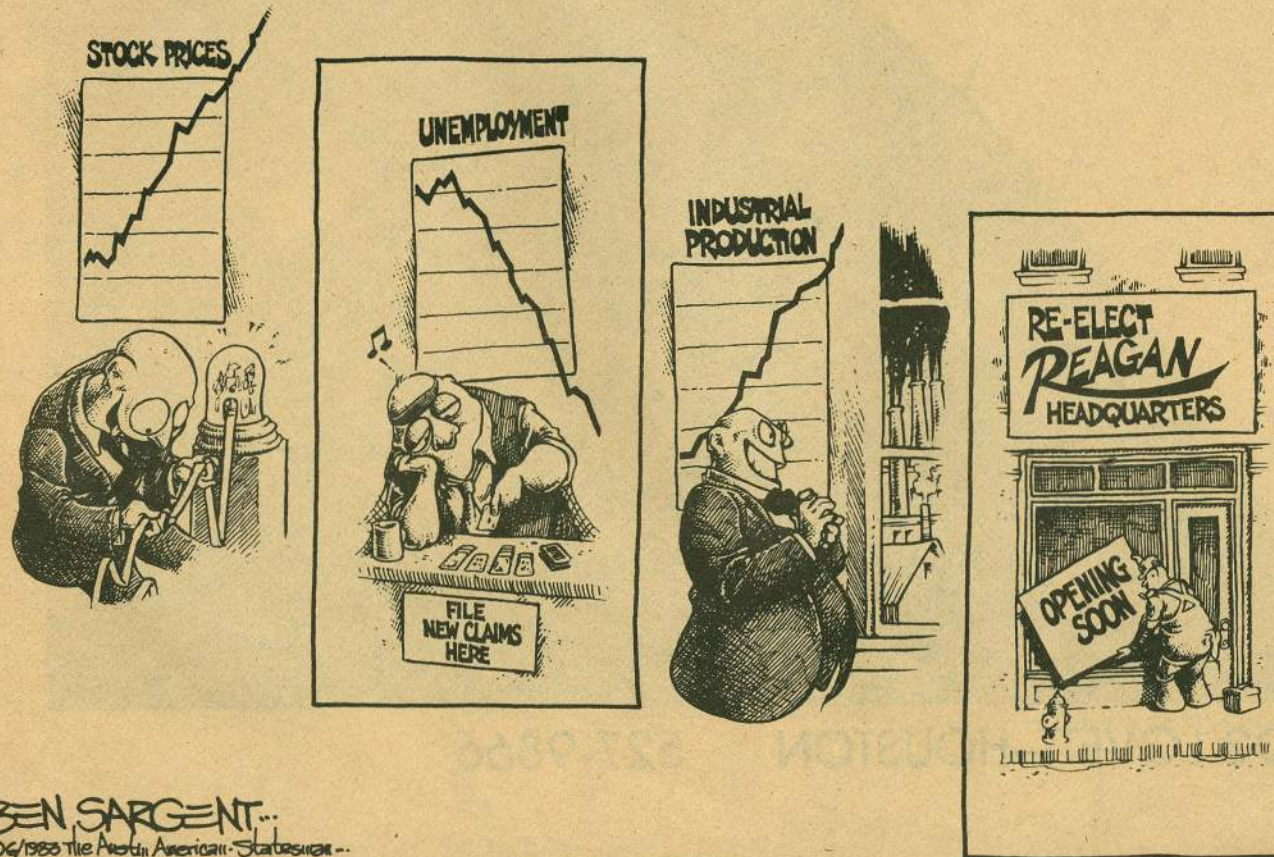
KTRH, 740 AM, located on Lovett Blvd. here in Montrose, has won the United Press International Broadcasters Association of Texas awards for "Best Public Affairs Programming," "Best Feature" and "Best Radio Special Program" plus an "Outstanding Achievement Award."

"These awards represent a continuation of the commitment KTRH has made for more than fifty years to bring its listeners the best news and information," said Garvin Berry, new director.

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Next Saturday, July 9, the chicken-hearted are descending on Wayne, Nebraska, for the city's Third Annual Chicken Show. Some 2000 people from around the country are expected to play "Cluck Cluck Golf" (putting hard-boiled eggs), sing chicken songs ("I've Grown Accustomed to Your Beak") and don chicken suits. And what chicken show would be complete without a parade? Last year spectators cried fowl when they saw the local mortician's entry, a float called "Chicken in a Casket."

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