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AD SALES PITCH ANGERS BAR OWNER

A New Orleans bar owner is angry over attempts by the New Orleans Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) to sell her an ad in their newspaper, while the head of the local church opposes civil rights measures for gays and lesbians.

June Clark, owner of The Clinic, 540 Burgundy St., said she and co-owner Gaylinn Boutte have been approached for the past two years by the CYO paper, which is read by teenagers and youths from CYO's in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

"My point is here is the Archbishop (Phillip Hannon) who takes the position on gay rights he does, but yet will try to solicit advertising from the gay community for a youth-oriented organization," Clark said.

She added that she was contacted by a Norma Wallace of the CYO organization both years and last year told her that the Burgundy Street bar was a gay establishment, and that Clark did not consider it right for her to put an ad in a publication for youth.

Clark continued that about three weeks ago she was again contacted by Wallace and when she again told her that The Clinic was a gay bar, Wallace said "Oh, Jerry Menefee is one of our better advertisers," referring to ads placed in the publication by The Bourbon Pub and Menefee's.

After talking to Wallace, Clark called the Archdiocese office to complain, only to be told that the person selling the ad "must be an imposter; the CYO would never contact a gay bar."

Calling the CYO publication office, Clark asked for Wallace, and was put through. Then she asked for a copy of the newspaper. It was subsequently sent to her.

The Archdiocese has declined comment to *Around the Clock* on the matter.

Clark added that what really angered her was the implication that "we are not good enough to work for Catholic institutions, but we are good enough to give them money."

Clark was alluding to Hannon's opposition to the gay and lesbian rights measures which was defeated in a tie vote before the New Orleans City Council in April.

Hannon based his opposition on having to hire openly gay and lesbian teachers and workers in the Archdiocese's schools and community institutions. ♦

REMINDER: NORCO/LAGPAC VOTER REGISTRATION SHUTTLE

NORCO/LAGPAC is providing a voter registration shuttle from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the evenings of Friday, August 17th, and Friday, August 24th. Drivers will be stopping periodically at a number of gay bars to offer patrons a ride (and a glass of white wine on the way) to 823 Perdido St. to register to vote. Those accepting the offer will also be given a ride back and a ticket good for a free well drink before 9:00 p.m. at any of the participating bars.

The bars that have so far agreed to assist in this effort are Charlene's, Pino's, Jewel's, The Mississippi River Bottom, The Refuge, Lafitte's, Wolfendale's, The Clinic, and The Soiled Dove. Other bars may be added.

Remember, there are no residency requirements to register to vote. You may move to an address in the morning and register that same afternoon. The only identification required is something with your signature on it: even a credit card or cancelled check will do.

In order to vote in this election one must be registered by August 29th.

In an effort to give everyone a chance to register, Orleans and Jefferson Parish registration offices will be open weekdays only from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from Wednesday, August 15th, through Wednesday, August 29th, at the following locations: City Hall; 823 Perdido St.; 2727 Louisa St.; 3940 Paris Ave.; 2529 Gen. Meyer; 6900 Downman Rd.; 2312 Louisiana Ave.; 3300 Metairie Rd.; and West Jefferson Courthouse, Room 523.

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Further information is available by phoning 523-3922. ♦

GAY RIGHTS BOOK OUT

A new edition of a book listing just what rights gays and lesbians have, has been released by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU.)

Titled "Rights of Gay People" the 208 page book lists in question-and-answer form the gains which gays and lesbians have scored in getting rights, but also lists the obstacles which are blocking them from getting others.

The book is available from the Literature Department of the ACLU, 132 West 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036 and costs \$3.95 or from many bookstores. ♦

BOOKSTORE'S YELLOW PAGE AD REJECTED

A Detroit bookstore, catering to gays and lesbians, is considering suing the publishers of that city's Yellow Pages, after being informed that they cannot describe themselves as carrying "gay and lesbian literary books."

The Detroit Free Press reported that Ameritech, publisher for many of the nation's city yellow pages allowed the Chosen Bookstore to run that same line by mistake, but that they wouldn't allow them to use the line this year, as it would violate an unwritten company policy.

Ameritech cited as the reason the belief that the words would be "offensive to our customers."

Instead the company recommended the use of either "adult bookstore," or alternative lifestyle" in describing the booksellers.

But co-owner, Bill Ashely said, "Alternative lifestyles was too 'vague' and we're not an adult bookstore by any means. The books we carry could be found in a Dalton or Doubleday, if they took the time to order them and stock them."

The bookstore has retained an attorney

to seek an injunction against Ameritech's policy and to file a lawsuit against it to protect their First Amendment rights.

GAY SCULPTURE REINSTALLED

An outdoor sculpture which was the victim of attempted "queerbashing" earlier this year has been quietly reinstalled on the campus of Stanford University in San Jose, California.

Titled "Gay Liberation," the sculpture shows two men, one with an arm on the shoulder of another; and two women, one with a hand on the knee of the other, was attacked with a ballpeen hammer and slightly damaged in March.

The suspect arrested for the incident was released after the chief witness couldn't identify him and he passed a lie detector test.

Floodlights now illuminate the work of sculptor George Segal. ♦

SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO RULE IN GAY CASE PAVING WAY FOR HIS REINSTATEMENT AS SCOUT LEADER

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to rule in a gay civil rights case July 5th, which left standing a lower court order that the Boy Scouts could not discriminate against a gay male.

The nation's highest court refused to hear an appeal filed by the Mount Diablo Boy Scout Council asking that they be allowed to stop a gay man from being a volunteer adult leader assisting a Scoutmaster of Berkley, California's Troop 37.

The gay man, Tim Curran, had sued under the California Unruh Act covering civil rights, asking that the council be ordered to allow him to participate in scouting activities as a leader.

In a one-sentence order, the Supreme Court refused to hear the case, citing that the council still had other courts to which it could appeal.

This marks the third time the Supreme Court has refused to hear a civil rights case affecting a gay or lesbian this year.

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GAYS SUPPORT N. C. CAMPAIGN ISSUE

The support of gays and lesbians of former North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt has become a major campaign issue in the Hunt's bid to unseat Sen. Jesse Helms, (R-NC), while Democrats are charging that Helm's ads bringing up the issue violate Federal laws.

In what many consider to be one of the nation's most bitter political campaigns, Helms has been running ads lately stating that Hunt has accepted contributions from gay rights groups.

But the chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party has charged that these ads are illegal because they were paid for by an individual who claimed they were an "independent contribution" to the Helm's campaign, even though the contributor is part of Helm's campaign, therefore not able to independently contribute to it.

The ads ask, in part, "Gov. Hunt, did you or did you not accept a \$79,000 contribution from gay activists?"

Both Hunt and gay activists in that state have denied any \$79,000 contribution was accepted.

Gay rights groups are supporting Hunt over Helms, who has been described as "archconservative" and "homophobic" by many. ♦

FIVE ARRESTED FOR KILLING THREE HUSTLERS

A group of five transients in Hollywood, California have been arrested for killing three hustlers in an attempt to "rid Santa Monica Boulevard of male hookers," according to the Boston Gay Community News.

The killers, all described by authorities as "street people," called themselves "The Family" were arrested for the killings which began in February after a motel robbery, in which the victims participated.

A woman living with "The Family" tipped off police as to the groups

involvement. ♦

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The national press has been detailing, on an almost weekly basis, the many shortcomings of the New Orleans World's Fair; however, there has been a most significant reason not being explained to the public at large.

For more than ten percent of the public, New Orleans is no longer a "fun city" to visit!

The "gay" population of the country is learning that gays are being harassed by law enforcement agencies on the streets of the "French Quarter" and at the bars and baths where gay people wish to congregate.

The reason given for the "harassment" is so nebulous that there is no way that one might define the cause. The nearest reason for the Gestapo routine has been the so called "anonymous tip" that something wrong is happening *THERE!!!*

However, in the meantime, the 10 percent of the population that New Orleans wishes to exclude from its World's Fair...represents at least *double* the amount in *spendable income* (one reason is that gay folks don't have families to support and therefore have more money to spend on entertainment.)

It is sad, since most other cosmopolitan cities in our country have learned the basic meaning of tolerance and are enjoying both the financial and cultural benefits we "gay folks" have to offer, that a city such as New Orleans must still function in an atmosphere of 16th century *bigotry*.

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BLUE BABY DOLLS DEBUT AT LUCILLE'S & FRIEND

The Blue Baby Dolls, composed of Oscar Lee Bates, Larry Landers, Danny McNamara, Lyla Hay Owen and Gary Plum will be presenting the debut performance of "Rising From The Streets" at Lucille's & Friend, 626 St. Philip St., Saturday, August 25 at 11 p.m.

"Rising From The Streets" is performance-art in the style of Reflective Theatre. It will feature original music and lyrics written by New Orleans playwright/actress/Blue Baby Doll Lyla Hay Owen.

Reflective Theatre is performance-art which presents to an audience a mirrored likeness. However, it is an image which is thrown back and/or bent back at the audience through the use of light, sound, action, reaction, music and theatrical affectations.

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The following comments have been provided by the Blue Baby Dolls:



"I've been mistaken for Phillip Marlowe out on Veterans Highway on a Sunday (at a bar of course); also Chef Boy-R-Dee (at one time); a blue Ford truck owner; and now a Blue Baby Doll."

Karen, age 10 (aka Larry Landers)

"I've been a Blue Baby Doll since birth. I'm now ten years old. I like boys and hate school except on school picture days. I hate to go home, but I do like to sleep. I like movies and the Blue Baby Dolls and also I like to sit on Monsieur Le Chat's lap." Bootsie (aka Lyla Hay Owen)

"The only thing I ever did that made me famous before I became a Blue Baby



Doll was when I was a career waitress at truck stops in Mississippi where I was born and left early on with a truck driver what had only one leg. My real name is Jane and I am six years old and I am

very fond of mustard greens." Jane (aka Oscar Lee Bates)

"I wasn't always a Blue Baby Doll. Growing up in Iowa I had never even met a real blue baby. Then while I was working my way through college and was in charge of picking the Jello of the week at the student cafeteria, I decided that blue was my favorite color. The next exciting moment in my life was getting kissed by Eva Gabor at a wig promotion at D. H. Holmes. And now that I hang out with the other Blue Baby Dolls, I know it's just a matter of time til we all get blue wigs." Tammy, age 9 (aka Gary Plum)

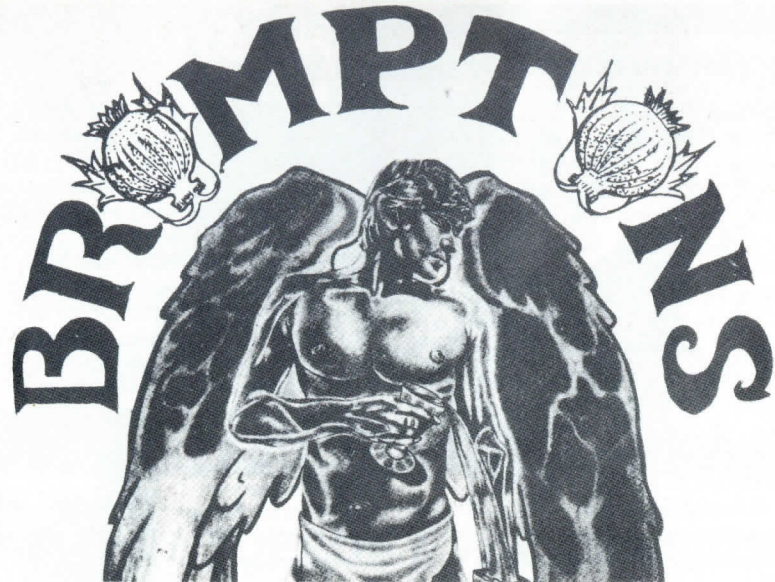


"After many false starts in the world of show business (The Pukes, Demented Women, etc.) all of my training and education are finally paying off in a not-so-big way. Being a bit older than the rest of

the Blue Baby Dolls, I find that many of them look to me for leadership qualities they haven't yet developed. Soon they will be in Junior High where I am still at, and they can all vote for me for head cheerleader." Mary, age 14 (aka Danny McNamara)

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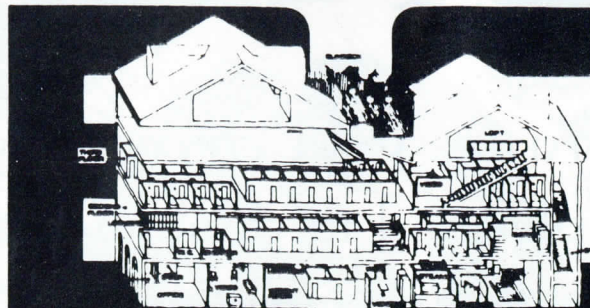
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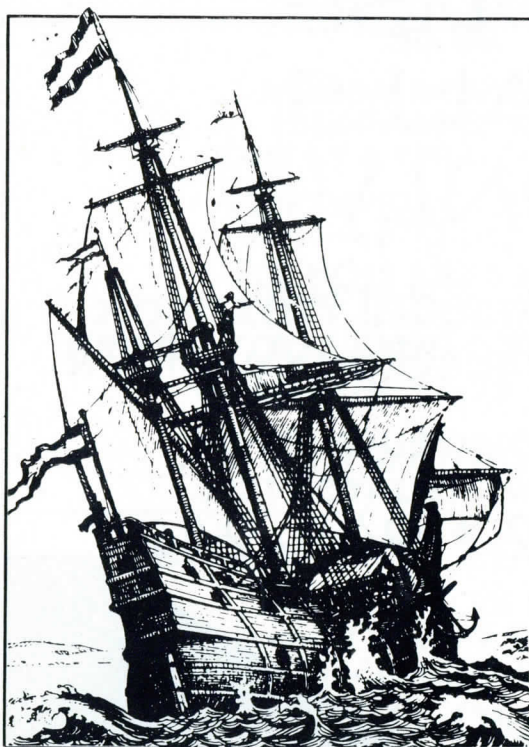
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LEO: Unexpected expenses set your budget back. Goods have to be returned.



ARIES: Mistakes made at work make you have to do things over again. Even then, it's wrong!



VIRGO: Erros in judgement, (usually uncommon for you.) You may have to take back what you say.



TAURUS: Dates may be broken. Promises made by lovers may not be kept either.



LIBRA: Limitations and reversals are apt to crop up where you least expect them.



GEMINI: Household appliances could break down. You may lose things, keys, etc.



SCORPIO: Invitations to parties are cancelled, guests are late, or meetings are called off.



CANCER: Don't sign important papers unless you read the fine print. Mail gets lost. Wrong numbers are frequent.



SAGITTARIUS: The boss' orders are contradictory. Jobs where accuracy is important suffer.



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Lambda Chai — (an ultra-reformed Jewish group) meets at St. Louis Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

Dignity — Coffee House: Gay Catholics meet at St. Louis Community Center, 1022 Barracks St., 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, August 18

60s Motown Salute — staged by Krewe of Ishtar at D.A.V. Hall, 151 Frisocille, Arabi, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

SUNDAY, August 19

Grace Fellowship in Christ Jesus — 1913 Dauphine St., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Softball — Everyone is welcome at Diamond #14 (next to the Old Driving Range on Marconi Drive in City Park, 3 p.m. Come early and join the picnic. For further information, call Loretta at 522-1585.

Dignity — (Mass), 3037 Dauphine St., 4:00 p.m.
M.C.C. New Orleans — 1800 Jefferson Ave., 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, August 20

Gay Bowling — Sugar Bowl Lanes on Franklin Ave.

TUESDAY, August 21

Sharing & Support Group — sponsored by Dignity, the gay Catholic organization. Call 949-1465 for information and directions.

WEDNESDAY, August 22

M.C.C. New Orleans — 1800 Jefferson Ave., 7:00 p.m.

New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus — Open rehearsals, St. Mark's Church, 1130 Rampart St., 7:30 p.m.

DAILY

Wanna Play Baseball? — Summer soft ball organizing now. Contact Al at the Cuckoo's Nest (949-NEST) or Loretta at The Clinic (522-1585).

AA — 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, St. Louis Community Center, 1022 Barracks St.

Lambda Center — a gay center for AA, NA, Alanon meetings, 1214 N. Rampart St., 523-9808. AA — 8:00 p.m. every night, Noon Sun., Mon., & Wed., 10:30 p.m. Sunday, 11:30 p.m. Sunday; Alanon — (for family & friends of alcoholics) Noon Sun. & 8:00 p.m. Wed.; Narcotics Anonymous — 8:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs; Midnight Fri., Noon Saturday. Everyone always welcome!

Party Time

FRIDAY, August 17

De Sade & Men — host a Beer Bust, Paw Paw's, 700 Burgundy St., 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Beer Bust — at the Filling Station, 642 N. Rampart St., midnight-3 a.m.

Beer Bust — at the Country Club, 6-10 p.m., 634 Louisa St.

SATURDAY, August 18

Afternoon Brew — The Phoenix, 941 Elysian Fields, 4-7 p.m.

Afternoon Brew II — The Louisiana Purchase, 740 Dauphine St., 3 p.m.

Afternoon Brew III — Paw Paw's, 700 Burgundy St., 3-6 p.m.

SUNDAY, August 19

Afternoon Brew — Paw Paw's Beer Bust, 700 Burgundy St., 3 p.m. til?

An Institution — Jewel's Beer Bust, 1207 Decatur St., 6 p.m.

Westbank Beer Bust — The I Beam, 1302 Allo, Marrero, 3-7 p.m.

Free Eats — Buffet at the Cuckoo's Nest, 2128 St. Claude, starting at 4 p.m.

MONDAY, August 20

World's Longest — Beer Bust, that is, Brompton's, 1430 Royal St., 8 p.m.-2 a.m.

Red Beans & Rice — They're free at the Country Club, 634 Louisa St. Also a Beer Bust, 6-10 p.m.

TUESDAY, August 21

An Evening with Brew — Paw Paws Beer Bust, 700 Burgundy, 8-11 p.m.

Westbank Beer Bust — The I Beam, 1302 Allo, Marrero, 8-11 p.m.

Volleyball — at the Country Club, 634 Louisa St. No cover.

WEDNESDAY, August 22

Free Spaghetti — at the Country Club, 6-10 p.m., 634 Louisa St.

Midori Party at The Clinic, 540 Burgundy, 7:30 P.M. Prizes.

Lancer's M.C. — hosts a Beer Bust at Partners, 718 N. Rampart St., 8-11 p.m.

Westbank Beer Bust — at The Backdoor, 827 Derbigny, Gretna, 8 p.m.-midnight.

THURSDAY, August 23

Volleyball — at the Country Club, 6-10 p.m., 634 Louisa St.

Knights d'Orleans — hosts a Beer Bust at The Filling Station, 642 N. Rampart, 8-11 p.m.



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Every club, krewé and organization has fundraising functions throughout the year like rummage sales, raffles, dances, and whatnots. Below you will find a listing of those which are scheduled during the next four weeks. If your non-profit group would like to see your fundraising functions listed in this column, drop us a line at *Around the Clock*, P.O. Box 70377, New Orleans, LA 70172, or call (504) 947-5295. What we need is the who, what, where, when, why, and how much. It would also help our readers to let us know where tickets may be purchased.

SATURDAY, August 18

"Sadie Hawkins Day Dance" presented by Krewe of David at Baker's Hall, 2001 Burgundy, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5. Call David Story at 943-1045 after 5 p.m. for tickets or more information.

SUNDAY, August 19

Dance presented by Krewe of Ishtar at D.A.V. Hall, 151 Friscoville, Arabi.

Mud Wrestling — presented by Krewe of Cerci at Mississippi River Bottom, 515 St. Philip St.

SATURDAY, August 25

Miss/Mr. America Pageant, Amon-Ra's annual extravaganza at the St. Bernard Cultural Center, 8 p.m. For tickets, contact an Amon-Ra member or call Betty Parrott at 524-8006 (after 5 p.m.), or Richard Devlin at 586-8638 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.).

SUNDAY, August 26

Ladies in Labor Contest — presented by the

Mystic Krewe of Perseus. To be held at Play It Again, Sam's, 8:30 P.M. Contestants must be there at 8 P.M. Tickets available at door for \$2.99. For more information call Gary at 949-9533.

TUESDAY, August 28

Summer Fun in the Afternoon — sponsored by Krewe of Satin & Sequins, Pino's, 1 p.m. til ?. BBQ, games, shows and pool party. Tickets available at Dirtie Dottie's, Pino's, The Roundup or from krewe members.

WEDNESDAY, September 5

Rush Party & Rehearsal, New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, St. Marks Church, 1130 N. Rampart St., 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, September 22

Mr. Leather Contest — sponsored by Lords of Leather.

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