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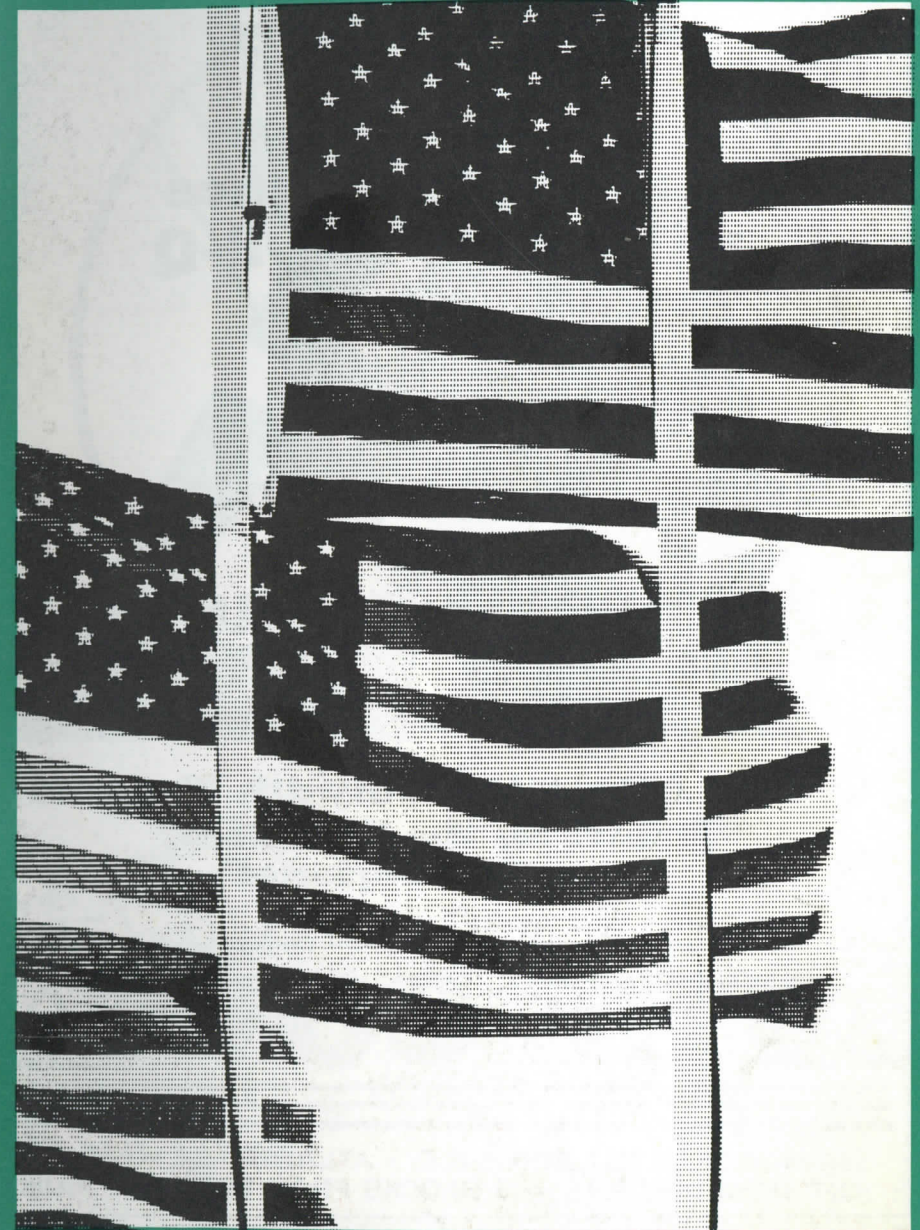
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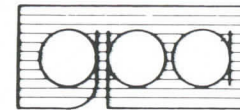
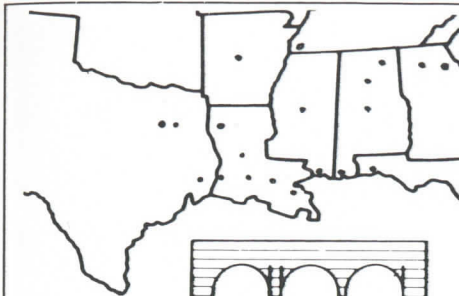
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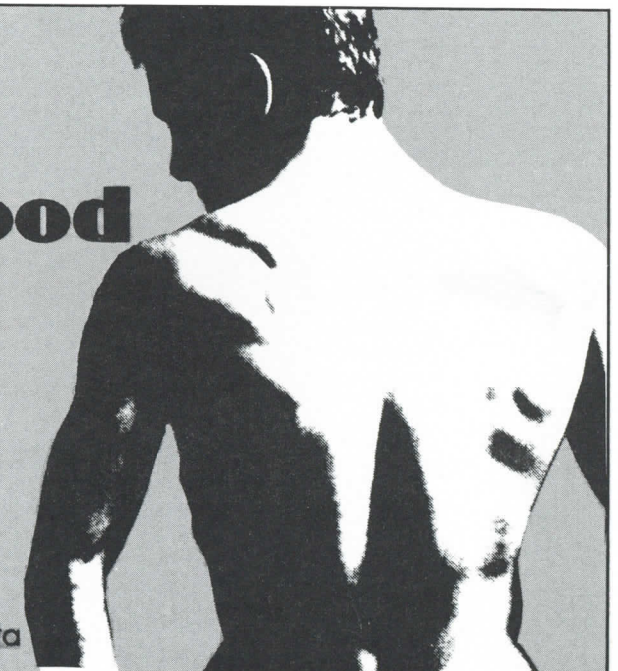
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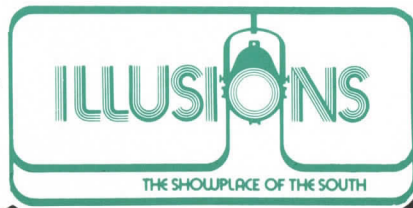
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MORIAL SIGNS GAY/LESBIAN RIGHTS POLICY ORDER

New Orleans Mayor Ernest "Dutch" Morial has signed a policy memorandum requiring that the city not discriminate against gay men and lesbians in city employment or services.



Michael Bagneris

The policy was announced at a press conference Friday, June 21, at New Orleans City Hall.

The policy was announced by Morial's Executive Counsel Michael Bagneris, who said, "In keeping with the city's longstanding policy of non discrimination against any of its citizens based on race, color, creed, sex, national origin or sexual orientation, the policy memorandum we're issuing indicates that the city will not discriminate against an individual on the basis of his or her sexual orientation.

Specifically the policy, which is patterned after Executive Orders issued by other mayors, prohibits discrimination against gay men or lesbians in the delivery of city services, or in city employment, "including hiring, promotion, retirement or tenure," Bagneris added.

New Orleans Regional Chapter of the Louisiana Gay Political Action Caucus (NORCO/LAGPAC) Political Action Coordinator Roberts Batson read a statement commending Morial on "his stance on this

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important civil rights issue."

Batson added that LAGPAC members had been meeting with Morial since May, 1981 to urge the mayor to make clear his practice of "non discrimination based on sexual orientation." ♦

CELEBRATION '85, GAY PRIDE WEEK RECOGNIZED BY CITY

Mayor Ernest "Dutch" Morial issued a proclamation naming June 22 through June 30 Gay Pride Week in New Orleans. The proclamation was presented to representatives of Celebration '85, the New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus and GayFest during Celebration '85's press conference, Friday, June 21.

Lambert Boissiere, Councilman of New Orleans' District D, read a resolution passed unanimously by the City Council commending the organizers of, and participants in, Celebration '85 for their contributions to the City of New Orleans. ♦

CELEBRATION '85 BUILDS BRIDGES

Gay men and lesbians find themselves confronted with new challenges which require them to build bridges linking them to each other, as well as to other groups.

That was one of the conclusions reached by speakers and workshop coordinators at Celebration '85, the Fifth Annual Louisiana State Gay Conference held at the Clarion Hotel June 21-22.

Openly gay San Francisco City Supervisor Harry Britt addressed a workshop on "Political Bridge Building" stressing the importance of building political coalitions to secure gay and lesbian rights.

Britt related how gay men and lesbians became politically important in San Francisco:

"In 1977 we got organized over Proposition 13, the conservative tax cutting measure," Britt said. "The political organization of the city was in disarray — everyone hated everyone else."

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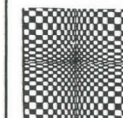
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out' of the political process, so they started getting together," he continued.

"Statewide, those opposed to Proposition 13 lost, but in San Francisco, we had 85% of the vote with us, and that impressed our friends — so much so that when the anti-gay Proposition 6 was on the ballot, we were able to call on other political groups to help defeat it."

"It was very easy to keep that coalition in place, only this time we were the leaders," Britt said.

"In order to be politically effective, we have to learn how the game is played, what the significant forces are. Then we should interact."

"The basic attitude towards gay people in this country is to ignore us. The number of people who want to put us all in jail is relatively small, the number of people who want to watch a television show dealing with gay rights is even smaller. That's because people don't want to think about us, and that includes many gay people as

well."

Britt contended that this is particularly tragic when AIDS is considered.

"We are dying because we haven't been visible and effective politically. Those places where there has been adequate response to AIDS is where we have been effective."

Britt's contention that we must educate "middle America" so that they can deal with their homophobia were echoed in other workshops.

Conference workshops dealt with topics ranging from AIDS, family law for gay men and lesbians, and isolation and loneliness to coming out, and substance abuse.

Conference goers were treated to a showing of the award-winning film *Before Stonewall*. The film, winner at the Houston and Berlin Film Festivals, chronicles the lesbian and gay lifestyles before the Stonewall incident, which is considered by many to be the birth of the modern gay

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rights movement.

During the evening session, after an appearance by the New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, and an auction which raised more than \$2000, the keynote speakers continued the bridge building theme.

Abby Rubinfeld, managing attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, called for bridge building on three levels: within our own community; with other disadvantaged groups in our areas; and between local lesbian and gay communities and national groups.

"Gay men and lesbians are by their natures bridge builders," Rubinfeld said. "We don't say 'black gays,' 'disabled gays,' or any other kind of gays. We just say 'gay.'"

"The fact that we are different has historically been used against us," she added. "But that is one of our great strengths. Gay men and lesbians are a piece of the mosaic of discrimination in this country."

This theme was taken up by the other keynoter, Gil Gerald, Executive Director of the National Coalition of Black Gays. Gerald called for bridge building between white gays and those of other races.

"How can you expect blacks to understand the problems of gay black children unless you build bridges with black gays, and gays of other races?"

Gerald challenged the audience to include the problems of lesbians and gay men of color in their agendas.

"Let us incorporate goals of women and people of color into the goals of the gay community," he added.

The Saturday events ended with a moving closing ceremony conducted by

Roberts Batson, and a rousing rendition of *Cage au Folles*' "I Am What I Am."

Conference participants praised the organizers and workshop facilitators of Celebration '85.

One participant commented, "I had no idea that a conference could be this exciting."

Celebration '86, to be held next Spring, will also be the Southeastern Lesbian and Gay Conference, and will include participation from fifteen states throughout the southeastern United States. ♦

GAYFEST SCHEDULES PARADE, ENTERTAINMENT

GayFest 1985, to be held Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30 in Washington Square Park, has announced a Gay Pride Parade.

The procession will begin at the Rampart Street (at St. Ann) entrance to Louis Armstrong Park, 10 a.m. Saturday morning. It will travel down St. Ann Street to Bourbon St., down Bourbon St. to Poydras, jog right one block to Royal Street and down Royal Street to Washington Square Park.

The two-day event will feature a speech by Valerie Ferrigno, Mayor of West Hollywood, California, as well as others, and appearances by such entertainers as Naomi Sims, Miss Gay America; The Pfister Sisters; Li'l Queenie; Becky Allen, Fred Palmisano & Ricky Graham; Kuumba Williams, star of "One Mo' Time"; Soft Touch; The Pat O'Brien Girls; Luis Hansa (non-sexist fashions); Karen Como & The Spades; Connie Marcelle, Diane Castro, Annie Henrix, and more.

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LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE WEEK

Saturday, June 22nd marked the beginning of the 1985 Lesbian/Gay Pride celebration. Featured events included a parade, street festival, candlelight AIDS vigil in Central City Park, and a talk by Harry Britt sponsored by the Atlanta Committee for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "Stonewall, A New Attitude" was selected as this year's theme. ♦

LOS ANGELES BAND TO PERFORM FOR GAY PRIDE WEEK

On July 6th the Great American Yankee Freedom Band will perform as a part of the 1985 Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. An all volunteer adult community marching/concert band founded in 1978 to lead the annual Gay Pride parade, the band now performs in concert at street fairs, community service organization functions and Gay Pride parades around the country.

The 80 member band, directed by Scott Brahm, has received over 40 trophies for their marching efforts and was presented a "key to the city" of Houston in 1981. Christopher Street West named the band the outstanding community organization that same year.

Future plans for the band include sponsoring additional community events and performing at the Gay Games II in San Francisco in 1986. ♦

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD

On Sunday June 30, a memorial service

will be held for individuals who have died from AIDS, at 4:00 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, located at the corner of North Avenue and West Peachtree Street. The event will be sponsored by AID Atlanta, a non-profit health services agency providing education, referral and support services to people with AIDS, their families, friends and loved ones. The service is intended for people of all faiths.

This memorial will be the first community-wide remembrance to be held in Atlanta. The theme will focus on the sense of community that has begun to evolve from the tragedy of AIDS. More than 80 Georgians have lost their lives to the disease; the death toll nationwide is approaching 5,000.

Anyone who wishes to have a friend or loved one remembered at this service should call AID Atlanta at 872-0600 or write 1132 West Peachtree Street NW, Suite 112, Atlanta, Georgia, 30309. Those to be remembered need not have been from the Atlanta or Georgia area to be included. ♦

AIDS HOSPICE BOUGHT

Local real estate agents presented keys to a four-unit apartment building to AID Atlanta officials on June 1st. The building will house up to eight people; the address is being withheld to protect the privacy of the residents. Funding for the Hospice is from the Atlanta Royal Court Hospice Fund Drive and an anonymous donor. ♦

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Georgia's sodomy law has been declared unconstitutional by a federal appeals court in Atlanta. The court, in its 2 to 1 decision, found that Georgia's attempt to regulate private consensual sexual activity was in violation of the constitution's protection of the right of privacy.

The case was filed two years ago when Michael Hardwick of Atlanta was arrested in his own bedroom and charged with sodomy.

A similar move to have Louisiana's crime against nature law removed from the books is underway in federal courts in New Orleans; in addition, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals is hearing an appeal of a similar Texas law. ♦

INSURANCE COMPANY CONSIDERS GAY COUPLES "MARRIED"

The American Automobile Association of California has agreed to offer "multiple car discounts," which formerly were only

offered to married couples, to gay and lesbian couples.

The decision was in response to a plan by the National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) to file a lawsuit on behalf of two San Diego men, Leo Laurence and Robert Zelter, Jr., who have been together for seven years.

AIDS QUARANTINE CONSIDERED

Quarantining people with AIDS is being considered by the Reagan Administration, a report in the *New York Native* states.

At a May meeting of the National Mobilization Against AIDS (NMAA), Dr. James Mason, director of the Centers for Disease Control, stated that he had



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attended an earlier meeting with Reagan staffers where the matter was discussed.

Paul Boneberg of NMAA said Mason claims to be personally against such a quarantine, but turned a deaf ear to the group's plea for more money to educate the gay community about AIDS. Mason allegedly asked "Do you really believe gay men can be changed through education?"

Mason is reportedly a graduate of a Mormon college which has used electroshock aversion therapy in an attempt to "change" homosexuals into heterosexuals.

WOMAN CHARGES "MA BELL" PROMOTES HOMOSEXUALITY

A Pennsylvania woman has filed a complaint with the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission, charging that American Telephone and Telegraph's allowing the listing of gay and lesbian organizations acts to "aid, abet, encourage, foster and promote homosexual activity."

Nancy S. Pryor of Pittsburgh claims that free public service listings in directories across the state should be removed and phone users refunded on a pro rata basis for monies paid for inclusion of the "offensive pro-homosexual listings," according to a report in the *Philadelphia Gay News*.

Pryor claims that the groups listed are working to lure children into homosexuality, and she charged the Metropolitan Community Church teaches God wants "everyone, including children, to engage in homosexual acts." She continues that the church claims such acts with children are taught as "part of the Judeo-Christian heritage."

No date for a hearing on Pryor's complaint has been set. ♦

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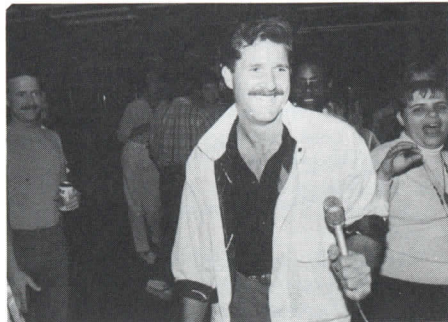
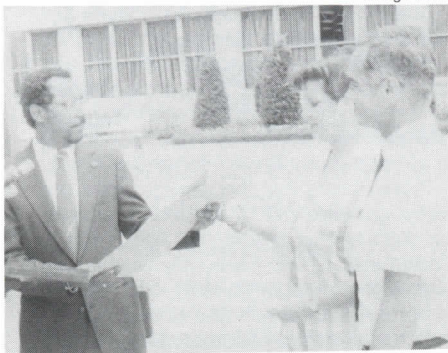
Following are the top 15 plays at Strokes, Lafayette, Louisiana, provided by Reed McGowan.

1. Around the World in a Day (all cuts) — Prince
2. Dangerous — Natalie Cole
3. Sussudio (Razormaid) — Phil Collins
4. You Spin Me Round/Lover Come Back to Me — Dead or Alive
5. Welcome to the Pleasuredome — Frankie Goes to Hollywood

6. Would I Lie to You? — Eurythmics
 7. Into the Groove/Angel — Madonna
 8. 19 — Paul Hardcastle
 9. The Goonies R Good Enough — Cyndi Lauper
 10. Hit the Deck/Does Anybody Know Me? — Lipps Inc.
 11. New Attitude (Hot Tracks) — Patti LaBelle
 12. Black Cars — Gino Vannelli
 13. Square Rooms — Al Corley
 14. Change Your Mind (Razormaid) — Sharpe & Numan
 15. Mathematics — Melissa Manchester
- Following are the top 15 plays at Jack's Saloon, Jackson, Mississippi, provided by Steve Silcio.
1. Sussudio — Phil Collins
 2. Point of No Return — Exposé
 3. Play Me (I'm a Jukebox) — Robie Jackson
 4. Meeting in the Laides Room — Klymaxx
 5. Boy — Book of Love
 6. Baby Come and Get It — Pointer Sisters
 7. Do You Wanna Get Away — Shannon
 8. Show Some Respect — Tina Turner
 9. Do You Want It Right Now — Guidah Garrett
 10. Second Best — Evelyn Thomas
 11. Unexpected Lovers — Lime
 12. Some Like It Hot — Power Station
 13. You Spin Me Round (Like a Record) — Dead or Alive
 14. Black Cars — Gino Vannelli
 15. Walking on Sunshine — Katrina and the Waves ♦

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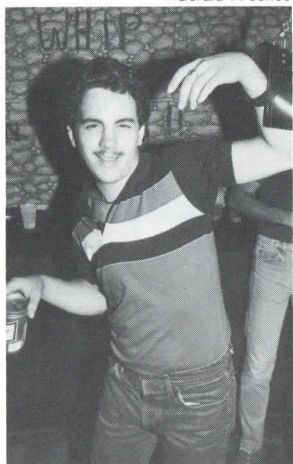


Left: Michael Bagneris, Executive Counsel to New Orleans Mayor "Dutch" Morial presents Gay Pride Week proclamation to Celebration '85 co-chair Karen Button and New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Director Jerry Zachary. Right: Paul Parker at Weekends Warehouse, Atlanta.

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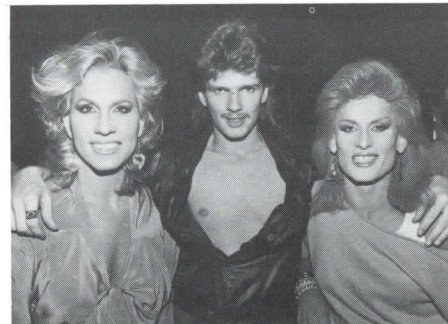
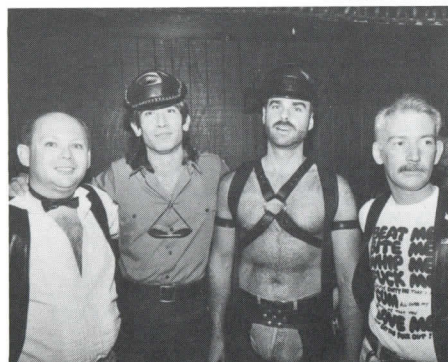
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Left: Partygoers at Weekends, Atlanta; Center: Black & Blue Party at The Cove, Atlanta; Right: Julie Brown at Weekends, Atlanta.

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Left: (left to right) David of Gallus' and Greg of The Cove with Mark and Randy, Daddies of the Year at The Cove, Atlanta; Right: Cast at The Saint, Atlanta.

Around the zodiac clock

JUNE 28-JULY 4
KEYWORD: "DUD"

by Lawrence of New Orleans

FOR EVERY SIGN: What a disappointing title for a holiday week, when exciting pyrotechnics should light the sky! Like a wet firecracker that fails to go off, Saturn may dampen the heart's desire of Venus, and Pluto make *picnicky* plans of Mercury fizzle out. However, the party pooper Capricorn Full Moon, (opposing the Cancer Sun in the sign of patriotism,) will be over *before* the Fourth, so maybe our Independence Day will end up with a *bang*.



CANCER: It's not time to wave your own flag. Give more consideration to your closest friend, and don't rely too much on social pleasures. Attend to serious business before you celebrate. (If your birthday is this week, the above lasts one year.)



LEO: Clear up health matters and make sure your job situation is under control before you take off in order to enjoy yourself. Cheer up others who may be feeling low right now.



VIRGO: Keep negative thoughts to yourself. You'll feel much better on Thursday. Friendship affairs come to a head by then. Travel doesn't look sensational. Seek quieter pleasures.



LIBRA: Attend to financial problems as early in the week as possible. Don't socialize a lot until then. Domestic concerns make themselves felt under the Full Moon. Work picks up soon.



SCORPIO: You may feel somewhat reserved or find that others seem cool toward you, either at work or socially. Your mind will start bursting with bright ideas on the 2nd.



SAGITTARIUS: Use common sense about money this week. Control your budget. Keep pastimes conservative, and do your best during the work week. Relax at home, or find fun in out-of-the-way places.



CAPRICORN: The Full Moon in your sign helps you to tie up personal aims. Sexually and romantically, this week is only fair at best, but things may start popping in time for the Fourth.



AQUARIUS: Partners won't be very receptive to your ideas this week, your mood at work and at home not very festive, especially until Wednesday. Stay out of the mainstream until then.



PISCES: Postpone wild travel plans, but sensible attempts to get away for peace of mind work out all right. Clean house *early* in the week. Stay out of controversial topics at work.



ARIES: You may be in the "red" financially, and feel bled "white" with bills, but don't be "blue." You can get *moral* assistance from somebody you care about during the next seven days.



TAURUS: Crystalize your Summer travel plans early. Close associates may have a short fuse, or not be very communicative during the first of the week. It's a "safe" if not a "dynamite" time.



GEMINI: Take a serious attitude toward your work. Plan a conservative week end with rest and relaxation. Don't over-exert mentally or physically. Clear up financial obligations. by the 2nd.

* ASK THE STARS *

Capricorn was coming up over your Eastern horizon, (within a couple hours before sunrise,) if you have more "yes" answers to *these* questions: Were you divorced? Are you an artist or boss? Is your health exceptionally good? Is your mother from out-of-state? Or do you move and travel a lot? Were you married? Are you very talkative? Do you have an Aries or Libra parent? Then you were probably born halfway between Sunrise and Sunset. (Sagittarius Rising). Are you proud or vain? Very secretive? have trouble with friends? Lucky in love? You *could* have been born close to Sunrise. (Aquarius First House) Do you think about money alot? Were you a serious child? Are you happiest and most successful where you were born? Is there a scar on your head or face? Then you arrived shortly after Midnight. (Scorpio Ascendant.)

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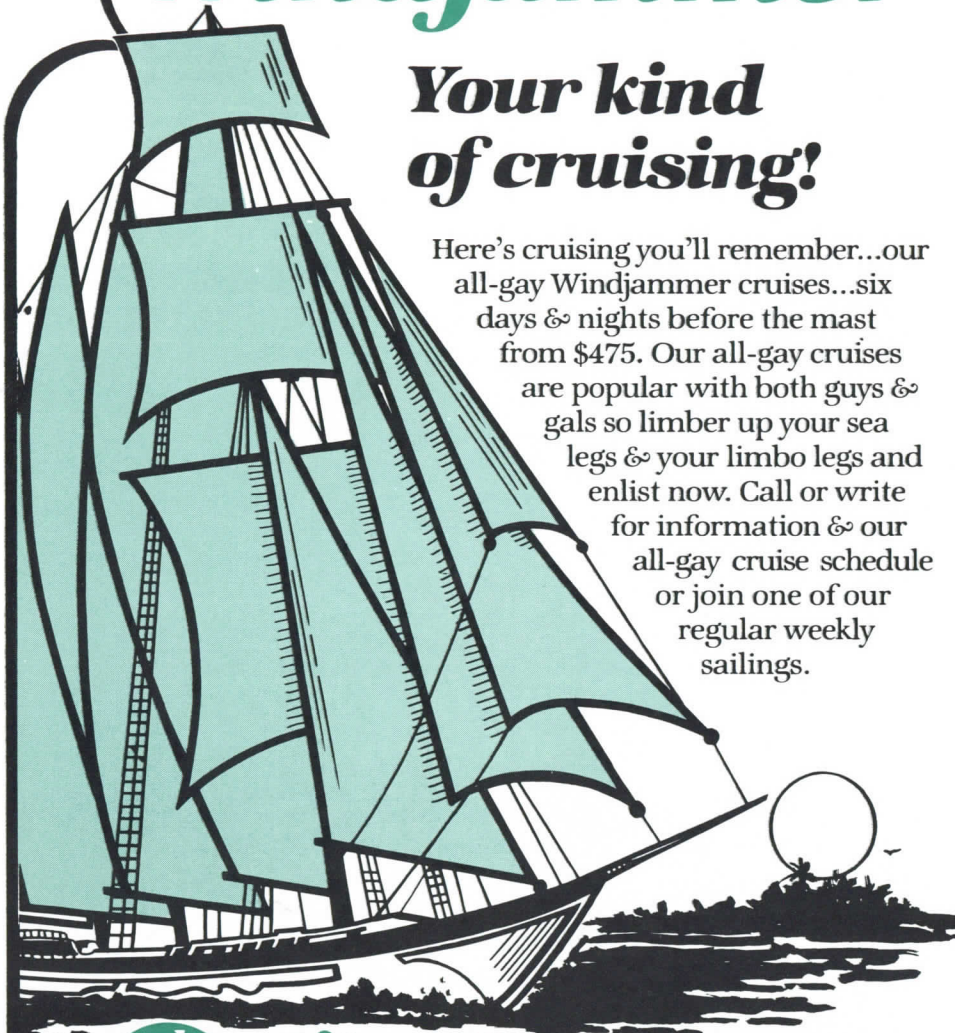
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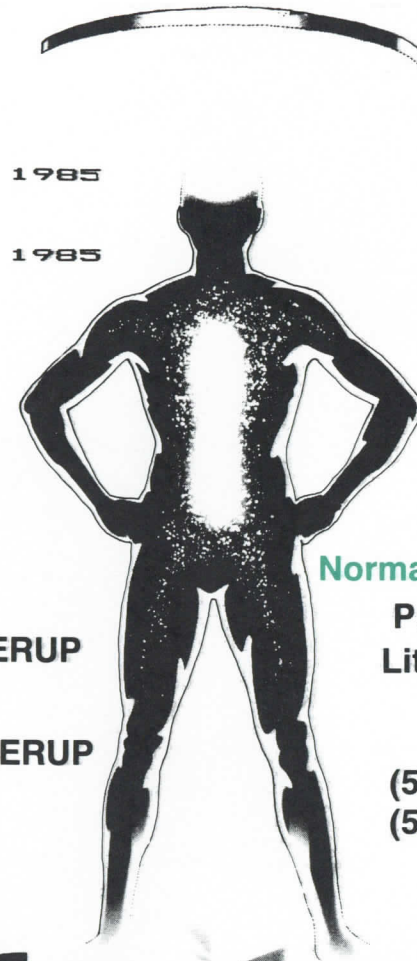
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