

# METROSTAR

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## Medrano Promises Gay Rights Ordinance

By Roy Hall  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

In an exclusive interview with the *Metro Star*, Place 2 Dallas City Council candidate Ricardo Medrano promised that within six months of his election he would, with the help and advice of leaders from the gay community, introduce a city ordinance to protect the civil rights of gay citizens. And he thinks it has a good chance of passing.

The 35-year-old owner of Kiko's Grocery sees the Dallas Gay Political Caucus, which has endorsed his candidacy, as being a strong

and impressive force in the community with its large and growing roster of members, and he feels that the talks which have been held

or are being scheduled with city officials, are "opening the door" to a better city

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## A Few Pointers to Avoid Arrest

Because of recent harassment and arrests, the *Metro Star* presents the following pointers in the hope of protecting our readers.

o To avoid arrest, do not touch another person in

a public place below their waist. To do so subjects you to possible arrest. Likewise, do not allow anyone else to touch you below the waist,

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## DGPC Meeting was a Definite Up

DALLAS -- About four years ago following a raid on the Club Dallas, the community turned out in force and overflowed the new facilities of Metropolitan Community Church at Reagan and Brown, in Dallas. This time it looked like about 450 people were in attendance when the Dallas Gay Political Caucus held a meeting on police harassment, with David Rosen, chief prosecutor for the city attorney's office as special guest speaker.

Former Caucus president Steve Wilkins, who was in the audience, stood up and asked where the people were when regular meetings were being held and why meetings never got such a big turnout. His question hit too close to home to get the applause it deserved.

The crowd was obviously in a mood to applaud, and a positive attitude prevailed, despite the informat-

ion Rosen gave the crowd promptly upon his arrival, informing them that his office only prosecutes class C misdemeanors, those which are punishable with up to \$200 fine and no jail sentence.

Likewise, he was unable to speak for policies of other agencies of the government, including the police.

Despite his protested ignorance of answers to the questions the crowd wanted to ask, he was bombarded and put on the hot seat for about an hour before leaving the podium, at which time a few individuals followed him outside and continued their interrogation.

While he was addressing the group, Rosen showed signs of nervousness and commented to a companion as he was leaving, "I feel like I've been roasted."

Dr. Campbell Reed, of

the DGPC, who has been interviewing harassment victims, recounted several

## Summer, Jackson Receive Music Awards

HOLLYWOOD -- Disco diva Donna Summer and soul singer Michael Jackson as well as the Bee Gees won top honors at the annual American Music Awards, January 19.

Selected favorite female vocalist in both pop-rock and the soul categories, Summer also carried

scare stories at the very beginning of the meeting, including that of two young

away the top favorite single in the pop-rock category with her hit Bad Girls.

Selected favorite male vocalist Jackson won three awards in the soul category. His single Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough as well as

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men who had just entered an automobile when an officer not in uniform approached the driver's side and flashed his badge, which the passenger did not see and ordered them to "get out of here."

When the passenger challenged him, the officer went to that side and again flashed his badge. When the officer, whose name was Miller, was told that they were doing nothing wrong, he hit the passenger around the head and eye with a metal object, which required six stitches -- three hours later, when the police finally decided medical attention might be advisable.

The officer then entered a convenience store. The passenger followed him and demanded an explanation, whereupon the officer put him in an armlock, pounded his head against a counter,

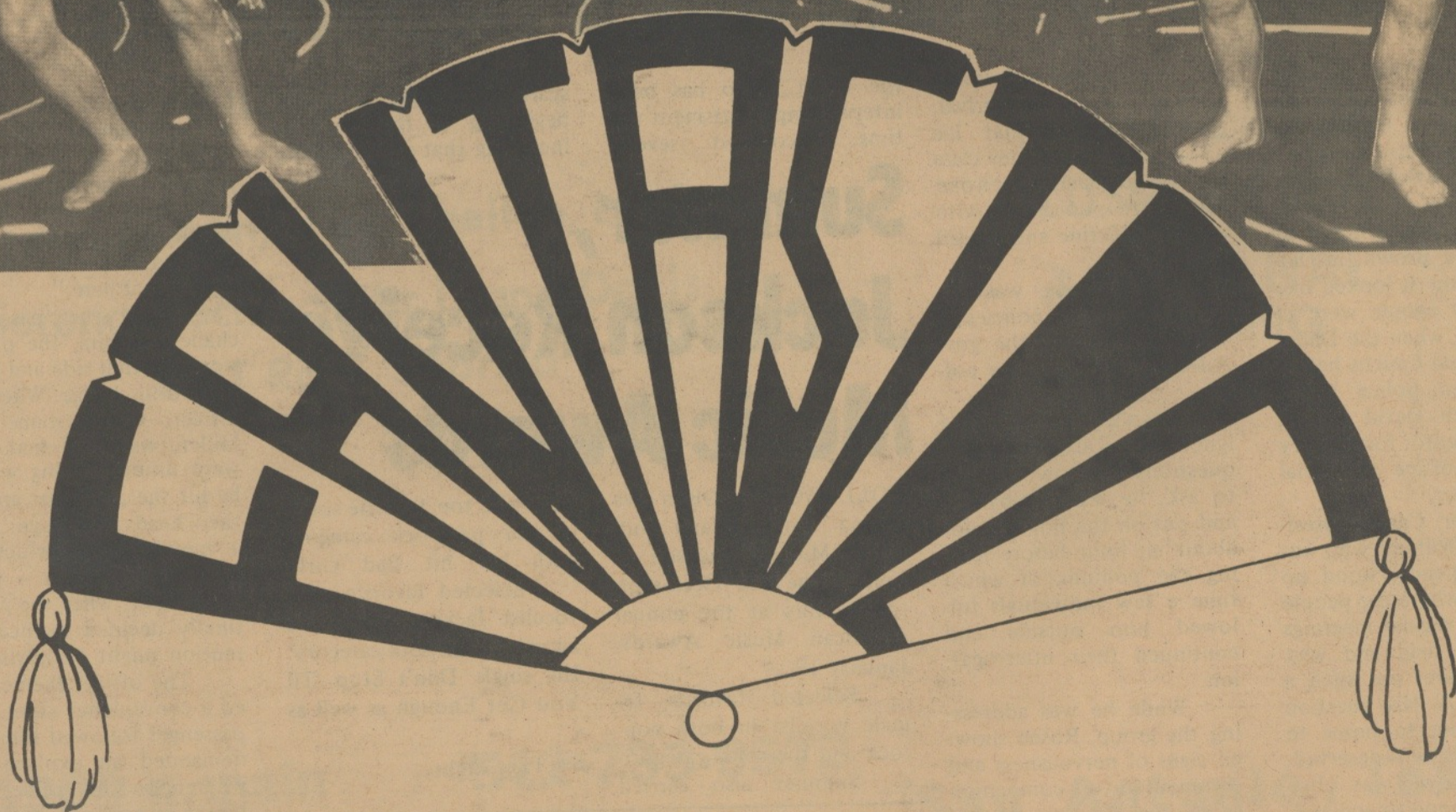
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### INSIDE

We've got a HOT body on the centerfold and a lot of hot news throughout... pick me up!

# Dallas-Ft.Worth's own weekly gay publication

# METRO STAR



# motorcycle mania:

## Colors Presented at Fourth Anniversary

By Frank Gentry & Carmine N. Botto  
STAR COLUMNISTS

If you spend any time talking to people in the club scene, conversation will often come around to talk of "colors," the wearing of colors, the giving of colors, the calling of colors. The emblem patch which club members wear, their "colors," are displayed on the denim or leather cut-off jackets which are known as overlays. The overlay carries one's colors and becomes a social, as well as protective, part of the attire.

Each club's colors tell something about their identity, whether they are a motorcycle club, a western club, or operate through a military-like structure.

The wearing of one's colors always places the member in a socially visible position to be identified

with a particular club. Members often feel a sense of pride, fellowship, and responsibility because those around him or her are aware of the membership that is displayed.

Colors are often exchanged between clubs as a sign of friendship and mutual respect. The sharing of colors with another club is something that is not done lightly and generally forms a special bond between clubs and their members. Next time you're at the Sudance Kids, Tex's Ranch, or the Throckmorton Mining Company, you might want to take special notice of the various clubs' colors that are displayed, and maybe the importance of these colors will have a new meaning for you.

During the weekend of January 18 through the 20th, representatives from 14 clubs gathered to cele-

brate the fourth anniversary of the Dallas Motorcycle Club. The Festivities started Friday night at the Throckmorton Mining Company with registration, and from there it was "See the Town with the Coupon Booklet" which was provided through local merchants and bar owners.

Saturday was filled with activities which included a brunch and beer bust.

Saturday evening, a dinner was held at the Stoneleigh Terrace Hotel. At the dinner, two clubs, the Branding Iron Club of Dallas and the American Leathermen of Houston, presented their colors to the Dallas Motorcycle Club, and these colors will be proudly displayed at the Throckmorton Mining Company along with the DMC's collection.

This sign of friendship

and brotherhood is always commendable, and much respect is held for both these two clubs.

The Dallas Motorcycle Club was also presented a plaque by the Dallas Women's Motorcycle Club, celebrating the friendship and support between these two clubs. Representatives from the women's club recieved a standing ovation from the audience as they came to the podium for the presentation. This was probably the first time that a women's club has ever noted such a bond with a men's club. This, of course, speaks well for the club scene in Dallas, and represents an act of continued cooperation.

The slate of officers presented by the Dallas Motorcycle Club for 1980 are Jim (Polock) Roberts, president; Dan Russell, vice-president; Carmine N. Botto, Secretary-Treasurer;

Frank Gentry, road captian; Tom Rutledge, road lieutenant. The dinner on Saturday was a great time for celebrating and congratulations for the club members and officers.

The Sunday activities ended a weekend of much sharing and good times for those from out-of-town and the Dallas club enthusiasts.

For those of you who are interested in the clubs and would like to learn more, the bartenders at the Hidden Door are all club members and will be glad to talk with you.

Better yet, approach any of the men and women in the Dallas area who are wearing colors and ask them about their club. All of the clubs have different membership rules and any club member can tell you how to get in touch with the various clubs in Dallas.

Watch for Lone Star III!

# metro beat:

## Valentine Costume Ball Scheduled for February 10

By Roy Hall  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Our Fort Worth treasury of information, Emperor or Sonnie, reminds our readers that the Valentine Costume Ball scheduled for Sunday, February 10 carries a \$200 prize for best male costume and an equal prize of \$200 for best female costume.

Candidates for the upcoming imperial elections

will also be announced at that time.

Admission will be \$5. Special guests will be Tasha Khol and Tillie, a former Miss Gay Wichita Falls. The event will begin at 9 PM at DeMars Restaurant at 500 South Summit, in Fort Worth.

In the recent Mr. Gay Tarrant County contest, Kevin Curtis took the title from a field of four en-

trants. The contest was held at the Red Door, where drag shows and female strippers are being added so there will be something for everyone.

Speaking of strippers, Carmen at the Split Image is looking for women to do shows there on Thursdays and if there's a hunky man out there somewhere wanting to tend bar to lure in more male patrons for the

Split, Carmen would like to know about it.

(We suggested to her that it would be even nicer all around if she selects someone who isn't camera shy so we can use him for a centerfold. Brian, shown this week in the centerfold, moved to Dallas immediately after we took his picture as a Fort Worth representative.)

Raina Lee hosted a

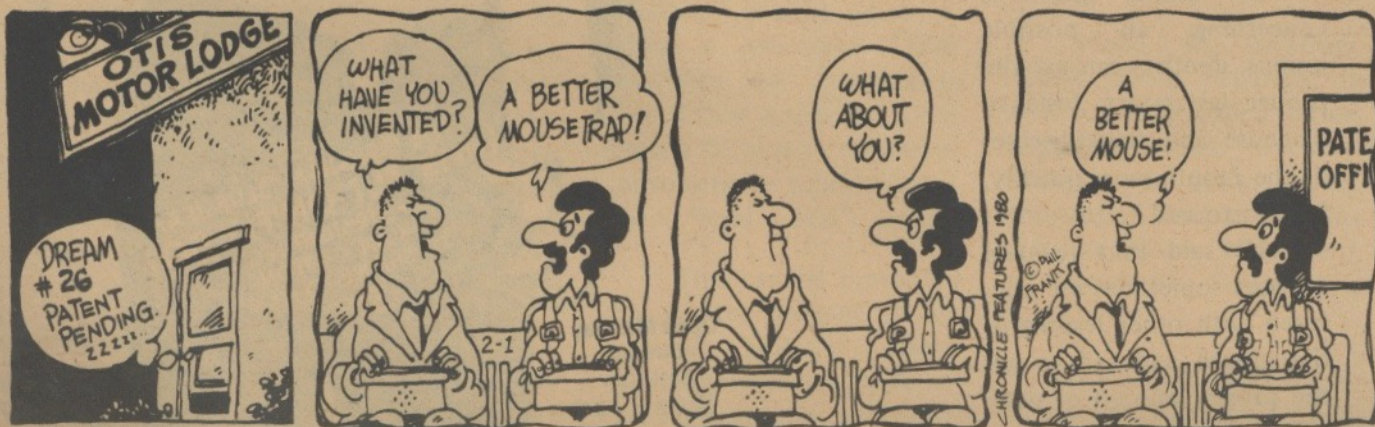
cocktail party Tuesday for past winners and 1980 contestants for the Miss Gay Fort Worth title.

The Downtowner beat the Tender Trap at pool again. They're still looking for teams from the other bars; how about it?

We're beginning to get goosebumps here in anticipation of what is only a couple of weeks away. On February 16, a little old airplane will take your little old associate editor away (sorry, but another one will bring me back later; you don't get rid of me that easy). Up, Up and away! and off we go, to land in New Orleans.

You get three guesses: (1) No, it's not the annual Cotton-Pickin' Festival. (2) No, it's not the famous Miss Gay Gumbo-Eater

FARLEY



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# national:

## Marching in the Rain Makes Statement about Gay Equal Rights

By Daniel Curzon  
IGNA

SACRAMENTO, CA - (IGNA) - Braving a hard-if warm-rain, some 5,000-8,000 marchers filled up 20 blocks in Sacramento on Sunday, January 13 to make their statement about the need for a bill to prevent discrimination against homosexuals employed in California.

The Gay Freedom Day Marching Band, the Gay Men's Chorus, the Lavender Harmony Band, and various other organizations from around the state gathered to demonstrate gay solidarity on the need to end discrimination. Grey Davis,

representing Governor Jerry Brown, said that the fact that so many marched in the rain showed a genuine "commitment" to a legitimate cause.

The march was scheduled at this time of the year because AB 1, a bill that would prevent employers from firing or refusing to hire people because of sexual orientation, is to be voted soon by committees of both the Assembly and the Senate. Several hundred gay activists stayed over in the capitol to lobby their representatives in person so that the bill will pass.

AB 1 is considered more likely to pass because it is a bill solely about em-

ployment discrimination. It does not include the following:

1 It does not require any employer to hire gays. Thus it is not an Affirmative measure.

2 It does not allow any sexual activity by anyone on the job.

3 It permits an employer to establish dress standards.

4 It exempts those persons convicted of sex crimes with minors, should they apply for jobs involving children.

5 It does not permit advocacy of a homosexual lifestyle.

6 It exempts religious organizations. (A major

exemption, it should be noted)

Some of the people who participated as speakers or entertainers at the rally after the march were: Art Agnos, the Assemblyman who sponsored AB 1, Senator Milton Marks, Senator Roberti of Los Angeles, Rev. Troy Perry, Robin Tyler, Holly Near, and Meg Christian.

A group of Christians (some of them converted gays) stood in the rain near the end of the march with signs calling for repentance. When IGNA spoke to them, they said they didn't hate gays; they loved them. "We are all sinners," one of them said. "I am tempted

by drugs, but I am saved by Jesus," he added.

There were no incidents during the march, although the Sacramento police told the marchers they could not have sticks on their banners. Some marchers removed their sticks; some did not.

The area in front of the speakers' stand became very muddy, but people continued to endure the bursts of rain. Thousands of umbrellas, protest signs, raincoats, water-soaked heads, smiling faces, a few shivers and some head colds—all of these were the symbols of the gay rights movement as it begins the 1980's. ●

## Oral Sex Can Create Dental Problems

DALLAS- (IGNA) - Oral lesions can be related to sexual practices, a dentist has told a meeting of the American Dental Association here.

Dr. Frank M. Lucatorto is quoted in the *Dallas Morning News* as saying that the growing prevalence of oral sex has caused increase in the number of lesions in the oral cavity, lesions once confined to the genital area.

He said, "Patients are usually totally unaware that oral lesions could be related to their sexual practices. Once they understand this, they are more willing to discuss their sexual activities."

Lucatorto said such oral lesions account for 2 percent of all gonorrhea, or

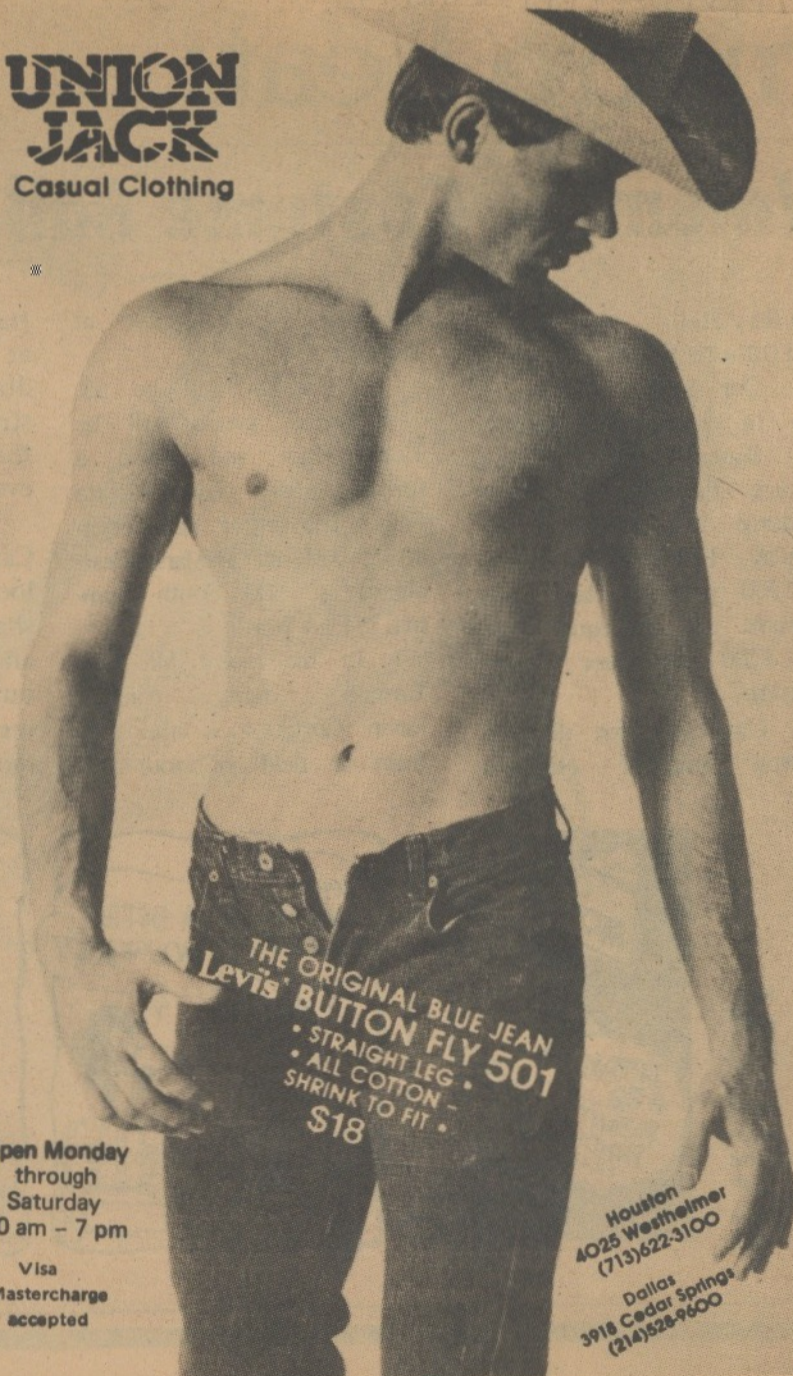
60,000 to 80,000 cases a year.

The problem has been that dentists are hesitant in asking about such intimate areas of their patient's lives. Lucatorto added that most patients don't particularly want to discuss their oral habits, but they will discuss them if questioned.

By asking questions concerning all possible lesions, dentists can use the proper laboratory tests to diagnose and treat diseases of the mouth more quickly, Lucatorto said.

He said that venereal diseases sometimes are confused with other lesions of the mouth and fail to get the proper amount of penicillin, thus leaving the patient vulnerable to later complications. ●

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# cookin'

## Let's Talk Soup!

By Bert Hollister  
STAR PUBLISHER

On a recent walking tour of Manhattan Island, I started one morning at 8 AM and walked from the Battery to Uptown.

I criss-crossed the island and saw much of SOHO (South of Houston Street, pronounced 'House-ton') Wall Street, the Village, and then Mid-town and stopped at Uptown, since I had already seen it.

It took all day, and tired feet you WOULD believe. Returning to my hotel, I slept the evening away.

The next day I felt extra hungry - but when I

overeat I get a little paunch from heavy foods and that cuts down on my exciting part of life a bit, so I decided, while on the town to stop in various places and have soup.

Its nourishing, filling and light - and no paunch.

It is amazing what I found in soups - and here are some to share with you.

### YANKEE GAZPACHO

(Can You Imagine Gazpacho in New York?)

- One eight and a half ounce can of red beets, do not drain.

- One cup beef consommé.

- One-half onion

chopped.

- One half cup sour cream

- One half lemon, juiced (or juice of)

- Dash tarragon vinegar

- Salt and pepper to taste

- Sour cream for topping

- Chopped chives for topping

- Hard-cooked egg, sieved for topping

Combine all ingredients except toppings. In blender. Puree 'til smooth. Chill for several hours.

Ladle into chilled soup bowls and top with a dollop of sour cream, chives and

egg.

Serves two.

Traveling on down the coast a few days later to Washington, DC, I had soup lunch at the capitol.

No wonder our elected officials pass some of the legislation we have. But nevertheless, it was a mid-day pickup.

### BLOODY MARY SOUP

- One onion, finely chopped

- Three ribs celery, finely chopped

- Two Tablespoons butter

- Two tablespoons tomato puree

- One tablespoon sugar

- Five Cups tomato juice

- One-half cup vodka

- Salt and pepper to taste

In a saucepan saute the onion and celery in the butter until soft. Add the puree and sugar and cook about one minute.

Add the tomato juice and simmer for ten minutes. Add the remaining ingredients and strain (the food) Return to heat (still the food)

Bring to boil and remove. Chill for at least four hours. Ladle into chilled crystal bowls.

Serves six.

## stanley:

### Not Sick but He Sure Complains!

By Stanley S. Stanley  
STAR COLUMNIST

Dear Stanley: I have a very good and longtime friend who lives out of town.

We still write pretty often. I really like it when he does. He also calls me long distance, you know the trip.

It is a valued longtime friendship . . . but I feel it's becoming a strain. About three years ago he was stricken with a series of illnesses. A few were simple

one and a couple were serious.

Now that he's well he continues to complain in his letters, on the phone, and when we get together he seems to delve on the 'down' side of life.

I would really appreciate it if he'd return to his happy self again and stop so much complaining and gloomy projections about his life. Is there a way to tell him? I have mentioned to him to get happy for once but he doesn't

here me. Now he's starting to get me down. What can I do to help keep this friendship.

(signed)

Tired of Listening

Dear Tired: It's time to have a sit down serious talk when you are together again. It is not best to write to him, or talk about the matter on the phone. You might invite him to visit you and have the talk on your own home ground.

Let him know you value his long time friend-

ship and want to maintain it and that even though you realize how severe his past conditions were, they are not now, and the world is moving on without him.

Tell him you'd like to hear good news and conversation from him for a change, but he is free to turn to you again if he really should need your shoulder.

But now, that things are going otherwise, if he is going to continue to live on the gloomy side of life he

will have to do it alone, since it is totally created by him.

You do have your life to live, and sometimes, times do develop changing situations that alter the values of friends. In the passing of a few months if he has not begun to change for the better, stop calling him, stop writing him and let the matter become one-sided for a while.

He will probably notice and shape up.

Good luck to you both.

## health:

### Viral Hepatitis is Major World Health Problem

By L.A. Chotkowski, MD  
STAR COLUMNIST

Viral Hepatitis (inflammation of the liver) is a major world health problem.

In the United States alone 43,000 new cases are reported annually with 850 deaths.

It was my privilege to moderate a recent symposium on this prevalent dis-

ease at the University of Connecticut Health Center. Physicians here, described several viruses causing hepatitis, named A, B, C (non A or B), mononucleosis and cytomegalic (sigh-toe-megal'-ick) viruses.

The most common is virus A, which often runs through a household, causing relatively mild 'yellow

jaundice.' It does, however, carry a one per 1,000 mortality rate. Virus A is passed on primarily from person to person via bowel movement in what is called the 'fecal oral' route.

This can be prevented by careful hygiene or by gamma globulin shots. Mononucleosis and cytomegalic hepatitis are also usual-

ly mild.

Virus B, however, causes severe hepatitis. It was formerly called serum hepatitis because of transmission via blood serum transfusion and needle injections. Some 25 percent of transfusion hepatitis is fatal.

Virus B is now known to be spread by all body

fluids, including saliva by kissing and semen with sex.

One of the difficulties in tracing the source of any hepatitis B case is the occasional long 'incubation' time of as many as six months after contact.

How can we avoid hepatitis B?

This is difficult. Sad to say, perhaps we are doing too much kissing •

# editorials: Crucial Week for Area Gays

By Roy Hall  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

This week is a crucial one for gay Dallas. First, we started off with the special DGPC harassment meeting with attorney David Rosen from the City Attorney's Office.

What will be the outcome of this meeting? Will we just go away feeling good and continue to huddle in our closets whenever we get an opportunity to put to use the advice we heard?

Or will the community stand up and stand together in telling Dallas' public servants like officer Miller, who beat up a gay man for

asking what he was doing wrong and then charging his victim with aggravated assault, that we won't take this a minute longer?

Violence is not the answer. The black community has shown us the way. They stood together and made their voice heard and their presence known until they could no longer be ignored.

The gay community can achieve results in the same way.

The mention of unity makes me remember that there are those Texans who would turn the proposed March on Austin into a personal triumph for them-

selves as leaders. It isn't that. It is an opportunity for organizations to send representatives, organize the March to the liking of the majority of those representatives, and then build up a march which will benefit all gay Texans, not some egotists whose feelings are hurt because somebody else picked up the ball and ran with it before they did.

Unity is the name of the game in the elections on February 6. One candidate has openly and proudly proclaimed himself as champion of the community to the extent of promising to introduce a rights ordinance for our protect-

ion. What can we do?

We can, by a neglect of this candidate, tell the straight world that we are not ready to stand together and work united to obtain the rights guaranteed us by the Constitution and denied us by a few uniformed buffoons whose idea of law enforcement fits in more with the Spanish Inquisition than with Twentieth Century America. Or . . .

Or we could unite behind a man who has been publicly endorsed by a recognized group within our community and by giving him our overwhelming (pardon the expression) vote of approval, make it

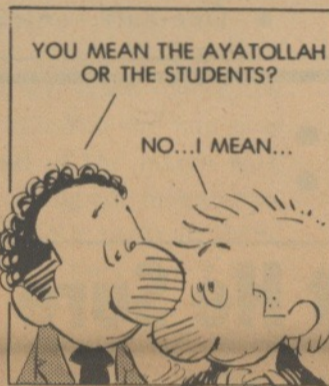
known loudly and clearly by the straight world, Chief King and his minions, and Anita B., that we can and will stand together for the rights which will no longer be denied us.

If you would prefer to remain free, unjailed, and work where you want without fear of termination for your sexuality, live where you want without fear of eviction, and stop renting two-bedroom apartments because the land lady won't rent her one-bedrooms to gay couples, then get to those polls.

Victory is within our grasp. ●

## State of Affairs

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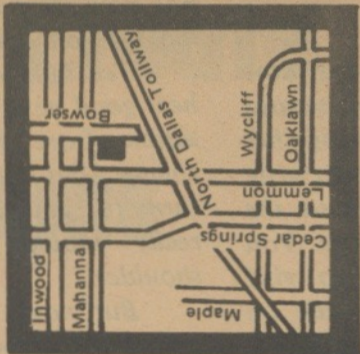
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# Kennedy and Brown Announce Gay Support

TGTF - Two major Democratic candidates for president have recently announced their support for the inclusion of a gay rights plank in the Democratic Party platform. Both have also said that, if elected to the presidency, they would sign an Executive Order banning discrimination against gays/lesbians in the federal government.

Governor Brown had pledged his support for an end to discrimination against gays/lesbians at a Washington, DC fundraiser in November. Both candidates' commitments are substantially the same.

The Texas Gay Task Force has recently learned from the National Gay Task Force Co-Executive Directors that a response from the

Carter/Mondale campaign is expected shortly. Charlie Brydon and Lucia Valeska said, "While we do not yet have a formal response from the Carter campaign, White House officials already have committed the administration to a serious review of our request for an Executive Order. We take them at their word."

NGTF recently visited the White House, delivering March on Washington petitions signed by more than 51,000 persons from every state. The petition called on President Carter to issue an Executive Order to ban discrimination in federal employment and programs; it also called on him to endorse HR 2074, the national lesbian/gay civil rights bill in the House of Representatives.

"The importance of an Executive Order is not merely symbolic," Brydon and Valeska said. "A number of federal agencies still have specific bans against even low level gay employees. It is an irrational and unwarranted intrusion into the private lives of citizens."

The recent Kennedy and Brown pledges all but ensure that the 1980 August National Democratic Convention in New York City will hear and debate a resolution on gay rights. If passed, the gay rights issue would become a part of the national Democratic Party platform. Democratic candidates would then pledge their support to the platform for the November elections.

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# MEDRANO PROMISES GAY ORDINANCE

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# SUMMER RECEIVES AWARDS

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album Off the Wall each turned up favorites.

Picked as the favorite duo, group or chorus in the pop-rock competition, the Bee Gees' album Spirits Having Flown was selected favorite pop-rock album.

Chosen favorite male vocalist in the pop-rock category was Barry Manilow with the Commodores selected the favorite soul duo, group or chorus.

In the country music department country crooner Kenny Rogers was picked favorite male country vocalist. His album The Gambler was picked as favorite country album.

Selected favorite country female vocalist was Crystal Gayle.

With the favorite country duo or group area,

the Statler Brothers won. Sleepin' Single in a Double Bed, sung by Barbara Mandrell won as the favorite country single.

Receiving a Distinguished Merit Award for his "unparalleled contribution to the culture of America" was Benny Goodman.

Previous winners of that award were Bing Crosby, Barry Gordy Jr., Irving Berlin, Johnny Cash, Ella Fitzgerald and Perry Como.

Hosting the program were Elton John, Natalie Cole and Toni Tennille.

The award nominees were selected from year-end sales charts of major music industry publications. A nationwide sampling of 30,000 record buyers was used to compute the winners.

for gay Dallasites.

The present scene in Dallas, according to Medrano, is highly oppressive, pointing to the similarities between the harassment of gays and that of chicanos, who are frequently stopped by police, purportedly to determine whether they may be undocumented aliens, and made to remove their trousers for a search and told by the officers, "Now let's see how macho you are."

While the candidate admits that the older generation of chicanos, those in their late forties and over, are reluctant to talk about or accept gays, the younger generation of which he is part have grown up with a greater tolerance and understanding.

He related it to the old statement about Hitler's Germany, which goes something like this: "They came for the communists, but I was not a communist, and I said nothing. Then they came for the Jews, but I was not a Jew, and I said nothing. Then they came for the Catholics, but I was not a catholic, and I said nothing. And finally they came for me, and nobody spoke up, because there was nobody left."

Referring to harassment in and around bars and similar establishments, Medrano sees arrests and stories reported by arresting officers as contrived and unreasonable exaggerations by the police involved; however, he sees changes

in the top echelon of the department as being strongly needed.

He hinted that he would like to see openly gay police officers on the force. Referring to the use of sections 21.06 and 21.07 of the Texas Penal Code as justification used by officers in making arrests, he reiterated that the source of the problem is not in the law but within the police department itself and that until a new attitude on the part of department leaders, there will not be an end to harassment.

According to Medrano, he has always been a leader and in the forefront of the civil rights movement as a founder of the Brown Berets in Dallas. Meeting with the DGPC recently, he was given a pink triangle by one of the members, the triangle being the symbol used by the Nazis to identify gays.

After another member advised him of the meaning of the triangle, Medrano continued to wear it for the remainder of the evening.

"The time is right; the public is ready," he stated, as it is his feeling that it is now possible to convince city council politicians of the gay rights ordinance which would apply to all businesses regardless of size.

Medrano told the *Star* that his roots are in the community, where he has owned Kiko's Grocery since 1964. His political goals stop at the City Council, which he feels is the heart

of government and the foundation on which the future is to be built.

He wants to be the champion of gays, the poor, and the elderly.

Asked whether a gay vote turnout bringing victory to him as the endorsed candidate of the DGPC would be a strong evidence of gay influence and power in Dallas, he answered in the affirmative. He also praised gay businesses and citizens for the revitalization of the Oak Lawn and Cedar Springs area.

As for his opponent, who has not endorsed an ordinance such as the proposed, Medrano points out that as far as he knows, Hernandez cannot speak fluent Spanish and lacks the community roots he himself has. And, Medrano goes on, if Hernandez cannot represent his own people, the chicanos, how can he as a straight person represent the gays.

At the special DGPC public meeting dealing with police harassment, the former DGPC president Louise Young reiterated the need for gay vote solidarity and pointed out that this election is a test put before us, inasmuch as the Caucus openly endorsed a candidate who shows pride in this endorsement.

A victory for Medrano, according to Dr. Young, would demonstrate to the politicians and people of Dallas that gays in this city are a force to be reckoned with in the future.

# DGPC

From Page One

arrested him and charged him with aggravated assault.

The store clerk, who subsequently moved to California, was not available to testify, and the victim was found guilty of aggravated assault, a felony crime.

An attempt to file a complaint with the Internal Affairs Division of the Police Department was rejected because it was supposedly past the time limit for such complaints.

One officer, by the name of Kane, whose name was mentioned in several complaints, apparently had no record with the Internal Affairs Department because

nobody had previously filed a complaint against him.

A spokesperson for the Caucus emphasized the importance of complaints being filed in all such instances and of victims making mental notes of names, badge numbers and descriptions of their tormentors.

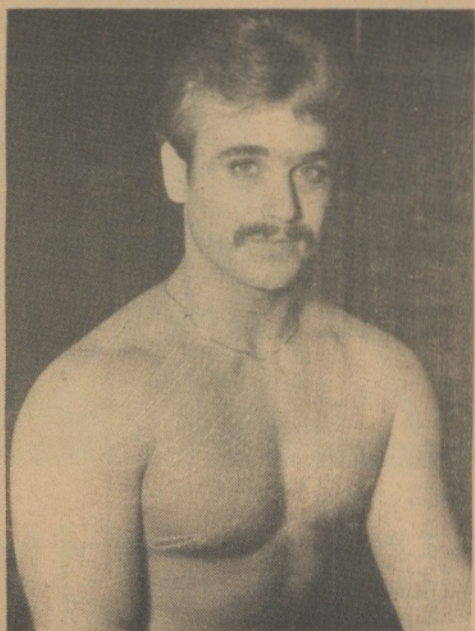
Rosen was confronted after having brushed off numerous questions and vaguely referring to theory with a member of the audience, who drew a round of applause when he stated that people at the meeting were not concerned with the theory of law but with the application to which

law was being put.

One of the best ideas Don Baker saw as coming out of the meeting was a gay jail liaison who would serve as a buffer for gay prisoners to protect their rights. Another comment brought forth by the Caucus spokesperson was a proposed plan for provision of bonding for Caucus members who might be arrested.

A general feeling of accomplishment pervaded the meeting, and there was evidence that this is only the beginning of a bigger movement to put an end to police harassment of the gay community in Dallas.

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Now the man has been declared competent to stand trial for murder, even though psychiatrist Leon J. Quinn says that Boucher's suffering from mental illness.

Part of Boucher's condition, Quinn told *The Detroit News*, is "a pre-occupation with homosexuality as a defense mechanism to justify what happened to his wife."

Boucher's first trial in 1970 was conducted without a jury because of his views on lesbianism. Judge William Beasley found Bou-

cher guilty and sentenced him to life in prison.

An appeals court overturned the conviction in 1973, but Boucher was eventually committed to Northville State Hospital until 1976, when he was released to the care of his parents.

When authorities learned that Boucher had been released, they petitioned for another competency hearing last January. Now, psychiatric testimony as given by Dr. Quinn may mean that Boucher will stand trial for murder.

Just prior to the psychiatric hearing, Boucher shot himself in what the Cheboygan (Michigan) County Sheriff's office said was a bungled suicide attempt.



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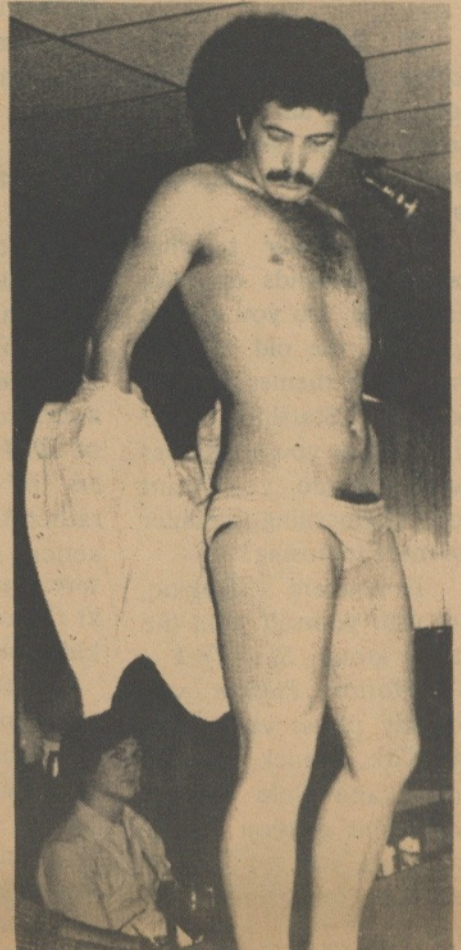
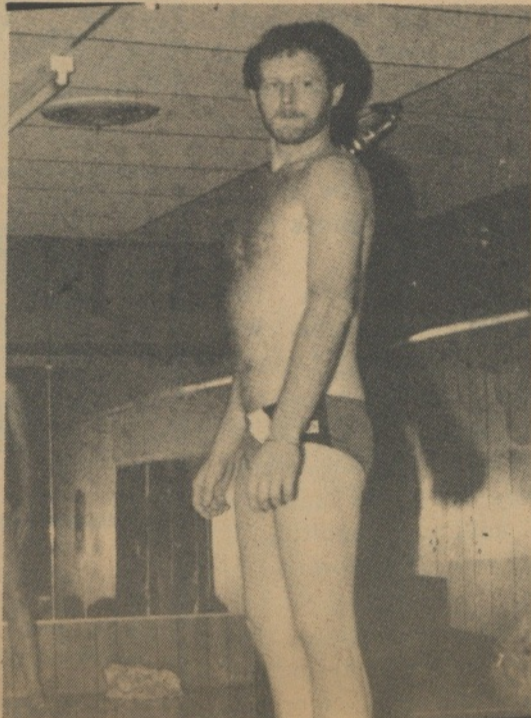
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## Difference Between 'Star Trek' Movie and TV is \$42 Million

By Seth Cagin  
STAR COLUMNIST

If *Star Trek—The Motion Picture* is nothing more than an expanded version of the famous television series, is it a failure or a success?

The answer to that question depends on your perspective. Do you want a reprise of the old characters, the old themes, and the good old Starship Enterprise, just as you remember them? Or do you want more, something grander and more imposing?

If you are a Trekkie, and align yourself with the former group, *Star Trek—The Motion Picture* will probably please you. Captain Kirk, Spock, Bones, Scotty, and Sulu are all aboard this mission of the Enterprise, enacted by the performers who originated the roles. If the actors have aged a bit, which they never do on the endless cycle of TV reruns we are subjected to, they still deliver essentially one-dimensional, wooden performances; they play cartoon characters.

The story is no more and no less than another familiar *Star Trek* plot, extended. It still relates an encounter with an alien life form, hoked-up with scads of pop philosophy.

The only real difference between this *Star*

*Trek* and the TV series is a \$42 million budget, which shows up on the screen in the form of special effects. The light show is spectacular—the best science-fiction effects yet on film—but it may not be enough to redeem the movie if you're the kind of person who will be looking for something more than a retreat.

This film takes its visual and rhythmic inspiration from the balletic grace of *2001* or *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, rather than the whizz-oang action of *Star Wars*. It revels in a sense of wonder at the cosmos, rather than a kid's sense of adventure.

The difficulty with outer space mysteries is that it's easier to evoke a sense of the unknown than it is to resolve it. *Star Trek* is full of ominous music and flashing enigmas. The characters are forever staring at one another or at some instrument panel with a look of puzzlement on their faces. Under the steady but uninspired direction of veteran Robert Wise, the sense of an impending confrontation is milked for all it's worth and a little extra besides.

This story would have played much better on a small television screen, at an hour's length. Less size would have made it all seem less portentous.

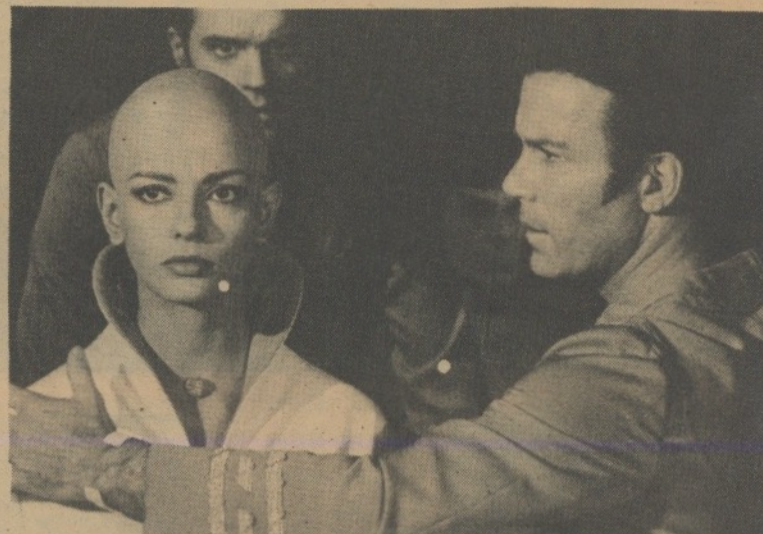
The good news is that

after waiting and waiting, *Star Trek* successfully delivers a few clever switches in the last half hour. The Starship Enterprise finally meets its enemy, an enormous galactic cloud that destroys everything in its path while headed on a direct course with Earth.

This ending, a debut performance by the dazzling Persis Khambatta as a bald beauty from the planet Delta 4, and the special effects are the film's highlights.

You've seen the rest—including actors William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, and DeForrest Kelly—before. Does the careful combination of new and old justify the hype and the \$42 million expenditure of *Star Trek—The Motion Picture*?

The answer to that question, once again will depend on whether or not you consider yourself a Trekkie. ●



### Astro-Analysis

By Sonia McGinnis

**ARIES [March 21-April 19]** - Change itinerary to best suit a busier routine; get detail work done early in week then plan new projects. You work well with associates, exchange ideas, discuss joint interests.

**TAURUS [April 20-May 20]** - Business affairs should be approached with a down-to-earth attitude; hasty decisions involving speculations, gambling on unsure endeavors should be avoided. You gain more through your own efforts.

**GEMINI [May 21-June 21]** - Strive for more efficiency; get affairs, records in better order. Personal relationships are enhanced, ties can now be strengthened with loved ones. Make home improvements also.

**CANCER [June 22-July 21]** - Perception is exceptional; use your analytical abilities in new assignments which call for good concentration. This can be a highly productive and constructive week.

**LEO [July 22-August 21]** - Be prepared for a radical shift in economic situation; don't force issues, allow things to run their course. Guard personal possessions more closely. Further a creative project.

**VIRGO [August 22-September 22]** - By getting things in order, taking care of obligations early in week you can enjoy personal undertakings and interests. A week to review ambitions, set new goals.

**LIBRA [September 23-October 22]** - Show some restraint by working at a quieter pace in the background this week. You accomplish more by concentrating efforts toward one cause.

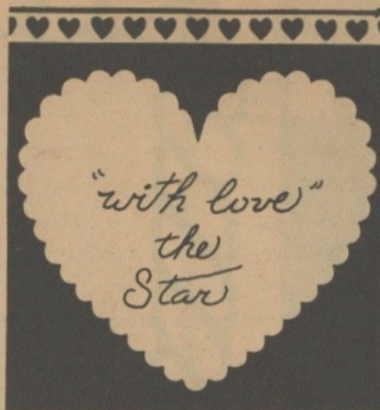
**SCORPIO [October 23-November 21]** - By making new friends you are in a position to acquire new perspective. Your talent for organization should be used to promote hopes and wishes, further aims.

**SAGITTARIUS [November 22-December 20]** - An excellent time for reviewing past activities relating to commitments, job positions; take plenty of time before making firm decisions of a personal nature.

**CAPRICORN [December 21-January 20]** - A good time for new beginnings, and moving forward on a positive note. Energetic efforts pay off now. Be open to new suggestions and prepare to change course.

**AQUARIUS [January 21-February 19]** - You get ample opportunity to be in the limelight but don't scatter interests in too many directions. Avoid legal hassles by scrutinizing fine print in paperwork, contracts.

**PISCES [February 20-March 20]** - Associates may want to argue but strive for compatible relationships; be diplomatic. You can enjoy involvement in charitable causes now; assist those who are less fortunate.



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# METRO BEAT

From Page Three

Pageant (They couldn't get Bert Parks so they cancelled it). (3) Yes! How did you ever guess?

Just for little old you, who couldn't make it this year, I'm going down to take pictures of the renowned Fat Tuesday festivities (better known as Mardi Gras) Now, I must ask that the metroplex refrain from doing anything newsworthy during my absence from February 16 to February 20, okay?

I'll be bringing back pictures that would make your spinster auntie's eyes bug out and might even excite you. And I'll also take some that are fit to print, of course.

(Others will be available in private showings by appointment.)

But it's really exciting, because, while I've been to New Orleans twice, I've never ever been to Mardi Gras. I've heard a lot about it, but I'm going anyway.

I'm so thrilled, I even got reservations on three

different airlines. Who loves ya, baby? the *Star* of course!

Before we run out of room there was someone (nameless here, although our spies, who are just everywhere, immediately told us who he was and he even admitted it later) called us - anonymously - and requested a retraction of something we had printed. (When he called the second time, he withdrew his retraction request and apologized).

Please, dear readers, don't insult us. We're fairly smart to be as old and senile as we are. Tell us all the news you like that happened in our absence, but let us know who our source is and try not to tell us what happened when we were actually there, unless we ask.

Well, the show must go on, and the paper must come out and the column must end. Period. See ya next week, same time, same station.

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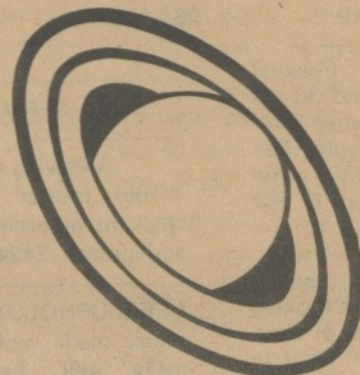
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