Digitizing San Antonio’s LGBTQ Publications: A portal to the city’s queer past

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Turner Halle circa 1925-1930 (now the Bonham Exchange), *San Antonio Express-News* photograph collection at UTSA Libraries Special Collections at the Institute of Texan Cultures
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TOGETHER GAY

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MILITARY MADNESS MEETS THE GAYS!

In an article appearing in Together Gay, February 1974, an account of events leading up to several arrests at the San Antonio Country on the evening of December 23rd, 1973, was published. The background of negotiations between the owner of the San Antonio Country and the local military establishment was given as a matter of public record.

Weekly, after a series of arrests at San Antonio Country, on December 23rd, 1973, concerned individuals acted out in a series of actions on the lawn, to bring to public attention the abandonment of civil rights of individuals in the community solely because of their sexual orientation.

In the past, the San Antonio Free Clinic, the San Antonio Human Rights Coalition, the San Antonio Community Services, and the San Antonio Civil Liberties Union have all attempted to address the issue of civil rights and discrimination against gay and lesbian individuals. These organizations have taken a particular interest in redressing the grievances of individuals who have been arrested or otherwise victimized.

Attorneys for San Antonio Country notified officials at the Superior and Federal levels of their position in regard to their client's wishes involving military harassment of this civil rights activity. As well documented statements were made for possible use from witnesses to several of these incidents. The approved parties were contacted to maintain their position in their dealing with the case.

The three individuals arrested on the night of December 23rd have chosen to work with their local groups, not their own personal reasons. As previously stated, contacts have been established with the Free Clinic, the San Antonio Free Clinic, the San Antonio Community Services, and the San Antonio Civil Liberties Union. The owners have taken a position that no further action will be taken until all legal avenues have been exhausted. They have indicated an interest in looking into these matters if they find further investigation necessary.

Officers have been accorded by authorities stating their willingness to work for better understanding and communication. The owners have also stated that the military police will not accept harassment, the owners have stated that they will not accept harassment, the owners have stated that they will not accept harassment.

These are the owners of San Antonio Country, and their actions, stated their desire to cooperate with local and state authorities in adhering to laws which continue to allow unlawful behavior by patrons. If they are to be discriminatory, will not be tolerated.

The protection of civil rights does not mean the protection of unlawful activity.

Catastrophic events need not occur before individuals are stirred to action. There is a great deal of community support for this position. This sense of injustice is a powerful one. It is a powerful one.

In particular, the owners of San Antonio Country, and his associates, stated their desire to cooperate with local and state authorities in adhering to laws which continue to allow unlawful behavior by patrons. If they are to be discriminatory, will not be tolerated.

The fact that a person has an identity problem that does not lie with the majority view is a major individual crisis. The individual must face this problem first. Once these facts have been met and understood by the individual, then the individual must deal with the society in which he or she must live. This involves the acceptance of responsibility for his or her own actions. This is the role of the contemporary homosexual in society, if the society he seeks is a better one for all mankind.

The events of the next twelve months as they relate to the specific problems at San Antonio Country have brought about some warm human interest stories. The events of the next twelve months as they relate to the specific problems at San Antonio Country have brought about some warm human interest stories.

Happy New Year!
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Mr. Jimmy James
TLC '98 IS COMING...

The eleventh annual Texas Lesbian Conference, TLC '98, will be held in San Antonio, Texas May 29-31.

WHO'S GOING TO BE HERE?

Suzanne Pharr...
The founder of the Women's Project of Arkansas and author of Homophobia: A Weapon of Sexism and The Time of the Right: Reflections on Liberation. She has concentrated primarily upon the elimination of economic injustice and violence as they exist along lines of race, gender, sexual identity, religious affinity, and class status.

Sharon Bridgforth...
Founder, writer, and artistic director of the Austin-based Root Werwinn Theatre Company. Featured in FastTimes Press does your mama know? Bridgforth's work strives to provoke dialogue, celebrate differences, and offer words of universal healing and peace.

Carmen Vasquez...
The policy director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of New York. Vasquez advocates for the inclusion of lesbians of color and for the need to create balance within the lesbian and gay community.

Katherine V. Forrest...
Writer of lesbian fiction including Curious Wine, Daughters of a Coral Dawn, Amateur City: An Emergence of Green, Murder at the Nightwood Bar, Dreams and Sweats, The Beverly Malibu, Murder by Tradition, Flashpoint, Liberty Square, and Apparition Alley.

GET READY TO LAUGH UNTIL YOU CRY!

KAREN RIPLEY IS COMING TO TLC '98!

Described by Kate Clinton as "wicked(ly) funny," Karen Ripleys is a comedienne from Berkeley, California, known for her deadpan comic twist on life. With 18 years of stand-up, Ripleys is the founder of the famous, all-womans improv troupe, "Over Our Heads," now in their 15th year. Ripleys act is featured in Rising Star Records (1997) The Best of Lesbian Comedy: Vol. 1.

KAREN RIPLEY TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT TEXTURES FOR $12.00. GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY AND GET READY TO LAUGH!

FINALLY! BALANCE WILL BE CREATED IN SAN ANTONIO!

MAY 29, 30, 31, 1998...BE THERE!

Rainbow Garden Gazette

ANTIQUE ROSES ON THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY

Let's face it. Most of us have given up on roses as a major focal point of our perennial gardens. They require countless hours pruning, fertilizing and spraying just to keep them blooming. And then they die.

If this has been your experience, then the garden club's February tour to the Antique Rose Emporium will be nothing short of an epiphany.

Bruce yourself. What you will see are gardens brimming with some of the most beautiful roses on the market today. All of them are old roses, as hardy as they are prolific.

Antique Rose Emporium owner Michael Shoup, along with other antique rose enthusiasts such as The Texas Rose Rustlers, have spent years hanting abandoned homes and cemeteries throughout Texas, searching for the old, hearty rose varieties that populated home gardens before the Civil War, when the first modern roses were introduced. The result is a cornucopia of ground covers, climbers, hedges and bush varieties that will bloom through the hottest summers and the coldest winters, requiring little more than the occasional watering.

"Our goal has been to give credibility to these plants," says Shoup, "and we find ourselves part of a recent upsurge of interest in antique roses. We know from personal experience and from letters and comments of many repeat customers that there is no way one can begin to appreciate the versatility of these roses until after a few seasons of working with them."

Nothing we say will substitute for the benefits of hands-on experience.

"But we hope to answer enough questions and generate enough enthusiasm to launch you into the world of old roses with confidence. Be aware, however, that these are captivating plants, and once taken with them you're never likely to be the same." Come explore the world of antique roses with us Feb. 21 at the Antique Rose Emporium. Details are on page 3, and page 4 and 5 contain a rose guide you should take with you.

Rainbow Garden Club Members have now accumulated 20 platers to add color to the "asphalt jungle" that surrounded the Alpha Home 2. They are planted with small perennials such as firecracker bush, Mexican bush sage, and shrimp plant, surrounded by winter color such as pansies, Swiss chard, and lobelia. The ladies (diligently instructed by Marlen) have been good about watering with a Hasta Gro solution and stop by weekly to deadhead and ensure they are surviving. If any of you are tossing underused or cracked pots that could add to our collection or are dividing perennials or finding "extra" annuals after your own home projects, please keep them in mind to add to our landscape project.

The Alpha Home 1 has taken care of itself with its new beds of grasses, carrots, hasd red Sage, jewels of Opar, Katie marilla, and even a Key lime to attract butterflies. Those ladies are envious of the color tubs from the other location and are encouraging us to add some to their outdoor meeting area (presently lacking color). So any additions are

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Stats

• UTSA Special Collections LGBTQ publications digital collection averaged 14,000 views per month over a 6 month period

• UTSA Special Collections Top Shelf blog

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Photograph from the Marquise, 1998