

# Texas good ol' boys to sing history at Sesquicentennial ball

Picture entertainers like Gary P. Nunn, Delbert McClinton, Renny Wier, and Steve Frensholtz decked out in buckskin and homespun shirts. Better yet, listen as they get together Friday to perform at that Capitol Ball at La Mansion celebrating the Texas Sesquicentennial.

And they may give their first live performance of selections from a soon-to-be-released album, *The Fathers of Texas*.

Then again, they may not. Seems a money wrangle got thrown the record producers way last weekend, an occurrence not uncommon in the lecture music world. If the legal hurdles lapse, ball guests will hear *The Fathers of Texas*. If not, the performers will present a round-up titled *150 Years of Texas Music*.

And the ball, under chairman Betty King, secretary of the Texas Senate, is to be a social telephone book party. Only 500 folks will attend the event, which will raise money for our city's Sesquicentennial festivities.

Former Gov. John Connally with Nellie will enco, and expect in the audience such folks as Gov. Mark White and Linda Gale, Mayor Frank Cooksey and Lynn, former Gov. Preston Smith and Inna, Austin Sesquicentennial Commission president Wylie Jordan, Commissioner and Bullisison Peggy Brews, and too many other luminaries to list. (But tell us one soul who regrettably won't be there: L.G. Gov. Bill Hobby. He'll be in Germany collecting info on and observing those high-speed bullet trains, the kind some folks are wishing to whiz from Dallas to Houston. Accompanying him will be lawyer Pike Powers, who represents the German High Speed Rail Consortium.)

Back to the album. K.R. Wood of Wichita Falls dreamed up the concept more than eight years ago, and he began writing the first of 20 songs that tell the early history of our state from Moses Austin's dream of settling Texas through Sam Houston's victory at San Jacinto. K.R. teamed up with album producer Stephen J. Mendell, and issued such singery — all of whom will perform at Friday's ball — as Red Steagall, John G. Galt, and Twines Van Zandt — he'll be stige.



Lee Kelly

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Senate Secretary Betty King, former Gov. John Connally and singer Guich Kooek are working to make the Capitol Ball a special event.

ing Friday the oldie folkie battle song *Will You Come To The Bower?* — Mack Abernathy, Rick Yanes, Eliza Gilkyson, Alex Harvey — he'll sing Friday the Sesquicentennial's official song that he wrote, *No Place But Texas* — T. Geaney Theriot and Shake Russell.

And we can't forget Reg Lindsay, who's coming in from Australia. He's cut 54 albums and is considered the Willie Nelson of the Land Down Under.

Guich Kooek and Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis narrate the album. And, Cowboy Billie Lewis, who they're hoping to present the album to the state's school board to be used as a fun supplementary learning tool in Texas classrooms.

And how did *The Fathers of Texas* become part of the ball? Indeed it does get performed? Seems John Heat, who works for Sea, the Harris, in Friends with W.A. "Cowboy" Hines, who is co-producing the album, is entertaining with Mendell. Cowboy told Betty King about it. Betty listened to the tape, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Footnote: During the sealed dinner, guests will also be able to enjoy performances by Ballet Austin and opera singer Brenda Wimberly.

River City People Trivia Quiz (And No Fair Peeking) . . . Who's the business woman in our town who has published a survival manual for the executive family? Which Austinite has received an humanitarian award from the Austin Martin Luther King Association? And which lady has been a foster parent to more than 50 children? If you answered Reya Koo-

George Seagert and Lael got to meet Carol Channing and Mary Martin at a party after the world premiere of that new comedy *Legends*. Charles Umlauf's Sculptures are Perennial Masterpieces, and a piece on "Texas' Most Romantic Restaurants." Dallas, *Legends* moves to Los Angeles and then on to The Big Apple.

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Lisa Gottesman's parents, ad exec Liner and Karla Tenenfeld of Dallas. Enjoy too, "The Fine Art of Gardening." Charles Umlauf's Sculptures are Perennial Masterpieces, and a piece on "Texas' Most Romantic Restaurants." Dallas, *Legends* moves to Los Angeles and then on to The Big Apple.

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## Hundreds of people succeed against odds

DEAR READERS: My column Monday was filled with names (submitted by my readers) of those who managed to succeed against the odds. Today's is a continuation of that list.

Have a thalidomide child born with a dwarfed, twisted body without arms, and you have a Terry Wiles, who, with the aid of mechanical devices, learned to play the organ, steer a motorboat and paint.

Amputate the cancer-ridden leg of a handsome young Canadian, and you have a Terry Fox, who vowed to run on one leg across Canada to raise a million dollars for cancer research. (Terry was forced to quit halfway when cancer invaded his lungs, but managed to raise about \$20 million.)

Let a human fighter pilot who lost both legs in an air crash fly again with the RAF, and you have a Douglas Bader, who, with two artificial limbs, was captured by the Germans three times during World War II — and escaped three times!

Blind him and you have a Ray Charles, George Shearing, Stevie Wonder, Tom Sullivan, Alec Templeton or Hal Krents.

Label him "too stupid to learn," and you have a Thomas Edison. Make him a "hopeless" alcoholic, and you have a Bill Wilson, founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. Tell her she's too old to start painting at 80, and you have a Grandma Moses. Afflict him with periods of depression so severe that he cuts off his own ear, and you have a Vincent

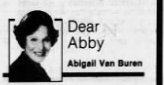
## Women rarely spread AIDS

DEAR DR. LAMB: You answered a letter from a man who was gay and wanted to know specifics about forms of sexual relations and getting AIDS. As a woman I am particularly concerned about sexual practices that may cause a woman to get AIDS.

DEAR READER: To this date the AIDS virus has not been identified in the vagina. That seems a little strange since in central Africa in some areas the number of women who have AIDS is about equal to the number of men who have the disease.

The evidence that a man can get AIDS from a woman is rather slim, too, except in those instances where the woman has been promiscuous or acquired AIDS through injections, such as drugs or intravenous. Even in those cases of exposure is probably an important factor.

To be specific, although there are many different forms of sexual activity, the one identified most often with transmission of AIDS is



Abigail Van Buren

Van Gogh. Your list would not be complete without a smiling, big Canadian, who lost both legs and an arm in Vietnam and formerly headed the Veterans Administration.

Don't forget Patricia Neal, the fine actress who suffered a severe stroke, but rehabilitated herself against overwhelming odds.

Blind him at age 44 and you have John Milton, who, 16 years later, wrote *Paradise Lost*.

Call him dull and hopeless and flunk him in the sixth grade, and you have a Winston Churchill. Push her with poverty and prejudice, and she may survive to become another Golda Meir.

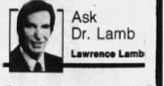
Tell a young boy who loved to draw that he has no talent, and you have a Walt Disney. Rate him as "medicore" in chemistry, and you have a Louis Pasteur.

Not all disabilities are physical and visible. And not all who have won against the odds are well-known celebrities. Every family has its own heroes for whom there is no medal distinguished enough to reward them for their accomplishments.

It is to you, whose names do not appear here but deserve to be, that I dedicate this column.

the developed countries in anal intercourse, which explains why a woman is not likely to get AIDS from another woman through sex.

It is a fact that the best protection against AIDS today is knowing exactly how it is spread and how it is not transmitted. That means the public has to know the specifics, not generalities. If they have any chance of avoiding this disease. To help, I have prepared Special Report #1 of The Health Letter, Sex and AIDS, which I am sending to you. Others who wish this issue can send 75 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1932, Irvine, Calif. 92715.



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