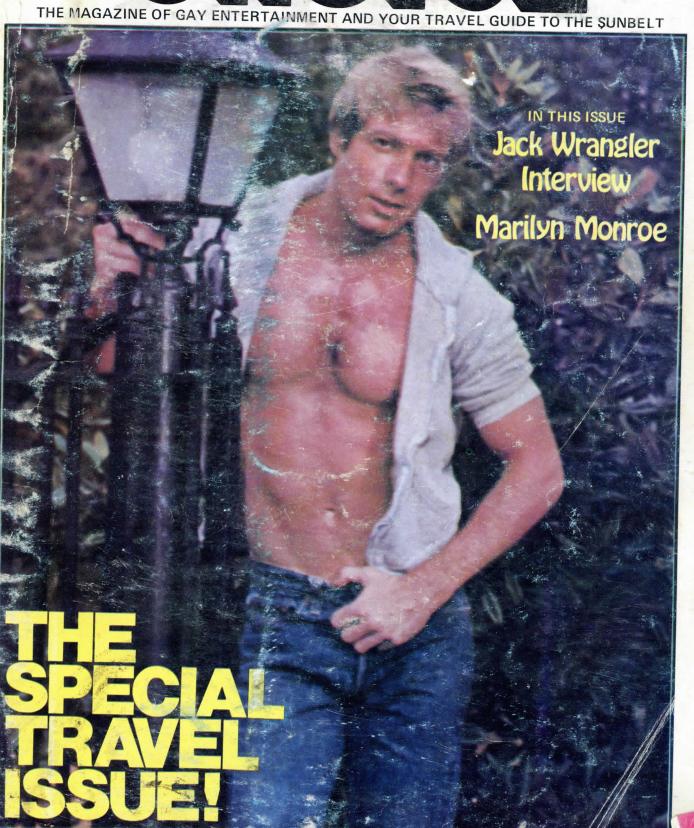
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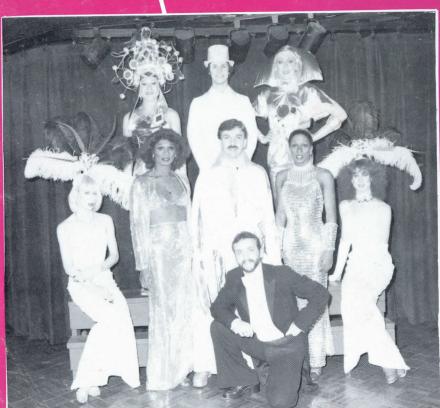
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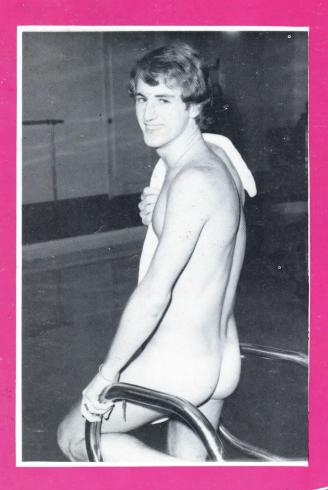
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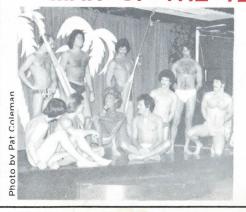
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ABOUT OUR COVER: When Jack Wrangler, the popular star of numerous Gay porn films and object of countless fantasies and wet-dreams, visited Atlanta this past fall, CRUISE chief photographer Bob Swinden seized the opportunity to train his camera on Jack while he inspected the ruin of an old mansion on West Paces Ferry Road. These sensational and exclusive photos -and an exclusive interview Jack granted intrepid CRUISE reporter "Eleven," can be found begin-

### MAN OF THE YEAR CONTEST



Four days of festivities and great shows came to an end on Thursday, December 15 when Jim Waldrop from Houston, Texas (and CRUISE Man-of-the-Month for July, 1977) was awarded the CRUISE Man-of-the-Year trophy and honors during the Grand Finale party on the 4th night at The Sweet Gum Head in Atlanta, Georgia. Nine of the 12 contestants appeared in person and starred in some of the great shows which were staged at 4 Atlanta Show clubs during the marathon event. Three of the four nights, the packed houses were treated to a special slide show featuring the uncensored, color wall-sized images of the actual centerfold photos used in CRUISE. See photo on page 101.

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Twenty-six monthly issues of CRUISE, fifty-nine issues of the CRUISE WEEK-LY CALENDAR (for Atlanta only) and two very successful issues of our new quarterly SCORE have flowed like a river of Gay entertainment, information and fun from these somewhat humble offices here in Atlanta in the 762 days since CRUISE was first introduced. That equals a new issue of something popping fresh from our collective brow EVERY EIGHT DAYS! (And that isn't counting the extra stuff like the 'flyers' we design & print for special use by Gay advertisers —like our Atlanta maps, ect. or the fact that a big special issue like this one and the recent CRUISE AN-NUAL are actually more than twice as big as a regular issue of CRUISE. If you count those, we publish something fresh every 7 days -or less!) If you'll but turn to page 5 in this issue you will find something those of us in the industry call a "staff box." Those names you see there are the hard-working, dedicated people who make all this possible. (May we have an appreciative pause ..?)

These people put in unbelievable hours writing; typing & typesetting; pastingup; designing; taking pictures (rarely of the models...); dealing with all manner of advertisers; handling the tremendous volume of mail; running to the platemakers, the printers, the post office and to U.P.S.; delivering; double-checking; reviewing events; planning; and doing all the thousands of other tasks that goes into producing what has rapidly become one of the most popular, most respected and fastest growing family of Gay publications not only in the South, but in the entire country.

We are gratified that our efforts have attracted the attentions of such notables as Brentwood Films and Blueboy magazine (both of which desire -in vain- to have a shot at some of our exclusive models) and we are flattered that both Man's Way and In Touch magazines have requested that our staff handle their Southeastern advertising accounts. We are further delighted that Numbers magazine has offered one of our staff a position with them (he's not going). And, most of all, we are pleased that we are pleasing YOU. CRUISE has grown so fast in the last six or seven months that it has, at times, been difficult to keep up with. And you, dear reader, are the cause of all that... We are deeply and sincerely grateful for your overwhelming support and pledge that we will not only continue to bring you a family of publications in which we can all be proud, but that we'll continue to improve with age.

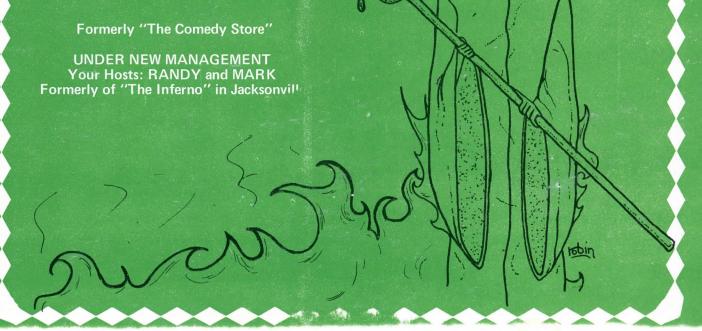
NOTE: The tabulation of the recent CRUISE Reader's Poll is almost complete and will be published in our next issue. Many of the things you wrote to us surprized us! We think it will surprize you, too. We are going to print your remarks without any censoring. Believe us when we tell you that you won't be ready...



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# Personalities

#### ENTERTAINER of the Month



Ernestine is currently Show Director at the Old Plantation, the super-hot Disco in Houston, Texas. With comedy as her forte', (s)he has won awards as Entertainer of the Year for Texas the past two years in a row! (S)he keeps the O.P. packed on Sundays

# Employee of the Month





## FRANK ARANGO

Frank Arango has managed the Clubhouse since May of last year. This popular member of the Miami Gay community was the winner of three awards at the 1977 David (magazine) Awards: "El Lation," "Mr. Personality" and the "Humanitarian Award." He originally hails from Havana and has lived in Miami for 8 or his 10 years in the United States. Frank stays pretty busy with the operation of this Award Winning baths.





# He's been in show business all his life so owning a drag bar and directing the shows there is really nothing new to Bruce Richardson. Bruce came to New Orleans from Los Angeles three years ago. In LA he'd worked in television and been the light of the state of the control of the state of the control of the state of

ardson. Bruce came to New Orleans from Los Angeles three years ago. In LA he'd worked in television and been the lighting director at the Coconut Grove nighclub in Hollywood. Once in the Crescent City he got into directing female impersonation shows.

Working with the cast at The Post Office and others who wanted to perform, he helped put together several special shows in 1976. Then in early 1977 Bruce and his cast put on three big production shows at the Civic Theatre.

Like many others, Bruce felt the time was right for a gay bar in the French Quarter that put on quality female impersonation shows. He'd been looking around for a good location and when the building at the corner of Burgundy and Conti came available this past fall he decided to take the plunge and get into the gay bar business. It wasn't easy finding the right location in the French Quarter. Most available sites were too small to provide a bar and a show room with enough room for proper staging. He didn't want another bar with a little stage stuck over in the corner, but a real show room with proper lights, sound and props. In the location he procured, he had just what he wanted.

So far the reception of his ideas has been good. At Christmas the cast at Fat Sam's did their first big production show and it was a big hit. It was an original production built around

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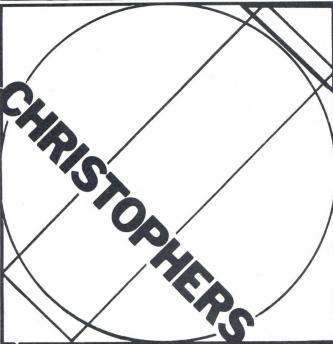
The Set for The Christmas Show on stage at Fat Sam's



Christmas and around Fat Sam, the character the bar is named for. They even had an original song written about Fat Sam. Since then they have produced "Cabaret" which was also a big success. Now, coming up at Mardi Gras, they have two new shows, "All That Jazz" and an "Annie Special" which is a take off on the Broadway hit, "Annie". They'll be alternating these during Carnival as well as doing repeat performances of "Cabaret".

Bruce is a staunch believer that gay entertainment is a coming thing. And he believes that drag shows are fast becoming a big part of gay entertainment in New Orleans. He points out that many gays are proud of female impersonation entertainment because it is one form of entertainment that belongs to gays. He says his cast takes a great deal of pride in what they are doing and that his customers are proud of the professionalism displayed in the performances rendered at Fat Sam's.

And the shows are professionally done. Working with a small but adequately sized stage, professional lights and sound and very good sets and props, the cast at Fat Sam's does a marvelous job of what they set out to do, entertain the gay bar-goer. And Bruce Richardson deserves a great deal of credit for providing a place for them to do their thing and for the help and guidance he gives them as their show director.

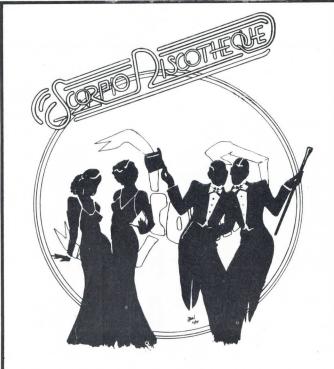


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Two years ago, when I decided to venture into the "Disco World," many of my friends said I was foolish to invest my time and efforts because Disco would be short-lived like all other music fads. My arguement at the time was: Disco may not go on forever, but dancing would. So, too, would there be a form of music to dance to whatever name it will have.

I also made a prediction at that time that Disco would become more refined and touch on the music from the Swing Era. A good example of this phenomena is the first Savannah Band l.p. which was definately Swing Disco. Now, Savannah Band's new album, "Meets King Penette," is also of the same fascinating style with two noteworthy and exceptional cuts: "Mister Love," and "Gigalo and I." (For a big giggle, check-out the back cover of this album. Did you know that somewhere in America is a place called "Anita's Gay Bar"? They've got the picture!)

A group called *Tuxedo Junction* has an album with *all* of its cuts in the Swing Era-Disco style such as "Chattanooga Choo Choo" and "Moonlight Serenade." Believe me, this l.p. will get a LOT of play for a long time to come.

Vicki Sue Robinson's new l.p., "Half and Half," has eight cuts —including a short version of "Hold Tight."

Like SalSoul did last month with their "Disco Boogie" album, London Re-

cords has collected all their great Disco hits onto a two-record album called "Star Disco." It is a worthwhile investment.

In the past, I have been told that my list of Disco music presented here does not reflect what is actually being played and bought. Well, I don't feel I'm under fire, but the list I make is mostly NEW and/or what I feel is Hot. So, with that said, here's my list for this month:

Just Laying It Down . . . . Southern Connection — Mahogany 12"

 $Mr. \ Love/Gigalo \ and \ I \ \dots$  Savannah Band  $-RCA \ l.p.$ 

Dancin' Fever/Johnnie Johnnie Claudia Barry —SalSoul 12" & l.p.

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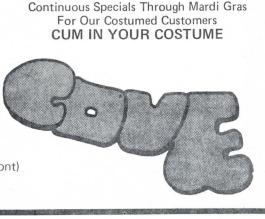


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# The Mail Bag

Gentlemen.

Thank you for your response to my letter-to-the-editor in the January issue of *CRUISE*. Your picture feature on the "Cowboys" was just the medicine I needed and I hope to see more of the same in the future. I am very pleased to see that the quality of your (our?) magazine is steadily improving. Keep up the good work. Looking forward to your next issue.

-T.P., Atlanta, Ga.

Dear T.P.,

What? You mean you thought we would ignore your last letter?! Hardly. We are eager to hear from our readers and we carefully read every single one that comes in. Even though we print damn few of the letters (space limitations, you know), we are delighted when you (meaning ALL the readers) take the time and effort to write.

If you like the "Cowboy" feature last month, just wait till you see what we've got in store for you NEXT month!! It's so butch and so hot it's going to burn the paper on which it is printed.

—The Editor

Gentlemen,

In the past few issues, I have noticed letters concerning the format of your magazine. First of all, I find your magazine to be one of the best in the nation and the best of it's kind anywhere.

When taken into consideration our geographical location and our type of lifestyle in comparison to other areas, i.e. New York and Los Angeles, *CRUISE* just about covers everything that is important to the Gay communities in the South.

It is quite refreshing to read a magazine like *CRUISE*. So many rags throw nothing but trash at you while

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CRUISE continues to keep its format in excellent good taste.

My only regret with *CRUISE* is that there are queens here in Somerset that keep 'lifting' my copies before I am finished with them.

In closing all I can say is keep up the good work and don't change your format: You have a good thing going for you.

—Dan Hamm
W. Somerset, Ky.

Dear Dan,

Okay, what is it with you guys all addressing us as "Gentlemen" this month? Was it something we said..?

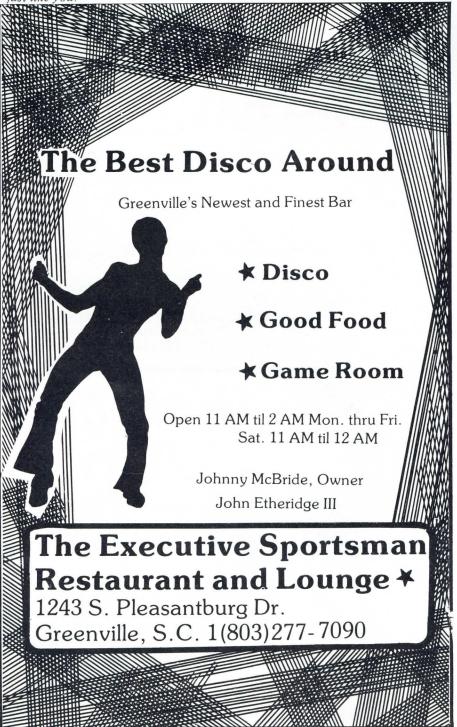
Thank you for your kind words of encouragement and support. We could use, oh ...ten or fifteen thousand more just like you!

And tell those 'queens' there in Somerset to buy their OWN copies! We need all the bread we can scrounge. You think all this glossy paper and colorful ink comes cheap?! (Not to mention the buck-fifty an hour I get. Somebody's got to pull the freight...)

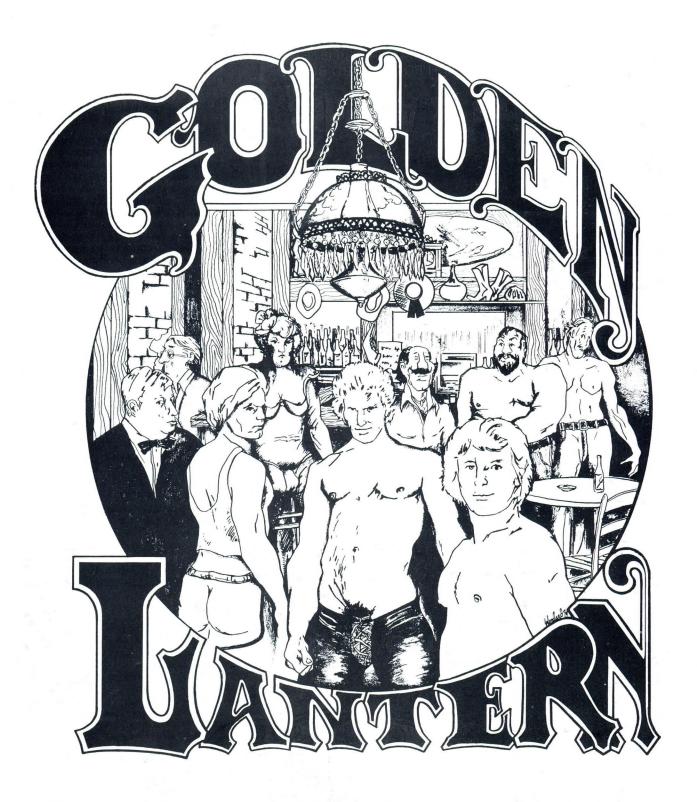
Seriously, we love ya. -The Editor

NOTE TO OUR READERS:

Starting with the next issue, we are enlarging our "Mail Bag" column. If you want to get your Two Cents worth in, write now. Right now. (We had a great letter sent to us by Bob & Margaret Green of Indianapolis, Indiana, but we did not have room this issue. Next month for sure!) —The Editor

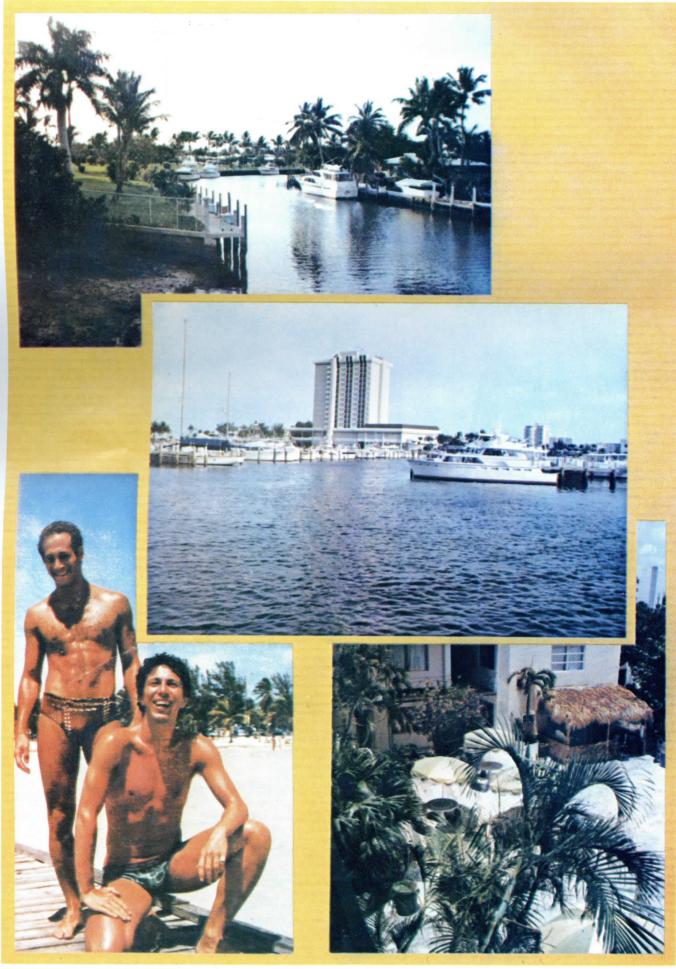


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Starting at the northern end of the Gold Coast are the Palm Beaches. There is something here to suit every taste, from the almost rural fringes of West Palm Beach with its busy and cruisy bookstores with plenty of "trade" to the two decidedly different bars in-town, to the heady smell of both old and new money (and lots of it) in Palm Beach itself. (There are easily more Rolls Royces in Palm Beach than Chevys!)

West Palm Beach now has two bars, The Citadel and Man's Country. The Citadel is a big disco, beautifully decorated, excellent light show and great sound. They draw a young, good-looking crowd that likes to party late. Man's Country is as the name implys and the scene is more masculine with a pool table, pin ball, juke box and plenty of suds. Their sandwiches -along with the MEN who frequent this bar— are a definate treat. Another bar, this one in Palm Beach itself, is Bill's Music Box Lounge. It's a tavern with pool tables and they draw a more mature crowd.

(NOTE: That comment I made earlier about naked men applies to the West Palm Beach area. There is a "nude beach" here called "Air Force Beach" that attracts hundreds and hundreds of straights and Gays on warm, sunny days and everybody on the beach co-exists beautifully. That is until the cops decide to raid it which they do occasionally. The Gay section is quite far north on the beach, away from the straights and the beach itself is beautiful. There are plenty of overgrown, shrubby paths on the dunes that border the beach for action and nudity really is the order of the day. Since the beach is unmarked and very difficult to find, ask around at the bars for someone who knows to show you...)

Fort Lauderdale, the second major stop on your trek down the Gold Coast, is most famous for "coming out" in a movie. Connie Francis (remember her?) starred in and sang the theme song to the film "Where The Boys Are" back in the '60s and things haven't been the same there since. The film was shot on location at The Marlin Beach Hotel and that's where we always stay when we're in town. Connie Francis was RIGHT!

They have live entertainment in the Nautilus 2 Lounge and hot disconightly in the Lower Deck. On Sunday afternoons this is THE place to see and be seen at during their TeaDance. For the more discreet traveller—or if you have a lover or trick you'd like to hold on to for more than 15 minutes—, we highly recommend the Bela-Mor and the Galt Riviera. Both are motels on the famous "Galt Mile" and feature excellent facilities for Gay people.

As for night-life, Fort Lauderdale offers any and everything. From our observations and participation, the hottest spot at the moment is a place known nationally as one of the hottest discos in the country: The Copa.

They offer a quiet piano bar, a western bar with pool & pin ball and a recently remodelled disco —all of which keeps their overflow crowds jumpin'.

Tacky's is the kind of place that if it didn't exist, we'd just have to invent it. It attracts a mainly Levi and studded-leather-belt with tight T-shirt crowd who party down in one of the most bizarrely decorated places in all of the South. Tacky's has nightly specials and shows on the weekends starring the current Miss Gay Florida, Dana Manchester. The crowds are always huge, cocktail hour is a hoot and it is always almost criminally cruisey! A good time is guaranteed.

The smaller bars in the Fort Lauder-dale area are very many and very varied. Lefty's is new, elegantly decorated and a very cruisey bar that has been popular since it opened in the fall. The Everglades is a Levi/leather bar with action in the afternoons, evenings and a full house for their Sunday evening buffets. Gary's



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For those who want a change from the 'wine, dine, dance and (ultimately) dick' syndrome of the bars, may we suggest a few of the more popular—and far more direct—alternatives... "A" Adult Bookstore boasts lots of action (along with a great selection of magazines, books, films, novelties, ect.). Back in their peep-show area they have 'glory holes' large enough for Godzilla. Don't let the glossy "posers" who lounge in the dark hallways kid ya, they're there for the same thing you are...

Centennial Male Theatre out on West Broward Blvd. (just past Tacky's) is a



big feature-length Gay movie house that is very popular with winter tourists —and those looking for new "faces." Sit in the back row...

If "trade" is your bag, some of the smaller bars have an occasional hustler wander in or drive along Broward Blvd., N. Ocean Drive and Sunrise Blvd. (from US 1 east) looking for "hitchhikers."

If, however, you're just not in the mood for any kind of waiting game or playing game, just give a call to Cosmopolitan Services. They are Ft. Lauderdale's oldest, most established escort & model service. Plenty of young attractive guys who can show you an evening on the town or even engage in a private conversation at your hotel...

Miami is just 30 minutes or so south of Ft. Lauderdale on I-75 and, of course, Miami Beach is but a bagel's throw from Miami across any one of numerous causeways. Called New York's southern-most suburb by some and "Little Havana" by others, Miami provides a mixture of people and cultures like no other city (and it's a hot mixture!). Recommended lodging is the Windward Resort Motel. It's a complete resort complex with disco, outdoor bar, piano bar, a complete health club (called the Pirate's Den) and plenty of usual and not-so-usual amenities. The Windward is very popular with tourists & locals and, once settled in, you shouldn't have to leave for anything.

Miami's disco scene is dominated by two diverse clubs. Uncle Charlie's Downtown is located exactly where the name says it is and is almost stunning from an esthetic point of view. It is a private club that features dancing, backgammon, a quiet piano bar, and a game room. We recommend you go with a date since the crowd there tends to be rather cold. On the other hand, The Warehouse VIII is exactly what the name states, a warehouse. However, in the ceiling is one of the hottest (are you getting as tired of that over-used word as I am?) light shows you will find anywhere! Under those fabulous lights is a good-looking, friendly crowd. A person has got to be a real prude not to meet at least one person who will 'light your fire' while there...

A recently opened club, Thirteen Buttons is one of those bars that is difficult to put a label on. A private club, they cater to a more masculine crowd. With nightly specials, disco dancing and a secluded back room that just jumps with Action, it has caught-on rapidly with Miami's bar crowds. 13 Buttons is decorated in what they call a "naughty-cal" theme that even extends to their go-go boys who are called "swinging sailors..."

For those into the butch scene, be sure to check out The Mine Shaft and The Double R. The Mine Shaft is the newer of the two and is a friendly bar where you can find something going on at all hours. Late at night, a lot of the Action can be found in their back rooms—or "Mine Shafts." Pin ball & pool are the 3rd and 4th most popular activities here. Drinking comes in at number 2. Guess what number one is..? The Double R is one of the largest and most popular levi/leather bars in the entire South and they

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have large friendly crowds who turn out for the pinball, pool and hot cruising. While at these great bars, try to avoid mentioning that you're a hairdresser, that you saw "Turning Point" six times and that you just came from seeing any drag show...

While in the Miami-Ft. Lauderdale area (the "hub" of the Gold Coast) (I never metaphor I didn't like...), be sure to check out their many fine health clubs. For the traveller who uses the baths for lodging, all the clubs in this area are well-suited to this end (is that a pun?!) with large, clean rooms and enough S.S.S. facilities to keep half of Miami happy. (For those of you who were never in service, S.S.S. means "Shit, Shower and Shave.")

The Clubhouse I in Miami and the Clubhouse II in Ft. Lauderdale are large, clean places with all the regular and expected features (my, how far baths have come in less than 10 years! Used to be you were merely grateful to get a clean towel...). They also have sundecks for nude sunning and plenty (!) of Action. The two Clubhouses seem to attract a more 'butch' crowd and things there can get VERY interesting.

With its outdoor pool, sundecks, and gardens, The Club Miami is almost as popular during the day as most other baths are during the nights. Since Jack Campbell, the founder of the Club Chain, now lives in this area, The Club Miami is a showcase of what a bath can be. Beautiful.

The Gym (Ft. Lauderdale) is a smaller baths that caters to a YOUNG crowd; giving free memberships to those under 25 and free lockers to guys under 21. It's hidden away on a side-street just off Broward Blvd., near Tacky's and the Centennial Gay Theatre. The Gym is run by a wild group of great guys who have fun by making sure you do... (hi, Nancy!)

After the hustle-bustle and the glitter of the main Gold Coast, let's move on south to Key West. And that's as far south as it's possible to go. Key West is a little island at the very end of US 1 and it offers a charm, an old world quiet and peace that makes many vacationers want to stay and settle down. In the last few years and mostly by word-of-mouth, it has become in the winter what Fire Island is in the summer.

Lodging for Gays in Key West is easy to find, but we strongly suggest that you make your reservations far in advance. The Key Lodge Motel and the Bavaria Hotel both offer clean, airconditioned rooms at reasonable rates. There are also several small Guest Houses owned by Gays. Check out The Pines and The Island House for that off-important "homey atmosphere."

The Club Key West is the local member of the Club Chain and offers motel rooms aside from their usual fine

bath facilities. They also offer a small campgrounds with full hook-ups for those Gays who travel in R.V.s.

The bar scene on the island is essentially one place: The Monster. Their place on Fire Island is nationally known as well as the one on Key West. It is a beautiful indoor-outdoor bar. The disco (where no shirts and Hot bodies are the rule) and the elegant conversation room are indoors but open onto a palm-bedecked courtyard and cabana bar. The action is always fast & furious at this place.

The Gay lifestyle is very open and very visible on this little tropic isle. There are so many Gay-owned businesses that you can buy everything from "dirty" books to an ice cream cone (at the Ice Cream & Desert Garden) and never spend a dime with a straight businessperson. Gay couples and cruising singles can always be seen on the charming streets shopping and/or "shopping." The pier on the southwest corner of the island is a cruisey spot and everything on the island is within walking distance from where you're staying. For a good time being free and being Gay (and that, friends, is being redundant!), Key West is the place to be.

As a final note: when in the main Gold Coast area (Ft. Lauderdale/Miami), be sure to pick up a free copy of *This Week With DA VID* magazine. It's an Gay advertising weekly that will fill you in on what's happening at this very moment in South Florida for Gay people. (It's much like the Weekly Calendar that CRUISE publishes for Atlanta.)

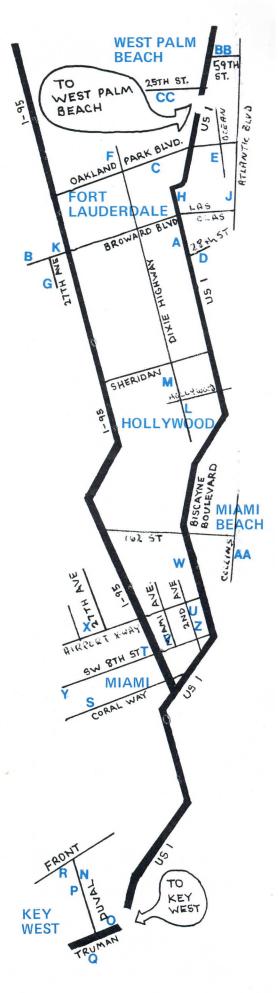
#### SOUTH FLORIDA

#### FORT LAUDERDALE

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, 2980 N. Federal Hwy., (305) 566-9303 Adult book store with film gallery, mags, books, etc. Always open.

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G The Gym Baths
H Lefty's
J Marlin Beach Hotel
K Tacky's Bar
L Locker Room Baths
M TheRoadhouse
N Bavaria Hotel
O Club Key West
P Ice Cream & Desert Garden
Q Key Lodge
R The Monster
S Club Miami
T Clubhouse I
U Double R
V Mineshaft
W The S. & L. Lounge
X 13 Buttons
Y Uncle Charlie's
Z Warehouse VIII
AA Windward Resort Motel
BE Citadel Disco Lounge
CC Man's Country





CABANA CAFE, US 1 at SE 28th Street, (305) 463-1507 - Located within the Copa this is an outdoor open hearth cafe done in the style of old Key West. Prices from \$2.50. Open 9 PM till 5 AM.

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THE COPA, US 1 at S.E. 28th St. (305) 463-1507. Hot Spot on the Gold Coast! This large complex includes a Piano bar, a cafe, a patio bar, the Tropical DISCO, "The Pitts" Western/L&L bar, and the WIZ Boutique. Open 9pm till 5am all 7 nights. Disco from 10pm under their vaulted ceilings. Newly remodeled.

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EVERGLADES BAR, 1931 S. Federal Hwy. (305) 522-9821. A very interesting Levi-Western bar serving beer & wine. Opens at 1pm, closes at 2am every day (except Saturdays when they close at 3). Sunday buffet and a Hot Dog Special on Tuesdays.

GALT RIVIERA, 3811 No. Ocean Blvd. (305) 566-8393. Motel with fully equippted apartments and hotel rooms, pool & color T.V.s. A nice place to stay in Lauderdale! Right on top of the 'action'!

GARY'S TB's LOUNGE, 3799 North Dixie Hwy. 564-9184. Open 1pm till 2am Sun.—Fri. and from 1pm till 3am on Saturdays. Beer & wine. Shows Wed. and Sun. at 10 & 12. Disco between shows. Occasional Specials. A Men's bar. Fun & Exically.

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LEFTY'S, 710 N. Federal Hwy. 761-9669. Open 11am till 2am Mon. thru Sat. 1pm till 2am on Sundays. Full service bar. A cruise bar of great import. Mostly men.

MARLIN BEACH HOTEL and POOP DECK LOUNGE, 17 S. Atlantic Blvd., (305) 467-6551 (Toll Free 800-327-3782) Gay Resort Hotel with complete facilities. Upper Deck Restaurant, Piano Bar, Newly remodeled Lower Deck Disco now open with 800 Sq. ft. wood dance floor and 4 bars. Sunday Tea Dance are very popular.

TACKY'S BAR, 2509 West Broward Blvd. (305) 587-9962. Very popular beer and wine bar open Monday thru Saturday from 11am till 4am. Sundays from 1pm. Shows every Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Sun. at Midnight. While TACKY'S is a large bar and getting bigger through expansion, it never seems to get big enough to contain the huge crowds! Packed nitely.

THE WIZ BOUTIQUE, US 1 at SE 28th Street. (305) 463-1507 - Located within The Copa, this fine shop offers the latest in fashions for men.

#### HOLLYWOOD

THE LOCKER ROOM BATHS, 1914 Hollywood Blvd., (enter from the alley in the rear) (305) 920-0322 - Open 24 hours. Many specials for members. Snack bar. Annual membership \$5.50.

THE ROAD HOUSE, 2100 N. Dixie Hwy. 921-9785. Open 8pm till 6am. Beer and wine. Cruising, dancing and Go Go Boys (on the weekends). Hot slide shows. Men of all kinds. You'll find your type.

#### **KEY WEST**

BAVARIA HOTEL, 501 Southard St (corner Duval). (305) 294-9323. Newly redecorated hotel w/sundeck downtown at the action. All rms have private bath, AC, Color TV also avail.

CLUB KEY WEST, 621 Truman Avenue. (305) 296-6654. A Club Bath with complete motel accomodations. Pool, sundeck, steam room, showers, lockers, full in & out privileges. Walking distance to everything else in Key West. All rooms are airconditioned, TV, full-size beds. "The Pearl of the Club Bath Chain." Office open 24 hours.

ICE CREAM AND DESERT GARDEN, 524 Duval St. (305) 294-3222. Open 10am till Midnight serving ice cream (but of course), sundaes, beverages, magazines, "Locker Room" and "Rush." Mixed, but

ISLAND HOUSE, 1129 Fleming Street. 294-6284. New Guest House, vacation apartments. By the week or month. Special Weekend rates. Phone mornings & evenings for reservations.

KEY WEST NEWS AGENCY, 528 Duval, (305) 294-9719 - Adult bookstore open from 10am till midnight seven days a week. Mini movies, magazines, films, newspapers, and rubber novelties.

KEY LODGE MOTEL, 1004 Duval Street, (305) 296-9915 Small but unique motel with attractive rooms and efficiencies.

MONSTER, 400 Front St. (305) 294-1616. Four bars. Open from 12 noon. Tea Dance on Sun. Dinners Mon thru Sat. from 7pm.

NEWS STAND, 919 Duval, (305) 294-0389 - Adult bookstore open 11 AM till midnight Mon.-Thurs. Friday and Saturday from 11am till 2am. Mags, books and peep shows.

THE PINES, 521 United St., (305) 296-9494 - Small friendly guest house.

#### MIAMI AND MIAMI BEACH

CLUB MIAMI, 2991 Coral Way. (305) 448-2214. Open all 7 days—24 hours. Complete facilities including a heated pool. Snack bar. Pleasure Chest Boutique.

CLUBHOUSE I, 299 SW 8th Street, (305) 854-0365 - Open 24 hours, their facilities include whirlpool, steam room, sun lamps, VIP rooms with TVs, TV lounge, concession area, two bunk rooms, game room and large outside patio and sun deck (nude sunbathing). Free beer 365 days a year. Two new lounges and a snack bar are now open in this popular bath.

THE DOUBLE "R" BAR, 1001 NE 2nd Ave. (305) 374-9444. A very Leather/Levi/Western type bar with DJ Disco and country music 3pm till 3am every day. Mixed Drinks & Beer. Square dancing Sunday 4pm till 9pm. Pleasure Chest Boutique located on premises with a large selection of leather goods & gear. The Double "R" is now a Private, members-only club and "tourist memberships" are available at the door. Very Popular!

DOUBLE "R" CAFE, 1001 NE 2nd Ave., (305) 374-2491 - Open from 6 PM till lam every day, they serve dinner (\$3.95 up), breakfast, snacks, and sandwiches. Good food. Liquor available from the bar next door during bar hours. Reservations encouraged on weekends.

MINESHAFT, 112 S. Miami Avenue, (305) 374-7090 - Open 10:30 AM till 3 AM Monday-Saturday; noon till 3 AM on Sunday serving beer, wine, sandwiches and mixed drinks. Pool table, pin pall, very cruisey "back rooms". Cocktail Hour is from 4 till 6 PM every day and they have a Seeassta Special from noon till 6 PM on Sundays. Reduced prices to MC Clubs in colors. Clientele is westernlevi with some leather.

PIN UP LOUNGE, 2228 Park Ave. (305) 531-9301 - A cruisey neighborhood type bar near the 21st Street (9ay) Beach. Beer & mixed drinks from 1 PM till 5 AM daily.

PIRATES DEN, 16051 Collins Dr. (in the Windward), (305) 947-5674 - New bath and health club with 40 large rooms, game room, sun deck, olympic sized pool, and usual health club features. In-out privelages. Nice facilities.

S & L LOUNGE, 6822 Biscayne Blvd. 756-9600. Open 11am till 3am all 7 days. Pool table, pinball. Levi/Western (butch). Newly Remodeled. Scorpio Party Oct. 31.

13 BUTTONS, 2998 N.W. No. River Drive 638-1118. Open 7pm till 5am. A Disco/Lounge. Free memberships. Monthly parties for members. Wed nite: Sink a Sailor Contest (the largest destroyer & cutest dinghy wins!).

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Diversity. It's about the best catch word to describe North and Central Florida. The area has sixteen cities with over forty gay clubs, friendly natives who hail from every corner of the United States, and when the season starts, visitors from every corner of the world. From the hustle and bustle of one of Florida's fastest growing cities, Jacksonville, to the beaches of Pensacola, to the Disney insanity of Orlando, to the quiet serenity of Fort Myers; this area provides more variety for gay life than most any other.

In the northeast corner of the state is Tallahasee, Florida's capitol and home of Florida State University. With FSU's reputation as a party school you can be sure there are plenty of good looking young men. The Panhandle Mining Co. is the older bar here. They have disco in their "lower shaft" and a cruise bar, and restaurant with live entertainment in the "upper shaft". Recently opened is the Twenty-First Century Fox. Decorated with black and white drawings of movie stars they attract a cruisey crowd of men and some women for their hot nightly disco parties. They also feature shows with Latise Chevron and an all star cast. After hours (2am) the place to be is the Foxtrot. Featuring disco and shows they draw a mixed crowd thats usually ready to party the night away.

Florida's other big college town is Gainesville. The University of Florida keeps this cities two bars jumping with good looking people. The Melody Club is a disco with shows on the weekends. This bar is jumping every night, with good sound and a good crowd. Closer to town is Witch Hazel's This large disco attracts a collegiate crowd, and is hot on the weekends.

Hitting it on over to the east coast, take a stop in Jacksonville. This fast growing city is the home of many Florida gays. The popular club for the disco crowd there is the Brothers.

A large club, they also play host to the Brothers MC. The Phoenix, is the local bar catering to the Leather-Levi set. With a rustic interior, it provides a perfect setting for the heavy cruising that transpires there nightly. The Country Palace is the citie's newest disco. With a western atmosphere they are really catching on

Out on Jacksonville Beach is ever popular Bo's Crow Bar. Drawing a good looking masculine crowd, they're the hottest place in town on Sundays. The bar features pool, pinball, and juke box dancing.

Further down the East Coast is world famous Daytona Beach. From February to May this is the place in Florida to be. Beginning with the motorcycle races and running through spring break, young people flock to Daytona by the thousands.

The gay bar scene there has been through some big changes lately. The Club Hollywood and Damien's Yum Yum Tree have both closed their doors and two new bars have made their appearance. The Landmark, one of these, has partially opened with a cruise bar and game room. Their future plans include a disco, leatherlevi bar, and motel accomodations. They are already drawing well with their upbeat atmosphere and bright interiors. The other new bar The Disco Inferno, should be opening their doors right around the publication date of this issue of CRUISE. This beautiful bar will include a disco, restaurant, and cruise bar all under one roof. Operated by Randy and Jack of the old Inferno in Jacksonville, It looks to be a hot place.

The Zodiac is the only one of Daytona's established bars to still be around. Their shows and hot disco sounds are drawing the best that Daytona has to offer every night of the week. Next door at Cobb's Corner check out some of Pat Lindemeir's good southern cooking.

The gay section of Daytona's drive on beach is on the boardwalk in front of the scenic view tower. For a cool beer on a hot day drop into Der Keller for a quick one. The street above this pub is active in the evening for a little trade.

Orlando, located on I-4 right in the middle of the state, is the home of Disney World, a multi-million entertainment complex. Visitors from all over the world come to see Mickey and his friends. The gayer of these visitors all stay at the Parliament House. One of Florida's more popular resort complexes, they offer excellent accomodations, a hot disco, shows, swimming, and even boating on the lake in the rear of the motel. After 2am the action on the balconies is infamous (but fun).

Action in Orlando can also be found at the Odds and Ends. They draw capacity crowds for their shows. To the rear of this club is the city's only after hours club, The Last Spot. The staff here is ready and willing to help you make a long, enjoyable evening of it.

The Tampa Bay area (Tampa, St. Petersburg, Lakeland, Clearwater, and Madeiras Beach) is probably the hottest area for gays in Florida north of the Gold Coast. For accomodations in the area we reccomend the Wedgewood Inn. With an old world charm, beautiful grounds, and recently motel rooms and apartments, the Wedgewood is a good start for a stay in the area. They also offer a pool, restaurant and cafe, and a disco that is number one in St. Pete.

Other bars in St. Pete include Kitty's and the Red Devil Saloon. Kitty's is a cruise bar that draws a mixture of



Catch some rays and maybe somebody at Rene's new pool in Tampa.

men and women. The Red Devil is the watering hole for the leather-levi men in the city. The action here is hot and heavy, so be ready for the best.

Over in Tampa, Rene's Disco seems to be drawing the big crowds right now. Rene has recently installed a swimming pool. This extra attraction has just made the bar even more popular than ever. After a long weekend dancing to the hot disco sounds, check out the Sunday buffet poolside.

Over in Ybor City, the old Spanish section of Tampa, El Goya is still

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partially open after a recent fire that destroyed most of this beautiful landmark. Down the street is Tampa's newest bar, The Outer Limits. This club features disco dancing, pool, and two bars. It is catching on rapidly with Tampa's bar goers.

Other clubs in Tampa include the Carousel Disco and Susie's Bridge Club. The Carousel is a small, intimate disco serving liquor and beer to a variety of people. Susie's is an after hours Bottle Club where everything is brownbagged in (except set-ups) and the partying lasts until the customers get ready to leave.

If you don't want to go through the hassle of cruising at the bars check out the Club Tampa. A member of the Club Bath Chain they have all the usual facilities and a large whirlpool thats in the works. Another place for a quick trick (but money might be a handy accessory here) is the park in front of the University of Tampa on Kennedy Ave.



Boogieing at The 21st Century Fox in Tallahassee

Beautiful grounds and people are the order at The Wedgewood Inn



Clearwater, located about 15 miles from both Tampa and St. Pete, is the home of the Meeting Place. Only one month old, they have combined disco and shows to attract a regular and good looking crowd. (in fact one of the managers of the Wedgewood Inn calls Clearwater his secret place for finding good looking men)

For actions on or near the beach be sure and stop by the Other End Lounge in Madeiras Beach. With plenty of parking and a marina in the rear, you can come by boat or car to dance, play pool, or chomp down on an original New York Ocean Inn hot dog.

Fort Myers has almost been a secret hideaway for the gay men and women that make the long trek down there each winter. A beautiful little place, they have one bar, The Club, that welcomes gays. An intimate private bottle club, they have shows and disco dancing. (the place is packed to the gills on the weekends) For accomodations in Fort Myers, check locally since there are at least two gay owned motels on Estero Island nearby.

In the Florida Panhandle you'll find three cities west of Tallahassee with gay bars. All are on the coast and so naturally the action is hotter during the summer when the beautiful white sand beaches draw crowds of visitors from Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. But the large number of gays who live here keep the bars active all year round.

In Panama City, the Fiesta Room is an ever popular place for visitors to meet the locals. It's located in the downtown area on Harrison avenue and boasts a large bar for cruising, a big dance floor and a New Orleans type courtyard. In Ft. Walton Beach, the Lobby is located on Highway 98 (called Miracle Mile here) near Fountain Square. It attracts a young disco crowd.

In Pensacola you'll still find action around the San Carlos Hotel downtown. The bar off the lobby here is mixed but is a favorite afternoon hangout for anyone who is available. It's a good place to stay also as the rooms are large, clean and modestly priced. Just down the street you'll find the city's largest gay bar, The Red Garter. They are open every night beginning at 8 PM and feature shows Tuesday - Sunday. Monday night is disco night, but they have disco between shows every night. The Mirror Lounge upstairs is a cruise bar with games, dancing and a friendly crowd.

Check out the shows at the Red Garter in Pensacola.



Photo-Bob Swinder

On the east side of town, near the beaches, you'll find the Quiet Village. Most of the time it's just what the name implies, a quiet place to sit, drink and cruise, but on weekends, especially on Sunday afternoons, the action gets hot. The crowd here seems to include a lot of professional type men in the 25 to 40 age bracket along with the collegiate crowd.

Other clubs in the North and Central Florida area that we have not been able to contact directly as yet are The Sting in Sarasota, The Evening Edition in Cocoa Beach, The Green Parrot in Lakeland, and Junior's Game Room in Fort Pierce. We are sure there are plenty of interesting things going on in all these places and we will strive to tell you about them in upcoming issues.

In the meantime, keep on partying because this section of the Sunshine State is the place to do it.

#### **FLORIDA**

NOTE: In Florida some bars sell beer, some sell beer & wine and some sell beer, wine & liquor. The ONLY place you can take your own bottle are a very few private clubs called "bottle clubs." Almost all bars are open on Sundays. Closing hours vary greatly and are usually given below. When in SOUTH Florida, pick up a copy of THIS WEEK WITH DAVID magazine for a weekly updating, a local guide and maps. It's free at many Gay places on the Gold Coast.

#### **CLEARWATER**

THE MEETING PLACE, 610 Court Street. (813) 461-9704. Disco & cruise bar. 6pm till 2am all 7 days. Liquor, beer & wine. Shows on Sunday nights.

#### DAYTONA BEACH

COBB'S CORNER, 1650 S. Ridgewood. (904) 761-9932. Dining in an elegant atmosphere. Open from 4pm till 10pm all 7 days. Truly excellent seafood. Winner of "The Restaurant of the Year" award for Florida. Next to the ZODIAC (see listing below.)

DISCO INFERNO, 28 N. Grandview. (904) 258-9259. Open 3pm till ..? all 7 days. Beer & wine. A 4-room complex that includes a big Disco, game room, cruise bar and restaurant that serves pizza, hot dogs, etc.

GAY 90's GIFT SHOP, 600 N. Atlantic Av. (Plaza Hotel arcade). Open 10am till 5:30 Mon. — Sat. selling gifts, antiques, jewelry and paraphanalia.

THE LANDMARK, 615 Main St. (beach-side). Open 11am till 2am every day. Hap-py hours: 11am till 7pm. Pool, electric games and cruise bar. Mostly a young male

THE ZODIAC CLUB, 1654 S. Ridgewood. (904) 767-4624. Large disco open from 6 till 2am all 7 days. Shows at 10, 11:15 and 12:45. Cocktail hour from 6 till 9. Young, mostly Gay guys.

#### FORT MYERS

THE CLUB, 1514 Jackson St. 332-1789. Open Tues. — Thurs. 9pm till 2am, Fri. & Sat. & Sun. from 9pm till 5am. A private bottle club; all alcohol must be brought in by the guests. Shows on Sun. at 10pm & 12. Disco. Men and women.

#### FORT WALTON BEACH

THE LOBBY, 231 Miracle Mile (Hwy 98 — near Fountain Sq.). A happy, young, Gay (& mixed) Disco-type spot convienient to everything in the area. Plenty of parking.

#### **GAINESVILLE**

MELODY CLUB, 4130 N.W. 6th. (904) 376-3772. Open 3pm till 2am Mon. thru Sat. Shows: Thurs., Fri. & Sat. Beer Busts for a Buck every Tues. at midnight. A young and collegiate crowd.

WITCH HAZEL'S, 203 N.W. 6th St. (904) 377-9178. Open 8pm till 2am on Wed. thru Sat. and from 5pm till 11pm on Sun. (buffet is served on Sun.) Disco & shows Wed. thru Sat. Beer busts on Wed. & Thurs. A young, collegiate-type crowd with both women and men.

#### **JACKSONVILLE**

BEACH BLVD. NEWS, 3642 Beach Blvd. (904) 398-9282. Adult bookstore with all the usual. —Very cruisey.

BROTHERS, 484 May. (904) 358-9393. Open from 8pm till 2am Mon. — Sat. Disco Tues. — Sat. Back room Leather/Levi bar open Thurs. — Sat. Lunches 11:30am till 1 Mon. - Fri.

THE CLUB JACKSONVILLE, 1939 Hendricks Ave. (904) 398-7451. An extremely nice baths —the local outlet of the Club Baths Chain. Packed on the weekends especially with young, goo-lookin' guys. Indoor pool, steam, whirlpool, TV lounge, 2nd level maze and lots of comfy dark places. Open 24 hours every day. Memberships available. 24 hours every day. Memberships available.

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PHOENIX, 2069 Phoenix Ave. (at 11th). (904) 354-3025. A man's bar for Levi and leather. Open 10pm till 2am Mon. thru Sat. Nightly specials. A working fireplace. Beer & liquor. Pool table, DJ spun records (but no dancing). Also includes "The Hardware Equipment Co.," a leather goods & "toy" shop inside the bar.

#### JACKSONVILLE BEACH

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THE CLUB TAMPA, 215 N. 11th St. (813) 223-5181. Open 24 hrs—7 days. Rooms, lockers, TV room, snacks, game room & more. VD clinic the 2nd Wed. of every mo. Local outlet of the Club Baths Chain. As all of them are, it is very, very nice.

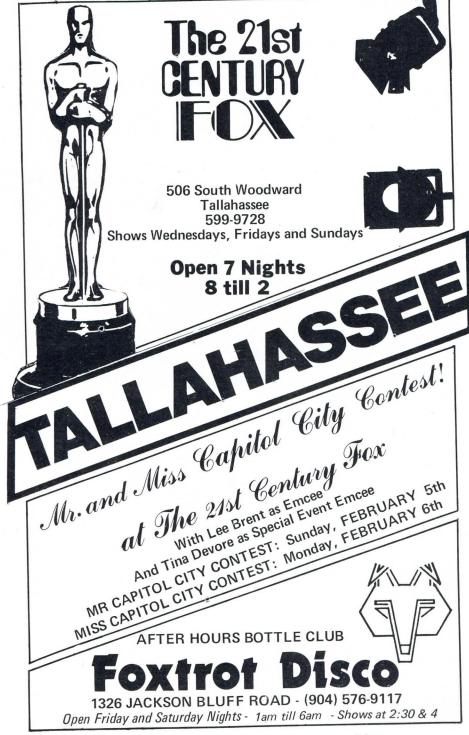
EL GOYA, 1430 E. 7th Ave. (813) 223-5181. NOTE: this place was so hot it caught fire! However, it is being remodeled completely. The Levi/Leather Bar and the Piano Bar sections are already open from 3pm to 3am every day. Young, active & fun.

KI KI SALOON, 909 Tampa St. (813) 223-9898. A levi/leather bar open from 11am till 3am every night. Pool tables.

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# MEW ORLEANS

## The City That Care Forgot...

Famous for its Mardi Gras, Bourbon Street, Jazz, Good Food and Non-Stop Partying; a Tourist Mecca; and the home of some of the friendliest people you'll ever meet; New Orleans is a city like no other.

A place where gays can find acceptance anytime, the Crescent City is particularly hospitable at Mardi Gras time when it literally explodes with fun and anything goes. Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, falls on a different date each year. It's the day before Ash

Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, which is always forty days before Easter. It can vary anywhere between the second Tuesday in February and the first Tuesday in March. This year it comes early, on February 8th, but in 1979 it will shift to February 28th. We recommend that you have a place to stay before you come. In spite of the large number of hotels and guest houses, rooms are almost im—possible to get unless they are booked months in advance. Of course if you're attractive enough you won't have any trouble finding someone to sleep with and then for the rest of us there's always the baths.

New Orleans is always a fun place to visit during the winter. Things usually get under way with The Sugar Bowl festivities just before and at New Year and continue at a record pace through Carnival time. The Krewes, private clubs both straight and gay, give elaborate balls beginning several weeks before Mardi Gras. While these are invitation only affairs, it isn't hard to get an invitation once you're on the scene and meet a few locals. Starting last year the Krewe of Apollo opened its last Mardi Gras Ball to outsiders and this is again the case in 1978. Their 1977 affair was held at the new Hyatt Regency Hotel next to the Superdome and parts of it were shown live on the NBC TV show, Saturday Night Live. This year it is called the Apollo Extravaganza and is being held on Sunday,

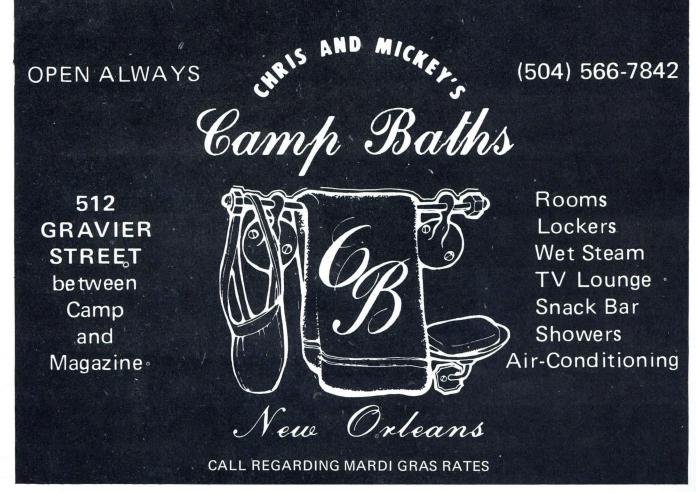


The Cast at Fat Sam's Theatrecraft Lounge

February 5 at the Marriott Hotel on Canal Street. If you are going to be in New Orleans for Carnival, we highly suggest you attend.

Almost all of the gay action at Mardi Gras or any other time, takes place in the French Quarter. Because the streets are narrow and parking is limited, a car is more of a liability than an asset once you arrive. You can walk

any place in the quarter and attractions in other parts of the city are easily reached by public transportation. When it comes to selecting a hotel, you have lots of options. We definitely recommend staying in the Quarter and to save your feet we suggest you stay at least as far east as St. Louis Street where you will find the Royal Orleans. It is one of the largest and finest hotels but there are



many smaller ones which are just as good. If you prefer a smaller place with a gayer atmosphere we suggest one of the two Guest Houses which welcome gays. The Ursuline Guest House at 708 Ursuline and The Noble Arms Inn at 1006 Royal are both centrally located and are near the gay bars. We also recommend the Chateau Motor Hotel at the corner of Chatres and St. Phillip or the Vieux Carre Motor Inn on North Rampart.

While the bar scene in New Orleans is more stable than in most cities its size, there have been a number of changes there in the last year. The Parade Disco which is located upstairs at The Bourbon Pub continues to be the city's largest and most popular disco. They've just made major modifications to their light show there and boast some great sound. But across the street, Le Bistro, the bar formerly known as Pete's, has also put in great sound and a thrilling light show and is giving the Parade some competition. One block further down Bourbon, the Cafe LaFitte in Exile, better known simply as LaFitte's, continues to be New Orlean's most popular cruise bar. Upstairs in The Corral the atmosphere is more country and western, but the action is the same, cruisey.

These three bars, the Bourbon Pub with The Parade Disco upstairs, Le Bistro, and LaFitte's with The Corral upstairs, continue to be the best known of New Orlean's gay bars and those most frequented by tourists. But there are a lot of other places that are also cruisey and fun. Come with us on a walking tour.

If you leave Bourbon at the Pub and walk down St. Ann you'll come to Ms. Kitty's at the corner of St. Ann and Burgundy. A relative newcomer to the bar scene (it's been open about

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a year), Ms. Kitty's is a beautiful sit and drink bar with attractive bartenders and clientele. It's especially popular on Sunday evenings when they have live entertainment in the form of Tim and the Good Time Country Band.

Turning west on Burgundy, you next stop will be Le Lido, one of the newest clubs in town. It's a small but beautifully done bar where the fabulous Zette heads a talented cast who present shows every weekend. Their small stage boasts some unusual features including a rain curtain and a swing that drops down from the ceiling. It's always a pleasant place to stop in for a drink, but if you're in town on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, you'll want to see their show.

Next, on the corner of St. Louis and Burgundy, we find The Post Office, a neighborhood cruise bar which offers shows on weekends. For a long time, the Post Office was the only gay club in New Orleans offering female impersonation shows and many of the city's drags have worked here.

Two blocks further down Burgundy at the corner of Conti, is another new show bar, Fat Sam's Theatrecraft Lounge. Fat Sam's combines a cruise bar with a show bar. Their shows which are also performed only on weekends, are presented in a showroom which is separate from the cruise bar. The large cast works well together in presenting fast moving productions here.

Walking one block north and then heading back east, we find Finale II on the corner of St. Peter and North Rampart. A small neighborhood cruise bar, Finale II draws a small crowd every afternoon and evening. Across the street, Brady's caters mostly to

women.
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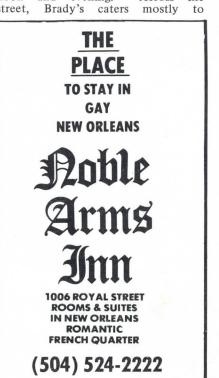
Another women's bar, The Grog, is located one block east on the corner of N. Rampart and Orleans. The Canal Baths are on the next corner and then in the 800 block you'll find two more gay bars, TT's West and Travis's. T.T.'s is the home of the Knight'd Orleans MC and is popular with the levileather crowd. Travis's is another cruise bar with shows on weekends. They also have dancing to a juke box.

To reach our next stop, The Golden Lantern at 1239 Royal, we must cut back across the Quarter to Royal Street and then head east for about four blocks. It has a sign out front but you can easily miss it if the front door is closed (it's usually open during good weather). However if you spot two or three motorcycles parked together in the 1200 block of Royal you'll know where to look. It's a small, dark place, but you'll find a friendly crowd of men there almost any time of the day or night (they're open 24 hours a day now).

Now head two blocks south and turn right on Decatur Street and stop at



Jewel's Tavern







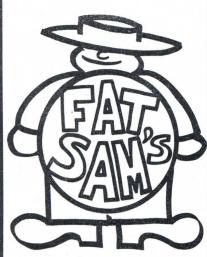
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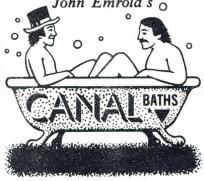
940 Conti at Burgundy, New Orleans, Louisiana Phone: 523-8455 Jewel's Tavern at 1207 Decatur. This typical New Orleans bar has been in business for 31 years and until recently was operated by a lady name Jewel (what else). But she has now retired and two pleasant young men named Jack and Dave have taken over and it has become a popular spot for gays. Their two big attractions are their reasonably prices and generous drinks and their unusual juke box. The offerings on the juke include songs from the fortys, fifties, sixities and today. Grace Jones and Thelma Houston are right there with Lavern Baker, Peggy Lee, Bette Midler and the Andrews Sisters. I found several old favorites including Janis Joplin's "Me and Bobby McGee" and Bill Haley and the Comets doing "Rock Around the Clock". You can dance if you care to and they have pinball in a small back room. It's an interesting spot and one you won't want to miss.

Two blocks west on Decatur is Bonaparte's Retreat, another typical New Orleans cruise bar. It's somewhat mixed and touristy during the day, but at night it's as gay as they come.

To reach the last stop on our walking bar tour, continue west past Jackson Square, then turn north at Toulouse, go one block and drop in at the Galley House on the corner of Toulouse and Chartres. A Mardi Gras tradition is to show up at the Galley House around ten AM on Mardi Gras day to show off your costume. However it's an interesting spot to stop for a drink any day. They tend to draw an older crowd, but you'll usually fine one or two young prettys here also.

In the past there have been no gay bars outside the Quarter but just recently Charlene's has opened at 940 Elysian Fields. Technically this may still be considered the Quarter, and it isn't that far from the other bars, but you may want to take a cab or the bus getting there. You'll find it a fairly large place with a game room and juke box dancing. It's operated by two friendly gals named Charlene and Jody, and draws a mixture of men and women of all ages.





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If you're out in your car, now may be the time to travel out St. Charles Avenue to another new gay place which is outside the Quarter. The Flamingos Cafe and Bar is located at 1625 St. Charles and is open for luncheon and dinner. While it draws straights as well as gays, you'll feel right at home here and will enjoy their offerings which include soups, salads, omelettes, quiches and dinner specials. The prices are modest and the food is excellent.

Eating places in the Quarter run the

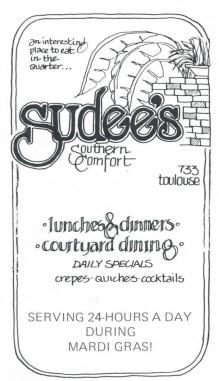
gauntlet from the very expensive to modest (there's nothing cheap in the Quarter). Any tourist guide to New Orleans will tell you about most of the old famous places to eat and if you're into food, you should make it a point to try at least one. Our favorite is Brennan's for breakfast, but that's strickly a personal preference. If you're looking for something a little less expensive and a little more gay, we would recommend the following places.

We've already mentioned Flamingos. One other place which is off our map but which is still within walking distance is The Apple Barrel Restaurant at 1940 Dauphine. It's a good place for breakfast any time of the day or for a sandwich. The atmosphere is informal, the food is good and the prices are as reasonable as you'll find in New Orleans. They're open from 9 AM till 7 PM every day but Mon-

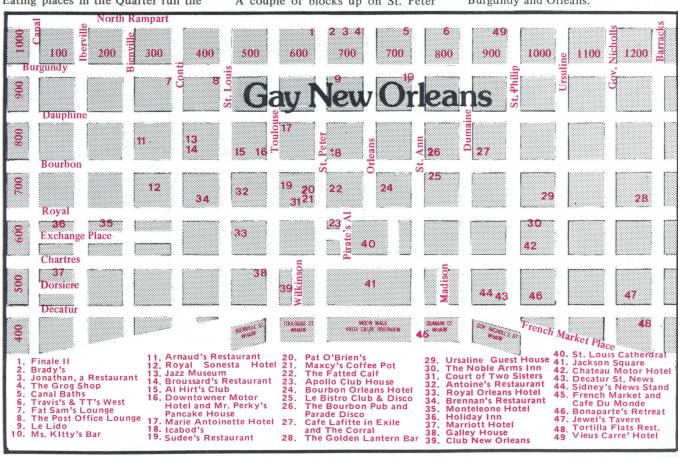
If you're into Mexican Food, you'll want to eat at Tortilla Flats. It's located at the corner of Barracks and French Market Place. Lile all restaurants in Louisiana, they have a bar and serve drinks and at times it takes on a real party atmosphere.

If it's home cooking you crave, drop in at Sudee's Southern Comfort Restaurant and Bar at 733 Toulouse and have Sue and De cook you up one of their specialities. They are open from noon till midnight on weekdays and ten AM till midnight on weekends.

A couple of blocks up on St. Peter



you'll find Maxcy's Coffee Pot. They offer a small but varied menu with modest prices. Across the street, The Fatted Calf specializes in burgers and steaks. The Chopping Block on Dumaine which featured a similar menu has changed hands and is now owned and operated by straights. However the food is still good. If you want some real soul food like red beans and rice, stop in at Buster's on the corner of Burgundy and Orleans.



When it comes to the baths, New Orleans has three, all of them popular. Club New Orleans, the local member of the Club Bath Chain has the largest facility on the second floor of a building at 515 Toulouse. The Canal Baths, which has been in business for over 20 years, moved to new quarters last fall at the corner of North Rampart and St. Ann. Owner John Emrold has done a beautiful job of decorating this small but posh facility. His old location which is on Gravier, a couple of blocks west of Canal Street, is now the Camp Baths. New owners Chris Mickey are remodeling this familiar location and it continues to be active. If the tubs are your bag, you'll find plenty to interest you at any of the three.

For more information about Gay New Orleans, pick up a copy of *IMPACT*, the excellent local gay newspaper which is available in most of the places we've mentioned.

So, whether you're going there for Mardi Gras, to visit at some other time, or to live, be sure and take advantage of all New Orleans has to offer. There's much there for gays as well as straights in this unique southern city.

In Louisiana, the legal age to drink is 18. All bars and restaurants listed serve beer, wine and mixed drinks. New Orleans' establishments that welcome gays include the following:

APPLE BARREL RESTAURANT, 1940 Dauphine, (504) 945-9427 - Open 9 AM till 7 PM Tuesday thru Sunday serving breakfast, sandwiches and hot specials to a mixed but largely gay clientele. Good food at modest prices. Informal atmosphere.

BONAPARTE'S RETREAT, 1007 Decatur, (504) 561-9473 - Cruise bar open from 11 AM till every day. Mixed and touristy during the day but predominately gay at night. Relaxed atmosphere.

BOURBON PUB AND PARADE DISCO, 801 Bourbon Street, (504) 524-3788 - Downstairs bar is open 24 hours every day and is always cruisey. Disco upstairs opens at 9 each evening. It is a beautiful bar with good sound and an outstanding light show. Young crowd in the disco, all ages and types downstairs.

CAFE LAFITTE IN EXILE AND CORRAL BAR, 901 Bourbon St., (504) 561-9248 - Open 24 hours every day. The Corral upstairs (a country and western bar) is open from 1 PM till 6 AM. Game room upstairs. Always cruisey.

CAMP BATHS, 512 Gravier, (504) 566-7842 - Open 24 hours, their facilities include a Turkish steam room, showers, lockers, rooms, TV room, lounge and snack bar. Located between Camp and Magazine, two blocks west of the Quarter.

CANAL BATHS, 740 N. Rampart Street, (504) 522-3850 - New Orleans' oldest bath has a new location and all new facilities. Out-of-town bath cards accepted.

CHARLENE'S, 940 Elysian Fields, (504) 945-9328 - Charlene and Jody welcome guys and gals to New Orleans' newest. Open 2 PM till, Tues-Sunday (closed Mon.) Game Room, Dancing.

CLUB NEW ORLEANS, 515 Toulouse St. (504) 581-2402 - Member of Club Bath Chain open 24 hours every day. Complete facilities.

DECATUR NEWS, 941 Decatur St., (504) 581-9674 - Open 9:30 AM till midnight. Mags, peep shows, books and novelties.

FAT SAM'S THEATRECRAFT LOUNGE, 940 Conti at Burgunday, (504) 523-8455 Open noon till everyday with shows in the showroom at 10:30 and 1 on Friday and Saturday and at 9 on Sunday.

FINALLE II, 642 N. Rampart St., (504) 581-9705 - Small neighborhood type bar open 24 hours on weekends. Friendly place

FLAMINGOS CAFE & BAR, 1625 St. Charles Avenue, (504) 523-6141 - Open 11 AM till 11 PM Tuesday - Saturday, 11 AM till 4 PM Monday (closed Sundays). Menu includes soups, salads, french omelettes, quiches and "Flamingo Cocktail". Mixed clientele.

GALLEY HOUSE BAR, 542 Chartres, (504) 523-8953 - Open 11 AM till 2 AM weekdays, 11 till 4 weekends. Crowd is men, young and old. Open 24 hours during Mardi Gras.

GOLDEN LANTERN SALOON, 1239 Royal, (504) 523-0151 - Open 24 hours everyday, this is a neighborhood bar with a friendly atmosphere. Juke box, games. The crowd includes all types and is popular with the motorcycle set.

JEWEL'S TAVERN, 1207 Decatur, (504) 523-9237 - Cruise bar open 24 hours. Dancing, unusual juke box with all time favorities, pinball. A few straights.

LE BISTRO, 800 Bourbon Street, (504) 525-3862 - Open 24 hours everyday. Disco with good sound and great light show. Shows with Adrain St. Claire and guests on Fri & Sat nights. Cruisey.

LE LIDO, 700 Burgundy (at St. Peter) - One of New Orleans' newest and most exciting show clubs. Zette and the Le Lido dancers star in shows on Friday and Saturday (Sunday also during Mardi Gras). Home of the "Apollo" clubs.

MAXCY'S COFFEE POT, 714 St. Peter, (504) 523-8215 - Popular restaurant open from 8:30 AM till 10:30 PM everyday. Good food, moderate prices. Clientele is a mixture of gays and straights, local and tourists.

MS KITTY'S, 740 Burgundy, (504) 561-9380 - Open noon till 4 AM every day. Leather night every Wednesday. Tim and the Good Time Country Band play every Sunday starting at 6 PM. Attractive bartenders. Men and women. Beautiful bar.

NOBLE ARMS INN, 1006 Royal Street, (504) 524-2222 - Small friendly Hotel with Rooms and Suites. Kitchenettes in every room at no additional charge. Free Color Brochure Available.

POST OFFICE LOUNGE, 940 Rue St. Louis, (504) 523-8581 - Neighborhood type bar open noon till 4 AM every day. Shows Friday and Saturday at 11 PM and Sunday at 7 PM. Sunday beer bust 5-7 PM.

SUDEE'S SOUTHERN COMFORT RESTAURANT AND BAR, 733 Toulouse St., (504) 523-9809 - Open weekdays except Tuesday from noon till midnight, open weekends from 10 AM till midnight featuring home cooking. Daily Specials, Full Bar. Clientele is mixed, mostly local. Open 24 hours during Mardi Gras.

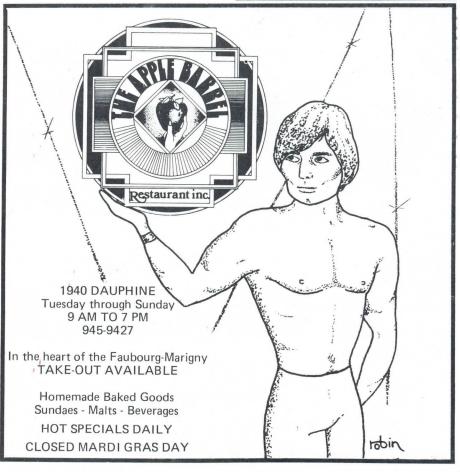
TORTILLA FLATS, 95 French Market Place, (504) 523-8484 - Restaurant serving California Mexican Food, beer and cocktails. Open 5 - 10:30 PM Tuesday-Friday; noon till 10:30 Saturday, noon till 8:30 on Sunday (closed Monday). Moderate prices.

TRAVIS'S, 834 N. Rampart St., (504) 581-9748 - Open from noon everyday with jukebox dancing, pinball. Shows featuring "The Comics" on Friday & Saturday at 11:30 and 1:30; Sunday at 10:30. No cover. Mature crowd for cocktail hour, younger crowd at night.

TT'S WEST, 820 North Rampart Street, (504) 523-0222 - Cruise bar popular with leather and levi types. Open from noon till 4 AM every day. Home of Knights d'Orleans MC with club night on Thursdays.

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### Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi

When one leaves New Orleans (which we just covered extensively in the previous article) one doesn't find any big cities in Louisiana, Arkansas or Mississippi. But there are numerous smaller cities and many of these boast one or more gay bars.

In Mississippi you'll find the action in one of two places. In Biloxi it takes place at the Casablanca Disco Lounge. They're open every evening with one of the best discos you'll find anywhere including great sound and a super light show. They beer, wine and mixed drinks and have some type of special show one weekend each month. The crowd includes guys and gals but it's mostly young with lots of college and military types.

In Jackson gays assemble at Mae's Cabaret, a large bar on the second floor of a building in the downtown area. They're open every evening serving beer and set-ups (you can bring your own bottle if you like). They offer dancing and occassional shows. Since it's the only bar for miles around the crowd is just what you'd expect, a little of everybody.

Things are picking up in Arkansas. In Little Rock they now have two gay bars and it's rumored they may have a third by spring. The Drummer's Room located downstairs in the Manning Motor Hotel is the older of the two. It is open every day but Sunday with shows on Wednesday and disco on Thursdays, Fridays The newer bar is and Saturdays. called the French Quarter and is nearby on Main Street. It is on two floors with the cruise bar being downstairs and the disco They're open every upstairs. night but because of the law they can't serve booze on Sundays. a cruisey bar and gives you an alternative to The Drummer's Room. Of course most of the crowd moves back and forth.

If you're in Little Rock, you may want to take a ride down to Hot Springs and visit Norma Kristie's Bar there. It's only about an hour's drive and you'll find Hot Springs a beautiful and unique city. Race season starts there on February 4th and the town is a hot bed of activity during the fifty days that it lasts. However gay action at Norma's is good almost any night of the year. It's a small but very attractive bar.

Up in Fort Smith Bonnie's Lounge and the Hy-Kamp Lounge, are both located on North 10th. In Fayetteville, the 42nd Street Disco has closed

and the college kids there must come South to Ft. Smith or Little Rock to find any bar action.

Coming south to Shreveport, Louisiana we find a number of changes taking place in the last few months. The Gay 90's which was once very popular with gays has gone almost entirely straight. The Florentine Club stills hosts a straight crowd for lunch and a mixed crowd for disco in the evenings. Bobbie's Korner Lounge continues to be a popular gay cruise bar buts hosts a few straights also. It's especially popular in the afternoons and early evenings. While we haven't had time to check it out, we've been told that The Emergency Room Lounge and Show Bar on Barksdale Boulevard in Bossier City has now become a popular gay place. They recently held a Miss Emergency Room Contest there. Also the Snooty Fox in Bossier City is popular with the women.

While we haven't visited them lately, we understand The Bunny Day Club in Monroe is still going strong. A large club, they have disco every night and occassional shows.

In Alexandria, The Lodge Lounge opens at 5 PM each evening with dancing, pool and occassional shows. It's a large place with a friendly atmosphere located on Jackson Street near downtown.

At last report there was no gay bar in Lake Charles. First the Mad Hatter closed and then The Hollywood Hot went straight. But surely something new will get started there soon. In Lafayette, The Southern Comfort continues to be popular. It's a big disco with hot music and a young crowd. They have been slowly making improvements and offer occassional shows. The C'est La Guerre which use to be located on Vermillion burned early last year and then reopened last summer in a new location on Uinversity. They open at noon every day. It's a cruise bar for men and women and offers occassional shows. Baton Rouge is a small city with a lot of gay activity but maybe the fact that LSU is located here might have something to do with it. They have five gay bars and all seem to be doing well.

The largest of these is The Dock, a big disco-cruise bar located on Highland Avenue near LSU. It has good sound and lights and they are always making changes and improvements. Working back toward downtown you'll find George's Place on St. Louis almost under the interstate bridge. They've

done a little remodeling in this dark cruise bar recently. The bar i a horseshoe shape which is great for cruising. George is planning on putting in food soon also.

There are two bars on North Boulevard. Down near the old railroad station you'll find the Riverside Pub. This small bar use to be called Tiny's but the sign still said Bruce's the last time we were there. The new owner, Gerald Sartin has made a number of improvements and it's one of the nicest little bars you'll find anywhere. They have a pool table, a good juke and some interesting customers. Oh yes, the bartender's a camp also.

The other bar on North Boulevard is The Mirror Room. It attracts some women and a somewhat older crowd of men. They also have a juke box for dancing.

Out on Plank Road, Betty's caters to the women. You might say it's a place for butch girls and their friends, men and women.

There's one other bar you won't want to miss if you get the chance to stop there. It's the Coral Reef in Houma, a town of 35,000 people 50 miles southwest of New Orleans. They have a congenial atmosphere and everyone there sees to it that no one is a stranger long. The bar id decorated on a nautical theme with a big aquarium.

Like gay bars everywhere, those in the smaller cities of Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi are constantly changing. But they're generally changing for the better and that's what we all want.

Establishments in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi that welcome gays: ARKANSAS

#### FORT SMITH

BONNIE'S LOUNGE & SHOW BAR, 600 North 10th, (501) 783-9002 - Liquor, beer and wine served to gays of all ages. Some straights during daylight hours.

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DRUMMER'S ROOM, Manning Motor Hotel, Markham at Main, (501) 372-9430 - Attractive club located in the basement of this large hotel in downtown. Open 8 PM till 1 AM Mon-Sat except Fridays till 2 AM (closed Sun). Shows Wednesday, disco Thursday - Saturday nights. Liquor, beer and wine. Some straights.

THE FRENCH QUARTER, Main Street across from the Trailways Bus Depot, (501) 371-9966 - Open every night from 9:30 till 2, this club has a disco upstairs and a cruise bar downstairs. Liquor beer and wine served except on Sunday when no alcoholic beverages can be sold.

#### LOUISIANA

#### **ALEXANDRIA**

THE LODGE LOUNGE, 924 Jackson Street (318) 448-9427 - Open 5 PM till 2 AM with beer and mixed drinks. Dancing, pool, occassional shows. Girls and guys.

BETTY'S PLACE, 3205 Plank Road, (504) 387-8544 - Open 10 AM till 2 AM Monday thru Saturday. Juke Box, pool and other games. Beer, mixed drinks and some food. Guys and gals.

THE DOCK, 2160 Highland Road, (504) 387-9160 - Baton Rouge's big hot disco. Open 4 PM till 2:30 AM Monday - Saturday serving liquor beer and wine to a young crowd. Occassional shows.

GEORGE'S PLACE, 860 St. Louis (504) 387-8537 - Popular cruise bar open 3 PM till 2 AM Monday - Saturday. Juke box, dancing, occassional shows. Mostly men.

THE MIRROR LOUNGE, 311 North Boulevard, (504) 387-8531 - Open 7:30 PM till 2:30 AM Mon - Sat. Juke box, dancing. Popular with sales and business people, men and women.

RIVERFRONT LOUNGE, 121 North Boulevard. Cruise bar open from noon till 2:30 AM Mon. - Sat. Pool table, good juke box. Guys and a few women.

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SOUTHERN COMFORT, 310 Jefferson St., (318) 233-9305 - Large disco open from 4 PM till 2 AM on Monday through Friday, from 4 PM till 2 AM on Saturday and 4 PM till midnight on Sunday. Occassional shows, game room. Young crowd.

MONROE

BUNNY DAY CLUB, 114 Melvyn Drive -Open 8 PM till midnight Mon - Sat. Disco every night. Pool table. Occassional shows. BOBBIE'S KORNER LOUNGE, 800 Louisiana, (318) 222-9796 - Open 2 PM till 2 AM Monday - Saturday. Juke box, no dancing. Good afternoons. Men, all ages.

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CASABLANCA DISCO LOUNGE, 220 Harrison Avenue, (601) 388-9844 - Open from 8 PM till, Mon - Sat; 4 PM till on Sun. They serve liquor, beer and wine to men and women of all ages. Hot disco, occassional shows.

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The fastest growing major city in the U. S. today, Houston probably has more gay people than any city in the South. But action on the gay entertainment scene has run hot and cold this year as the city's gay community has butted heads with the establish-

When CRUISE initially visited Houston last February we found things booming. Capacity crowds could be found nightly not only at the big discos, the Old Plantation and the Depository, but also at the smaller places like The Midnite Sun and The Silver Bullet. The city's second bath, the Midtowne Spa, was getting ready to open and action was heavy in the many adult bookstores.

But just about that time the Houston Police Department began a systematic harrassment of the adult bookstores and then extended it to some of the gay bars. Following a dramatic march by gays protesting the presence of Anita Bryant in the city last summer, the police stepped up their activities. They seem to have focused on certain targets and the word around town was that they planned to close the gay establishments one by one simply by harrassing their customers. As a result Levi's, a popular western bar, did close as did the movie room at the Studz Adult Bookstore. Many Gays stayed

and gay entertainment suffered.

But many gays fought back. The owners of Studz Bookstore went to court to try to get an injunction to prevent the police from harrassing their customers. While they didn't get the injunction, the very fact that they fought back seems to have dulled the enthusiasm of their antagonists. A mayoral election was held in November and many felt the conservative Briscoe was sure to be elected and that this would bring even more pressure from the city's establishment. But Briscoe did not win. Instead a liberal. James McConn won and the climate for gays has improved. room at Studz is again open but the police have not given up. Other bookstores are still being pestered and in mid January vice officers pulled a raid at The Locker, Houston's most popular leather bar.

The Locker is certainly Houston's biggest success story of 1977. In a town where gays don't care for elegance, it seems to be just what everyone wants. From the outside it looks like someplace that closed four or five years earlier. Inside the decor is 1870's ranch. But the men are there in numbers every night. They have a big enclosed back yard which is decorated to remind one of a fort in the old west. Much action takes place here as well as in the loft over the back pool room. It's always popular but Saturday and Sunday are special occassions with a beer bust from 3 till 9 PM. They normally open at 7

ton has three big ones. The newest of these is Cuddles Super Disco, a huge place locted on South Main. It opened last Halloween and has done well. It has two levels, features the latest in lights and sound and presents shows on Thursday nights.

The Old Plantation is still probably Houston's most popular club. While everyone draws good crowds on weekends, the OP is packed on week nights also. One of the incentives they offer is an all night happy hour every Monday thru Thursday. You pay \$1 to get in, but drinks are only forty-five cents. This has proved so popular that the other big discos are offering similar specials. Another incentive to go to the OP is their several different atmospheres under one roof. They have four or five different bars plus a couple of shops and boutiques all of which open off the big disco room. And they do their best to stay ahead of the competition. They are currently in the process of remodeling the entire club and are installing new lights and sound. They have shows there on Sunday nights and pack 'em in with stars such as Hot Chocolate and Ernestine, Houston's Entertainer of the

The third big disco is The Light Company. This large bar was known as the Depository II until late last fall when it changed names. It's noted for its spectacular light show. They don't have as many "other" rooms as the OP but do boast a game room with big screen TV, a boutique and a quiet bar. They also offer Sunday night shows.

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A smaller disco, but one with a lot of class is The Midnite Sun. It's modern decor and attractive bartenders are a good drawing card. They open at 7 AM and have an early morning Happy Hour for those who need a drink on the way to work or one last one before going home and They have shows on turning in. Sunday afternoons. For several months they have been in the process of adding another room with the intention of moving the disco back there and keeping the present room as a quieter cruise bar. However, at last report, work on this was still incomplete.

Western style cruise bars are popular and they are numerous. The Silver Bullet Saloon bills itself as a "Man's Bar" while Mary's is more for the The Barn is a motorcycle set. The Ranch Country Western Bar. and The Exile are also part of this group.

Uncle Charlie's which changed hands last year, is a popular cruise bar. Also in this category there's The Galleon and Dirty Sally's which was closed for several months but is now open in a new location. The Venture-N, and Inside-Outside are popular bars offering regular shows.

Houston has two very fine baths. The Midtowne Spa opened last It has a beautiful indoor spring. pool, a big exercise room and lots of other exciting facilities. The Club Houston was completely rebuilt following a fire there last summer and it is also a very fine club. It's big outdoor pool and sun deck is very popu-

The city boasts two full length movie houses, The French Quarter and the Mini Park. And they have some very active bookstores. Among the gayer are After Dark, Studz, Adultz and Diner's News.

While gay restaurants have not prospered in Houston like they have in Atlanta or Washington, D. C., there are now at least five that advertise themselves as such. Auntie Mame's on West Holcombe has been around the longest. The others are Don's Le Patois and Somewhere, both on Westheimer, the main drag of gay Houston; The Mug on West Alabama and Petite Europe on Richmond.

A number of retailers in Houston are also actively seeking gay business. Etc. is a beautiful jewelry boutique located in Cuddles while All That Glitters is a similar operation at The Light Company. Other services seeking gay business include a locksmith, dry cleaners, an optical boutique, a TV shop, two clothing shops and more.

The future in Houston is bright for gays. The huge population of gays, the fact that many live within a small geographical area, and their proven ability to work together are all factors that make Houston one of the finest places in the country to be gay.

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Following is a list of Establishments in Houston who welcome gays:

NOTE: While the list below does not include near all of the gay establishments in Houston, we have visited all of those listed and do recommend them. Additions will be made in time. All bars listed sell beer and mixed drinks. Closing time every night in Texas is 2 AM (can reopen at 7 AM) and the legal age for drinking is 18.

ADULTZ NEWS, 714 West Alabama - Adult Book Store open 24 hours daily.

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GALLERY, 3400 Travis (713) 521-9857 - Popular gay hangout featuring a large selection of gay films. Open 9 AM till 6 AM.

ALL THAT GLITTERS, (in THE LIGHT CO.), 401 McGowen (at Bagby). A jewelry shop for Gay people.

CLUB HOUSTON, 2205 Fannin Street, (713) 659-4998 - Complete facilities at this member of the Club Bath Chain. Don't miss the pool and sundeck area. Beautifully remodeled. Open 24 hours.

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THE LIGHT COMPANY, 401 McGowen, (713) 524-7532 - Open 9 PM till 2 AM every day. Pizza, beer, wine & liquor. Game room, giant-screen TV. Open after-hours till 4 AM on Wed., Fri & Sat. Large disco bar with shows on Sunday. Young crowd.

MIDNITE SUN, 534 Westheimer (713) 526-7519 - Intimate disco/showbar open from 7 AM till 2 AM Monday - Saturday. Open noon till 2 AM on Sunday. Shows every Sunday at 4 PM.

### **KEY TO HOUSTON MAP**

A. Adultz News
714 West Alabama
B. After Dark Bookstore
3400 Travis
C. Club Houston
2205 Fannin

The Light Company 401 MCgowen French Quarter Cinema 3201 Louisiana

Mary's 1022 Westheimer

MIDTOWNE SPA, 3100 Fannie, (713) 522-2379 - Open 24 hours with complete facilities including large indoor pool, whirl-pool, steam room, sauna, exercise room, sun deck and 4 fun rooms.

OLD PLANTATION, 2020 Kipling (713) 522-2353 - Large disco bar with shows on Sundays. Open after hours on Saturday until 4 AM.

SILVER BULLET SALOON, 1005 California, (713) 528-9653 - A man's bar. Hot on Sunday afternoon with their screwdriver and bloody mary specail from 1 till 3 PM. Opens 11 AM Mon - Sat. and noon on Sun. Playground and treehouse out back is kicky.

STUDZ NEWS, 1132 West Alabama - Adult bookstore and active film gallery.

UNION JACK, 4025 Westheimer, (713) 622-3100 - The very latest in casual fashions for men. A clotthing stoere for discriminating men.

WILDE-N-STEIN, 819 Richmond (713) 529-7014 - Bookshoppe for gay people and their friends. Latest harback novels, paperbacks & gay magazines. Open 6 PM till 10 PM Mon - Fri. Open noon till 10 PM Saturday and Sunday.

### 1022 Westheimer G. Midnite Sun 534 Westheimer H. Midtowne Spa 3100 Fannin J. Old Plantation 2020 Kipling M. Silver Bullet Saloon 1005 California N. Studz News 1132 West Alabama P. Union Jack 4025 Westheimer R. Wilde-N-Stein 819 Richmond Happy Hours: 8am till Noon & 4pm till 7pm —50 cent Drinks and Beer— BOOT CAMP RESTAURANT 10am till 4am. Best Food in the Metroplex! **HOUSTON** PACIFIC FAIRVIEW WESTHEIMER WESTHEIMER LOVETT KIPLING WALABAMA MONTROSE RICHMOND SW FRWY

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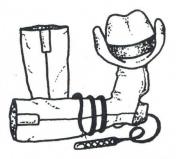
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# DALLAS FORT WORTH

# **METROPLEX**

Metroplex is the nickname they give it. Like everything else in Texas, it's big. The cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, with a combined population of 2.5 million, have grown into a sprawling metropolitan area that rivals Houston for size and growth. The gay scene has grown along with the rest of the area.

Dallas has approximately 14 gay bars, two totally gay restaurants, two predominately gay clothing stores, a unique bookstore (Lobo Book Shop at 3917 Cedar Springs) which includes a complete line of gay literature, as well as one of the friendliest and nicest baths in the Club Bath Chain. Like Atlanta and Miami, you'll need a car to get around to every location, However most gay activity is concentrated just north of downtown and in the Oak Lawn section. Big "D" certainly has a bar for everyone. You may want to spend an entire day bar-hopping.

Start off with a bloodymary and catch up on the previous night's 'T' at a friendly neighborhood type bar under the name of Boot Camp. With their early opening time they catch the early birds and keep them coming till the evening. If you're not up to the bloodymary check out the Boot Camp restaurant next door.

Around 2pm, Tex's Ranch opens and you'll want to stop there for a cocktail to recoup from your morning frolicks. The Ranch serves up dancing and pool in a country-western atmosphere as butch as the name implies.

The early evening crowd usually gathers after work at either the Ram Rod, a narrow elongated bar with stools for those who prefer a quiet and friendly atmosphere; or right next door at the Crew's Inn where you might want to play pool, pinball or

just the games that people play in a crowded club. In either case, Ernie and his crew certainly extend a warm welcome for the newcomer.

Ernie has recently added two new establishments to his group of successful clubs. Down on Fitzhugh is the Wild Crowd Inn. This club attracts a variety of people for their nightly disco and dancing. Soon to be opened is The Single Shot. Billed as Dallas' most authentic western bar, it should be a big hit.

From there you might want to head towards The Nail. One of the newest western bars in Dallas. Located on Hargett directly across from the Old Plantation, you'll find many people migrating back and forth between the two clubs. Soon to boast the only heated patio bar in the city, they attract a masculine crowd for their big beer busts.

Other bars that are cruisey early in the evening plus being active throughout the night include the One Way Inn and Sundance Kids. Both are Cruise bars and cater to a leather and levi crowd.

By this time hunger pangs should be gnawing at your stomach. The Bell Pepper, located on McKinney, specializes in fine dinners. Spicing up their menu are some juicy sandwiches and breakfast items. Nothing hits the spot better than one of their omelets at 4 in the morning.

At eight PM the two biggest bars open their doors to herds of people who are all hot to trot to the wild disco music. The Old Plantation, like its sister club in Houston, is an exciting, pulsating dance bar equipped with Sensurround, that incredible sound system used in "Earthquake" and "Midway". An antebellum stage set gives their wild Sunday shows a touch

of class. Country style store fronts provide a setting for plenty of cruising and divide the packed disco room from the quiet bar, pool room, and pinball arcade.

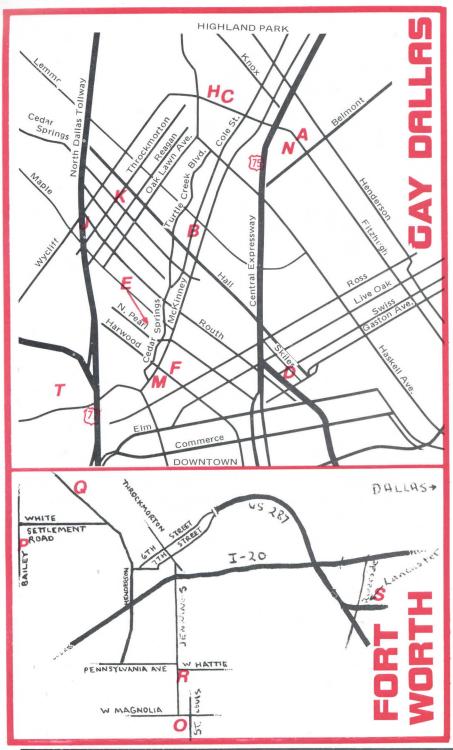
The other super bar, Dimension III, is located a couple of miles away but still in the downtown area. D-3 is equipped with a sensational computerized light show that really keeps the crowd hopping. Their Backlot show bar, with seating on two levels for a better view, has fabulous shows weekly. Also included in this complex are a game room, quiet bar, and a clothing and jewelry boutique.

Recently opened, The Silver Streak is attempting to provide Dallas with a hot disco with a more intimate atmosphere. This along with some great drink specials have really brought the people in.

Another new bar that has caught on rapidly is the Throckmorton Mining Company. Located, of course, on Throckmorton, they provide a full service bar with plenty of full service customers to match. Definitely drop by on Sundays for \$.25 Bloody Mary's and Screwdrivers.

This late at night, its time to head for the Club Dallas. It's a tropical paradise with an abundance of live plants and hunky nude men as you will see as soon as you walk in. Needless to say, if you get too hot, sunwise or otherwise, you can always relieve the situation by stepping into the air conditioned catacombs of this rustic resort-styled club. Once revived, you might go for a short muscle toning on their professional equipment or relax in the whirlpool.

Dallas has several other fine gay bars that we have simply have not had time to visit as yet. For details on these and for up to date information on



whats happening be sure and pick up a copy of This Week in Texas (TWT).

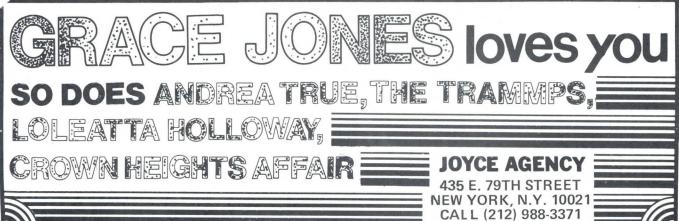
Now that you have done everything and everybody that you can do in Dallas, it's time to get your act together and head to Fort Worth. Take any variety of highways for your 40 mile trip and be sure and stop by on the way at the Mad Hatter in Arlington. A small disco with a game room they are open from 1pm daily.

Though about the same size as Dallas, Fort Worth has less going on. Now that by no means says that what is going on is not just as hot as that in their sister city. Most of the bars are on the south side of the I-20 expressway with the two larger clubs on the northeast side. A car is a necesessity and we recommend you stay in or near downtown so you can be close to all the action.

For a little supper after you settle in, check out Aub's Steak House. Specializing in Mexican food, steaks and sandwiches, they also have shows, pool, pinball, and dancing. This bar is very popular late at night as they are the only after hours bar in the city.

### KEY TO **ESTABLISHMENTS ON** DALLAS AND FORT WORTH MAPS

- B Bell Pepper Restaurant
- A Boot Camp Bar and Restaurant
- D Club Dallas Baths
- Crews Inn (cruise bar)
   Dimension III ( Disco and Show Bar)
- Kit Kat Cinema
- K Lobo Book Shop F The Nail (Western and Leather Bar)
- M The Old Plantation (Disco and Shows)
- N One Way Inn (cruise bar) H Ram Rod (cruise bar)
- Silver Streak (Disco)
- Single Shot (western) Sundance Kids (western leather )
- J Tex's Ranch (western cruise bar) K Throckmorton Mining Co. (cruise bar)
- N Wild Crowd Inn (disco)
- O Aub's Steak House (restaurant shows)
  P Bailey Street Wherehouse (disco shows
- Other Place (disco cruise bar)
- R The 651 Club (western and Leather)
- S Tender Trap (cruise bar)



Early evening action can be found at The Tender Trap. This new club has attracted a mixed crowd of men and some women to their intimate and comfortably appointed lounge. Their TV room is a big attraction especially when the Dallas Cowboys are playing. You can imagine what the place was like when they won the Super Bowl.

For the men who like the levi and leather scene the place to be is the 651 Club. This rustic bar has a distinct country and western atmosphere in which to cruise to your hearts delight. They have juke box dancing, pool, pinball, and a TV room where the action is not alway on the

The glitter crowd can always be found gathered at the Bailey Street With a very modern Wherehouse. lighting system for their dance floor and some unique shows they keep their crowd coming back for more.

Another club offering disco but that attracts a more masculine crowd is the Other Place. A large disco room with Sensurround sound and a wild Top below: Dallas' beautiful and rapid growing skyline.

Bottom below: Hunky, young men are the order of the day poolside at the Club Dallas.

lighting system, combined with a separate game room provide a good atmosphere for cruising or just having a good time.

While you're in the Dallas- Fort Worth area, you won't want to miss camping out. Yes, we mean sleeping bags, tents, travel trailers, boats-the whole butch outdoors trip at Queen's Point (what an appropriate name)on Lake Dallas. This is where everyone drops their inhibitions (among other things) and really camps it up in an atmosphere similiar to that of a nudist colony. To get there take I-35 north,

### LISTING OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN DALLAS/FT. WORTH THAT WEL-COME GAYS:

TEXAS

NOTE: Unlike some Southern states, Texas does not suffer from extremely strange liquor laws or closing times. When in Texas, be sure to pick up a copy of "This Week in Texas" (TWIT), the local weekly mag for Gays, or "The Star," a Gay newspaper. All bars must stop selling liquor at 2am and most close at that time— unless otherwise noted in the listings. All are full-service bars.

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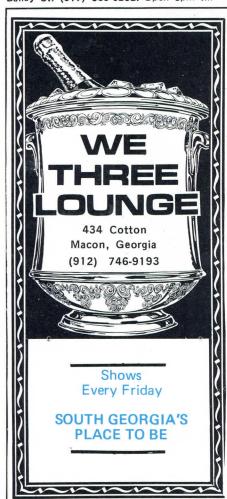
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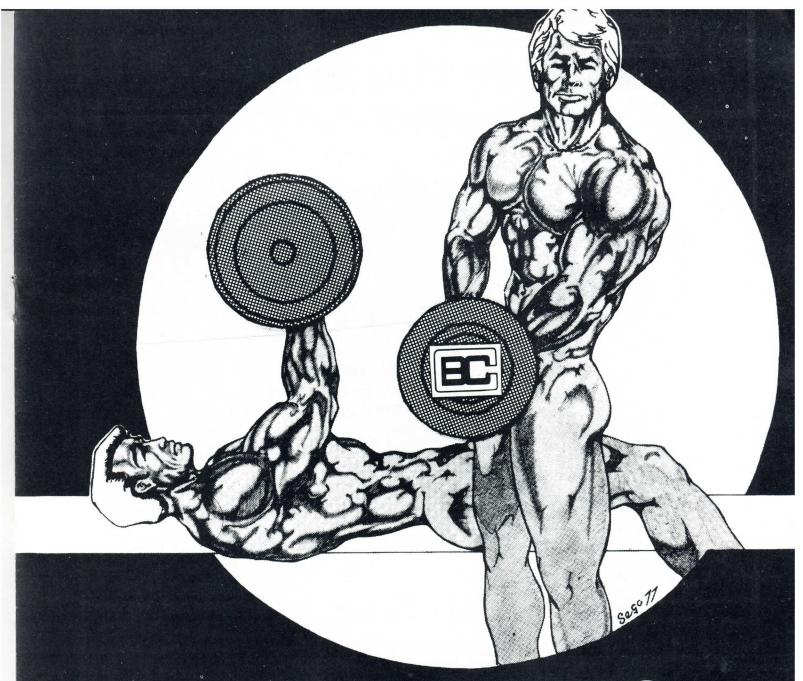
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# A CONVERSATION WITH...

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I think what will come out is a really better product: a product more deserving of a very learned public. That's the change that is happening, not that pornography is suddenly going out the window. If it did, then so is society. It's too necessary -an intricate part of society.

CRUISE: Do you think it is possible for a X-rated film to make the cross-over as an erotic film and still play in houses that would ordinarily be showing, say, "Star Wars"?

JACK: Yes, absolutely. The public is more and more beginning to accept erotica as a very integral part of film-making and a very specific film style in itself. And it's lent itself to so many motion pictures now, and they do it in so many different ways. The thing about erotica or pornography is that it is a very specific film technique and style. It has been an enormous contribution, and will continue to be so.

CRUISE: Do you think that, by nature, homosexuality is a more promiscuous way of life than any other form of sexuality: heterosexuality, bisexuality, etc.?

JACK: I think up to his point it has been more permissive only because homosexuals have felt a greater freedom to explore their sexuality with many different individuals, whereas a heterosexual relationship has historically always been a



monogamous way of life. The only sexual outlets they explore are each other.

CRUISE: Do you feel that a lasting relationship is possible in a homosexual setting?

JACK: Not only possible, I think it's probable -if the people don't lean on each other. The great danger in any kind of relationship is that each of us has a certain number of weaknesses - and other people have strengths where we are weak and they are weak where we are strong, so we all tend to lean on each other. Two men can live together completely monogamously if they want to - as long as they know that both of tem are men and both support each other's interests, which should be wide and varied. The difference is that no one is leaning. Both are total and complete human beings within themselves ... I think it can work.

CRUISE: There seems to be a tremendous growth in popularity of what is called "S&M." What is the reason for this and what are your feelings about it?

JACK: To a great extent it's an outgrowth of boredom. I think any kind of 'extension' of what's considered 'normal' -fucking & sucking - has a great deal to do with the drug culture. Once people have taken enough Quaaludes and stuff, they'll do ANYTHING...the more bizarre, the more exciting. However, I'm not putting it down. I'm not putting down any kind of sexual activity by other people. In my films, the sexual content is a little more basic only because a lot of people are turned-off (instead of being turned-on) by certain kinds of sexual explorations —which means the film is going to appeal to a smaller audience than a regular film that offers a large amount of basic sex in it. Often people will think that those into S&M are out to persecute themselves and that it's a punishment kind of deal mentally. I've never believed that. I think there is a very thin line between great pleasure and the nature of sexual pain and, sometimes, when the two are combined, it can be very exciting. And I am the first to say that. I've never felt it grows out of a persecution complex. That's bullshit. It's fantasy being extended.

CRUISE: Your image -projected from the screen and from stage- is one of self-awareness and self-appreciation. Is there a difference between self-awareness and narcissism?

JACK: Oh, God! Completely! I've never thought of myself as narcissistic -although a lot of the public thinks I am. I do get off on myself. When I first started working-out in the gym, I was on a very heavy program and when you suddenly get a body that you're proud of, it's like being nouveau riche. You want to show it to everybody. And you look in the mirror and you look at yourself -even inwardly - and say, "My God, that's ME!" It was there all the time. There is a certain amount of pride in that, but at the same time there is a great wonder at the beauty of what man is all about. So. for that, I get off on it. But I get off on a lot of other people around me...when I look at a magazine or a film I always find practically everybody is a lot more sexy than I am. I really

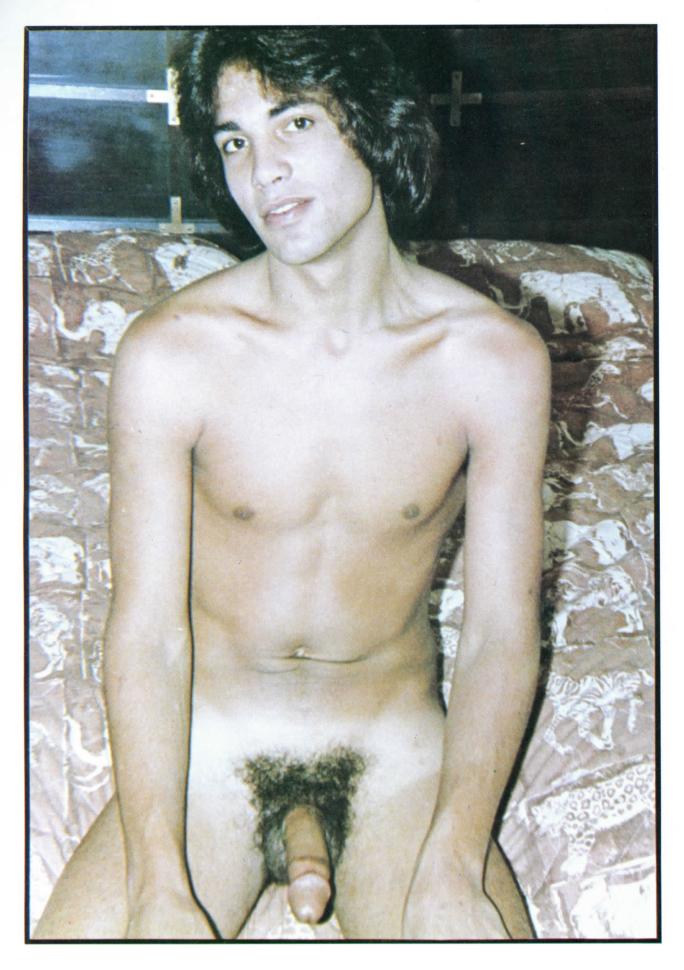
CRUISE: Who do you think Jack Wrangler will be 10 years from now?

JACK: A legend. (laughs) Recently, in Los Angeles, they had a "Wrangler Festival" where they ran five of my features one after another. At the time I said that I'm one of the few people ever to be the subject of a Festival –and I'm not even dead yet. It's hard to predict things like that. I've been very lucky. And I'm very excited about the future. I think in 10 years they will say that no one could do it, could come along and 'cross over' back and forth as a respected performer in all areas.

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However the gay bar scene is not what you would expect from a city of twoand-a-half million. Laws that limit the hours of operation, and liquor board regulations that discourage new investors have limited the growth of gay entertainment, perpetuating the status quo. The minimum age for drinking is 21 and the law is enforced. Bars west of the river (East St. Louis is definitely part of the scene and we'll cover it in due course) must close at 1:30 AM and no liquor is served on Sunday except in restaurants (and they must really be restaurants, not bars who serve food as an afterthought). But that's not to say there isn't plenty to see and do in The Gateway City.

While all of the gay action is not concentrated in any one spot, the area known as the Central West End contains more gay activity than any other and is a good place to center your activities. If you need a hotel, the famous Chase Hotel is in this area at Lindell and Kingshighway or we can recommend the Bel Aire West Motor Hotel at 4630 Lindell. Or stay at the Ramada on Grand at US 40 and you're in a good location to go west to Central West End or east to the downtown bars and East St. Louis.

If you like to start you drinking early there are two spots to check out. Martin's Bar which is part of the city's largest gay complex, opens at 11 AM. It's a cruise bar located in the old Stadium Hotel at 201 South 20th Street next to the old railroad depot. The room has a high ceiling and is always dark, but there are usually a group of friendly natives dancing to the juke box or drinking at the bar any time of day. The other spot for early action is The Potpourri at the corner of McPherson and Euclid in Central West End (Euclid is the main drag of this gay ghetto). They open at noon and you'll find a fun crowd there most afternoons.

When dinner time comes you've got several choices. Herbie's, at the corner of Euclid and Maryland Plaza opens at 4:30 and serves until 9. The menu here is limited to a few items but the food is good and the atmosphere is very gay. Down the street and across from the Potpourri is Balaban's, a small comfortable restaurant specializing in french cusine and seafood. It also opens at 4:30 and they serve until 1:30. Neither Herbie's nor Balaban's are open on Sunday.

Located nearby at 4111 Lindell you'll find the City Cousin Restaurant. The decor is country French and the food is French-European. Open from 6 PM till midnight every day but Monday, it's a pleasant place to dine in a gay atmosphere with a mixed crowd.

One other restaurant that should not be overlooked is The Jefferson Avenue Boarding House. Like Balaban's and The City Cousin, it is not a strickly gay place, but it does have a gay atmosphere and is popular with gays. Located at 3265 South Jefferson, it is on the South edge of the gay part of town. And It's a most unique place. They have seatings for dinner each evening at fixed times and you should plan to arrive at one of these times

(reservations are recommended). The menu is planned weeks in advance and you eat whatever is that day's fare. You can, of course, call and find out what's being served tonight, but if you are a regular customer, they will mail you the entire month's menu in advance. The food is excellent and the complete dinner includes soup, salad, desert and coffee. Prices range from \$11 to \$15 depending on what is served and includes the tip but not your wine or liquor. They also offer lunch from 11:30 till 1:30 Tuesdays through Fridays, Sunday breakfast at 10, 11:30 and 12:30 and an A la carte menu in the first floor Cafe Tuesday through Friday and on Sunday evenings starting at 6 PM. As we said, it's a very unique place to eat and we highly recommend it.

After dinner you'll want to return to the bars. Since closing in St. Louis is at 1:30 people don't wait until midnight to go out. At Herbie's they quit serving dinner at 9 and begin the disco there. The dance floor is located on a balcony and this is a favorite spot for the glitter set to sparkle each evening. The big VIP Disco at Martin's only opens on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays but you can usually find a nice crowd there on these evenings. Donna Drag stars in female impersonation shows here on Friday and Saturday nights. If you're just into cruising you can check out Martin's Bar, go downstairs to The Gateway Saloon (a levi/western/leather bar open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9:30), back to The Potpourri, or visit Charlie's Lounge. Charlie's, located downtown across from the bus station, opens at 3 and draws a very diverse crowd. They offer shows on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

It's only a short trip across the Mississippi to East St. Louis and here's where you'll find the city's newest and most spectacular bar, Faces. Since they don't have to close at 1:30 or on Sundays, this is the favorite late night spot weeknights or weekends. Down-

stairs they have a big disco with good sound and a spectacular light show. Upstairs they have opened a showroom called Upstage and feature both live and female impersonation acts. Nearby, The Red Bull continues as a cruise bar and Helen Schrader's caters to women.

Returning to St. Louis you may want to finish the night at the tubs. The Club St. Louis is very popular any night. It's located in the basement of the George Washington Hotel in the Central West End. The hotel is closed so you must enter from the parking lot in the rear. They have been looking for newer and grander quarters but for now you'll find the facilities

adequate, the customers active, and the staff friendly and helpful. Then there is also The Stadium Baths located in the same Stadium Hotel as Martin's. They close from 8 AM till noon each day and all day on Sundays but the action is good there at other times.

While you'll find adult bookstores in St. Louis, you'll not find any that are as gay as those in Atlanta or Houston. But there is action. If you're just looking for gay literature we recommend The Bookshelf No. 2 at 10 North Euclid or Bookshelf No. 1 downtown at 1116 Olive.

While outdoor activity is limited

during the winter months, action is good at other times in Forrest Park, a 1300 acre park just west of Kingshighway and the Central West End. When it's warm sunbathing is the thing near Round Lake on the east side of the park. The Confederate Memorial is known as a gay meeting spot as are the nature trails on the southwest side. The St. Louis Zoo, the Muncipal Opera (called The Muni) and numerous other attractions are also located here.

It's definitely not San Francisco or New Orleans or even Atlanta or Houston, but gay St. Louis is a fun city with lots of friendly, attractive people. It doesn't matter whether you're going there for a day, a week or for good, you'll find lots of things to do and enjoy.

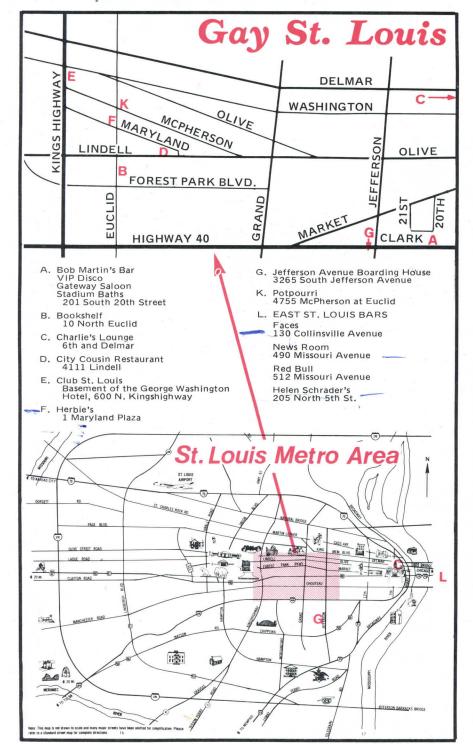
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NOTE: The minimum age to drink in St. Louis is 21 and all bars must close at 1:30 every night. Only restaurants can serve liquor on Sundays. However across the river in East St. Louis these restrictions do not apply. All bars listed serve liquor, berand wine. Local publications include PRIME TIME and SPOKES, both free and available in most gay places.

ST. LOUIS

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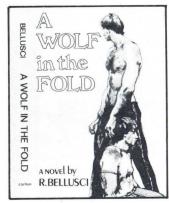
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# KENTUCKY

In Louisville, Kentucky's largest city, you'll find lots of gay activity. Weekends are especially hot when soldiers from nearby Ft. Knox invade the city and of course Derby weekend in May is just the most.

The city boasts four gay bars at present. The two larger ones, The New Downtowner and Badlands Territory are almost across from each other on Main Street. Each has a complex of rooms that allow them to offer several different atmospheres. At Badlands the downstairs has a definite western decor. The first room is a large cruise bar, followed by a small room with a juke box and dance floor and then another small room with a pool table. These all open into one another so it's almost like one big room. Then behind these is another smaller cruise bar. Upstairs they have a large disco which they open only on Thursday through Saturday nights.

The Downtowner offers a cruise bar, disco and showroom. They offer female impersonation shows on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Julep Lounge is located on River City Mall (it was 4th Street until they closed it and made it a mall) and they feature the musical sounds of J. Wilson during happy hour and on Friday and Saturday nights. The River City Club on East Oak has a cruise bar and a show room which takes the overflow crowd on weekends and special occassions.

Louisville has several adult bookstores which cater to gays. Camera's Eye on the corner of 3rd and Market is the largest but River City at 206 South 2nd and Movie World on the corner of 2nd and Market are also popular.

Lexington, Heart of Kentucky Bourbon Country, is also the home of a beautiful club called the Montparnasse. Located downtown, this gay hotspot has a cruise bar downstairs with disco upstairs. The antique bar fixtures in the cruise bar lend an elegant air to the club. On weekends the club draws a standing room only crowd. They are in the process of expanding into the building next door, making the club bigger and better than ever.

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# tennessee

Tennessee's a big state with three distinctive sections. Memphis perches high on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River and is the hub of activities in the flat western reaches of the state. Nashville, the home of country music, a large publishing and printing industry, numerous colleges and universitys, and a mecca for tourists, dominates the central or Cumberland region. In the east Knoxville and Chattanooga nestle among the mountains.

Gay bars in Memphis are characterized by beer busts and drag shows. Even though mixed drinks are legal here, none of the gay bars have found it worth while to go through the red tape and tax problems associated with their sale. So everyone drinks beer.

The largest and newest club in Memphis is George's Krisco Disco. It's located between mid-town, where most of the gay action takes place, and the downtown area. Upstairs they have a large showroom and cruise bar with regular shows. Downstairs is a lively disco and another large cruise bar. The old George's, George's Theatre Lounge on Madison has closed.

One of the most popular places in Memphis right now is The Front Page.

Actually there are two bars here with a connecting door. The Front Page is a cruise bar with juke box dancing during the week and disco with a live DJ on weekends. David's, next door, is also a cruise bar but with more of a country and western flavor. The Front Page opens at 4 every afternoon and is a good Happy Hour spot. It's also very popular on Tuesdays when they have a beer bust and late at night.

At present there are three smaller bars in operation. The Butterfly Cabaret on Poplar is a friendly place run by two ladies named Dot and Jeanette.

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There are no baths in Tennessee at present but George's is talking about opening one in an adjoining building. There are several adult bookstores in town and most welcome gays. Look for action in the movie rooms at the Paris Bookstall on Summer Avenue or at the Adult Center downtown on South Second Street. If you need help in finding your way around, just call Chez Escorts and they'll be glad to supply you with an attractive companion.

Overton Park is a popular place for outdoor cruising especially in good weather. Mid America Mall downtown can also be cruisey at times. Things are constantly changing in Memphis so don't count on every-

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thing being the same if you arrive more than a month after this is written.

In Nashville things are more settled but they're subject to change here also. The Other Side was the only big bar in town for several years and seem to have most of the business locked up, but this past summer The Cabaret opened and has taken a big slice of the traffic. Both offer shows and disco and attract a young collegiate crowd.

The Jungle on Commerce Street is a small restaurant and cruise that attracts a nice class of men of all ages. A piano bar and good food are part of the attraction of the place. Juanita's next door, and the Hi Hat Lounge just down the street are similar places but they attract more of a mixed crowd. The Merry Go Round, a small beer bar which is also on Commerce has been opened and closed a couple of times recently. At last report it was

There are several bookstores that welcome gays in Nashville. The Wagon Wheel on Broadway is probably the most popular. Broadway Books and Swingers World, both also on Broadway are two others. Elsewhere, the Purple Onion on Noylesville Road and the Classic Art on Dickerson Pike do a big gay business.

In Chattanooga the big bar is The Go Go Club. They're open Wednesday through Sunday starting at 8 PM. They've recently done some remodeling and now have a small dance floor in the front cruise bar. On Wednesday and Thursday nights they only open this bar and the game room behind it. On weekends they open up the big showroom for The Captain's disco and shows. Quarters has closed and at press time the only other gay bar in the city is The Cross Keys Lounge which is located downtown across from The Chattanooga Choo Choo. smaller, more intimate place which has recently been remodeled. Open Monday through Saturday starting at 8 PM, they have Go Go boys, shows and disco on weekends.

Chattanooga's most popular adult bookstore for gays is The Classic They offer Cinema on Brainerd. feature length films as well as peeps and the other usual items.

Directly north of Chattanooga is Knoxville. With the sprawling campus of the University of Tennessee located within the city, there is plenty of action on the gay scene here.

The city's largest club is the Carousel. Located right on the UT campus, they draw a young, collegiate crowd. Downstairs they have disco and this is where most of the cruising goes Upstairs, newly remodeled, is where they present shows nightly. Also a cruise bar and game room are located in this section of the bar.

Downtown, right off of Gay Street, (what a name) is the Europa Club. A more established club, they have disco nightly, and bring in a rather good looking crowd. Right across from here is the Huddle Tavern. A beer and wine bar, they draw quite a variety of people including Cumberland Avenue some trade. in front of the Huddle is often cruisey late at night.

Up in the northeast corner of the state is The Connection Lounge in Johnson City. This attractive club attracts gays from the entire tri-cities area (Johnson City, Kingsport, and Bristol) for disco and some really hot shows. They serve beer and setups. You can brownbag your liquor.

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#### TENNESSEE

NOTE: While it is quite legal to serve mixed drinks in most Tennessee cities, the taxes on them are so stiff that very few Gay clubs even bother to offer them. Those bars that do offer liquor must charge considerably more for it than neighboring states. Be prepared to do a lot of beer drinking here...

### CHATTANOOGA (choo choo)

CLASSIC CINEMA, 3818 Brainerd Road. (615) 629-1514. Open 11am till midnight Mon.—Thurs.; from 11am till 2am on Fri. & Sat.; and from noon till midnight on Sun. Big screen (usually straight) movies, a full bookstore and cruisy peep-booth area.

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### **MEMPHIS**

NOTE: At this time, NO Memphis Gay bar offers "mixed drinks" (read: liquor). All make beer and "set-ups" available and you can, if you like, bring your own bottle of hard stuff...

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# SOUTH

Rich in history and in scenic beauty, South Carolina today, retains much of it's traditional Southern charm. Much of the state remains rural. The people are friendly and easy going, and the cities, though as large and modern as those in other states, still manage to have a congenial, small town air about them.

Greenville, located in the northern part of the state, is one of the leading textile centers in the South. fast growing city, as we have mentioned in a previous issue, has more than its fair share of good looking men. This cruisey situation has sparked a rather competitive gay bar business in the city. The Club Gemini is the oldest clu in town. Still as popular as ever, they are expanding and remodeling. The present facility has disco, and a large game room. The Disco Lounge is a recently opened club that has captured a large number of the growing gay community. The bar has a rather unique painted dance floor and is well set up for cruising. Just opening in January, The Executive Sportsmans Lounge has caught on They have a restaurant. quickly. disco dancing, shows and a game room. All three clubs draw a mixture of good looking men and women. The crowd in Greenville bar hops so you will never have to worry about walking into an empty bar.

The state capital, Columbia, is the the University of South home of Carolina. You can find plenty of action at the four clubs in town. The End Zone is the most popular club for the disco crowd. Nicely decorated,

they have lots of room to dance and cruise. They will soon be adding a quieter game room and cruise bar in the rear. The H&M Club is still drawing well. The good sound and lights are a big weekend draw. For a little butcher atmosphere zip down to Our Place. A beer bar with pool tables, they draw a variety of people including a few hustlers. For the women the place to go is the Drawing a mixed Fortress Club. crowd for their shows, they have disco and a game room.

A beautiful and historic city, Charleston is the type place that you will want to spend more than a night or two in. Most of the action here is at Club David. Recently opened, they have hot disco and a game room. The crowd is mostly men and is very cruisey. In the afternoons and early evening the place to be is at Tucker's Tavern. First established in 1860, (of course not as a gay bar back then) it has all the original fixtures. crew here is young (only a block from the College of Charleston, what do you expect) and a lot of fun. The other club in town, The Lion's Head Inn, has shows and disco. Outdoor cruising is easy on the Battery. In Florence is the Heart of Downtown Lounge. They draw a good crowd from throughout the area. The Miss Gay South Carolina pageant was recently held here.

Rumor has it that a gay club will finally be opening in Myrtle Beach. This popular resort is a great place for a summer vacation. The area around the Pavilion in the center of town is a good place to cruise. This writer has also found some interesting things going on in the Gay Dolphin (what a name) Gift Cove in the same general vicinity.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

NOTE: In S.C. liquor can be served only in restaurants or in Private Clubs. You cannot enter a Private Club unless you are a member or go as a guest of a member. If you are not going out with someone who is already a member of the club you wish to visit, it is best to call ahead to make arrangements to become a member—or to become the guest. best to call ahead to make arrangements to become a member —or to become the guest of a member who is already present or will be by the time you arrive at the club. (And South Carolina wonders why they don't get any convention business... —except the Baptists... Oh well.)

### CHARLESTON

CLUB DAVID, 135 Market St. Open 7pm till 2am all 7 days. You MUST have Gay ID (like a Club Baths card, etc.). Beer, wine & liquor served. Disco 9pm till 2am Tues.—Sun. Mostly guys —a few women. All branches of the military are represented...

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Norht Carolina's mountains are a year round attraction. In the winter, they attract skiers to the slopes of Beech Mountain and other large resorts. Summer brings vacationers whose intentions are either to beat the heat of just to get away from it all in the quiet serenity of the Smokies. The attraction in the Fall is of course to see autumn's colorful tableau on the hillsides.

In the center of the mountains is Asheville. Home of the Biltmore House, and a short distance from Maggie Valley and Chimney Rock, the city is also the home of two thriving bars. The Treetops, the newer of the two, has disco dancing along with a game room. The After Dark Disco is just'a dance bar. Both attract a good crowd.

The Piedmont (center) section of the state is the home of most of the larger cities and universities, and is where the business and government of North Carolina is carried on.

Charlotte, North Carolina's largest city, and one of the south's fastest growing ones, has a very active gay community. For lodging we recommend either the Charlottetown Inn on Kings or the Tryon Lodge on Tryon. Both are located close to the action and have reasonable rates. If you are one of many who would rather just stay at the baths, The Club South is an excellent facility. Well set up for the traveller, it offers all the usual plus an indoor pool, TV room, game room and a snack bar. The baths here

are extremely popular on the weekends.

For big club action, Charlotte has two very hot spots. Nickys Express is the newest of the two. They have disco on two dance floors, game room, and a friendly staff. Nicky's Backroom, the elegant cruise bar in the rear of the club, is popular for cocktail hour. The Scorpio, located on Freedom Drive, has a large dance floor with a hot light show. Their game room in the rear of the bar has pool and pinball. Both clubs attract essentially a young, good looking, gay, male crowd. (thats YGLGM for short) For variety Nicky's has some of the glitter set and some straight women. The Scorpio mixes some gay women into their cruisey crowd.

Oleen's, the states oldest show bar, has good shows every weekend. With Boom-Boom LaToure, the current Miss Gay Norht Carolina, as the big attraction (along with frequent out of town entertainers) they bring in a large group of men and women.

For out of the bar action, check out the French Art Cinema (the movie room here is always active) or the Upstairs Cinema. Freedom Park is popular during warmer weather, however, watch out for vice. Trade Street, downtown, and the Plaza (hitchhikers) have also been known for a little action.

Moving northward, we come upon the Greensboro-Winston Salem- High Point Tri-Cities area. Neither High Point or Winston Salem have a bar so you will have to rely on the bookstores for cruising. Hart's News in High Point and the three stores on North Liberty in Winston Salem are all popular with local gays.

Greensboro has all sorts of things going on. With four bars, three bookstores, and street cruising on Commerce Place between Greene and Eugene what more can you ask for? Davey's and Company, located on the UNC at Greensboro campus, is probably the largest (spacewise) disco in North Carolina. They have three dance floors, good sound and lights, and a game room in the rear. Good looking men are easy to find any night.

Happy Nights Disco is a show bar that attracts a mixture of men and women. The owner, affectionately known as Mama Jo, runs a very friendly, open club. Happy Nights is always full on the weekends.

Monroe's G.G.G. Lounge and the Pied Piper are both sort of gay bars. They attract quite a variety of people, and a little trade can often be found lurking within.

The Raleigh - Durham - Chapel Hill area, otherwise known as the Triangle, is the home of four of the nations finest universities. Wake Forest, University of North Carolina, North Carolina State, and Duke University, along with several smaller schools all are in the area. With all those college students its no wonder the bars here have some of the hottest action (and some of the best looking men) in the state.

Christophers, in Chapel Hill, is a Disco Queen's delight. Good sound, with bass that shakes the building keep the dance floor filled. Open just on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, they have a one shot cover that entitles you to all the set-ups and draft you can put down. The crowd is men and women and is very cruisey on both counts. If you get there late, count on a line to get in.

Herb's Lounge, in Durham, is a small, but popular cruise bar. Billed as North Carolina's friendliest bar, they don't exaggerate, it really is! They draw a variety of people, from gay men and women of all ages, to a few straights who just enjoy the warm atmosphere. They have juke box

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dancing and pinball. (not meaning to slight anybody, but Herb's is this writers favorite bar in NC and one of the most favorite in the South)

The Capital Corral, in Raleigh (which by the way is the state capital), keeps their disco hopping with the best light show and some of the best sound in the area. Opened originally as a western cruise bar, they have kept this atmosphere in part of the bar, added two dance floors, and a game room. Active during the week, they pack the place on the weekends. The crowd is mostly men and the action is fast and furious.

Also in Raleigh, is the Mousetrap. The Trap, as it is known locally, is a popular watering spot with an intimate disco room, pinball, and a friendly clientele. Their Tuesday ½ price night makes this the place to be early in the week.

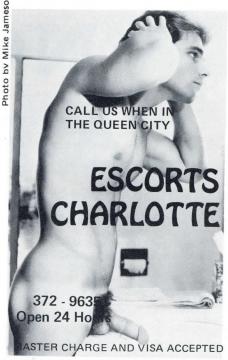
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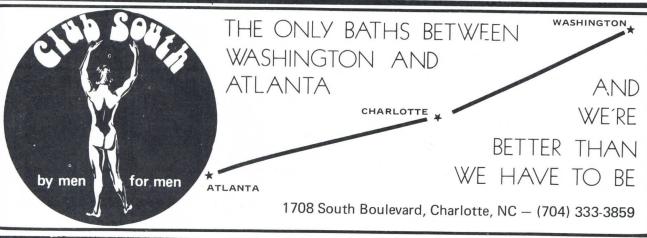
Greenville now has two bars. The Paddock Club is still drawing well with up to date disco and a friendly crowd. Recently opened is the Other Side, also offering good disco.

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### **FAYETTEVILLE**

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HART'S NEWS, 105 Kivett Dr. (919) 885-9944. Open from 10am till 11pm Mon.— Sat. (1pm till 11pm on Sun.) They stock all the usual and is THE place to cruise!

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BACHELOR'S LIBRARY, 3411 S. Wilmington St. (919) 772-9879. Bookstore & peepshow arcade open 10am till midnight.

CAMERA'S EYE, 1310 Downtown Blvd. (919) 832-7391. Good supply of films, mags & "novelties." Cruisey peep room...(!)

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We don't think the Virginia Department of Tourism was thinking of gay lovers when they introduced the slogan "Virginia is for lovers". However it is just as apt a slogan for gays as it is for the history, nature, and art lovers that flock to the state each year. Virginia seems to have it all, and to see it all, you should plan to make an extended visit or go more than once. The people there, straight and gay, will make you feel you're coming home.

Richmond, one of the most beautiful cities in America, is the cultural and historical center of Virginia. Most of the gay action in the city is at J. Danhill. This attractive club draws a young collegiate crowd for their nightly disco. The other bar in town is the Malebox. This small restaurant and bar attracts a mixture of men and women of all ages. A few levi-leather men can be found here also.

Take I-64 from Richmond and make your way to Norfolk. On the way you'll probably want to stop and visit historic Williamsburg, the restored colonial capital of Virginia. Also nearby are Jamestown, the first English settlement in America, and Yorktown, the site of Cornwallis' surrender to George Washington.

Norfolk is essentially a port city. The predominant influence is the US Navy. With several bases in the area, including the nations largest naval installation, there's plenty of seafood. Street cruising can be fun as there are lots of hitchhikers.

The disco crowd in Norfolk gathers at the College Cue Club (wonder if a pun was intended with that name) . This large club attracts a young, male crowd. The game room and disco are packed to capacity on weekends.

Downtown Norfolk has several bars. they are all within a block of each other, so park your car and proceed to bar hop. The largest of these is the Nickelodeon. This popular cruise bar has juke box dancing, good food, a game room, and plenty of action. One block over is Norfolk's levileather bar. It is a cruisey place that attracts some of Norfolk's finest. Next door is Mickey's Tavern. This cruise bar and game room combination brings in men of all ages. Also on the same street is the Continental. Not really a gay bar, it is the type place where you might meet a hustler or some of those interesting bi-types.

A short drive from downtown Norfolk is world famous Virginia Beach. There are no gay bars at this popular beach resort, however the beach itself and the Ocean View Amusement Park are pretty cruisey.

### **VIRGINIA**

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COLLEGE CUE CLUB, 4601 Killam Ave. 489-9740. Open 10am till 2am. Beer, wine & some food. Pool, pinball and a DJ from Tues. thru Sun. for dancing. Young, mostly male, collegiate and Navy boys. Hot disco.

MICKEY'S TAVERN, 135 Brooke Ave. 625-8069. Open 11am till 2am. Beer and sandwiches. Pinball & pool. Western/Levi. Men of all ages & types, but usually butch.

THE NICKELODEON, 118 West City Hall. 623-4568. Open 11am till 2am Mon.—Fri. and 2pm till 2am on Sat. & Sun. Beer & wine. Sandwiches & some dinners. Pool. A popular downtown spot with mostly guys.

RITZ TAVERN, 131 Brooke Ave. 625-8082. Open from 6pm till 2am. Serves beer and sandwiches. Popular with Levi/leather types. Raaather butch.

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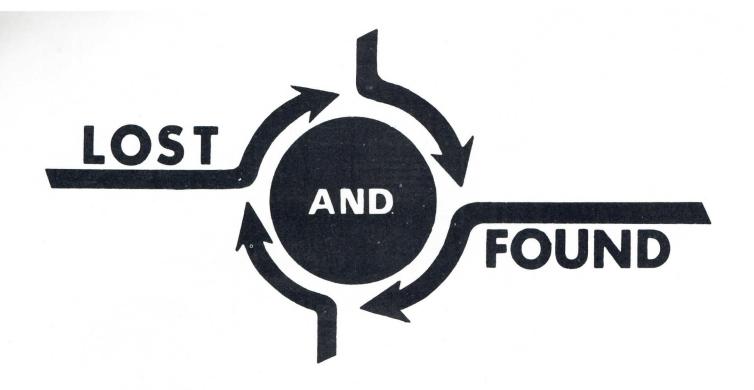


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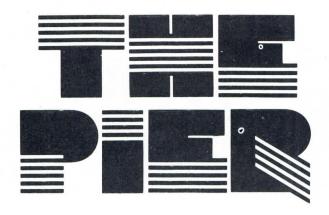
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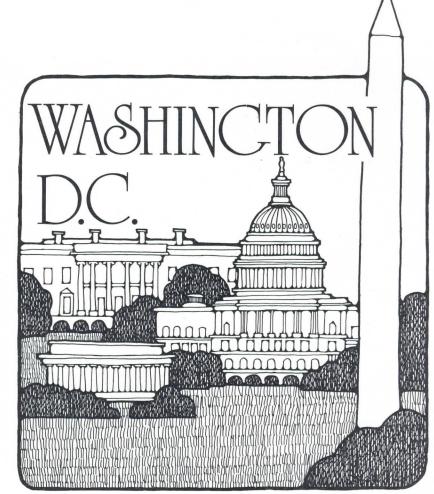
A reputation for being a friendly and fun city, along with the fact our civil rights are "protected" here have helped in increasing the city's phenominal popularity.

The first thing, of course, when arriving in Washington is to find lodging. Since this is, after all, the capitol, there are plenty of hotels. However, we strongly suggest making reservations well in advance since, at certain times of the year, every room will be booked solid. The Howard Johnson's on Virginia St. or the Holiday Inn on Conneticut or Rhode Island Streets are pretty good and are within easy driving distance of most of the bars. Rates tend to be steep so if you have friends in the area, stay with them. If not, it's not difficult to make one and move in for a couple of nights.

After getting settled in wherever you might light, definately get out and see this remarkable city. You'll want to ride to the top of the Washington monument for an unforgettable view of the whole area and a visit to the Lincoln Memorial will send little chills down your spine. (Yes, Virginia, Gay people are patriotic, too ... ) Then you might want to check-out Monticello (the home of Jefferson) and the White House (say "HIgh" to Jimmy ... ). The Smithsonian would take all of your free time for the next couple of years to see, but do take a tour. You won't forget it. Hit the highlights of the town as far as "touristy" things go so you will feel as though you really have visited. WARNING: traffic and parking are HELL in this burg -watch it!)

After a long day of sight-seeing, do your complete douche number, slap on your face and don your best clothes and hit the Gay scene. Washington's bar scene is hot-to-trot with everything from huge discos to levileather bars. Many of the bars are smaller establishments, but unlike many cities, they are just as popular and just as cruisey as the big dance palaces. Don't pass up what looks like a hole-in-the-wall Gay bar...the love of your life if probably lurking within...

Speaking of dance palaces (...was I? Yeah, I guess I was...), Washington has four (count 'em!) of the best. The sensational Lost & Found is the biggest in the city and the most popular disco. Drawing a Nice (with a capital "N") crowd during the week and packing them in on the weekends, they offer mass disco dancing with super sound and lights. The uniquely designed bar allows for an intimate atmosphere throughout and lends itself to easy cruising. A seperate room upstairs has yet another bar and pool and Their restaurant, seperated from the loud music and furtive cruis-



ing by wide expanses of glass, offers some of the best food in all of Washington. And that's going some!

Two other discos are located in the same section of town. The Pier Nine is a truly beautiful bar with a four-color (!) Laser light show. They draw a more mixed crowd than the Lost & Found, but they still pack the place to the walls on the weekends. The other dis-co (in the pure sense) is a new one called The Blue Plains Dance Palace. They open at 10pm and stay open after hours. A \$3 cover gets you all the juice you can drink -they serve no alcohol. With no liquor, naturally, comes no age limit... which, naturally, means "chicken." (Those of you not frozen in fear of Anita and who likes a little youthful stuff now and again, take note...) The bar is very popular after 2am, especially on weekends.

The Exile, billed as a leather/western disco (?) (!), it draws a more masculine crowd out to boogie under one of the hottest light shows in town. Aside from the all-pervasive disco, they offer excellent food, have pool tables and, on Saturday afternoons, play the Metropolitan Opera radio broadcasts over their impressive 12 Electro Voice speaker system. (Opera in a leather bar? Why not..!) If you like a crowd that's non-phony cruisy, butch and loose, you'll feel right at home.

Working your way out of the Exile, you find yourself on Ninth Street. Directly across the street is The Eagle, a nationally-known levi/leather bar. A

complex in itself, they have two rooms downstairs with bars, pool and pinball. Their restaurant serves surperb food at moderate prices. Their boutique upstairs, The Leather Rock, sells everything to make a man feel and look like a man. Speaking of men...there are always plenty of MEN here and they generally be counted on for plenty of action.

If you want action without having to worry about cleaning your motel room for company (or if you have rather stupidly brough your lover and want to get something on the side...) mosey two doors up from the Eagle to Man's Country. This is a small adult bookstore with all the usual stuff in front, but it has an unusual (to say the very least) back peep-show room. have no doors on the boothes! You just wander from booth to booth until you find something you like and then you are expected to jump right in! Late at night it's amazing to go in and see how many people can be getting it on in just one booth...

On the same street, but two blocks closer to town is the Chesapeake House. During the day it's a straight stripper club, but at night it puts on a whole new face and becomes a very Gay place to be. Nude go-go boys entertain from various points in the bar and the crowd is entirely Gay. Aside from the charming novelty of the dancers and their "equipment" flapping in the wind, the bar isn't all that cruisey ...unless you are willing to pay...



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Still on the same street, but still closer to town, is a bar complex that includes The Hideaway, The Hickory House, Louie's and The Barn. The Hickory House is the restaurant on the main level and does a big lunch business. mostly to straights from nearby government offices. The Hideaway is in the basement and opens at 11am and draws the downtown daytime crowd. Louie's is reputed to be more of a leather place, but on the nights we were there the crowd was a mixture of ages and types. We did find it to be more cruisey than some of the other spots where people were more into eating or dancing. The Barn, upstairs, is a drag bar open only on the week-

Still moving towards downtown, the sleezier of us (me! me!) will manage to find Le Salon. This adult bookstore, located upstairs over the corner of 'H' and 14th Streets, is completely Gay oriented. A large selection of mags, books, novelties and an active movieroom will keep most busy. However, if you are easily bored (and you would have to be if this incredible movieroom fails to interest you... Maybe, on

the other hand, you're dead) the action in their theatre (they sell memberships which allows discounts) should pick you up in more ways than one.

Another bookstore nearby, The Plain Brown Wrapper, has a mix of Gay and straight material. It tends to be quite cruisey during the day.

A new bar which has recently opened downtown is The Circus. Billed as a mixed media event, they offer more than just drinking & dancing. Inside the Circus is the Carousel which features a custom-built dance floor and trendy disco sounds. Also inside is the Fun House, a pool, pinball and electronic games room. Rounding out the "big top" theme is their "Side Show" where old time movies are shown.

If, from the Circus, you take 18th to "P" Street, you can find two of the cruisiest bars in town. The Fraternity House, actually located behind their 2122 "P" Street address, is housed in a converted 18th Century stable. Upstairs they have an excellent restaurant and live entertainment. Downstairs they crank up their disco at 10pm. Cocktail hour here (or "attitude adjustment hour") can be quite an experience...

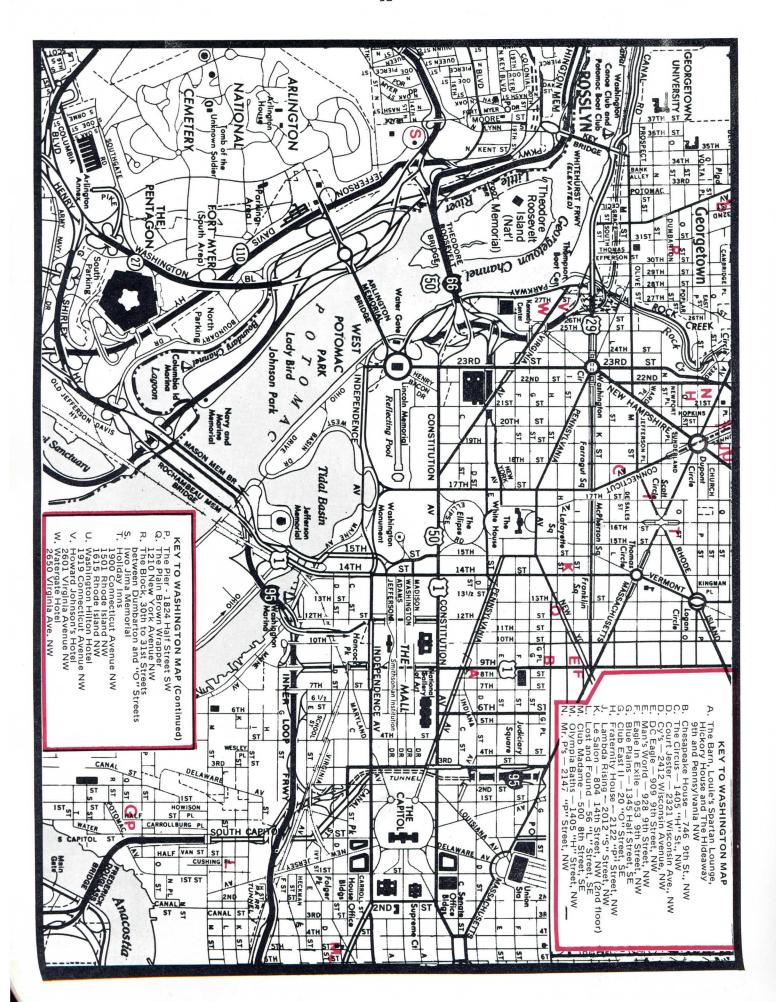
Mr. P's, directly across the street, is a cruise bar —no disco. They have an adjoining restaurant that serves lunch and dinner at reasonable prices. The cruise bar serves up a good-looking bunch of young men at all hours of the afternoon and evening. This is one place that could guarantee your meeting someone interesting before you leave... and get away with it!

Georgetown is just a hop, skip and a quickie down "P" Street. This older area of Washington is a melting-pot of various lifestyles. Students, Gays and collegians jam the sidewalks to shop in the unique shops ("Britches of Georgetown" ring a bell?) and barhopping later in the evening.

On Wisconsin Avenue you can find the Court Jester. A friendly bar with a cruisey, collegiate crowd, The Court Jester is a packed, wild bar on the weekends. With a good-looking staff (especially the doorman) that keeps the place jumping, Court Jester is a Must Stop—and not a bad place to spend most of your bar time.

A small, very friendly place that opens at 11:30am every day is CY's. This great place caters to the levi/western set. The food offered is Southwestern (with excellent chili) and they have a delightfully heavy-handed way with the pouring...

The Baths Business in the city seems to be just coming out-of-the-closet. The local outlet of the famous Club Baths Chain (CBC) is the Club East II. It features your basic tubs facilities, a good-looking staff and is pretty cruisey most of the time. The newest baths in town, The Olympic Baths, gets the closest to the 'nicer' baths facilities we big-city-Southern-boys are so accustomed to now. Offering a



clean, modern facility, they give you the "chance to escape" from the ordinary for all your wants...

After the bars close, the place for cruising (besides the bookstores) -if you've been clumsy enough not to score so far this evening— is "The Block." The Boock is between 30th and 31st Streets and Dumbarton and "O" Streets in Georgetown. During the summer, outdoor cruising is easy at the P Street Beach. Action is also heavy in the adjacent Black Forest. However, watch out! The wooded area is considered dangerous (...and isn't that an invitation to go out and find out just how dangerous it it ..?).

Washington is the home of many openly Gay-owned businesses. One of the most unique of these is a bookshop called Lambda Rising. Not an adult bookstore, they feature Gay fiction, national periodicals and Gayconsciousness material. You can also pick up copies of Washington's local Gay publications, THE BLADE and OUT, here...(and don't forget the current copy of CRUISE).

Washington is perhaps the most comfortable place in the country for a Gay Outwardly things haven't to live. changed much with the cuming of the Carter administration, (and, yes, that was a bad pun), but you'll find most of Washington's Gay a little more open, a little further out-of-the-closet and a great deal prouder of themselves and their fellows.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### WASHINGTON

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NOTE: You must be 21 to drink liquor, but only 18 to drink beer & wine in DC. All bars must close at 2am on Sunday thru Thursday nights. They can remain open till 3am on Friday & Saturday. In order to sell liquor in Washington, DC, bars must also sell food—and many Gay places have gone to great trouble to offer the finest food of which they are capable. There are two local publications which offer much information on the current scene: OUT, a free weekly magazine, and THE BLADE, a Gay newspaper.

THE BARN (above Louis's) 305 9th Street

THE BARN, (above Louie's), 305 9th Street N.W. (202) 393-6554. Open on Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights from 9pm with regular drag shows.

BLUE PLAINS, 1345 Half Street, SE. A big disco open from midnight till 6am Thursday thru Sunday. Free juice bar, cokes, coffee, sandwiches, pizza & snacks. A YOUNG, after-hours crowd who boogie the night away. No age barrier since they serve no booze...

THE CIRCUS, 1821½ L Street NW (lower level). 296-9474. Open 5pm till 2am Mon. thru Thurs., 5 till 5 on Friday, 9pm till 5am on Saturday and 9pm till 2am on Sunday. Live DJ Disco, Game room and Movie room. Cocktail hour 5pm till 8 Mon. thru Friday. Piano bar during cocktail hours. Young, mixed (mostly men) crowds.

CLASS OF '77. (202) 547-9387. Escort Service. Call between noon and midnight. They also have a New York City office; phone (in NYC) 212/689-4654.

CLUB EAST II, 20 "O" Street SE. (202) 488-7317. Local member of the Club Baths Chain. Open 24 hrs. every day. Sauna, sundeck, snack bar, sunlamp room, lockers and rooms. Levi/leather special from 3pm till 11 pm on Tuesdays.

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CLUB MADAME, 506 8th Street SE, (202)
546-1525. Open from 7pm every day, this pleasant club caters to women —but the crowd also includes a number of men. Live entertainment on Thursday nights, Drag shows w/femme impersonators on Friday nights and women doing pantomime (male impersonators) on Sunday nights. A nice, friendly place. friendly place.

THE COURT JESTER, 2321 Wisconsin Av., NW. (202) 333-0011. Intimate, popular club with a variety of activities. The bar opens at 6pm daily and the excellent restaurant serves from 7pm till 11. Disco begins at 10pm every night. Live cabaret entertainment every Sunday evening. The crowd is young, lively and collegiate.

CY'S, 2412 Winconsin Ave., NW. (202) 965-2412. Smallish Levi/Western/Leather bar with a friendly atmosphere. Open from 11:30am every day. Pool, pinball, a good juke box. Excellent low cost food. Home of Centaur MC. Thursday is club night.

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D.C. EAGLE, 904 9th St., NW. (202) 3476025. Popular Levi/Leather complex includes an excellent restaurant serving from opening at 11:30am till 11pm. They have a 
cruise bar with pool table and juke box; a 
L/L room bar restricted to those in proper 
attire; and, upstairs, The Leather Rack, a 
first-class leather and toy store... You'll 
read about this bar in DRUMMER.

EAGLE IN EXILE, 953 9th St., NW (202) 347-7008. A leather/Levi Disco with live DJ and light show. Open from 10pm every night and after hours until 4am Sunday thru Thursday and till 6am Friday & Sat. Butch and cruisey.

FRATERNITY HOUSE, 2122 "P" St., NW (up the alley). (202) 223-4917. Congenial atmosphere with dining and live entertainment upstairs and Disco downstairs from 10 every night. They open at 4pm Mon. — Fri., 6:30pm on Saturday and noon on Sunday. They close at 2am Sun. — Thurs. and stay open after hours until 6am on Fri. & Sat. Young, cruisey, collegiate, disco crowd. Superb entertainment and good food, too.

HICKORY HOUSE, corner of 9th & Pennsylvania Ave. (202) 393-6554. Straight restaurant open during the day. THE HIDE-AWAY, downstairs, is a Gay bar open from 11am every day except Sunday when they open at 2pm. LOUIE'S, next door, and THE BARN, upstairs, are part of the same complex. A veritable cornucopia of selections.

LAMBDA RISING, 2012 "S" Street, N.W. (202) 462-6969. Attractive, selective book store (not an "adult bookstore" in the usual sense—actually not an "adult bookstore" at all) catering to Gays with a very complete selection of Gay books, magazines & gifts. A community bulletin board is located on the balcony with notices of local Gay happenings. (They once refused to stock & sell a Gay newspaper I ran in Detroit because it contained "gratuitous male nudity..." —MJ) contained "gratuitous male nudity..." —MJJ
LE SALON, 804-10 14th St., NW (2nd
floor). (202) 638-8110. Beautiful adult
bookstore and movie house located above
Capital Books on the corner of 14th and H
streets. First-run, feature-length movies, 44
coin-operated peep-shows, books, magazines, leather goods, and "toys." Also a
Head Shop & conversation area. Open 24
hours. Clientele is Gay male. LOST & FOUND, 56 "L" Street, SE. (202) 488-1200. Beautifully decorated superbar with hot disco and excellent restaurant. Opens at 7pm every day except Sunday. Dinner from \$4.75 to \$11.75. On Sunday they open at noon with brunch till 4pm.

LOUIE'S SPARTAN LOUNGE, 305 9th St., NW. (202) 393-6554. Cruise bar open from 6pm every day. Piano bar on Sundays. Cruisey, all male crowd. Some leather/Levi and a mixture of ages.

MAN'S WORLD, 928 9th St., NW. (202) 638-7085. Gay book store with a large number of peep-show booths in the back. Open from 11am till 4am every day. Located near The Eagle, it's quite active.

OLYMPIC BATHS, 1405 "H" Street, NW. (202) 638-8756. A nice baths with steam, sauna, artesian baths, labyrinth, fun room, TV room, and is completely carpeted. A private club (as are most Gay baths), you must buy a membership to enter. It's located on the 2nd floor. "Escape from the ordinary for all your wants..."

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# ATLANTA



Often referred to as the New York of the South, Atlanta continues to be a city on the move, one that is still growing in every aspect including gay entertainment.

The past year has seen much greater stability on the gay bar scene in Atlanta than was seen in prior years. While formats and ownerships have changed, locations have continued. The two best examples of this are the city's two biggest discos, Back Street and The Magic Garden. Back Street which originally opened as Back Street in 1975, closed in late '76 and reopened as Encore. Then at the end of '77 it changed again and is now Back Street once more. Joe Fernandez is back and has done a marlevous job of redecorating this always popular gay spot. It continues to offer three different atmospheres under one roof. You enter through the cruise bar and then either go downstairs into the disco, or upstairs to the intimate Tut Tut Tut room where they offer live entertainment.

The Magic Garden is the successor to 1976's hottest club, The County Seat. County Seat closed in May of 1977, but then the location was leased by new owners and complely redone into a large, classy disco with a modest sized but very attractive showroom adjoining. The objective of the owners here has been to offer a complete entertainment facility not unlike Studio One in L.A. The disco, which offers good sound and a pulsating light show, has been a smash hit from the day it opened. The showroom is called The Cabaret and features name entertainment at very modest prices. See the story about some of their acts on page 84.

The Atlanta gay bars that offer female impersonation shows continue to be very successful. The Sweet Gum Head, which advertises itself as The Showplace of The South, still offers top stars in good shows, six nights a week. While Rachel



Boogieing at The Magic Garden

Wells, Hot Chocolate and some of the other super stars who have worked here in the past are no longer regulars, they do make frequent guest appearances.

Across the street at The Locker Room Disco, Roski Fernandez (no kin to Joe)and The Hollywood Hots put on some of the most lavish and extravagant productions you can see this side of Las Vegas. Working with a large cast, Roski presents excellent shows six nights a week. Of course the shows



Cruising and Camping in the Kudzu Kourt at Le Cove

are not the only reason for the popularity of The Locker Room. It's biggest claim to fame is that it is the city's only after-hours club. Since it is a private, membership club, it can remain open all night while its competition must close at 4 on week nights, 3 on Saturday and midnight on Sunday. Because of this, the action often doesn't begin here until late in the evening. Another reason for its popularity is the good disco that goes on between and after the shows.

It also has the attraction of its health club next door where you can check in and get in your towel before coming to the disco to boogie or watch the show. Then they've also got a movie room with ten large booths for watching movies and whatever else happens.

Downtown, The Onyx Lounge is the third club offering regular female impersonation shows. At present the regular cast appears Wednesday through Sunday with amateur night on Tuesdays. While many of the town's biggest stars have worked here at one time or the other, the cast at The Onyx does not boast as many big names as The Sweet Gum. But the cast they have is excellent and contains such familiar names as Mickey Day, Crystal Lambega and Miss Gay Atlanta, Tiasha Wallis. Their shows contain a mix of productions, comedy and individual presentations with a little more of a country and western flavor than you will find at the other

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The gay restaurant scene in Atlanta continues to improve. There are still a number of fine restaurants that cater to mixed crowds but which are owned, run and frequented by gays. These include Gene and Gabes, the Peasant Restaurants, and Tango. But many other excellent eating places now cater almost exclusively to gay clientele. The Prince George, an Atlanta landmark, combines good food with a piano bar to attract a quiet, mature masculine crowd every evening (their lunch business is still mixed). Excellent food served expertly in an elegant atmosphere marks The Gallus Restaurant while downstairs their lounge is quite cruisey with a mixture of ages and types. Brunch here on Sundays is a festive occassion. The same people who have made the Gallus Restaurant a success, are now operating the new restaurant in the Tut Tut Tut room upstairs at Back Street. Excellent cusine served in a supper club atmosphere is proving popular in this beautiful room.

Out at Shelly's Place, an elegant restaurant that was once a Smuggler's Inn, is combined with a small but lively disco to draw an attractive, well mannered crowd. The well known location at 13th and West Peachtree which in the past has been known as Chez Cabaret, R.J.'s or Club Three is now Frank Powell's, and food is again being served in the cozy dining room upstairs. Their menu features a variety of entrees that are moderately priced. Downstairs Frank has a popular piano bar which is usually cruisey.

Our Place on Cheshire Bridge Road has changed their menu several times and now offers a small selection of popular entrees. Their Monday night Spagetti Dinners always draw a good crowd. It's also a cruise bar, popular with women but frequented by men and women, with a nice disco-show room downstairs which currently opens only open on weekends.

Stephen's Saloon is primarily a cruise bar, but they serve burgers and salad from lunch until 9 each evening and have other special meals such as their gournet dinner on Tuesday evenings, and Brunch on Saturday. They are best known for their Breakfast at Tiffany's which takes place every Sunday. It is followed by Krazy Daze, a Sunday afternoon must.



JUANITA FLEMING appears live at the new BACK STREET DISCO. A sensational performer!

The Dunk and Dine on Cheshire Bridge Road continues to be a popular after-the-bar eating spot for gays, but it is being challenged by two places that are more actively seeking gay business, the Cheshire Kat Restauant across from The Magic Garden and Jim's Grill, on Peachtree near North Avenue. Both serve breakfast, sandwiches and short orders and are open 24 hours a day.

Le Cove, another Atlanta landmark now has a kitchen and serves burgers and the like. Opening at 11 AM, this popular cruise bar gets a lot of afternoon action but is also festive at night. Up the street El Matador in Ansley Mall draws a large crowd almost every night with a variety of activities. They have live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights, feature length movies on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a free buffet on Saturday afternoon. P's, Atlanta's oldest gay establishment (it use to be referred to a Mrs. P's but since it went butch it's just P's), is very popular with Atlantis MC night on Tuesdays and its beer bust on Wednesdays. But a masculine crowd can be found here almost any night. Tex's, Atlanta's other levi-leather bar, is a small but comfortable place to drink or cruise. However they do not serve mixed drinks. Their beer busts are on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The Armory, an Atlanta institution, continues to pack 'em in for that fabulous happy hour on Mondays and Thursdays. Of course they have happy hour on other days also, but for some reason everybody goes there on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Tower, on Forrest Road, is a popular cruise bar for the women

who prefer its informal atmosphere to the elegance of Our Place or Garbo's. It has dancing and a big game room and occassional live entertainment.

Atlanta has two gay baths. Both are popular and have excellent facilities. The Locker Room, which we have already mentioned, is part of the Locker Room Complex which also includes a disco-showbar and a movie room. It has added an indoor heated pool during the past year. The Club Atlanta is the local member of the Club Bath Chain. During the past two years it has been completely renovated. It has a beautiful indoor-outdoor pool among its many fine features.

The action in the adult bookstores continues to be a big part of the Atlanta gay scene. While hustlers can still be found in Piedmont Park and occassionally on Cypress Street, most gay cruising is now done in the bars After Dark, Down or bookstores. Under and the Gay Paree are establishments that cater exclusively to gays, but all of the adult bookstores welcome gays and many such as Climax and Executive on Piedmont, Eros and Plaza on Ponce de Leon, Cheshire Cat on Cheshire Bridge and Lindbergh Books on Lindbergh have a lot of back room action. Downtown Mr. B's Esquire Book and Card Shop has a film gallery downstairs. They have a small admission charge to discourge the riff-raff and cater to more discreet types such and lawyers and business men.

Atlanta now has four Escort Services with a variety of young men available to aid the traveler. And more and more retail businesses are actively seeking gay trade. The Pleasure Chest chain has recently opened a very nice shop on Peachtree near 10th.

The gay scene is only a part of the total Atlanta picture, but it reflects the spirit of the city that rose from the ashes, the city too busy to hate, a dynamic young city on the move.

## **GEORGIA**

# ATLANTA

### BARS AND RESTAURANTS

NOTE: In Atlanta (but not necessarily all of Georgia) most bars close at 4am Mon. — Fri., at 3am on Saturday night (Sunday morning) and at midnight on Sunday unless otherwise noted below. All bars serve beer, wine and liquor unless otherwise noted. When in Atlanta, pick up a copy of CRUISE magazine's free weekly, the CRUISE WEEKLY CALENDAR. It's available at all Gaybars, baths and other Gay-welcoming businesses. Hope you enjoy our home state...

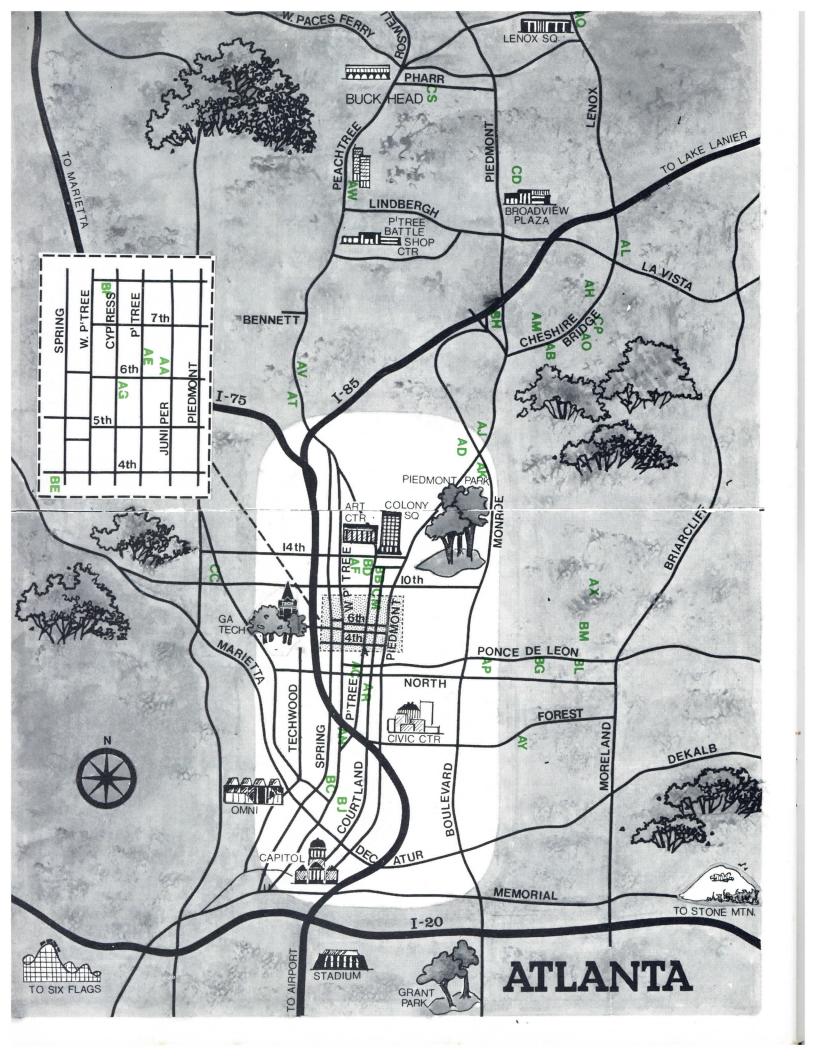
THE ARMORY LOUNGE, 838 Juniper St., NE. (404) 874-9312. A popular cocktail hour on Mon. & Thurs. features reduced prices all evening. Open from 4pm till 2am Mon.—Thurs., from 4pm till 3am on Fri. & Sat. Closed Sun.

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BACKSTREET, 845 Peachtree St. (404)
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FRANK POWELL'S, 1139 West Peachtree at 13th. (404) 873-2240. Opens at 4pm every day with the ever-popular Frank Powell himself on hand to direct activities. Piano bar with live entertainment most every nite. Frank Powell's Restaurant (upstairs) serves excellent food at modest prices and the bar on the first level of this charming converted old house is always hopping with something.

GALLUS LOUNGE and RESTAURANT, 49 6th St., NE. (404) 892-8983. The bar is in the lower level and the restaurant is in the street level of this impressively restored old house on the corner of 6th & Cypress. Bar opens at 4pm on weekdays, 1pm on Sat. and 12:30pm on Sun. The restaurant serves from 6pm till 11:30 Mon. — Thurs., 6 till 12 on Fri. & Sat. and 5 till 10 on Sun. Most credit cards honored. The food is suberb!

GENE & GABE'S RESTAURANT, 1578 Piedmont Rd., NE. (404) 876-9426. Open every day with dinners served from 6pm till midnight Mon. — Sat. and 5 till 2am on Sun. Happy hour on Sun. from midnight till 2am. Major credit cards honored. Reservations suggested for dinner. Mixed crowd, but the food is worth it!

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Monday NON-STOP for the weekends! It's a private club and memberships are required. Very hot disco dancing punctuated by drag shows (shows every nite but Mon.). The bar also has a unique peep-movie room (unique because it's in a bar!) and a game room. The place stays packed —especially on weekends.

place stays packed —especially on weekends. THE MAGIC GARDEN, 1888 Cheshire Bridge Rd. (404) 875-0110. A sensational Disco in a garden setting that'll knock your eyes out and your ears off. Probably the best sound system in the city at the moment and a good light show. Live entertainment nightly (except Sunday when the complex is closed) in the Cabaret Room featuring NAME performers—not drag shows. Opens at 9pm and no cover till 11. Happy hours run till then, too. Not a private club—no "membership" fee to pay. The MAGIC GARDEN is, perhaps, the hottest place in the city at the moment. (Is that 14 lines..?)

THE ONYX SHOW BAR & LOUNGE, 341 West Peachtree St. (404) 523-9105. Open Sun. from 4pm till midnight with shows at 9 & 11 (free buffet at 8pm, too), Open at 6 on Saturdays and 2pm other days with shows Wed. — Sat. (and occasional other nights) at 10, 12 & 2.

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THE PLEASANT PEASANT, 555 Peachtree Rd., NE. (404) 874-3223. Dinner is served from 6 till midnight weekdays, 6pm till 1am on Fri. & Sat. and 5pm till midnight on Sun. Small, largely straight, but the food is worth the trip! Very popular. No reservations. Maior and the server of the jor credit cards accepted.

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SHELLY'S PLACE, 1720 Peachtree Road. (404) 875-5378. An elegant restaurant along with a snappy little Disco and a nice cruise bar section. Disco lounge open from 6 till closing Mon. — Sat. 2pm till closing on Sun. Open every night for dinners: 6pm till 11pm Mon. — Thurs., 6 till midnight on Fri. & Sat. and from 5:30 till 11pm on Sunday. Sunday Brunch from 12:30 and Tea-Dance from 3:30 till 7:30 on Sunday, too.

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# BOULTH #



# LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN ATLANTA

When gay Atlantans speak about live entertainment they are thinking about any act where the entertainer is producing the sound as opposed to panomine where the performer mimics a prerecorded number. Therefore live entertainment includes piano players, singers, dancers and many others. Female impersonation, where most of the music is panomined, has been very popular in Atlanta. But now, all of a sudden, many forms of live entertainment are also catching on.

El Matador showed how it could be done in a small club last year when they booked in various performers for Friday and Saturday night appearances. These were mostly singers and piano players, but they also included a comedian and a guitarist or two. It went over well and they now feature regular performers every weekend. The Prince George has had a piano bar for some time and while its popularity has continued, Chez Cabaret (now Frank Powell's) became Atlanta's second gay bar to boast one of these. It has become very popular with the crowd there.

In the past, the bigger clubs have occassionally booked in name performers. But recently they have tried it on a continuing basis. Last summer Gabriel opened with Michael Greer and followed with Daphne Davis. The Magic Garden opened with Brandy Lee and has followed with many fine performers (see box at right). And now Back Street is also booking in this type of act with Patti Brooks and Juanita Fleming already appearing and Grace Jones scheduled.

The Manhattan Yellow Pages was the first Supper Club to be successful with a full scale live musical revue. It drew gays and straights to its Peachtree Battle location in droves. Now it has moved to The Omni and is catering more to the tourist crowd. More recently Showcase Cabaret has opened in Ansley Mall presenting New York style musical cabaret theatre entertainment. Their offerings are excellent and seem to be going over well with the community.

And theatre tailored for gay audiences has also made its appearance. Last summer the play, "Fortune and Men's Eyes" had a very successful run at The Sweet Gum Head. More recently "Hosanna" enjoyed a shorter run at Our Place.

Even the clubs who present female impersonators are including more live acts in their offerings. And Lene' Hayes, a female impersonator who performs live, has given one concert and is planning another.

And so it goes. For all appearances live entertainment in its many forms is catching on big in Gay Atlanta.

# The Magic Garden "Blooms" With Name Acts!

**BY. JOHN GRAVETT** 

Something very unique and exciting is happening to Atlanta's night life. The Magic Garden Cabaret -- the show, lounge area to the rear of the disco -- has been bringing a steady flow of name entertainers to town and, as a consequence, the cabaret has joined ranks with Studio One in Los Angeles, The City in San Francisco and Reno Sweeney in New York as one of the top night clubs in the country.

In its first three months of operation Magic Garden Cabaret has hosted the likes of Gotham, Marcia Lewis, Mimi Hines, Betty Rhodes, Brandy Lee, Dorothy Collins and Lana Cantrell. Coming soon to the club are Phyllis Newman and Barbara Cook, and negotiations are currrently underway with Charles Pierce, Julie Budd, Weyland Flowers and Kaye Ballard.

At the beginning it was necessary to operate the room with no cover charge for the entertainment. "Atlantans were use to drag shows in night clubs," said Ronald Zappy, the owner. "What we at The Magic Garden are doing is entirely different, and we had to do whatever we could to get people to come into the cabaret. And if that meant no cover charge, that's what we had to do."

"In New York -- or just about anywhere else for that matter," continued Zappy, "acts such as the ones we book here would cost quite a bit to see. Marcia Lewis, for example, was five bucks a ticket in New York just before she came down to Atlanta."

"To be able to see an act like that for free is an incredible, unbelieveable bargain."

Now with the cabaret becoming more and more popular, Magic Garden is finally able to charge a cover, but the club intends to keep admission prices as low as possible to encourage Atlanta bar goers to come see these fine performers.



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# The Rest of GEORGIA

In Georgia, when you go beyond Atlanta the gay activity decreases considerably. But it's still there and you can have a good time and meet some interesting people if you make the effort.

Down in Savannah, the big occassion is St. Patrick's Day when the whole town turns out to celebrate. Gays there have their own celebration called The Sara Awards. 1978 will see the 19th version of this special event. Dr. Feelgood's disco and cruise bar continues to be the most popular spot but still action at The Basement. The Pink House, while not 100% gay, is popular for dining and drinking.

In Macon, be sure and visit the We Three Lounge. Charlie Elkins and his friendly and attractive bartenders will give you a warm welcome. They have occassional shows and special

events include the Miss Macon Pageant in September and the GAY Awards in November. Down the street, the bar that use to be known as The Red Fox is now J. J.'s. The crowd may be found in either bar or moving back and forth.

Columbus has the Bottoms Up Lounge and the Deep Purple. Bottoms Up is a cruise bar with pool and pinball. Deep Purple offers disco and occassional shows.

In Augusta the Lollypop Lounge never reopened but The Peacock continues to draw the local gay crowd.

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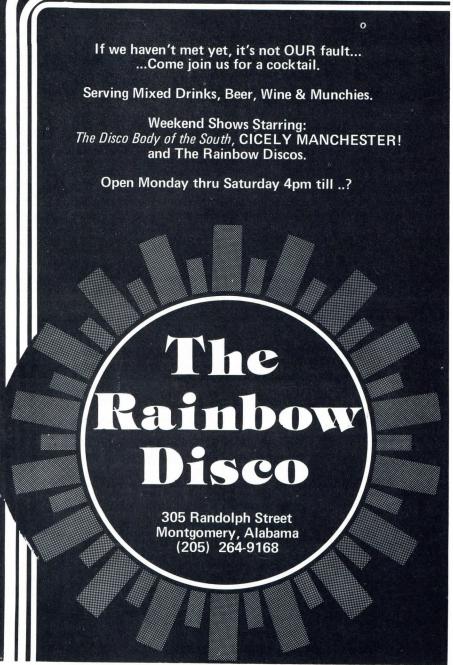


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We understand that George Wallace still maintains there are no gays in Alabama but George is on the way out as governor and gay activity in his state is on the rise.

In Birmingham, the state's largest city, 1977 brought lots of changes in the bar scene. Big became the word with the opening, first of the Focus Phase II, then The Circus Lounge and finally Belle Watling's. Smaller bars including The Mandate Pub, Chances R and Butch and Nellie's saw their crowds leave for the new and bigger places and closed. Only The Gizmo managed to retain its idenity. It's still a popular cruising spot on afternoons and even though the crowds aren't as large as last year, it still draws well on weekends.

Belle Watling's, usually referred to as just "Belle's" is the latest spot for the boogie set who pack the disco there in the evenings starting around 10:30. The action at their cruise bar picks up earlier or you may want to drop in for lunch. They were serving food in the evenings in their dining room, but at present have discontinued this. The three different rooms, all attractively decorated, make this a favorite spot. The Focus, located a few blocks South, only opens its large disco and show-bar combination on weekends, but the cruise bar is open afternoons starting at 4.

The Circus is the only gay private club in Birmingham and as such is allowed to be open after hours on Saturday night and all day Sunday when the other clubs are closed. Therefore it's definitely the place to go during these times and can be quite good at other times. They feature disco, a large game room and shows on the weekends.

Up in Huntsville, a big new disco palace called J&B'S Yumm Yumm Tree opened a few months back and seems to be drawing the crowds in this part of the state. They are open every day from 6 PM with shows on Thursday through Sunday.

Down in Montgomery, the Rainbow Lounge is now the Rainbow Disco and it continues to dominate the gay scene there. This small friendly place is currently being redecorated, but it's not so much the decorations as the combination of lively up-to-date disco, good shows, and a friendly atmosphere, that draws the crowds here. During this past year they begin serving mixed drinks (in addition to beer and wine) and now open at 4 on week day afternoons. The Dexter Pub, a small restaurant and cruise bar downtown on Dexter Avenue, is still in business but with a recent change in ownership we understand their crowd has gone mostly



Cicely Manchester entertains at Montgomery's Rainbow Disco

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On the southern end of the state, we find three gay bars in Mobile. The newest, The French Quarter, is a small but beautifully decorated bar with shows on weekends and disco every night. The Fireside, another small but attractive place which is just across the parking lot, takes the overflow from the French Quarter. They have no shows so you can boogie there all night long. All the Mobile bars are private clubs, so they can stay open as late as they like and are open on Sundays.

The third bar in Mobile is The Society Lounge. It opens at 11 AM to catch the afternoon crowd and offers shows plus dancing on weekends. It's located just across the street from The Fire-

We keep hearing rumors of gay bars in other cities in Alabama such as Auburn, Dothan and Tuscaloosa. However, whenever we have checked them out, we have found them to be straight places where gays can occassionally be found and not gay bars. But as we said earlier, Alabama is coming out of the closet fast, and by this time next year, gay bars may very well be everywhere.

### ALABAMA

NOTE: All public bars must stop selling liquor at 2am on Saturday night and cannot sell any on Sunday. Private clubs can stay open longer. All sell "full service" (beer, wine & liquor). In Alabama hard-liquor is not sold by the drink, but by the mini-bottle (1/10th of an pint) and prices can be rather steep (\$1.50 and UP).

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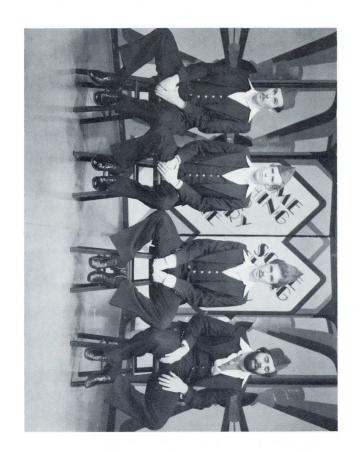
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# PORTRAIT OF MAIRILYN: A TWENTHETH CENTURY IFOX

Written and Illustrated by ROBIN WILLIAM ROBERTS

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Marilyn Monroe. Accurately painting her picture requires the abilities of a special artist: a skilled surrealist, if you will, who is capable of composing the ultimate reality of Marilyn. The methodology of such a task would be an assemblage of all facets of her worlds, both mental and physical, public and private. But the finished portrait would not be one of harmony in its composition or its subject matter. It would certainly show the conflict and disorientation of a bizarre Salvador Dali product -an effort reflecting the moodiness and tension of her life, which was most often in a state of contradiction and insecurity. Marilyn Monroe —America's twentieth century "fox" —remained with us only long enough to appear in a decade's worth of films. Yet she left us with a celluloid image and an over-psychoanalyzed life which are legends by virtue of their effect on our culture, our sociology, and our hearts.





Norma Jean Baker began her life on June 1, 1926, the year that Rudolph Valentino died. Her childhood can only be interpreted in the distortion of heavy runaway charcoal strokes: it was a depressing and traumatic world of foster homes and orphanages, the beginning of an endless search for love. Her relatives carried a legacy of insanity; Norma Jean's first memory is of being nearly suffocated with a pillow by her grandmother, Della Grainger:

"I remember waking from my nap fighting for my life. Something was pressed against my face. It could have been a pillow. I fought with all my strength."

Forever sleep would hold its horror for Marilyn: playwright Arthur Miller, her third husband, would later comment of her insomnia, "Sleep was her demon —the fundamental preoccupation of her life."

Her mother, Gladys Baker, was a negative cutter at Consolidated Film Industries who spent her life in and out of mental institutions. Of her mother, Marilyn noted:

"She seldom spoke to me except to say,
"Don't make so much noise, Norma!" She would
say this even when I was lying in bed at night and
turning the pages of a book. Even the sound of a
page turning made her nervous."

Norma Jean and her mother parted permanently when the child was five years old. The actress would later claim, "I never knew my mother."

The identity of Norma Jean's father is uncertain; Marilyn always believed that her father was C. Stanley Gifford, a Clark Gable lookalike who was employed in the sales department of Consolidated Film Industries.

"When I'd be walking home from school in the rain and feeling bad I'd pretend my father was waiting for me, and that he would scold me for not having worn my rubbers. I didn't own any rubbers. Nor was the place I walked to any kind of a home. It was a place where I worked as a sort of child servant, washing dishes, clothes, floors, running errands and keeping quiet."

Her status as an orphan finally ended at the age of sixteen when she married Jim Dougherty, a liason she likened later to "being retired to a zoo." When Jim joined the Merchant Marine in 1944, Norma Jean went to work in a parachute factory. Men had been attracted to her since early high school days, but this sensual young creature possessed an unexpected indifference to the "embarrassing topic" of sex never discussed by herself and her husband. She described the lonely wife lying awake at night crying: "It was Norma Jean, still alive, still alone, still wishing she were dead."

She divorced Jim Dougherty in Reno at 19 and moved into a room in Hollywood. She instinctively knew to seek out a camera as both a financial and professional resource, and it is with the brightest watercolors that one renders a portrait of this effervescent new photographer's model. Director Billy Wilder would later say, "God gave her everything. The first day a photographer took a picture of her, she was a genius." She was soon the recipient of such titles as "The Girl Most Likely To Thaw Alaska" by soldiers based in the Aleutians. and found her place on the covers of several men's magazines -thanks to a modeling agent. To pay the \$50 monthly payment on a secondhand car. she was the subject of what is today the most famous nude calendar pose ever printed.

RKO studio head Howard Hughes offered her a screen test, but her agent pushed for Twentieth Century Fox. The Fox casting director suggested the aspiring actress formulate a name more glamorous than Norma Dougherty. He recommended "Marilyn," a name her Aunt Grace liked because it fit well with her mother's maiden name, "Monroe." Aunt Grace claimed she had papers that proved Norma's mother was related to President Monroe of the United States. Marilyn gleamed at the idea of being descended from an American President.

"It's a wonderful name. Marilyn Monroe. But I won't tell them about the president. I'll try to make good on my own."





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In terms of money and notoriety, Marilyn Monroe indeed made good. After her appearances in several mediocre films of the late 1940's, she became the protigee of Johnny Hyde, the executive vice-president of the William Morris Agency. Described by the sensitive Marilyn as "the kindest man in the world," he fell in love with the young performer and was responsible for her significant roles as a crooked lawyer's mistress in John Huston's "The Asphalt Jungle" (1950), and her part as Miss Caswell in the classic "All About Eve," voted best picture of 1950 at Hollywood's Academy Award ceremonies. Her performance in the latter film won her a new 7-year contract, which started at \$500 a week and would end at \$1,500 a week. During the filming of "Eve," director Joseph L. Mankiewicz remarked that she was "the loneliest person I'd ever known... spotted at one restaurant or another dining alone... she remained alone."

It was also during this time that Johnny Hyde saw to it that a small lump was removed from the tip of her nose through plastic surgery. Her chin line was strengthened by the addition of cartilage to her jaw during the same operation. An earlier teeth protrusion had been eliminated with the religious use of a retainer while off-camera. Marilyn was Hollywood's best-wrapped package; her co-star in 1951's "Love Nest," June Haver, said that Marilyn had that "electric something." Her "electric something" can be visually percieved as striking and statistically understood as perfect: at the height of 5'6", she weighed 118 pounds and measured 37-23-34.

Watercolor must be abandoned now as the medium used in presenting Marilyn. When acrylic paints dry, their tiny particles combine to form a plastic surface; "Marilyn Monroe"—the cinema's new sex goddess— was acrylic. Incredibly sultry in a tight red satin dress, she performed one of the longest screen walks in history in 1953's "Niagra." Her ultra-glamorous production number "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend" was the highlight of the musical "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," in which she starred with Jane Russell.

It was after these early film successes that Marilyn Monroe first began the deepening and eventually destructive battle between the lucious "Marilyn" and the lost girl Norma Jean. Continuosly plagued by a feeling of emotional and intellectual deficiency, she could be seen on movie sets with books by Tolstoy and Dostoevsky tucked under her arm. She attended night classes in art and literature a UCLA. She yearned to compose a unified mentality and therefore find peace. Norma Jean had spent her life without the knowledge of love; it had become an evasive and distorted goal for her, not clearly defined or understood. She would never find it, because she had never known another way of life but restless searching. The public "loved" Marilyn Monroe, and the persona of "star" allowed the foster child Norma Jean to escape into a latent

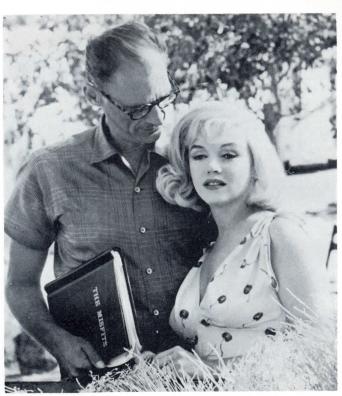
state of unfulfillment. Yet the woman was never able to reconcile the girl Norma Jean and the celebrity Marilyn Monroe to form a solid entity. She made attempts at demolishing the screen characature for which she was adored ("I want to be an artist — not a freak"), but Norma's need for love was too strong and the method of attaining a cheap form of it was too easy.

Baseball star Joe DiMaggio, her reserved and stern second husband, looked on with obvious disapproval as fans screamed at Marilyn during the filming of her famous dress-blowing scene in 1955's "The Seven Year Itch." The film followed her critical raves in "There's No Business Like Show Business," wherein she performed "Heat Wave," a sizzling tropical production number shot through a red filter. But Marilyn rebelled against Hollywood and moved to New York for the purpose of serious development as an actress. She studied the Stanislavskian method and formed her own production company. 1956's "Bus Stop" featured her most acclaimed performance. Her efforts at strengthening the artist were positive -but the human being Norma Jean was gulping pills, alcohol, and threatening the world that if she was not loved she would die. She divorced Joe DiMaggio after nine months of marriage.

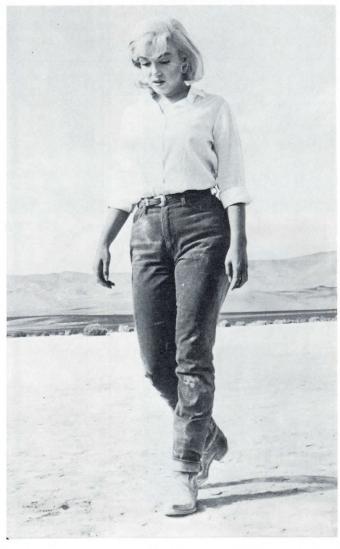
Attempts at Stanislavskian depth were evident in her film with Laurence Olivier, 1957's "The Prince and the Showgirl," an overly long comedy of manners. She appeared slightly heavier in the hilarious "Some Like It Hot," and pasted together in one of her worst films, 1960's "Let's Make Love."

Her third marriage to Arthur Miller finds its position in a strange sociological scheme of events and trends. The controversial writer, blacklisted for possible communist affiliations during McCarthy's "red scare," took an advantageous mate: America's dreamgirl. As their marriage crumbled later, Marilyn, drawn now is soft pastels, struggled through her last completed film, "The Misfits," psychodrama structured especially for her by Miller. The movie's cast reads like an obituary column: Montgomery Clift, Thelma Ritter, and Clark Gable – Marilyn's eternal father image. In the midst of shooting her final film, "Something's Got To Give," she flew to New York to lend her husky rendition of "Happy Birthday" to newly-elected President John F. Kennedy's celebration in Madison Square Garden. She was subsequently fired at 20th Century Fox and her film was shelved.

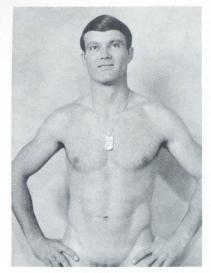
Marilyn Monroe died from an overdose of sleeping pills on August 5th, 1962. Her death at 34 was one in a feverish decade of tragedies. Yet speculation and analysis persist—the speculation which might have saved Marilyn had we constructively excercised the understanding necessary to prevent a decade from going mad.



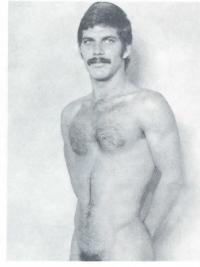
MARILYN and ARTHUR MILLER during location filming of "THE MISFITS."



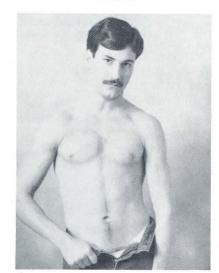
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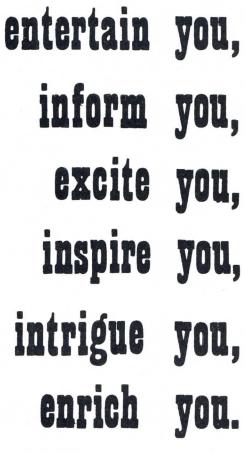
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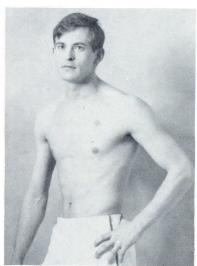
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The 4th Annual "Miss Louisiana Christmas Card" Pageant was held at the Dock in Baton Rouge, La. 2nd Runner-up was Ms. Wildflower. 1st Runner-up went to Christy Love and the Winner was Tracy Snow of Bossier City, Louisiana.

"Miss Gay Houma" was held at The Coral Reef in Houma, Louisiana recently and 2nd Runner-up place went to Bonnie. 1st Runner-up was Tina Louise (didn't she used to star in Gilligan's Island ..?). The winner crowned by the judges was Erica.

"Mr. Gay Baton Rouge" was a hot event staged recently at The Dock in Baton Rouge and the proud winner was Wilbert Le Beauf, Junior. (Is that really his name?!) 1st Runner-up was Bobby Fabian (and he was also named "Mr. Congeniality).

"Miss Baton Rouge" is yet another contest held at The Dock in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and and a young drag with the overwhelmingly original name of "Farrah" won the "Miss Congeniality" award. 1st Runner-up was Ms. Wildflower (he was also a big win-

ner in the 4th Annual "Miss Louisiana Christmas Card" Pageant). The big winner of the evening was Kimberly

"Miss Gay Monroe" contest was held at The Bunny Daye Club, Monroe, La. and the one that walked away with the big prize was: ...who was that lady..?! Oh yes, it was Rosalie!

"Miss Southern Comfort" contest was held at the one and only Southern Comfort Club in Lafayette, La. and the favorite of the evening (and the new "Miss Southern Comfort" is none other than Lilli of Lafayette.

"The Tri-Parrish Entertainer of the Year" awards were held at The Lighthouse in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Tina Louise snatched the top award (she also placed as 1st Runner-up in the recent "Miss Gay Houma" contest). Winning as "Miss Congeniality" was Jessica.

"Miss Montgomery" pageant was held at the Rainbow Disco in Montgomery, Alabama, on November 15th and the queen has been crowned. Joyce Ann Blaze was the favorite of the crowd



Winners pose with Grand Empress of Louisiana. (L to R) Grand Empress I M. Marsha Delain; First Runner-up Christy Love; The Winner Tracy Snow and 2nd Runner-up, Ms. Wildflower.

and, obviously, the favorite of the judges...

"Miss Green Parrot" pageant was held at The Green Parrot Lounge (where else?) in Lakeland, Florida, and Cora Bleu grabbed 2nd Runner-up place AND "Miss Congeniality." 2nd Runner-up was Latonia Nicole and the winner, the new "Miss Green Parrot" is Monica, who was sponsored by the Odds & Ends club in Orlando, Florida.

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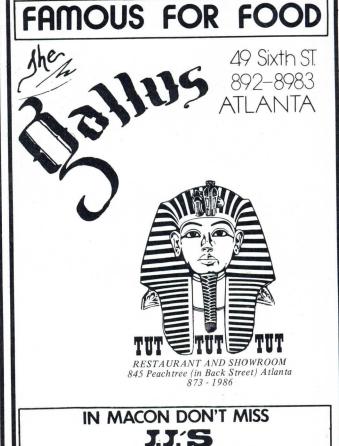
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"Miss Vulcan Contest" — Feb. 11th (9pm) at the Focus Phase II Lounge in Birmingham, Alabama.

"Miss Valentine Sweetheart" Saturday, Feb. 11th (9pm) at The Connection in Johnson City, Tennessee.

"Mr. and Miss Sweetheart" contest: Feb. 14th at The Onyx in Atlanta.

Frank Powell's 6th Annual Bar Awards held Feb. 15th at Frank Powell's restaurant & lounge in Atlanta.

"Mr. Paddock" held Feb. 17th (Fri.) at The Paddock Club, Greenville, NC.

"Miss Gay Central Florida" -Feb. 18 at The Melody Club in Gainesville, Fl.

"Miss Gay Louisiana" – Sunday, Feb. 26th (7pm) at Fat Sam's, 940 Conti St., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Micky Day Special —Feb. 27th at The Onyx in Atlanta, Georgia.

"Mr. Blueboy of Atlanta Pageant" - Feb. 27th at the Magic Garden in Atlanta, Georgia.

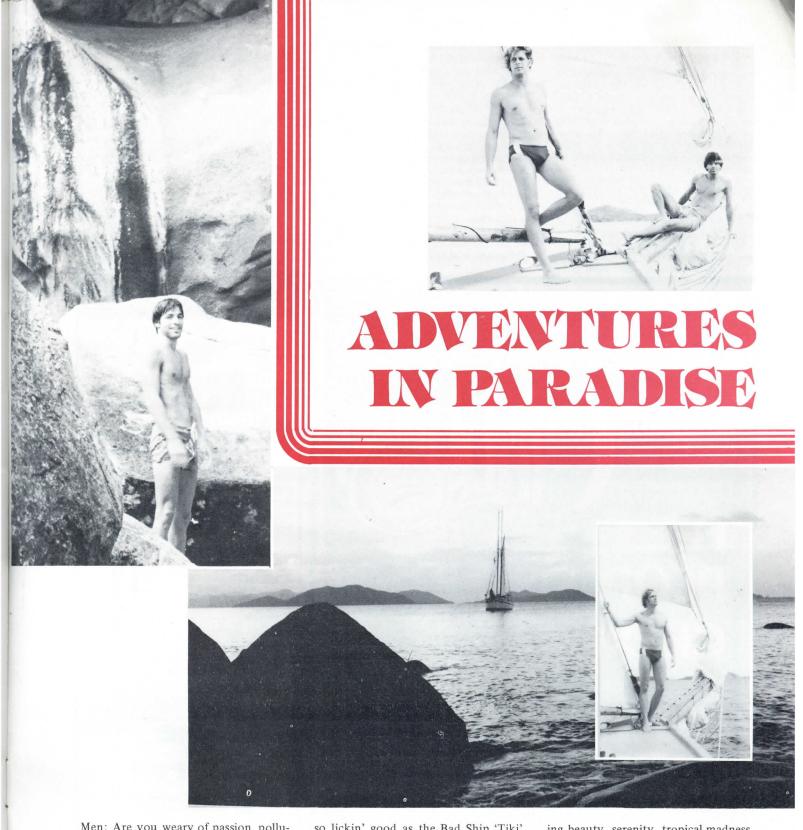
"Mr. Gay Georgia" — coming up in March, 1978 at The Onyx in Atlanta.

"Miss Gay South Carolina" —March 24 at the Municipal Auditorium, sponsored by Lion's Head in Charleston, South Carolina.

"Miss Bayou State" —April 7th & 8th at C'est La Guerre in Lafayette, La. (That's an interesting name for a Gay bar. It means "That's war...")

"Miss Gay Peach State" – May 18th at The Sweet Gum Head in Atlanta, Ga.

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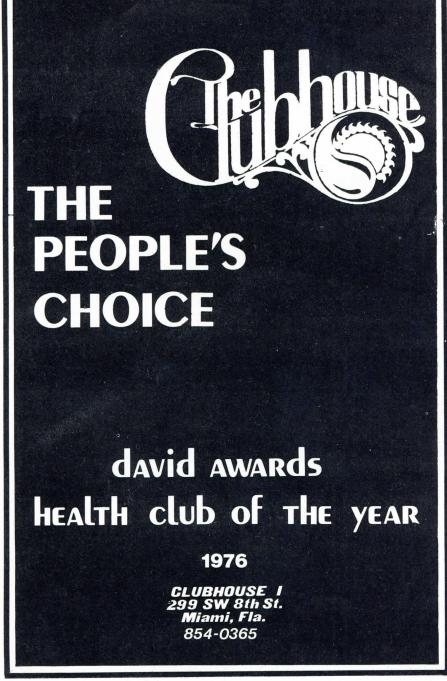
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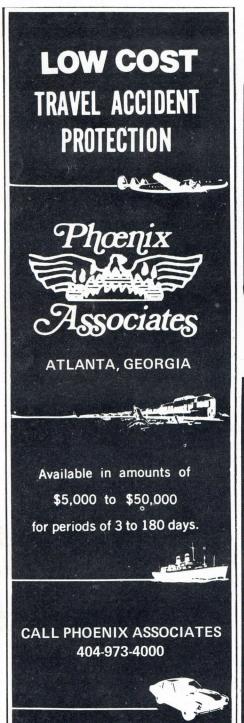
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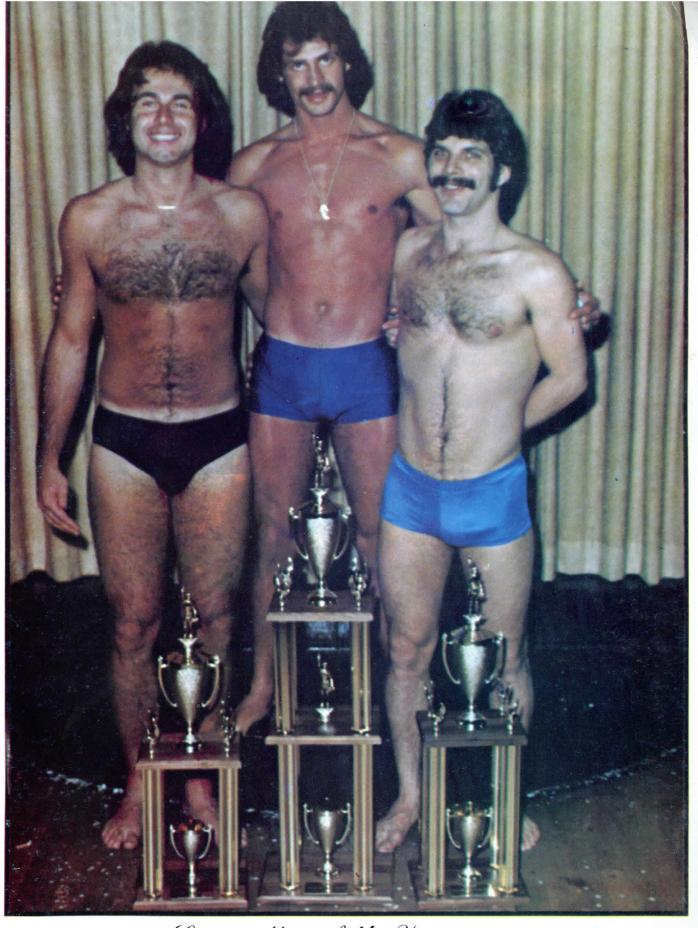


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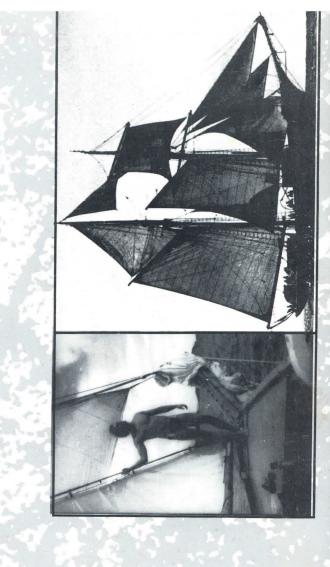
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