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Saturday and Sunday, April 10th and 11th, Miss Gay Texas 1976 opens at the Old Plantation Club in Houston. 1976 promises to be the most successful year ever for the Pageant as over 39 contestants will be competing for the title of Miss Gay Texas.

For the first time in the four year history of the Pageant, Miss Gay Texas is independently being sponsored by the Nuntius and has no affiliation with any bars in the State of Texas.

Contestants competing in this year's contest represent cities and towns from every region in Texas. Waco, El Paso, Laredo, and Austin will have their towns represented for the first time. And representatives from San Antonio, Houston, Ft. Worth, Dallas, and Corpus Christi will once again converge on Houston for this annual event.

All reserved seating for the Pageant has been sold out, but plenty of good standing room will be available at the door.

Preliminary judging for Miss Gay Texas will begin at 3 p.m. on Saturday with competition in sportswear and gown. The official starting time of the Pageant will be 8:30 p.m. both nights.

This year's hosts for the yearly extravaganza will be Arkansas' Tuna Starr, and the Old Plantation's Jennifer George and Ernestine. Special entertainment will be provided throughout the Pageant by Norma Kristie, Miss Gay America 1971, Reyna Turner, Miss Gay Universe 1974, Shan Coviington, Miss Gay America 1975, Houston's own E. D. Lloyd, Shan non Forrestor, Miss Gay Texas 1974, and other surprise guests.

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FROM THE EDITOR

The big event of the year has arrived in Houston, that is Miss Gay Texas 1976, of course! Texas will be filled (or from all over the Lone Star State as well as out of state) with thousands of visitors for the annual awards. Houston's Old Plantation is the site of the Pageant and the newly built bar should provide the most elaborate setting for the event ever.

Don't forget that the Houston MCCA will be showing that all time movie hit The Gay Deceivers on April 17th. It's a movie not to be missed!

In Dallas town, the Old Plantation is underway with building its new location. We should be seeing that new ritz spot by early June.

Those of you asking who the uniformed men are outside of the Bayou Landing - they now have uniformed police security for your safety and protection. Two Dallas Police Sergeants, no less!

Things across the Southwest look fairly slow until after Miss Gay Texas. Of course, the following weekend is not only Easter, but FIESTA in San Antonio as well.

Til next week.

E. D.'s

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Navy P.O.W. Camps

The U.S. Navy has confirmed that at least two enlisted men died as a result of simulated torture experiences in the Navy's secret P.O.W. training camps. The camps -- known as "survival, evasion, resistance, and escape schools" (SERE for short) -- have been operate at remote locations within the United States for the past 15 years.

The Navy, until recently, has refused to say anything about them, or even confirm that such camps existed. Several former officers, however, have described them as rigorous P.O.W. finishing schools where Navy recruits are sent for five days to learn about the potential horrors of being captured in action.

Witnesses say that camp guards, although Americans, dress in Chinese or Vietnamese uniforms speak in Oriental dialects, lock the recruits in tiger cages, administer tortures, play Oriental music at loud volumes, and generally attempt to crack the recruits psychologically.

A Navy lieutenant, Wm. Ball Young, filed a $15 million (dollar) suit against the Navy last month, alleging that his back was broken and his career as a flyer ruined as a result of a beating in one of the camps.

The Navy, in response to Young's suit, now confirms that at least two men died during SERE training -- one man reportedly suffocating in a tiger cage-like cell and the other the victim of a heart attack during a forced cross-country march.

However, the Navy says the P.O.W. schools will continue -- arguing they are the best method to prepare flyers to withstand the rigors of being a P.O.W.

Cover Boy

This issue's Cover Boy is Franco. Born and reared in Milan, Italy, Franco makes his first Trans-Atlantic crossing via the Nuntius.

Franco plans on coming to the United States this July and help celebrate the Bi-Centennial. And from the looks of Franco, we can't think of a better way to celebrate anything!

S. B. ONE FAILING

The New York Times reports that, the controversial bill which would revise the entire federal criminal code -- known as "Senate Bill One" -- appears doomed in the current session of Congress.

The 799 page bill has been attacked by many civil libertarians who claim it amounts to an American "official secrets act."

The bill, among other things, imposes tough criminal sanctions against persons who leak or publish any government secrets.

The Times reports that conservative and liberal senators -- headed by John McClellan and Edward Kennedy -- were near to working out a compromise on new "S. I" wording when an internal memo "blew up" the compromise.

The memo was written and released publicly by senate leaders Mike Mansfield and Hugh Scott. According to the Times the memo virtually ordered the liberal and conservative senators to "break the impasse", and Mansfield and Scott then took credit for any headway in the compromise session.

The Times says the memo has infuriated everyone's position," and that, as a result, S. I now appears almost certain to die in committee.

LOVE YOUR SISTER?

A special Swedish government committee, in a surprisingly frank report, has recommended that all laws against incest -- that is, sex between brother and sister or child and parent -- be abolished.

The committee, composed of seven experts in medicine, sexual research, and law, recommended to Swedish Parliament that all incest -- except relations between an adult and a young boy or girl under his or her care -- should be permitted in Sweden.

The committee said it reviewed most ethical and generic reasons for forbidding incest and had "not found these reasons of such importance that they would justify continued legal prohibition."

The seven experts also recommended that sexual intercourse be legally permitted as early as age 14, and that the word "homosexual" be banned from legislation dealing with sex, so that all homosexuals would be treated in the same manner as heterosexuals.

FEMINISTS SNUFFING "SNUFF"

Groups of New York feminists are attempting to stop the showing in Times Square of the controversial movie, Snuff. Snuff purports to show the real-life murder and dismemberment of an unsuspecting woman actress on the screen. Most critics who have seen the film report that the so-called real-life murder is actually a poorly done fake.

However, several feminists groups have lodged complaints with New York City and federal officials, contending that the movie presents the idea of a woman being murdered on the screen as a titillating thing.

The women's groups say they are afraid that Snuff could create a demand for the real thing and that actresses may yet be murdered on camera.
DEAR AUNT SOFA:

What happened to the picture you used to run with your column? All that is ever at the top of your column is the usual symbol. Also, are the rumors true about your going into show business?

ADVISE:

As far as the picture goes, you'll have to check with our esteemed editor about that. She's the old boy that decides which material goes into each week's paper. I must admit that the picture does dress up the page quite a bit. As to your question about my going into show business - I've been in show business for years! A lot of it I can't discuss in this publication, but your dear old Auntie has been around!

Aunt Sofa answers questions weekly in the Nuntius. If you have any questions or comments for Aunt Sofa, please write Aunt Sofa, e/o Nuntius, 4615 Mt. Vernon, Houston, Texas 77006.

MARRIAGE OF TRANSEXUAL RULED LEGAL.

Marriage between a transsexual and a person of the opposite sex is valid as long as the transsexual tells the partner about the sex change operation, according to the New Jersey Supreme Court. The panel also ruled that should the marriage break up, the transsexual is entitled to support payments.

The ruling by the Appellate Court Division of Superior Court came in the case of an unidentified estranged wife (born a male but given a female body through a sex change operation) who sued her husband for alimony.

The appeals court, upholding the Bergen County trial court decision, said the woman was a female in the eyes of the law at the time of the marriage ceremony.

Therefore, the court ruled, a union between a "man and woman" took place and the marriage was valid.

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BOY OH BOY DOLLS!

In this liberated age, two of America's biggest toymakers are rushing out baby boy dolls that come complete with a male organ.

Mattell and Ideal both report that their fully-complete baby boy dolls will be on the market by June.

The two companies, however, may be aiming for different markets: Mattell reports its doll is uncircumcised while Ideal's is circumcised.

BEATTY IN "HARD CORE"

Warner Brothers is reportedly putting together a film called Hard Core which could become the first movie by a major Hollywood studio to capture explicit sex acts on film.

Warner Brothers has signed Warren Beatty for the lead role but Beatty will not be involved in any X-rated scenes. Instead, the plot will revolve around Beatty, who plays the part of a father who attends a porno flick.

The father reportedly recognizing his daughter as acting in the hard-core film, and he then attempts to track her down in the Los Angeles porno underground.

FAT IS HEALTHY

A London psychiatrist is reporting that being fat may not be so unhealthy after all.

Doctor A. H. Crisp, a London medical school professor, says he has found that fat people are much less anxious and depressed than others in the general population.

Doctor Crisp reports giving a standard psychological exam to 739 middle aged women and men. 238 of the subjects were at least 40 per cent overweight.

Crisp says that his portly subjects were at least 40 per cent less anxious and depressed than the others in the study.

The doctor suggests that overeating consoles people with anxieties, and that fat people may not be beautiful, but they are content.
personals

G-197 - Deer Park - Houston housewife would like to meet local, ca. bi, gay, girls for fun, sex, pleasurable experiences and friendship. I'm new to bi ways, but eager. 5', 100, 24-25-30. Married but husband will be present only if desired. Will answer only those with photo and phone. Must be discreet.

B-251 Houston Young, looking guy interested in meeting other guys who are in the lifestyle. Photo and description will get you same.

B-252 Corpus Christi Writer, 49, white wishing to someone that is equal, sincere and needs companionship. Want guys 19-29. Send photo and phone. I'm a bi male 22, 6', 165, brown hair, hazel eyes, tall and slim. I would like to meet other attractive men, 31-35 who are intelligent, gentle and who would be interested in all types of interesting adventures and ideas. I would also like to know about your background, interests and activities, also a good description of yourself.

B-316 Dallas W/m 24, blonde, 6', 170, 165, would like to meet young w/m 20-30. Nice looking and interested in antiques that are period and design. No s/m or fems. Discretion always Fond of dark hair w/m. May consider room mate with or without bond.

B-319 Dallas Love to watch you J/O in person or film or pictures Turn me on! Also Greek active French passive. Send SASE for reply and fun literature. I'm waiting. I'm blonde, blue eyes, relatively smooth and rather hung. You could do a lot worse.

B-350 El Paso New to area 23, 6'2", 190, brown hair, blue eyes interested in meeting hairy and hung dudes throughout the southwest for hot and horny times. Especially construction workers, jocks, G.I.'s. Can travel. Into French, German and light s/m with right person. Not interested in serious affair, just handy sex. If interested reply with photo and phone so we can get it on.

B-331 Houston Experienced master wanted. I'm new to area, new to gay scene and am seeking an intelligent, good looking well built individual who can lead me into light s/m, b/d and hot sex. Prefer slim athletic types 20-25 who are strong, confident and masculine. I'm a bi male 22, 6', 165 attractive, brown hair and moustache and very athletic. Please send photo.

B-331 Houston Black model 22, 6', 170, well hung, versatile, hot to go travel, free most any time. Write me now!

B-284 Dallas I'm 6'1", 19, 155, blonde, fairly attractive, very stndent. Dependable, tired of bar scene, looking for friends or lover. Seeking someone to share my life with, who is handsome, bad, good build, who loves sex and just living life happily, content with the person you love. Like quiet evenings alone with each other. Have been hurt when I fell in love, so please be sincere all answered. Send phone, address or photo.

B-301 El Paso Two young guys looking for some out of town fun. Have roomy apartment will share for weekly end with right person. We are both 25 and enjoy active/passive French and Greek. Also into theater, music, art. If passing through our area we promise to show you a good time (in more ways than you can imagine) If interested please send your photo and phone.

B-309 Houston W/m 29, considered good looking, would like to meet Greek active males between 18-21. Prefer smooth bodies and well hung. Please send photo and phone if possible.

B-294 Ft Worth 6'3", 185, brown hair, hazel eyes, well built considered very handsome, enjoys basketball, football, tennis, swimming. Looking for both friend or lover. Send photo if possible. Would like to meet gay fems,atti, good for all Texas. Please write Will answer all.

B-342 Laredo B-321 Houston Bisexual looking university dude 26, 5'11", 160, 8 1/2" makes good escort to theatre, dinner etc. Well built dark brown eyes and hair would like to meet other guys from same area or write to others. Send photo in the raw, no drugs, fems freaks or s/m. Please your honesty gets my foto and quick reply.

G-125 Female mid 50's wishes to hear from women of similar age. No men. Heavy set "hatch" gentle and considerate. Enjoy a good life style, non drinker, easy going, well educated, hard worker. Possibility of some travel.

misc.

In addition to Left Handed (the best reviewed film of the year) Hand In Hand Films is now releasing the best scenes from Drive, Adam & Yves, The Erotic Films of Peter De Rome. The Night Before, Everything Goes, and Good Girl, Bad Girl. Stuff. Over 18? Write for brochure please enclose SASE. Hand In Hand Films, Dept. AD 1, 1697 Broadwy, N.Y., N.Y. 10019

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