NIGHT OF TERROR FOR GAY PAIR
Farmhouse owner beaten and robbed

SCOTTIE HARBERS

HOUSTON - Monday, October 16, at 3:30 in the morning Gene Howel and his lover Lynn Gainey were returning from closing the Farmhouse. Gene armed with his pistol was walking into the apartment when a man in a ski mask knocked the gun from his hand and made him lie on the floor. Lynn was still outside locking the car, the man then called out to him that if he wanted to live he better get in the apartment. The man then made Gene and Lynn crawl up the stairs, Gene turned his head as he reached the top of the stairs, and the man then struck him over the right eye causing a wound that required stitches to close the patch.

Their eyes were then covered with several tightly wrapped loops of surgical tape. After the victims eyes were covered the robber called in another person. They then bound the hands and feet of the pair with the same type tape. They gagged Lynn with tape and began asking Gene what various items in the apartment were worth. They soaked Lynn's feet in what they said was gasoline and threatened to set fire to them if they did not get more money but they did not get more money but finally they were satisfied that they had all that was there.

During the hour and a half that the two were in the apartment they used a butcher knife to "find out how loud the pair could scream." They beat both Gene and Lynn, causing cuts and bruises on both and leaving Gene with a broken ear drum.

The pair left after making sure that both Gene and Lynn were firmly bound, and that the telephones were torn out of the walls. The robbers took $4,000.00 in cash and about $2,000.00 in personal property.

Lynn was the first to get free; he then freed Gene and they went for help. After two hours in the emergency room at St. Joseph's Hospital Gene and Lynn were released with stitches closing the wounds.

Mr. Howel stated that he has a good idea as to who the two men were and how they knew that he had just recently moved. Each time he rides home now he knows that something like this could happen again. Precautions have been taken and he has increased his security. Mr. Howel feels sure that someone paid these men to abduct and rob him.

Who is the person or persons that would do or cause to be done actions of this type?

We at the NUNTIUS join the Gay community in the hope that the responsible parties are brought soon to justice and that there is no reoccurrence of this happening again.

ZOIDSAC BALL II

Anyone can have problems, but sponsors of Dallas' 2nd annual Zodiac Halloween Ball had more than they deserved. But our loveable drag queens and good ol' gay unity somehow managed to save the show.

The lobby of Dallas' staid ol' Hotel Adolphus was crammed with people. As the queens and gents arrived they put in their eyeballs a workout as gay ladies and gents arrived in costumes as lavish as those used in an old 1943 MGM musical. Some queens, on the arms of their handsome escorts, arrived at the entrance of the Hotel in limousines, others came in modest Volkswagen vans.

Volkswagen and less impressive cars. One extremely beautiful drag arrived in a beat-up 1956 pickup truck! But she and the others entered the lobby as regally as the Queen Mother of England would have. God Save The Queens!

However, once inside the ballroom, the party was beset with last minute problems. It seems the band, without notice, decided they didn't want to play for queers. This band cancelled about 4 p.m. Another band was engaged on such short notice, the leader stating that they would be there at 8 p.m. sharp. They finally appeared at 11p.m.

Nova Brenard, winner of Miss Grand Ball, Best Dress and runner-up to Best Professional at the Zodiac Ball in Dallas also appeared in contests in Houston, her hometown.

At the Hi Kamp, she was first runner-up to Miss Ill Kamp, at the Greensleeves she was Miss Greensleeves.

This was also the second year running that she won the title of Miss Continental Showcase. The last award is given for the best of all contestants at the Continental Showcase Club, a straight club in Houston. This young man was the winner of Miss Houston last year and has captured five trophies and titles this year.

His real name is Joseph Richard Bernard and is a hospital orderly in one of Houston's Hospitals. Joseph is 25 years old and has been appearing in "drag" since he was 22 years old.

His first appearance was on Labor Day 1971 at the Gold Room in Houston. Since that time he has appeared at the Exile, The Scene I, and the Greensleeves.
MONTROSE GAZE NEEDS YOU

After months of hard work and many hassles the Montrose Gaze Community Center opened October 28 with out a hitch. The center, located in the old House of Hope Mission for Alcoholic women, at 1616 Fairview has been working on the center for some two weeks and the results is a building that they can be proud of. The organizers expected a turn out of the sort that people for their costume Grand Opening Ball. The party started at 2 p.m. with Don Sanders, a local folk singer providing the usual good music. After the singing the crowd mingled and wandered in and out for the next few hours with new people showing up to find out what a community center was. The center was closed down for an hour to let the workers get ready for the dance that night.

The dance attracted more than the expected crowd. It is truly surprising the number of young gays that were there who are too young to legally get into the bars. As the number of people grew, so did the general feeling of to­longing. The center held its at­traction and people of all the Gay community with what is becoming red trim. The interior is a tasteful restoration of the house which needs much more work. With the juke box in the dining room of the old nine room home, it makes a small room and a larger room of the destined to be the meeting room for the group. The lower level will be the main attraction for the younger people, with two pin ball machines and a pool table it is going to be very popular in the days to come. If you visit the center be sure it was a nice calm quiet person and from the other a red faced harlot. They all won, but the winner was the entire Gay community having a good time with the gays and girls mixing in grand community spirit.

The building is located at the corner of Fairview and Whitney. It is an old two story white structure with what is becoming red structure. The upstairs five rooms and a larger room designed to be the meeting room for the center, and for this the committee conducted the contest with a raffle which could not help bring to mind the strick­ing resemblance of her to Shelly Winters.

The Farmhouse in Houston were at the table with this beautiful entertainer and with understanding supported her statement completely. With the support of Mr. Howel and his more than generous donation of $100 to the prize money already posted for the Ball was welcomed by the contest­ants and the Ball sponsors alike. Support from men such as this Houston club operator is very much appreciated by all.

Police Harassment

On Haloween night my friend, Gerald, and I donned costumes belittling the evening trick or treating on the neighborhood and then later going to public bars and restaurants in the city. Our costumes were neither illegal, immoral or indecent and one should be able to wear such clothing at any time without fear of ridicule or harassment.

After the evening was over (or so we thought) I drove Gerald to his apartment in Braes Heights (which apartment building incidentally) and parked at the curb on the street while we finished a conversation which was under­way. Within two or three minutes a City of Houston Police car drove up and the occupants proceeded to question us. I was asked about a single empty beer can which was in an insulator and sitting in a folderboard carrier and I told them the contents had been consumed at another location earlier in the evening. The officers were quite preoccupied with our clothing and they asked many questions con­cerning why we were dressed as we were and why we spent smart aleck remarks about our appearance. After awhile both he and I were "sus­pecting" after hours in public (a public place) of harassment. This happened in front of the residence of Gerald in a quiet residential neighborhood. At the police station while my personal possessions were being taken from me two police officers called me a queer and then made further derogatory remarks when I did not respond to their harass­ment. The following statement was made to me by an off­icer concerning the ethnic group whose native costume he wore: "We don't like ----'s around here."

The offenses we were charged with are not true and furthermore the accusations and derogatory remarks made by the officers involved regarding sexual pre­ferences and mode of dress have nothing to do whatsoever with the accused person's background.

To me the entire affair is very clearly a case of police harass­ment.

R.V.
It was a warm October, Saturday afternoon with big black thundershowers dotting the Houston skyline. On a softball diamond on Fairview, fifty members of the community were engaged in a softball game. The rivalry, it seems, was confined to the playing field; with the entire company having a great time.

The men's team comprised of some noteworthy people such as Paul S., the Farmhouse, Joe and Mike A., Mary's and other various interests. Bill, the catcher on the men's team who seemed young enough to be attending the elementary school in the same block. "Easy Out" Joe pitched the men's team to a 38-8 victory over the girls team. The final score is still in doubt, it seems that the umpire, Al, has trouble counting over ten without taking his shoes off. The girls team had trouble finding the ball with a beer can in one hand, but all in all, who cares that much about winning. It's how you play the game that counts, and the girls game was a sight. Pitch hitting on the girls team was Ron Waters, Democratic candidate for the 32nd District, State House position. Ron's hitting wasn't enough to help the girls but the girls are doing everything to help Ron carry the Montrose-Heights area in the upcoming election.

After having been soundly upset, the girls concentrated to playing another game. The second game of "mixed teams" rounded out an afternoon of fun for everyone. With the score of 38-8 it seemed like a football game, considering the beautiful people in the game a "touch" football game seems just the thing. The game was sponsored by The Montrose Gaze and is just one of the fine social activities they plan to give you.

**GAY YOUTH ASK FOR FUNDS**

A grant proposal asking for $2,000.00 for Model Cities funds was recently presented to the Youth Division of the Seattle Mayor's Office by the Gay Youth of Seattle. The funds are requested for the establishment of a Gay Youth Services center and six-month salaries for a center director and secretary. The request was stimulated by the recent closing of the Seattle Gay Community Center and the increasing need for professional services providing counseling, recreation, and job and home placements for Gay persons under 20. The project is being sponsored by Stonewall.

Rice is coordinating efforts of Gay young people to get involved with the project. Those interested in helping should contact him at 323-4570.

**Girls form group**

A lesbian feminist study group is being planned in Houston. Gay women who are interested in participating in this group may receive more information by calling The Montrose Gaze Community Center at 528-9069.

The Center is open at 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sunday.
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Nov. 8 Gay Guide to Hawaii
FREE CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE

The FREE CHURCH of DALLAS, pastored by Bob Jones who ministers to both gay and straight communities, was burned out of its home in the early morning hours of Tuesday, October 10th. The church unfortunately has no insurance. Some say it was a case of arson.

The apparent arsonist burned a hole in the outside of the two-story frame building at 2515 Reagan that housed the Free Church, creating a draft which engulfed the wooden building in flames. Amateurs usually try to burn the whole building by sprinkling gas all around it, resulting in smoke damage but little real damage.

A trail of gasoline was spread to the middle of the yard next door as a safty measure for the apparent arsonist. The trail was ignited, possibly with a delayed fuse for a getaway, and spread quickly to the spot on the house which was well-doused with gasoline. There were no footprints since the apparent arsonist did not step in the mud around the house.

Pastor Jones was preparing for bed when he noticed a glow on the side of the house. "I thought I had forgotten to put out a light," said the long-haied minister. But when he investigated, he saw the side of the house on fire and the burning trail into the neighbor's yard.

He quickly extinguished the blaze with a garden hose and retired after nervously checking the street periodically for suspicious behavior.

About 3:30 a.m., Rev. Jones was awoken by another Free Church resident with the building in flames. Both dived through a window to safety.

Fire Department investigators theorized that an ember ignited the fire a second time, creating a fiery inferno. However, they do not rule out the possibility that the arsonists came back to finish the job.

The Fire Department asked Jones and Bill May, another Free Church official, to take lie detector tests to see if they had set the fire themselves for publicity.

Jones and May both agreed to take polygraph tests if a test were also given to Department of Public Safety agent Bob Hardin. Hardin has threated Jones in several raids he has conducted.

Both May and Jones passed their tests, proving in effect that they knew nothing about the fire's origin. It is not known at this time what the results of Hardin's test were, or even if he took a polygraph test.

When asked about the identities of their enemies, Free Church Officials named only the Dallas police. Police are known to maintain closer than normal surveillance on the Free Church, but were noticeably absent the night of the fire.

Alan

Another Loss For Gays

One of the best written publications in America is gone. THE LADDER, started in 1906 by the Daughters of Bilitis, was the nation's oldest continuously published homosexual publication.

In a farewell editorial, Gene Damon wrote, "For those of you who have supported us by word, deed, and money, as well as by writing for these pages, we simply wish the best in the future."

"For those of you who have casually read us through the years, indeed sometimes intending to subscribe but not ever quite getting around to it, we wish you whatever you deserve and leave it to your own consciences to decide just what that might be."

The gay movement is 22 years old. We are winning, but freedom will come only when we deserve it. As of now, too few lend a hand; too many merely complain. The NUNTIUS finds itself in somewhat of a similar situation. If the support is not there, the need for the publication and its goals are not helpful to a minority such as the Gay Community. For an individual to continue to subsidize this paper is out of the question as these funds and energies are limited. Your support is needed -- won't you try so that we may continue in some small way to help better the conditions under which we are now compelled to live.
Gaze Members on KPFT

Three members of the Montrose Gaze appeared on the Wednesday afternoon talk show on Pacifica. The subject was to have been Gay bars, but the non-experts decided that this would be a good time for the statement of the personal views of each person. They were quick to admit that the bars are not the best atmosphere to meet and get to know people but in the same breath it was also stated that the bars had a place in Gay life and that they did indeed serve a need of the Gay community.

Wade Fry while ready to condemn the bars because "they promoted sex without real knowledge of the person involved," he also stated that he "was a regular customer of the baths which promotes sex for sex sake."

Sex is a natural function of the human body so why is the Gay bar an issue? Some feel that the bars make an unusually high profit. The Gay bars offer much more than the straight bars. Naturally the individuals who own the bars are in business for a profit, but they are also quick to support the community. As an example of the

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

No Way’ for Gay Marriage, Durant Officials State

DURANT, Okla. ... "No Way."

That quick and emphatic declaration by Special Judge David Kelly ended a tour of Bryan County officials by three girls in what apparently was a serious attempt to stage an all-girl wedding.

Durant has acquired a reputation as a marriage mill for quickie weddings over the years, but this was one that didn’t make it.

Three girls who said they were from Arkansas appeared in the busy marriage parlor of Beall Nix and asked what license was required for a wedding. Nix, seeing no prospective bridegroom, thought he was being kidded.

"Oh, a fishing license or just about any kind of license will do," he said, going along with the joke.

He thought the blonde in blue jeans and a sorority sweatshirt asked if a driver’s license would do, then added, "Do you ever marry any gay people?"

"Most of the people I marry are gay," Nix joked. But the blonde declared they were ready, then, for the wedding.

When Nix asked about the other half of the partners-to-be, the blonde pointed to "a very, very pretty brown-haired girl" sitting in an auto outside.

"It isn’t a he," the girl replied, "it’s a her.

"I’m going along with the joke," Nix replied. "I want some sort of ceremony, so can’t you just say one for us?"

Nix was a justice of the peace in the boom days of Durant’s marriage mill operation, and now holds a minister’s license.

"I just don’t have a ceremony that fits your case," he said.

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Poll indicates little support for Gay rights

Houston Gay Political Committee

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Houston Gay Political Committee, along with some members of Gay Liberation, polled candidates for the Texas Legislature for Harris County. Also polled were the Texas gubernatorial candidates. Unfortunately there were very few favorable replies. We believe many candidates who do support the gay rights issue hesitate to declare their position publicly for fear of alienating anti-gay voters. However, we cannot accept secret verbal replies. Should that candidate be elected, that same fear of alienating the anti-gay voter would affect his/her support of gay issues in Austin.

We do not endorse any candidates. Our policy is to encourage members of the gay community to make their choices on the basis of available information. Election day is November 7th. The Houston Gay Political Committee questionnaire posed these questions:

(1) Do you support repeal of Texas’ sodomy law?
(2) Would you use your influence to help stop discriminatory harassment of homosexuals by means of catch-all laws such as those relating to loitering or vagrancy?
(3) Would you support the right of a place of business serving a primarily homosexual clientele to operate without discriminatory harassment of either management or customers?
In a case which may be indicative of a modification of its traditional policies of excluding homosexuals from Federal employment, the U.S. Civil Service Commission, on September 28, reversed the proposed removal, one-year debarment, and disqualification action against George A. Strasser, of Riverdale, Maryland, a GS-11 Computer Programmer at the Government Printing Office (GPO) in Washington, D.C.

Strasser, aged 30, commenced work at the GPO in August, 1971. He had received a General Discharge Under Honorable Conditions from the Army in 1969 because of admitted homosexuality.

On July 27, 1972, when Strasser was still in his probationary year as a Federal employee, following an interview by Civil Service Commission investigators on July 20, he received a letter from the Civil Service Commission, directing his removal from his position, debarment from Federal Employment for one year, and other­wise disqualifying him (all subject to administrative appeal) on the grounds that:

"After carefully considering all of the facts, including your statements, we have decided that you do not meet the suitability requirements for employment in the competitive Federal Service under the provisions of Section 731.201 of the Civil Service Regulations because of immoral conduct."

Official records show that effective October 18, 1969, you received a general discharge under honorable conditions from the United States Army as a result of your statement that you had been having episodic homosexual contacts since early childhood.

In a recent series of court decisions, to make the inquiries which it had made in regard to Strasser’s sexual activities, etc., etc.

The Commission, from the agency’s point of view, was by its filing of a complaint against Strasser’s conduct in a way to foreclose all future action against Strasser, whether from the Commission’s right, or from the judicial level.

This seems effectively to foreclose all future action against Strasser, whether from the Commission’s right, or from the judicial level.

Whether this case is simply a unique aberration on the Commission’s part, precipitated by the agency’s strong opposition, or whether it represents a backing off from the policies of at least two decades will be shown in the next several weeks and months, when action by the Commission is forthcoming on several other pending cases (both at the administrative and the judicial levels) and the Commission’s long-promised policy finally appears (or clearly is not going to appear).
Because of the drain in financial and manpower resources, which we must expend in this fight...
Socli, their are no words to describe this talent. NUNTIUS PHOTO

Judges at the Farmhouse.

Gene and Kitty

Tina Minali: second runner-up to Best Professional. Gene point got her from being in a tie with Dushell.

Dushell, Best Professional, accepting her share of the $100 in prize money.

Sudan: Second and First runner-up and Best Costume: Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy.

Southern Gays Plan Meet

The gay movement today is in retreat. A year or so ago, many gays were shouting, “Out of the closets and into the streets!” Now, it appears, the acceptance of traditional gay roles is spreading throughout the gay ghetto.

It’s clear that the gay movement must seek new political strategies if it is to survive. There can be no substitute for organized gay women and men fighting for the quality of their lives. At the same time, emphasis in the movement has been put on “liberated” life-style counter cultures has resulted in retreat from struggle.

We can’t forget that most gays face the same problems as almost everyone else. Our special oppression as gays derives from the fact that the broad mass of people in the society are being exploited. By linking our special demands to broader demands, we can be a catalyst to hasten fundamental social change.

For example: We demand an end to job discrimination against gays. But we should also demand jobs for all specially oppressed groups, particularly blacks, and further, jobs for all! We demand an end to the torture of gays in mental hospitals; we demand a reversal of society’s attitude towards mental illness. We demand that gays not be imprisoned or beaten; they are gay to win this we must demand an end to an unjust penal system. We demand a reversal of the image of gay people being taught in schools;

this entails change in a school system which prepares the mass of people for their own exploitation. An end to sexist roles; equal job opportunities and wages for women and abortions on demand. All this involves a long struggle. The short cuts are meaningless games.

Local gay organizations are essential, but just as essential are active regional and national organizations. The South can lead in this respect, by forming a regional organization which can effectively fight for our demands in every Southern state. This regional organization can also foster the communication among groups which is needed, and it can help create new local groups. We can, and must, change history.

You are invited to join in the beginning of a new stage of the gay movement.

The Founding Convention will be November 10, 11, and 12, 1972 at Athens, Georgia.

The purpose of this convention is to write the constitution for a Southern organization of gay militants and to elect whatever leadership is called for to activate a formulated program.

Voting Delegates will be any resident of the South who attends, they will have a voice in the creation of the constitution and voting rights. The South is defined as the following states: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas. Participants should bring proof of residency. Observers from elsewhere are invited, the convention will have to vote on whether or not observers have speaking rights.

Members of the Gay Education Committee of Athens will provide free sleeping space for as many as possible. Bring Sleeping bags!

Most likely, there will not be enough free space for everyone. If you can afford a hotel or motel room, you can either come and take a chance on getting one, or better still, you can write or phone your hostesses Ricci & Rita

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Morris Knight Joins Gay Prisoners

WALLA WALLA, WASH. - The National Gay Prisoners Coalition welcomes Mr. Morris Knight to its organization as one of the NGPC National Sponsors. Mr. Knight, as many of us are aware, is one of our more progressive leaders within the National-International Liberation movement. Mr. Knight is also on the Board of Directors of the Gay Community Services Center in Seattle, Wa.

Anyone wishing a copy of the NGPC report, which is a detailed report on the functions of the National Gay Prisoners Coalition, can obtain a copy by writing to Mr. William Du Bay, Stonewall Training Center, 4016-37th Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98118. Mr. Du Bay, who is working with the NGPC on the citizens advisory board as director of Half-Way House Affairs, is Vice-President of the Stonewall Training and Treatment Centers located in Seattle, Wa.

I, as director of the NGPC wish to offer my sincere thanks to Mr. Don Gustavson for the beautiful job he has done in the NGPC report, preparing them and getting them ready for mailing. Thank you Don.

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THE PRODIGAL, 10/15/1972 ---

Several questions have been posed recently on a special subject of interest to gays, to the M.D. on the MCC's personal service committee has come out of his closet once again to get to the bottom of several questions regarding anal intercourse (pun intended).

As the name implies anal intercourse is the insertion of the penis into the anus of a sex partner. Other words for this act include pederasty, pedicatio, buggery, and sodomy. Rejection and resistance to this act by some people probably stems from early toilet training (doesn't everything move?) when our parents brought us up to think of toilets and feces as revolting, dirty objects. Actually, the mouth is dirtier than the rectum (in terms of bacteria) and the rectum is usually empty except when defecating. Many persons fear anal intercourse because of pain they believe to be associated with the act. In many cases there is pain at first, but the pain becomes far less with each subsequent act. Some people report minimal discomfort which is far outweighed by the erotic pleasures that result. The size of the penis and rectum involved have much to do with the degree of discomfort to the passive partner (or "screwee"). The average adult rectum is 8 to 10 inches long and can be stretched a bit without physical damage. However, if you're going to take on a Ray Fuller or Mike Spadling type (these are world famous size notables), quite a bit of caution and/or practice is advisable. People who participate frequently may get a bit "loose", but rarely does serious difficulty or physical harm result from this practice.

Most of the homosexuals interviewed in one study seemed to be in agreement that anal coitus is an important part of the homosexual's sex life and is pleasurable for several reasons:

1) The inserter finds the intense pressure and friction on his penis extremely exciting.
2) The passive partner may also experience orgasm due to manipulation of his prostate gland by the penis in his rectum.
3) The passive partner finds the sensation of "being stuffed" most pleasurable.
4) The coupling of two male bodies is found by many homosexuals to be the most pleasant aspect of anal intercourse, because while copulating they may kiss each other caress each other or perform similarly intimate exercises which may be absent from other homosexual acts.

To derive maximum pleasure from anal intercourse, careful attention to detail, technique, and lubricant are essential.

DR. FEELGOOD

GOD-GAY-TROY PERRY

It is not without good reason that most of the gay press is giving some attention to Rev. Troy Perry's autobiography. The Lord Is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay. The book is a landmark of sorts in this genre since it broadens the spectrum of professions to which homosexuals have addressed themselves.

In many of the reviews which this writer has read, however, there seems to be considerable emphasis on his activities, doubtless intended to render insight into motivations. This approach does, but only in an indirect way.

For who is to explain God? Who is to explain God? whole theology libraries exist to try, and just as God is as multi-faced as His creation, so also are there as many explanations. Troy Perry presents another facet of God working through mankind.

God is therefore the explanation of Troy Perry. There. It's out. And who doubted it? It is such a tenet reason, yet it is as infinite as God. God is the whole point of the book, really, and such an underlying motivation should please even the most conservative fundamentalist.

The title aptly expresses the focus and the origin. In the first paragraph of both the introduction and of chapter one, God is acknowledged as the author of all things--in all, through all, being the All. Troy admits a feeling of oneness with God's creation from the very start of life.

The Lord Is . . . For Troy Perry, God is real. He exists. By virtue of that omnipresent existence, God moves. Troy earnestly believes that "God can do a thing", and his belief in the presence of God connotes an inescapable relevance to life.

The Lord Is My . . . God is personal. God is interested not only in Troy Perry but in anyone who places faith in God. God works for people who love God, who keep God in focus. Troy often asserts that the times his life was most miserable were those when he did not have God at the focus.

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Halloween in Dallas

Halloween night, October 31st was a fun night in Dallas as well as very busy for the group attending the balls as well as the contestants participating in them.

At 8 PM the DETOUR at 3113 Live Oak had a $3 cover with all drinks free for the price. At 12 midnight there was a cash drawing for $25 and later in the evening, or should we say morning another drawing for $15. Free pictures were taken and given to the customers as they came by.

Also at 8 PM there was a contest at Ronse’s, 3236 McKinney with the following winners of the categories:

- Most Beautiful - Little Joe, 1st Runner-up - Madam Fertilezer, Best Comedy Talent - Mr. David, runner-up - Fran Cook, Best Serious Talent - Chelsea St. John, runner-up - Golda of the Supremes, Best Gown - Chelsea St. John, Most Original - Cindy Birdsong of the Supremes, Miss Ronse’s - Chelsea St. John.

At 9 PM the Encore held the contest where Sabra Garth was winner of the Miss Encore title with the runner-up being Sally Marie. That is all we know of this contest but perhaps more will be submitted later.

The Candy Store also held its final show as it closed Halloween night with Mr. Lannette being the winner.

At 10:30 at the Villa Fontana, 1315 Skiles the Most Beautiful went to Mr. Lisa, runner-up, Bobby Smith, Original - Dickie with the runner-up being Herman. The show was MC’d by Madame Fertilezer.

Also at 10:30 the Bayou Landing at 2609 North Pearl held one of the larger contests with the Best Gown going to Recardo, runner-up, Sherry Powers, Miss Bayou Landing went to Big David, 1st runner-up, Sherrle Powers, 2nd runner-up, Mr. Jodie, Best Comedy - Ronse, runner-up, Big David, Best Serious - Randy St. James, runner-up, Sherrle Powers, Best Amateur - Bill Timon, Best Original - Ahlfass, Most Beautiful - Jody, runner-up went to Mike.

At 12 midnight the Entre’ Null held their contest MC’d by Madam Fertilezer with the Most Beautiful going to Roy Pera, runner-up - Sindy Birdsong, Best Original - Herman, runner-up Chee Chee.

At 12:30 TJ’s had free champagne and drawings.

The coverage here of the Dallas scene is incomplete and we hope that next year with more cooperation from the individual bars we can better cover the happenings.
Male wedding figure files suit

MR. SAL E. MARIE

Male wedding figure files suit

A former Brownsville football player who was married to another man in a precedent setting ceremony some weeks ago filed suit trying to force the Wharton county clerk to register the marriage license.

Antonio Molina, a Brownsville native who now lives in Houston, asked the civil court judge to force County Clerk Delfin Marek to accept the license which one of Delfin’s assistants issued to Molina and William “Billie” Ert October 4.

Mrs. Molina is a female impersonator from Toronto, Canada, and has appeared in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio and known as ‘Vici Carr’. For the wedding he wore a white minidress, a blond wig, false eyebrows and a woman’s facial makeup when they applied for the license. The deputy clerk did not ask Ert his sex and listed him on the license as “Miss Billie Ert.”

“Vici Carr”, who now works in a City, La., nightclub, were married in a chapel ceremony in Houston October 5 in what they said was the first marriage of two persons of the same sex. Billie Ert tried to register the license the next day, but Marek refused. Molina and his attorney tried to register it again and one of Marek’s assistants refused, saying she had orders from Marek not to file it.

NOW A DANCE BAR

MCC Tries Houston Again

Rev. Richard Vincent, pastor of Metropolitan Community Church, Dallas, and Victor Pass of Dallas will conduct a worship service at the Montrose Gaze Community Center, 5 p.m. October 28. Phone 528-9069 for information.

The Montrose Gaze Community Center, located at 504 Fairview, phone 528-9069, was officially opened to the public on Saturday, October 28. Rev. Vincent was in Houston, Thursday October 5th, to officiate at the wedding ceremony of two gay men held in the Harmony Wedding Chapel on the Gulf Freeway, and given wide publicity by Houston radio and TV stations.

Rev. Vincent and Mr. Pass attended the General Conference of the Universal Fellowship of MCC in Los Angeles over the Labor Day Weekend. Rev. Vincent was ordained during that General Conference.

Five members of the Montrose Gaze met with Rev. Vincent and discussed arrangement for a Houston mission of the MCC. Rev. Vincent said that perhaps the Houston mission could contribute some funds to the Montrose Gaze Community Center.
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On October 15, 1936, two men from Houston took out a marriage license in a neighboring county. One of them was in drag. Birth certificates and health certificates were not then widely required. The next day, they were married in another county. One of the witnesses was a man in drag and the other was a lesbian in man's attire. This marriage was duly recorded in the county clerk's office of the county in which the license had been issued.

Following the wedding, the wedding party returned to Houston where a reception was held in a rented hall; complete with a band and dancing, and a lavish catered buffet.

The clerk issuing the license, the person actually performing the wedding and the catering service employees were all unaware of the bride being a man, or that the matron of honor was a man and the best man a woman.

The five members of the Montrose Gaze invited Rev. Vincent to lead a worship service at the Cen-...
Mr. Jennifer George

Mr. Jennifer George, blonde and beautiful is a close look-alike for Lily Tomlin should be one of many of you don't know is Ma Bell. Being away from stage for quite some time has been Mr. Friday Foster. Glad he's decided to come back and entertain. Friday was the first $100 winner of the Red Room Contest — a title he shared with another new talent Mr. Foster's talent for come-on sex that actually doesn't slap you down on first impression is exceeded only by his beauty. Mr. Friday Foster watched some known entertainers before donning a wig and has put what he has observed into one. This makes him an entertainer to be watched for new things and enjoyed for himself. Happy you're making the scene again, Friday.

Ma Bell, what can I say. Miss Lily Tomlin should be one of your ardent admirers. I am. Ernestine is comfortable being Ernestine or "trucking" to "Thoroughly Modern Millie" - What most of you don't know is Ma Bell flipped her wig on the 4th of July (this year) and won 2nd runner-up at the Farmouse as "Margo-Long Cool Woman (in a black dress) From comedy to beauty - this young man is definitely one in a million.

Be sure and catch these three newcomers every chance you get, believe me you won't be disappointed.

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Mr. Jennifer George - Mr. Friday Foster and Houston's own Ms Bell herself - Ernestine.

One of the highest compliments that can be paid an entertainer, is to be copied.

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Early last month Houston’s Red Room brought us another Special with Torchy Luns and Tiffany Jones who are both favorites of the lovers of shows.

There were two - two-hour shows and tickets were sold out in advance.

For those not being able to secure reservations, we feel sure that Big George plans another of these specials soon.
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GAY MURDER IN HOUSTON

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Witnesses told officers they heard a scuffle in the apartment and saw a man run from the scene. The homicide department confirmed just before press time that they were holding a man named David but did not know at this time what his connection to the murder was.

It was a beautiful Friday evening and the re-opening of Althea’s was in the works. The bar had been closed for a few days for the remodeling, most of the work being done to the downstairs dance bar, with the addition of a new sound system and disk jockey. New faces abound in the crowd and in the service, it was almost a totally new crew. Some very beautiful new faces have been added to the staff.

Boots, (for which the new club has been named), is one of Houston’s long time and well known members of the Gay community. There are some who remember Boots from the days of the birth of the Exile. Boots is ever popular with the young generation and with all of us who can remember when! His operation at 2425 West Alabama is open seven days a week with three stories of fun. Dancing, game room, patio, and piano bar with Ken Harvey on the piano nightly.

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On stage again and claiming both trophies and prize money for their talent and efforts the winner of the best costume category was Crystal Hyak, followed by the winner of Best Comedy category, and looking every bit the part, was a young man known simply and comically as Nurse Butler. The high light of Halloween night was now at hand, the Crowning of Mr. and Miss Hi Kamp 1973. The winners were Steve Dugas, Mr. Hi Kamp, and Sophie Salavada, Miss Hi Kamp. Trophies and prize money were awarded and two very beautiful people, the new Mr. and Miss Hi Kamp left the stage to thunderous applause and the adulation of the capacity crowd.

Congratulations to the winners and Ronnie Butler and his stuff for making Halloween night at the Hi Kamp a very successful evening. The only regret on a night like this is that everyone couldn't win. The costumes, time, effort and energy spent is what makes a costume ball a glowing success and Halloween night was every bit a success at 3400 Travis.
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