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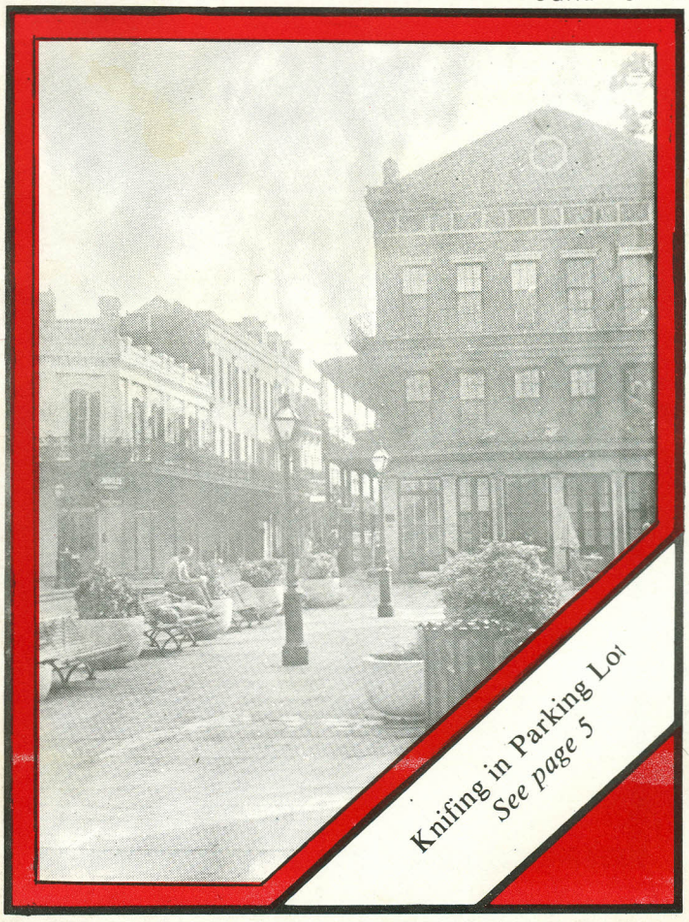
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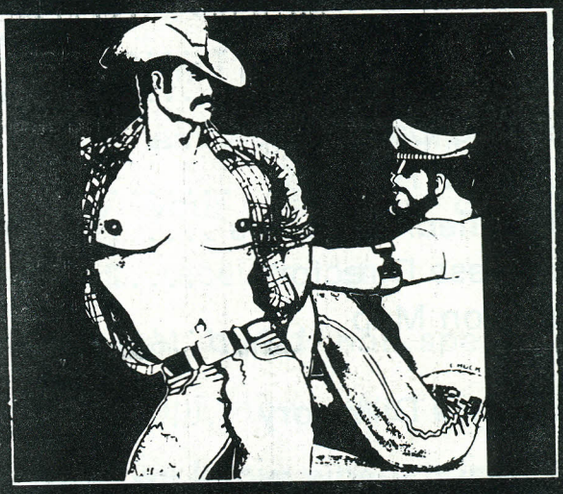


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From the Editor

-S. Cohen

Gay turnout to the polls for the Democratic primary runoff election Saturday helped bring about the victory of 2 human-rights-supportive candidates, Mickey Leland and Anne Greene. Leland's margin of victory was wider in the Montrose area than anywhere else in the city. Although neither metropolitan newspaper made note of this fact, Leland himself did not forget to thank the Gay Political Caucus in front of the media. Greene's election as Democratic Party Chair means 2 years of non-interference with our strategy of developing within the party.

Other notes: The *Houston Business Journal* published an article on Gays in business in the form of an "interview" with a very closeted and self-debasing executive. The author, Millie Budd, who claimed to have had a difficult time finding a homosexual to interview, did not bother to contact Gay community leaders she knows personally, nor the *Executives and Professionals' Association of Houston...*

And the **Yellow Cab Co.** is trying to impose monopoly; currently they are working to have 25 permits rescinded from **United Cab Co.,** which serves the Montrose area only and welcomes Gay passengers. Remember, when you need a cab in Montrose the number is 523-9393.

Introducing: "Oddwads"
an original cartoon feature

'Violence in the Community' Update

Knifing in O.P. Parking Lot

2:09 a.m. The ambulence arrives at the parking lot in front of a Gay disco, The **Old Plantation,** to pick up the victim of the latest outbreak of violence in the community. John, an architect who lives in the Montrose area, was taken to Twelve Oaks hospital after his throat and right hand were slashed early Tuesday. He required fourteen stitches in the neck and forty-three stitches in the right hand. It is too early to know if three of his fingers will regain their dexterity; John's career could be crippled if the hand is permanently damaged.

John had been in the disco and was unlocking the door of his car which was parked in the OP lot when the two unidentified males attacked. In a matter of moments he was mugged, robbed, and stabbed by the assailants. Instinctively John pulled himself into the open car and tried to drive away, but realized that he couldn't drive and returned to the club for help. The ambulance was called.

This is the most serious attack so far in the vicinity of the Gay disco. Three beatings took place in the area in May. O.P. manager Howard Neese was unavailable for comment, but assistant manager Gary Smith said that the club will be placing security officers on duty in the parking lot full time weeknights from now on.

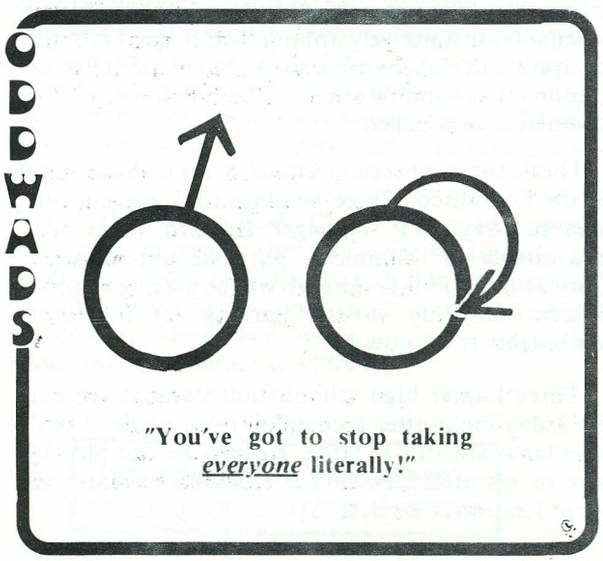
Three Lamar high school students were arrested Saturday night after a complaint was made. John's assailants are still at large. He says he can identify one of his attackers, and is available to make an identification if needed.

Court Orders Lesbian to Pay Alimony

A Superior Court judge in **San Diego** has ordered a lesbian to pay her partner $100. a month support because of a written agreement signed by both parties prior to their marriage at the Metropolitan Community Church there.

Judge Byron F. Lindsley said the couple, Sherry D. Richardson, 23, and Denease Conley, 21, signed an agreement which required Richardson to perform "all the duties of a housewife" and Conley to support her. The divorce petition was filed with the court by Richardson, who had quit her job in New York to marry Conley Feb. 17 of last year.

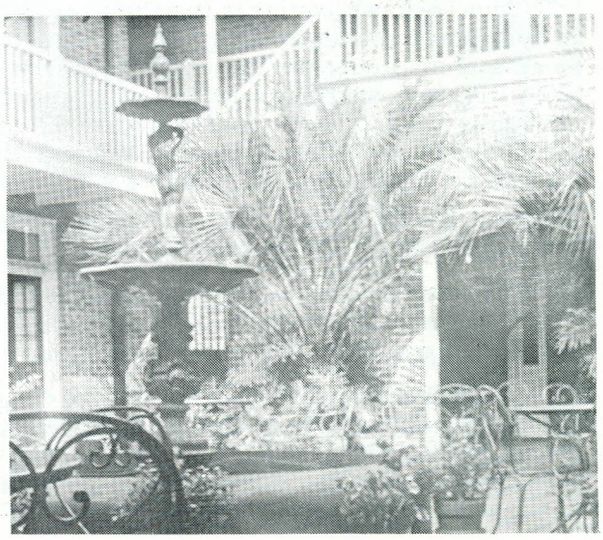
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New Orleans

-by Chester Jason

Photos taken from Memorial weekend past prove that the charm of the Vieux Carre thrives amidst the hustle and the bustle of a not-so-lazy River Queen. New Orleans continually leaves her guests filled with some of her enchantment, trip after repeated trip. Despite attempts at refurbishing everything, the old streets are very much the same. Not so many of the really significant places have changed much over the past years. It is easy to see the "improvements" of the modern world creeping all over New Orleans, but much of decades past still remains



intact. Many of the colony trek back and forth never sure just what to believe about Houston or New Orleans!

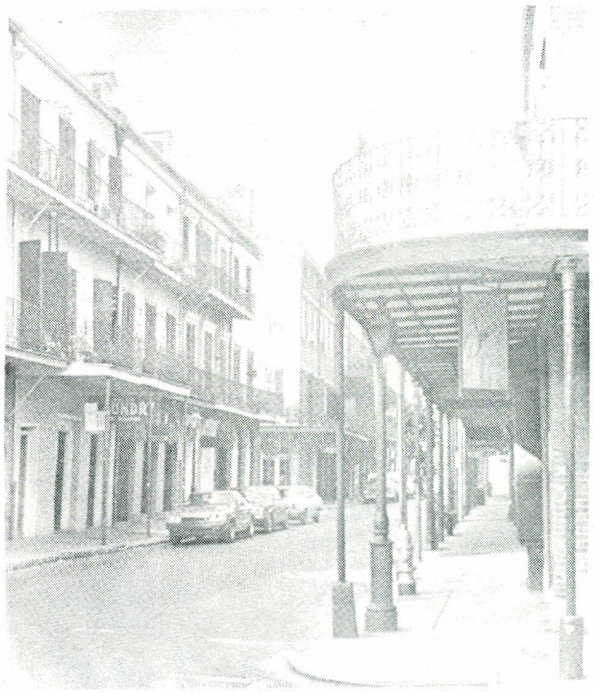
Boasting that they have been the most decadent locale in the South for 31 years on Decatur St., **Jewell's Tavern** and an entourage of hundreds of drags, bearded ladies and whores, roommates, lovers and female impersonators emeritus--and a girl--staged a mini-riotess, stopping traffic under a dark velvet sky. Where except New Orleans could it all instantly turn into a parade cheered on *a la* Mardi Gras behavior? Somehow love went ahead of all the ugly that is usually associated with demonstrations of that nature...and a frown was nowhere to be found throughout the evening. One butch little truck driver and any form of heckler present weren't noticed.

The horse-drawn carriages run the streets at all hours throughout what for them continues to be an eternity under the hot spell of the Delta basin. The days were sultry to say the least and the nights like cool fairy tales in a dream. From out of Tenessee Williams stepped a character dressed in 40's attire and nightgown *a la* "Streetcar Named Desire." A part of the night, she had eyes like mirrors to nowhere. For real.

A very unpretentious silver regency limousine and escorts delivered the parties to the tavern. Glitter. Glamour? Each shared the moment without fear.

From warm cowboys on cool nights to dashing discos, Houston cannot be ignored, it is true. Texans are still at home in Texas and usually return to Texas. We salute New Orleans and recongnize our most fortunate position as visiting neighbors.

Has anyone not been to Louisiana? There's a lot over there. Dont Miss an evening at Lake Ponchartrain. A restaurant called the **Hong Kong** serves oriental dishes on the Portico while yachts pass by tables in the twilight. The fortune cookies and the dusk are too much.



Too frequently the AAA tourist misses visiting the reconstructed **Tara** on St. Charles Blvd. via streetcar; or Audubon place, park and zoo. In New Orleans City Park, Spanish Moss hangs over lagoons amid towering oaks and magnolias. Tennis anyone?

Going around the bend at the Mississippi River in **Audubon Park**, you may be startled to suddenly see a large flock of pink flamingoes. Later on down the drive is an authentic conservatory of walruses, next to an oak tree that was there several hundred years earlier.

Red beans & rice on Canal St. and Oysters on the half shell--whatever you do or do not like--everywhere--make New Orleans a culinary success for the most difficult appetite. Travel can be delightful in Lousiana if you like seafood--of any variety or style.

The sign posted in **LaFitte's** on Bourbon St. could not be ignored. 170 capacity. 170 what? More young men have been in the toilet thatn that at carnival time. Eyewitness. You would not believe it if you had not been there!

New Orleans fills the hearts of everyone with something delightfully unforgettable. Young. Old. Persuaded. Unpersuaded. Whatever. LXIX...tribute to New Orleans.

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Ask Auntie

Dear Auntie



I understand that several individuals are trying to prevent the Town Meeting. What's their problem?

Dear Puzzled, -Puzzled

Cerebral Constipation.

Dear Auntie,

Recently I read where hepetitis can be contacted by contact with ejaculated sperm. Being an active Gay I'm sure you have considered the problem. What is your solution?

Dear Worried, -Worried

I regret that I have but one life...

Dear Auntie,

I was in a bar and had an unpleasant situation. I had just met a nice number when a guy comes up and begins to grope the number. I tried to politely discourage the bore, but he ignored me and finally my new-found friend fled the scene. Is there anything I could have said to save the situation?

Dear Alone, -All Alone

Yes! "Fuck *Off,* Queen!"

Dear Auntie,

Why don't you people stay where you belong. My wife and I were shocked to see two homosexuals move in next to us. It's disgusting. -Pasadena

Dear Disgusting in Pasadena,

There goes the neighborhood!

The Gay Reader

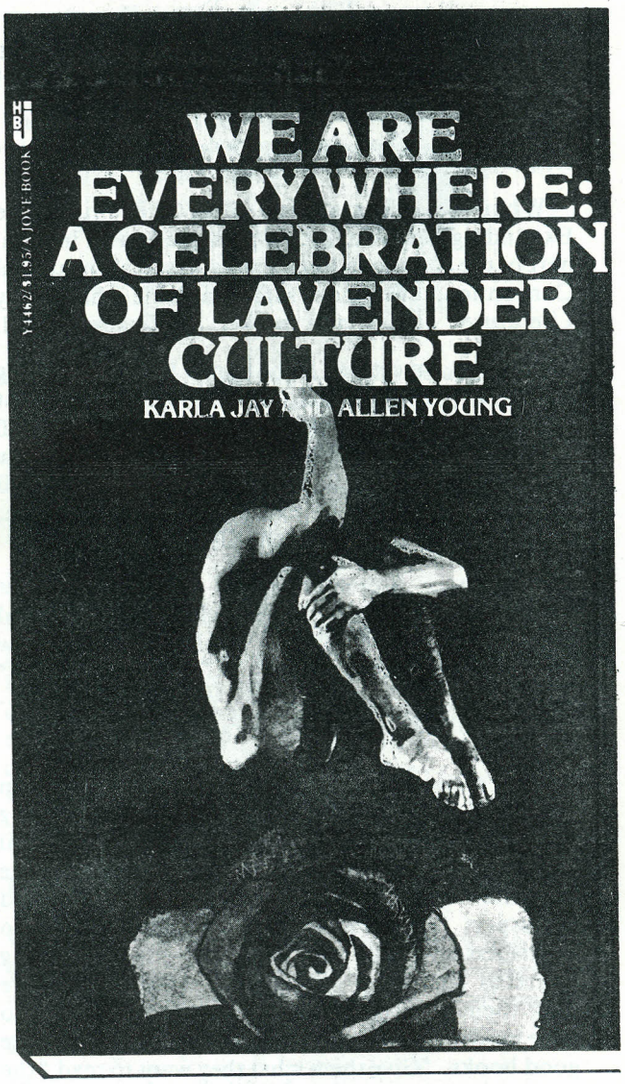
"We are Everywhere: A Celebration of Lavender Culture" by Karla Jay and Allen Young, to be published this month at $1.95 from Jove Books.

When "Understanding and Reaching the Expanding Gay Market" is presented as an integral part of the American Booksellers Association annual Convention one may safely assume that "Gay Literature," at least as a market, has finally arrived.

The ABA, meeting in Atlanta over the long Memorial Day weekend, has one of the 10 largest conventions in the country. More than 18,000 booksellers attended this year's event which drew exhibits from every major U.S. publisher, most small presses and dozens of exhibitors from Australia, Europe, Japan, and even the U.S.S.R.

The panel presentation of the Gay Market workshop took equal billing with such perennial favorites as "The Beginning Bookseller" and "How To Make Money Selling Children's Books," legitimizing for the first time with the ABA gay-theme books as a class of literature.

The session was coordinated by Liberation Publications, which of course are the folks who bring you the **Advocate** every two weeks. The several hundred who attended were educated about the Gay/Lesbian culture, and then the panel discussed the aspect of bookselling most likely to appeal to publishers and booksellers alike: profits. According to recent surveys, Gay people not only read more than their hetrosexual counterparts, but they also have more disposable income to spend on things like good books. "Give them what they want to read," the



booksellers were told, "and Gay men and Lesbians will beat a path to your door--with money!"

While publishers generally recognized the Gay market about two years ago, booksellers have been hsitant to get on the bandwagon. Only a few bookshops have established seperate sections for Gay books similiar to those for women, for blacks, and of religious interest, etc.; and many still keep Gay titles under the counter or refuse to stock them at all. This reluctance to meet the market has led to the development in most major cities of Gay-owned bookshops specializing in Gay literature, such as Wilde 'n' Stein in Houston and Lambda Rising in Washington D. C. , both of which were represented at the ABA Conference.

Star of the panel was Patricia Nell Warren, author of the bestsellers ***The Front Runner*** and ***The Fancy Dancer,*** and the soon-to-be- released ***The Beauty Queen,*** a thinly disguised satire of our "favorite" orange juice hawker. Also participating were Parke Bowman, co-founder of Daughters (a feminist press); Kent Carroll, v.p. and marketing director for Grove Press (publisher of John Richy's controversial ***Sexual Outlaw***): Michael Denneny, editor at St. Martin's Press; Richard Hall, **Advocate** columnist and author of ***The Butterscotch Prince***; and Gray Noss, marketing director for the Advocate/ Liberation Publications.

Should booksellers choose to tap the "expanding Gay market" (which isn't really expanding at all -- just being discovered), they will find a steady stream of good (and a few not-so-good) titles rolling off the presses this summer and fall. You can watch for several current bestsellers to come out in paperback by the end of the year: ***Joy of Gay Sex*** and ***Joy of Lesbian Sex***, ***Gay American History*** (new mass

market paperback), ***A Family Matter, Sita, Monty, A Sand Fortress,*** and Linda Simon's ***Biography of Alice B. Toklas.***

New titles upcoming or just out include (fiction): ***Faggots, Relax! This Book is Only a Phase You're Going Through*** (another collection of cartoons from **Christopher Street**), ***Loving Her***(bi-racial Lesbian love story), ***Quirk*** (Gordon Merrick's new one),***Dancer from the Dance*** ("an obsessional search for love"), ***Project Lambda*** 9futuristic Gay holocaust), ***Among the Carnivores***(school teacher comes out), and ***Down and Dirty***(murder mystery);

(Non-fiction): ***The Gay Report*** (Karla Jay and Allen Young present the results of all those Gay and Lesbian questionaires you filled out last year), ***Understanding Gay Relatives and Friends, Is the Homosexual My Neighbor?*** (another Christian view), ***Into the Open: the Literature of the Gay Male Imagination, The Gay Picture Book, The Gay Liberation Book Number Two, Get Off My Ship!*** (Vernon Berg's battle with the U.S. Navy), ***The Advocate Guide to Gay Health, The Word is Out*** (taken from the documentary film of the same title), and ***We Are Everywhere: A Celebration of Lavender Culture.***

Most of these will be available at Wilde 'n' Stein Books, 819 Richmond, in Houston (529-7014).

-Charles Gillis

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Casting Call

Most people do not concentrate their interests on developing the qualities prerequisite to being an entertainer or musician or performer. Few realize the necessity of preliminary lessons and practice in applied art of any kind. The great artists of all time surely have possessed charisma and style. But who became great by not applying himself? To the piano or canvas or guitar, to sculpture or poetry...dancing. Sad are the artists who do not fulfill their desire to create. Few humans ever are artists. Real live entertainers are still very much in demand and not at all run-of-the-mill.

Casting Call is investigating the varied facets of show business for you.

Does anyone ever know just what it takes to be a star? Does anyone ever tamper with destiny successfully? So, from one standpoint there is hardly anything you can do to get out of the spotlight once you're in it. All the lessons and polishing and waiting, rehearsing won't get it at all luck places many factors at work in the birth of an entertainer.

Some people are born on unusual stages where they perform choreographed scenes continually. Is talent inherent. All their lives they are performers, musicians, dancers, clowns...never knowing anything else. Others cross continents and rehearse dialects to perform for large audiences.

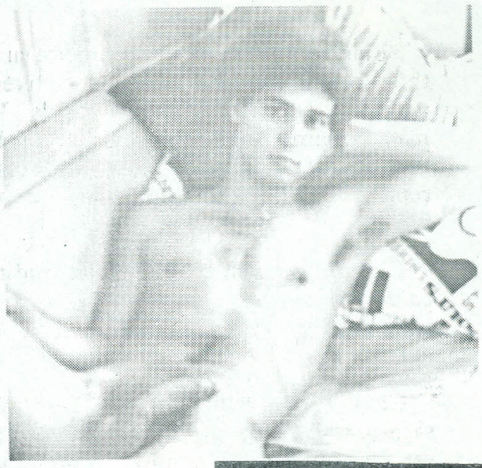
Some very average people are not sure of their talents but have the attractiveness necessary to pleasing large crowds. They may become models by virtue of luck giving them parts. How a persons represents himself determines so very much.

Getting yourself together and finding a career in Show business or as a model begins with representing yourself well before others.

Clean is beautiful. Essential care of the skin under stage lights and makeup is critical. Skin machines, complexion brushes and non-detergent soap make the skin acceptable. A friendly as well as talented hair dresser can make hair perfect! What cannot be made perfectly white by toothpaste can be by the dentist. Being in fashion is not the same as setting fashion. Creative wardrobe instruction is available at many outlets. Most young models are taught to concern themselves with a particular form of wardrobe. Simple; then build upon the basics. Grey suits & pin stripes are classics of every fashion all the time. Solids coordinate more easily with prints that do other prints. The basic black is still available and acceptable almost anywhere a lady goes.

Getting the body together can require additional consideration. Finding time to exercise at a health spa can complicate matters considerably. Women have

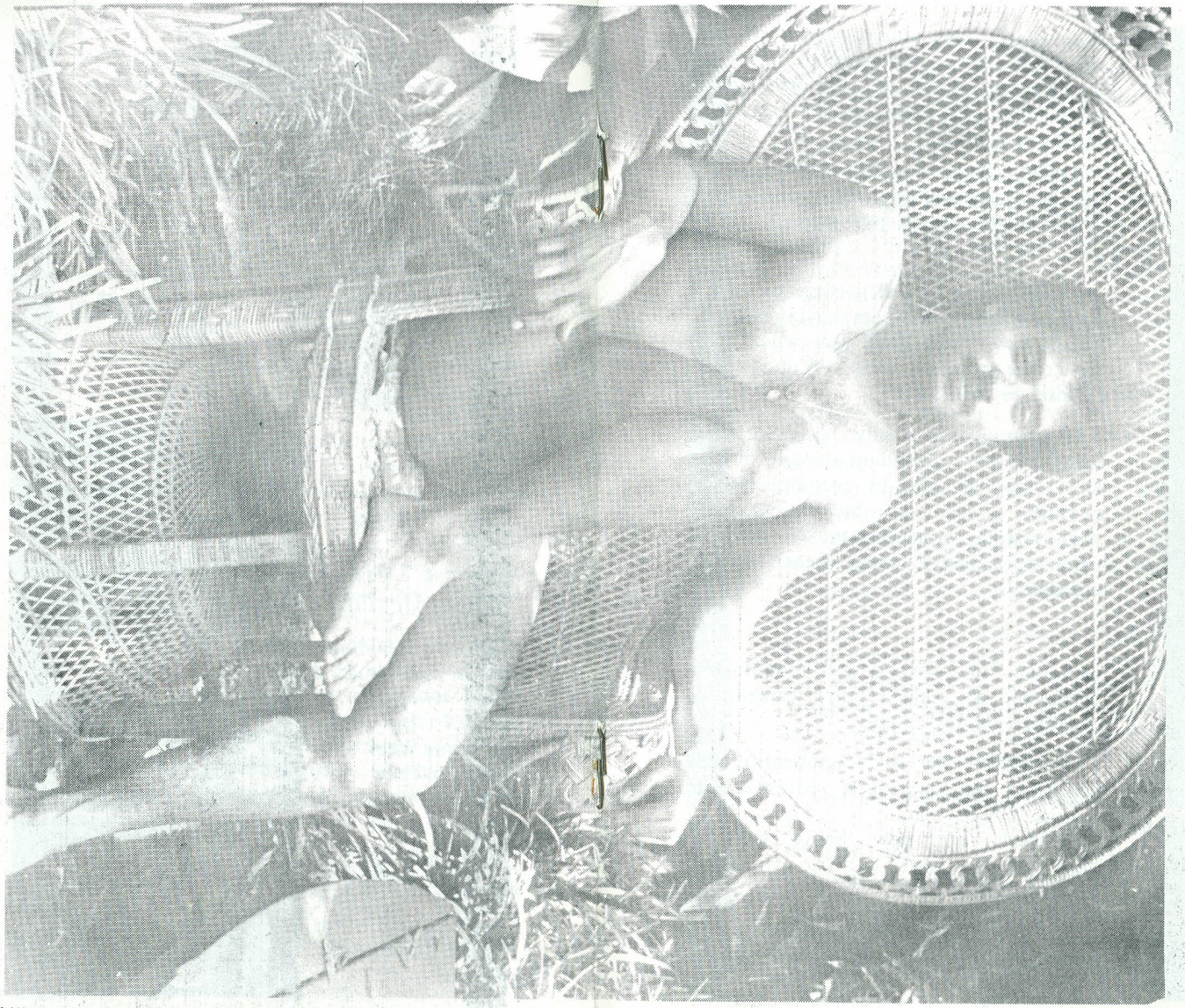
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Boston Plans Town Meeting

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traditionally been more aware of the importance of total appearance. The days when men never looked in mirrors actually happened? Is being pretty of any importance at all?

After enough jogging and pushups, bicycle riding, etc. any one can learn not to overeat! Isometrics do work at the office desk.

Landing parts and getting on stage comes while a person is improving himself. Lots of aspiring talent quit when they realize the extent to which they must apply themselves to succeed.

It cannot be fully stressed, the importance of a confident attitude. This is most easily attained by accomplishing a quantity of demonstrable examples of your talent. Paintings, music, records, video tapes, poetry, crafts, to each his own example.

example. Joke writing and monologues performed on stage require tremendous coordination and talent.

Whatever the art, application to continual development is requisite. The pianist rehearses many long hours, daily. Rehearsals are now being held at community and dinner theatres everywhere.

Representing onesself in show business entails being willing to do many things for

yourself without waiting for others to accoplish them for you. Promotional literature, for example. They will not see your photo until it is distributed. There are hundreds of creative ways to distribute promotional literature featuring a talented act of any kind. You may have to spend some time at the printers and lick some stamps. Pictures are worth thousands of words! "Send us a glossy" or "do you have a copy of your composite?" are typical first encounters with the people who will place you on stage.

If you don't dislike mirrors and you exercised at the club, dieted and dressed yourself, have photographed your act, you are ready to meet the sometimes viscious casting agents, directors, and studio moguls. And those of you who are naturally together all the time anyway will learn more next week about just exactly who to send your application to.

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More on acting workshops next week...

That's Casting Call.

-Chester Jason

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Gay Garage Sale: The Houston **Gay Political Caucus** is sponsoring a garage sale sometime during Gay Pride Week. GPC is asking donations of "anything usable" to the sale. If you have something you no longer need but can still be used, why not recycle it within the community. Contact persons at GPC are Jeff Stephenson and Bill Whiting. The number is 526-2668.

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Integrity/Houston

Integrity is the one of the oldest Gay organizations in Houston and many of the leading organizations today are spinoffs from this group. At this time, the function of the group is primarily social and educational, with group inter-action in the form of rap sessions, video presentations, workshops, guest speakers, etc. Socials and Covered Dish Dinners are announced at the meeting prior to the actual event.

Integrity/Houston is a fellowship for Gays and their friends, and a forum for discussion of related topics. It meets in the Alice B. Toklas room of Wilde 'N' Stein Books, 819 Richmond, every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Programs subject to change.

Some of the hilights events planned for this year (after Gay Pride Week) include a panel discussion on the Church and the Homosexual (Aug. 28th), "raps" on Discrimination, Living Alone, and Building Self Respect, and video presentations including *"Thursday's Child"* (July 13) and *"Coming Out: An Assertiveness Training for Life"* (Aug. 14.)

"Peppers" Apologize

Following the appearance recently of an article in **LXIX** criticizing the **Dr. Pepper Co.** for poor service to Gay businesses, the company's general manager called the manager of the **After Dark** bookstore to apologize for the poor service. The representative said that the company was not biased, and that the problem, which arose after a change in route delivery men, was not the fault of the company.

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Venereal Hepatitis

Hepatitis is an all-too-common word in the Gay community. Most of us have had or know someone who has been a victim of the disease. Its high incidence in the Gay community has given rise to an almost casual acceptance of the risk of contracting this disease which can and does kill.

Most of what we know as a group about hepatitis is outdated, and, in some instances, pure myth. Recently, Dr. Dan Williams, director of research and analysis for New York City's Bureau of VD Control told of some new and startling news about Hepatitis in an article published in the May issue of *Christopher Street* magazine.

Type A, which was once called infectious hepatitis, was thought to be spread in the Gay community by anal intercourse. Recent tests indicate that the incidence of type A is no higher in the Gay community than in the general population. Type A is primarily transmitted in through fecal contamination of water in areas of bad sanitary conditions and practices. Type B, the old serum hepatitis, has been found to produce viral particles that are present in the saliva, semen, and urine, as well as the blood, but little or no trace in feces. Another strain of hepatitis, a "non-A/non-B" has been identified and is strongly suspected of being venereally transmitted.

The good news is that the Merck foundation is testing a vaccine against type B (the most prevalent and for Gays the most easily contracted) which may be available for use in two to three years.

Classified/Personal Ads

W/M age 26 looking for W/M ages 25-40. I'm 6', 160 lbs., brown hair and hazel eyes. Please no fems. *(No. 004)*

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Generous gentleman would like to hear from young man under 25!! *(No. 010)*

G/W/M, 30, 5'9", 145#, brown hair, beard, blue eyes, masculine. Interested in similar guys 25-40. Phone no. please. No fats/fems. *(No. 011)*

W/M, 27, ambisextrous (not fem or butch) will try anything once or twice or? No "No's" but I reserve the right to refuse service to anyone. *(No. 012)*

W/M age 31 seeking roommate, companion to share home and lifestyle. *(No. 013)*

Need a roommate - under age 40. Normal, healthy male. *(No. 014)*

G/W/M, 36. 5'8". 140 seeking same for friendship. Tired of doing things alone. Please no fats/fems/heavy drugs/smokers. Am masculine. Like music and arts. *(No. 016)*

I'm a devout Catholic, an avid reader of "Mother Earth News," and I think sex is best in the context of a relationship. I'm 26, brown hair & eyes, somewhat heavy. Cancer with moon in Aquarius, Libra ascending and my moon in Virgo. I live a very unglamorous life in the country. I'd enjoy hearing from young men, especially if they read "Mother Earth News." Thomas John, Rt. 2 box 739-19 Pearland, Tx. 77581.

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