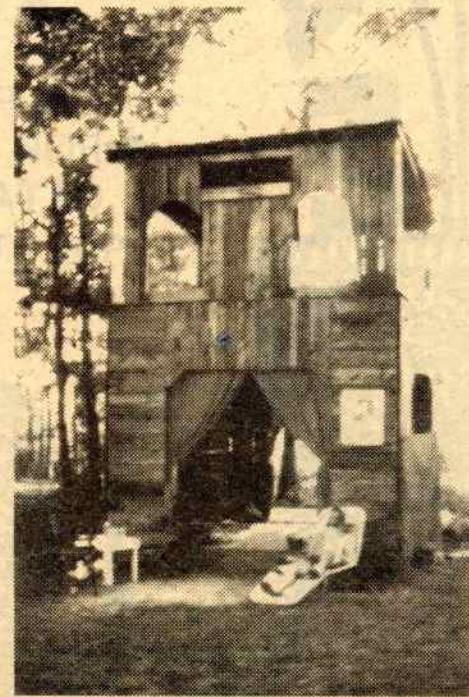


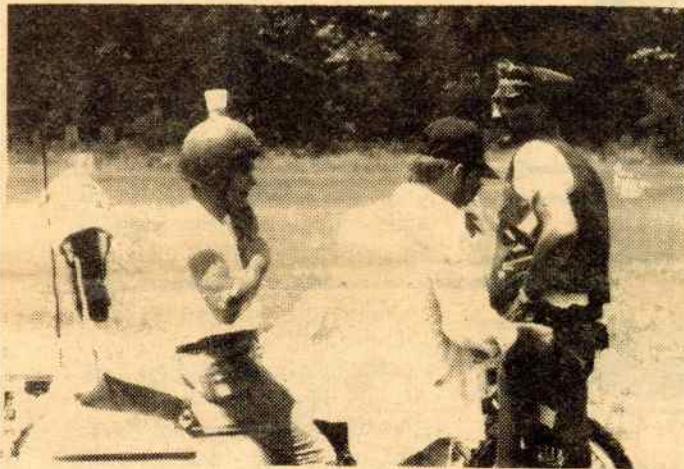
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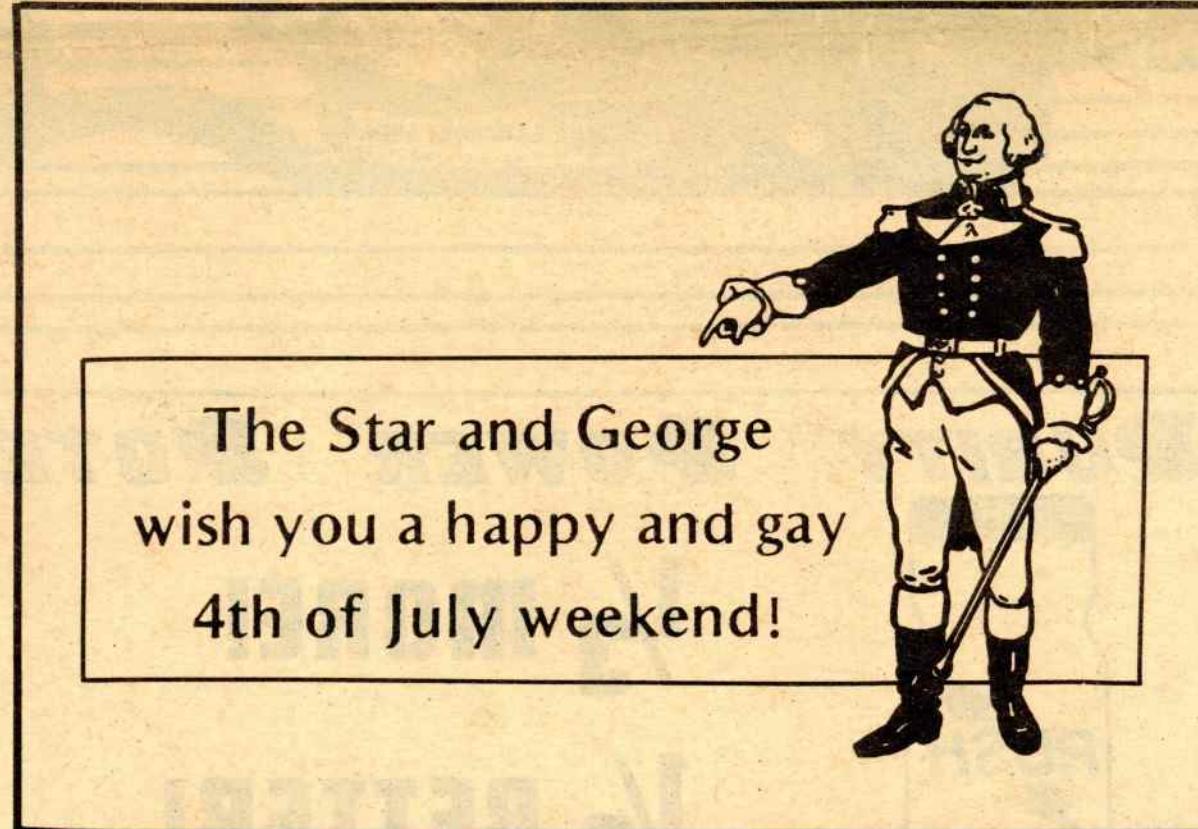
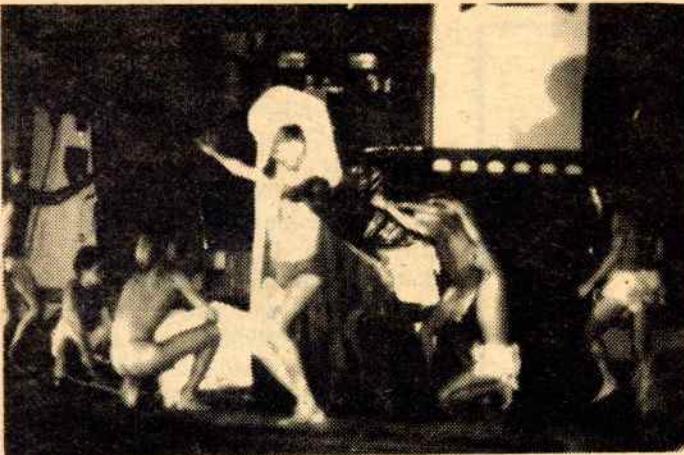
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Scenes from LONE STAR ONE, the Texas-wide, Texas-sized gay motorcycle club run held in mid-June, near Magnolia.



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## Stioux



**Philadelphia is Filthy-delphia**

Here I am sitting on another train. It seems like every weekend it's time to hit Union Station, but not just for the tearooms. It's not that Washington is a bore on weekends — quite the contrary. Just ask Holly Woodlawn, who's whooping it up in Georgetown right this very minute. (The boy's a scream, but I'll get to that one later.) Have mercy!

I guess I've just become travel-happy and you just can't beat the trains for a cheap and easy ride. It cost just twenty bucks to get to New York, twelve to Philly, and you always meet the most interesting people in the restrooms. Besides, I haven't done too well as a Roslyn Carter look-alike; someone is always telling me that I'd better get out of town by Friday. If you can't stand the kitchen, then get out of the heat, I always say!

**Mildred Pierced**

I never dreamed I'd ever go to Philadelphia (or was it a nightmare?) but I had hardly been in D.C. a week when who should telephone from the City of Brudderly Love but none other than dear, precious Mildred Pierce herself. Joan may have pooped, but Mildred lives!

Millie and I screwed the same landlord last summer and ended up sharing a house; she was fresh out of Philly and had come gold digging to Houston. Never have two people been so mean to each other, but out of all our bitchery rose a lasting friendship.

Mildred had returned East that fall because, as she put it, "I got more venereal diseases than job offers." Since then our hard-core letters have sizzled back and forth across the continent.

Anyway, Mildred insisted that I come see her on her home turf. When I arrived at the station I immediately headed for the tearoom, and sure enough, out flounced Mildred, fresh as a fallen daisy. I could tell she had been working by the looks of the guy trembling between the lavatories.

"Darling!" we cried, and hugged and kissed, and then I pissed.

She wisked me off through the wilds of Pennsylvania to New Hope, an artsy-fartsy town fifty miles north of Philly, insisting that hitting the bars in the city too immediately would cause too much culture shock. Little did she know I had become totally anaesthetized by my New York bar experiences, but it was okay — a drive in the country could only do me good, and my butt was already paralyzed by the train ride.

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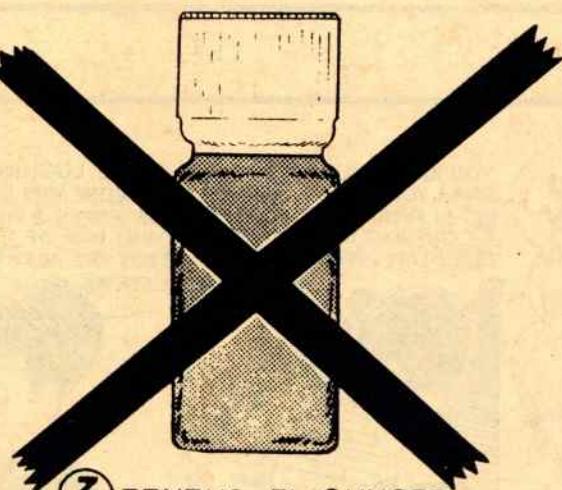
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## 'African Queen' is hot disco safari

The Ritchie Family's new album, "African Queens," appears to be headlining a hot disco safari this summer. It starts with some heavy percussion and builds into the group's dance pattern. Side A is a tune that runs for 13 minutes and evolves around a spectacular dancing rhythm with plenty of breaks. The song is about four queens: the Queen of Sheba, Cleopatra and two others.

Side B contains a fabulous remake of Martin Denny's classic, "Quite Village," from the 50's.

Midsong records, formerly Midland International, has released the third Carol Douglas album, "Full Bloom," arranged and conducted by John Davis of Monster Orchestra fame. Side A is very up tempo with the tracks having instrumental breaks titled "Full Bloom #1 and #2." Ms. Douglas does a remarkable job on "Light My Fire," made popular by the Doors.

Side B is a mixture of ballads with the exception of "Dancing Queen."

I spent the entire weekend listening and moving to "Rumore, a 12 inch import on the C.B.A. label by Italian songstress Rafaele Carra. The record opens with a stylized version of the sound of an S.O.S. signal being given over a huge speaker that intensifies into a heavy pounding drum sound accompanied with a vibrant chant of "La, la, la, la, la" from the accompanying vocalists. The song has an astounding break.

Shadybrook Records has picked up the rights for distribution in this country of the French import LP "Miss Broadway" by Belle Epoque. This

recording contains an entire 14-minute version of "Black Is Black," recorded in the 60's by Los Bravos and most recently by Cerrone.

Side B has the title cut with the vocals reminding me very much of the lead singer for British group, the Stories, who had the hit "Brother Louie."

T.K. records has unveiled three exciting 12-inchers. One is "Don't Turn Away" by Midnite Flite (the strongest of the three). The second is "Disco Flite Theme '77" by Sassy. Finally a K.C. and Sunshine Band hit, "Wrap Your Arms Around Me," by Lady Love.

The lovely and very talented Vickie Sue Robinson has come up with what promises to be her second biggest seller, "Hold Tight," a 12-inch on RCA. The song runs well over eleven minutes and fans will be pleased to know that "Turn The Beat Around" is featured on the flip.

The latest album from John Davis and the Monster Orchestra is titled after his previous smash, "Up Jumped the Devil." It is called "The Magic Is You" and has a sensational intro that precedes the cut, "You're the One." I highly recommend this album for disco orchestra lovers.

My favorite female singer, Dolly Parton, has surprised disco-dancing-loving-fans with an inspiring rendition of Jackie Wilson's hit, "You're Love Keeps Lifting Me (Higher and Higher)." The song has a country-disco flavor to it and is easy to dance to. You can find it on her current RCA LP, "New Harvest ... First Beginning."

I failed to mention on my last column two weeks ago that the LP, "Give and Take" by the Dynamic Superiors (Motown)

carries an impressive cut, "Nowhere To Run" (a Martha and the Vandellas giant), that has some massive, gusty breaks. The album was produced by Motown biggies Bran-Holland-Dozier.

Be on the look out for the following releases in the near future: "Magic Fly" LP by the French group, Space, on U.A.; Dr. Buzzard's second RCA LP due sometime in the middle of July; and the debut LP by the First Choice, on Gold Mine, distributed by Salsoul.

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### MOTHER'S COLUMN

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I wanted to go to the New Prelude (it sounded speedy) but Mildred had to meet one of her beaus at the Cartwheel, a rather casual disco, and thank goodness for her female intuition, because it was there I met Mr. X. He wanted to take me to his coal mine but Mildred told him where to get off and that was that, so it was back to Philly.

We woke up somewhere in the suburbs and Saturday was the day of le Grande tour. We took the trolley and the elevated into town and strolled from the Delaware River to the Schuylkill River, pinching all of Philadelphia into one afternoon.

Our highlights: pretzel with mustard, the Liberty Bell (the most famous crack I ever put my fingers in), the lady hobo passed out on a door step near Chinatown (site of the famous pagoda telephone booth), the art museum steps that Sylvester Stallone ran up and down in "Rocky," the river banks where everyone goes to make out, a fresh foods market in a train terminal (where the Duck Lady quacked at us and foamed at the mouth — we skedaddled) and Claes Oldenburg's giant clothespin which is right where Mildred's day job is.

I was so tired I almost passed out on the railroad tracks. Lucky for us the train to Mildred's house just happened to come by, so we hopped on. We napped, ate and three hours later it was time to hit the bars. We drove into town, rolling up the car windows every few blocks whenever we passed through a bad section of town.

"Honey, they'd be in the car with us before you knew it," Mildred warned. "Besides, all the

## Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The racket you hear is that of your own wheels spinning, Ari. Set a single goal for yourself and finish it. On last day of week, all gears mesh with a "purr".

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Ah, ah, ah, don't touch that dial. Taurus, you're tuned to the right station. Old familiar tune is playing and you feel the beat. Keep toe tapping 'cause week ends with a tumultuous tango for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Remember those old boots you hung up a few years ago. Gem? They're still made for walking. Don't be shy, you can cover a lot of territory now. Some of the grass on the other side of the fence is greener. Last day finds you rolling in clover.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Simplicity can be a vice as well as a virtue, Moonbaby. Complicate your life a little. Accepting an added responsibility now brings fresh dimensions to your somewhat limited horizon. If all fails, try translating the first page of James Joyce's *Ulysses*.

LEO (July 23-August 22): You may have forgotten to include provisions for "that rainy day" Leo. Money matters are tight. Juggle finances in a unique way. You'll squeeze by, but expect to feel the pinch. On last day, seek council from trusted friend. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): You're spinning like the proverbial top, Virg, which is exhilarating to you, but may be upsetting to others. Remember, you still need a string to get you started. Give some overdue thanks to that certain someone who makes all this foolishness possible.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Old woes will make new wounds for you Lib, unless you go right to the source. A frank talk with someone who's a burr in your side will keep them from becoming a thorn. You'll be doing them a favor, nobody likes to stick in the same side forever! Week ends with a fresh breeze.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Fair days ahead for you, Scorp, as a recent upswing in private and professional life gives you a boost you haven't felt in a long time. Have no fear of flying; if need be, catch the nearest chandelier. Week ends with the tinkling of glass.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 22): Life expands in circles, Saj, not in straight lines. Twosome you have enjoyed for some time is breaking up. A fleeting sorrow only strengthens your resolve to enjoy. A little "shuffle, ball, change" opens ranks for a fascinating stranger. On last day expect invitation you can't refuse.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): If everything had an "A" priority, Cap, the universe would have been created in one day. Order "pressing problems" from one to ten. Throw out last three and go from there. The mind doth boggle, but the spirit endures as your week ends with a few tiddieles and almost no winks.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): True love only knocks once, Aquari. After that it rings the doorbell, rattles the shutters, and taps on the basement window. Noisy week ends with a holler.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): Recent set-backs aren't nearly as disastrous as you think Pisces my pet. Ride with the tide, it may wash up a surprise treasure that will make all else seem like "fool's gold". Week ends on key of D for dazzling.

WASPS do it.

We parked and had barely gone two blocks when who should we run into but Mr. X, and he joined us for our seven-bar tour, which included the 247, the Whipping Post, the Steps and the Allegro and then a tres elegant after-hours club called the Second Story. Members have ID cards made with their pictures on them very risque. The S.S. used to be a church, and some of the stained glass and statuary are still there. (A lot of it was removed recently because it offended some of the more pious discos.) The lights were incredible, and a comfy lounge at the top of a spiral staircase beckoned the hot and horny, including me and Mr. X.

But good things don't last forever and soon it was time

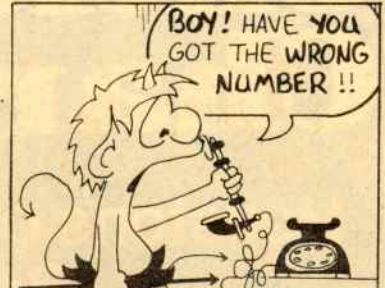
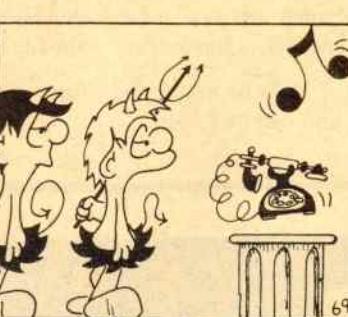
to say our goodbyes. Mildred whisked me home, and later that day we took a driving tour of the surrounding area with Bobette, a friend of Mildred's who is a virgin director (take that as you will). It was all too grand and too green, we bought two dozen bagels to celebrate. Philadelphia bagels, I love you! (Elton Joan).

It was definitely not as bad as I thought, although there is something to the nickname "Filthy delphia".

W.C. Fields used to say "I just spent a month in Philadelphia last weekend." Pshaw, W.C., you never had it so good!

Good lord, we've arrived already? Didn't I tell you? I'm spending the weekend in Atlantic City — are you ready? Tell you about it — and Holly W. — next weekend. Bye!

## Figleaves



# Dallas Calendar

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## Friday Night

Live entertainment at the One Way Inn, Dimension 3.

Chicken night at Dimension 3. Free draft at the Boot Camp, Sundance, Sassy's.

After-hours at the Old Plantation. Special on frozen margaritas at Sassy's.

## Saturday Morning

Cedar Springs Flea Market opens. Happy hour at the Boot Camp.

## Saturday Afternoon

Discounts on Bloody Marys & screwdrivers at Swamptrash.

Happy hours at the Boot Camp, T.J.'s, Ram Rod, Crews Inn.

Beer bust at Chuck's.

## Saturday Night

T-shirt night at Dimension 3. Live piano entertainment at One Way Inn, Old Plantation, Sassy's. Free draft at Boot Camp.

Drag show at the Service Station. After-hours at the Old Plantation.

## Sunday Morning

Cedar Springs Flea Market opens. Worship services at MCC.

## Sunday Afternoon

Happy hours at the Boot Camp, Ram Rod, Crews Inn.

Cookouts or buffets at Boot Camp, Chuck's, Bon Soir.

Special prices on Bloody Marys, screwdrivers &/or greyhounds at Swamptrash, Boot Camp, One Way Inn, Chuck's.

Pool tourney at Chuck's.

## Sunday Night

There's live entertainment at Sassy's.

The Old Plantation celebrates the 4th of July with after-hours.

Free draft beer at the Boot Camp and Sundance Kid.

Worship services at MCC. Drag show, buffet at Dimension Three.

## Regular Weekday Mornings

Discount lockers at Club Baths. Happy hour at Boot Camp.

## Regular Weekday Afternoons

Happy hours at Ram Rod, T.J.'s, Service Station, Crews Inn, One Way Inn, Swamptrash, Tex's Ranch, Boot Camp.

Discount lockers at Club Baths.

## Monday Night

Beer busts or special prices on

beer at Sassy's, Dimension 3, Old Plantation, Sundance, Boot Camp.

Special prices on mixed drinks at Old Plantation, Dimension 3.

Specials on collins at Sassy's. Pool tourneys at Service Station, Boot Camp.

Live band at Chuck's.

## Tuesday Afternoon Special

Dollar day at Bachelor Quarters.

## Tuesday Night

Buddy night at Club Baths. Bowling tourney at the Boot Camp.

Specials on collins at Sassy's. Beer busts or special beer prices at Dimension 3, Sundance Kids, Old

Plantation, Sassy's, Boot Camp.

Specials on mixed drinks at Dimension III, Old Plantation.

## Wednesday Afternoon Special

Discount card day at Club Baths.

## Wednesday Night

Happy hour at the Ram Rod. Club Night at Sundance.

Open house at Community Resource Center.

"Just Before Dawn" airs on KCHU.

Pool tourney at Chuck's.

Buffets or cookouts at Sundance, Bon Soir.

Free draft at Sundance, Boot Camp.

Special on mixed drinks at Old Plantation, Sassy's.

Drag shows at Dimension 3, Old Plantation.

## Thursday Afternoon Specials

"Just Before Dawn" airs on KCHU.

Buddy day at Bachelor Quarters.

## Thursday Night

Live entertainment at Jugs.

Chicken night at Club Baths.

Special on mixed drinks at Dimension 3, Old Plantation.

Beer busts or specials on beer at Old Plantation, Sundance, Dimension 3, Sassy's, Boot Camp.

Special on collins at Sassy's.

# Ft. Worth Calendar

For exact times of events listed below, check the club's advertisement in this issue or call them.

## Friday Night

After-hours at Daddy Jack's. Drag show at Aub's. Pool tourney at the Tender Trap.

## Saturday Afternoon

Special on Tom Collins at In-Between.

Beer bust at Lou-Lou's. Happy hour at Daddy Jack's.

## Saturday Night

After-hours at Daddy Jack's, In-Between.

Drag show at Aub's. Western night at the Tender Trap.

## Sunday Morning

Worship services at MCC.

## Sunday Afternoon

Specials on Bloody Marys, screwdrivers at In-Between, Other Place.

Pool tourneys at Lou-Lou's, In-Between.

Beer bust at Lou-Lou's. Cut-off afternoon at the Trap.

Happy hour at Daddy Jack's.

## Sunday Night

Free BBQ, dance contest, special mixed drink prices at Daddy Jack's.

Happy hour at Bailey Street. Drag shows at Aub's, Daddy

Jacks, In-Between, Bailey Street.

Worship services at MCC.

Beer bust at the Other Place.

Trap shoot contest at the Tender Trap.

## Regular Weekday Afternoons

Happy hours at Daddy Jack's, Other Place, In-Between, 651.

## Monday Night

Happy hour at Bailey Street.

## Tuesday Night

Happy hours at Bailey Street, In-Between (ladies only), Aub's.

Pool tourney at Aub's.

Beer special at Lou-Lou's.

## Wednesday Night

Happy hours at Bailey Street, Other Place.

Drag shows at Aub's, In-Between, Bailey Street.

Pool tourney at the Other Place.

## Thursday Night

Happy hours at Bailey Street, Daddy Jacks, Aub's.

Special on margaritas, tequila sunrises at Other Place.

Record give-a-way at Daddy Jacks.

Special on mixed drinks at In-Between.

Pool tourney at Lou-Lou's.

## Friday Afternoon Special

Discount on draft at Lou-Lou's.

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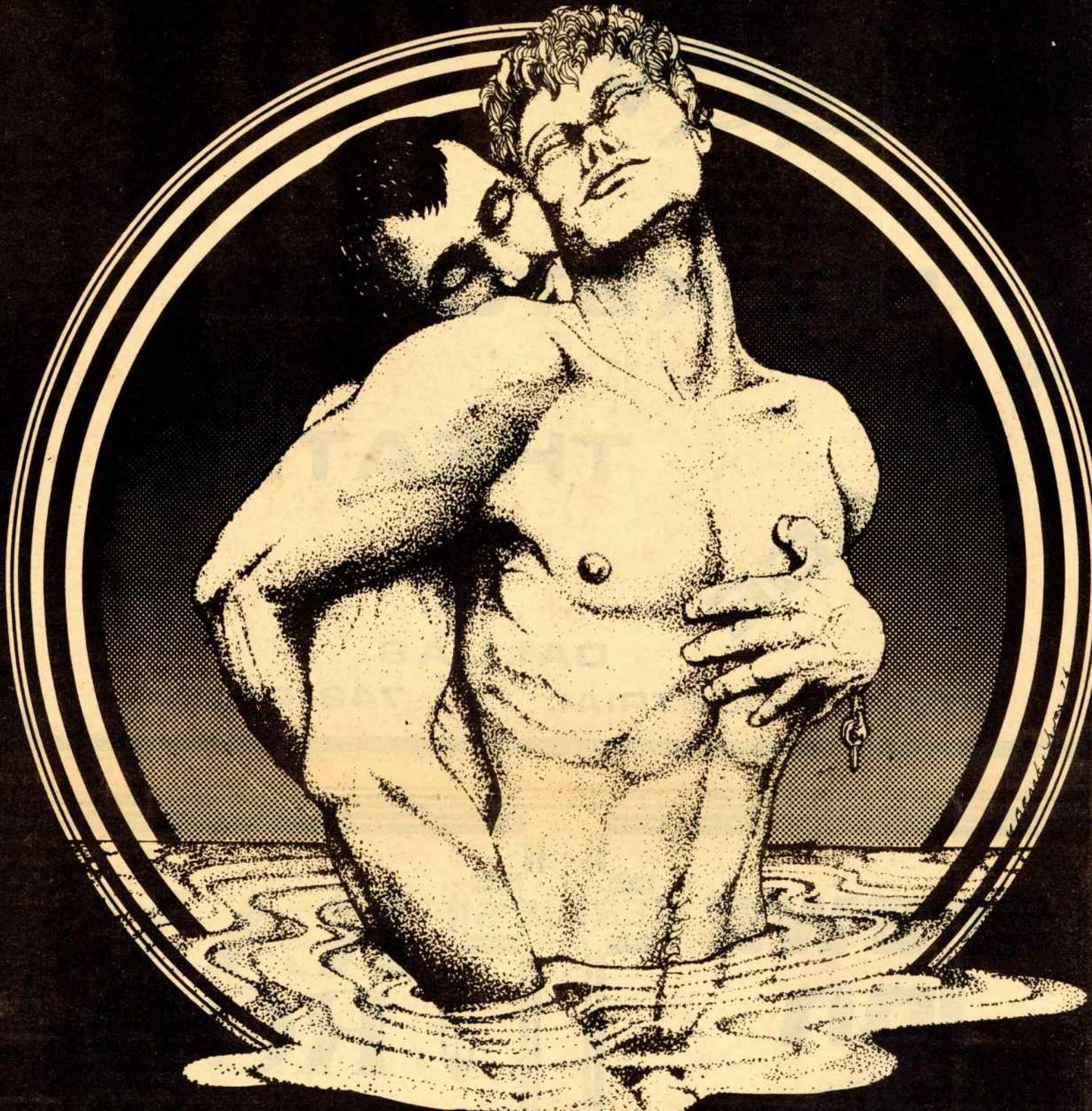
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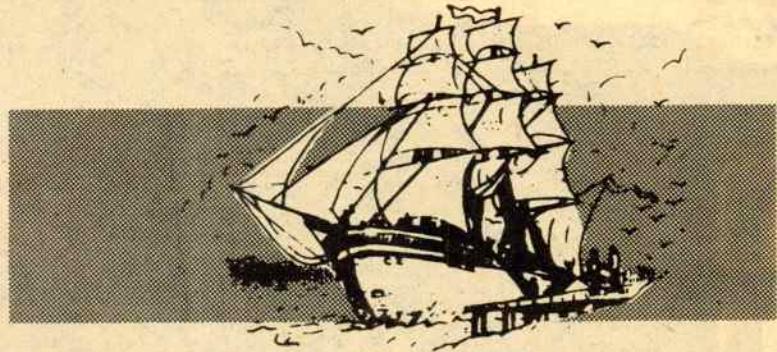
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