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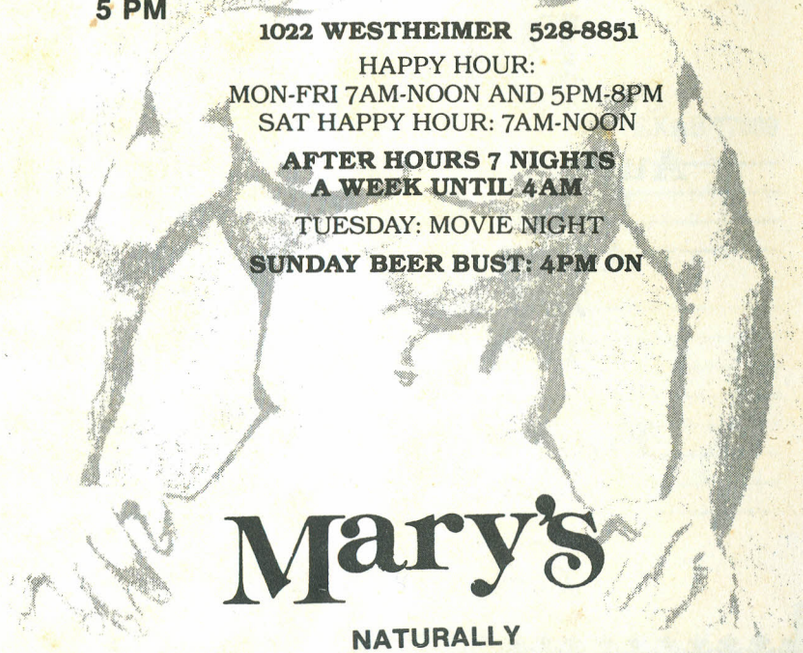
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NEWS NEWS NEWS

Venure "N" construction has really started this time. Go over and see the mess and have a drink.

Saddle Club is still in the stages of getting ready to open.

Barn's Labor Day Bar-B-Que should be the best ever this year.

MCCR—Sunday, August 24, 2-5 PM. There will be a meeting with community leaders and the Cuban Refugees at the church, 1919 Decatur. They are still needing donations of food and clothing for the Cubans.

Monday, August 25 7:30 PM general meeting at the church. Let's give these refugees all of the support they need to start all over again in a new country.

Montrose Singers will perform on Sunday, August 24 at 5PM at the Bering Memorial Church at 1440 Harold.

On August 31 from midnight till ?, "The Bushes" party will be held at 3028 S. MacGregor Way. Tickets are $7.00 in advance and $10.00 at the door. Tickets are available from Jim's Gym and Swim Club, they go on sale August 20. In case of rain the location will be Cockatoo's 3400 Travis. Decorations by Christo.

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Barney's World by Barney O'Reilly

I'm Gay.
So How Do I Get Somewhere From There?

"Help!" That was little Barney crying out to himself at 14 or thereabouts. Mom and Dad weren't an awful lot of help. It wasn't their fault. They're straight. Little Barney knew he was normal, but it ain't easy being the only normal guy you know in eighth grade.

What a relief to little Barney to learn that there are at least *two* norms. It would have been awful to have so many—practically everybody Barney knew—unhealthy psychosexually. But "where do I go from here?" Nobody little Barney knew knew the answer—for him. Of course little Barney wasn't broadcasting the question—not in Houston.

There's still no roadmap—we're as human as anyone else—but today, thanks to the growing gay subculture, we have our own literature emerging. (And I'm not speaking about what's hidden in my top drawer.) Of course we all know that we now have gay literature, but that's as far as most of the gay community has considered the matter.

Gay theatre has grown into much more than old New York offerings like *The Boys in the Band* and *Women Behind Bars*—mainly what's been seen in houston in recent years. Our friends in New Orleans have moved into gay theatre production in a manner thus far seen only in such culture-prone places as New York, California and London. In early August, an impressive program of four one-acts—three standards and one by New Orleans playwright—was produced in the French Quarter.

Theatre—like all other literary forms—not only entertains but tells us about life. And the rapidly growing number of well written works by gays intended primarily for gay audiences and readers tells us about gay life. And for most of us that's the only roadmap available besided our own personal experiences. Barney knows that all gays are not as knowledgeable about themselves as they would like to be. The questions you ask Barney, the things you tell him on the phone indicate that you want to know more about gayness and gay life. "Well, Barney, you must know it all; you write about it." Now, guys, there are some things Barney cannot tell you that you ask him: the anxious young guy in love for the first time and with a hunk he wants to keep: "Who should do what to whom?" "How do I know he really loves me?" "He wants me to be his, but—" Okay, so Barney's been all those places, he still can't make decisions for you. What to do? If those are your only emotional problems you're normal and healthy! You need no counselor. The answers to those are whatever you want that's possible. But seeing and reading about gay situations helps you grow emotionally and make better decisions. Read a good book on gay life; go to a play or a gay movie (other than the 25¢ variety).

If you haven't read *The Naked Civil Servant,* repent of it. It is a sin. (Oops! Barney needs a rest. He's not only sounding like MM, he's making MM's words his very own. It's just that Barney's been hearing all those rumors about Moral Madness—MM—moving into Texas. It's getting to him.)

(cont'd on next page)

Barney's World (cont'd)

Quentin Crisp—the naked one—is an important gay writer and, kids, if you think you've been persecuted, check out that book. On second thought, it's not for kids; nor for Aunt Martha either. It's a tale of and for the hardy—and one of the best books, straight or gay, in the past dozen or so years. Who said "a queen is a queen is a queen"? Quentin Crisp never heard about it. I'd say he's unique, but then he's also exactly like every other queen you've ever met, too. What a life! What a witty, witty man.

One critic of gay literature early-on said that it's not gay without the gay bed. After what sounded like authoritative advice, Barney decided he'd better not try writing gay literature, though he'd been successful in the straight literary world. Being live in bed, that's one thing (O'lala); but writing about it—well. . .you know Barney. . .bed scenes could be. . .embarrassing? Trite? (You ought to believe Barney.) Boring? Well, yes, boring. To Barney, sex is not a spectator sport. And if Barney got bored writing gay? Then I'd pity his readers—if he ad any left. And? Yes, you know Barney did. And? He's more readers than ever. How does Barney feel about it as a writer? C'est magnifique!

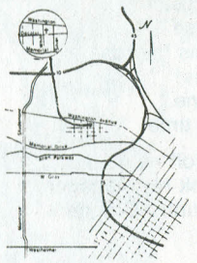
It's the viewpoint, however, that makes something gay—a gay telling a gay how it is with him. And Barney will give you a clue about the bed. I discovered that it's not much of a criterion—do straights spend every minute in bed in their stories? Then, why should we? It takes up so little of our time really—never mind how often. We're not very different, but the difference makes a difference.

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Look at what's new on the C.W. scene (and on the cover)! Frank's Country Cloggers have expanded (and in all the right directions), to include an all women's group. Alright! Enthusiasm ran high for the ladies at their first performance at Gay Country. One good turn deserves another, and this past Saturday night Norma and Chara of the Lampost invited the Cloggers to perform their even bigger and better routine for the LP. And we understand this good looking new group will be booked in St. Louis, Mo., Labor Day and at other clubs in Big H soon. They were great. They looked sharp, and the crowd loved it! With this kind of support and their kind of togetherness, we can look forward to good times ahead. Hats off to you Cloggers and Congratulations in superlative terms.

—J.C.

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—A Friend, B.Z.



Frank of The Gay Country Cloggers



Larry Butler and wife Pat with Frank



Think It Over by G.E. Scott

A TAD OF G.B.S.

An elderly lady enters hell:

"But, (my dear) in hell old age is not tolerated. It is too real. Here we worship love and beauty. Our souls are entirely damned, we cultivate our hearts. As a lady of 77, you would not have a single acquaintance in hell.

Well, here we have no bodies; we see each other as bodies only because we learned to think about one another under that aspect when we were alive, and we still think that way, knowing no other.

I had better tell you that these things are a matter of fashion. Occasionally we have a rage for 17; but it does not last long. Just at present the fashionable age is 40 or say 37; but there are signs of a change. If you were at all good looking at 27, I should suggest your trying that, and setting a new fashion.

There are no social questions here, no political questions, no religious questions, best of all, perhaps, no sanitary questions. Here you call your appearance beauty, your emotions love, your sentiments heroism, your aspirations virtue, just as you did on earth; but here there are no hard facts to contradict you, no ironic contrast of your needs with your pretensions, no human comedy, nothing but a perpetual romance, a universal melodrama."

From G.B. Shaw's *Don Juan in hell.*

ARISTOTLE ON FRIENDSHIP

"For friendship is a partnership, and as a man is to himself, so is he to his friend."

Over 2000 years ago, Aristotle noted that there are three types of friendship. There is friendship based on usefulness to one another—that is some good which such friends get from one another. Let's say business associates and acquaintances. Then there is friendship for the sake of pleasure—that is some pleasure or amusement which such friends get from one another. Let's say "bar" and "party" friends. Aristotle said that these two types of friendships are most easily broken off, for if the parties do not remain the same, for if one party is no longer pleasant or useful, the other will cease to love him.

But, the third and most perfect friendship is the friendship of men who are BOTH good and virtuous, who wish good of one another, and are good in themselves. This Aristotle said is the most durable of friendships. It is the truest friendship—without qualification good and pleasant. Aristotle noted that in this type of friendship—based on mutual choice and mutual love—there is an equal return of good will and pleasantness. This creates equality. For true frienship is said to be equality. What do you think?

From Aristotle's *"Nicomachean Ethics" (Books VIII and IX).*

THE GREATER SEWERS OF HOUSTON

by Eureka Hoover-Kirby

Well, after a week of vacation I am back at the old note pad.

A bit of wedding news! Lady Georgette and Kitty Kat have reunited. They have a house just off Almeda.

Bowling last Monday was against Basic Trash. Lynn Chapman, Dan Loshoukahl, Darrell Reynolds were the regular members there. Ron Leek was a sub. They are fine people and a lot of fun.

I can hardly wait for the Labor Day Bar-B-Que at the Barn. Their holiday parties are fun!!!!

Stopped in at "Our Place" and caught the band there. They have good sound and a lot of talent. Stop in and have a beer with the gang there.

The Venture-N is really busy with their construction. Can't wait to see it when it's finished.

All you Austin people get ready. I'm coming in for the Miss Gay U.S.A. Pageant. So get your tongues ready to wag.

Can hardly wait to get to Baton Rouge! I am goint to try and get there after Labor Day. It's hard for me to travel when it's hot, because I SWEAT!!!

The Sunday Beer Bust at Mary's is really a hoot. I've been going there for years and will probably keep going for years to come. If you have never been to Mary's, go, because you owe yourself one hellofa time.

Let me apologize to Steve at the Unicorn for inadvertently leaving his name out of the column. It was not intentional. I'm sorry, Steve!

Cole had a birthday last Friday. Lee and Steve at the Unicorn were real nice and helped in the celebration. Hope you had a Happy Birthday, Cole.

The Mining Company is sure busy. Lots going on there.

I called Magnolia Blossoms the other day. She is so sweet, just like saccharine. Covington, indeed! Hillsboro has a fantastic cafe where one can get a plate lunch for $1.99. A meat and 2 veggies with bread and beverage. She isn't used to gourmet food like at Baja's and I don't want to embarass her. She's used to a knife and fork wrapped up in a paper napkin with a teaspoon in the glass of tea. You can take a girl out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the girl.

She was so upset because Loretta Young got the part in "The Farmer's Daughter" instead of she. She tried out for the part, but they couldn't fit her in a dress. The dress would have been all darts.

Well, Magnolia, I'll stop for now on you, but next week, watch out!!!

Doglady, you are an absolute hoot! Thanks for the beer and the pleasure of visiting with you. I really enjoyed the show the other night.

Dolly Parton, is that one hairpiece or several? it is beautiful. Jerry Vanover, you are absolute. Margaux, you are hot. Erica, you are superb. Fina, beautiful show. Sabina, hot! Thanks for the good show the other night.

Sophie, congrats on your membership. I really miss living close to you and we need to have good times again. I haven't seen Sis, Clay or John. I call and no answer.

Brad and Carl are fine. I loved that pink feather fan in your hair, Brad. hope your car can be repaired.

Hi, Doyle!

Take care for now everyone. Talk to you next week.



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Snooping Around by Magnolia Blossums

What kind of delivery service is it between Houston and Baytown on I-10, please answer me that question Miss hoover????? Bet it is hoteeeeee.....And who do you take with you?????? Finally found out where Blum, Texas is???? Sure must be a cruisy town square there, nuh??? Why is there always so bad talk about places only because business is slow...Of course there are people that just like to gossip...But fun is fun and slander is something else...Think about it???? Saw Tony Lazada at the Dogpatch the other afternoon.... Where are you keeping yourself lately hon.... Ron, you are a whiz on that pinball ain't you honeee??? Has the doglady got herself a new husband??? If its the one I saw him with at the Burger & Booze bar, gad, he couldn't be from Blum, Texas, could he??? He is an absolute doll????? The great show at the Dogpatch was cancelled due to a bad accident on laVerne, the Male Impersonator. . .We wish her well and a speedy recovery.. But the show went on with jerry Vanover in his usual rare form.. Where in the hell does he get those dresses he wears??? The number Erica Lane does in that top hat is nothing but hoteeeeee?? Jerry Vanover as a judge at Ceasars Palace? Now that's different, and where in the hell did you get that hat you were wearing, Jerry??? The show at the Exile was nothing but short of great.. So many great entertainers there.. You peededddd Sweet Puss?? Even the hustlers were enjoying it? I think???? We went to the Copa the other night but couldn't find a parking spot, not the way they park there? You couldn't even put a kiddie car on the lot... Nice to be popular ain't it honeeee/?? The spaghetti feed at the Burger & Booze bar was fun, and good also,? Was it really ground up dog chow in your sauce,,, huh, Doglady???? My spies tell me there is a rumor of another popular bar going under? HUH? Vera, is that your life story in TWT???? Oh come on and tell us honeeee?? Eurica, you must try out booth 17/?? its wildeeee??? Go by and see the hot bartenders at the Unicorn, they are hoteee?? Besides its a fun bar. No more news this time, so see you next week. Keep a tight lip, Eurica?

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LEO'S MESSAGE FOR AUGUST: *With the sun firmly planted in your sun sign, you of all the signs like to shine and there will be no finer time all year to do so. The whole month should find you feeling above par as your energy level should be at an all time high. Your in the spotlight now so my message to you is use this time as a new beginning for all enterprises, especially for ones involving a certain amojnt of courage or daring. Break from the past, do not be afraid because you will surely succeed now. By September, you will probably be involved in delicate financial dealings but now it should be pleasure, so enjoy, enjoy.*

ARIES: With the sun in Virgo, emphasis is in your job or career areas. You now have the opportunity to make major changes possible, by showing people you can be accurate as well as stable.

TAURUS: Blessed with that irresistable venus charm, you can be quite startling to deal with and this period may find you with your hands full of romantic interests. Since you are never at a loss in knowing what to do, you will probably be doing a lot.

GEMINI: The emphasis is now in your fourth house of home, surrounding, and security. This would be the perfect time to make things as comfortable and enjoyable, on the homefront. Let your natural talents for entertaining show through but guard your security as this is not the time to take risks!

CANCER: All types of communication are lucky for you now. Be sure to send important correspondence off at this time and if any needs to make short trips arise, take them.

LEO: Your financial picture should be improving but it is wise to plan for the future. A wise budget setup now could afford you the pleasure of a late vacation this year.

VIRGO: With the sun, mercury, jupiter, and saturn all lined up in virgo, this is a time to exert yourself to a more positive future. The planets are all in your favor. It is up to you to become more optimistic and confident.

LIBRA: Talking too much at this time could get you in a lot of trouble. Guard against sudden outbursts of hidden information. You could be tempted to overdo in other departments as well.

SCORPIO: A friends advice to you could upset you but you would be wise to agree and work with others on your plans, as joint endeavors are fortunate. Your hopes and wishes are much closer than you think.

SAGITTARIUS: Take aim at your goals and be reassured that in a very short time, you will be in a better position than you have been in a long time.

CAPRICORN: Harmony is the key work for your life now. People, places, and things should respond to you as if you seem to know things straight from the heavens and you just might.

AQUARIUS: Although life has a way of lifting us up and setting us down again, these next few months should find your life settling down for a more secure future. This is due to your active pursuit of life in the past.

PISCES: The coming cycle promises you the opportunities to settle any differences you had with your mate or love interest. The stars are extremely favorable for marriage and romance at this time.

Sports

MSA BOWLING LEAGUE
Summer League Final Standing

Place	Team	Win	Loss	Total Pins
1	VERSATILE 5	32	16	24258
2	LADIES AND TRAMPS	31	17	22306
3	5 EASY PIECES	30	18	27320
4	5 CARD STUDS	29	19	25403
5	SPARE BALLS	29	19	24292
6	BUTCH BOYS	28	20	23568
7	HIGH ROLLERS	28	20	20500
8	HEAD HUNTERS	27	21	25190
9	GUTTER TRASH	26	22	28136
10	MISFITS	26	22	21131
11	2 + 1	25	23	21591
12	IT COMES FIRST	25	23	21467
13	INTEGRITY HOUSTON	24	24	23566
14	LAST RESORT	24	24	22284
15	PINUPS	23½	24½	26371
16	BALL BUSTERS	22½	25½	22740
17	FRIGGIN 5	22	26	24469
18	VIRGA KINGS	22	26	22586
19	MIDNIGHT RIDERS	21½	26½	23668
20	SPARE SISTERS	21	27	22303
21	BASIC TRASH	20	28	22779
22	BLACK MOLLES	19½	28½	22887
23	TROLLUPS	19	29	18522
24	EASY RIDERS	17½	30½	21292
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26	QUALITY MEATS	14	34	21579

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1.	RICH CORDER	218	532
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5.	VAN WATSON		514
6.	GERALD HAGAN		509
7.	BRETT BRAUD		506
8.	BILL HOWARD		501

SPORTS

Monday night was final night for the summer bowling league. On September 8 winter league starts at the Stadium Lanes. There is approximately 45 teams signed up and there is room for 10 more teams. Sign up! As far as MR can find out the MSA winter bowling league will be the largest men's bowling league in Texas. Houston is sending one team to Los Angeles for the Hollywood Bowling Tournament on August 26, 27, 28. The Houston is being sponsored by the Parade Houston and Terra Frisca, Inc. They will be playing 18 games and the events are singles, doubles, and team events.

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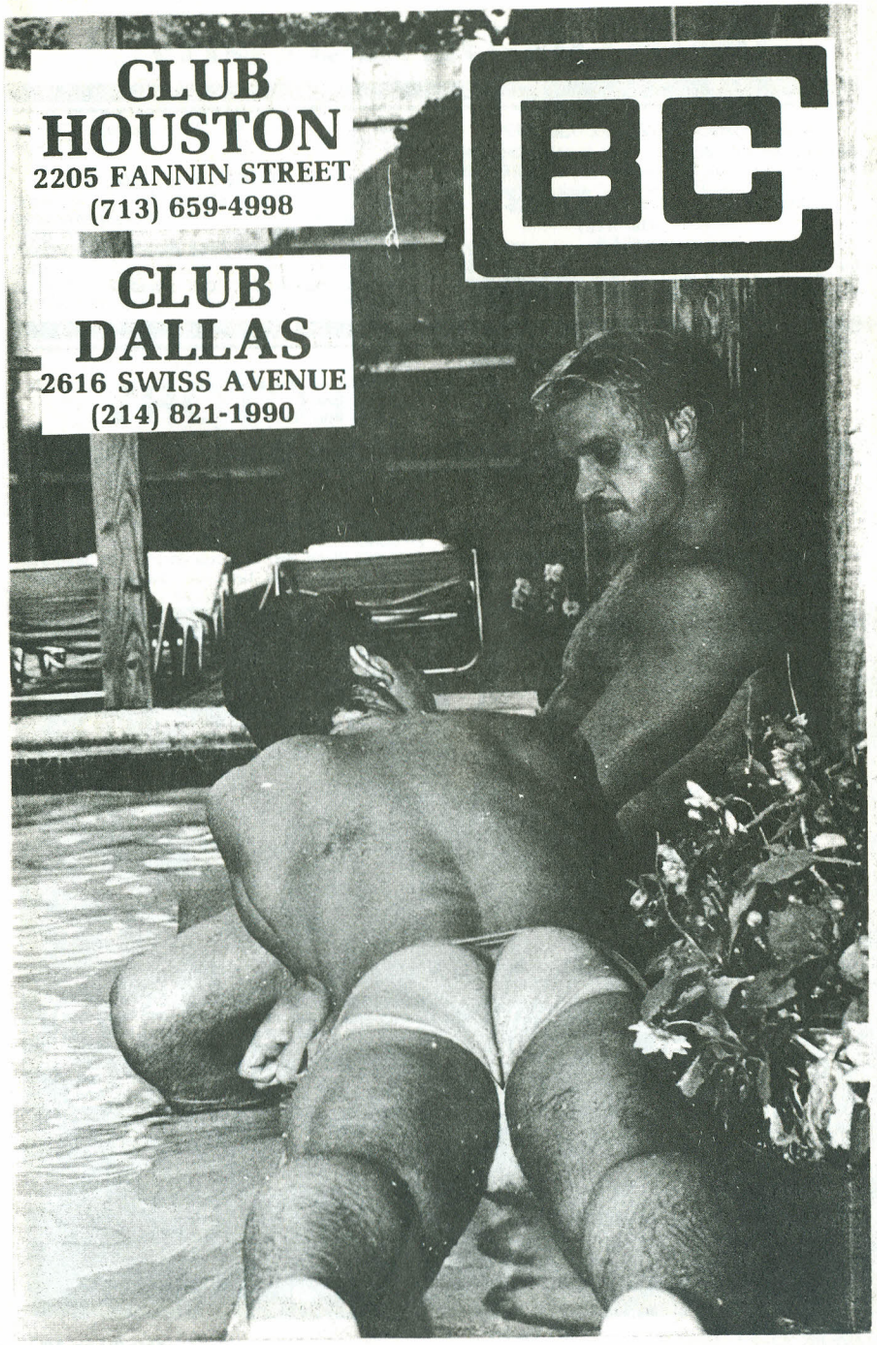
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