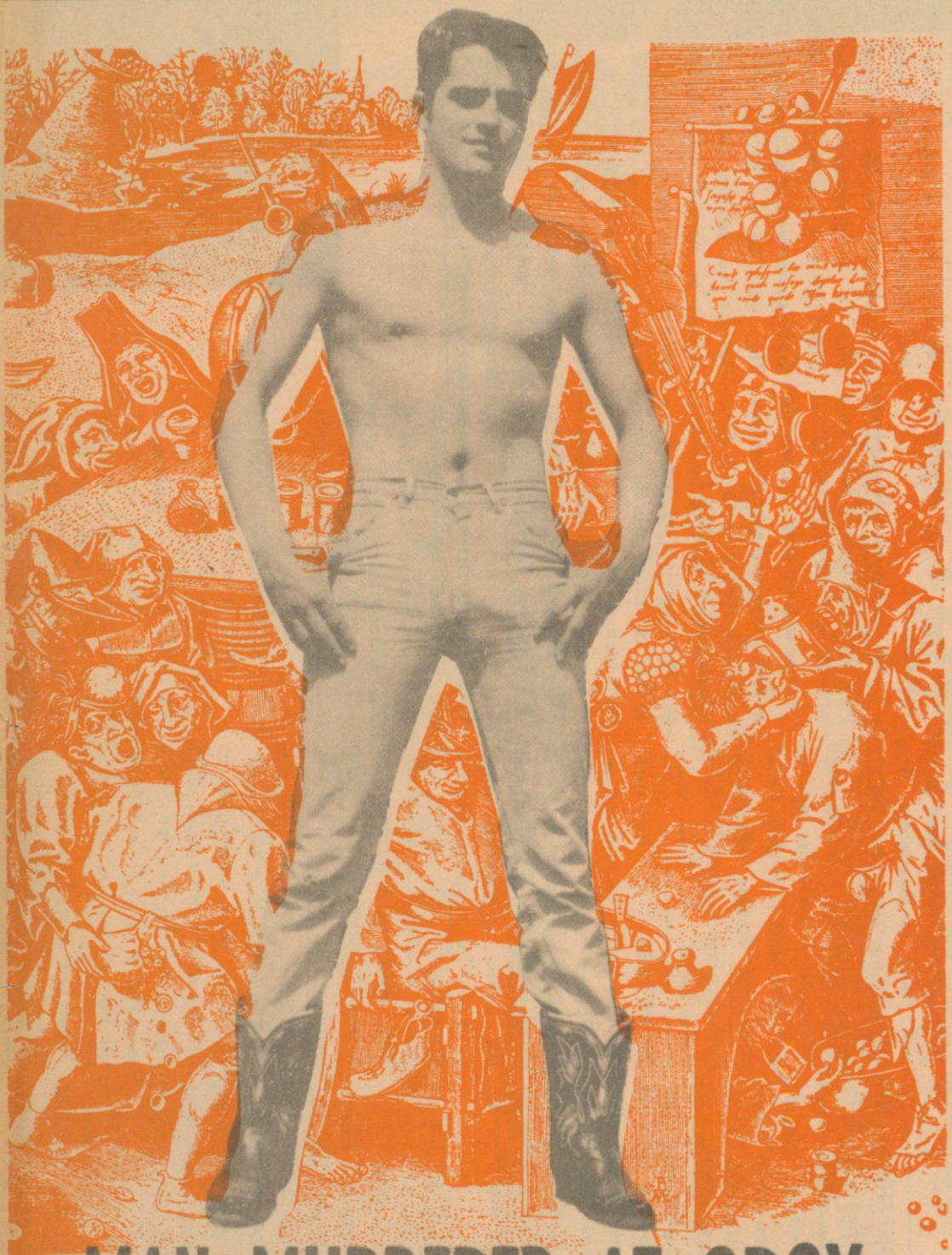
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JIM WYNN SHOT TO DEATH

GANG MEMBERS ARRESTED FOR MURDER AT SEX AND DOPE PARTY. A CONTRACT?

HOUSTON. Five persons who said they were members of the notorious Bandidos motorcycle gang have been arrested for the murder of James C. Wynn, 30. Indictments have been returned against them in the case.

Don Chambers of Houston, national president of the Bandidos, said that he and the Pasadena Bandidos chief (Called "Alley Cat") talked the five, three men and two women into turning themselves into Houston police.

The five Bandidos are: Roy James Gibson, 23, from Tacoma, Washington; Jerry Jackson, 28, of Bellaire who identified himself as "a fulltime Bandido"; Larry Bruce King, 21, from Olympia, Washington; Mrs. Paula Ann Kelly,28, and Miss Marty Ann James, 23, both of 1707 Waugh Drive in Houston. The Waugh Drive address was raided recently as a baudy house operation. Jackson is also a fugitive from justice on an assualt charge filed in Seattle, according to the FBI.

Wynn, an unemployed lounge operator, died at Ben Taub Hospital after he was shot in the head at about 4:00 a.m. September 13th 1971.

Wynn was formerly the manager of the old Plantation Club here before he opened his own club, The Apartment. He later closed this club and became a partner with Lannis Thompson in the R omulus Club, now defunct. He also managed the Romulus Club until his partner discovered serious discrepancies in the outstanding stock issued by the Romulus Club's corporation which suggested an attempt to embezzle. Mr. Thompson, an attorney, took legal actions to protect the corporation's interests from the scheme and Wynn left Houston suddenly for parts unknown. When no charges were filed against him in connection with the matter he later returned to town.

Wynn was allegedly deeply involved in the illegal drug traffic here and was known as "THE HIGH PRIESTESS OF POT" to his friends and others.

He had been employed briefly as a bartender at The Farm House club prior to his death. The Farm House is operated by the former owners of the old Plantation Club. He is survived by his widow, a young woman he married a few years ago.

The murder took place at 909 W. Main at a party organized at The Palace Club by Wynn and several others. According to some witnesses the Bandidos and their women companions were present at the Palace Club and were invited to attend the party. The guests were numbered at about 20 and most were smoking marijuana and using other drugs. Also according to witnesses one of the women at the party was having sexual relations with one of the male guests when one of the Bandidos decided it was his turn to have her. He dragged the woman from one bedroom across the living room into another bedroom. At this, Wynn attempted to stop what appered to be a rape. His attempts to interfer resulted in the Bandido knocking Wynn to the floor. When Wynn tried to get up, the Bandido pulled a .32 calibre pistol from beneath his shirt and fired at Wynn.

Witnesses said the three Bandido women were screaming "Kill him! Kill him!" during the altercation. Other witnesses said that the Bandidos and their women then told the other guests that "this is a rip-off," demanding their wallets and valuables. After killing Wynn the murderer and his companions fled the apartment.

One of the guests then gathered up hypodermic syringes and other narcotic paraphenalia, along with some of the drugs being used, placed them in the trunk of his car and left the party for a near-by service station. From there he telephoned Houston police and then returned to the scene of the murder. In the meantime, another of the guests gathered up the rest of the narcotics and marijuana and flushed them down the toilet in the apartment. The mass of drugs caused the toilet to stop up but just before the police arrived the drain unclogged. Several of the guests present at the time of the murder and robery fled the scene before police arrived. Nine of the guests were still present when the police arrived.

Don Chambers, Bandido national president told reporters at the time he surrendered the five Bandidos to Houston police that "we were just handling our agreement with the police department. If some of us do wrong, we turn them in and let the law handle them. We're not outlaws." A sixth person, another woman, who was with the five at the time of their murder-robbery has not been found.

The three long-haired, unkept males have been held without bail and the two women were released on bond.

On several occasions the Bandidos have surrendered murder suspects to police. One suspect, Jimmy Lindsey, 29, filed charges of theft and assualt against Chambers and other gang members after he was surrendered and charged with murder in 1969. Lindsey was badly beaten before he reached police and claimed other gang members had beaten him before taking his cash and motorcycle from him.

Wynn was allegedly scheduled to testify in a trial in connection with the arson trials of the Palace Club and the Plantation. Arson Investigators were not available for comment on what affect Wynn's death might have

DALLAS ZODIAC COSTUME BALL - HIGHLIGHTS HALLOWEEN SOCIAL— ACTIVITIES

DALLAS – Plans for the first Zodiac Ball in Dallas have been announced by the ball's organisers. They plan to make it an annual event. The organisers are substantial businessmen in the Gay Community and they have worked hard to ensure the ball's success. It will be a really grand evening, the first of this k nd!

Arrangements have included agreements with Dallas officials, including Dectective Lt. Dan Fraizer, newly appointed head of the Dallas vice squad. "No masks are allowed and people must be out of costume by 2:30 am; otherwise I can find nothing wrong with your idea of a costume (drag) ball," said Lt. Frazier to Ball Organisers.

The Zodiac Ball will take place at the Adolphus Hotel in the Elegant Regency Ball Room. Guests will arrive through the 1321 Commerce Street entrance, which is a direct sheltered entrance from the parking lot. Speaial reserved sections have been designated in the parking lot for guests of the Ball.

The Zodiac Ball will be on Saturday, October 30th, 1971 at 8:00 p.m.

There will be seven trophies given in the following categories: MISS GRAND BALL – a large throphy and $100.00 in cash. Entrants are accepted from any place in the USA.

MISS DALLAS – Winner must be a local resident.

Other categgries are: Best Couple, male or female couple, Serious Performer, male or female. Comedy Performer – male or female. Best Gown – Male only . Best Costume – Male or female.

Professional people are to be the judges and their identities will be kept secret until after all prizes have been awarded.

A live band will play for the guests from 8:00 until 11:00 pm, when the contest judging begins.

Drinks are $1.00 each with two bars set up for your convenience.

Because of Texas liquor laws, EVERYONE must carry an identification such as a drivers license. No one can be admitted without his or her ID.

Tickets for the Zodiac Ball will be $5.00 apiece and tickets must be presented along with ID at the door.

This will be the first time such a gala event has been held in Texas or the entire Southwest! It will be a truly grand evening and one to be remembered long after the last dance. Everyone will have a glorious time so make your plans to attend the Zodiac Ball now! Only 1000 lucky people can be permitted entrance to the Ball Room and reservations are already coming in from all over the USA. Make your reservations now by ordering your tickets!

Coupons for the tickets are on the page with the Zodiac ad.

Homosexual role questioned

DALLAS – The Rev. Spurgeon, Dunman III, editor of The Texas Methodist, reviewing recent disruptions by the Gay Liberation Front of the Southwest Texas Conference meeting in San Antonio, questions the effectiveness of a homosexual serving as minister to other homosexuals.

Writing in an issue of the denominational newspaper, he observed:

"We question whether a practicing homosexual can any more effectively provide a Christian ministry for other homosexuals than can a drinking alcoholic minister to other alcoholics."

The issue arose at San Antonio when Gene Leggett, a member of the Dallas Theater Center and an ordained minister who admits to being a homosexual, sought to have his ministerial license extended. His plea was refused.

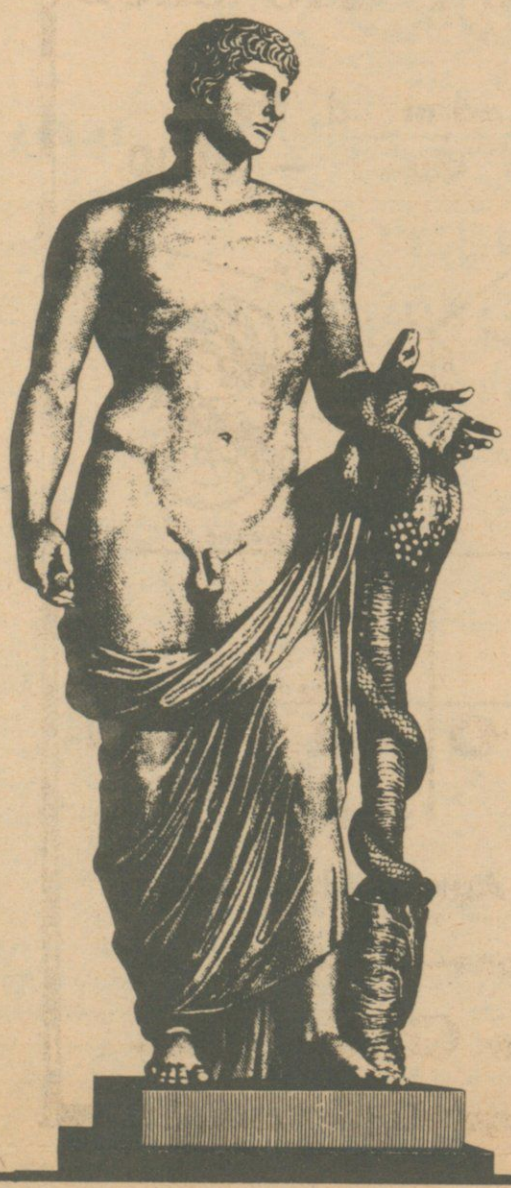
Remarking he feels that in the perspective of the gospel homosexuality is unnatural and not an acceptable form of human behavior, Dunnam adds, however, "we must be much more compassionate and tolerant" in restating the traditional church stance on the issue.

He explains that, while he does not advocate "a church law automatically forbidding homosexuals from the ordained ministry, the burden of proof of demonstrating the need for a different and yet scripturally sound position" should be placed on the shoulders of "the would-be homosexual minister."

HOMOSEXUAL SECURITY CLEARANCE EASED

WASHINGTON – U. S. District Judge John H. Pratt ruled that government security evaluators cannot subject homosexuals to "probing personal questions" about their sex lives or withhold security clearances for refusal to answer such questions. He also ruled that the government can not use its information to deny security clearance without a showing that it affects the individual's judgment, stability or vulnerability to blackmail.

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A HUSTLERS VIEW FROM THE TOP

by William J. Lambert, III

I have long been fascinated with the world of hustling. Part of this fascination comes from the inherent curiosity of an author. Another part derives from the fact that my educational background is in the field of advertising-marketing. In short, all of us come into this world with the necessary commodity -- our bodies -- but few of us are capable of marketing it successfully.

It is interesting to note that some people do make it big in this particular profession. The field has many opportunities for those people with the right looks, talents, brains and good luck. It can be noted that while I have met and talked with literally hundreds of hustlers, I have yet to meet a really successful one who did not have, to one degree or another, some combination of those four traits.

The rewards of hustling, as in any other profession, can be fantastic for those who make it to the top. I have met some of the really big-time young men who have climbed to heights of success that many people would find unbelievable in the extreme. They have penthouses, cars, spending money, clothes. They mingle with the aristocracy of Europe and the wealthy in America. Granted, these at the summit are few compared to the multitudes involved in this particular profession, but then in any business how many actually make it to Mahogany Row? It takes a special brand of individual to make it to the peak. Not everyone -- even if they wanted to -- could do it.

This article is another of my interviews with one of the lucky ones who did.

His name is Brad (pseudonym of course). I ran into him again recently at a straight party in one of the major European cities. He is attractive: green eyes, blond hair, good physique. He is well hung. He is an American. He saw me first and came over to talk over cocktails. After the party we went out to a local bar for more drinks and conversation.

I had first met Brad a few years previously. He had been one of a group of young boys an acquaintance of mine had just brought together to form a call-boy service. I could have told from the first meeting that Brad had potential. That he was already ensconced in a suite at one of the more fashionable West-Coast addresses at sixteen was a good indication of the way he was going. Few people make it big cruising the streets. Like any other field of marketing, you need a selling force behind you. Choosing the right perxon, or group of people to represent you takes a bit of discrnment. It is often hard to keep away from syndicate-operated establishments. While you can make it to the top there, too, most of the smart ones stay clear of those factions involved in organized crime.

BRAD: Meeting John was, of course, my first break. He knew what he was doing. I mean he really knew. But he wasn't an exploiter either. As green as I was when I started out in this business, anyone could have really taken advantage of me. I mean, I was that ignorant of what was coming off. At that age, I didn't know there was big money involved. I was just looking for some kind of job that would take me out of the house. My mother was dead and my father wanted a life unhindered by the existence of a sixteen-year-old son. John was the perfect out. I met him through a friend of mine in school. Timmy and I were on the gymnastics team together and had fooled around quite a bit sexually. He said he knew someone who was setting up another call-boy operation in the city and wanted to know if I would be interested. When I found out there was the possibility that I might get an apartment of my own as part of the deal, I jumped at the chance for a meeting.

REPORTER: What happened at the meeting?

BRAD: It was really funny. Of course, you know John and how he operates. I didn't. Not then anyway. I went prepared for sex. Jesus, was I surprised. All we did was sit and talk about other things besides hustling. He wanted to know about my father, my mother, my family situation. I could tell that Timmy had already filled him in on a lot of details. Then suddenly the interview was just over. He said he would contact me. I thought it was one of those don't-call-me-I'll-call-you lines.

REPORTER: Apparently it wasn't.

BRAD: Timmy told me the next week that everything was set. John wanted to use me. We had to be careful though because I was underage. Instead of an apartment by myself, John moved Timmy and I in together. It made it easier to say that we were sharing expenses when anyone asked. I also told my dad that I had gotten a part-time job with a modeling agency. John fixed that up. There was an agency, but it was just a cover. John had a photographer snap all sorts of professional-like pictures of me. I kept them in a portifolio on the coffee table in case any straight dropped by. During the same photographic session the guy snapped some other pictures showing the other group of customers just what I had to offer. Oh, nothing dirty. As dirty as they got was having work up an erection for a series of photos. Again, no sex. John was there for all the sessions. It was all very business like. You know to this day I couldn't really tell you if John were queer or not. If he was, he was getting his sex from elsewhere than his employees.

REPORTER: You knew the other boys that worked for him?

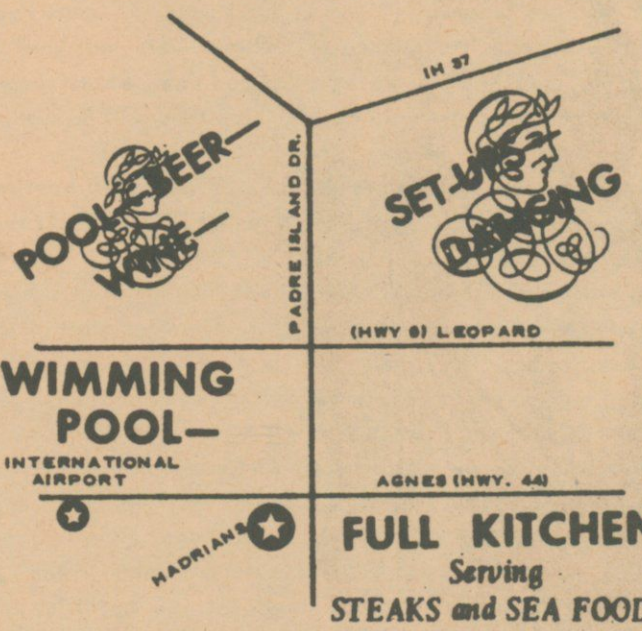
BRAD: Christ, yes. That was another thing about John that I liked. He kept everything above board. He also let his people socialize. We all met you at that one party. You know, a lot of organizations try to keep the kids apart. That way they don't get to talk over just how much of the take they are getting. John treated us all as equals. There was this one kid named Bob. You remember Bob, don't you? He was the one who looked kind of frail. He got paid more than the rest of us for a session, but he was into the S/M thing. John took the time to explain why he got more. He didn't have to. He was just a cool operator. I think everyone of us had a crush on him. We all liked him so much that even when we got together we didn't usually talk business. We all trusted John. I would trust him today in a second.

REPORTER: You weren't in on this S/M thing?

BRAD: No, not really. I did a few of the leather bits a couple of times. But no one got to beat me like they did Bob. It wasn't my bag. I remember John asked me once if I wanted to take the paddle. He said one customer had seen my

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pictures and was really turned on to me. John said if I let the guy paddle me, my share would be ten dollars for each whack. I said no. John didn't press me. John was like that. I mean if I was getting ten bucks per hit, I wonder what John would have cleared from it. I really liked the guy.

REPORTER: You're not with John any longer?

BRAD: John made it quite clear to all of us that we weren't going to be with him forever. He was selling our bodies, and when we were no longer in demand we would be gotten rid of. Of course he wasn't all that hard-nosed about it. It wasn't like we got used up over night. He gave us an average estimate of three years. He said maximum would be five. Most of his customers were regulars. They were those pillars of society who couldn't cruise the streets and didn't go to the bars. John had to give them variety to keep them happy. They got as tired of having sex with us as we did in having sex with them.

REPORTER: So how long did you stay with him?

BRAD: A little less than three years. I could have gone on for awhile longer, but I enrolled in college instead. John had regrets about letting me go -- anywhy he said he did -- but I think we both knew that my time was about up. We got together and had a long talk at the end. I got a lot of pointers from him. In a way, he has influenced the direction of my life more than my father ever could have. Did you know that John used to be a hustler? He used to be married to this studio head in Hollywood. But then, sure you knew. You and John are friends. You're lucky being his friend. It is really impossible to be friends and business associates. Anyway I think it is for John.

REPORTER: So, how did you get from there to here?

BRAD: Well, by the time I had left John, I was a little smarter than when I started. I also knew that there was money in selling my body. I had only worked for a little less than three years on a part-time basis, and I had enough money saved for four years of college. Oh, not Harvard or any of the big universities but enough for college anyway. I've got to thank John for that, too. He had a standard operating procedure of making us bank part of our money. He said it was only good business. He didn't want his kids leaving him and bitching about the raw deal they had gotten. And he knew enough about hustling to know that there was nothing worse than working your ass off and comming away with nothing to show for it. John't having been a hustler really helped us. It wasn't bad at all saying good-bye when you had a little nest egg to carry you over. There were no hard feelings if you know what I mean.

REPORTER: So what are you doing now?

BRAD: Still hustling.

REPORTER: At that party?

BARD: No. The party was just for fun. It was friends and all. There is more to life than just the Gay existence. You know that. I think I learned that from John and from college. Everyone who wants to be a successful hustler should go to college. How is that for an advertisement for higher education? But it's true. College gives one a certain poise. Some guys think you don't need a brain to hustle. They are used to these one-night stands on the streets. You know the old line about people not ------- a brain? Well for the one-night stand that might well be right. But if you're going to hustle seriously, it is not the -----and-run encounters that are the most lucrative. And if you don't have the ability to carry on a conversation, you're not going to have potential as a sought-after item. Some guys I've met recently have been more interested in conversation than sex. Some of them can't even get it up anymore. They just want you to make them feel young. There's a lot of ways of doing that without crawling into bed with them. College teaches you how. Oh, granted, they don't have a course on the subject, but you learn how to fit in with those who have money or who are going to have it. You make contacts there, too. You know the old saying about it's not who you know but who you blow? Well, I've discovered that it's who you know and who you blow that really counts.

REPORTER: You made contacts in college?

BRAD: A lot of them. After all, there are homosexuals who go to college. But it's another life from the one on the streets. It's a good deal more sophisticated. It's more than just sex. I met this exchange student from France. We had this thing for almost a year. After college I came over here to visit him and his family. We had passed the point of having sex with each other, but we were still good friends. That's what is diffrent about meeting a guy who is Gay in college instead of in the bars. In the bars you've got nothing in common except a desire for a night of sex. But in college you've got classes together, sports events, the whole atmosphere. You're part of a bigger family. It's easier to have sex with someone and still be friends afterwards.

REPORTER: So that's what you're doing in Europe?

BRAD: That was over a year ago. His family knew people. So did he. I got together with this president of an automobile factory. He was married and had three kids, but he liked me. We were together for almost a whole year. He was very generous. He knew people. I was at the party this evening because Karl had introduced me to the host and hostess.

REPORTER: And now?

BRAD: Well, it's over with Karl. He has taken a fancy to this butch blond Austrian. But that's okay. We parted friends, and we had fun while it lasted. I also have quite a few investments going now. People like Karl know that it is easier to make the break when you leave your comapnion with a little something to work with. Karl invested money for me. I have no complaints. I have enough money to bum around Europe for a couple years just on the interest I'm getting. I'll probably try to find a couple more people to have fun with before I go home. There's this one Italian actor that wants me to go to the Greek islands with him. He's going on location there for a picture next month. I'll probably go. Of course, I'm not silly enough to believe that I can go on like this indefinitely. I'm getting old. But when you're selling your body, your prive time is short. You can stretch it longer though, I've found, if you have an education. There aren't too many young kids off the streets who have the finesse to be a companion to a lot of the guys who have money. As I said, there are people who want more for what they pay thar just sex.

The above was submitted by William J. Lambert, III who has a late novel out – BOB, CARL, TED AND ALAN at $1.95 – by Greenleaf. If you are interested and are unable to locate this book on the news racks. Contact the NUNTIUS and we will help locate a copy for you.

RED ROOM ENDS CONTEST COST $200.00

The Red Room had the finals in their "Amature" contest the last Tuesday of September.

The show itself was one of the finest seen despite the fact that only amatures were in the contest. They all did just great, the following being the contestants: Friday Foster, Thresa Randell, Dee, Jeannie, Ed Golden, Rene DePree, Bobbie and Bunny.

"Big George", owner of the RR learned a lesson from this show we hope. There were four judges instead of an uneven number and therefore a tie between the judges as to who the winner was! This resulted in duplicate first prizes of $100.00 for each of the performers chosen by the judges.

The Nuntius Editor contributed half of the prize money for the duplicate award since plans by the RR had only included one first prize.

The prize winners were Friday Foster and Thresa Randell. I am sure more will be seen of the group of fine entertainers that appeared in this contest at the RR.

Look for the enlarging of the RR show facilities to be ready sometime this month.

Homosexual marriage ruled illegal

MINNEAPOLIS – The Methodist minister who preformed the marriage ceremony for two avowed homosexuals acted illegally, according to the Minnesota area bishop of the United Methodist Church.

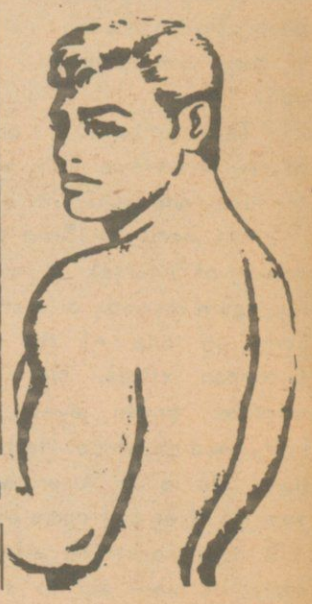
Bishop Paul Washburn said that, although the Rev. Roger Lynn is an appointed "street minister," and thereby authorized to perform marriages, the act was illegal. Jack Baker, the president of the University of Minnesota Student Association, and his roommate, James McConnell, both 29, went through a private marriage ceremony last Friday.

Blue Earth County Atty. John Corbey said he wrote letters to both men on Aug. 31 telling them their marriage license was invalid because the "address listed on the application was not that of the bride" and the law used the word "woman" in referring to one of the applicants.

"It is evident that Mr. Lynn read this marriage service illegally", Bishop Washburn said, "because the marriage license was invalid.

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Mercy Girls, I knew my first little article would create a stir but I didn't know make~up would turn into "war~paint". However my ears have become so sensitive I can't wear earrings very much.

Sue~ Sue~ Sue~ thats all I've heard ~ doesn't anybody ~~~~ anymore? How about if I get a little more linient this time? You'd love me to but I won't!! Ha. Believe me, I'm not a bitch but a little truth doesn't hurt anybody.

Well, enough of formal introductions and let's full up our bags, and I don't mean those under your eyes, with wine, beer or scotch ~ put the proper end in whichever hole is comfortable ~ ~ set back and enjoy the gossip.

Let's start with the big event of the month! Or is it mouth! Mr. Big David. I hear he was claiming to be Mr. Dizzy Dee Dee! WELL HE AIN'T. Try one more time. As we said last month Mr. David had given notice that she was to quit because whatever the reason was ~ his notice was taken very lightly ~ fact is he got~ yes we said he got his tail fired ~ yes we said he got his big tail ~ "hootered" so well in Big "D" he couldn't make the scheduled showing. (I wish I could write faster this is so juicy) Anyway Miss Big David is now on the "Gay Boulevard" working under (I don't know which one is heavier or has their legs on up~side down) Mr. Larry. The well~known seamstress or is it "Tentmaker?"

I guess Miss Tiffany decided she really did need a pretty and talent~ed performer at the RR. She has Mr. Kitty Key. We do notice that Kitty stayed long enough at the GBI to afford to buy the the tooth she had mis~sing. Her KK's and that's not Kitty Key but stands for "Knock Knees" are still with her and so is Barbara. ~ I must admit that Tif ~ Jerry & Kitty work very well together, after all, they have hired and fired each other enough for the past three years.

From what I hear Miss Kitty was the one who started all the rumors about the G.B.I. being sued by HAIR ~ So they got her out of their "hair". With all the beauty they got there they realized they didn't need her anyway. I still can't believe they got rid of Fat David to be replaced by a simulated "screaming mimi!"

The hiring of Miss Kitty was also the re~moval of Miss Thing her~self ~ Mr. Terry Thomas. Since she wouldn't bring back her fare~well gifts she was asked to leave. The reason they gave her was that their funds were low ~ ~ ~ She was getting $25 ~ does that mean Miss Kitty is only getting $15? By the way~ Miss Keys husband ~ or ~ wife??? got the $100 at the RR last month. I wonder if they ever fight over their makup or bras?? SICK! SICK! SICK!

Miss Thomas is at the Gilded Garter doing her thing and so is her hus~band. I heard they almost got rid of her also ~ poor Miss. TT. What would she do? Maybe G.B.I. will have her, after all they did hire Tammy Shane. The "place" on the boulevard made her and Della quit the Garter & then would only give Della a part~time deal and Miss Shane nothing. That's terrible, Jim, a manager should something to say at least!! But guess your Dallas friends run the bar for you ~ since Mr. Larry doesn't like the compitition of Della, well you figure out the rest. Oh! so vicious!!! Della's back at the Garter with new live numbers ~ well done. She is also attending bar~tenders school ~ don't say we didn't tell you you're never too old to learn. What? Facelifting at the bar and mixed Ink.

Wait till you hear this! The LaCaja was broken into. The ampli~fier was taken ~ now really! ~ the show was not that bad and what I said last month was all in fun. It is re~ported that Miss Kicky Lee did almost explode about the retirement flowers (I mean it) BUT who can be dangerous with such a short fuse.

Miss Terry Hatfield at that place on that street has been flounting the fact that she was Miss Dallas. Musn't doo this for with your disposition and appearance now what will people expect other Dallas queens to look and act like.

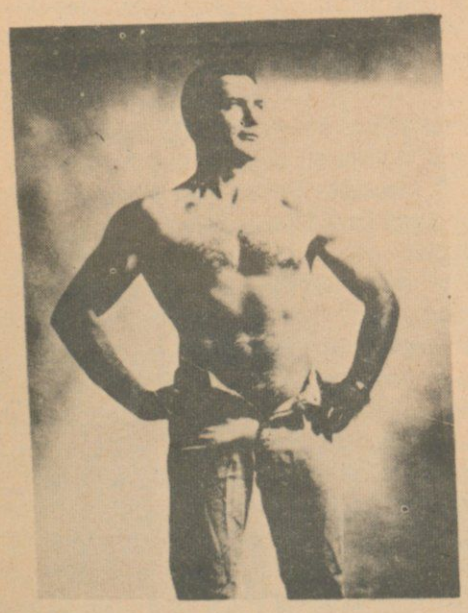
Our next collection to Miss Candi. We are going to donate her some good brogan shoes with taps to eliminate her excusing clumsy dancing on her shoes. Also hear she is going to need help at the Scene I. Training bra to compete with Lelo and taps to compete with Torchy. New numbers are just great ~ see ~ you can do it Candi! Don't say we didn't tell you.

Larry & Sabra ~ at that bar on that street know what is thought of them so won't waiste my

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The best amature show in town on Saturday is the one at Scene I. Miss Monica I must admit is a good M.C. She'll make it one way or the other between her loves and husbands but she's funny that way. Can't understand why the boss out there doesn't put on a show ~ if things keep getting larger ~ could give Big David some competition.

Miss Van Over not long ago was replaced by a few go-go boys ~ I guess the boys didn't have what the Van Over has ~ anyway she is back at the FARM HOUSE and you can bet Gene knows what he is doing.

Has anyone heard about Miss Vernoica at the Exile? Has she been put in exile, or is she still head of the show there. Show! What show?

Miss Jay Jay was all but replaced by an amature at the Carter. Boy! is she getting that bad? She did go to St. Louis. but came back without any black eyes, guess she didn't find that S & M husband of hers. Understand she did shows there and in Memphis ~ quite well too. Everyone needs improvement, some more than others and believe she needs more. What is going on? Duchess went along ~ is this another Kitty K and F Friday?

I have seen Misty Morn do two of her best friends numbers & she looks just like her in that long blond wig. How can she do this to you Miss Tiffany, well~ friends~ will be friends!

Listen, I hear Miss Thomas is having a formal wedding. Miss Ambrosia is to be the maid of honor and Miss Tracy is to give the groom away. Could this be the reason Miss Ambrosia changed her name to Terry Crawford? Best of friends I hear.

When is Miss Jay Jay going to get rid of all her wash & wear husbands. She better get one that can stay clean til Hallowween or else she will be unescourted again.

Miss Robbie Roberts has been on vacation ~ when asked how long she said "3 months" ~ when asked why ~ "I have kept my husband for 7 months it's time he did something for me" ~ However their feuds are getting much worse~~~~!!!

Della Dare has been seen constantly escorted by a new beau while her husband of 13 years stays home. I never knew her to be a two~timer before!

Hear Miss Eartha Kitt is at the Exile ~ from New York to Bell Street? I wonder? I wonder? I don't know where Miss Tracy is working, guess we'll just have to ask Miss Terry's husband ~ he always knows!

There is so much more to say but little time and limited space ~ just a couple of short snips. Oh! Watch out for Reyna, hear she owes everyone ~ money too ~ also the heavy lady is on the borrow ~ can't they get instead of give to their ~~companions?

Miss Torchy Lane is now the head of the show at G.B.I. and doing a bang up job ~ of the show that is and it is rumored will soon be doing a spot with Miss. RR. Wish I could be backstabbing, sorry ~ back stage that night. I probably will be won't I Miss RR.

Stephanie Carr is just great in "This is My life. You must see her.

Take care of your tongues girls ~ I'll be around with ears open. Please be nice this month and I promise I'll change this to a social column instead of cleaning dirty linen.

"Always remember to love thy neighbor and her husband too."

I love you all

Dee Dee



LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Dee Dee,

Reading your article proves you're no English teacher.

Speaking professionally, meaning, I get paid to do drag, your taste appears to be all in your mouth. However true. ` YOUR ARTICLE MAY HAVE BEEN THERE ARE SOME THINGS ONE DOESN't discuss outside of the rinestone world w e call female impersonation.

Everyone in town knows you live in a fantasy world and that you are a cronic fairy teller.

You should'N't have judged Miss Candi so harshly as to her routines, because every drag in town does the same numbers. You are still doing numbers you did 2½ years ago and you are very guilty of doing them nightlytoo. More so than some of the new comers. Could it be you're jealous of her beauty and talent?

Everyone will agree that Miss Torchy s one of the prettiest drags in town. ınd it's not short-lived because she s still going strong and just as eautiful as she was when she started. At least they don't have to keep their weight up to be talanted. Don't you agree sweetheart?

Can't really comment on Miss Robbie Roberts, except that she's very interesting. She showed good promise at Christmas and has really worked at being good. She has earned her following.

Worked with Miss Jay Jay before.

Jerry Van Over may not be on time alot or may not show sometimes; but we all know that when ever or whereever he performs he gives it his all and the place is packed--How about you, can you say that about yourself?

"The best talent to hit Houston in a long time is Mr. Stephanie Carr."

As for Reyva Turner, 3rd ward--She's at least versatile, meaning she can sell rock, blues, and comedy---!!!--- and she's thin!

Miss Kiki Lee should send flowers to herself, true but not for your reason. For trying to give our town new drag entertainment.

No comment on Tanya and Mr. Frankie, don't know them and haven't seen their act. Same for Slimima and Miss Monica. Miss Kitt and Miss Baker are two of the most talented Black dragswe have in Houston.

Speaking of Black drags.

Daschelle--She can be seen at GBI and you know as well as I that she is the only drag in Houston who gets standing ovations for her numbers 85% of the time.

Terry Crawford shouldn't be missed either.

About Terry Thomas, one really doesn't know what's going to happen from one day to the next--don't you agree?

You should really get your shit together before you wipe it over people you're supposed to be friends with.

Mr. Kitty Key quit GB International on his own accord and there were no ill feelings or harsh words.

And now---the next issue---Miss RR herself Tiffany Jones.

Afraid of competition? No dear--my own personal thoughts are these.

Tiffany is one of the few drags in town who will admit when someone else is prettier or more talented.

Pretty queens are expected to be in any show; but the majority of the audience want to be entertained. So how long do you think T. J. could have kept them satisfied with just her beauty?

What you of all people should know, is that when one drag is selected to runthe show, it is because the mamager or owner doesn't have time and shouldn't be counted on to do so. The 'director' of the show follows comments, suggestions, and above all orders from higher-ups.------ Therefore everyone in the show will naturally resent him when all they are doing is following instructions.

Respect is an important word in entertainment, especially drag.

Unfortunately we all don't have it at one time or another.

Every drag queen in town is doing their best to do something that:

1. They want to do
2. Help our world be more accepted in the "other"world---

As for you, my personal opinion of you is I like you--you been very nice to me although I'm sure you're been very tacky sometimes.

I considered you a friend but really,

The Fantastic Mr. David?

---------INDEED!!!

Equal time

September 17, 1971

Aloha from Hawaii

I was real pleased to receive a copy of "Nuntius" that Irecently requested. I am very happy to see that the "Gay People" of Houston and Harris County finally have a "spokesman". Of course, the Battle for Equal Rights and Justice for Gays has only just begun. The publication of your paper is one step in the right direction.

I am very pleased with your news articles that give the true facts abut Gay People and their problems. These facts and information cannot be found in your local newspapers or on local TV and Radio news.

Your publication also shows the "straight world" that there is nothing to fear from the Gays. All we are asking is fair and equal treatment. In other words: "all we want is our place in the sun too."

Formerly from Houston myself, I am aware of the problems that exist for the Gay People but hopefully your publication can help solve these problems that currently exist.

Here in Hawaii we have almost unlimited freedom without fear. I hope that someday that Gays not only in Houston but everywhere can enjoy the same freedom we enjoy here.

Again let me say how pleased I am with "Nuntius"! Keep up the good work.

Best regards.

Love and Peace,

David Bohn

P.O. Box 8747

Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

Dear readers of the "Sick" article--- "ALL AROUND THE STAGE OR IT's been a Drag". Published in last months issue of the NUNTIUS.

In answe r to this article, I do not feel that we have to start out by addressing our fellow associates as, "Hi Camps, Drags, Transvestites, half and whole sex changes and all".

I also feel that we do not have to sit down and have a nice friendly gossip session over "Tea-Drink or Funny Cigarette or in a nice Cold Douche". As was also stated in the article.

It was stated in the last issue of the NUNTIUS, "Alright lets start dishing all the dirt that has been gathered for the past month and hope it is good and juicy".

I feel it is a waist of my time to have to answer such trash but on the other hand things like this must not be allowed to continue. My personal opinion of anyone who has the time to sit and look for dirt to throw on our Clubs and Lounges and the fine people who work and provide fine entertainment for those of us who wish to go out and enjoy an evening, has to be even more sick than the article she had published in the NUNTIUS. My suggestion to her is to get a refund on the cost of the ink and paper she used in the writing of such trash and use it to see a psychiatrist(IF SHE CAN GET ONE TO TAKE HER CASE)

Perhaps one of the reasons for her outrageous remarks about the Professional Female Impersonaters is probably because she just can't make it. (PROBABLY BECAUSE OF HER"TEA-DRINK OR FUNNY CIGARETTE) Who whould have her?

As for her comments about the pimpy joint of La Caja, which definately is a must on the agenda, true i t is hot in the back room and as far as the aucience it is so large that five air conditioners are not sufficient to cool the building.

As for "Mr. Kiki Lee" is concerned he is one of the finest entertainers in the business and I would doubt that there are many who can compete with him. Speaking of one of the finest entertaines "MR.ALABAMA" in the La Caja book no one will ever be able to take her place. Miss Alabama we send out to you our best regards and hope soon you shall become one of Houstons most talented and finest entertainers on and off stage.

In closing I sincerely send out my personal feelings for the injustice to all the Entertainers, Bartenders,Clubs and Lounges whom have been so rudely spole of and degraded in the article in the last issue of the NUNTIUS.

It is my personal feeling that the NUNTIUS should come out with a PUBLIC announcement of its apology for the printing of such an article.

SIGNED A FRIEND TO ALL

Thought you and your readers would like to hear of some of the places Frank and I visited on our vacation these last couple of weeks.

As we traveled through the South, our first stop was at Johns Bar in Greenville, South Carolina. This fine Patio Bar is run by John Manley and Jimmy Crump. There was a large crowd both nights we were there, and a good time was had by all. Jimmy introduced me to quite a few of the locals and of a population of about 75,000, their bar is the only one in town. They are both swell people, and told me how much they have enjoyed reading your paper way down there every month, and then it is passed around in the bar for the customers. I talked to no one who had not read it. Some asked how to get on your list, so please advise them. (The NUNTIUS – 4615 Mt. Vernon Houston, Texas 77006 – $4.00 for 1 year subscription).

From there we went on to Atlanta. We went to so many bars there I could not begin to name all of them. At DuPrees on Ponce de Leon, I met Jim Smith who was a friend of the Exiles Frank, had quite a talk with him. From there to Chucks Rathshell, a world famous bar, with six bars and a Hollywood produced drag show. There were about 2,000 mixed couples there. Boy what a place! Was suprised at Atlanta though. That was the only place where I found they had drag shows, and that was on Tuesdays. Other nights a live band. From there we visited the Cove, never saw so many hot pants as there. Could hardly get in the door. Piedmont Park fo those who know Atlanta wa pretty busy and active a usual. The movies in Atlant are still of the old type. Al grunts and no real action. I tol some of our movies here an they could not believe the were so far behind us. Wa good to meet and talk to s many different people, but s good to be back in good ol

Houston, Mark & Frank

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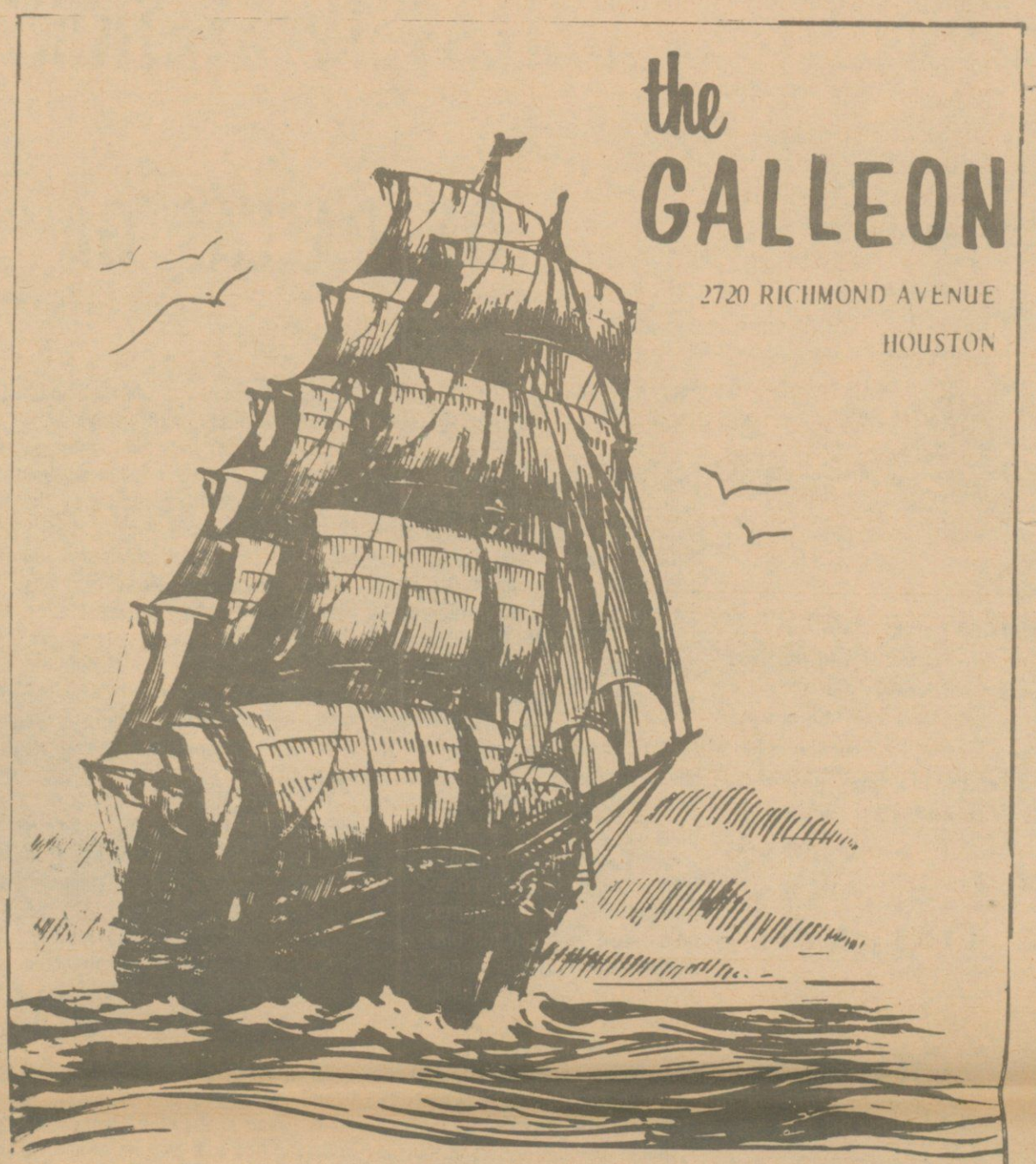
Things on the Island are ship-shape and anxiously awaiting our highest of holy days, Halloween! Robert's Lafitte is planning a big bust for this special occasion. At this point three awards will be given the top for the "Queen of Love and Beauty". Wonder if the star of that spots show will be permitted to enter or is this an amature contest.

Understand that Angelo is taking a trip to the Vergin Islands, so it is reported for a vacation. Is this trip to pick up more gifts or is he looking for a "keepsake?"

Billy G. has just returned from California, before leaving was much impressed with the go-go boys here on the Isle. He says they are nothing to compare to what he has seen on the Coast. Understand his home is back in good repair after the unfortunate fire, our best to one of the Isle's tops.

Bernard and Robert were in Houston this past month where Robert and a guest did shows at the LaCaja and GBI. Bernard does make a good wardrobe mistress dosen't he!

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DALLAS ZODIAC BALL



"THE GAY INSIDER"

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If the reader should not find exactly what he is looking for in this pleasurable "pocketful of miracles", then the arthor states that you can write to him for any further information needed.

Let's hope that Mr. Hunter and The Olympia Press have more cities in store for us in future volumes as these would be a great edition not only for our fiction shelves but also out Cook, Cook's Tours.

Again for those that may already know New York or those that may even be hopping up for the weekend, you can't go wrong in finding some new places to go for whatever your

pleasure may desire. In fact the best thing would be to take THE GAY INSIDER with you on the plane instead of the regular novel, the reading here is much more fun and much more informative.

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The world will never dream half,
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Then sit on the lid and laugh.

Bob Eddy

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On Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. and again at 10:00 p.m. tevevision viewers of Channel 13 in Dallas saw a remarkable documentary news film on Gay life in the Dallas area. It was prepared by Channel 13 (KERA) filmmakers Donna Yarbrough, Sam Newbury and reporter Greg Roberson.

The Channel 13 staffers spent almost five months working on the film in association with a number of Dallas Gay Community representatives.

Leaders of te Gay Community of Dallas had spent considerable time working with the TVpeople in the preparation of this important documentary and they were alerted several days prior to its broadcasting. These Gay Community leaders then went to work telephoning members of large Dallas homophile population to urge them to watch Channel 13's presentation of the film.

One of the contributors to the film, Dennis Sisk, owner of the Julius Ceasar's Lodge, spoke on local police harassment, the social and economic levels of his Lodge's members and goals of Dallas Gays. It came as a surprise to the "straight"Dallasites to learn of such human diversity and strivings.

Apparently many hets interviewed as a rule consigned their fellow-citizens of Gay persuasion generally to the currently fashionable "sick" category promoted by US psychiatrists and "liberal" journalists. However, many hets interviewed made such genuinely liberal statements, as, "...Just because a person is different doesn't necessarily mean he's sick..." One person even made the statement, "If they are sick, then we are all sick."

The Rev. Richard Vincent was filmed while conducting religious services of the Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas, a predominantly Gay church organization. He later told reporter Greg Roberson that a person could be Gay and accepted by God, too. "The Lord is my Shephard and He knows I'm Gay!"

An interesting part of the filmed documentary was a scene from a "drag" show at the Club Maars. Mr. Roberson had said that he wanted to show the various facets of Dallas's Gay life and there are several bars and clubs in the Dallas area featuring such performances. As part of the interview about these shows, Dennis Sisk pointed out for the benefit of the TV audience that for those who wished to get into "drag" there were opportunities to do so, and that this is their right. He also explained, however, that most Gay men haven't any desire to do so. Most Gay men like being men. Period.

There were some scenes showing the highly publicised "Hug A Homosexual" booth at the American Library Association convention held in Dallas in June of this year. Along with this was an interview with Barbara Gitting, a writer and lecturer who is active in Gay rights work. She led a few Gays in a chant, "2-4-6-8! Gay is just as good as straight!" Agreat deal of Gay liberation activity was included at this important national convention.

Scenes showing the seemier side of Dallas Gay life were shown when the documentary showed HUSTLERS OUTSIDE THE Greyhound Bus Station plying their trade as male prostitutes.

Offsetting this were such scenes as Doug + Gary, a Gay couple, making their Communions hand-in hand. They were interviewed later in teir attractive home, preparing dinner. They have been together happily for some time, and consider themselves just as "married" as any so-called straight couple, and just as loyal. They both have good jobs in Dallas and believe they are good citizens contributing to their society and to their fellow-men.

Another heartening interview was with the Rev. Gene Leggett, a recently defrocked by the United Methodist Church in Texas because he honestly and publically professed his homosexuality. Although he could see no reason why this should prohibit his ministering to his fellow Christian brothers, his Church decided otherwise. He spoke of his dealings with others and of his ability to get on with his life, admitting to a frequently un-Christian society that he is Gay, possessed of human dignity and happy to practice the religion of his Saviour.

District Attorney Henry Wade pointed out the tragic contradictions all too well-known in Texas to-day: that to be Gay was not illegal, but to express that condition natural to the Gay citizen as required by human nature was most definitely illegal. He pointed out that the Texas sodomy statute makes criminals of anyone showing his love for another of the same sex. Then he added, "...There is a place in society for everybody. Because they are here, you know." (Thanks a lot, fella!)

One particularly ridiculous item

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was an interview with one, Bill Frazier, head of the Dallas PD vice squad. This worthy explained how police officers are sent into local public restrooms to stand about with their private parts exposed to "...await propositions" from local Gays. In light of the FBI statistics on skyrocketing crime rates in Dallas it would seem that a better use of the tax money of Dallasites could be found.

The usual trolodytic opinions of homosexuality were included in the responses of local non-Gay folk: "Homosexuality is evil! The Bible says so, and it is a sin to use television to try to justify it." But then Dallas is also smack in the middle ot the Bible-banging Belt of Texas and God knows any preposterous atrocity can be given Scriptural justification by the fanatically devout religionist.

On the other hand, some comments were more indicative of the advanced thinking of a great many Dallasites: "Congratulations! We need to see more controversial subjects on TV."

One person hedged with : "It's all right to show this at 10:00 p.m. but it should not have been shown at 6:30!" However, the station had announced at the beginning of the program that although nothing pornographic (sic!) was present in the documentary, because of its contents some parents might prefer their children not see it.

Another citizen made the comment: "It's one thing for consenting adults in private, but what about when they molest your seventeen year-old son?" Mr. Roberson explained that homosexuality and child molesting are not the same thing. He might have added that the overwhelming cases of child molestation involve practising heterosexual males who attack both boys and girls. This is a genuinely psychiatric problem, however, and not a matter of sexual orientation.

From the professional community the documentary selected Dr. Jerry Lewis of the department of research development at Timberlawn Hospital n Dallas who said that homosexuality has existed always in every culture, even the most primitive ones and hat it exists universally to-day. He tated that there are probably more omosexually-oriented human beings han most people suspect. He conservatively estimated that 3 to 4 per cent of the adult male population of the USA is predominantly Gay, but hat homosexuality is not as prevalent among females. (This is noot, for it is not nearly as difficult or a female homosexual to live in the present culutural environment of the USA as for a homosexual male. There s also less necessity for females to cknowledge their homosexuality in rder to function more satisfactorily s human beings.) Dr. Lewis also ommented that most of his fellow sychiatrists believe that all omosexuals are "sick," but that ey in fact see only "a small slice of e pie." Those men and women who re well-adjusted and happy in their ves have little reason to see a sychiatrist. (Surprise! Surprise!)

At the end of the show a local drag tist, Tina, brought the production to somewhat dramatic and misleading conclusion with an emotional performance of "I've Got To Be Me." Unfortunately, this gave the impression that all Gays were, deep down in their hearts, just dying to dress up in mom's latest frock and step out in public. No day, Babe!

A s a result of the program, the station received more than 300 telephone calls, 80% of which were favorable, 10% unfavorable and another 10% expressing no opinion but wanting more information.

It was, of course, a giant step forward in the struggle for Gay rights as decent citizens, and the staff at Channel 13 in Dallas are to be commended for their worthwhile effort. Perhaps we could see this same documentary locally? It would, overall, help.

DALLAS ZODIAC BALL

Astral Erections

by Christopher

ARIES--If things haven't been going as you would like, remember that you gain most by positive thinking; this may not be much of a help but don't forget about your hand. Love and new friendship will be found wherever people gather; attend affairs when ever possible at homes of friends, bars or any other place where you find lots of people. you must play your role in social activities and be cautious of over involvement. The first eleven days of this month favor finding an outstanding romance which should keep you happy for the rest of the month. Venture forth and become the master of your destiny.

TAURUS--After the eleventh you will find yourself very interested in a partner or friend; Venus, your ruling planet, goes into your seventh. Join others in having a good time. If you find yourself in the company of happy people be happy with them. The friendships that you make and people that you meet will bring you happiness for a long time. You will find people ready to help you understand yourself better. Have fun and remember whomever you love must remain a person to. Give your love without strings or conditions.

GEMINI--For the Gay Gemini, native romance will bud spontaneously. The people in your daily life will question your judgement about many things; don't be surprised if you find yourself telling the world to stay out of your business. Due to several factors in the heavens the state of your personal economy will be in every phrase of your life this month. Don't let money ruin your love life. Keep finances in perspective and you will find that the relation between love and money is not that important.

CANCER--As Venus enters your solar fifth house in the eleventh it is a good time for true love. If you do find your true love it will be devine and dazzling. Afriend or some new acquantiance could become your hearts treasure. Do something to make new friends. If you wait to long you may be disapointed. The happy side of life is coming your way if you are receptive. Be cautious about telling someone you don't like about something you really do enjoy. Also remember you must have the right equipment for what you want to do; if you know what I am saying.

LEO-- It is good to be able to derive pleasure from everyday activity. If you don't know how, you better learn, because as far as anything as spectular happening as did last month the chance is almost nil. Much pleasure can be derived from short journies, and forming closer relationships with the people in your sphere of influence. It is better for you to show affection for the things you see everyday. True love may cause you to feel that things are not going well. Alertness can add to your knowledge which will be helpful in finding the things you are looking for.

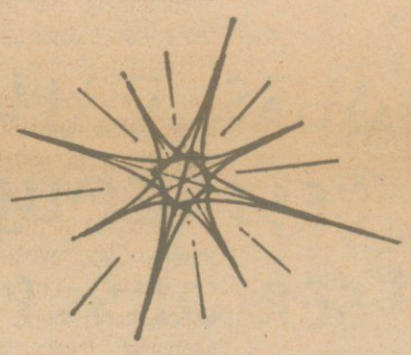
VIRGO--The begining of this month may bring new love where money is concerned. Gifts will be coming your way which will warm your heart. Remember people are only human and you are looking for perfection. It is time for you to start fulfilling your responsibilities before you do any

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SCORIPO--Your imigination will become a tool that will take you to a better fulfillment than you had planed. your secret life becomes most important if you have been hiding something from your lover or your steady trick. Don't freak-out if they find out about it and freak-out themselves. This secret is most likely to come out after Venus enters your eleventh house on the 10th. By expressingyourself you add to your inderstanding of life and the world around you.

SAGITTARIUS--The people around you who you know well are the best source of tricks this month. People will be paying attention to you by giving you material things and doing things for you. Reward them as you wish or see fit (they may be seeking your affection). You will find yourself wanting to travel this month and if you don't actually pack up and take off you will mentally. It is not a very good time to search for true love. Let others be super serious; for the archer any pretense of true love will only end with someone getting the shaft.

CAPRICORN--Like Sagittarius you should not seek a mate this month, but rather enjoy the adventure of living. Discard the old, useless ways and styles and seek the new. Visit public places and make contact with people who you are interested in. Your morals may vary from those of your friends, but remember to your own self be true. Seek one who can fully understand your good qualities, postpone any thought of setting up housekeeping with a lover until Spring.

AQUARIUS--For you who would like to have a final anything this month forget it. Do not get discouraged if matters of the heart take more time. You can still have a lot of fun. Just keep in mind that this isnot the time for you to try to finalize that lasting relationship. If you have been complaining of medical ills be careful, they are not real, and you know it. If they were you would be waiting at the doctors office in the morning.

PISCES--You derive the most pleasure by making others feel good and supplying their needs. Anew love is coming to your life so don't be so accomodating that you give a false image of your self. You are not going to be able to keep people from finding out so just don't get involved in anything that everyone can't know about. If you are interested in forming that once in a life time relationship.you must be free of any other ties first and for a fish that could be the whole battle right there.

The Scales Of Justice

ANOTHER HET MARRIAGE BOMBS! EDITOR INDICATED FOR WIFE'S MURDER!

Galveston. Agrand jury indicated Thomas g. Steph, 48, of 28 South Shore Drive, on a charge of murder with malice on September 28th in connection with the August 2nd drowning death of his socially prominent wife, Patricia.

Also, after a hearing on the 27th in Galveston, Probate Judge Jerome Jones took under advisement a challange to an application by Steph to serve as executor of his late wife's estate.

The challange was filed by James Harris Scott, the late Mrs. Steph's brother, and her attorney, Curt F. Steib, Esq. Mr. Scott is guardian of Mrs. Steph's two minor children and along with Mr. Steib is an executor of Mrs. Steph's estate according to a will which predated Mrs. Steph's marriage to Steph.

Steph remains under a $50.000 bond set on August 4th after murder charges had been filed against him by Galveston police. Steph came to Galveston in August 1963, to become managing editor of the Galveston Daily News.

HOUSTON PD OFFICERS£ ALLEGED HETEROSEXUALS POST BOND!

HOUSTON. Suspended Houston Police Officers Jack A. McMahon and Arthur N. Hill posted $10,000 bonds each recently on federal charges that they violated the civil rights of two police prisoners last April.

Hill and McMahon were arraigned before U. S. District Judge Woodrow Seals.

The US Government alleged the two heterosexuals violated the civil rights of Bobby Joe Conner and Larry Taylor by inflicting summary punishment upon them. Since Conner died, conviction could cary a term up to life imprisonment.

The two officers were previously acquitted of murder charges in a State Court trial in New Braunfels last June.

HETEROSEXUAL HUSBAND MURDERS WIFE AT HOME!

DALLAS. The husband of Mrs. Helene Caskie Bothwell, Dallas "Ad Woman of the Year", was arrested for the murder of Mrs. Bothwell after he shot her in their Dallas home.

Mrs. Bothwell, 35, mother of four, died of 5 gunshot wounds fired from an automatic pistol. Her husband, John G. Bothwell, 44, had to be overpowered at the scene, according to Dallas police officers, when they attempted to handcuff him.

Police said Mrs. Bothwell had started divorce proceedings.

NOTORIOUS HETEROSEXUAL PORNO FLICK JOINTS HIT BY POLICE!

HOUSTON. Houston Vice Squad officers recently arrested three men in the first raid of a new crackdown on pornographic movies in the city.

Two men, allegedly heterosexual, were arrested at the North Houston Theatre, 8718 Jensen Drive. Another man, also allegedly het, was arrested at the Climax Lounge on Westheimer. Officers said they had warrants for the arrest of two of the men and the third man was arrested for committing an alleged offence when police arrived.

Sgt. G. S. McMenemy of the vice quad that the three men would be charged with exhibiting obscene motion pictures.

One of the films shown at the Climax Lounge was a zingy number showing two heterosexual women having sexual relations with a German Shepherd dog. There is little these hets won't do or look at!

HETEROSEXUAL PAIR PINCHED FOR POT, QUEER MONEY POSSESSION!

HOUSTON. A21-year-old heterosexual male and his 19-year-old wife were being questioned recently by Harris County sheriff's deputies in connection with counterfeit money found in their NE Harris County apartment.

The man was jailed on a charge of possession of marijuana and the woman on auto theft charges. Quite a pair!

John J. Kilijan, Secret Service, special agent , said that the counterfeit money was found recently along White Oaks Bayou after a teen-ager called and said that the queer money was floating in the bayou.

The agent said that charges would be filled against the het couple for possession of counterfeit money.

SURPRISE! SUPRPISE! HETEROSEXUAL MAN KILLED OVER WOMAN!

HOUSTON. McKinneley Shephard, 29, was shot to death here recently during a quarrel over a woman at Scott's Grill, 815 Wichmann Street.

The man who shot Shephard admitted the slaying to police and was charged in the case. Shephard was shot in the heart once with a .38 calibre pistol which just happened to be handy. He lived in the 2600 block of Centre Street.

ALLEGED HET MAN GOES TO WOMAN'S APARTMENT, GETS SHOT!

HOUSTON. Joseph Bruce Karcher, 35, of 1400 Old Spanish Trail, was shot to death during a struggle with another man over control of a pistol at 9603 Marlive Street recently.

Police said that Karcher had gone to a woman's apartment when the other man tried to persuade him to leave.

Police did not know the name of the other man involved and were trying to find him for questioning about the quarrel and shooting. They said that Karcher's .38 automatic had discharged, hitting him in the neck while the two men struggled.

God noly knows why these hets carry guns about when they fight over a woman like dogs after an in heat bitch.

Cinema raids failure

John Law's foray into the obscene movie world turned into a bad scene Tuesday.

The police couldn't find the film that was supposed to be lewd. In fact, they didn't find anybody in one of the two cinemas they visited.

The Climax Lounge, 534 Westheimer, was padlocked when vice Sgt. G. S. McMenemy, three of his officers and Greg Laughlin, an assistant district attorney, arrived.

Two films were found there, but not the one which they were hunting.

At the North Houston Art Theater, 8716 Jensen Drive, the officers found a few male patrons enjoying a flick, but it was not the one they wanted at this location.

The searchers were looking for a film called "Oh, Miss Bodie." Theater manager, Charles Swearington said "Miss Bodie" had been gone and he couldn't say just how long, maybe as long as three weeks.

After a chat with Swearington and his projectionist, E. L. Ford, the lawmen decided to call it a day — a bad day in fact.

Why were they looking for these two flicks? Justice of the Peace Hugo Touchy says they are obscene and contain some sexual intercourse scenes.

He conducted a hearing to make this determination under a new statute, which requires such a procedure before a judge can issue search warrants authorizing seizure films or books.

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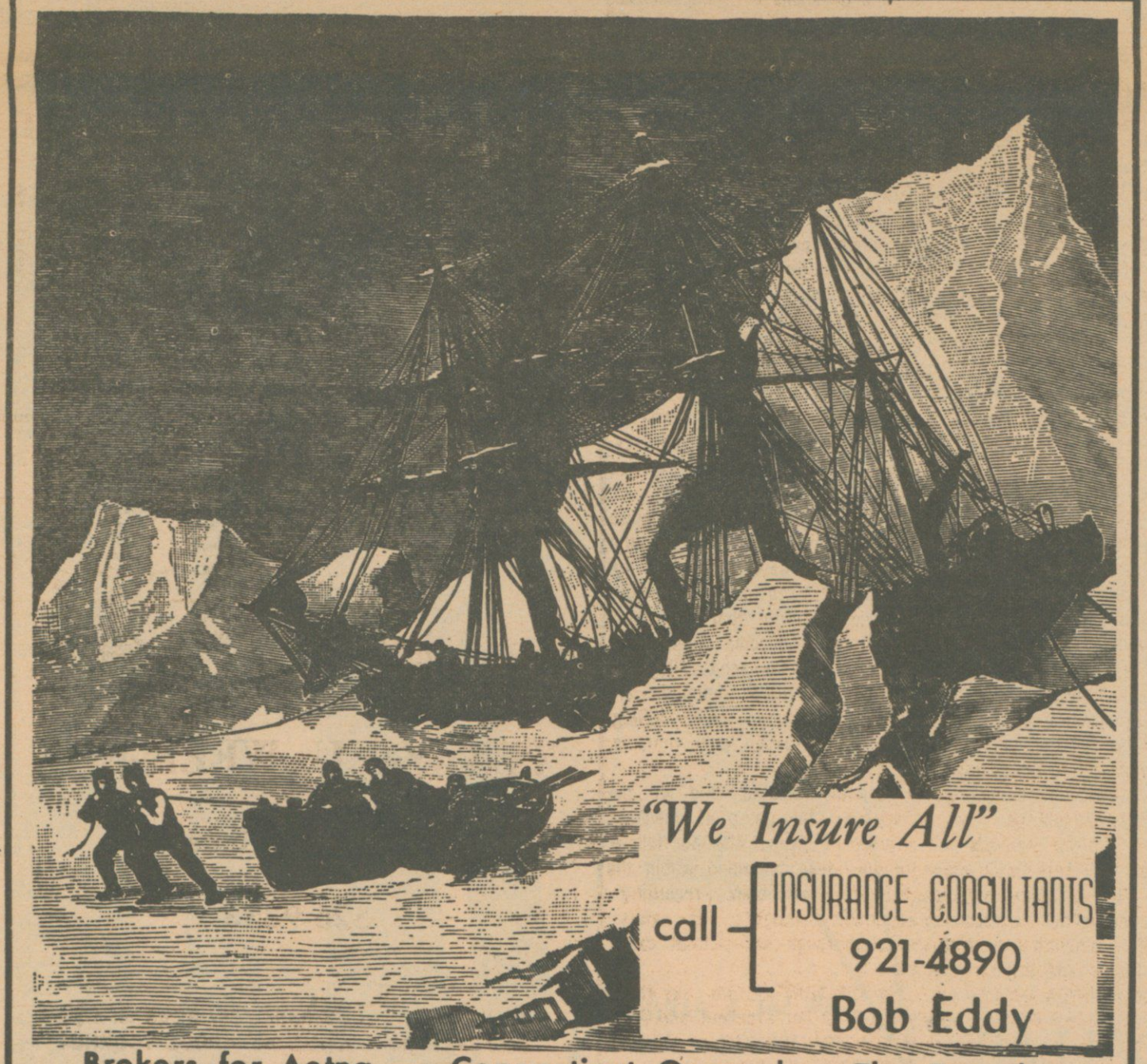
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HOUSTON GAY LIBERATION PLANS ANNIVERSARY DANCE

Plans are progressing for the big celebration dance at the University of Houston on Friday November 15. The occasion is the first anniversary of Houston Gay Liberation. There will be a good "dance band" this time. For those disappointed with the sounds at the last U of H dance on September 11 apologies are in order and you are invited to the upcoming dance free as guests of Gay Liberation. For others the cost is 50 cents advance and one dollar at the door. Gay Liberationists will be around selling advance tickets.



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GAY LIB TO "ZAP" CANDIDATES

"Confrontation politics"is the thrust of the Political Actions Committee. Discussion and planning of "ZAPS"are underway. Plans call for confronting candidates for the upcoming November elections and questioning them about their stand on the sodomy laws, harrassment of gays, etc. In just a few weeks, when all candidates have declared, the Zapping will begin. Their responses to these questions, wheather favorable or unfavorable, will be given the widest possible publicity.

In addition a letter is beoing prepared to the candidates questioning their stand of the gay civil rights issue. Copies will be circulated so that gays and persons supporting gay civil rights may use it as a guideline to write the candidates.

ANTI-WAR REGIONAL CONFERENCE

On Sunday September 26 there was a regional anti-war conference at the University of Houston. About 200 delegates representing Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana were there. The purpose was to coordinate plans in the region for the upcoming anti-war demonstration in Houston on Saturday November 6. Activists emphasized that this would be a legal, peaceful demonstration.

Representatives of several Gay Liberation groups were there including Houston Gay Liberation. The following resolution was submitted by the gays and overwhelmingly approved by the delegates;

The Texas Oklahoma Louisiana Peace Action Coalition(TOL PAC) commits itself to offering full support to the Gay Liberation movement. At the last National Student Mobilization Committee Conference,
approximately a year and a half ago, SMC voted to "support the long-overdue struggle for freedom for its homosexual sisters and brothers". Since that time, the Gay Liberation groups are now in all sections of America and in a number of other countries.

This dynamic new movement represents a valid political response to real oppression and a healty breakthrough against repressive and irrational sexual attitudes and behavior.

We gay men and women will no longer submit to our oppression. We are angry. We are proud. And we are demanding self-determination and our full human rights. As Gay Liberation, the GI movement, the high school movement and the anti-war movement. Gay Liberation cuts across all forms of oppressive role playing, cuts through all layes of society, and gives a new impetus to the other liberation struggles.

The TOL PAC condems the news media for refusing to recognize the participation of gay persons and the gay movement in the anti-war movement or at best distorting our participation. An example of this is the refusal of the TVcameraman this morning to film the "Gay People Against the War" banner even though he filmed all the other banners.

Participation of gay contingents has already substantially increased anti-war demonstrations. However, the full potential of this movement, involving tens of thousands of people and potentially millions in motion, has yet to be tapped by the anti-war movement.

We believe that the following concrete proposals will constitute real support for the gay liberation movement and by maximizing gay participation, help to end the war in Southeast Asia NOW.

1. All speakers for all rallies, meetings etc. must be made fully aware that Gay Liberation is supported by the anti-war movement, and that anti-gay remarks will not be permitted.

2. Gay Liberation speakers must be included on an equal basis with other segments of the anti-war movement.

3. TOL PAC should make an effort to include gay groups in active participation in the anti-war movement, and encourage gay contingents in the anti-war demonstrations.

4. The Gay Task Force and other gay groups and individuals must be defended against political attack. The struggle of gay people against repressive laws and other forms of social oppression is part of the broader struggle for democratic rights which the anti-war movement must wage to protect its own right to exist.

5. Gay Liberation should be mentioned in all literature on an equal basis with other movements.

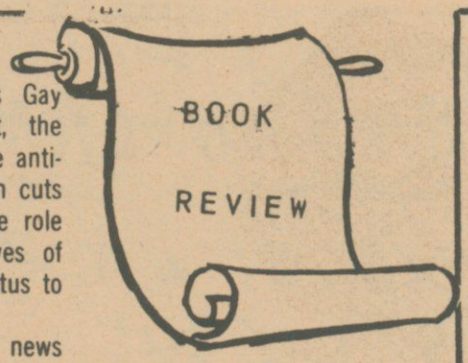
6. TOL PAC should distribute pamphlets, leaflets, buttons and posters relating gay people and the gay movement to the war activities.

7. A permanent gay task force is to be established within TOL PAC.

8. On all regional organizing trips, gay literature will be taken and displayed at literature tables and an effort will be made to include gay anti-war activists on all trips.

9. Gay anti-war activists will establish the Gay Task Force office within the TOL PAC office, organize gay people throughout the region to attend the Nov. 6 march and support the fall calendar and organize gay participation in the Nov. 6 march.

10. Discussions will continue with the Gay Liberation organizations on the possibility of organizing a "Gays Against the War Day" during the Peace Action Week. If such an activity is called by the Gay Task Force, it will be fully supported and endorsed by TOL PAC.



HOMOSEXUAL HEALTH GUIDEBOOK

The editors of QQ MAGAZINE have put together an extraordinary health guidebook for the male homosexual.

This small book is more than a good guide to body cares and hygiene standards for men. The HOMOSEXUAL HEALTH GUIDEBOOK provides a source for recognition or detection of those diseases which may confront the homosexual male.....the Gau yy Guy.

It does not take the place of good communication between the man and his doctor. It does not describe treatment or disease.

The presentation is simple and specific questions of a homosexual are asked and direct answers are given. The book is designed to permit the homosexual male enough insight into his personal condition that he may seek competent medical attention without embarrassment or fear.

This guidebook is many years too late in its publication. We as the Gay community have needed this direct approach to our medical problems for a long time.

Gay Guys new to the scene will find this guidebook valuable for its many subjects: "Masturbation, Oral Sex, Anal Intercourse, Sexual Attitudes, Anal Associated Diseases, Veneral Disease, Drugs, Aphrodisiacs, Hygiene, The Phallus, and Exercise and Diet."

Each of these subjects require volumes for explanation yet the editors of QQ have condensed the basic detail so thoroughly and with exceptional clarity that the small volume must become a standard bedside volume for each Gay Gay.

For the uninitiated, definitions are given for common terms--"69ing, daisy chain, fallation, cum, rimming, etc.".

For the initiated, and or the questining, the group of questions directed to "Sexual Attitudes"follows through ideas contained within the rest of the book regarding--abnormalcy--straights vs gays--rejection--rough sex-- closet cases, etc.

At THE NUNTIUS we say thank you QQ for an excellent and long-waited HOMOSEXUAL HEALTH GUIDEBOOK. We hope each gay guy will read and heed this book--a must for a good, healthy, free, gay life.
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QQMAGAZINE is a magazine for "Gay Guys Gay No Hangups."

Quite by chance we found a copy of QQ in a book store in Tulsa---somehow it had fallen behind a stack of "Fortune".

This was good fortune for us. We believe this bemonthly publication to be the most colorful and direct homosexual publication for the male homosexual on the gay scene today.

The art work, the photography, the type styles, the literature, the advertisements are all combined with imagination and for the interest of the homosexual male.

The tons of paper that are currently presented to the homosexual for the most part seem to seek the $ from the homosexual and in turn offer little that would serve his real needs.

QQ, however, does serve the Gay Guy by offering both pictures and literatureof direct interest and with superb quality.

In the October issue the editorial speaks firmly and distinctly to the Gay Guy who may be perplexed in his current status---either as an individual gay in a "straight"society or as a gay seeking companionship in a "gay" society.

The editorial is labelled "Color Me Gay". The essence of the editorial seems direct enough when the editors say "We can only hope that by joining together--if only in spirit we will form a strong community that will endure oppression and gradually become an integral part of society."

After reading this first (for us) issue, we contacted the publisher and were given permission to quote and review.

We spoke with Mr. Georgs Desantis for QQ MAGAZINE and for the HOMOSEXUAL HEALTH GUIDEBOOK on behalf of our Midwest readers.

Walter Norris in "A New A New Homosexuality for Our Time" compares the hunger for sex as equal to the hunger for food or the thirst for drink. Mr. Norris describes and paints a word portrait of each of several gay type males--we choose his description of the "Sphinx Lynx"to share with you..."You're alone at a urinal. Suddenly the door opens, he enters and glides across to the adjacent one. In almost less time than it takes to relate he has gazed, grooved, groped, zapped, zenithed, zippered and zombied out...all wordlessly, soundlessly, hypnotically--as in some kind of trance--like minuet."

Terry McWaters asks "Lurid lust or lasting love--how can you tell which is which?" In his searching for infatuation or extended love moments, the Gay Guy experiences all types of men and Mr. McWaters offers solace and advice for success in your choice between the two alternates.

Jay Hagen's "Coming-Out Ball" is an interesting piece of fiction with piquant moments for a virgin finding his way into the gay life.

Ralph W. Davis and John Roberts have each prepared a guide to cruising grounds. Mr. Davis outlines the Washington, D. C., action while Mr. Roberts goes afield to give you a guide to California's parks, including Griffith Park in L. A.

Mr. David Parker with photos by Gable lend words and a picture portrayal to "Boozin' Cruisin' Boston".

Throughout the magazine the editors use excellent photographs and drawings.

A. Jay drew his colorful version of "Mickey Muscle" for the October front cover--a good companion for JOC's "Slave Drawing" for the back cover.

There are many other articles of interest in this one issue and we hasten to add: our omission is not an indication of non-relevance or of lesser quality--just space requirements.

To Mr. George Desantis, publisher of QQ and his excellent staff, we ask your advise on this problem:

After his "comingout" party, the average guy hesitates in informing his family and "straight" friends of his new-found interests. We have been asked for a reference or guidebook that could be useful as an aid in informing those who are dear to us. We hope your extensive interests cocould lead us to such a publication already existent.

Or, is perhaps your staff's HOMOSEXUAL HEALTH GUIDEBOOK, a really outstanding first of its kind, part of a long-range program that offers the Gay Guy more and more direct services that would include a "Guidebook" such as we are seeking.

We know of no other dedicated staff that generates the quality of homosexual material that is yours.

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MEMORIAL TO JIM WYNN

September 22, 1971

Dear Phil,

If you have enough space in your paper, please put this small poem to a great guy in it. I, as will many truly miss our Jim.

Faults, as you would find in many,
Jim had too,
But to some this didn't matter,
As thats what makes a friendship so true.

Jim will be remembered for quite awhile to come,
From the Apartment to the Romulus and all of the trips to Galveston.

He leaves behind many loved ones,
Gary, Becky, David for a few,
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ARKANSAS

As the warmth of summer fades into the chill of fall our hearts were filled with the joys found in the gatherings of the crowds at The Royal Lion Club, Inc. in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mercedes and Karen, the hostess and host at the Royal Lion made an evening for us to remember.

We were introduced to many of their club members and found them all friendly and gaily welcoming for THE NUNTIUS.

We met staff and some of the entertainers that will be on stage for their Halloween show and Ball on October 30. Their staff and entertainers are strictly non-professional for they receive no compensation, yet we are sure that the show will be far more than Amateur Night in Hot Springs.

"The Gypsy Still Lives" is the theme of their Halloween Ball. At the Ball they will elect Miss Arkansas--1971-72.

We were privileged to view their club scrapbook and have borrowed sone of the pictures taken during past affairs and include them for your pleasure.

Backstage at the Royal Lion we met Harry who designed the stage and set, we were impressed with the light board which was constructed for this particular occasion. The light board controls 25 individual lights, 16 floods and one spot along with the regular blacklighting and strobes which are part of the regular sceen at The Royal Lion.

In addition Harry provides the special effects of fog and wind which add drama to any stage presentation. Harry has designed the collapsible and portable set for use during the four amateur shows of the year--Halloween, New Years Eve, May Day, and Valentine's Day. While comprehensive enough for their stage presentation, when collapsed, the set will require minimum storage space.

Entertainment during the Ball is basically pantomime against records--by amateurs. We value pantomime as entertainment for we have been well pleased with the presentation of "Hair"in Houston at G B International.

Though we missed Miss Norma Lou who will be the star of the Halloween Ball, we enjoyed the thoughts and joviality of Miss Tuna, who will also be a featured entertainer at the Halloween Ball. Miss Tuna is shown in a white dress in the picture above.

The Club is an intimate club though 85% of the members live outside Hot Springs, coming from Pine Bluff, Little Rock, Fort Smith, El Dorado, Texarkana, Tulsa, Memphis, and from just about everywhere.

Though the social orientation of the club is paramount to its members, there are certain technical and legal aspects which make it attractive. It is the "only legally licensed private gay club in Arkansas"--not a statement just from the owners but a point of pride for each member with whom we spoke.

Admission is basically identification indicating 21 years of age and personal references from a current member. In addition to serving beer and (licensed sale of) liquor there are sandwiches, potato chips, shrimp cocktails, coffee, etc. for the hungry.

Each Sunday from June thru Labor Day there is a $1.00 brunch from 5 p.m. until the food gives out. There is a $1.00 cover charge for members with a regular membership fee of $5.00 per year (if you are luckey enough to be invited into this good group).

There are nights at the Royal Lion when spontaneous strippers do their thing--usually male though Kathy sometimes strips to bikini briefs.

At the back of the Club, there is a walled-in patio; though rustic at present promises to be a little bit of New Orleans in Arkansas by the spring of '72. We hope to return soon to find Danny doing his thing in the new patio. Danny's thing is quite an understatement--for with Danny rhythm and the dance is the thing and his youth, good looks, and personal charm make him a most valuable member of this club.

The walls of the Club feature the momentoes of the members; however, the oils are noteworthy--a member of the Club painted the host and hostess in rear-view positions--this excellent work must someday find the artist well received for other tributes. The most exquisite art aththe Club is a small charcoal of two men in embrace as drawn by Robert Lillard-- an artist known for other works in oils and watercolors.

A first calss bar--the Club offers all drinks usually found in bars and has its own "Kissing Bandit"--a powerful rum concoction with creme de banana, lime and sugar water. According to Denny, the taste is that of a banana split--but watch the kick!

The summertime activities of the Club take the members to some of Arkansas' excellent lakes and mountain areas. This summer, bag and baggage, the members of the Club travelled to Brady Mountain National Forest where a tent was pitched and gaiety and merriment held forth. See picture above.

In Hot Springs, The Royal Lion has "the cleanest reputation of any bar in town" with "no distubrance calls to police and no animosity from the plice or other businesses."

Mercedes and Karen helped us bring our guide up to date with other activities in their good state of Arkansas. In Hot Springs, uniforms, including the military, for all needs are available from Mary and Sheila at The Professional Shop, and Men's wear including leather styling is available from Pattersons of Park Avenue (we went by but they were closed on Sunday).

In Fort Smith, we look forward to visiting the Squeeze Inn Bar and Bonnie'S Show Bar where men and women mingle and mix.

Little Rock was on our agenda but since our time was limited, we couldn't make the scene and look forward to another trip into Arkansas.

To get somewhat poetic, we would dandidly describe our Arkansas weekend:

We look into each other's eyes.

We clasp hands and walked together,

Seeking, and striving for life and laughter.

We found two hearts with love and understanding,

With happiness encased for now and hereafter.

SHORT STOP IN OKLAHOMA

As we journeyed from Arkansas to Tulsa we stopped in Muskogee to share our recordings of Galli Curci, Melbe, Caruso, Courboin and the Revelers with some Muskogeeites. The sharing was mutual however for in turn they shared with us the talents of Sablan--an extraordinary singer and guitarist who will find the gay bar scene a worthwhile enterprise when he is out of college next spring.

We enjoy scouting for talent and look forward to bringing new faces and talents for your pleasure. In Tulsa, the Gallery features good jazzon Sunday nights. Bill Harrison is currently exhibiting oils at Accent Framing where earlier this year his watercolors drew plaudits--he's known in Tulsa and Wichita as the local Andrew Wyeth. Accent Framing offers many exceptional exhibits--also early this year they displayed "light boxes"--the type which could be reproduced by the creative handyman around the house.

We were pleased to make a pit stop in Oklahlma and learn of the activities necessary to the presentation of Stock Car Races--Drag s, if you will. This is a new activity for us.

Though somewhat familiar from our reading of Karl Young's FOUR ON THE FLOOR, we were at a loss to understand all of the facets connected with Drag Racing.....Stock Car Style.

The stock Car Racing crowd is a close-mouthed crowd. We appreciate the idea and the execution. Our invitation came from a driver known to us and to the pit crew only as 'Stud'. We are not inclined to imply any sexual orientation to his life-style for we valued his time and patience exhibited in his explanations to us and his obvious knowledge of his hobby. Stud, we thank you, Babe, you did permit us many subtle and

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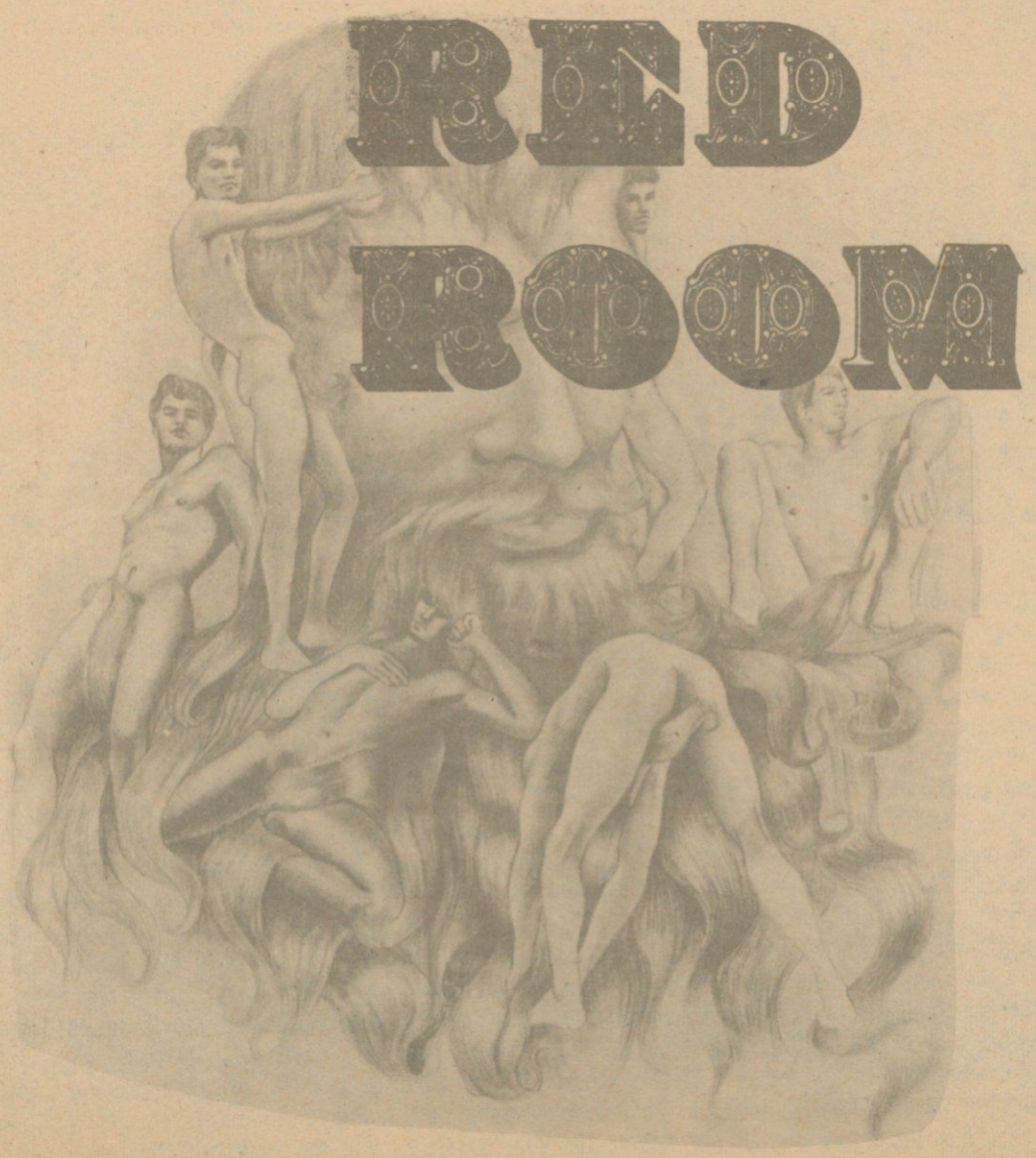
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alued moments while we were in the it.

We were witness to Stud's winning s race and to his exuberance both or racing and for living. As he sat ith us and joined our "new" zeal, e found the basic qualities for a tock Car Racer to be---first, a nowledgeable driver --in knowing is car and his own abilities; second, safety prone driver--knowing and especting the abilities of his ompetitors, and third, a capability or showmanship--knowing and pleasing the crowd which is mmersed in the winning-losing of ach competitor on the track.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS AND MISSOURI

In Kansas City we visited with ommy Temple who is and has been featured star at Tthe Jewel Box for he last five years.

Tommy spoke admiringly of Rae Bourbon who passed away recently n Texas. Tommy worked with Rae nd has a collection of Rae's ecordings each of which was personally autographed to Tommy.

Tommy spoke with Rae just hree weeks prior to his arrest and uoted Rae as saying "with your style r drama and comedy, you're one of e very few that could evendo my tory."

In the pictures which Tommy hares with you, we get glimpses of he drama and comedy of which Rae spoke.

Tommy spoke of gay life for himself as being "the good life" and permits us to quote him.

"It is time gay people quit living in their closets and come on out and enjoy life. The Mexican has. The Negro has. I think it is time the gay people do."

Tommy and his lover Bud own their own home in Kansas City and "down on the farm"influence with except for each other their main im interests include raising Basbji dogs and French Poodles.

As homeowners and homemakers their duties are compounded for Tommy indicated a complex interest in "cleanliness". For do-it-yourselfers, Tommy and Bud, yardwork and plumbing require grandiose skills when the ultimate efforts expended must encompass the requirements for extraordinary cleanliness.

Speaking of Bud, Tommy said, "He works 5 days a week, very hard, just to be sure Tommy si a good boy on the week-ends. Bud is the maitre D' at The Jewel Box."

Tommy and Bud are avid sports fans with two hometown clubs for professional favorites-the champions-the Kansas City Chiefs for football and the Kansas City Royals for baseball.

Tommy and Bud enjoy their privacy too. Their private recreation takes them to nearby lakes where they relax by the water--fishing and letting their dogs run around.

Speaking of their marriage, Tommy says: "We are very happy. Our marriage is a well-adjusted marriage. We don't need to look for outside help. We're happy with each other. Our marriage proves that gays can be faithful and can last."

"It's just what you put into it--that's what you get out of it."

"Im gay. I'm happy. I'm proud. I wouldn't be any other way."

Thank you Tommy Temple.

The week-end in Kansas City was a wet week-end. We did notice the new fall clothes that seemed to come out with the lower temperatures accompanying the rains.

For men there seemed to be a jim jeans, bib-front overall, twills, coruroy and tweeds, all fashioned with fresh ideas. Two button coats with pocket flaps were parlayed both from knitted fabrics and from rugged leather.

All together the fall will find the men in Kansas City confident and free-spirited from their rugged leather work shoe styling to their ruggedly styled coats and trousers--all with colors from black to brilliant hues put together layer-on- layer.

At the Cowboy Lounge, we were greeted with warmth, enthusiasm and good fellowship by the entertainers, the bartenders, Steve and Gary, and by Rex, the owner. As our car had malfunctioned, we were somewhat re stricted in the pursuit of our appointed rounds of the clubs in Kansas City.

We appreciate and thank Rex and the men at the Cowboy Lounge for their excellent hospitality on behalf of ourselves and THE NUNTIUS DY Sharkey, a very personable young Missouri native, danced for us at The Cowboy. The speciality dance for us was against the Tom Jones recording of "Every Mile". Simply put, Randy's brief poetic sequence provided for a quiet interlude and good respite from the usually loud and ponderous rock and roll sounds. (Or were they there and we were so engrossed in Randy that we didn't hear the loud accompaniment?)

We wish success and happiness to this handsome young man. We hope Hollywood doesn't lay claim to him too quickly for we would enjoy more of him.

As always Rex reaches out and finds new talent for the Cowboy Lounge and we look forward to each visit always knowing that at the Cowboy's Lounge, there is something new and interesting.

At The Arabian Nights the owners received us cordially and with enthusiasm. The tent was filled to overflowing with young people thoroughly enjoying themselves. Most of these young people are outside our age group, yet we feel that this is a scene where we would like to spend more time and know the individuals better and on a more personal basis.

At the S.S. Jug, we found the new back room--the Wharf Room--in full swing with Gary bartending in his own inimitable fashion. The lively, happy crowd was well attended by the crew of the Jug who have expanded their crew to include Elmer and Howard with whom we spoke last month. We were told of plans for a Luau for the following Tuesday and if Jimmy Freed and the crew of the Jug continue in their usual style it must have been a success.

Tommy Temple and Jerry Anthony were featured in the part of the show we saw at The Jewel Box. We recommend your seeing all of the show and hope that soon we may have a less crowded schedule that will permit us interviews with Jerry and with Ricci Karr, another featured entertainer. We spoke with Ricci but did not have enough time for a full length interview as we enjoy. We thank the owners and entertainers at The Jewel Box for tjeor courtesies during our brief visit.

As the evening closed in Missouri, we were taken to a new club in Kansas --The Other Side.

The Other Side will be a valuable addition to the Kansas City Gay Club Scene. The building is new and offers attractive and modern cocktail lounge styling.

There will be an adjoining cellar club where pool tables, shuffleboard, and a den-like atmosphere will provide the Kansas City crowd a meeting ground for enjoying themselves individually as as a group. With winter just around the corner, we look forward to warming our.....toes by the fireplace and relaxing with other members of this private club.

At The Other Side the bouncer, Jan provides a knowledge of the Kansas City BAR SCENE AND A SPARKLING PERSONALITY NOT USUALLY FOUND IN BOUNCERS£ PER SE_ Jan is a stickler for technical enforcement of club rules and for legalities. We strongly recommend your not "trying to put something over" on Jan.

At The Other Side, Jim McElroy, owner, has put considerable effort into the installation of a first class sound system. As the younger crowd sees it and hears it--it must be out there--all together--not subtle--but loud. If you're in the crowd--even with ear plugs--there are times you can still hear and fel the sounds from The Sound System at The Other Side.

We attended a private party at THE Other Side on what what might have been a dreary afternoon while we waited for our car to be repaired. The Green River Ordnance, Blue Laws, Unions, etc. combine to prohibit even the most efficient auto club from functioning at its best for the traveler.

Approximately 50 guests toasted the birthday celebrant with white or pink champagne and all those delightful canapes that only the good gay create for their pleasures. During the course otf the party, the circle rock was danced and received grand applause from those of us who sat on the sidelines at The Other Side.

We thank you Jim McElroy for the hospitality for the week-end. We feel the gay scene in Kansas City is much to be envied to have you as one of their staunch allies. We hope that you are recognized by other bar owners in Kansas City for the part that you play in promoting the UP BEAT Gay Scene. It must be recognized that it is through your efforts more than our own that we have taken an interest in all of the Kansas City scene and not just for those businesses which hold your financial interests.

The owners of the Arabian Nights introduced us to the VECTOR which is a publication by The Society for Individual Rights. THE VECTOR is established as "a voice for the homosexual community"with the imposing and striking motto "Responsible action by responsible people in responsible ways".

We appreciate their motto and would amend each responsible encountered with the word individual or individually--emphasizing that living is accomplished first at the individual level with group responsibilities subordinated or complemented or supplementary to that life--one which will incorporate a lucid relevant reality.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

In Oklahoma we were happy to find THE NUNTIUS available at The Tulas Book Mart at 16thand Sheridan.

There, too, we found a copy of QQ for October 'for gay guys who have no hang-ups'. Please read our review else where in THE NUNTIUS.

The month of October begins with a series of birthday celebrations for the Tulsa crowd.

On October 1, they celebrate the birthday of Dr. "Pepper"M£ ONE OF THE STALWART AND VALUED MEMBERS OF Tracy's Friend's Lounge. Tracy will serve some 80 pounds of pork, homemade barbecued beans together with all those chips, salads and a well spiked punch that make a great "eating" party as prepared by Tulas's favorite club chef.

Free food and drinks seem to be Tracy's answer to the wage-price freeze for the Tulsa gay crowd.

On October 8, Dee who ma ages the $ACCOUNTS FOR Tracy will be feted with a beer bust birthday celebration.

Happy Birthday Dr. Pepper and Dee from the staff of THE NUNTIUS.

Tracy's crowd is a multi-dimensional and multi-sensual crowd. We enjoy Tracy and his group including Joe who assists Tracy at the bar, particularly on Sunday nights when the Lounge is at its busiest during the Happy Hour.

Tracy describes Joe as one of his "favorite decorations for the mantlepiece" and when Joe isn't busy "he just stands around and looks pretty". You, good reader, will recognize Joe and will be able to distinguish him from other good-lookers at the Friend's---by the rainbow decoration on his jeans.

At Tracy's we were privileged to meet Frank of Patterson's of Park Avenue, Hot Springs. We had missed

him in Hot Springs and were pleased to meet him within the pleasant and joyful atmosphere of Tracy's Friend's Lounge. Frank was just concluding a week-end of enjoyment of the Tulsa scene.

Frank is a specialist in leather styling and dresses in leather himself. He is proud to be gay and allows us to quote him: "I am not ashamed of being gay and I don't mind straight or gay knowing that I am gay".

Frank tells us he is from one of the oldest families in the Hot Springs area where he merchandises specialty clothing and offers custom leather styling and leather equipment for his customers.

Frank told us of his activities in gay life and explained his interest in leather. He has been gay for ten years and active leather for 7½ years. As active master for the first 2½ years and as active slave for the last 5.

Franks personal interests extend to bondage with all the paraphanalia and toys that are encompassed within that realm. He dresses in leather usually black and constantly displays his colors, rings, and chains dressed right. He wears a gold ring pierced through the right tit indicating his desire to be subordinate.

To us Frank is a very personable young man who has an obviously well disciplined personality. He communicates directly and without fanfare or hedging. This was not our first encounter with men of leather interests but it was our first encounter with a devotee who communicates so explicitly. Frank is a strong personality and a man who will require another man who's really "man enough" from the one who would choose to be his master.

In Tulas as throughout the land Halloween brings out the witches and goblines, the pumpkins and scarecrows, bobbing apples and necking behind the stocks.....and the Hosts for the Seventh Annual Halloween Ball of The Gala Club, Mary and Jody, invite you to join them on Saturday October 30 at The Blue Moon Ball Room.

There are some 30 odd trophies to be awarded in various categories.

Queen of the Ball.....Miss Tulsa.....Most Convincing....Hair Styling.....Fantabulous Gown....Halloween Costume.....Best Couples, Boys or Girls....Original Gowns....and Butch of the Parade.

For you the dressing facilities are excellent, there are parking spaces galore. All parking facilities will be protected by the secutity guards that are currently used at The Gala Club. Liquor is BYOB----bring your own bottle; the cover charge is $5.00 per person. Service is at tables and chairs, so you can bring your own party or make up one from the sociable guests of a similar desire.

Entertainment at the Ball will feature the professionals usually seen at The Gala Club...Mr. Cammy, Mr. Lisa, Mr. Angela and their soul sisters, Mr. Diane, Mr. Patrice and Mr. Kimberly. The current Queen, Mr. Feathers will transfer the crown to the new Queen.

Professional and amateurs will compete for the titles and trophies to be awarded. Last year's Queen of the Ball was Mr. Sugar from New Orleans. The contest will be a lively one. For previews there are shows at The Gala Club on Friday and Sunday at 10:30and 12:30 each night.

For out-of-towners who lack personal acquaintances in Tulsa, we recommend you introduce yourself to Mary and Jody at the Eighth Day, Beer Bar. The Eighth Day opens daily at 2 p.m. and serves you gaily until midnight.

The Eighth Day features its own happy hour on busy Friday Night when beer is offered----all you can drink for $1.25.

The silhouette at the heading of our column was borrowed with permission from the owner of the Taj Mahal--Charles. This is the picture featured on the letterhead of this excellent private club that we visited last month. We were pleased to find Guenter back at the Taj and know that you too will find him attractive and entertaining when you visit this downtown Tulsa night spot. We will have more news of the Taj for you next month for we understand their expansion program is well underway and they have several new features and programs for the fall and winter entertainment scene in Tulsa.

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Houston's Gay Society Scene

WELL IT WAS SUCH A lovely drive up to Cleveland to have dinner at that charming place one must make reservations for so long in advance, luv. Just a cozy group of Admirals and noblemen and academics and current amis, actually. And the ride is so comfy when one does it in the Rolls Royce Phantom don't you know. Doesn't everyone do it that way? Of course they do if they really mean well . . . . Amongst the toney guests that memorable evening was, of all people, dear Larry Marcus, the dry goods fellow, with James Galanos who does all those fun things with dresses, see. Larry had two of his Rolls with him, and he had packed both with clever folk for the trek to the Hilltop Herb Farms restaurant. He was just about the colour of his green Rolls when he saw us motor away, sweets, because our Rolls was just ever so much larger and grander than his and it's white. At any rate it looked like the British Ambassador leaving the Vatican after presenting his credentials when we all left.

ONE OF THE MOST fascinating tid-bits making the rounds of all the best circles these days is a zingy item about one of Houston's richest oil men recently in hospital and seeing absolutely NO visitor nor receiving ANY telephone messages. He told his doctors he got those phenomenal injuries falling down the stairs, luv, and they must have been the stair all the way down the San Jacinto monument! With a broken nose, blackened eyes and bruises so reminiscent of a professional beating yet! He summoned help finally by crawling painfully to a telephone, after the trick had gone. Sad.

THE ANNUAL CONSULAR BALL was THE posh event again this year, luv, and we know that makes you deleriously happy. Everyone who is anyone and who has lots of jazzy jewels and medlas to wear was there wearing them. Veddy elegant & veddy international with lots of grand names & titles and not one A Groupie. La.

LANNIS THOMPSON & TERRY RITTER were seen on Tuesday first of this month at "the Pancake House" having some before ferrying to our just courts – in downtown Houston, luv. Seems Lannis still has a friend – and a judge yet who was kind enough to grant an extension or is it postponement for poor little Terry. Just wonder where poor little Terry's legit wife is now? or does he have two? Youth is luv, grate, oh! I mean love is grate!

THE CUTEST THING OUT of Honduras, Chara, has opened her fabulous new place. Chara's Inferno. Big Martha is going to be entertaining there regularly and you all know what THAT means! She's so utterly terrific most of you can't stand it and that the truth, ducks. And her combo, The Four Hits are just that: hits all the way. It is just to grand to hear them and they make such a happy, joyous sound always. Richard is the jefe bartender and so good at it, with Butch aiding him at the downstairs bar. Don, the assistant manager and Bobby preside over the booze upstairs. Homer, Bobbette and Adam serve drinks and things all over and right right smartly, too, while Dale & Joe do similar things upstairs. You'll NEVER go dry at Chara's Inferno, luv. And just wait until you see the frantic fun set for our favourite High Holly Day, Halloween! Among many things they're having a Mr. and Miss Inferno contest. Figure that one out yourself, luv, and don't be sticky . . . . Y mis gentes mas favoritas estan aqui! And EVERYONE is welcome - - just leave your stash at your own place, dearie. The Armadillo died, see.

OUR FAVOURITE NURSE Bobby has been accepted into the doctors assistant programme here and that's quite an achievement for anyone, luv. And God knows he can give really impressive examinations, luv. It will be so nice to see him eventually doing medical things locally without having to wear that dear little hat . . . .

A NUMBER OF TRIPS were taken recently by some dear things, luv. Unfortunately they never left Mary's or the Round Table. Seems a number just blown in from California was dropping a little acid with his helpsul friends recently in both watering holes and the fur flew. Tacky, tacky and he knows it, luv! They were freaking out all over both places, some tearing their clothes off and some fighting and screaming and hiding under tables. It looked like a neighborhood straight lounge on any Saturday night, really it did! All is well now, though, but watch those drinks, sweets. Trips are best taken in private and you know it if you have to scramble brains . . . .

WE JUST LOVE HUNKY Cajuns, really we do, and especially when they watch the door at one of our favourite flesh pots. This one's name is Mike and don't you know that beard is frantic in the clinches! Grrrrrrr.

DAVID & LARRY & CANDY & JERRY and others still have one of the best shows in town and we think that Ed Golden is just too funny for words with his 40's stuff. Gawd what a clever act! Love them all.

RON SUE WAS OUR gracious host while in Dallas recently and we just loved his club. It's such a relief after allt hese posh places, luv. Homey, Very homey. And Dallas just loves it, really. We thought the show was the best one in Wee D and the kids were especially good the night we were there. We greatly appreciated the dedication to us and thoroughly enjoyed it all. A must place on any tour of the show-bars there whilst boozing through the North Country, luv. Thanks again mucho.

WE UNDERSTAND ONE OF THE present County Commissioners is largely responsible for a lot of the recent unpleasantness in the Montrose area affecting some of our favourint pleasure domes. See you at the polls when he comes up for reelection, luv. More about this later. Meantime, his erratic behaviour makes fun items in the dailies.

BILL AND BILL OF THE GALLEON, recently husband-hunting according to their own quaint use of the language, were seen atop the old boat reparing the roof. Very butch stuff, that, for two youngish husband-hunters! Furthermore, they have been seen by some relatively sober witnesses bartending at the Table and checking ID's etc. for after-hours group therapy at the Farm House. And we thought M. C. and Frank paid so well . . . . Moonlighting, dears. It's all right. You can tell us. We understand. Really we do. You betcha!

BY-THE-BY, LUV, M. C. and Frank were seen recently over in New Orleans at Pat O'Brien's, and they were obviously Having A Great Time. Thank God for these little holidays, sweets. One needs to get away from the old grind once in awhile. Unfortunately, the dear boys couldn't see us. But it was FUN.

DENNIS SISK OF DALLAS, telly star and Bayou Lodge owner (among others in the Wee D area) was down recently and we motored back to Dallas with him. A precious dear, really. We thought it was a delightful journey and we had a grand time at his most impressive club. Our dear old Mr. Clean, Lynn is managing the spot and it is FUN FUN FUN. Of course Lynn-baby is a bit accident prone. Get him to tell you about his most recent little contretemps with the fuzz and a local dead-beat. Too, too entertaining . . .

THE TOOTH FAIRY entertained a number of people the other evening at the door of another club with a rendition of Don't You Know Who I Am, followed by I Don't Want To Set The World On Fire, I Just Want To Start A Flame . . . you fill in the rest, sweets. Use your imagination. But be kind. He'd had a few, and an aduience. See?

WENT BY THE COBRA CLUB the other night for their opening. It's a cozy place with everything just right for that pleasant evening out with someone you really want to be with without a thousand others in your face. Kin, Dick and Jim are your hosts and you all remember Ken Paul. This will be an IN spot – mark my words!

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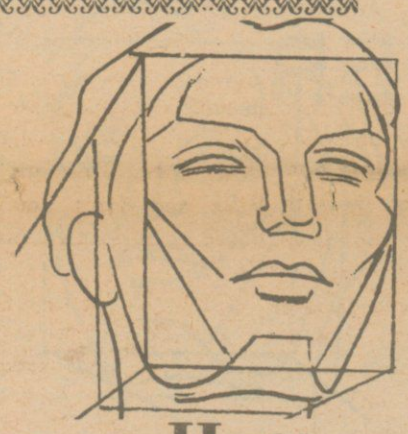
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The Man Who "Cures" Homosexuals

(The following articles are reprinted by permission from VECTOR, the excellent slick-paper magazine published by S.I.R., the Society for Individual Rights. S.I.R. is the largest active organisation in the USA dedicated to freedom for gays--freedom from guilt, harassment and social injustice. The author of the first article, Dr. Lawrence J. Hatterer, is teaching at Cornell University and is the author of the book, **Changing Homosexuality in the Male.** This article originally appeared in **Sexual Behaviour** magazine. Unfortunately, Dr. Hatterer's viewpoint is shared by a number of influencial psychiartists. This the sort of regressive theorizing which aided the Nebraska psychiatrists in lobbying through a law in that State under which homosexuals can be thrown into state mental hospitals just for being gay! This man and his ilk can hardly be ignored. Ed.)

By Dr. Lawrence Hatterer

Upwards of thirty million men in our country have engaged in homosexual acts, often just as a transient interest in adolescence. This type of sexual experimentation is very different from those people who have chosen to live within one or several of the homosexual subcultures . . . Homosexuality results from inhibitions, disturbed patterns of gender identity, inadequate capacities to relate to women, and other factors which are amenable to treatment.

I have "cured" many homosexuals. Any researcher may examine my work because it is all documented on 10 years of tape recordings. Many of these changed patients have married, had families and live happy lives. It is a destructive myth that "once a homosexual, always a homosexual." It has made and will make millions more committed homosexuals. What is more, not only have I but many other reputable psychiatrists (Dr. Samuel B. Hadden, Dr. Lionel Ovesey, Dr. Charles Socarides, Dr. Harold Lief, Dr. Bieber, and others) have reported their successful treatments of the treatable homosexual.

I have treated numerous young men who were supposedly disturbed by their "homosexuality." But I do not look upon homosexuality as an entity. Rather it is a common symptom which appears in many individuals in response to innumerable, dissimilar situations.

There have been many cases where the problem was presented as being homosexuality, but my perspective casts it into a wholly different arena and dealt with a constellation of other problems which incidentally resulted in homosexual acting-out. When these problems were dealt with, they turned away from homosexuality.

I would say, in addition, that society's proscriptions make it very difficult to be homosexual without a lot of problems. It is not in accordance with what one has been taught from the very earliest age is appropriate, which means there necessarily is internal conflict. And it puts one in conflict with society's values.

What's more, I do not believe that the structure of our society, which is heterosexual, monogamistic, and family oriented, is going to change to the extent that this entire fabric will go under – and that's what would have to happen in order to institutionalize or accept homosexuality. Until that happens, the homosexual will be a disturbed individual.

The judgment of impaired functioning is not quite so arbitrary. Perhaps it is considered gauche in this era of liberal social values to allude to the adage, "anatomy is destiny," but the fact is that we are what we are – a complex constellation of genetic mechanisms, endocrine systems, and nervous systems which differ between individuals in accordance with their reproductive physiology. Sexual relations with a person of the same sex represent a deviation or a short-circuiting of a very definite biological intention. . . .

I've had young men come in and report homosexual orientation that was largely a matter of conditioning or learning. They may have been seduced by an older homosexual man when they were 16, and they developed a genuine romantic responsiveness to another male. This may be a rather total, prideful experience for a while – but only for a while.

I stress those feelings which already exist in the patient which may enhance his motivation to change. Rather than unhealthy repression, these efforts represent attempts at self-repair. In terms of utilizing religious proscriptions, I emphasize religious beliefs which stress ethics and family, rather than beliefs that are punitive and guilt-oriented. I see it as a reinforcing, socializing force for that human being who needs external supports.

In sum, these people want to change. They want desperately to occupy a respected place in our society; they want to have a wife; they want to have a child, to have the kind of family they had before or never had and wish to make. They simply cannot reconcile their homosexuality with these more treasured aims, and hence seek help to renounce the homosexuality. They pay a price, but it is their price and most feel it is worth it.

To be simplistic about it, if a person has been blocked in his heterosexual capacities, he is incapable of the same pleasures in sexual-love relationships as a heterosexual. This is true in our society. Now it might not be true on a deserted island where there are only men. In our society, with rare exceptions, a man is homosexual by default. He may consider himself to be deficient as a male, or be troubled in a great variety of ways. In our society such a man cannot as easily experience the same interpersonal rewards as a heterosexual person. Some do achieve satisfactory interpersonal lives and productive work-life styles against many odds.

Obviously, millions of men practicing homosexuality are productive at work and would report some periods of sexual happiness with their partners either in or out of sustained relationships. However, we must know more and look below the surface before we can say that everything is okay.

Before long he tends to view it as a denigrating experience. For one thing, doubts are introduced as well as shame when other boys call him fag or queer. He becomes an outcast. Perhaps he can withstand this impact for a while, until he realizes that he cannot utilize his idealized notions of homosexual love anywhere.

As he dips into the homosexual subculture – gay bars, homosexual streets, groups of homosexual acquaintances – he finds himself surrounded by sex addicts. Men are driven in their quest for homosexual acts, without any interest whatsoever in the actual person they make sex contact with. They are people who have failed to find something meaningful in themselves or in their lives, and pursue one sex act after another trying to make up for the deficit. And after the tenth sex act in a night they are as empty inside as when they started. This is demoralizing, and corruptive of a man's ability to function in his own best interest if he incorporates the neurotic strivings of this subculture. And it is very hard not to get caught up in this compulsive sexuality,

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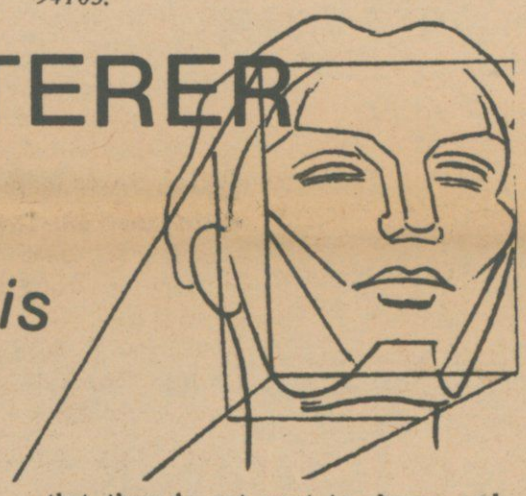
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DR. HATTERER
An Analysis



(This is the reply to Dr. Hatterer's article, above. It also appeared in VECTOR, and was written by Mr. Martin Stow, a practising psychologist in private practise in San Francisco. Mr. Stow also serves on the Board of Directors of S.I.R. Ed.)

Dr. Lawrence Hatterer's article on curing homosexuals has a certain hysterical organization which makes comment difficult, but not impossible. Running throughout is the theme that persons engaging in homosexuality may, by a therapeutic process, be reoriented toward heterosexual object relationships. The author states that many who might seek such reorientation do not. This is quite well recognized within the field of counseling and therapy and is quite correct. However, such a proposition needs to be put in the proper perspective.

There are four classes of persons seeking assistance relating to their homosexuality: (1) those who state that they want to change, but who really do not want to reorient; (2) those who state that they want to change, and who really want to change; (3) those who state that they *do not* want to change, but who really want to change; and (4) those who state that they do not want to change, and really do not want to change. No one knows the prevalence of each who comes for assistance but it is the responsibility of the person from whom assistance is sought to determine to which class the individual belongs, otherwise assistance is impossible. The idea that all four classes are amenable to sexual reorientation treatment is a therapeutic fantasy. Psychiatric practice allows a sexual physical conversion operation for transexuals who believe that they possess the personality of a woman in the body of a man, or vice versa, so strong is the conditioned mind. The individual whose identity is psychodynamically involved in homosexuality will remain so oriented.

Dr. Lawrence Hatterer's extensive commentary about how homosexuals can be "cured" and analyzing homosexuality itself appeared in the August, Vector.
This is a response to that article.

Dr. Hatterer's theoretic orientation is more sociological than psychological. His position is that sexual relations have a "very definite biological intention," a most conservative social concept that sex is only permissible for procreation. Yet, later he contradicts himself by accusing homosexuals of compulsive sexuality which has nothing to do with either "affection or fun." Hatterer also believes the structure of our society to be "heterosexual, monogamistic and family oriented." From one side this assumption may be attacked by the well established tradition in Western Civilization of monastic and celebate communities. The largest and most powerful religion in our civilization is evidence. From the other side this position is vulnerable in view of the rapidly changing life-styles of the family unit. Serial monogamy occurs with such rapidity as to almost constitute polygamy; the family has become so small and so influenced by external social factors as to question its status as an independent unit. Most important is the new concept of homosexuality in this heterosexual social structure. Sociologists confirm that younger people are not so "uptight" about expressing homosexuality overtly; increasingly, homosexuality and heterosexuality are expressed alternately without individual disfunctioning in either object relationship. Young people are rejecting the traditional concept of an either-or sexuality. They have come to recognize what Dr. Hatterer and his colleagues have not; homosexuality has a positive functional purpose in the life of man, *if* it is not confined to or viewed solely as some neurotic, compulsive symptom.

Dr. Hatterer, as well as many homosexuals, apply heterosexual criteria for successful relationships to homosexuality, principally the criteria of longevity, sexuality and fidelity. Homosexual relationships are usually not for extended periods, infidelity occurs frequently and, if the relationship does continue over an extended period, sexuality usually declines and disappears. This is the nature of the homosexual relationship. What Dr. Hatterer and his colleagues are going to have to learn is to view the homosexual relationship more as an educational process than a matrimonial contract. We know that something more important than genitality takes over in a relationship between two persons of the same sex if that relationship is to be more than a brief interlude. What takes over is more important than the homogenitality and cannot be denied. To continue to harp on the sex of the object is futile to understanding this more significant relationship. Too many psychiatrists have made and are making their reputations by exploiting the sexual behavior, one fears to the detriment of their patients. If Dr. Hatterer and his American colleagues were less obsessed with sex we could experience a psycho-therapeutic Renaissance in this country.

One dispairs of statements such as "reputable psychiatrists . . . have reported their successful treatments of the *treatable* homosexual." ("Reputable psychiatrists" at one time treated schizophrenia by pulling all the patient's teeth and administering enemas; later they engaged "reputably" in an orgy of indiscriminate lobotomies, as depicted in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*). *All* homosexuals are, as are all heterosexuals, treatable, if you are willing to accept something other than sexual reorientation as a therapeutic goal. Knowledgeable men in this field, as distinct from reputable, attempt to determine what positive reinforcements and reconstructions the individual is seeking to achieve through his homosexuality and then help him to achieve these in the best way possible.

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where sex has nothing to do with either affection or fun.

I could go on for hours discussing the depression, suicidal feelings, grave feelings of inadequacy, pathetic passivity, and all sorts of neuroses manifested in the homosexual individuals who come to see me – and this involves over 700 whom I have evaluated in depth. To a man, this entire population reported that they would choose to be other than homosexual if it were their choice to make.

And, to deal with an important issue which you suggested, and which is a chief complaint of homosexual organizations, the fact is that we treat individuals who are troubled by their homosexuality, who *come to us* voluntarily seeking help . . . It is true that the majority of my patients did not seek therapy with the aim of converting to heterosexuality. They did not see it as their choice to make.

The homosexuals that I have seen were in the main disgusted with the brevity of their relationships, disgusted by how they squandered their time, interfered with their work, dispensed with their integrity, and sacrificed hopes of an enduring relationship and family life by their driven pursuit of homosexual sex partners.

I have seen men who lived together for periods of five or seven years, but rarely twenty. And those who do stay together generally allow each other a lot of freedom sexually, or they will both invite a third party in for sex relations. The sexual involvement declines or disappears.

In reference to married men who have sporadic male homosexual contacts, one would have to investigate what was happening with these men and their wives at home. Such men want to be "serviced" by males or submit to them. But why? What and who drives them to such practices? There may be hundreds of reasons. Maybe they feel they have been so castrated and so feminized in their dealings with the world that they present their backsides to other males – as male animals do as a sign of submission to a more dominant male – or because they've been castrated by their wives. They see themselves in a completely humiliated situation, and wish to be sadistically used by another. This is one of the hundreds of reasons they may go just for an easy, quick masturbatory release of tension. Each person's use of a homosexual outlet must be examined for its worth and true satisfaction, its provocation of conflict or its valuelessness as an outlet.

Our society defines this as abnormal, every man knows this, and therefore, overwhelmingly, men who would engage in such acts do so to confirm a personal sense of unworthiness or degradation. Defining it as such makes it such! Do not impose metaphysical values on humans who do not know or care about ultimate truths – they are guided, *ruled*, if you will, by social judgments, irrational though they may be, which are a reality and structure reality for individuals in our culture.

Humanizing our heterosexual society on presumed already agreed-upon sexual values and more is difficult enough. To think we'll do this for what in every contemporary society has been at best tolerated as "deviant behavior" is a pipe dream. We can't even get homosexuals deemed as "uncriminal" in 48 states in 1971. The laws remain 18th-century laws. How are we going to institutionalize the chaos and anarchy of homosexuality as it exists in America today?

Such men do come to my office and testify how degraded they feel by impersonal sex through a knothole in a subway latrine. They do have very damaged images of themselves, which are both a cause and a result of such behavior.

The big question regarding therapy is what does the person want to do, not only with his sex life but with his life in general. A person's sex life has to be integrated into a total life style. As I said, the majority of the people I saw did not say they wanted to change to heterosexuality. They wanted help with their many problems of living as homosexuals in our society. But when they did want to change, I helped them to, and in many, many cases we succeeded.

Dr. Hatterer's remarks will be analyzed in the September Vector *by two important psychologists and you, our readers. Write: "Dr. Hatterer's Remarks,"* Vector, *83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, 94103.*

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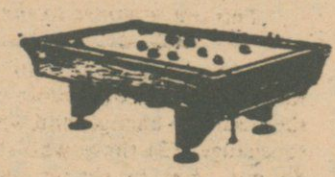
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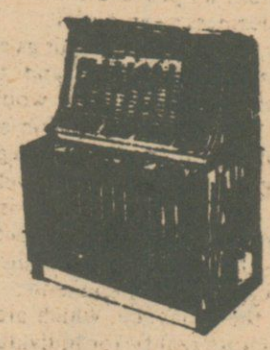
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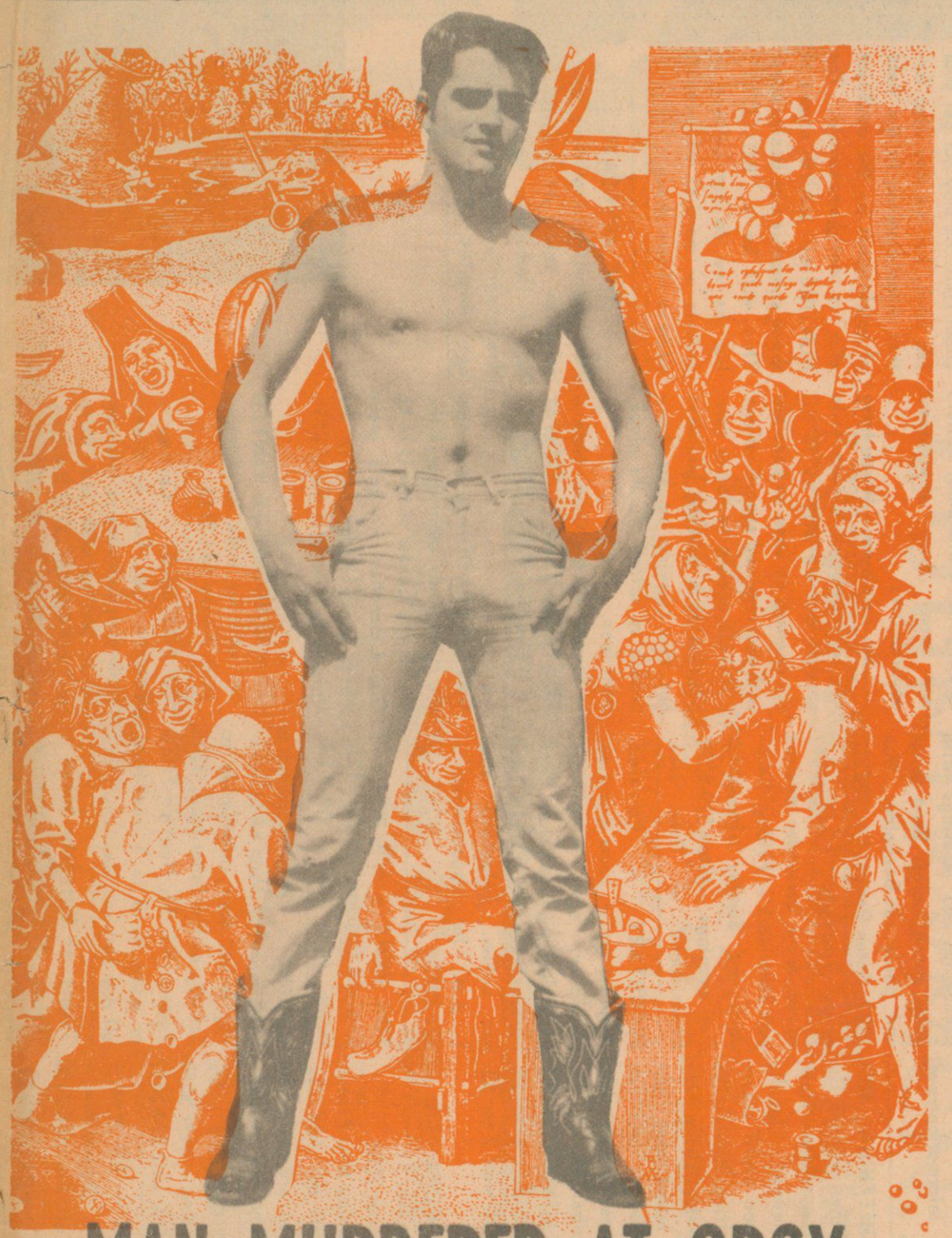
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