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Here's Good News

It is that time again. The birth of the Nazarene is being celebrated in most of the western world, and that Birthday like no other will occur.

In these days of a lust for power, money, and prestige, it is interesting to pause and reflect that an obscure rabbi in a far outpost of the greatest empire in history, who never traveled more than two hundred miles from home, who never married, owned property, or commanded anything more than the affections of twelve poor followers, changed the course of history for all time.

It is also noteworthy to consider the lifestyle of the Godman, who lived among us publicly for a mere three brief years.

Christ never married. He had twelve followers who were with him almost constantly. One of his dearest female associates was a known prostitute, Mary Magdalen.

And there was one man, known through history as the Beloved Disciple, John, who was especially beloved of Christ.

Christ left us one message, and one only, constantly repeated and illustrated and enlarged upon: love God and love one another.

He did not specify in what manner this love should occur, in what combination of sexes or with what legal sanctions.

Late in John's life, when the early Christians would gather around and ask him to recount personal stories of Jesus, John would repeatedly stress the one dictum Christ gave us: love.

At times those listening would complain and ask why John did not speak of other virtues and matters. His reply was always the same: because love is all there is.

Gay consciousness is going through an inevitable evolution in which gays are striving desperately for a positive self image.

Society for so long has categorized the gay world as, at the very least, sick that gays have almost necessarily accepted this assessment of themselves, or at least formed attitudes in reaction to this evaluation of their life.

New stereotypes and patterns of thought and behavior come about glacially, and with immense pain.

At this time of the year, it is comforting to contemplate the message of Christ: love one another. Gay to gay, gay to straight, and, hopefully, straight to gay.

Love that is not patronizing or contemptuous, but love, full and overflowing, following the example of that One who showed us the greatest love possible: He laid down His life for His friends.

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Some people prefer a different kind of toys for Christmas

A puritan would probably swoon in the Pleasure Chest, an erotic emporium that specializes in such items as sex aids, creams, devices and gadgets, all designed to increase the enjoyment of sex.

To a puritan, of course, anything that improves the enjoyment or performance of sex acts is automatically wrong, bad, and evil. For many decades America lived in awe of these bluenoses who imposed their own personal beliefs about sex on the rest of society, but those days have passed, in spite of certain Supreme Court decisions that seem almost a throwback to Comstock, if not Salem witch trails.

The Pleasure Chest located in the Montrose section of Houston is part of a national chain of erotic boutiques that specializes in items that have one common air: better sex.

The owner of the Montrose outlet, Greg Becket, who prefers to go by his last name only, has been with the company since its founding in 1970 in New York.

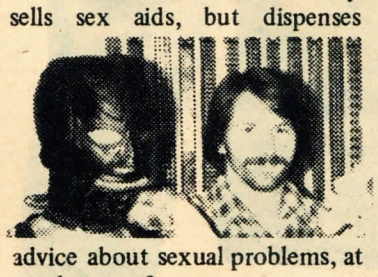
Starting with one shop in Manhattan, Pleasure Chest expanded to two other locations in New York, then into a warehouse for its goods, moving into Toronto and Miami as boutiques in the Club Bath chain.

With locations now in Los Angeles, Key West and now Houston, and locations in Atlanta and Chicago planned for next year, Pleasure Chest can claim the distinction of being the largest retail purveyor of sex aids in the country.

The company advertises nationally as well, in such publications as Blueboy, Playgirl, Playboy, Viva and Hustler.

Becket, a young man in a young business, is 23, and helped to start other locations of the company. He mentioned that Los Angeles, in which opening he was instrumental, is now the largest erotic boutique in the country.

He stressed that he not only sells sex aids, but dispenses



advice about sexual problems, at no charge, of course.

"You should mention that in some areas the things we sell are considered medical devices, and such organization as the Planned Parenthood Association send patients to us for advice and help. We do provide a very useful service to many people," Becket added.

"Many verterans of Vietnam who were injured have come to us for assistance which we were able to render when no one else could."

While the Star was waiting to talk with Becket, a couple of finishing school graduate girl types came in, slightly nervous, and got to talking with Becket, finally making serveral purchases before leaving.

Becket emphasized that he would never disclose what a customer had bought to anyone.

Still later, a very dignified businessman-looking person came in to select a few items.

When asked what his average customer looked like, Becket laughed and answered "We're



like the A&P. Everybody!"

The average purchase nationwide is approximately $20, and some customers spend as much as $150 to $600 per visit. Men outnumber women as customers, but by no means overwhelmingly.

Becket pointed out such things as the interesting collection of erotic art for sale, stating that he hopes to expand this part of the business after the holidays.

When pinned down on the large number of leather items available, as to whether the shop had a heavy sado-masochist or bondage and discipline orientation, Becket answered frankly that it did not, that all forms of sexual pleasure were equally represented.

He did admit that the store had the best and most inexpensive, quality considered, collection of leather goods available, however.

"In 'S&M' sexual pleasure, pain is translated into pleasure," said Becket. "Pain receptors are located all over the body, and can be, and frequently are, erogenous zones as well."

With the upcoming move to a new location, probably still in the Montrose area, mainly to provide more parking, Becket hopes to be able to serve his many customers even better in the coming year.

Ed Martinez

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Cinema

'Kong' is good but disappointing

Faye Wray's spirit is resting easier these days following the opening of "King Kong II." Can you imagine having a long career in the movies and being remembered basically for only one role – that of the unwilling lover of a giant ape?

The only thing worse is that somebody comes along 43 years later and tries to dethrone you from your immortal place in film history.

Fortunately for those who conceived and performed in the original, the 22 million dollars that the remake cost cannot buy a classic even if it can buy ten times that much at the box office.

I had two basic thoughts when I left the theater. First, wasn't the cinematography of Skull Island (where Kong lives) magnificent? It was filmed on one of the most remote Hawaiian Islands.

And second, wasn't the ape which actually stood forty feet tall (and whose upper parts of the body moved and appeared extremely lifelike) a technological wonder?

But aside from that, the creative pathos which touched a society engulfed in depression and endeared a beast into the hearts of nearly every American was just not there.

That doesn't mean to say that a roar of fun and an occasional thrill popped up from time to time. But it takes more than that to check a piece of celluloid into the hall of fame.

For a picture to be good, it has to make believe but it also has to believe in its self-concept. One doesn't work without the other.

For example at one point Dwan (played by newcomer Jessica Lange) looks Kong straight in the eye from the clutches of his giant hand and says, "I don't think this thing between us will ever work, can't you see?"

In another sequence after trying to escape through some jungle mud, Kong picks Dwan up and washes her off in a waterfall. He then dries her by blowing on her and she lays back and sighs in a state of sexual arousal.

Really, can you imagine what the breath of a forty foot ape whose teeth look like he's been smoking fifty packs a day for the last fifty years must smell like?

I must defend the acting. It's a hell of a lot better than the writing.

Charles Grodin and Jeff Bridges do favorably in the male leads but Miss Lange really stands out. I can't really think of anyone since Monroe who sparkles under the lens more than she. And with a face and a bod like that and some exciting acting techniques thrown in to boot she shouldn't be out of work for the next ten years.

Compare the two buildings from which the 1933 Kong and the 1976 Kong climb aloft to take their final stands against a misunderstanding human world.

The Empire State Building in 1933 was the tallest building in the world and was a magnificent architectural work. It has been hailed as one of the seven wonders of the world and has been the highlight of the New York skyline ever since.

Six months after its completion in 1973, the 110-story twin tower World Trade Center (which Kong II stradles) was under threat by the city of New York to be torn down because it was a financial disaster and a huge drain of the city's energy. Besides, people say, it has no character.

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AUSTIN

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
Gay Community Services men's rap session at 7:45pm with info available as to location by calling 477-6699. After-hours disco dancing at the Austin Country.

Christmas afternoon, Dec. 25
Happy hour 5-7pm at the New Apartment.

Christmas night, Dec. 25
Disco dancing till 4am at the Austin Country.

Sun. afternoon, Dec. 26
Happy hour all day at the New Apartment. Austin Country opens early at 4pm.

Sun. night, Dec. 26
Buffet and beer bust along with disco dancing at the Austin Country.

Mon.-Fri. afternoons, Dec. 27-31
Happy hour at the New Apartment, 5-9pm.

Tues. night, Dec. 28
Old movies and a beer bust starting 8pm, along with disco dancing at the Austin Country.

Wed. night, Dec. 29
25¢ well drinks and canned beer, 10¢ draft beer, at the Austin Country, with $2 cover, starting 8pm.

Thurs. night, Dec. 30
The Grease Sisters and other entertain at the Austin Country, 10pm, followed by disco dancing.

Coming up later
Club Baths of Austin should be opening in January. Keep watching the Star for more information.

DALLAS

Fri. & Sat. nights, Dec. 24&25
After-hours disco dancing at the Old Plantation with their new Saturn Rings light show.

Sun. morning, Dec. 26
Worship services at 11am at MCC.

Sun. afternoon, Dec. 26
Cook out 2-5pm at Club Dallas. Bloody marys and screwdrivers 75¢ from 1 to 8pm at the Bon Soir, along with happy hour 3-8pm.

Sun. night, Dec. 26
Worship services at MCC at 7:30pm. Buffet and beer bust at the Old Plantation, 7-9pm, followed by Jann Russell and the other O.P. entertainers.

Mon. afternoon, Dec. 27
Happy hour at the Bon Soir, 5-8pm.

Tues. afternoon, Dec. 28
Happy hour 5-8pm at the Bon Soir.

Tues. night, Dec. 28
Buddy night at Club Dallas when 2 can get in for the price of 1, 6pm-2am. Special low price on margaritas tonight at the Old Plantation.

Wed. afternoon, Dec. 29
Happy hour at the Bon Soir, 5-8pm. Discount card day at Club Dallas, where you get a free locker with each purchase of a discount card.

Wed. night, Dec. 29
Half price drinks at the Old Plantation.

Thurs. afternoon, Dec. 30
Happy hour at the Bon Soir, 5-8pm.

Thurs. night, Dec. 30
75¢ tequila sunrises at the Old Plantation.

Fri. afternoon, Dec. 31
Happy hour 5-8pm at the Bon Soir.

NEW ORLEANS

Everynight
The Bourbon Pub, Lafitte's and Lafitte's Corral are open 24 hours. Also, the Parade (above the Bourbon Pub) has disco dancing starting around 9pm and lasting to 4am or so weeknights and 6am or so weekends.

Sun. night, Dec. 26
Can beer only 40¢ at the Outpost, 6-9pm.

Mon. afternoon, Dec. 27
Happy hour 3-5pm at the Golden Lantern.

Tues. afternoon, Dec. 28
Lockers on $1 at Club New Orleans. Happy hour at the Golden Lantern 3-5pm.

Tues. night, Dec. 28
Lockers still only $1 until midnight at Club New Orleans.

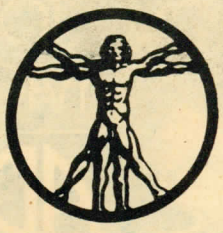
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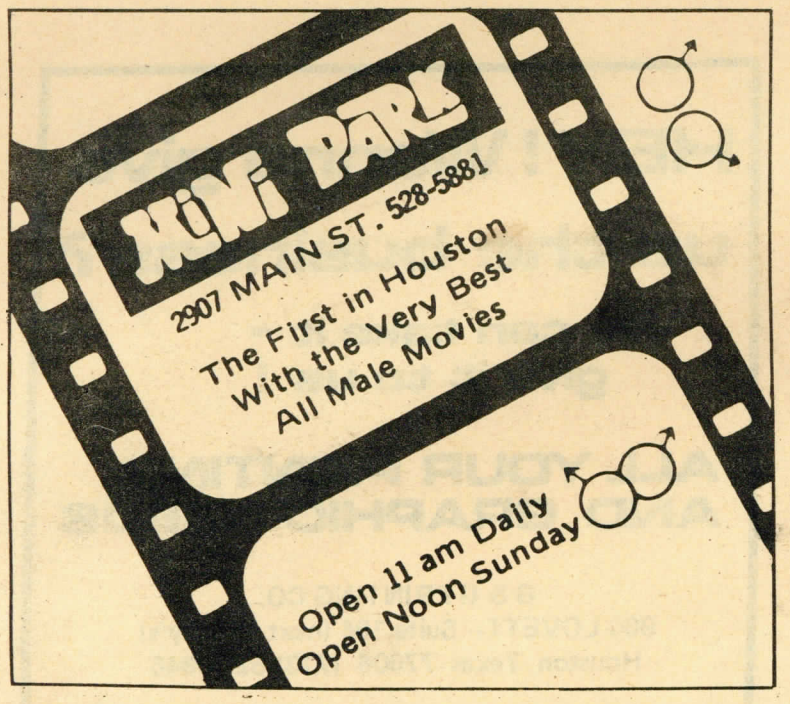
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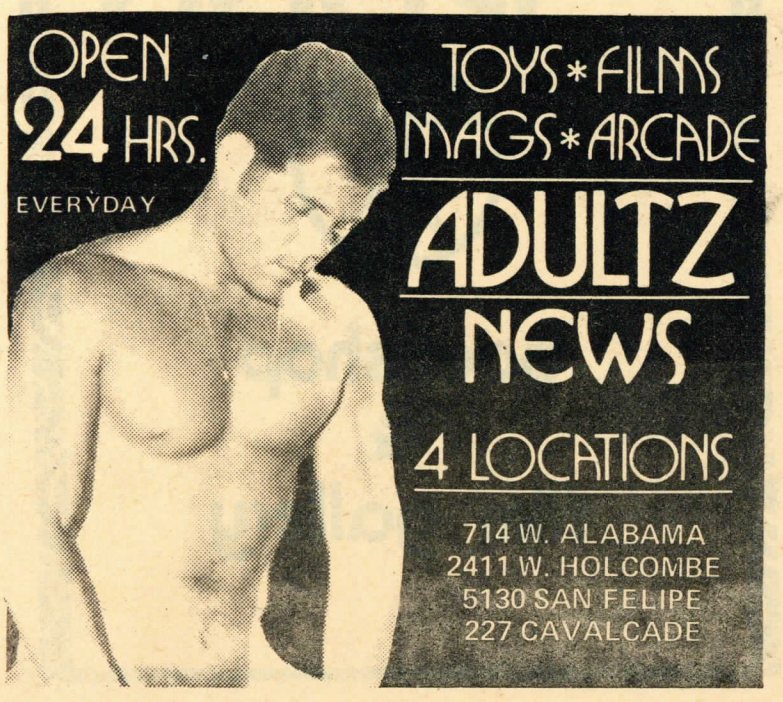
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Happy hour 3-5pm at the Golden Lantern.

Thurs. night, Dec. 30
Knights d' Orleans club night at the Outpost, 10pm-2am. Lockers only $1 6:30-7:30pm at Club New Orleans.

Fri. afternoon, Dec. 31
Happy hour 3-5pm at the Golden Lantern.

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Thurs. night, Dec. 23
"Les Boys" at the Inside Outside Country starting 9pm, with Peaches, Maggie, Melody, Benji and David Dauber. Happy hour continues all night at Sally's. $1 cover at the Depository with 50¢ drinks. $1 cover at the Old Plantation with 35¢ drinks. Dinner is served at Levi's 6-10pm.

Fri. morning, Dec. 24
Happy hour 7am-noon at the Inside Outside and Sally's. Happy hour starts 10am at the Barn. Lockers are half price at Club Houston starting 8am.

Fri. afternoon, Dec. 24
Happy hour 5-7pm at Mary's, 4-7pm at the Briar Patch, Inside Outside and Locker, 5-8pm at Sally's, noon-7pm at Levi's. Lockers are half price at Club Houston till 4pm.

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
Our Place will hold a joint Christmas and zodiac party, starting 7pm, with free food and free draft beer during the first hour, along with special gifts to be given out during the night. Special worship service at 10:30pm at MCCR, with the church remaining open throughout the night with sandwiches, snacks and coffee. After-hours disco dancing at the Old Plantation. Tiffany Jones & Co., including Jerry Vanover, Donna Day and Eartha Kitt, perform upstairs at the Depository, 11pm, with disco dancing downstairs till 4am. Breakfast is served at Levi's midnight-3:30am.

Christmas morning, Dec. 25
MCCR is open all day with coffee, snacks and sandwiches. Happy hour 7am-noon at Sally's.

Christmas afternoon, Dec. 25
MCCR continues to remain open, throughout the day, with coffee, sandwiches and snacks, including the regular Saturday rap session noon-2pm. Happy hour 3-7pm at the Locker, and 5-8pm at Sally's. Special prices on bloody marys and screwdrivers noon-7pm at the Inside Outside. Beer bust at Levi's 3-6pm. The Briar Patch will have one hour of free drinks sometime today.

Christmas night, Dec. 25
Disco dancing at the Old Plantation under the Saturn's Rings light system to 4am. The Depository presents Tiffany Jones, Donna Day, Jerry Vanover and Eartha Kitt, 11pm, plus after-hours disco dancing. Levi's serves breakfast midnight-3:30am.

Sunday morning, Dec. 26
Lockers are only $2, starting 8am at Club Houston. Worship services at 11am at MCCR.

Sun. afternoon, Dec. 26
Lockers continue at only $2 at Club Houston till 4pm. 50¢ bloody marys, screwdrivers and beer 2-7pm at the Briar Patch. Jambalaya is served starting at noon at the Barn. 25¢ bar drinks and draft beer 4-7pm at the Inside Outside with $2 cover. Beer bust starting 3pm at Levi's.

Sun. night, Dec. 26
Worship services 7:30pm at MCCR. Beer bust at the Locker starting 7pm. The Old Plantation opens the doors at 6pm with a beer bust and free buffet, followed at 9:30 by the Sunday Night Follies starring Jennifer George, Ernestine and Naomi. Randy Walls has a survivors party at Sally's 9pm-midnight with happy hour prices. Tiffany & Co. are on stage at 11pm at the Depository.

Mon.-Fri. mornings, Dec. 27-31
Happy hour 7am-noon at the Inside Outside and Sally's. Happy hour starts 10am at the Barn. Lockers are half price at Club Houston starting 8am.

Mon. afternoon, Dec. 27
Happy hour noon-7pm at Levi's, 5-7pm at Mary's, 5-8pm at Sally's, 4-7pm at the Locker, Inside Outside, and Briar Patch, and through 7pm at the Barn. Beer bust at Our Place 5-7pm. Lockers are half price at Club Houston through 4pm.

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Mon. night, Dec. 27
Leather night at Mr. Peeper's. Drawings for prizes at the Locker, 7pm. No cover and 75¢ drinks at the Depository. $1 cover and 35¢ drinks at the Old Plantation.

Tues. afternoon, Dec. 28
Lockers half price to 4pm at Club Houston, but buy a discount card anytime today and get a free locker. Beer bust 5-7pm at Our Place. Happy hour non-stop at Sally's, 5-7pm at Mary's, 4-7pm at the Briar Patch, Locker and Inside Outside, and through 7pm at the Barn. Buddy day at the Mini Park Theater when 2 can get in for $5.

Tues. night, Dec. 28
Dinner is served at Levi's 6-10pm. 35¢ drinks with $1 cover at the Old Plantation. Western night at Mr. Peeper's. Happy hour continues all night at Sally's. Free movie at the Locker. Pool tourney 8pm at the Inside Outside. Depository skate night at the Carousel Roller Rink on Katy Fwy. 9-11pm, plus at the Depository itself, 50¢ drinks all night with $1 cover. The Lambda Social Club meets at 7:30pm at the 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, room 12.

Wed. afternoon, Dec. 29
Happy hour 5-8pm at Sally's, 5-7pm at Mary's, 4-7pm at the Briar Patch, Inside Outside and Locker. Beer bust 5-7pm at Our Place. Lockers are half price at Club Houston to 4pm, when it switches to buddy night where 2 can get lockers for the price of 1.

Wed. night, Dec. 29
35¢ drinks at the Old Plantation with $1 cover. 10¢ drinks at the Depository with $2 cover, plus Tiffany Jones & Co. upstairs at 11pm with Donna Day, Jerry Vanover and Eartha Kitt. Steak night at Levi's starting 7pm. Buddy night continues at Club Houston to midnight, when 2 can get lockers for the price of 1. Hat & color night at the Locker with half price drinks for all dressed correctly. "Wilde 'n Stein" airs 9-10pm or thereabouts on KPFT FM-90. Pot Luck dinner starting 8pm at the Barn.

Thurs. afternoon, Dec. 30
Happy hour 5-7pm at Mary's, noon-7pm at Levi's, 4-7pm at the Locker, Inside Outside and Briar Patch, non-stop at Sally's, and through 7pm at Our Place. Lockers are half price at Club Houston to 4pm.

Thurs. night, Dec. 30
Happy hour continues all night at Sally's. $1 cover tonight at the Depository with 50¢ drinks. The Old Plantation has 35¢ drinks tonight with $1 cover. Dinner is served at Levi's 6-10pm.

Coming up later

Louis Garcia will open the Midnight Sun in early January.

Mary's New Year's Eve party will include a bartenders' drag show, costume contest with cash prizes, good drinks, good bartenders, good entertainment and good Maurice, all starting 10pm.

Typhoon Tessi's opens soon. The Star will have an announcement in a future issue.

Uncle Charlie's should open pretty soon too. Date and location will be printed here shortly.

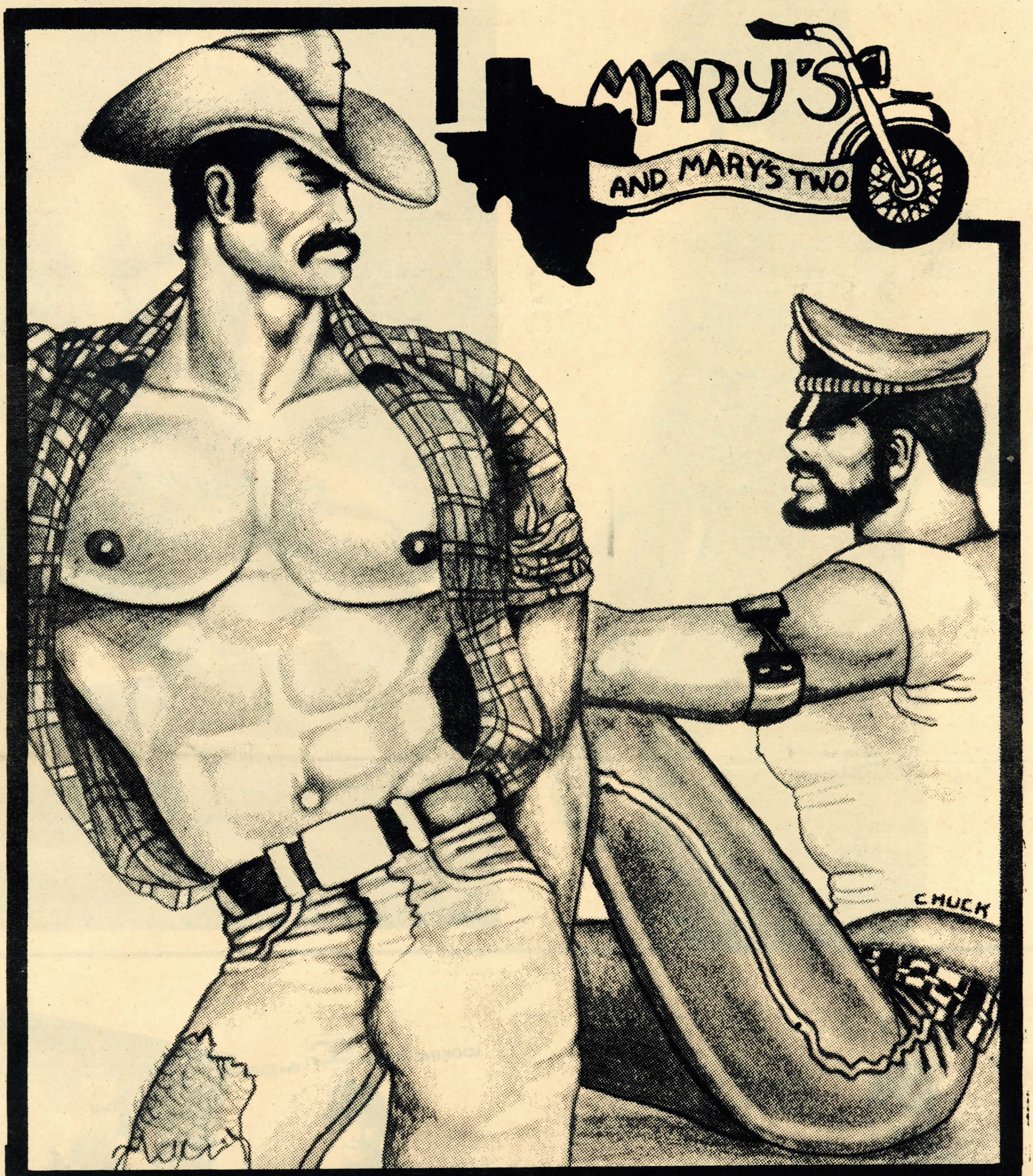
Our Place will have its New Year Eve's party with free champagne and party favors after midnight, plus hamhocks, cabbage, blackeyed peas and cornbread. Advance reservation is required.

The Depository is taking reservations also for its New Yer's Eve party, which will feature drawings for a color TV, stereo and 10-speed bike, plus the contest for Mr. and Ms. 1977, and special surprise at midnight.

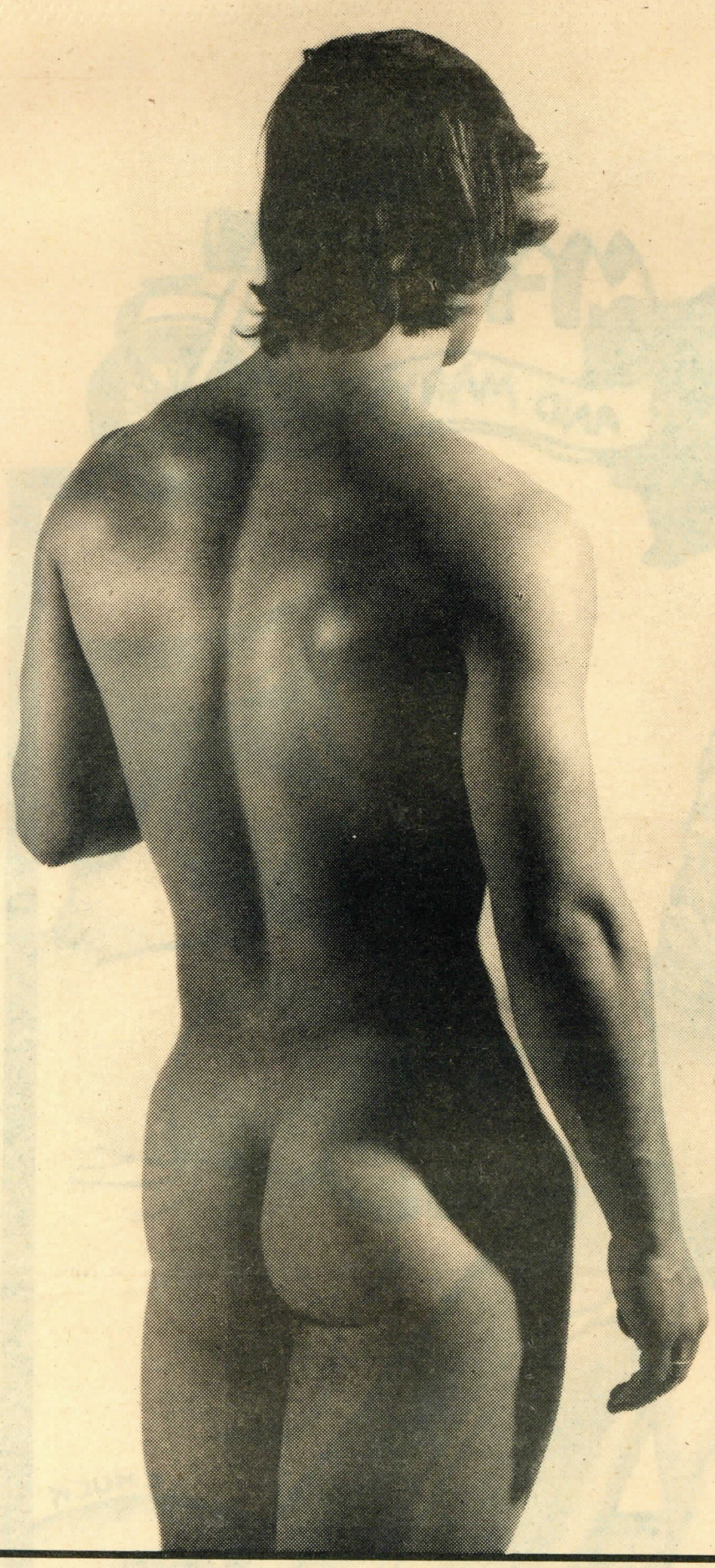
The Old Plantation's New Year's Eve party will include after-hours champagne and breakfast. Reservations are suggested.

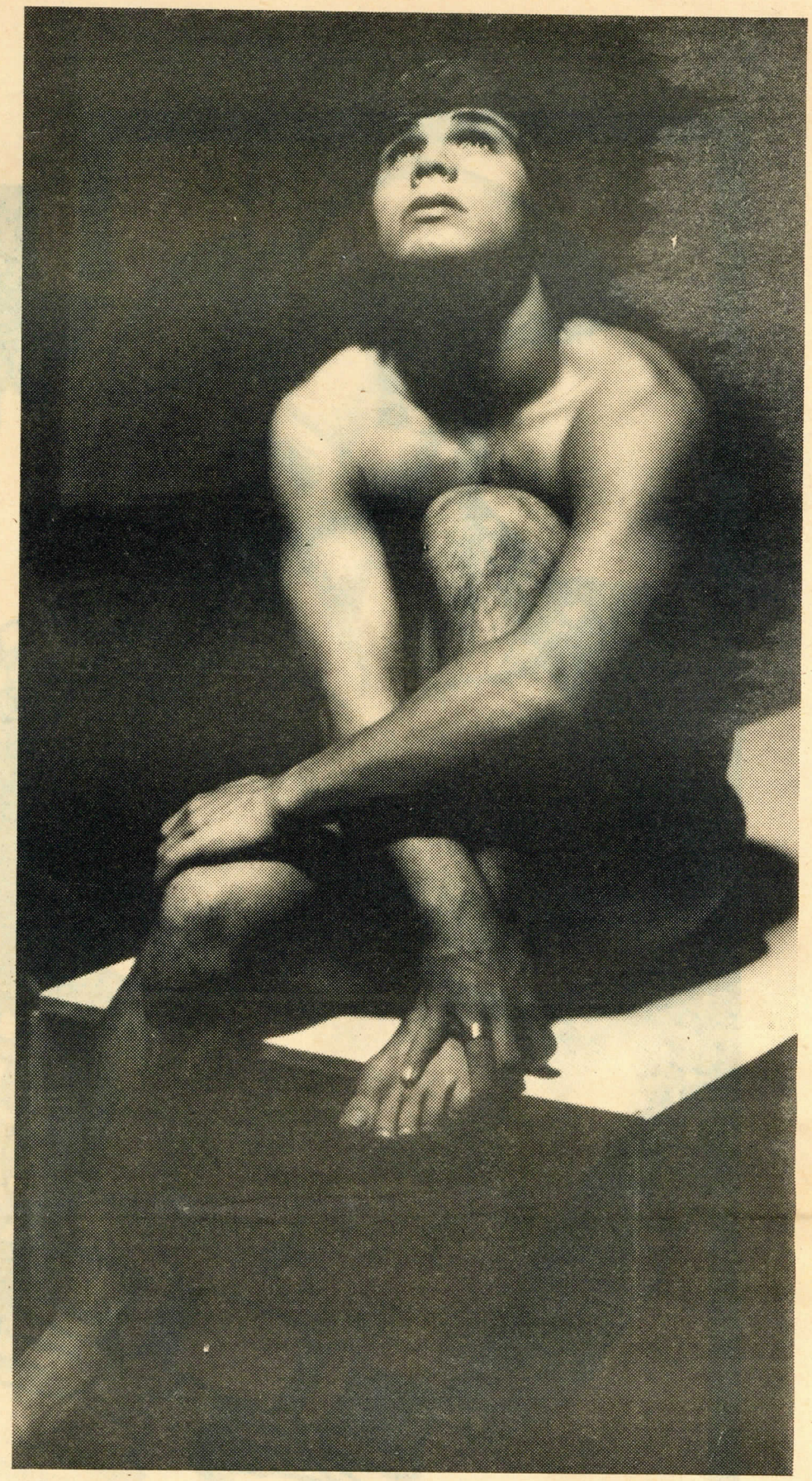
The Locker's New Year's Eve party will include a show, buffet and champagne. Tickets are on sale and are limited to 400.

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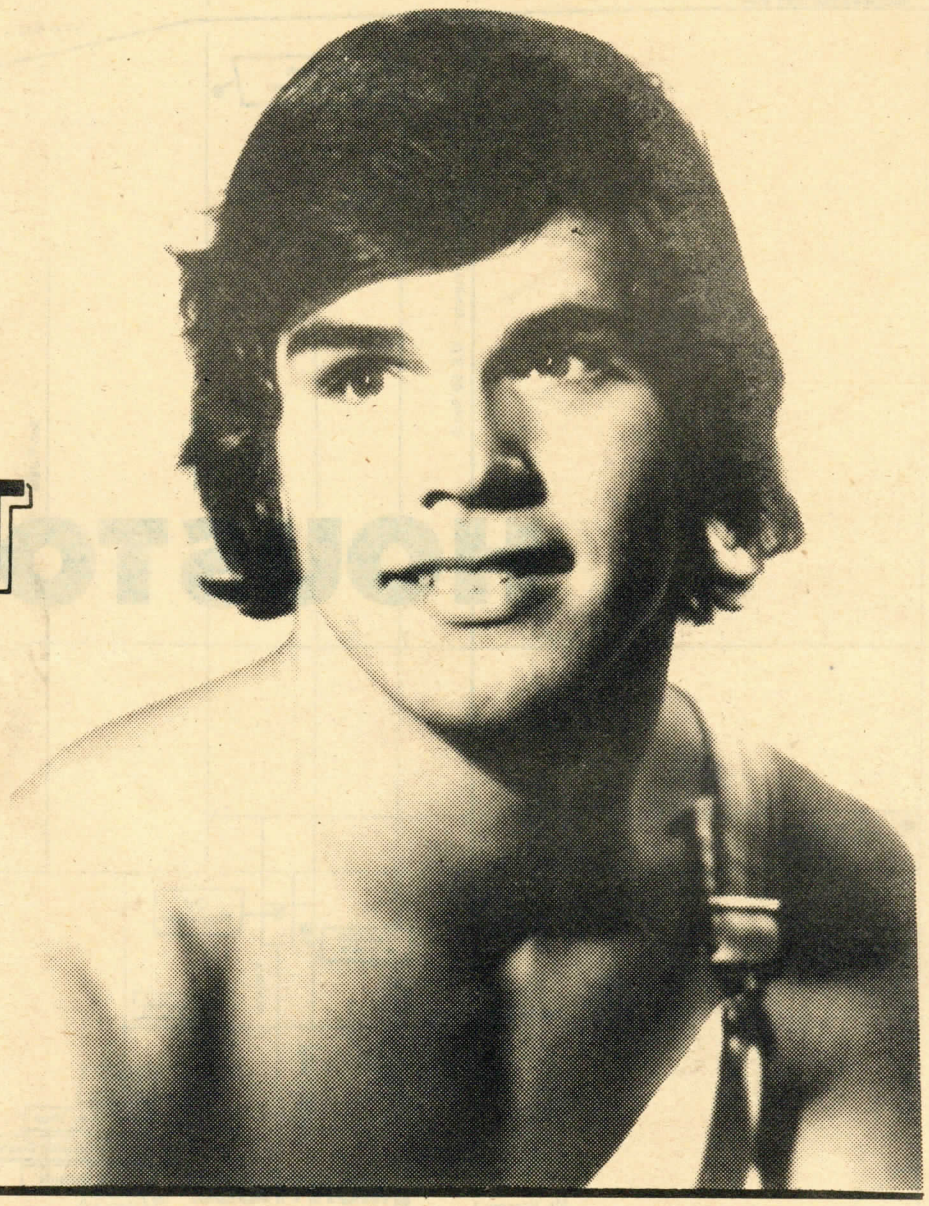





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Merry Christmas from the Montrose Star.

And here is your Christmas gift – the first in a series of "Star Centerfolds."

Alan Davis was the model used in a series of ads for Clubs Houston and Dallas about a year ago. When the ads ran, the managers of the two baths were flooded with calls: "Who is that model!" "Where did he come from!" "How can I get in touch with him!"

Well, here are some of the answers.

Alan is 23 years old and from Michigan. These photos were taken there by Metecue Studios.

(You can send $2 to Metecue, 940 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48203, and they'll gladly send you their photo catalog.)

In high school (and that wasn't very long ago), Alan held a solid four point grade record and won a college schlolarship to Michigan State University.

Alan is outgoing and friendly, and (as you can see) he has a terrific body. His good personality makes his body look that much better.

. . . The body that turned Texas on!

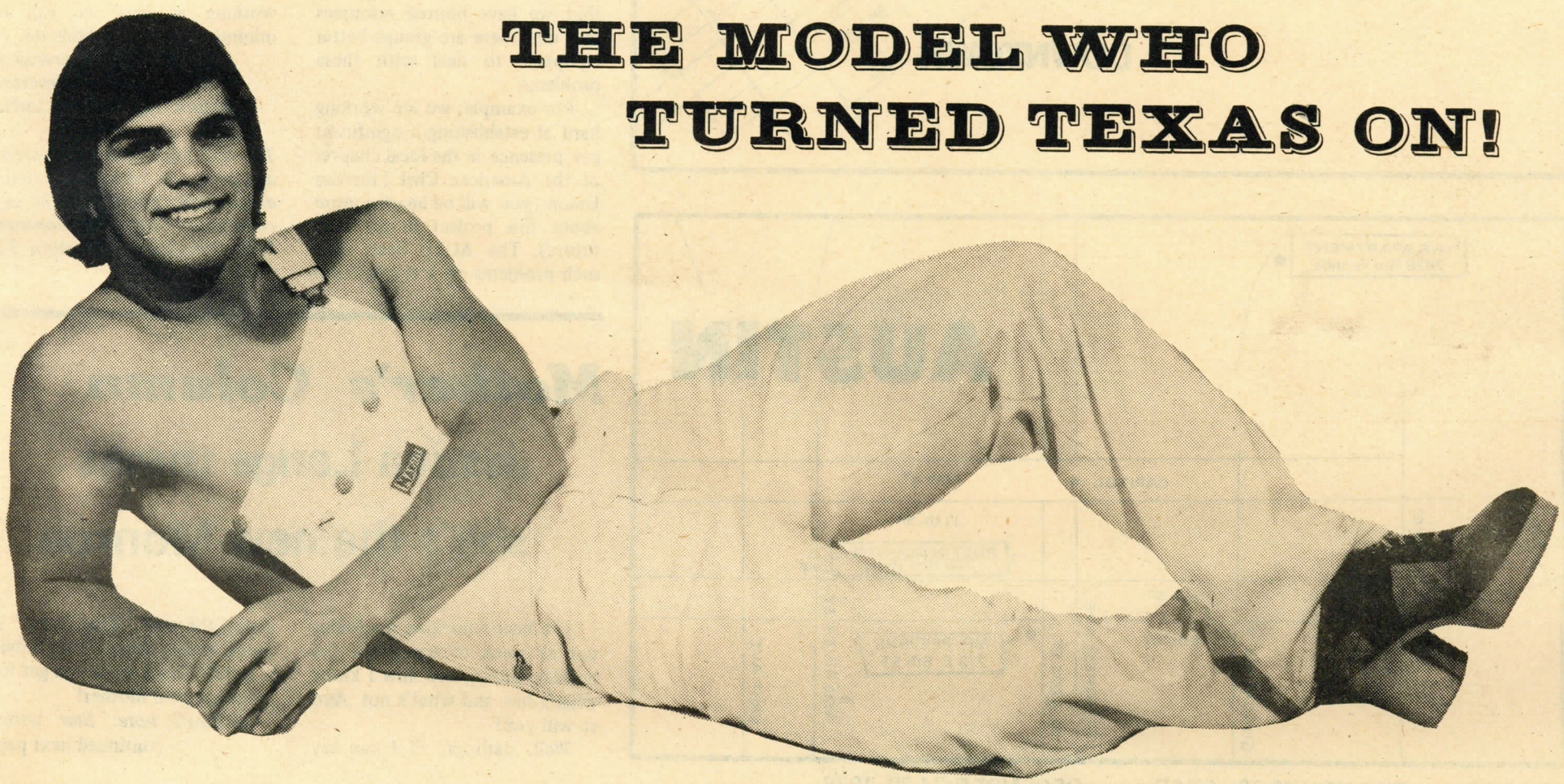
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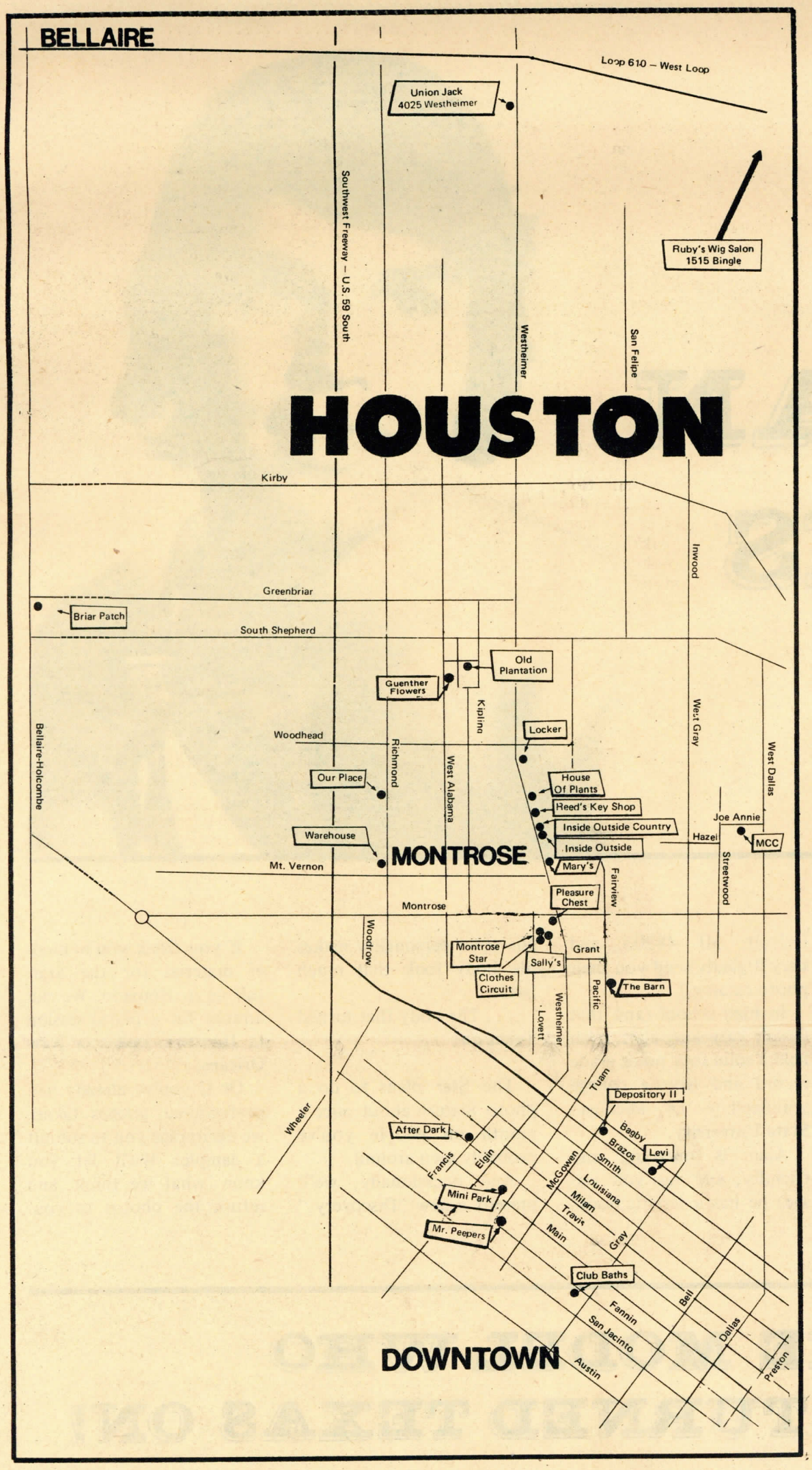
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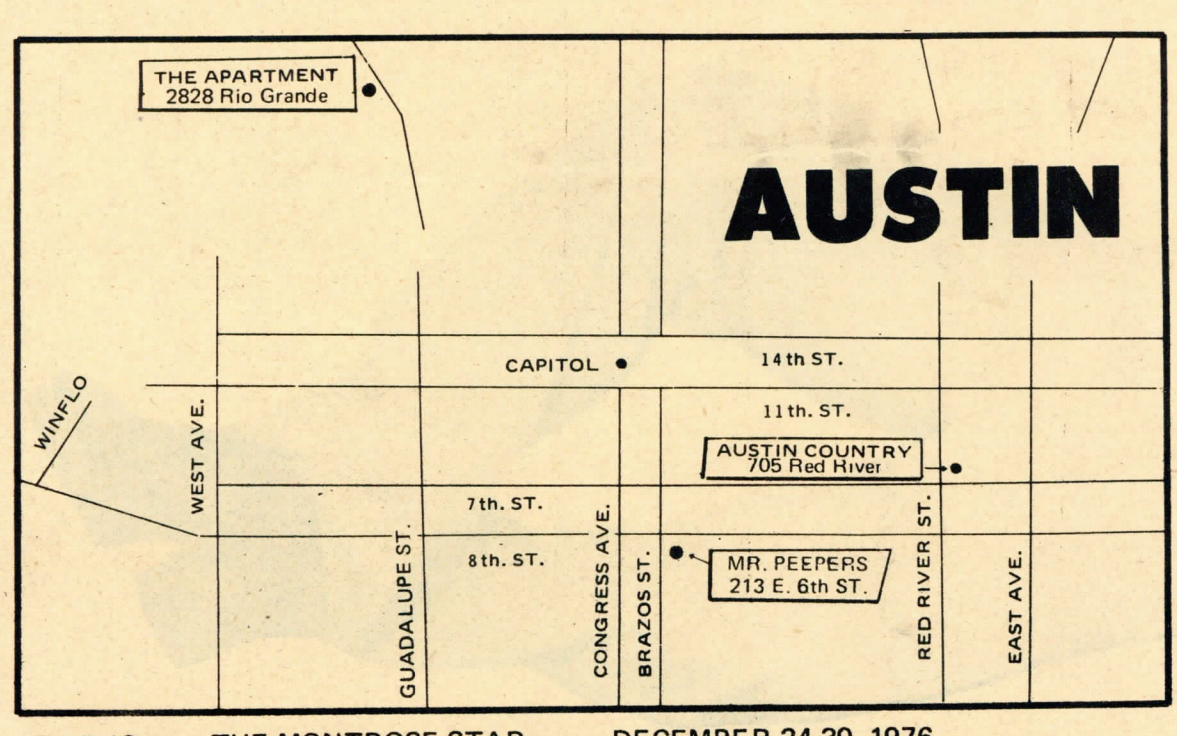
If you think you're model material for the Star, call us in Houston. We can arrange for a photo session in Houston, Dallas or New Orleans.

Or if you've already had professional photos taken, we encourage you to submit a sample. We'll let you know what we think, and return the photos to you.

THE MODEL WHO TURNED TEXAS ON!







Letters

GPC responds to arrests at Levi's

In the early hours of Friday, Nov. 17, 1976, Levi's was raided. Around fifty people were arrested for drinking after-hours. They were booked, jailed and bonded out.

Later that day, the Gay Political Caucus (GPC) was called and asked to investigate the raid. GPC would like to use this space to make a preliminary report as to what our investigation has revealed and what role the community can expect GPC to play in similar circumstances in the future.

As soon as we heard about the arrest, we began to gather information. We first had to determine whether or not the arrests were for violations of laws which are applied equally regardless of whether the violators are gay or non-gay.

A bar manager who was arrested in the raid and who generously posted bond for all those arrested, informed us that there was a clear violation of a strictly enforced ordinance dealing with serving and consuming drinks after-hours.

Our next question was whether it was harassment to arrest those persons who were consuming alcohol after-hours as well as those serving the drinks. We have not completed this phase of the investigation, but it appears that such arrests are general practice in after-hours raids.

In cases where there are arrests for violations of laws which are enforced equally against all persons regardless of sexual or affectional preference, it is GPC's policy not to become involved in litigating the constitutionality of those laws or their enforcement. That is not to say that the Gay Political Caucus is not concerned about these problems but it is a recognition that we have limited resources and that there are groups better equipped to deal with these problems.

For example, we are working hard at establishing a significant gay presence in the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (you will be hearing more about this project in the near future). The ACLU deals with such problems on a regular basis and has greater legal resources at its disposal.

There is a second aspect to any arrest which GPC investigates in order to determine whether or not it should take action in a particular situation. That aspect deals with the treatment of the persons arrested.

Even when being arrested, a person deserves respect and humane treatment. A police officer has no justification for using violence against a non-resisting person or abusive language. That type harassment is difficult to prove, but GPC nonetheless considers it our duty to act when a pattern of harassment is found to exist.

To prove up such a case, we must have firm documentation to take to the appropriate authorities. We need the help of persons who have been the victims of harassment in order to effectively deal with this problem.

If you feel that you were the victim of harassment during the raid on Levi's, please give us the following written information: your name, the name or badge number of the officer who harrassed you (if you have them), exactly what happened and how we can reach you.

If faced with a similar situation in the future, remain calm, observe as many details as you can and write down all the information that you can recall and send it to us as soon as possible.

GPC is working to insure equal treatment under the law for all persons regardless of sexual or affectional preference. In order to deal with police harrassment effectively, we need your information, your support and your patience.

It's a problem which has been with us far too long, and we are working as best we can to minimize, if not eliminate it.

Don Hrachovy, president
Mort Schwab, chairperson
Houston Gay Political Caucus

The Star urges individual readers and groups to send us comments about issues relating to the gay community. Write the Montrose Star, 900 Lovett, Houston TX 77006.

Mother's Column

Jessica Lange thinks she's the new Monroe

I've been knocking my brains out all week to scope out the holiday shows, and now I know what's hot and what's not. And so will you!

Well, darlings, all I can say about the new "King Kong" is smirk, smirk, smirk! That movie is awful! That's what you get for snubbing your Mother!

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Craig Thistleton has a review elsewhere in this issue on the new "King Kong.")

To begin with, the would-be jokes that pepper the script are all salty dogs (in other words, ix-nay), **Jeff Bridges** as the Princeton anthropoligist (know-it-all, honey) is absolutely filthy, and what can I say about **Jessica Lange?**

Honey, if she thinks she's the next Marilyn Monroe, then I'm the next Garbo! I mean, Marilyn would flip in her repose. Jessica may be pretty, but I sure hope she knows her Kama Sutra better than she knows her acting.

As far as Kong himself goes, that thing is incredible! It didn't look mechanical at all (I'm an all-day sucker for special effects). But next time maybe they'll give him a better script.

Everyone's been talking about that so-called "sensuous" scene where Kong blows Jessica dry after giving her a golden shower. All I can say is, that must have been nasty, because gorilla breath is the pits! And Jessica acted like she loved it, the pervert.

Why, just the other day **Irini Starr** and I visited the gorilla that lives on Mandell and by the time we left (and believe me, it was a short visit) we had gorilla odor in our clothes – it was awful!

Nevertheless, I forgive all since his 26th birthday is next month. Happy birthday, hon!

P.S. They say that Dino de Laurentiis, producer of "King Kong 76" turned down Barbra Streisand's offer to play the lead.

"One monster is enough," he said. How rude!

A CHORUS GRIND

Willa Catheter and I trekked over to Marietta's Dinner Theater last week to see "Seesaw," and I believe it was the new Michael Bennett ("A Chorus Line") version, but that didn't seem to help.

To avoid being tacky let's just say that the food was wonderful!

BEEFCAKE LOVE

Hunky, hunky, hunky! That **Sylvester Stallone,** star of "Rocky" is one side of beefcake! He combines the rawness of Al Pacino with the sleepy-eyed ennui of Paul McCartney, and although the character he plays is basically a dumb butt, I still liked him.

Burgess Meredith is his old coot manager – for his first line, he screams "Shut up!" to Rocky with the reddest, wrinklest face imaginable. He is such a great little actor.

And **Talia Shire** as the girlfriend, and all the rest are very good, and it brings to mind that wonderful old message, "Fairy tales can come true, it can happen to . . ."

You musn't miss this moving story of boxing and beefcake love. It's bound to be a kick (even though that's illegal in boxing).

GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

Here's some gossip in case a Christmas party you go to gets boring and your conversation needs a lift. Use it all, honey. There's more coming next week.

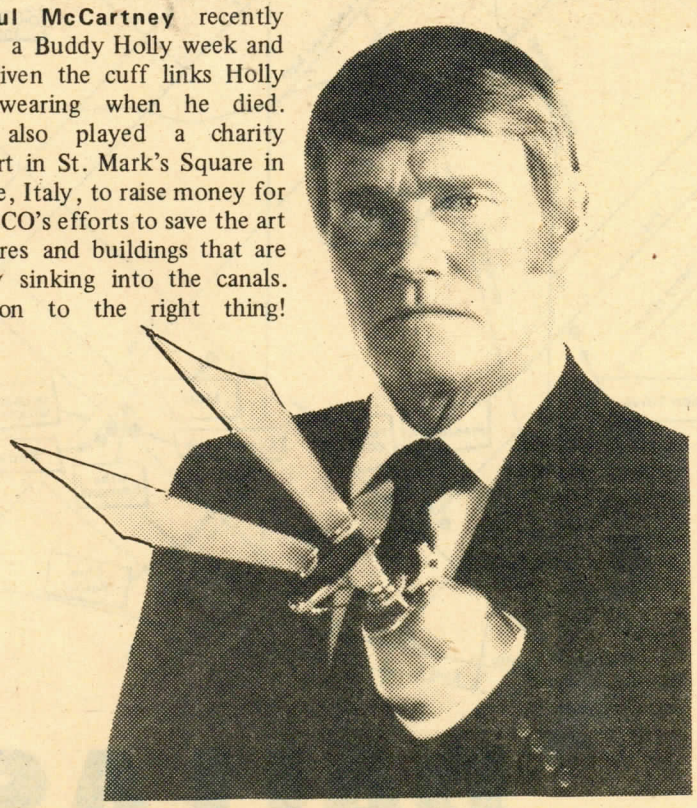
Did you hear about that racy scene from **Paul Newman's** new movie, "Slapshot"? He walks into a room full of hockey players in a very fur-trimmed leather coat, and when one guy says, "You look like Sonja Henie" he opens up the coat and cracks, "Here's your Sonja Henie!"

Paul McCartney recently staged a Buddy Holly week and was given the cuff links Holly was wearing when he died. Paul also played a charity concert in St. Mark's Square in Venice, Italy, to raise money for UNESCO's efforts to save the art treasures and buildings that are slowly sinking into the canals. Get on to the right thing!

Al Pacino has been spending late hours in his director's hotel room during filming of "Bobby Deerfield." They say that he seeks guidance for his acting, but if it's what I think, then Al's getting on to the right thing, you bet.

Mick Jagger has been escorting **Linda Ronstadt,** spending "out of the way" evenings at a Hollywood Mexican restaurant, even though he hates Mexican food!

And speaking of Jagger, he and **Bette Midler** are considering a TV version of "The Threepenny Opera."



Time to open my Christmas presents!

MAULING THE MALLS

I've been doing some very minor Christmas shopping (I can't stand those huge crowds, they make me sick). But I picked up some wonderful new things on the many off-days you can have by following a strict program of unemployment.

From Greenspoint Mall to Westwood Fashion Square to the Gonorrhea, I shopped and found some of the neatest things; some Captain and Chenille bedspreads, a pair of Spur of the Moment boots, and an Elvira Cardigan sweater. Not to mention the Hello Young Loafers and Socks Fifth Avenue I bought for the kids, and for the surviving ladies of the family, Binaca Jagger toiletries.

And did you hear the new emergency lighting service you can call in a hurry when your electricity goes out? It's called Tearass Bulba!

But seriously, the Christmas season is such a wonderful time to be ill because then you have a good excuse for not tramping the malls and thrift shops for gifts you may not be able to afford (love those credit cards)!

Even though Mother gives all year long (or should I say, puts out), it's Christmas time that really puts the giving spirit in me. And if I missed you on my shopping list, don't get miffed – just tell me.

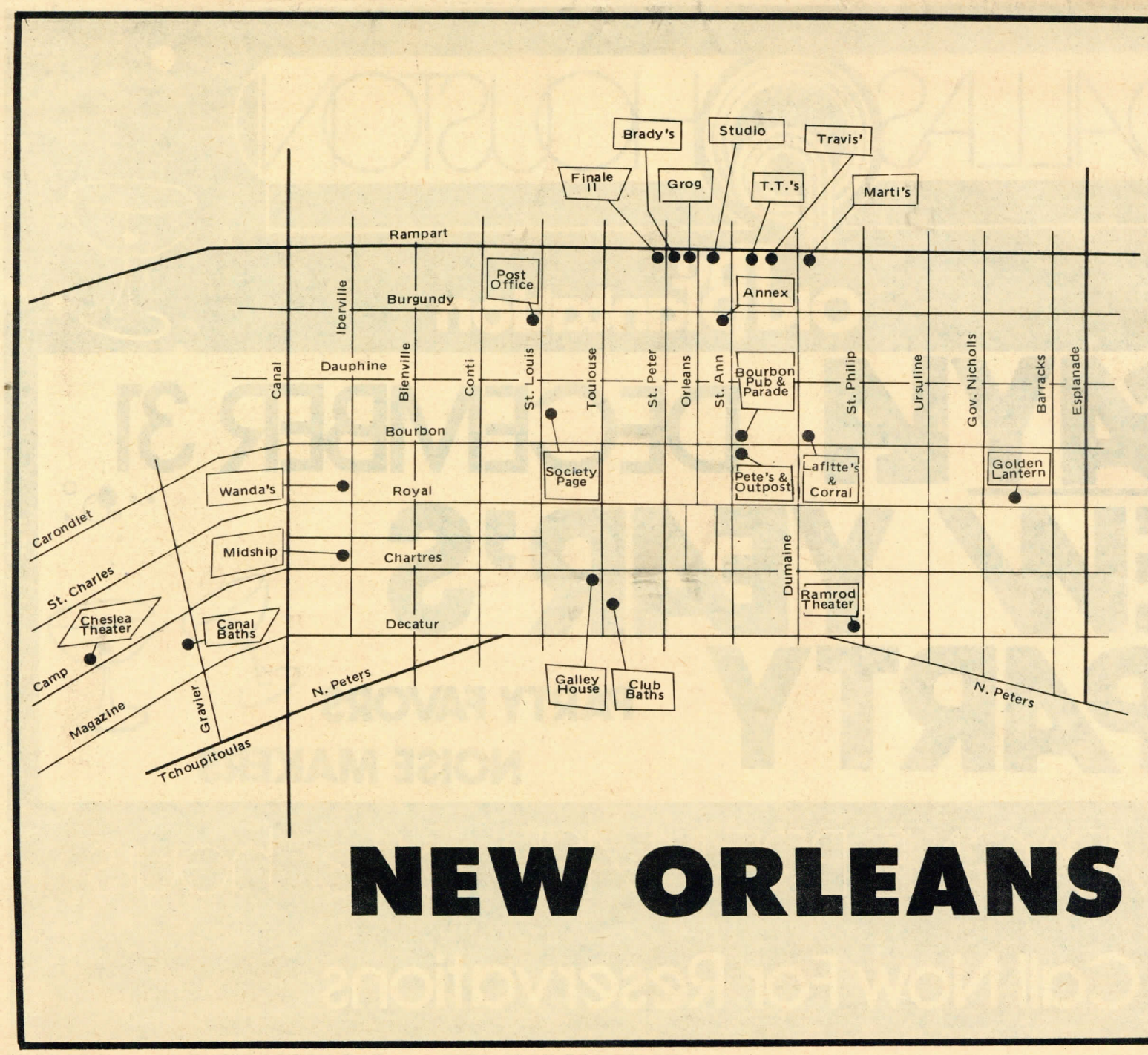
The least a mother can do for Christmas is a hand-job, and that I can do on the spot!

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good lay . . . come and get it, Santa Claus!





DALLAS



NEW ORLEANS

Historical Meeting is sought with Pres. Carter

Gay rights activist Gary J. Van Ooteghem of Houston sent a letter to President-elect Jimmy Carter Tuesday, Dec. 14, asking for a face-to-face meeting.

Van Ooteghem is co-chairperson of the board of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) and the letter was typed on offical NGTF stationery.

Speaking for himself and the other chairpersons of the NGTF and the separate Gay Rights National Lobby, Van Ooteghem said, "As this country's elected national gay representatives, we would like to discuss frankly with you such matters as: what role we might expect you to play in helping gay Americans find their respectful and rightful place in our society, what you might expect from us, discussion of some of the problems of being a homosexual in this country today, the differing treatment of homosexual citizens between communities, how laws pertaining to homosexuality vary from area to area, the impact that an executive order banning discrimination based on affectional or sexual preference would have, and other matters related to being gay in America."

Van Ooteghem, by coincidence, is the male co-chairperson of both the NGTF and the Gay Rights National Lobby. Each group elects a male and a female chairperson. Betty Powell is the female chairperson of the NGTF while Virginia Apuzzo is the female chairperson of the Gay Rights National Lobby.

The NGTF is a national gay rights group based in New York, while the Gay Rights National Lobby is as the name implies, a lobby based in Washington, D.C., with the purpose of influencing national legislation.

Van Ooteghem, in requesting the meeting to be held sometime after the January 20 inauguration, said in his letter to Carter, "We have wondered, too, whether or not you have ever knowingly talked to a homosexual before. And if you have, whether or not you talked about mutual concerns that all gay citizens share about our future.

"If you have never talked with an openly gay person before, we believe that it is time that you did.

"Further, we believe that it is important for you to meet with us in person; to listen, if nothing else, to what we have to say and to inquire if you do not understand."

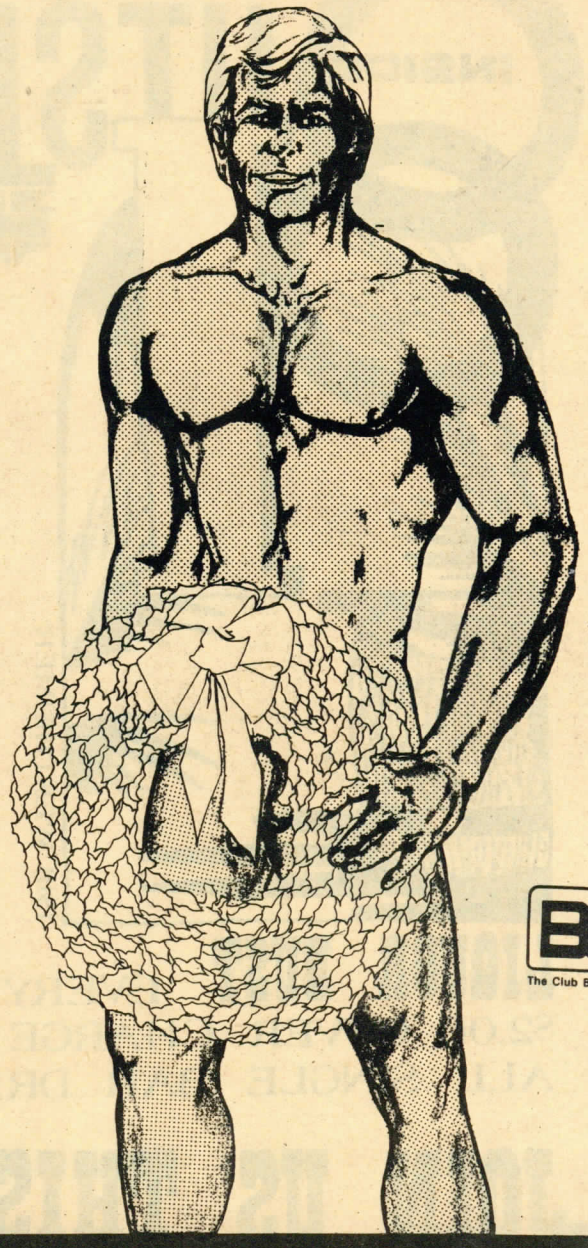
Van Ooteghem pointed out that he believes that if another minority group, such as women or blacks, were to seek a personal meeting with Carter, to discuss some issue of national importance, he would accept.

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Houston: W/m, needs roommate by Jan. 1, 25-32 yrs. old. Must be responsible, honest and clean. Call 783-6348, ask for Mark. Share two bedroom apt. in Southwest Houston.

Houston: Male looking for roommate for 3 room apt. in Montrose. Your share $85 a month. Includes all. Call after 6pm and all day Sunday, 522-5863.

Houston: Would like to share your apt. in Southwest area. I am 30 yrs. old, 122 lbs. I have a small poodle, well trained. Am employed. Needed at once. Call 626-9642 before 2pm or 621-0884 after 4pm.

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Austin: Young w/m, blond, seeks financial help in completing education. Willing to work to compensate. Blind box ad 326.

Austin: Male dance student in need of patron for furtherance of training. Contact me at 3207 French Place, Apt. A, Austin, TX 78722 or phone 474-5608 and ask for Justin.

Houston: Very attractive white slave, 27, from Michigan. Visiting Houston in Feb. Needs to please and serve on five day visit. Greek passive & French active, w/s, foot service, bondage, humiliation, no pain. Whites under 33, make reservations now. Houston host, 29, will reply to all answers. Blind box ad 320.

Ft. Worth-Arlington: W/m, 29, homeowner who commutes 100 miles to city each day, needs to find a place to stay overnight when the weather is bad, etc. Am masculine, honest, refined and responsible. Prefer w/m 25-35, of similar characteristics. Blind box ad 319.

Dallas: Needed: w/m, 22 or younger, to show me around town on the night of Jan. 1. Must have own pad and car. In return, I will have a free ticket for you to the Cotton Bowl. I am a w/m, 22 years old. Please send picture, description, phone no. & address. No fats, fems, S&M's or heads. Blind box ad 318.

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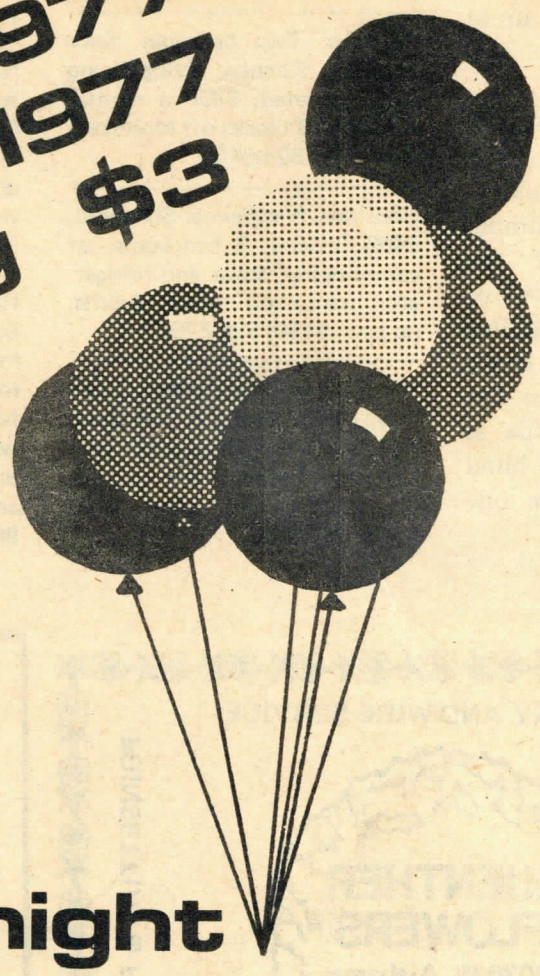
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