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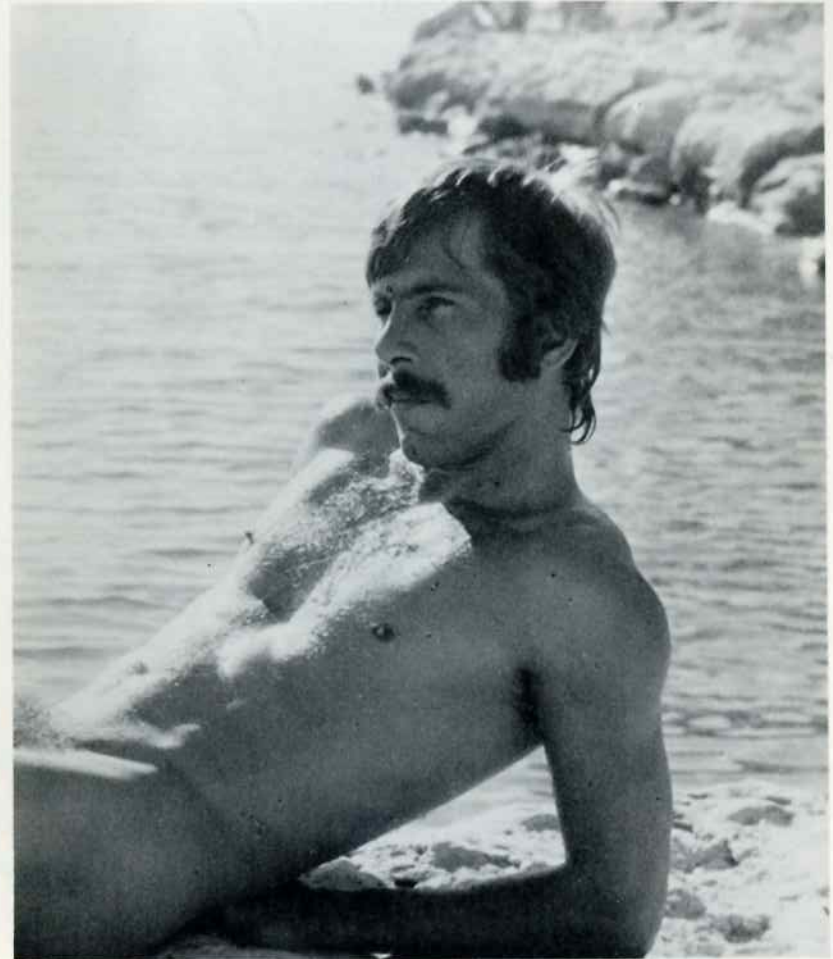
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delight, to say the least. On the other side of the coin, one Houston show bar is a show bar no more. Yep, the **Club Rendezvous** has called it quits on the stage action and opted to become your basic good drinks and good conversation establishment. . . . There's a new look at the **Detour** in Houston. That pop spot has been given a delightful facelift by its proud caretaker and manager, Richard. Good work, kid. Stop by and see for yourself. . . . On the honors and awards front, Billy Duncan of **Adam's Image** in Houston will be the honored V.I.P. at the **Hi-Kamp** on Tuesday, November 11. . . . The leather set around the state is absolutely buzzing about the **Houston MC** Leather Carnival coming up in the Bayou City on November 21st thru 23rd. It's going to be the hottest, most elaborate leather 'n' spikes celebration to knock your pants off ever attempted. For details on that one, call (713) 523-3846. Warning: If they tell you the truth about all they have planned, don't be surprised if your phone melts in your hand. You ain't gonna believe it! . . . That's about it for now. Get some rest, while preparing for the Thanksgiving doin's. When the next round of major events is launched, you're gonna need all the sleep you can save up. More later.



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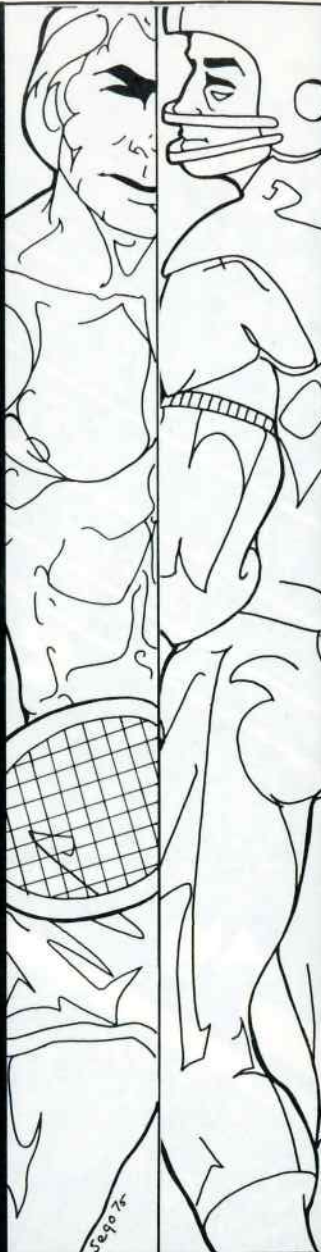
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BY EVE

by Eve Williams

Dear Eve,

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I'm withholding my name and address, so just sign me W.D.A. Thank you.

Dear W.D.A.,

It seems like you really want to give the jewelry to your Ex and for me to give you the go-ahead. Stop and think how you would feel if you were her new lover. Wouldn't you feel threatened? Besides, by the way your Ex is acting, she seems to feel a certain amount of guilt. So this gift, though thoughtful, might only be a painful reminder of her leaving you for another. Why push it? There are other options although you didn't tell me what type of jewelry you bought. If there are gems or whatever on the piece, perhaps you could have them placed in a new setting. Or there is a possibility of having the inscription

buffed off as long as (assuming it's gold) it is not gold filled or gold plated. If all else fails, chalk this regrettable situation up to experience.

Eve

Dear Eve,

I am setting up an aquarium for the first time. This is no big problem, but what is your opinion on the usage of live plants in the tank as opposed to plastic plants. I would prefer a natural setting for the fish and yet I have heard various negative points to the contrary. What do you think?

S.A.

Dear S.A.,

According to authorities, the necessity of live plants to maintain an oxygen-carbon dioxide balance in an aquarium is myth. Granted, given adequate light, plants take up carbon dioxide which is produced by the fish and give off oxygen as a by-product which in solution fish use.

While all of this is true, the presence of green plants in an aquarium does not materially increase the fish-carrying capacity of an aquarium, nor does the presence of fish substantially affect the plant growth. In other words, each would do about as well without the other, though the plants benefit more from the fish than vice-versa. Besides live plants can be a hassle if they are harboring a bacteria detrimental to fish. So plastic plants when arranged properly can be quite beautiful and there is no problem with care.

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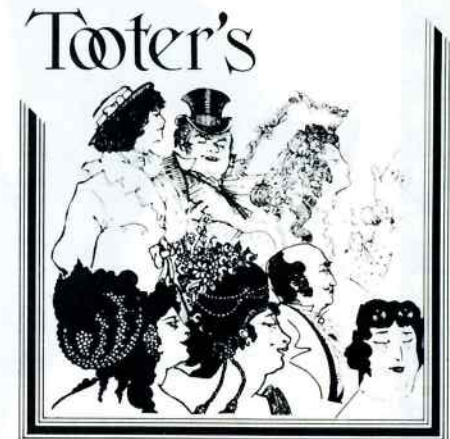
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by Adam Dennis

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Allen P., Beaumont, Tex.

Dear Allen,
You must have left some facts out of your letter. Why do you want them to get back together if they say they're enjoying being apart? You've got to accept their words concerning their feelings as the truth and give your overworked imagination and intuition a rest. The fact that they remain friends, rather than bitter enemies like many former lovers, shows a sense of vitality

and maturity. Six years is a long enough time to develop a keen sense of perception toward recognizing the values, or lack of them, in staying together. I think you need to take up a hobby to get your mind on your own business. Besides snooping, that is.

Dear Adam,
Last night, the people in the apartment next to ours were playing a record that I had never heard before, I really like it, since I could hear it rather well because the walls between the apartments aren't exactly soundproof. I would like to ask them what the record was, so I can get a copy. The problem is that while they were playing the record, they were also "carrying on" with a lot of hot and heavy passionate moaning and groaning. How can I admit that I heard the record, without also admitting that I could hear them having sex? I don't know them well enough to acknowledge that I was audience to their passionate performance.

Kenny B., Houston, Tex.

Dear Kenny,
That's a real stumper! The only thing I can think of is to wait for two or three weeks and then ask them what the name of the record is by humming or singing

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the parts of it you remember. Maybe after a few weeks have passed, they will have forgotten what they were doing on the night they played that record. Stress that you heard it only "faintly" through the walls and you "think" it was coming from their apartment.

Dear Adam,

About three weeks ago I gave a close friend of mine a piece of modern sculpture for a birthday present. Now, I found out that he gave it to another person. I am just wrecked. I asked him

about it and he admitted that he had done it. But, he said he was absolutely broke and found himself in a position where he had to give a gift to a friend who was moving to another state. He said he hated giving away the gift I had given him, but felt he had no other choice. He then gave me the old, "It's better to give than to receive," line. How do you feel?

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A prestigious newspaper ad caught my attention recently while scanning the movie section. The film was called **The Ark of Noah** and was written, produced and directed by one Burt Larue, which tipped me off right away that this was probably a documentary, as no one can do all that with major theatrical films produced today.

I assume you have heard of the Ark, and in case you haven't, the producer (writer, etc.) uses up the first four of seven reels of his film to refresh your memory. In those reels, the ark is portrayed by a Premium Saltine box in Ark drag, shot real close so it looks big. The film tells of an endless number of adventures by brave men who have scaled a mountain on the border of Turkey and Russia where it is said the Ark came to rest. (The audience should receive olive branches upon leaving the theater, as apology for having to sit through tons and tons of old movie film in 16mm of mountain climbers.)

However, I must say that the plot thickens and actually becomes credible about the time you're ready to leave. The producer of this film decided in 1974 to make a trip to the top of the mountain and really make a big deal out of finding the Ark once and for all.

He found a guide, a VW bus and started out, without permission of the Turkish government, on his mission. Welllllllllll! It just so happens that he tried to accomplish all this during the crisis in Cyprus last year and the Turks thought he was an American spy and they confiscated his movie equipment.

After a long wait, he bribed absolutely everyone in order to get up to the top of the mountain to the You-Know-What.

Once up there, he was unable to locate the Ark due to bad weather and lots of snow. So as the film drew to an agonizing close, the Ark remained safely tucked away in the snow and cold (to keep better, I suppose).

I had so hoped that after all the boredom of the beginning of this home movie, that the editor would have decided there were more creative ways to use his talents and show the Ark dropped into Lucite and sold in little boutiques everywhere as paper weights.

I wish the advertising campaign hadn't been so uppity. There should have been tacky spots on television saying, "You've read the book — now see the film!" That would have lured more people to the film — but I wouldn't have been one of them. As it was, people were leaving the theater in droves. I even saw one woman trying to sell her popcorn back to the concession stand. Perhaps a better title for this would-be epic would have been "No, No, Noah!"

Ah, but what can we learn from this experience? That somewhere in Turkey there is a ship aground at an altitude of 15,000 feet that people have been worshipping for more than 5,000 years, that have more than 360 cages with bars inside its hull and on three separate occasions, large pieces of wood not common to that region have been brought down from the ice and snow.

Now those three pieces of wood are real collector's items. This movie, however, is not. If given the job of editing this film I would have simply cut it up into a million pieces and tacked them on to things I wanted to look shiny. The only mileage this movie has to offer you is the distance from your house to the theater. Forget it. Gas ain't ever gonna be that cheap again.



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