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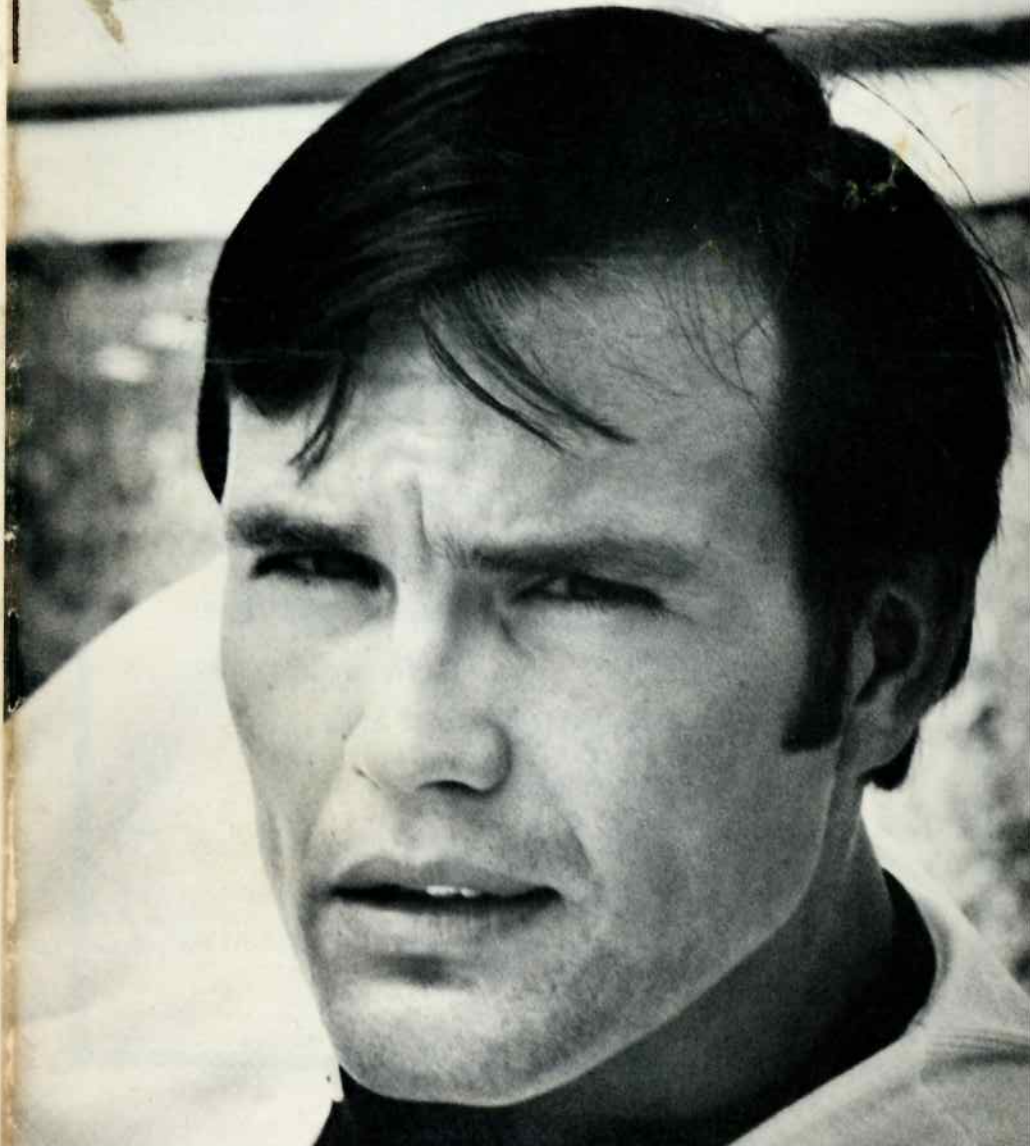
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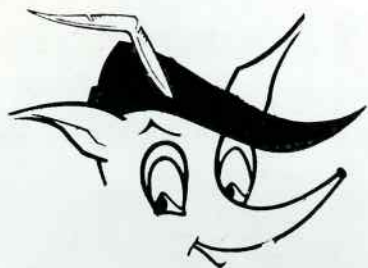
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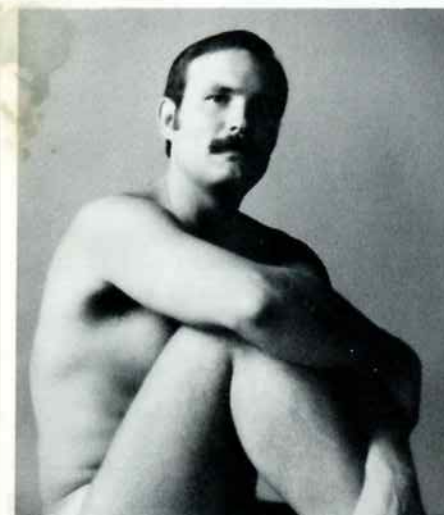
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AROUND THE STATE THIS WEEK

A Selective Guide to Entertainment and Events of Unusual Interest

Saturday, February 7, Galveston

GCS benefit show, Robert's Lafitte, 10pm. Admission \$1.

Sunday, February 8, El Paso

Miss Pet Shop contest, Pet Shop, 9pm. Trophies and cash prizes.

Sunday, February 8, Houston

Worship service, Christ's Communion Church, 11am. . . . Worship services 1pm & 7:30pm, MCCR.

Monday, February 9, Houston

Meeting of Lambda A.A., 8pm, Metropolitan Community Church.

Tuesday, February 10, Houston

Gay Activists Alliance meeting, Spindle Top Room, University Center, U. of H., 7:30pm.

Wednesday, February 11, Houston

Gay Political Caucus meeting, 7:30pm, at the Metropolitan Community Church. Open to the public.

Thursday, February 12, Houston

Free V.D. health clinic, Club Houston, 8-10pm. . . . Lambda A.A. and Al-Anon meet 1:30pm at the MCCR building.

Friday, February 13, San Antonio

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The Houston Gay Political Caucus continues to generate excitement, enthusiasm and participation as it increases its ever-widening scope of events and activities. Since its inception, this group has continued to grow by leaps and bounds. At this moment, the GPC is intensifying its plan toward the building of an activity center in the Montrose. A big benefit will be held on the twentieth of this month at the old Palace, 3400 Montrose, on the ninth and tenth floors. The GPC is also looking for 1500 noble individuals who will pitch in \$100 for completion of the Montrose Activity Center project. The organization has now extended its services with a Rumor Hot Line. If you've heard a rumor on any gay-related matter, you can now call the GPC and check it out. If you want to know if its true that this bar has been raided, or that bar is now closed, or what politicians are up to, or just about anything, just call (713) 526-2668. How's that for service? Also, the GPC is setting up a master calendar so gay organizations can plan their events without worry of them conflicting with other events they may not have heard about. And finally concerning the GPC, the regularly scheduled meetings are now being held at the Houston MCC. . . . In a related matter, *This Week In Texas* sends out belated birthday greetings to GPC leader Gary Van Ooteghem. (He could lead me anywhere! Beat heart, beat!) . . .

that leg-breaking fall at Dirty Sally's. . . . In Houston bar news, plans for the Depository to be closed on Mondays and the Old Plantation Houston to be closed on Tuesdays have now been abandoned. At the Farmhouse, everything has been abandoned. The place is now closed. Kaput. Over at the Surf bar, a contest is underway to give that facility a new name. The winner will get fifty dollars. You can drop off your suggestion at the bar and pay attention for announcements concerning future plans and renovations for the as-yet-to-be-named bar. . . . In our "Comin's & Goin's" category, be informed that

. . . belated birthday greetings to GPC leader Gary Van Ooteghem. (He could lead me anywhere! Beat heart, beat!). . .

Justin is the new manager of Houston's Old Plantation. And in the recently-held Oddwad Contest at the Inside-Outside, E.D. Lloyd, from E.D.'s Originals, and the Rev. Falls, of the Houston MCC, walked away with top prizes. . . . Dallas gays are a very proud bunch this week, with the opening of one the finest restaurants in the state. It's called the Fickle Fox and is located at 7709 Inwood Road. It's superior quality all the way, including those persons who have made it "their" spot. Big "D" also has a new motorcycle club, the Dallas M.C. and Chuck's has been selected as

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THE OLD PLANTATION



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the home bar. And on the subject of home bars, the Dallas RADS chapter has also opted to hold their Tuesday afternoon meetings at Chuck's. . . . Elsewhere around the state, El Paso's **Time Machine** now features a live band and special shows on Friday's and Saturdays. The ever-popular **Mary's II**, in Galveston, now sports a newly-enclosed patio, along with pool tables and a lounge area. One thing has remained the same — **Granny** is still doin' her thing at the bar! . . . In the Bryan-College Station area, all are getting geared up for the "Festival of Hearts" Valentine celebration of February 14th sponsored by the "Alternative" social service organization. The celebration begins at 9 PM at the **Unitarian Church Fellowship** at 305 Old College Road in College Station. It's B.Y.O.B. with free beer and set-ups, and costumes optional. Limited accommodations are available for travelers in private homes upon request. Just call 1-713-823-5918 or write **Alternative** at P.O. Box 8109, College Station, Texas 77840. Sounds like a hoot! Well worth the trip. . . .

This time of the year is bargain time for shoppers. And just in case you've been away, Houston gays are building their own shopping center at 900 Lovett. With space still available, shops already occupying that location include the **Clothes Circuit**, **E.D.'s Originals**, florist **Ron Oruc**, and of course **Dirty Sally's**. Talk about getting it together. . . . And in closing, *This Week In Texas* was saddened to learn of the death of **Joe Bryan Reese** of Wichita Falls, on January 23rd. He was a former Miss Gay Wichita Falls (1974-75). He will be missed by family, friends, and many persons in Wichita Falls whose lives he touched.

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Taurus: Stubbornness in petty disagreements casts doubt on your credibility in important concerns. An air of patience will do you good in work and social activities.

Gemini: Secrets are best not revealed at present, although you may think a confidential matter is of grave importance to someone else. Fickleness on your part will bring many personal problems.

Cancer: Take inconveniences in stride, pay attention to details. Because your opinion is of great importance at this time, judge your remarks and attitudes carefully.

Leo: Compare friendships on a give and take basis. Your wide circle of acquaintances taxes important time which could be better spent with people who really count. You continue to set yourself up for disappointments. Set goals realistically.

Virgo: Your romantic overtures this month bring serious responses from a number of people. Avoid appearing flighty. Your conduct at this time determines a great deal of how others regard you.

Libra: As the month unfolds, so do many opportunities for creative work. Much of what bars progress is only temporary. Keep a lot of what you know to yourself.

Scorpio: This is a month of opportunity. You realize a profit on past expenditures in love and business. Travels on business matters prove rewarding.

Sagittarius: You are missed more than you think. Revamping your schedule to take advantage of wasted leisure time pays off handsomely. Step out to make the acquaintance of someone you secretly admire, and a pleasing relationship develops.

Capricorn: Being sweet, and just that, around people who matter will strengthen your position in romance. Put a lid on your problems when around them.

Aquarius: People are doing more than you know to help, but efforts on your part to change the situation of others brings ill fame. Worrying too much over your problems and others' doesn't help the slightest.

Pisces: Sacrifices you make in assistance of long-term friends will bring many long-range benefits. Take advantage of others' efforts in projects to suit you. Decide and act in short term business dealings. Now is the best time.

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ANSWERS BY ADAM

by Adam Dennis

Dear Adam,
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Mark L., Dallas, Texas

*Dear Mark,
It's true. If you mail a letter without postage, the post office will deliver it — back to you. And if there's no return address, it goes right straight to the dead letter office (without passing "Go" or collecting \$200). With the recent increases in postage, the capitalism lobby is tightening up and they have managed to get legislation passed to bleed that last thirteen cents out of you. Sorry chum, but they've socked it to us again.*

Confidential to Perry in Corpus Christi: I think your friend has every right to be upset, but not to stay mad this long. It was an accident. But take my advice and remember: he who bites off more than he can chew is responsible for not injuring the instrument. A "sharp" wisdom tooth is not a sign of intelligence.

Dear Adam,
I have these two friends who I will call A and B. A and B are lovers. That is, they were lovers until about three weeks ago. They had a big fight and "broke up." I also have another friend who I will call C. C has not been out very long, and is still at that "pure and innocent" stage. Here's the problem. B is now dating C, and C thinks he is head over heels in love. But I don't think that B cares that much for C, but is just leading C along in order to make A jealous. B is just pulling the old "we broke up — but look what I got!" trick. I think I ought to tell C that I don't think that B is really serious about him at this time. But I'm not the kind to stick my nose in other people's business. What do you think?

Paul G., Pasadena, Texas

*Dear Paul,
I think you are the kind of person to stick your nose into other people's business — but who am I to talk. About the other problem, I think you should not worry about it at this time. Chances are that you are correct about your theory — but even so — I think I'd stay quiet. Even if you are correct, C could resent your intrusion. These are things that are not learned from books. C has got to "get educated" sometime. On the other hand, you could be wrong. B could really be in love with C. And then where would that leave you? Cool it, Paul. You're heading for a hostile alphabet. Go mess around with F for awhile. Or L. Or O. Etc., etc.*

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The Screen Shop

Christopher Savitch reviews *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*

I like trashy films. I admit it. Just as some people have a secret fondness for "junk" food, I have been known, on several occasions, to sneak away from my friends and lounge in the glow of a really wretched "junk" flick. It's not the sort of activity you brag about, or recommend to others, it's just one of those things that some people have hang-ups about. I am one of those people. The worst kind.

Yes friends, that was the "hang-up" that placed yours truly in the theater awaiting a heavy dose of *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*. The advertisements on TV, by their crudeness, had me pre-convinced that this must be the winner of the "Annual God-Awful Sweepstakes." Additionally, I did have some curiosity concerning the film because I knew it had been made by a group of young film makers in Austin on a budget equivalent to the amount of money required to produce the first half of a 10-second Alpo commercial. This film, I had to see.

Well, where do I begin?

Obviously you suspect there was something about *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre* that set it apart from other "junk" films or I wouldn't be discussing it. You are correct. To say that the film is different does not do it justice, however. It's more than that. It's a first-rate "pussy slapper," as they say. This film jumps off the screen and starts playing with your head before you have time to decide if you want your head played with or not. I thought I had seen

every kind of junk film ever made, but I had *never* seen anything like this. Without doubt, *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre* was the most horifying film I have ever seen. It even puts *professional* films like the *The Exorcist* and *Jaws* to shame, on the terror scale. And I'm sure those dozen or so people who left the

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theater during the first third of the film will agree. I expected the film to be trashy. It was. I expected the film to have lots of gore. It did. I expected to be mildly entertained. I wasn't. I was *petrified!* If you can deposit all your convictions concerning "proper" film
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Analytically, the film works because it has that one quality that most horror junk films lack — suspense. Oh sure, they all have one or two good moments that hold your attention, but the stuff in between is usually a bore. TCSM is not that way at all. For the entire length of the film, you watch from the edge of your seat, breathing as softly as your heart will permit. Remember how scary it was as Anthony Perkins prepared to take a knife to Janet Leigh in the shower during the movie *Psycho*? *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre* holds you in that same state of expectant terror. And more. For two hours.

And finally, for those who think they are too "hip" to be really scared by a motion picture, you need also be advised that the story on which the movie is based is true. You don't have the luxury of just sitting back and reminding yourself that it's "just a movie." It is just a movie — but a movie that shows what really did happen to a group of five young people. True, the movie does embellish the action, but the action did really occur. (And it doesn't take much embellishment on the part of the film maker to convince me that hanging a live girl from a meat hook must have been horrible — and that's one of the tamer sequences in the film.)

The Texas Chain Saw Massacre makes no attempt to enlighten you. Or make you more sophisticated. Or intellectualize. It only attempts to scare the hell out of the audience. And with that as its prime goal, it is a smashing success. More than a movie, it's a nightmare of your very own. Get me to the iron lung.

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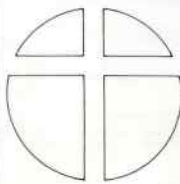


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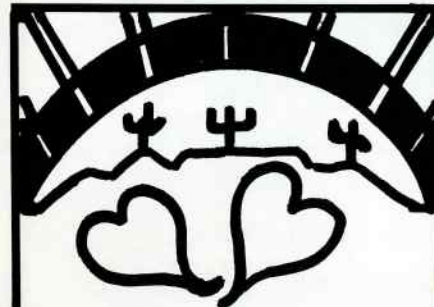
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