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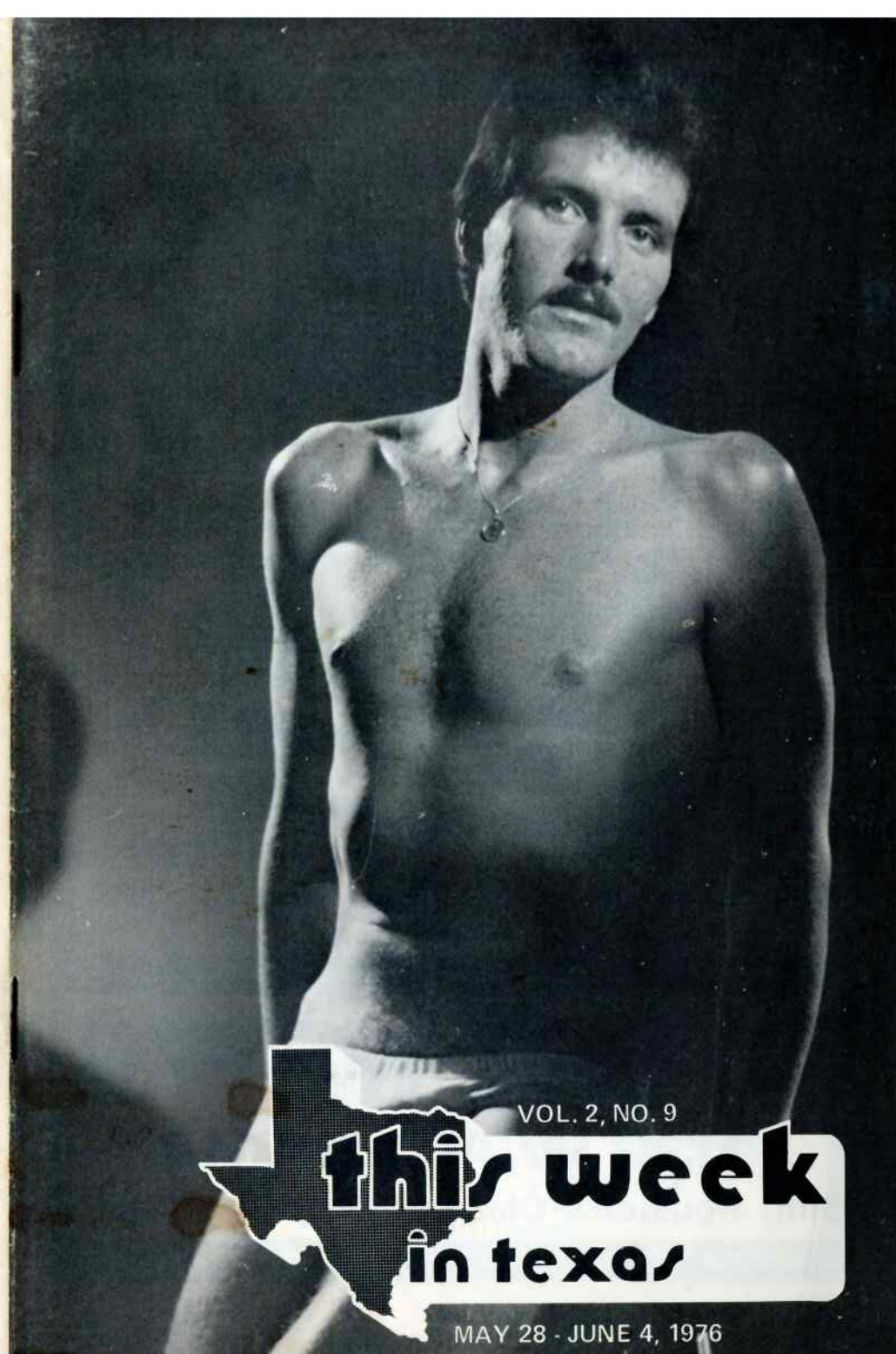


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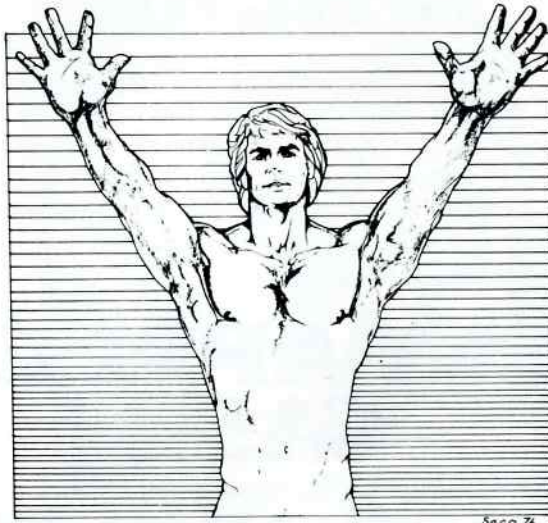
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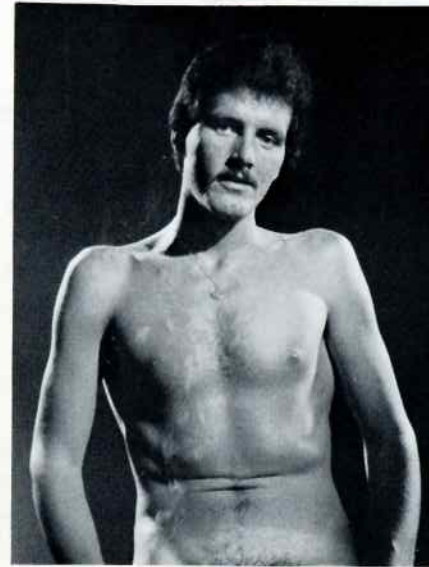
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AROUND THE STATE THIS WEEK

Friday, May 28, Galveston

Robert's Lafitte presents Jan Russell, E.D. Lloyd, Robert, 10pm.

Friday, May 28, Houston

Opening of the patio bar, Levi, 9pm.

Saturday, May 29, Dallas

Car wash, Club Dallas parking lot, 12-5pm. Proceeds go to the Gay Crisis Line.

Saturday, May 29, Galveston

Memorial Day party with free food at Mary's II, starting 5pm. . . . Robert's Lafitte presents Jan Russell, E.D. Lloyd, Robert, 10pm.

Saturday, May 29, San Antonio

Tiptias special, Spanish Harlem, 11:30 pm.

Sunday, May 30, Dallas

Discussion on establishing a Dallas gay political caucus at the MCC Church, 2pm, with guest speaker Gary Van Ooteghem. . . . The Old Plantation's annual free beer bust, Queen's Point, noon. . . . Free cookout at Club Dallas, 2-5pm. . . . Beer bust at Sundance Kids, 7pm. . . . Surprise buffet at Crews Inn II. Check with the bar for more info. . . . Special show at the Old Plantation, 10pm, with the cast from Houston. . . .

Drag show at the Entre Nuit, 9:30pm. . . . Singles pool tournament, 4pm, Crews Inn. . . . Dollar cover for all the draft beer you can drink 5-12pm, Terry's Ranch. . . . Entire production of "Chorus Line" at the Bayou Landing, 10pm.

Sunday, May 30, Galveston

Memorial Day party with free food at Mary's II, starting 5pm. . . . Robert's Lafitte presents Jan Russell, E.D. Lloyd, Robert, 8pm.

Sunday, May 30, Ft. Worth

First anniversary show at the Bailey Street Warehouse, with many surprises for those who have been regular patrons for the past year. . . . Special Memorial Day show featuring patriotic songs and dances, 500 Club. . . . Sunday brunch, 1pm, and show, 9:30pm, featuring Mr. Jacki Jorj at the Aubs.

Sunday, May 30, Houston

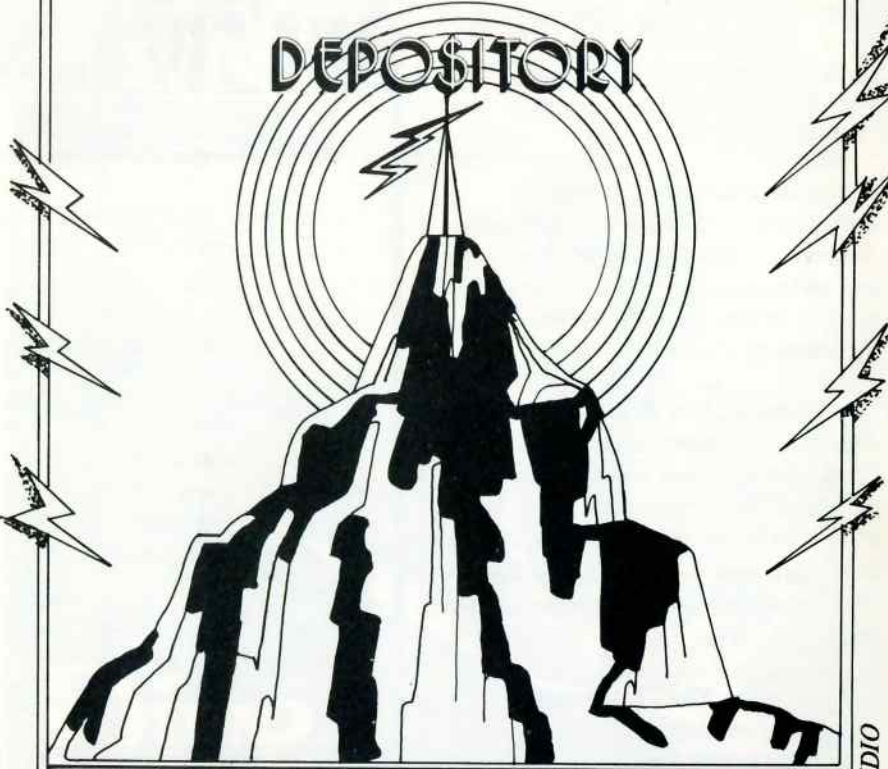
Barbeque from noon til 2am with free keg beer periodically throughout the day, Our Place. \$1 cover charge.

Sunday, May 30, Lubbock

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Monday, May 31, Dallas

Mr. Gemini Contest, Club Dallas. Judging on casual wear, bathing suits and self-expression. . . . Memorial Day surprise at the Jugs. Check the bar for information.

Monday, May 31, Ft. Worth

Annual Anniversary Picnic at Queens Point with free beer and food provided by Bailey St. Warehouse. . . . Aubs, 9pm, special Memorial Day show with free draft beer 7-8:30pm. . . . Special mini shows throughout the evening, 500 Club.

Monday, May 31, Galveston

Memorial Day party with free food at Mary's II, starting 5pm.

Monday, May 31, Houston

Free keg beer party starts 8pm, Filling Station.

Tuesday, June 1, Dallas

Dollar day at Bachelor Quarters with \$1 lockers and \$3 rooms. . . . Encore, 10¢ draft, 10-12pm. . . . Pool Tournament, Crews Inn II, 7:30pm.

Tuesday, June 1, Ft. Worth

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Wednesday, June 2, Dallas

V.D. health clinic, 9-11pm, pool tourney 9:30pm, free draft beer 10-12pm, Sundance Kids. . . . Doubles pool tourney, 7:30pm, Crews Inn. . . Draft beer 10¢ all night at Terry's Ranch.

Wednesday, June 2, Ft. Worth

Return of mid-week madness with lots of comedy and craziness, 9pm, 500 Club. . . . Show featuring Mr. Jacki Jorj and guest, Aubs, 9:30pm.

Wednesday, June 2, Galveston

Amateur talent night, Robert's Lafitte, 10pm.

Thursday, June 3, Dallas

Buddy day at the Bachelor Quarters, 2 for 1. . . . Draft beer 10¢ at the Encore 10-12pm. . . . T-shirt night with all drinks half price for wearing the Jugs T-shirt at the Jugs.

Thursday, June 3, Ft. Worth

Show with Dena Ferrell and guest, 9:30pm, Aubs. . . . Final Tonight Show for the season, 500 Club. To continue again this fall.

Friday, June 4, Ft. Worth

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Sampling Texas

Can you believe it? Memorial Day Weekend already? Hope you are all rested up, because this is the time of the year when all the bars and gay businesses start unveiling the fine jewels in their summer activity crowns. Example: Fort Worth.

This week, the colorful folk in Fort Worth will be staging numerous entertainment extravaganzas! In fact, if you'll check the "Around the State" column, you will come to the startling realization that there will be at least one major stage show in Fort Worth EVERY NIGHT this week! Talk about ringing in the summer season. Fort Worth has really moved into the big leagues of Texas' gay entertainment.

Part of the new veneer of Fort Worth's social scene is undoubtedly the new era of excitement symbolized by the Bailey St. Warehouse. That trend-setting showcase is concluding its first year of existence — and what impact it's had. So, This Week in Texas extends special first anniversary greetings and best wishes to Charles Presley and all the gang at the B.S.W. Roll on, great ones! Incidentally, the Bailey St. Warehouse will celebrate Memorial Day, the 31st, down at Queen's Point, where a major bash is being prepared for

all the B.S.W. patrons and fans. There'll be free food and beer! Can't beat that. So, come on d-o-w-n-n-n!

By the time the B.S.W. group hits Queen's Point, the place should just be cooling off from the "heated" activities of the day before. Because on Sunday, the 30th, the Old Plantation will be ruling the Queen's Point roost with their free beer bust. Certainly sounds like Queen's Point is THE place to camp out for the weekend if you happen to be in that part of the state.

In other Dallas news, both the Entre Nuit and the Villa Fontana now feature happy hour with 55¢ beer and 85¢ well drinks. Quinch your deep throat at bargain prices! At the Swamptrash bar, there's a running riddle going: Who is Chuck Ort? Give up? Here's a clue: He's running for Mr. Gay Texas. Curious? Go down and find out. You can get more than you bargain for (with any luck at all). And finally in Dallas, take heed, music lovers — Curtis Hall and the Cactus Cafe are now tearin' up the place at the Service Station on Sundays until midnight. Don't miss this one! They'll put pucker in your dancin'. Hubba-hubba!

In San Antonio, things are going great for the White Elephant Auction that's going to be held

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San Antonio's Sagittarius will be having after hours this weekend, with shows! Showtime is 2:00 until 4:30 a.m. This is a great treat. Take advantage of it. Everybody who is anybody will be there. Don't be left out. (They'll talk about you behind your back if you don't showup!)

And in the San Antonio obituary column: the Sundown is closed for good.

Dig the thought of candlelight dining at 5:00 a.m. Well, that's just the thing that's hit Galveston. Bill and Walter have opened a restaurant called the Cafe Torrefie, at 714 Kempner. With a continental atmosphere, the hours of operation will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for lunch; 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. for dinner; and on Friday and Saturday there's after hours dining featuring a light breakfast menu from 1:30 to 5:00 a.m. It's always nice to eat "afterwards." And now there's a place. Hit it, seaside city!

In other Galveston doin's, watch for Miss Gay Galveston at Robert's Lafittes! Incidentally, a show bar has been opened right next door to Robert's Lafittes — called Jan Russell's Ultimate Show Bar, under the guidance of J.R. himself, natch.

And now to the Bayou City, where most of the news concerns bars that

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"are," bars that "aren't," and bars that "hope to be."

First off, the Hi There moves into the "aren't" category — since it is now up for sale. New additions to the bars that "are" include Our Place, a soon-to-be-hot spot on Richmond run by Diana and Kelt; and the Tangiers, a new disco that features the last word in ornate decor. Done in palms, columns and mirrors, the Tangiers is reminiscent of the old Coconut Grove in Hollywood. Add a great sound systems and novel dance floor — and that's the Tangiers, the latest entry in the Houston disco sweepstakes. With a 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. happy hour, the Tangiers becomes the first disco in the city to open in mid-afternoon, with 50¢ for singles and \$1 for doubles.

In the "are" and "getting better" category is the Barn — which now has an authentic barn yard, complete with real bushes (hee-hee)! And get this — an old barn owl to keep watch over everything! (Can you give the owl something to talk about?) Over at Sally's, please note the return of Lulu and Geraldine, plus hot bar-b-que sandwiches at the sandwich bar. Hot stuff comin' through. And finally, all interested parties who want to participate in this year's Locker Carnival (coming soon) should contact same said bar.

And that's about it for now. Have a great holiday! See ya after it's all over. (Maybe we can get together and share hangovers.) All for now.

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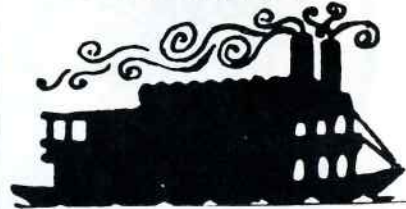
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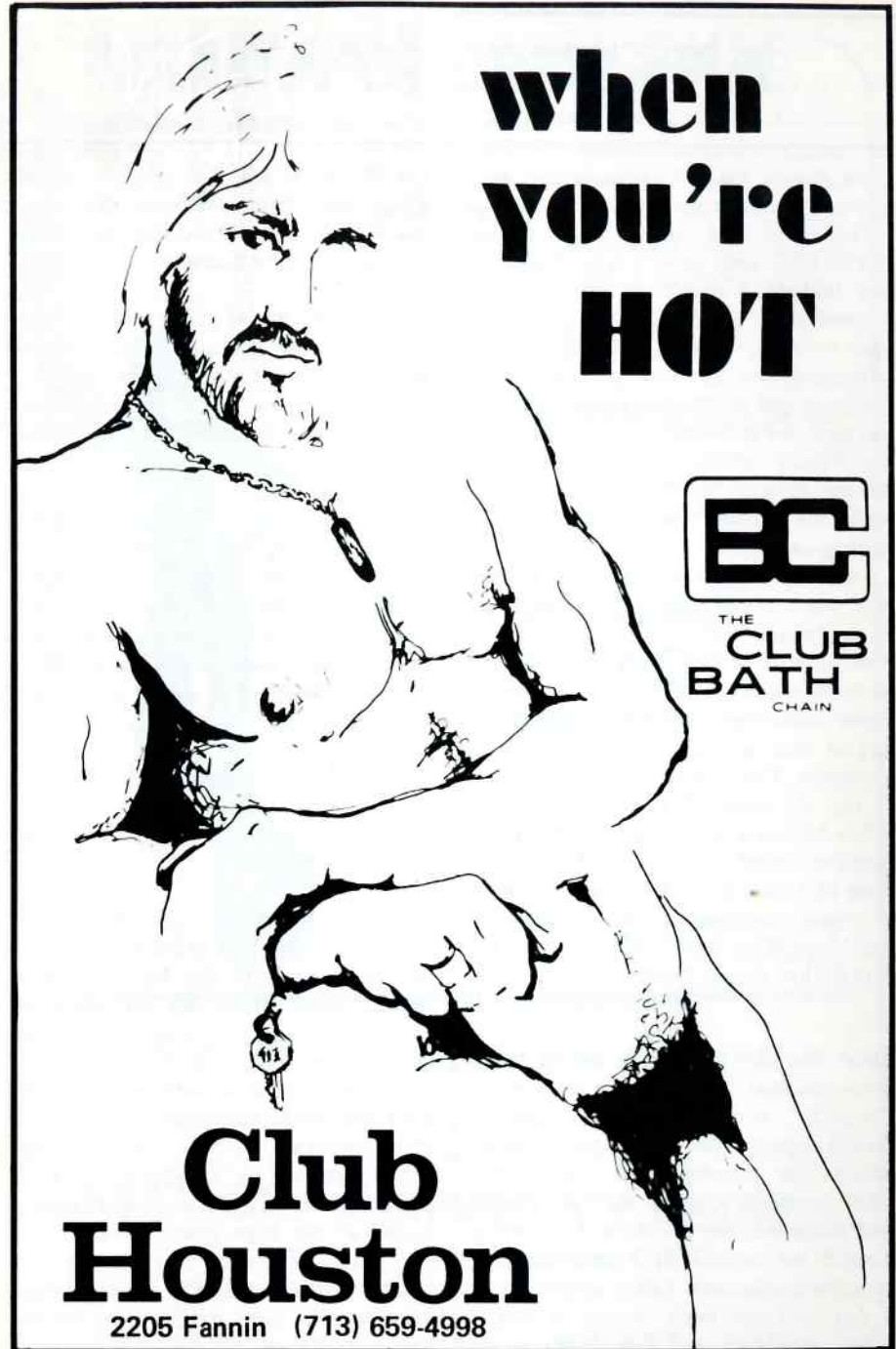


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Dear Adam, Ed and I have known each other for almost six years, although our relationship has never been sexual. We're NOT each other's type. Recently, for reasons I won't go into, Ed has moved into my house with me. Little did I know. Monday through Friday afternoon he is neat and tidy and pleasant and financially responsible — a perfect live-in friend. However, starting on Friday afternoon, Ed becomes a sexual tyrant. He fills the townhouse with his "slaves" and beats them up with great relish.

Ed is a split personality, to say the least. How can Mr. Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm turn into such a macho cruelty fiend on weekends. His actions greatly disturb me. He would never assault me, since the assaults are sexual and we have nothing sexual in common. The "slaves" seem to enjoy it — but the sound of flesh pounding and whip flailing is not my idea of a tranquil Sunday brunch. Am I prudish? Is this a case of I should mind my own business? Or does this seem a bit disturbing to you too? What should I do? I've hinted but Ed just laughs it off.

Bob S., the Montrose

Dear Bob, by all means, let Ed know how you feel. Whether your feelings are "prudish" or not is not the issue. It DOES upset you — so don't worry about the psychological reasons for your concern. I agree that we should not judge our gay brothers, but neither should we remain in a situation that remains unpleasant. Talk it over frankly. I bet you can work it out. If not, I really do think the best thing to do

would be to ask Ed to pack up his whips and chains and split. Maybe Ed could make his whips out of something less painful. Like feathers.

Dear Adam, this is going to sound fake — but I swear it's true. I just met this guy who has the same first name that I do. That's no so hot, huh? But what's more, we are the same age — and went to the same college at the same time without ever knowing it. And on top of everything else — I think he's fantastic! The best thing that's come along in a very, very long while. But here's the problem. After we discovered this remarkable coincidence and really got to know each other — it's apparent that he just doesn't give a shit about me. Don't you think that's tacky? What can I do?

Rich N., San Antonio

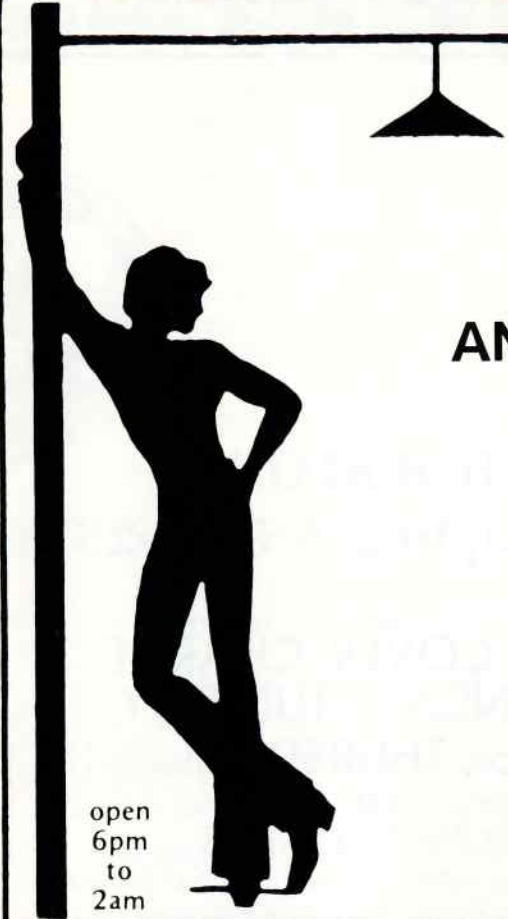
Dear Rich, pay more attention on prom night from now on.

Dear Adam, are there laws that would make it illegal for a principle of a high school to prohibit the formation of a gay-lib club made up of students.

Paul R., Houston

Dear Paul, in a private school, such activities can be restricted, but not in a state-supported school, be it high school, college or university. I don't know if this issue has ever been legally tested at the high school level, but it has been fought on the college and university level, with the pro-gay forces winning. The laws are the same for the high school level.

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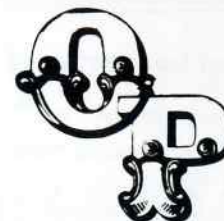
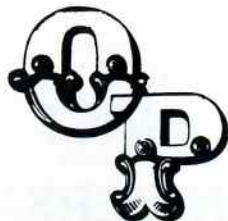
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Even as they got off the elevator, Vera had suspicions that Burt was in a bad mood. Walking down the hall of the hotel, Burt called Vera every derogatory name know to sophisticated gays — and then some. But it was Burt's opening of their hotel room door (by smashing through it with his foot) that really tipped Vera off. Yep, no doubt about it, Burt was in a bad mood.

"Now you get your butt in this room! And I don't won't you leaving here until our vacation is over. Don't even call room service without my permission." Burt screamed.

"Since when are you my boss?" Vera asked cynically.

"You're right. You don't need a boss. You need a leash. I've never been so humiliated in my life."

"Oh, get off it," Vera shot back. "It wasn't that terrible. So we were asked to leave Disneyland. What's so terrible about that?"

"Asked to leave! Mary, they all but threw us over the fence!"

"Why is everybody so huffy?"

All I wanted to do was try on Mickey's costume. How was I supposed to know that the head-piece of the costume had a strap on it like a football helmet."

"You almost killed that poor guy! Pulling on his head! Insisting that you wanted to try on his Mickey-head. If they hadn't been able to bring him around by artificial respiration, you'd be facing a manslaughter charge right now!"

"Not manslaughter. Mouse-slaughter," Vera mused.

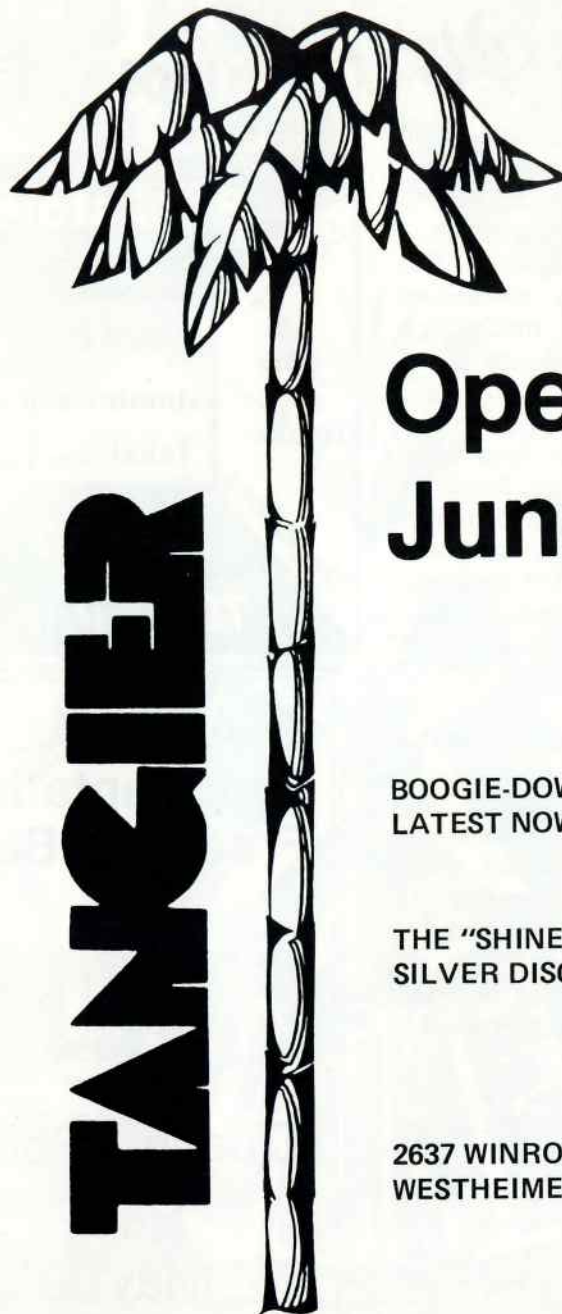
"This is no time for cheap humor. Honestly, it's getting so that I can't go anywhere with you without risk of my own sanity!" Burt shouted.

"That was the rudest little guy I've ever seen," Vera added. "I never knew Mickey Mouse knew such language."

"You were pulling his head off! What did you expect him to do?"

"And you'd think with all the money that Disney makes, they'd be able to hire full-sized help. Midgets are just tacky!"

"They're tacky? You weren't exactly a paragon of virtue. It was bad enough that you went around



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to everyone on the tea-cup ride and welcomed them to your brunch. But I could overlook that. It was bad enough that you got off of the "It's a Small, Small World" ride and climbed up with the puppets so you could sing to all the people coming through. I could even overlook that. But when you try to decapitate Mickey Mouse — well, that's just a bit much. Mickey Mouse is an American legend."

"Legend! I wonder how many people would be in love with Mickey Mouse if they knew he was really a foul-mouthed midget from Taiwan!" Vera snapped.

"He was not! And the conversation is closed. I don't want to talk about it any more. In fact, I don't think I ever want to talk to you again."

"You sure know how to be cruel, don't you? Why don't you show me a little sympathy. My feet are covered with blisters and all you can do is insult me."

"It's your own damn fault. I told you it wasn't proper to wear high heels to Disneyland."

"I'm going to to soak in a hot tub," Vera stated, heading toward the bathroom.

"Good. At least you can't get into any trouble in the bathroom."

This bit of reasoning on Burt's part was a bit premature. For moment's later, Vera's rather excited pleas from the tub could be heard throughout the entire

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"The door's locked!"

"Well of course it is. You don't think I'm going to show my body to a sister, do you?"

"Then how am I going to help you!"

"Don't ask questions! I'm drowning in here. My skin is turning all pruney! The blood is rushing to my head! Do something! Do something! But don't come in here - I'm shy."

"You want me to go get a bellboy?"

"Hell no! What would I want with a bellboy. I never take luggage with me in the tub!"

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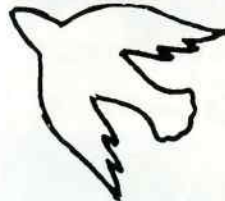
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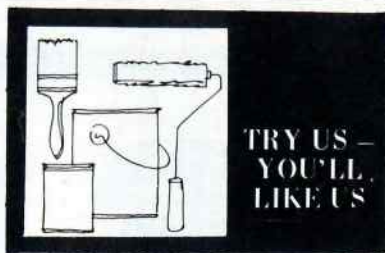
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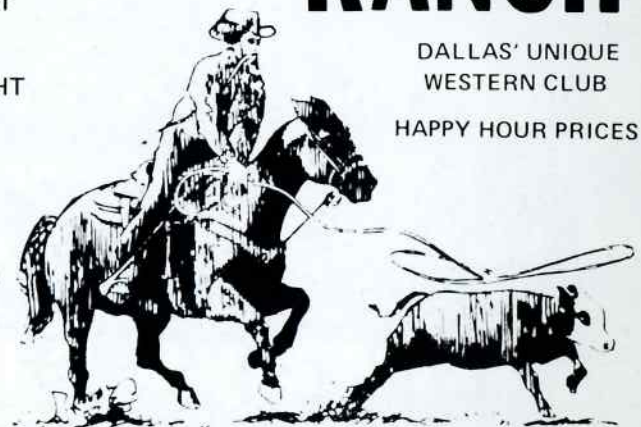
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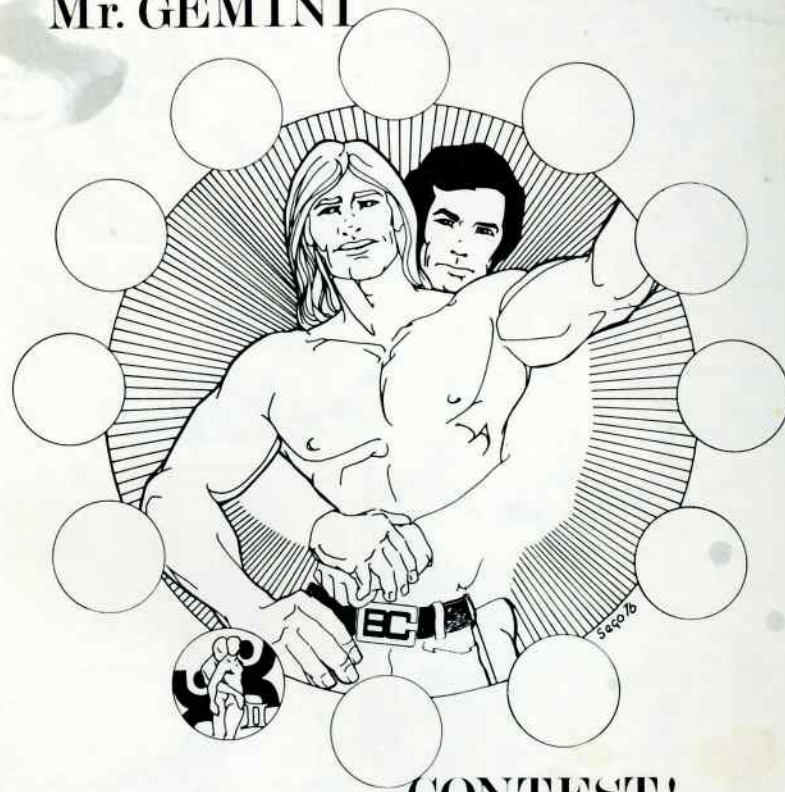
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