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AROUND THE STATE THIS WEEK

Friday, June 11, Houston

Free VD health clinic, 9-12pm, the Locker.

Saturday, June 12, Houston

Planning for Gay Pride Week celebrations will take place at the MCCR, 5pm. . . . American Leathermen patio sale, Filling Station, 1-6pm. Wide variety of goodies. . . . VD health clinic, 8-10pm, Club Houston.

Sunday, June 13, Dallas

Free buffet, Crews Inn II, 2pm. . . . Free buffet 4-6pm, One Way In. . . . Free draft beer 5-7pm, Olive Branch Saloon. . . . Free draft beer 7-8pm plus oldies but goodies 8-12pm, T.J.'s. . . . Drag show at the Old Plantation. . . . Broadway's production of "Sweet Charity," Bayou Landing.

Sunday, June 13, Ft. Worth

First year anniversary with gala show 8pm-2am, 500 Club. Special guest from the past year with 20¢ draft, 50¢ can, 75¢ well, \$1 call and free snacks. . . . Special show with Roxie and Big David, Bailey Street Wherehouse.

Sunday, June 13, Houston

Opening of the Barnyard, 1pm, the Barn. Free Cajun jambalaya, barbeque and 50¢ can beer. . . . VD health clinic, 3-7pm, Club Houston.

Tuesday, June 15, Dallas

Bingo at the Jugs, 8pm. . . . Free VD health clinic, Bachelor Quarters, 9-11pm.

Tuesday, June 15, Houston

VD health clinic 9-12pm, Old Plantation. Free drink with every blood test.

Wednesday, June 16, Dallas

Pool tournament, 7pm, Jugs.

Wednesday, June 16, Houston

Elegant night at the Inside Outside, 7pm-2am. Everyone wearing coat and tie or other such elegant attire receives bar singles for 50¢, doubles for \$1. Your host for the evening is Marshall Poole. Such a "pissie" event.

Thursday, June 17, Dallas

Registration for the Wrangler' Stampede IV, Sundance Kids. . . . Free VD health clinic, 9-11pm, Encore.

Thursday, June 17, Houston

Free VD health clinic 8-10pm at Club Houston and 9-12pm at Mary's.

Friday, June 18, Dallas

Wrangler' Stampede IV.

Friday, June 18, Houston

Texas Gay Conference III, University of Houston. For information on registration or campus housing, write T.G.C. III, P.O. Box 16041, Houston, TX 77002, or call (713) 526-0254 or (713) 527-8112.

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Hi Gang —

The planets must be moving into some special cycle with the moon . . . or whatever all that astrology stuff is about. Anyway, whatever the reason, this week is evolving into a series of very special, long awaited events. There's a magic excitement in the air in several locations.

In Houston, the "biggee" is the upcoming conference of the Texas Gay Task Force. Gays and those persons interested in the civil rights of gays will be assembling in Houston on June 18, 19 and 20. The big conference will be held on the campus of the University of Houston, in association with the U. of H. Gay Activist Alliance, under the leadership of Hugh Crell. Featured speakers for the conference will be lesbian feminist Jean O'Leary, writer Vito Russo of the Advocate and Texas legislator Craig Washington, who last year introduced a bill to repeal Texas' sodomy laws. The conference comes right before the Gay Pride Week Celebration of June 20 to June 27. Gay Pride Week will include parades, street dances, an arts and crafts festival and a beer garden. Everybody gear up!

In Dallas, all the talk is about the big cycle run, Stampede IV, sponsored by the Wranglers M.C.

The run will be held on June 18-20, on a private dude ranch. The entire ranch has been leased by the Wranglers, and events planned include horseback riding, swimming and "audience participation" events (hubba-hubba). Also, for those who hunger easily, the Wranglers are going to bar-beque an entire side of beef! To get in on all these hot events and good eats, ya have to register before June 17th at the Sundance Kids bar in Dallas.

But as big as they are, there's still lots of other stuff going on in Houston and Dallas this week. In Dallas, for example, plans are being made for the Mr. Gay Texas contest on June 24th, at the Old Plantation. If you want to enter, you can get entry blanks and registration forms at the Old Plantation in Dallas or Houston. The Nuntius sponsors the event.

By the way, at the Old Plantation in Houston, tricycle racing has returned on Tuesday nights, with a \$25.00 cash award for the top winner. Incidentally, Louis Garcia has now joined the O.P.'s Houston staff. Hot stuff comin' through!

In the continuing, and increasingly heated, softball competition, the Loft defeated the Lamp Post 19 to 12 last Sunday. If you haven't been going to the games,

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you're missing a real "screaming" event. Talk about fun! The games are held on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the park at Fairview and Yupon. (You know where THAT park is, I'm sure.) Everybody's working frantically to put together THE winning softball team. Among those preparing to put together a team that will "knock everybody else out of the park" are Sally's, Just Marion & Lynn's and the Locker. If ya want to play, check out these bars for team openings. Or, get your own group together. The gays that ball together . . . etc., etc.

From the Houston Gay Political Caucus comes word that a lot of you folk need to let them know where you now live. Mailings are being returned to the GPC for all you people who have moved and left no forwarding address. Let's not get sloppy about this. The GPC has enough problems in financing and personnel without your adding to the burden by being a "dead letter" person. Give 'em your right address. Just call Dan Hughes at the GPC. What could be easier. (The number is [713] 626-2508.)

Houston gays are to be congratulated for all the cooperation given to the city V.D. department. Within a two month period, more than 900 people have gone in for testing. 25 of those tests came up positive. The health department says if those 25 had gone unchecked, it could have quickly

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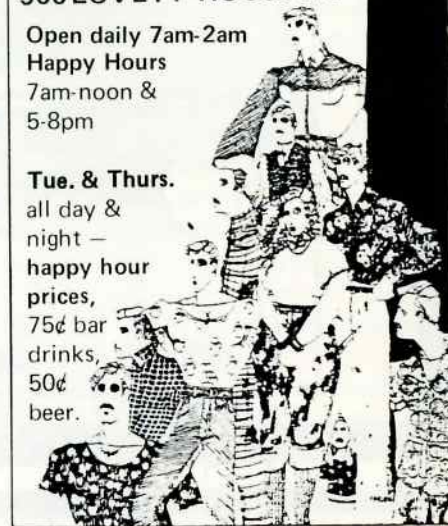


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Skipping over to San Antonio, Lollie and Irene of the Hypothesis bar want to extend thanks to Penny and Jeremy of the One Penny Pub. Seems that Penny and Jeremy gave a lot of able assistance and elbow grease to help with last Tuesday's remodeling of the Hypothesis. Talk about gay cooperation — when one bar helps its own competition remodel! Talk about gay pride. Love it! Just love it! Also, be informed that tickets for next Sunday's big show at the Hypothesis, "Tapestry of Soul," are now on sale. Buy 'em in advance and save money.

Looking at Fort Worth news, the annual picnic sponsored by the Bailey Street Wherehouse was a smashing success! They ran out of food, but made a special trip to get more. The hungry masses had to be fed — and the Bailey Street Wherehouse has never been one to scrimp when it came to customer entertainment! No cheapness here!

At the 500 Club, This Week in Texas extends first anniversary congratulations. Special nods go to Tim Bailey, who has to be one of the hardest working bar owners in the world! Good goin', Tim.

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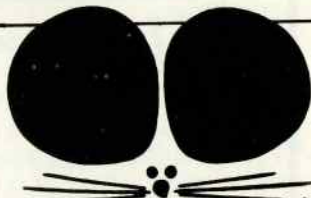
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May your second year be as successful as the first. (For their special anniversary confab events, check Around the State This Week.)

And finally in Fort Worth, Alice Fallas and April Love have joined Jackie George at Aub's. Just how much hotter can things get over there?

Here's a Galveston tidbit or two: The much-loved and popular Bernard Wood of Robert's Lafitte is back from California for a one month's visit. We're all envious, Bernard. At Robert's Lafitte, by the way, Jan Russell, E.D. Lloyd, Tanya Turner, Robert and assorted guests continue their shows Thursdays through Sundays with a beer bust on Sundays from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. All the suds you can down for just a buck. Wednesday is still amateur night — and plans are being made for a "movie night" at Lafitte's. The hits just keep on happening!

And finally, it seems that nobody understands the meaning behind the Front Running T-shirts. They know it's gay but not why. Simply, the shirts are symbols of pride for gays. The book, "The Front Runner," already is a best seller that's about a gay track star who falls in love with his college coach and their trials and tribulations. The climax of the novel lies in the star representing the U.S. in the Montreal Olympics. It's a tear-jerker because of its tragic ending. The shirts are available by mail and also at Ah-Men, the Manhole and Footsies in Houston.

That's about all the dirt for now. See ya next time with another truck load. Bye.

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Please let me recommend the "Super Disco" cut from Rimshots' "Down to Earth" LP on Stang. It will make you want to get up and shake a leg, among other things.

Marlena Shaws' new album is very appropriately titled, "Just a Matter of Time," and is out on Blue Note. It includes her current single, "It's Better Than Walking Out," plus two other similar exhilarating cuts, "Love Has Gone Away" and "Take My Body."

The very versatile group, Barrabas, has a new album called, "Watch Out," on Atco. Strongest cut is simply titled, "It."

For all of you jazz disco fans, Ronnie Laws has a mighty-sounding disc with a very up-tempo cut, "All the Time." Ronnie is Hubert Laws' brother of Chicago Theme fame.

If you want to be on top of it, don't miss the newest LP's from Tavares, Stylistics, John Davis Orchestra, Peoples

Choice, Andrea True Connection and Impact.

A single that I overlooked last month seems to be catching on. It's "Love Chant Part 1 & 2" by Eli's Second Coming on Silver Blue. This bouncy single was produced by one of the masters of the Philly Sound, Bobby Eli.

Curiosity got to me concerning the happenings of our disco mistress Gloria Gaynor, so I called MGM to inquire. Word now is that her new LP, "Talk, Talk, Talk," is due for release July 15th. Rumors are still circulating she is facing court battles with her manager but not with her contract.

The disco version of "Dancing Free" by Hot Ice is just starting to happen in the area.

"Big Dance Records in the Big Apple" is the LP from Ariola-America. This monster disc includes such hits as, "Up in a Puff of Smoke," "Dance, Dance, Dance," "Sexy Lady" and "Pretty Maid," among others.

That 7:03 version of "Depend on Yourself" by B.T. Express seems to be causing some sensation everywhere I go.

Motown has just released the new "Disco Machine Vol. II" LP. Strongest cuts are "Get Cute," "Back to Bach" and "Second Avenue." Also just arrived from Motown are new LP's by the great David Ruffin, the Originals and Rosie Banks.

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continued from last week

Vera sat on the edge of his hotel room bed, trying to decide what to wear. The spread on the bed consisted of five sweaters, seven formal shirts, three ties, two pair of cuff links and a pair of cutoffs. These items were neatly arranged on the bed and elegantly illuminated by one of Vera's well-placed desk lamps. It all looked like a Neiman's window. But proved to be of little help in assisting Vera's indecisiveness.

"What am I going to wear! None of this stuff goes together. It all looked so good in Foley's. Must have been the secret air spary they use at Foley's — the stuff that smells good and makes you spend money."

Burt did not respond.

"Giving me the silent treatment, huh? What's so terrible about a blind date. The four of us are going to have a great time. Betty Jo promised that you're just going to love the date he's bringing for you."

"I'll just bet he's a real winner," Burt muttered.

"Would you cheer up!" Vera chided. "Help me pick out what to wear."

"You look fine, right now. Just go like you are."

"Don't be silly. This is only my third change since I showered. For big dates, you have to go through at least seven or eight outfit auditions before you find the right combination."

"Who is he?"

"Who?"

"My date! Who is he? What's he

like?"

"Just a friend of Betty Jo's. He's an actor, I think."

"With an inflated Hollywood ego to match, no doubt."

"Stop bitchin'! I'll get so depressed I'll walk out of here wearing a black veil — over treader pants. What AM I going to wear!"

"What kind of actor is he?"

"I don't know. I just hope he's a lousy dresser. So I won't stand out in the crowd."

"What's his name?"

"Henry, I think. But stop worrying about such silly little things like a blind date. It's unbecoming. What kind of man are you? Where's your sense of a higher calling? You think God bestowed man with intelligence just so he could worry about trivial things like blind dates? The human brain has four million billion cells. Don't bother your brain — great computer that it is — with unimportant fodder. Think about important things instead. Like — what am I going to wear!"

"Henry who?"

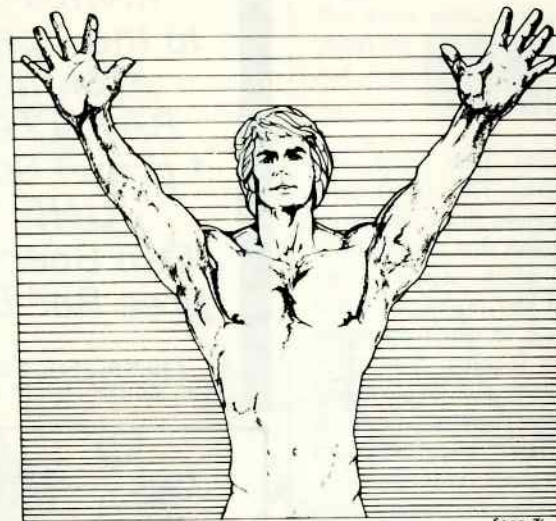
"I can't remember the last name. He's on some TV show. Some show for kids. I've never seen it."

"Oh, great! Betty Jo's set me up for a hot night of passion with Mr. Green Jeans!"

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"Did it work?"

"Used to. Until they fired my favorite sales clerk. The blind one. Besides, now they have those computer cash registers, the ones that automatically checks your credit status — no matter how small the purchase. I just know they're going to catch me some day. The computer is going to go off — and a little hand with a white glove will pop out of the cash register with a big sign saying 'Stop Her!' Then the doors of the store will lock automatically, guards will drop from the ceiling, sand will begin to flow and the tomb will be sealed forever!"

"I'm all for that. If it'll get me out of this blind date. Just ten minutes!


"They're going to be here in just ten minutes. I feel sick." Burt uttered, with growing resignation.

But Burt was wrong. It wouldn't be ten minutes. Hardly ten seconds. For even as he spoke, a hand was approaching the door, preparing to knock. Attached to the hand was an arm. Covering the arm was a black leather jacket. In the pockets of the jacket were several combs. And as the hand rapped on the door, the vocal chords of the blind date released a familiar sound — "Heeeeeeyyy!"

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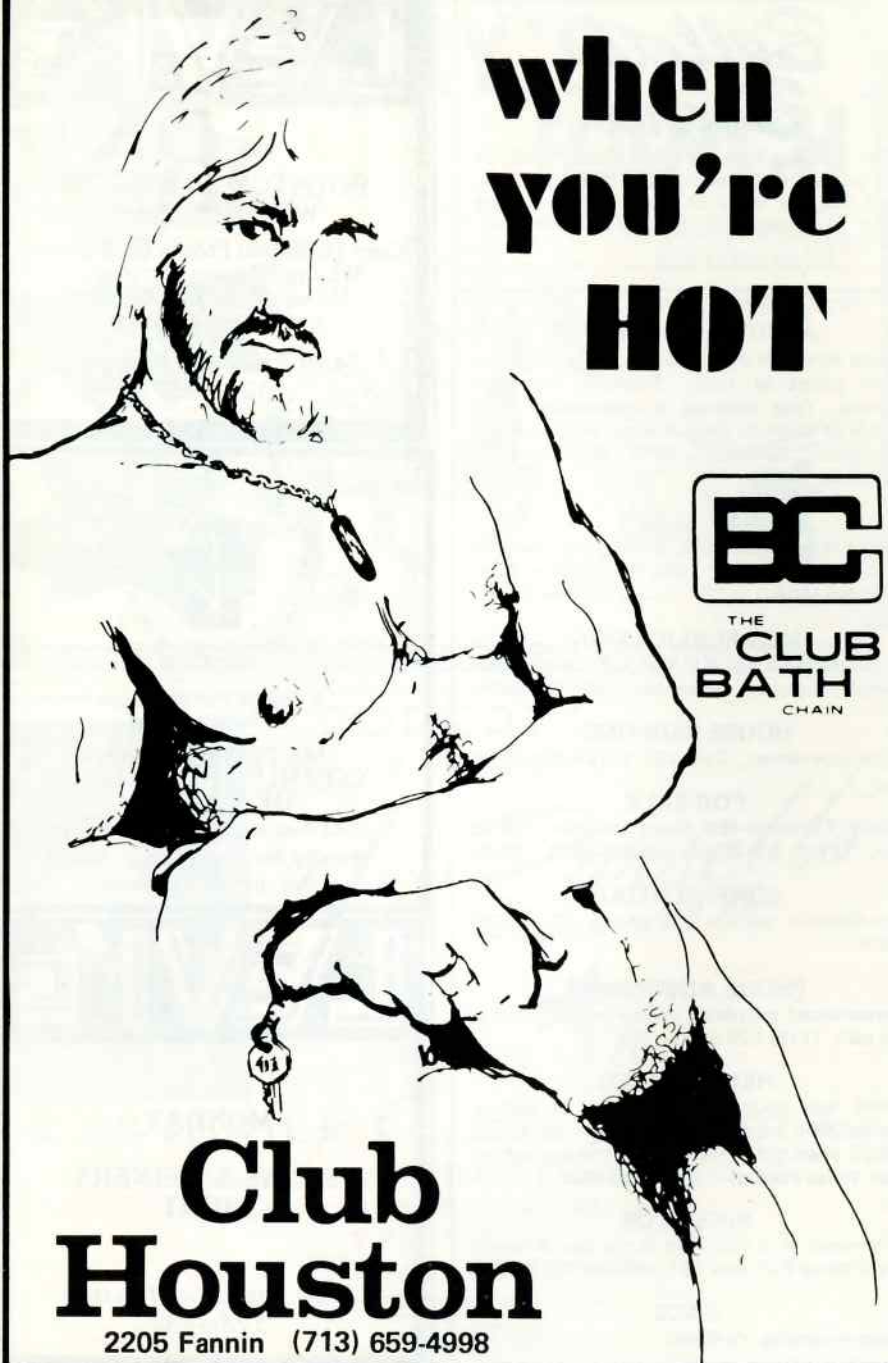


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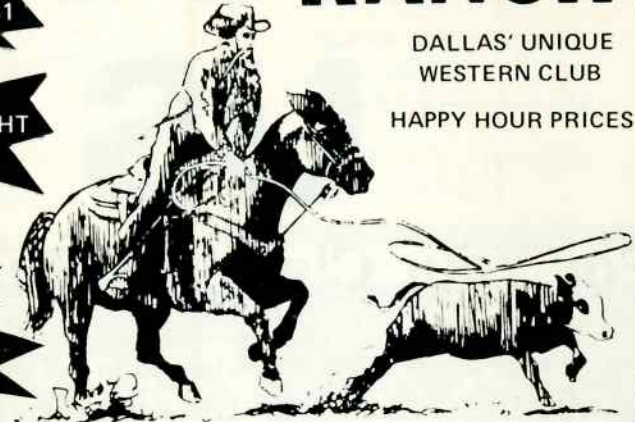
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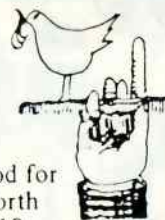
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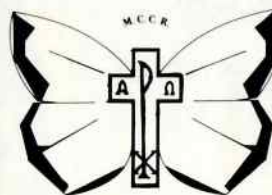
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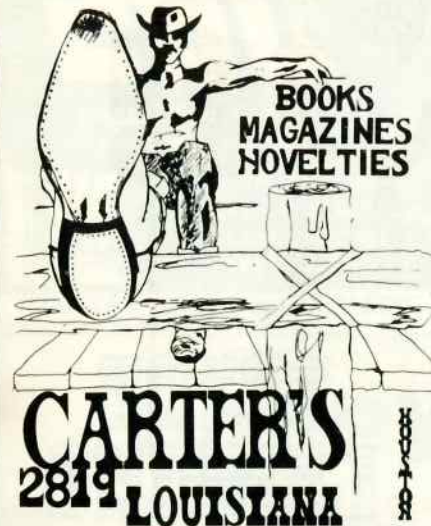
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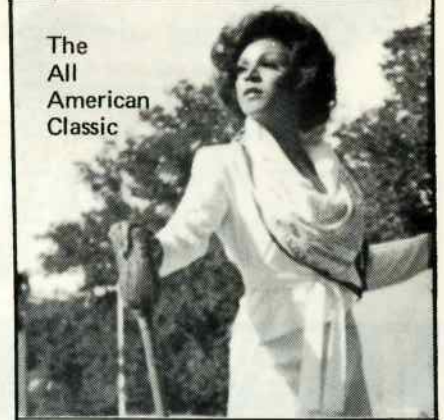
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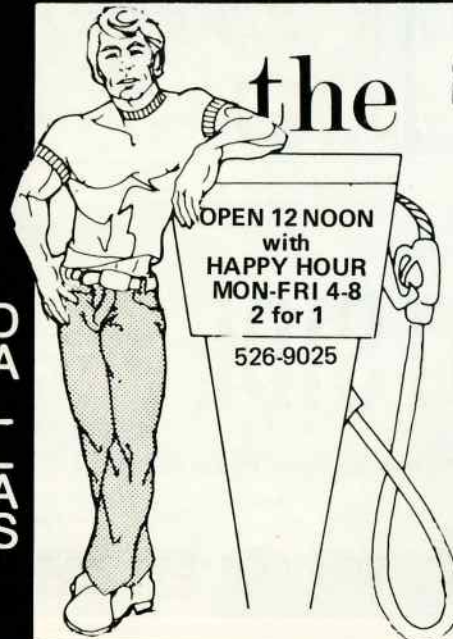
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