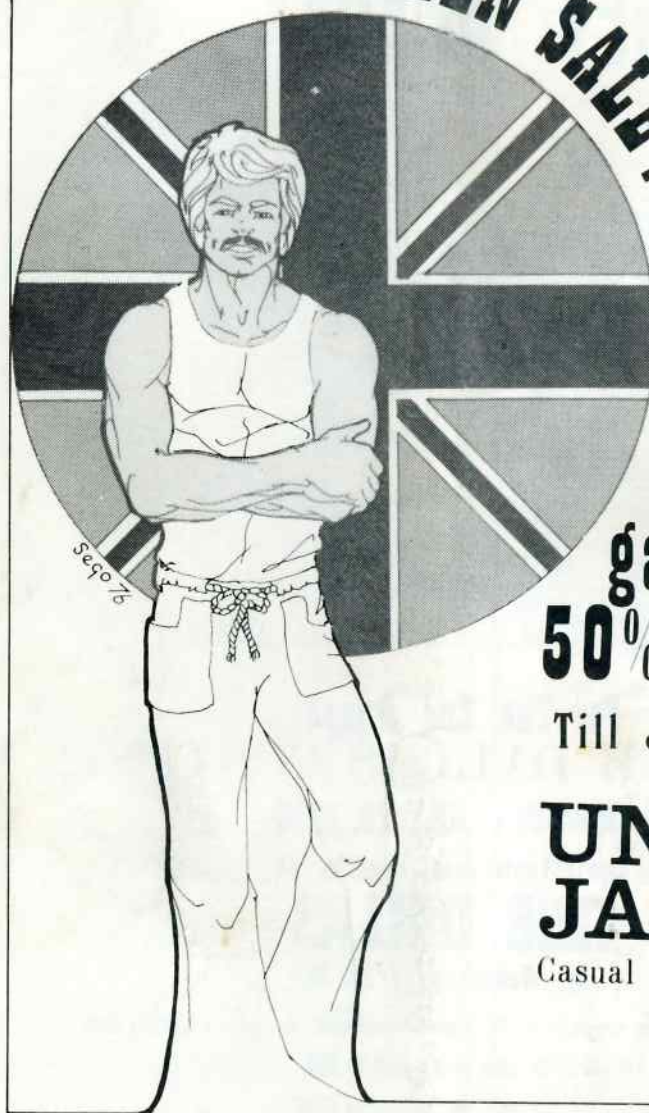


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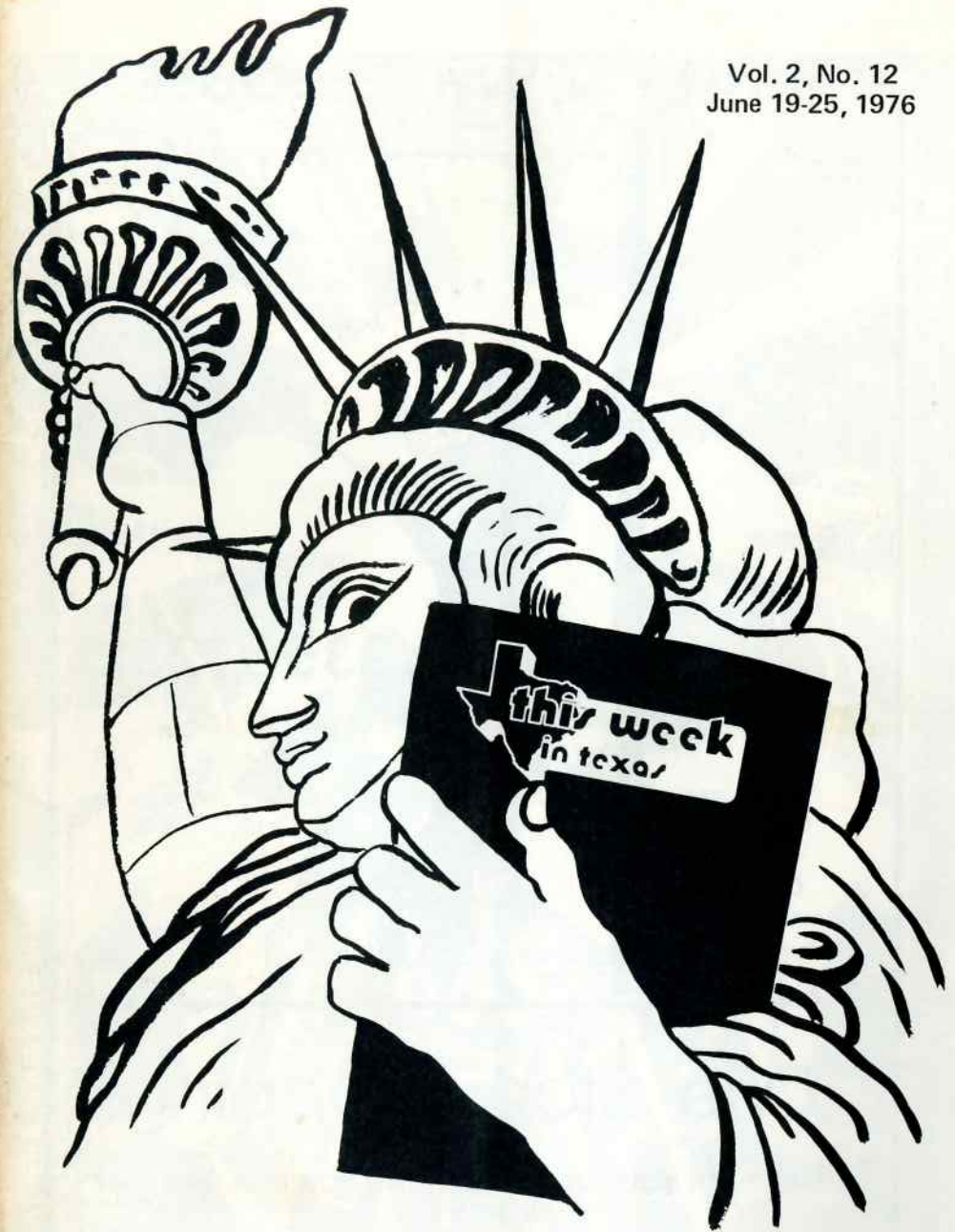
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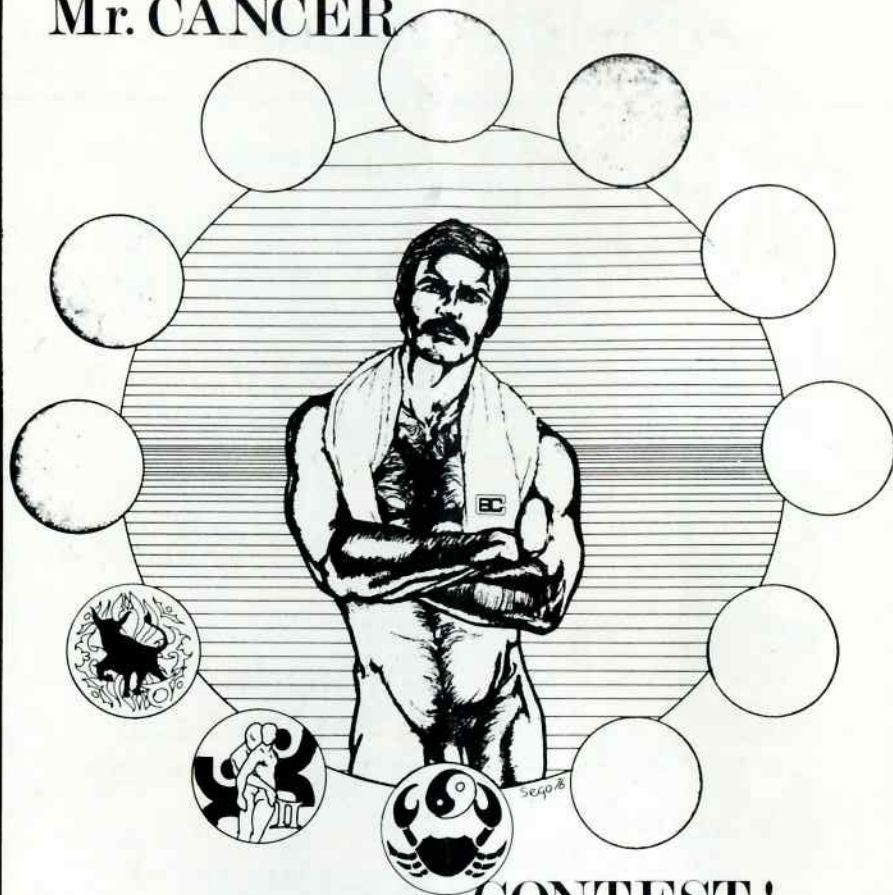
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AROUND THE STATE THIS WEEK

Friday, June 18, Ft. Worth
Mr. 500 Club Contest, 500 Club, 9:30 p.m.

Friday, June 18, Houston
Texas Gay Conference III, University of Houston. Discotheque party at the Cougar Den, University Center, 8 pm. Cover, \$1. Entertainment, beer, wine, conference registration and housing assignments.

Saturday, June 19, Houston
Texas Gay Conference III, University of Houston. Address by Jean O'Leary and Craig Washington, 9 a.m., Agnes Arnold Auditorium. ... Emancipation Day celebration at Sally's with black eyed peas and cornbread. Happy hour prices for blacks all day. ... Drag show with Diana Wright and guest, Venture-N, 10-12 p.m. ... Zodiac party, Horn-It, 7 p.m. Bring cover dish.

Saturday, June 19, San Antonio
Birthday party for Fred, 8 p.m., Spanish Harlem. Free food, beer and floor show.

Sunday, June 20, Dallas
Club Dallas cookout, 2-5 p.m. ... Free draft beer, T.J.'s, 7-8 p.m. ... Drag shows at both the Old Plantation and the Bayou Landing.

Sunday, June 20, Ft. Worth
Special show with guest from Wichita Falls and Denton, 500 Club.

Sunday, June 20, Houston
Texas Gay Conference III, University of Houston. Vito Russo film, 10 a.m., Agnes Arnold Auditorium. ... Houston's first Gay Pride parade. Assemble at the corner of Main and Bell, 4 p.m. Guests from the Texas Gay Conference III will participate. "Gayfest" following the parade in the Liberty Bank parking lot, corner Montrose and Westheimer. Artists and performers are invited to sign up with Michael (729-2697) or Sheri (734-7979). ... Free keg beer bust, 4-6 p.m., Our Place. ... Drag Show, Lamp Post, 9 p.m. ... Kit-Kat Review, Exile, 7 p.m. Guest include Miss Champagne, Veronica, Mazie and Torie Tiger.

Sunday, June 20, San Antonio
Miss Gene's 11th annual Soul Show at the Sagittarius, 10:30 p.m. ... "Tapestry of Soul," Hypothesis, 10:30 p.m. Special guest include Pauletta Leigh, Sashay, Lady Rose, Rudy Edenn, Terry Jones and Denise from Austin.

Monday, June 21, Dallas
Papa Joe's birthday party, 9 p.m., Encore, with free drinks and snacks. Opening of the new patio.

Monday, June 21, Houston
The first sundry school class, "The Homosexual Experience," Agnes Arnold Hall, 7:30 p.m. Ray Hill, instructor. Open to the public. ... V.D. health clinic, 4-8 p.m., Studz News.

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Tuesday, June 22, Ft. Worth
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Tuesday, June 22, Houston
Lecture, "The Feminist Point of View," Pacific Room, University Center, U. of H., 7:30 p.m. Pokey Anderson, speaker.

Wednesday, June 23, Houston
Lecture on Transsexuals, Pacific Room at University Center, 7:30 p.m. Ann Mayes, guest speaker. ... V.D. health clinic, the Barn, 10-12 p.m. Free drinks with a blood test.

Thursday, June 24, Dallas
Mr. Gay Texas 1976, Old Plantation. Mr. Gay Texas receives \$200, 1st runner up \$125, and 2nd runner up \$75. Reserved seating is \$3. ... V.D. health clinic, Bayou Landing, 9-11 p.m.

Thursday, June 24, Ft. Worth
Surprise birthday party for Tim Bailey, 500 Club. All of Ft. Worth is invited.

Thursday, June 24, Houston
Lecture on Transvestites and Transgenderists, 7:30 p.m., Pacific Room, University Center, U. of H. Guest speaker, Phyllis of the MCCR.

Friday, June 25, Ft. Worth
Preliminaries for the Miss Gay Aub's, 9 p.m., Aub's. Deadline for \$7.50 entry fee is June 23. Winner will receive expense paid trip to Miss Gay America.

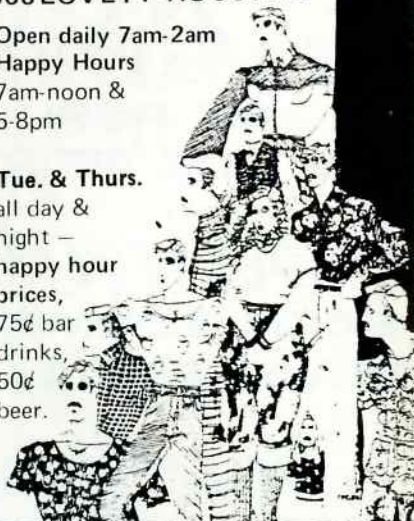
Friday, June 25, Houston
Registration for the HMC's "Up Yours III," at Mary's. Twenty dollar fee for the campout, meals and bike events. ... Beer bust, Levi, 9-12 p.m. Cover is \$1 (75¢ if wearing a western hat). ... Lecture by Dr. Ruth Sherman and Dr. McCary on Sexual Behavior (quickie course), Pacific Room, University Center, U. of H., 7:30 p.m.

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A very hurried hello to you — There is SO MUCH going on this week I don't have time or space for a lot of chit-chat. So let's get right to it.

The third annual Texas Gay Conference kicks off on Friday, June 18th, in Houston with a party hosted by the Gay Activists Alliance at the University of Houston. The Cougar Den at University Center will be magically transformed into a gay disco, complete with dancing, entertainment, beer, wine, conference registration and housing assignments. All that starts at 8:00 p.m. at the U. of H. (Who ever would have thought the day would come when colleges would host modern day gay "proms." Ah, sweet youth.) After the initial hoopla, the conference will settle into a spirit of academic discussion, with a series of events and featured speakers, including Jean O'Leary, legislative coordinator of the National Gay Task Force and the first openly gay person elected a delegate to the Democratic Convention. Also speaking will be Vito Russo, a New York film critic and author. The conference runs through Sunday, June 20.

But hold on, toots! There's more. Much more. You will perhaps recall that the day that the TGC conference ends is also the beginning of Gay Pride Week in Houston, which is June 20th to June 26th. June 20th has been proclaimed "Gay Day," with an entire calendar of associated events. On that day, a Gay Pride parade will be held in downtown

Houston at 4:00 p.m. The parade begins at the corner of Main and Bell — and initial reports indicated that it's going to be BIG!! I'm not going to give you the old "stand up and be counted" lecture, but those who are too stuck up to participate in such events have no right to spend the rest of the year weeping and wailing about how they're "persecuted." Those who don't have the courage of their conviction deserve all the "persecution" and discrimination they get. It's called cowardice. But more than that, don't miss out on a great, fun time. Ya'll come. Let's holler!

After the parade, a "Gayfest" will be held in the Liberty Bank parking lot, corner of Westheimer and Montrose. It's to be a congenial confab of artists, performers, aspiring starlets, etc., etc. All that starts at 5:00 p.m. If you want to get in on it as performer or an artist, call Michael at 729-2697, or Sheri at 734-7979. Get going!

All through Gay Pride Week, the events will be non-stop. The Gay Activists Alliance has a schedule of events that includes activities every night of the week. Check the "Around the State" column in this publication for a complete listing.

On the night of June 26th, the GAA will present "GAA Saturday Night," a stage show patterned after the popular NBC show, "Saturday Night Live." The show will feature skits and assorted entertainment revolving around a gay theme. For more info on that event, call

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As the end of Gay Pride Week nears, you will also find the hits keep right on happening, for June 25-27 are the special dates for "Up Yours III," a campout sponsored by the Houston Motorcycle Club. This event has proved to be one of the most popular of the social season and well worth checking out and attending.

In other Houston briefs, Ram Rocha, who writes the disco column for this publication, is now the chief disc jockey at the Old Plantation. Ram, formerly of the Farmhouse, will be bringing his unique blend of sounds to the O.P. crowds on a regular basis.


On the slave front, all hands on deck for the slave sale at the Locker on July 3rd. Should be bigger than ever!

A Bicentennial Picnic sponsored by the Briar Patch and the Hi Lite Ranch is now on the boards for the 27th of June.

And at the Loft, a second trip to New Orleans, this one from July 2 to July 5, is now being prepared. Round trip tickets will, again, be only \$59.00. If you missed out on their first New Orleans excursion, I'm sure that, by now, you've heard how much fun you missed. Don't miss this one!

You've heard of White Sales? Well, get this! The Union Jack in Houston and Dallas is having a Green Sale! That's right. Everything in the store that is green goes for half price until Saturday, June 19th. Start planning your St. Patrick's day outfits now.

Big "D" is also filled to the brim with doin's this week. Not the least of which is the much anticipated and highly awaited Mr. Gay Texas Pageant, June 24th, at the Old Plantation. This "big-ee" is of such a scope I'm sure you



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Here's a tidbit you might find interesting: The first week-end in July has been set as the opening of a plush, gay ranch-resort in Texas. It's called El Rancho Vista and it's located southwest of Dallas. It features private accommodations, heated swimming pool, sauna, spa, library, TV and movies — plus all that butch "out of doors" cowboy-type activity. It's damn near to being a heaven on earth, cowboy style, and you'll be hearing a lot more about it as time goes on.

The popular Crews Inn is now under new ownership — and right off the bat they're planning a big outdoor "to do" at Queen's Point on June 27th. That's really getting off on the right foot!

At the Encore, door prizes, cash prizes and bar tabs will be given away every hour on the hour on weekend nights starting 10:00 p.m. This is just part of the new concepts for fun at the Encore, since they've now discontinued doing drag shows. For more on the "new look" at the Encore, check with the bar for news of nightly specials and events.

And finally before leaving Dallas, we want to thank Glenhall for the photo on page 5 in last week's issue. In all the excitement, we failed to give 'em credit. Thanks, Glenhall.

From Odessa, comes word that the Skylite bar has closed, with the Miss Gay West Texas Pageant on July 3rd to now be held at a new bar in that city — the Elbow Room. Sounds interesting.

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DEAR CLUB HOUSTON MEMBER:

Some good news and some bad news.

First, the good. At long last, the City of Houston and the State of Texas have approved the necessary paperwork for major changes and renovations at Club Houston. Within a few short months, Club Houston will be graced with a new outdoor swimming pool, new air conditioning systems, new carpeting, new entertainment features and concepts, and a new "interior" look.

Here's the obvious bad news: Such extensive changes require occasional disruptions in our daily operations. During the next six weeks or so, Club Houston will welcome an army of designers, carpenters, electricians, carpet layers, pool installers, handimen, journeymen, and consultants.

Scheduling of these personnel will be done in such a manner as to keep the Club operating on a "normal" basis as much as possible. However, there will be times when the placement of such workmen in certain areas of the Club will be unavoidable. All is being done to keep Club facility interruptions to a minimum.

We all recognize that these temporary inconveniences during the next few weeks are necessary to bring you a "new" Club Houston for the upcoming year. The renovations are in response to those changes most requested by you on your Club suggestion cards. Incidentally, it's not too late for you to get in your "last minute" suggestions. So grab a suggestion card and a pencil.

We're trying to "get it together" for you. And ask your indulgence while your requests are being implemented.

Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Gene Saxon, manager
Club Houston

going to be a summer of Butchburgers and Nellydogs, with their newly remodeled outdoor patio. The new patio will facilitate "bar flow" and make it a bit easier to get something with which to wet your whistle. Also, watch Mary Ellens for their 4th of July events.

Here's some dirt: Which bartender from the El Jardin is leaving for Las Vegas to find himself a rich, well-endowed sugar daddy? Don't expect me to give you the answer! I don't deal in gossip, bitch!

At the Sagittarius in San Antonio, after hours disco can be had until 3:00 in the morning on weekends. Time for the long boogie.

Last Friday, the Friendly Lounge had more than 75 people on the patio for a private party. If you've got a private or semi-private event on tap, call 'em up — they'll do ya! Just fine.

Over at the Zoo Club, Tuesday has become "Steak Night" and Sunday afternoon now has a beer bust for \$2.00 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., featuring hot dogs and live folk and pop music from 5:30 to 7:00. Sounds like a great place to assemble.

The San Antonio Gay Community Center is sponsoring a giant rummage sale on June 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The proceeds will go toward the Together Gay Bulletin and program workshops and a dance series. Donations of sale-ables should be brought to 1249 E. Sunshine Street, on the corner of Hillcrest and Sunshine. Clean out those apartments, gang; it's for a good cause.

And speaking of good causes, I'm going to end this column for this week, cause I'm pooped. See ya next time, huh?

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"How come you never want to do what I want to do," Vera pleaded, attempting to down a cup of Toodle House coffee. "Every time I get an idea, you never want to do it. No matter how small or simple the idea is."

"Small!" Burt snapped, "Moving to California!"

"You act like it's the end of the world! Don't you just love it out here? It's not that far from Houston. Why, you could almost commute."

"No! I am not moving out here. I'm going back to Houston. You can do whatever you want — but I'm going back. Besides, you only want to move out here so you can be close to Henry. Well forget it! He was my date. Not yours."

He is NOT the reason I want to move. But you must admit, he did seem to like me," Vera reasoned.

"Like you! He hated your guts. It was the most disgusting double date in history. Poor child may never be able to act again. You may have ruined his career!"

"Posh! Double posh! I'll admit we didn't hit it off right at first, but I'm sure all is forgiven by now."

"Forgiven! He has not forgiven. Nor has he forgotten. Poor boy. It was bad enough that he didn't have time to change clothes before our date, but

then you had to make matters worse by pointing him out to everyone in public."

"I just wanted them to know they were in the presence of a star."

"Oh, that you did. There we were. In the middle of a sedate, expensive restaurant. Henry felt embarrassed enough because he was still wearing his motorcycle jacket and jeans from the TV series — and what do you do — climb up on top of the table, with your feet firmly planted in the butter dish, and started screaming, 'Ladies and gentlemen, I want you to meet a star!' I could have just died."

"Oh, you're blowing things out of proportion. I did not have both my feet in the butter dish. Just one."

"Well like it or not. Henry doesn't like you — so you might as well go back to Houston with me. What about that new house you just bought, anyway?"

"I'm tired of that. I want to move out here so I can be close to the orange trees. Fresh orange juice every morning. You can't argue that that wouldn't be nice."

"What do you care? Hell, you never get up before the crack of noon anyway! The morning sun has not made contact with your face since that time you passed out on the back patio of Mary's. We didn't find you till two days later at 6:30 in the morning, screaming that you were being held

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"What about the weather? You can't argue about that. The California climate is just what I need. Just think of the suntan I can get," Vera thought aloud.

"There's plenty of sun in Houston. If you'd just get some. No, what do you do? Sit on the john for four or five hours covering yourself with 'instant tan' brown cream."

"It worked, didn't it?" I had a beautiful brown body."

"Yeah, for about two days. Till you jumped into the swimming pool and the water turned to chocolate milk. And you turned back to white. It looked like a giant cup of cocoa with a marshmallow in it. Except for your hands. You're supposed to wear rubber gloves when you put that stuff on. You had the skin of Truman Capote on your body, with hands that belonged to Aretha Franklin."

"Stop it! Just stop it! You're bringing me down. I'm moving to California — and that's that! Nothing can make me change my mind. When you get on that plane for Houston tomorrow, you'll be alone. I'm not budging! No matter what!"

"By the way, Vera," Burt injected, "I think Henry may come to Houston to visit for a few days next week."

"Get me to the airport! I've got a million things to do! The floor needs waxing, the windows need cleaning. We'll have to have a party. A small one. Just a hundred people or so. A million things to do. Perhaps a Bicentennial motif might be nice. Does Henry like red, white and blue? Not to worry, I'll come up with something. Perhaps..."

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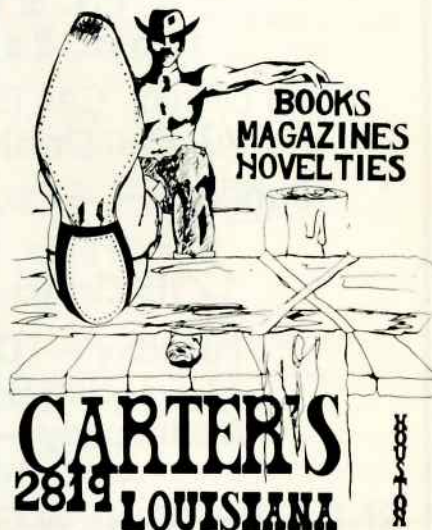
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Gay Pride Week in Austin

To celebrate Gay Pride Week (June 20-26, as proclaimed by Austin Mayor Jeff Friedman), a parade, rally at the Capitol and party/dance will be held Saturday, June 26. Lesbians, gay men, their children and parents, as well as sympathizers, are invited to join in the festivities.

The parade will organize at 2nd Street and Congress Ave. (downtown) and will be staged from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Participants will march to the Capitol grounds, and are asked to bring signs, friends, costumes and pride.

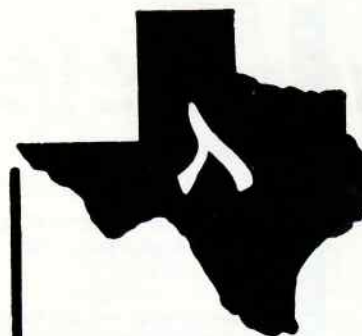
A rally will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Gay and Lesbian speakers will address the crowd on such topics as law, politics, rights of lesbian-gay parents, psychiatry and gays, and gay religion. Music and poetry will provide the entertainment and the (soon-to-be) annual Gay Pride and Prejudice Awards will be given. Rally participants are asked to bring food and drink for a picnic.

A dance will be held from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The Gay Community Services will sponsor the dance at the University "Y" auditorium upstairs at 2330 Guadalupe. Varied types of music will be available for dancing (including

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The celebration of Gay Pride Week originated in 1969 in New York City. It is held annually to mark the anniversary of the Stonewall demonstration when Gay people first massed together in opposition to police harassment of their community. The following year the Christopher Street Parade was held in New York City to mark this event. Since then other American cities have held parades to show the pride we have in our lifestyles. Stonewall also marked the beginning of gay community centers around the country. Austin's Gay Community Services first started operations in summer, 1975, and is located at 2330 Guadalupe, upstairs, room 7.

The organizers have invited all to join in their festivities. Organizations participating include Gay Community Services, Austin Lesbian Organization, Gay/Texas, Texas Gay Task Force, Women/Space and Austin Metropolitan Community Church. More information can be obtained from the GCS at 477-6699, 476-0316, 451-4554 or 474-5186.



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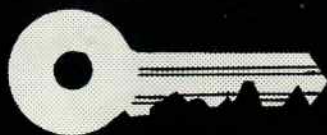
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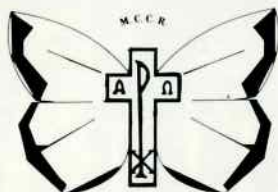
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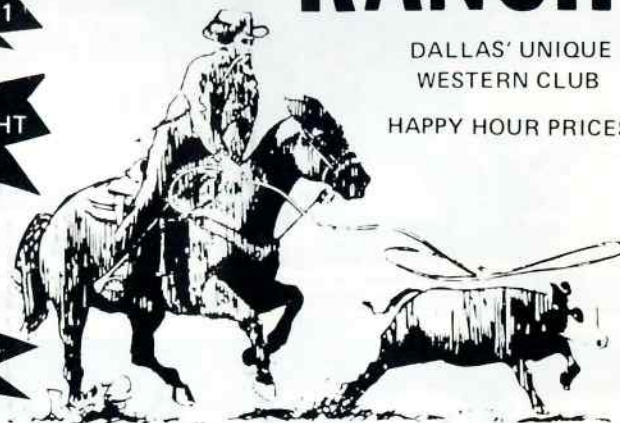
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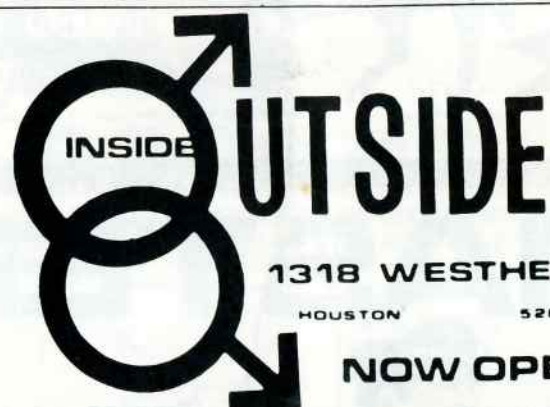


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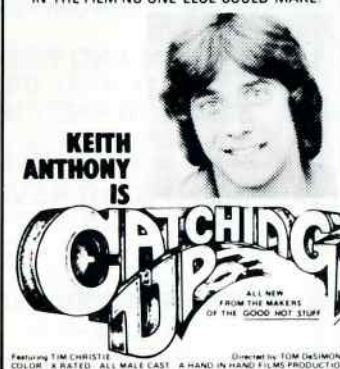


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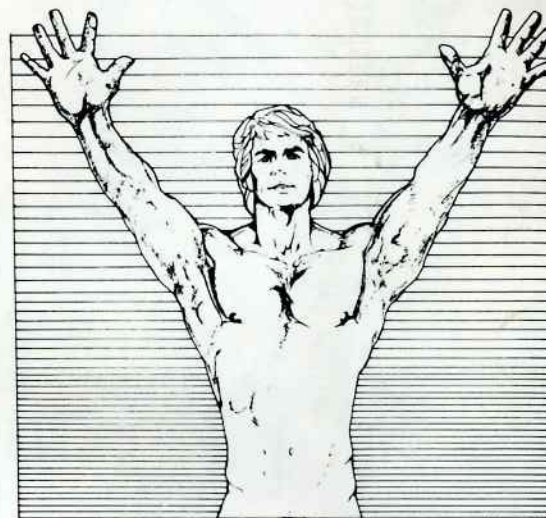
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