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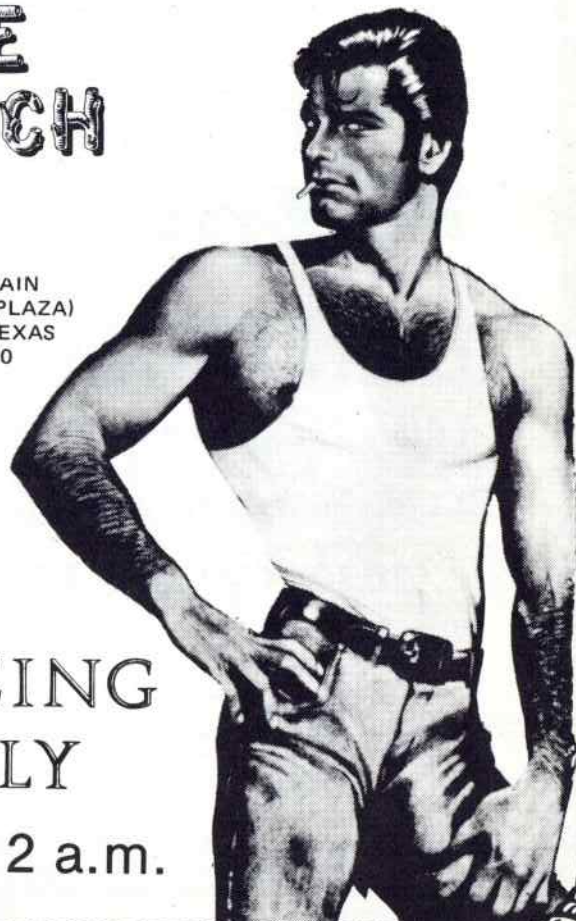
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NEWS UP FRONT

PRIVATE CELLAR OPENS

The Labor Day Weekend in Austin should be a very wet one inside the new **Private Cellar** as this Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday marks the four day Grand Opening Extravaganza. Happy Hour Prices will be in effect all holiday weekend from 2:00 pm til 2:00 am and bartenders Butch, Norman, Dave and Dan will be serving free beer Saturday night from 9:00 pm til ? The Private Cellar is three blocks west of Lamar on the south side of the street, downstairs. Use either the front entrance on 6th Street or the rear entrance off the private parking

lot. Just look for the Private Cellar's sexy "arrow". Congratulations on a new bar which is several bars under one roof (see Cruise Camera).

TWIT EXPANSION

Over this Labor Day Holiday Weekend, the staff of This Week In Texas wishes to thank all of our readers who have written or called us complimenting the magazine on it's rapid growth. We at Montrose Ventures, Inc., also wish to thank our many advertisers and the gay community across the state for their continued belief in TWIT. As the magazine nears entering it's third year

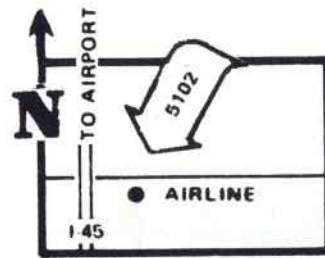
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of publication, we have grown to over fifty pages, have added more news, more pictures, more reader feedback and comment, and more fiction. We have also added more editions to our circulation with an increase of 2000 copies distributed since July 1. To accommodate even further coverage, TWIT will be getting bigger and fatter! That's a promise! Again, thank you Texas and have a fantastic Labor Day!!

HOUSTON REMODELING

TWIT's roving eye uncovered some more remodeling of late. For instance, Terry Hulse is adding plenty of paint to his soon to open bar, **Sparkle Plenty**, which will be located next to the Alabama Theatre. Terry assures us that the disco will be open hopefully this month. Meanwhile, a drive down the book store circuit on Alabama reveals that the popular **Studz News** has a new face lift. The outside is now a shocking electric decadent blue and white while the inside remains as shocking and as decadent as usual. And, over at the super show bar, the **Old Plantation**, powerful Bob has his carpenters building still another bar! Bob says come by the OP in Houston and see the refurbishing and help come up with a name for it. As usual, the OP is relying on customer feed back.

BASH AT THE PATCH

Houston's **Briar Patch** has informed TWIT of their Labor Day Celebration. Bar drinks will be only 85 cents and beer only 50

cents. It's part of the BP's way of saying thank you with a 12 hour non-stop drink-a-thon from 2 pm til 2 am. There's a sharp new day time bartender at the Patch, too, Tony Bernardoni.

APPLE STOPS OP SHOW

A new drag bombshell from Atlanta is simply stopping the show at the **Old Plantation** in Dallas according to our show business reporter who has just returned from the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex. Standing ovations in
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Dallas clubs are hard to come by but "Apple" (that's her name) is bringing the crowds to their feet. Special note: the Old Plantation Clubs in both Dallas and Houston will have "after hours" all Labor Day Weekend, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday beginning at two and lasting til "son" rise.

LEVI HAPPENINGS

Houston's Levi Club is all set to sock one event right after another your way! First of all, Monday, Labor Day, Torchy Lane (who won Mary's Mae West Contest) will head up a sensational Texas Drag Show starting at 3:30 in the afternoon. Later, on September 11th, it's the Virgo Birthday Party for all Virgos (not virgins) as butch manager Bob will be fixin' up some very lethal punch with the first ladle dip at 10 pm. The Colt 45 Club is backing the affair. And between all this, Miss Vi is serving up food from the kitchen after the customers have had a protein

appetizer in the shed back out on the "dark" patio! Cruising is damn good at the Levi, too!

SECOND SUN BAR-B-Q

Paul Stewart is moving his kitchen to the sidewalks on Westheimer this Sunday for a super Sunday Bar-B-Q which promises to be unusually tasty. The Second Sun invites you to come by for some "chicken" or something "well done" by Dirty Sally himself who will be pouring the bar-b-q sauce over the meat and serving up lethal sauce to the Second Sun customers. What would we do without Dirty Sally, Glen, Gary and Peaches?

LOFT KEG PARTY

The Loft downtown on Main in Houston will be the main event Monday afternoon for a special Labor Day Keg Party from 4 til 7. All the beer you can drink for a dollar plus well drinks only 50 cents. So, as you plan your long weekend of holiday fun, don't forget to hitch up to the Loft's Labor Day Keg Party. Jim and Bill have done it again.

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ANNIVERSARY TIME

On Labor Day, Dallas' Terry's Mail Box will host the 19th anniversary party for Tommy and Gordon. The festivities will begin at 8 pm when Terry's horn o plenty will open up on some fine food and drinks. Come on over, sample the goodies, and congratulate the happy couple.

MCC IN SAN ANTONIO?

The Habitat, at 309 West Market Street in San Antonio, will be the scene for a discussion concerning the possibility of a Metropolitan Community Church in San Antonio on Sunday, Sept. 5, 1976. There will be a service of holy communion followed by a question and answer period. It will begin promptly at 10:30 am. The Reverend James Harris, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas, will represent the South Central District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, of which the San Antonio area is a part.

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STARSCOPE

VIRGO (August 24-September 23):

The Virgo New Moon, since it fell in your own sign, will be felt more by your sign than any other. Over the Labor Day weekend you may be lead into some affair which you should have avoided. It is a time to tread shallow water.

LIBRA (September 24-October 23):

The Virgo New Moon occurred last Wednesday in your 12th house affecting secrets, hospitals, and self-undoing. Therefore avoid these pitfalls and people who would talk you down. With Venus in your sign, you may be wanting a lover more than ever.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 22):

The Virgo New Moon occurred last Wednesday in your 11th house of hope, wishes, and friendships. Over the holiday weekend you may become over gleeful about a new person but cold reality amounts to a final dissolving of the optimism. He makes a better friend than lover.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 22):

The Virgo New Moon occurred last Wednesday in your 10th house of career affecting such matters favorably so do not entertain any ideas of quitting your job. Hold on. However, avoid taking on a new lover. Just keep it friendly.

CAPRICORN (December 23-January 20):

The Virgo New Moon occurred last Wednesday in your 9th house of religion, philosophy and long journeys. But, this holiday weekend is not the time for one of those faraway trips. It would be a good time to ask the boss for a little raise.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19):

The Virgo New Moon last Wednesday occurred in your 8th house which brings about affairs involving other people's money. Be careful. Avoid speculation. Don't sign any new binding contracts or business deals.

PISCES (February 20-March 20):

The Virgo New Moon last Wednesday occurred in your 7th house of partnerships and marriage placing an emphasis on such matters. For instance, it would be a good time for partners to improve their land and real estate holdings, the home front.

AIRES (March 21-April 20):

The Virgo New Moon last Wednesday occurred in your 6th house of health. Do not change jobs now or you would become emotionally and physically ill. Avoid arguments as they will make you more nervous and hyper than you usually are.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21):

The Virgo New Moon last Wednesday occurred in your 5th house of love affairs and speculation. Do not allow a new affair to spoil an existing marriage. If someone offers you a business speculation, take it quickly as it will yield money.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21):

The Virgo New Moon last Wednesday occurred in your 4th house of the home. Keep the status quo for now as later in September times will be more favorable. If you have been working on a money deal, close it before mid-month to avoid a loss.

CANCER (June 22-July 23):

The Virgo New Moon last Wednesday occurred in your 3rd house of short journeys, brothers, sisters, and messages. With Mercury, which rules messages in retrograde, phone calls and letters could be lost or delayed. Avoid short journeys all month.

LEO (July 24-August 23):

The Virgo New Moon of last Wednesday occurred in your 2nd house of money. Stick with the tried and proven business matters and any wild speculation or large investment could backfire. Early September is not a good time for Leos to travel. Caution is the word.

CRUISE CAMERA

There's an alternative in Austin and it's called the PRIVATE CELLAR, many bars within a bar. (left) The Quiet Bar. (below) Card & Game Room.



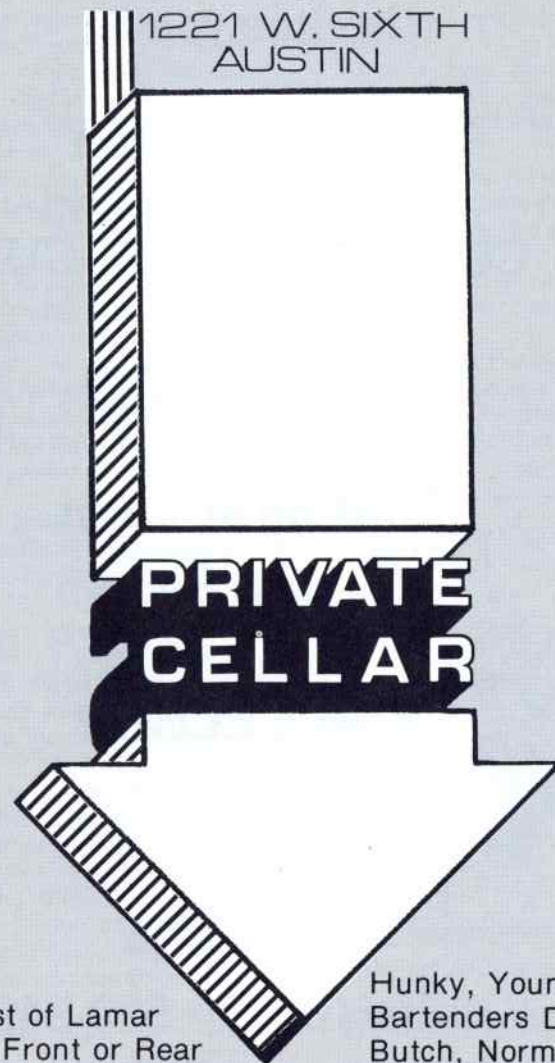
(Below) Bartenders Dan and Butch amid boxes and bottles!



(Above) Boogieland where Private Cellar customers "get down". Check it out this Labor Day holiday weekend during the grand opening.

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A Soaper by John Gardner

The Toddle House isn't exactly the most exotic place for a soul-searching, heart-to-heart talk, but at 4:00 a.m. in the morning, it would have to do. Besides, it did have two things going for it, it was not crowded and the coffee they served wasn't Vera's. The liquid that came from Vera's coffee pot was historically wretched any time of the day and in the wee hours it was particularly rancid. And Phoebe couldn't have survived another shock. Losing his lover had been bad enough. He looked a mess. And Vera, sitting across the booth from Phoebe, was beginning to wilt from sympathy pains.

"You'd have thought that he would have at least given me a hint that something was wrong," Phoebe groaned. "But to just walk out -- to go away without a word. That's not like him. As long as I've known him, I never thought him capable of doing such a thing!"

"You know how some men are, dear," Vera consoled, attempting to pacify the Tragic Figure.

"My love! My life! My dashed dreams! The suffering and the pain!" Phoebe screamed. "I don't know how I'll ever recover! Maybe I'll just have a double burger and some hash browns. Have to keep up the old strength in a crisis, ya know."

Vera was one of six persons that had been assigned a shift, to keep a watch on Phoebe to keep him from going off his diet. But since Phoebe WAS obviously in the throws of tragedy, Vera couldn't summon up the discipline to recommend that Phoebe have a salad instead. You just can't battle 260 pounds when all 260 of them are in tears. And Phoebe was in tears. Had been for hours. If he had done all his

crying in one spot, flood warnings would have gone out. But unfortunately, Vera was determined to keep him moving, so Phoebe's outpour was being equally distributed all around town. In areas where food was served, anyway.

"Did he take anything of yours when he left?" Vera asked.

"No. He didn't even take his own stuff."

"What are you going to do with his things, have a garage sale?"

"That won't be necessary," Phoebe explained, "he didn't really have all that much when we met. Just a shaving kit and a toothbrush."

"That's all!"

"Well, I didn't really give him the opportunity to acquire a lot of material possessions," Phoebe added. "We'd only lived together since Wednesday."

"Wednesday! What! Wednesday,"

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VERA

Vera belted. "You've transformed this Toddler House into the Wailing Wall and you've only been living with the guy for two days! Really, Phoebe."

"Well he couldn't have moved in before Wednesday. I didn't even know him before Wednesday. I worked as fast as I could!"

"Don't you feel just a bit silly, my dear? You're carrying on like you've lost your reason for living - and you've only known the guy for three days! Honestly! I was under the impression you'd been living with him for a long, long time. A week, at least."

"Don't you believe in love at first sight?" Phoebe pleaded.

"For Helen Keller, yes - - but for Phoebe Schwartz, no. Now pull yourself together. He was nothing more than a one night stand."

"He was not! He was three nights. Three grand and glorious nights. And as many days. I was so alive."

"Alive? Sounds like you were Ginger Rogers."

"When I'd wake up in the morning, I could feel the glow on my face."

"Glow? Is that what they call it now? In my day it was just plain old 'sperm'."

"Just being in his presence was so exciting and thrilling." Phoebe mused.

"So is being in the same room with a leper!"

"And at night, when I'd take off my clothes"

"Please! Please!" Vera snapped, "let's not get too vivid! Besides, it's all over now. We'll just get you all fixed up and trot out again. A new face. Of sorts. You'll find someone else."

"Not like him! He was under 200."

"Well, I don't think you'll be accused of being a chicken queen!"

"Not years!" Phoebe explained, "Pounds! He weighed less than 200

pounds. When you weigh 260 you don't get an under-200-pounder every day. He was firm, solid and powerful. Couldn't have been over 195. At most."

"A real teensey, huh?"

"I used to like going to bed with men that weighed more than I did. It made me feel so skinny." Phoebe explained.

"So what's wrong with that?"

"Well, it worked fine. Until I got to be such a size that there was NOBODY fatter than me! Urrghh, it's a terrible feeling. To know that in the whole world, counting Mars and the moon, there's absolutely no one who is bigger than you are. I could die."

"Don't die now. You've got a reputation to uphold!" Vera pleaded.

"I think I'll go home tonight and walk in the closet and pull all my girdles down on top of myself. Suicide by suffocation." Phoebe mused.

"It wouldn't be suffocation, it would be obliteration. But that's beside the point. You have got to cheer up! I won't permit you to become so despondent. Isn't there anything that can be said to cheer you up?"

"Not a thing. It's too late."

"I'll go with you to Astroworld," Vera coaxed.

"That wouldn't cheer me up."

"I'll loan you my Bette Midler records."

"Wouldn't work," Phoebe responded. "There's nothing that can be said to take my mind off my troubles."

"We'll go to Galveston, you'd like that."

"I don't want anything but my lover."

"Or Austin?"

"I don't want anything but my lover."

"A weekend in New York?"

"I don't want anything but my lover."

"Here comes the waitress with your burger and hash browns."

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MR JAN RUSSELL

a photo essay



You may not recognize him out of drag. He could easily pass for a disheveled chemistry professor. Or an eccentric antique dealer. Or a priest. Determined. Unshaven. Perceptive. His name is Jan Russell - Mr. Jan Russell, as he insists on being billed.

And his act? Well, it's certainly worth catching at Dallas' own Old Plantation disco/show bar (Wednesday and Sunday nights, 9:30).

TWIT spoke with him briefly during his latest Houston visit and found him to be as interesting off stage as on:



"I learn . . . just watching other people. I watch television constantly. See how they move. A lot of people pick up on me. They say, 'Carol Channing doesn't hold her hands like that.' I say, yes, she does."



Where do his ideas come from?

"Old films are a good source for material. The classic stars seem to have more audience appeal than most stars today. I do Bette Davis, Carol Channing, Mae West, Tallulah Bankhead, Joan Crawford . . . I do a thing on Barbara Streisand. One side of me's the man and one side's the woman. It looks like two different people."

Satisfied patrons of the OP in Dallas can certainly testify to his many talents. Owner Frank Caven says business has never been better.

"The illusion," Russell admits, "is all that matters. Most impersonators never try to hide the fact that they're men. I've seen the reactions of audiences watching a woman do impersonations. They don't get off to a woman.

A man tries to compliment a woman. A man can build his hips up, but a woman can't take away the hips."

And the hardest part?

"The hardest part is rehearsing. Figuring out a new show. Most performers design and make their own gowns."

Any pet peeves?

"Just one. People who will walk up on stage in the middle of a performance and disrupt a carefully rehearsed comedy sketch to tip you a dollar. That makes me mad."

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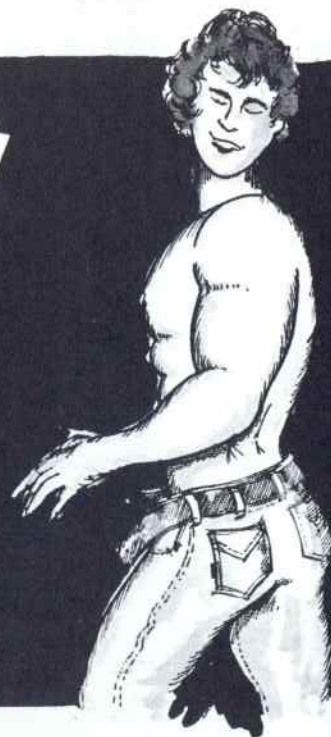




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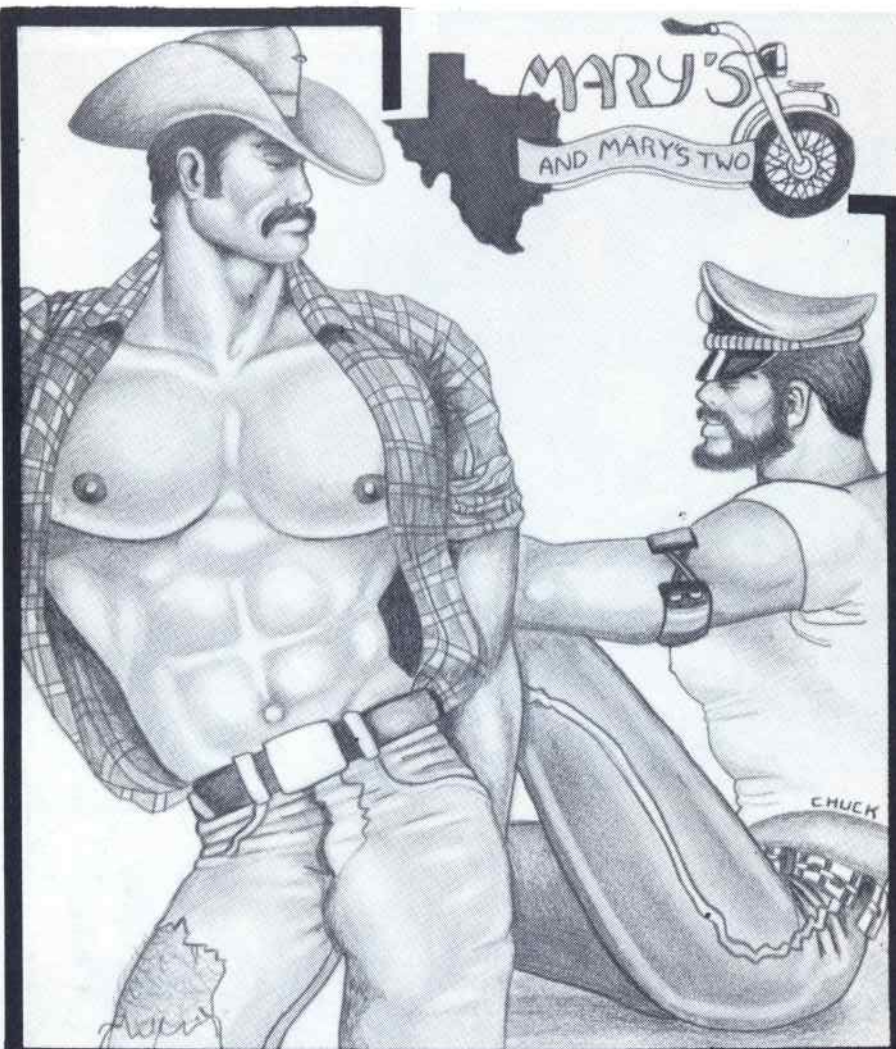
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GALVESTON HAPPENINGS

Free food and shows highlight Labor Day happenings in the island city. Marys Too will offer free barbeque ham, beef, and turkey with all the trimmings (bar drinks \$1.00) Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5th and 6th, 4 pm til? Meanwhile at Robert Laffettes there will be a free buffet and birthday party at 4 pm Sunday (the 5th) with a super show following at 9:00 and a special holiday show Labor Day evening.

SALLY'S CIRCUS

All the bartenders at Sally's of Houston will be dressed up (or
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down, as the case may be) for their Labor Day celebration. It all begins during the happy hour and continues on and on and on 'til only who knows when. And, Famous Costume Days will of course be accompanied with special drink prices.

BOOK STORE CIRCUIT EXPANDS

Joining the Houston book store circuit this week with Grand Opening Specials galore is the **Universal Adult Book Store** at 1437 West Alabama, complete with magazines, films, novelties, poppers, paperbacks, and 20 arcade booths. Labor Day weekend is upon us, and **Universal** has an original oil painting to be given away as a door prize to some

lucky visitor. With coffee and sandwiches available, it just might become your "home away from home".

SAHDJI & JERRY VANOVER AT AUSTIN COUNTRY

Austin Country is getting set for a super drag show Sunday, September 5th with two super stars out of Dallas: Sahdji and Jerry Vanover. Also coming in from Dallas is Allan Allison. Two of the Grease Sisters, Kitty Litter and Alvena Grease, Songstress Denise and Miss Gay Austin, Rickie, fill out the show bill. The whole affair amid lights and music starts at 10:30 pm. It sounds like a perfect way to wind up the Labor Day weekend in Austin.

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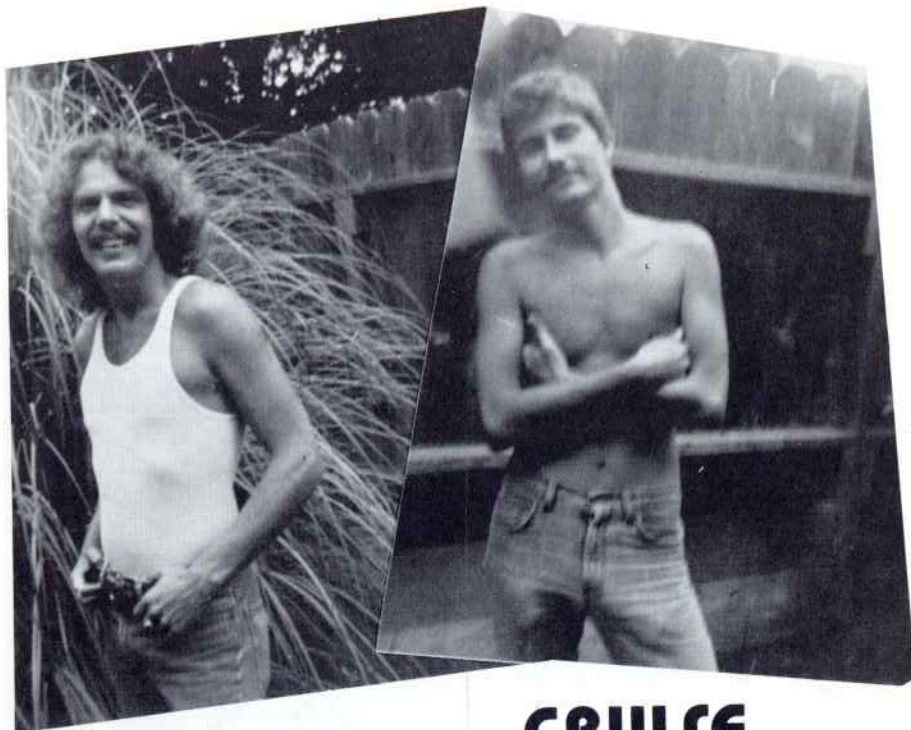
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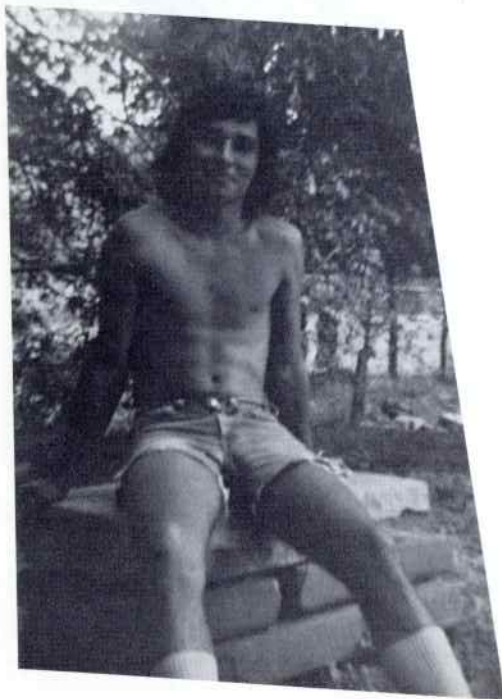
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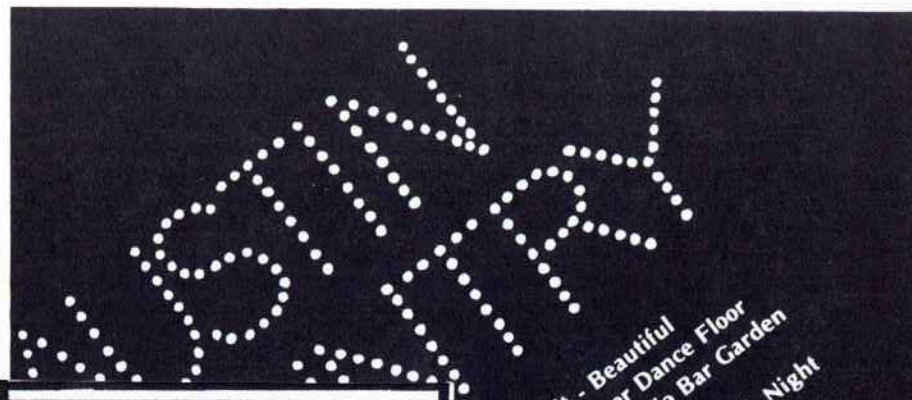
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CRUISE CAMERA



Who will be the new MR. AUSTIN COUNTRY? It could be one of these 3 male pin ups or it could be you if you live in Austin Country! Pictured are just 3 of the entries: (upper left, Pat Boyer, upper right, Keith Edwards. Left, Donnie Wiggins)! To enter contact Austin Country Mgr.. Jerry Resnick.



ALAMO COUNTRY

The latest Gay spot to start a face life is El Jardin's; new paint, carpet, etc. coming up soon. Gay pride IS showing in S.A.

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Now that end of summer draws near, and beaches begin to thin out, it's time to think of those many weekends ahead with nothing to do but sit around!

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Traveling this fall will still remain fairly economical if you are able to comply with the basic rules of some excursion fares, dates of departure, etc. If you work with your agent, and "we hope we're yours," you will be astonished at the savings you may obtain by doing so, at no cost to you. Who knows, you might save enough for four nights at the Baths compared to that one night planned in your, oh so hurried, cruising itinerary.

Our Agency, even though staffed

with over fifteen years of experience, is very young at heart, and we do enjoy catering to the readers of TWIT, and hope you will give us a chance to prove "our" special talents to you.

In later September, Mexico celebrates it's National Independence where some of the finest times may be had in Grand Puerto Vallarta, Mexico City, and Acapulco. Prices in these trips may range from \$199.00 to \$299.00, and get a group of ten or more and really save some bucks. Of course, these fill fast, so inquire with

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Dizzy, of the Habitat, is going husband hunting by way of Denver, San Francisco, New York. Anybody want to make any bets she never gets past San Francisco? Good luck, Diz. San Antonio is NOT going to be the same.

The sex-change thing seems to be catching on in S.A. Rumor has it that Tina is ready for one now. Wonder to WHICH sex. Or could she possibly have meant KIND?

The Travis Park area seems to be a bit 'HOT' these days with Lilly Law showing a new interest; best watch it, kiddies. If you MUST, check out the Plaza behind the Baptist Hospital; it seems to have unlimited possibilities.

Fifi is going on vacation - doesn't like the smell of new paint, I guess. Two weeks of fresh air could do you in, FiFi.

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nice mixed crowd these days. Everybody sits around and watches Chuck and his navel shorts. If they get any SHORTER that's right where they are going to hit him, at his navel. O.K., so he's our nomination for a Mr. Groovy Guy Contest. If you have any ideas, let's hear them.

Somebody's trying hard to get the N.M. open again. Maybe semi-N.M. would stay open longer.

Happy Birthday, Bud. No fun in that, we ALL know what Jerry gave him for his birthday.

Was another birthday around town this week also, but won't mention names. What he got, everybody else in town has had at one time or another, so it could hardly be called a 'present'.

Randy and Bob had an anniversary; Dan and Gary got a divorce. One to one, so we're still even.

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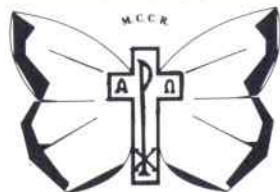
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- After Hours, 2-4 am at Austin Country.

Saturday, September 4

- After Hours, 2-4 am at Austin Country.

Sunday, September 5

- Happy Hour All Day at Private Cellar. Beer 45c, Well Drinks 95c.
- Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the New Apartment.

Monday, September 6 — Labor Day

- Happy Hour Mon.-Sat., 5:00-7:00 pm at the New Apartment.
- Happy Hour Mon.-Sat., 5:00-7:00 pm at the Private Cellar.
- Midnight Hour til 2 am Mon.-Fri., at the Private Cellar.

Wednesday, September 8

- Special Drink night at Austin Country. 8 pm 'til 2 am. Bar Drinks 25c, beer 10c, \$2.00 cover at door. Drawing, prizes.
- Free Keg Party at Private Cellar from 9pm til ? No cover at door.

FT. WORTH

Tuesday, September 7

- Amateur Drag Show at 9:30 at the 500 Club.

Wednesday, September 8

- 500 Follies present "Midweek Madness" at 9:30, 500 Club.
- Drag Show at the Bailey Street Warehouse, 10 pm.

Friday, September 10

- 25c draft beer 6:30 'til 9:30 at Aub's
- Country Western night at the 500 Club. Special drink prices if you wear western hat.

GALVESTON

Sunday, September 5

- Free bar-b-q ham, beef, and turkey with all the trimmings - - all bar drinks \$1.00 4 pm til ? at Marys Too.
- Free buffet and birthday party 4 pm and show at 9 pm at Roberts Lafitte.

Monday, September 6 — Labor Day

- Free bar-b-q ham, beef, and turkey with all the trimmings - - all bar drinks \$1.00 4 pm til ? at Marys Too.

- Special holiday drag show at 9 pm at Roberts Lafitte.

Friday, Sept. 3 — Monday, Sept. 6

- Amid the dust of redecorating, the Fruit Jar celebrates Labor Day with 50c beer, 75c well drinks, and 50c off all call brands and fancy drinks - - noon til 2am.

DALLAS

Friday, September 3

- Disc Jockey taking requests at T.J.'s

Saturday, September 4

- "Once Upon a Star", a spectacular bringing the original Ron Sue cast back to the stage for a rare re-appearance. 10pm at the Service Station.

Sunday, September 5

- Old Plantation Drag Show with Jann Russell and the Pantomaniaics plus Alan Allison and the Living Dolls!
- Free Draft Beer at T.J.'s, 7-8 pm
- Free Draft Beer at Sundance Kid from 7 pm til the keg runs dry.
- Cook-Out at Club Dallas, 2-5 pm. Everything supplied.
- Steak-Out at Chuck's, 6-8 pm Chuck's supplies the trimmings. All you have to bring is your meat.

- 10c Draft Beer at Villa Fontana 4-7pm
- All the well drinks & beer you can drink, \$3.00 cover, 3-7 pm, Terry's Mail Box. Pool Tournament every Sun. 5 pm.
- Beer bust and barbecue at the Tool Box, 6 pm and on while it lasts!

- The Entre Nuit presents the Cindy Birdsong Revue with special guest star Sahdji, 9:30 pm.

- "Once Upon a Star" repeats at the Service Station, 10 pm.

Monday, September 6

- Pool Tournament at Service Station, 7:30 pm.
- Tommy and Gordon's 19th anniversary celebration with free food and drinks at 8 pm at Terry's Mail Box.
- Sara Lee Day - - 50c well drinks and beer all day at Crews Inn.

Tuesday, September 7

- Buddy Night at Club Dallas — two for the price of one, 6 pm til 2 am.
- \$1.00 day at Bachelor's Quarters.
- 10c Draft Beer at the Encore at 10 pm

Wednesday, September 8

- Free Draft and 50c can beer at Sundance Kid, 10 pm til midnight.
- 2 for 1 drinks, 5 pm til closing at Terry's Mail Box.

- Discount card day at Club Dallas. Buy a discount card and get a free locker

Thursday, September 9

- 10c Draft Beer at the Encore at 10 pm
- Free VD clinic at the Club Dallas, 8-11 pm.

Friday, September 10

- Nostalgia night at the Jugs.

HOUSTON

Saturday, September 4

- Babbs and Baldy performing at the Venture Inn 9 till 2. No cover.
- Beer bust at Levi's, 3 to 6 pm, \$1.00
- "Saturday's Child" rap session from noon til 2 pm at the MCCR.
- "Fun and Games" starting at 10 pm at the Lamp Post. Unique & unusual prizes for Labor Day Weekend.

Sunday, September 5

- Drag show at the Old Plantation with Ernestine, Jennifer George, Naomi Sims, Donna Day, and Carmelita.
- Beer bust, The Loft, 4-7 pm, \$1.00
- Babbs and Baldy performing at Venture Inn, 7 pm til midnight. No cover.
- Beer bust at Levi's, 3-6 pm, \$1.00. 75c if wearing western hat.
- Jambayla at The Barn, 1 pm.
- All lockers, \$2.00 each, 8am-4pm, at Club Houston.
- Drag Show at the Lamp Post 9 pm. Shawna emcee. Strippers and comedy.
- Mr. Gay America Contest at the Depository. 20 Entrants.
- Free Bar-B-Q at Dirty Sally's Second Sun. Y'all come.
- Alabama Bockman Review 7-11 pm at Exile w/ Diana Wright, Little Bobbie, Toy Tiger, E.D. Llyd & Eartha Kitt. Reservations.
- Sunday Spectacular Show at the Lamp Post w/ Shawna & Edie Lynn Andrews, Miss Closet Ball 1973 of California.

Monday, September 6 — Labor Day

- Happy Hour, Monday thru Saturday, noon till 7 pm. Hi Lite Ranch.
- Texas Drag Show with Torch Lane at 3:30 pm at the Levi Club.
- Labor Day Celebration at Briar Patch, 2pm-2am, Beer 50c, well drinks 85c.
- Keg Party at The Loft 4-7 pm. All the beer you can drink for \$1.00.
- Famous Costume Days at Sally's with special drink prices.
- Bar-B-Q at The Barn starting at 7 am. No cover. Come early!
- Labor Day Cookout from 10-6 at the Lamp Post. Hamburgers and hot dogs and happy hour booze.

Tuesday, September 7

- Amateur Talent Night at the Old Plantation. No entry fee.
- Free movie at The Locker, 9:30 pm.

Wednesday, September 8

- Gay Political Caucus meeting at 7:30 pm at MCCR. Public invited.

- Super drag show with Ernestine, Jennifer George, Carmelita, Donna Day and Naomi Simms at the Old Plantation.
- Buddy Night at Club Houston — two for the price of one (lockers), 4 pm-midnight.

SAN ANTONIO

Friday, September 3

- Grand opening of The Crown, 7 pm.

Saturday, September 4

- 4th Annual Miss Gay Southwest Texas Pageant at the Sagittarius Club, co-hosted by Miss Parthenia from San Antonio and Miss Jeannette from Houston.
- Drag Show at Habitat with Ruth, Trixie, Shelton, and two guest stars, 10 pm.

Sunday, September 5

- Conclusion of the 4th Annual Miss Gay Southwest Texas Pageant at the Sagittarius Club.
- MCC Services at 10:30 am at the Habitat.

Monday, September 6

- Barbecue chicken and all the trimmings - - all you can eat, \$1.50. Bar drinks, 50c, 1-6 pm at the Zoo.
- Hot dogs and corn on the cob, 75c. Bloody Marys 75c, 6-12 pm at Mary Elens.

Tuesday, September 7

- Pool tournament at 9 pm at Mary Elens.

Thursday, September 9

- Bring your own meat for a cookout at the Zoo.

LUBBOCK

Friday, September 3

- Drag Show at David's Warehouse, 9:30 pm.



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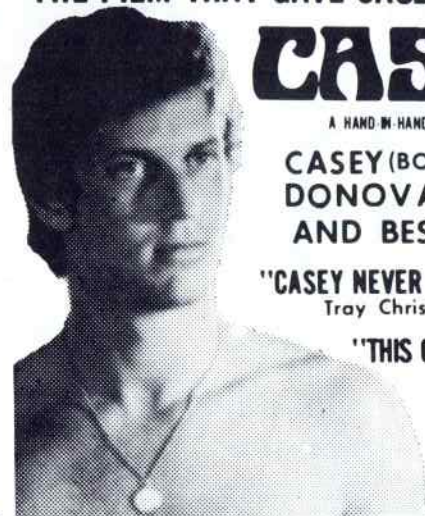


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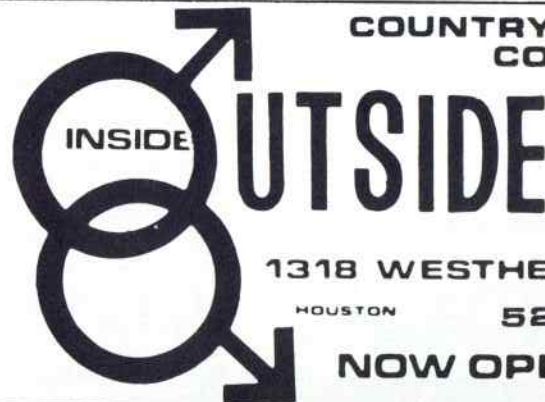


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REVIEWS

WOODY ALLEN

Woody Allen movies never seem to die. They keep cropping up from time to time to haunt Texas film-goers and then mysteriously reappear in neighborhood moviehouses that run them perversely (even religiously) throughout the year. And some of them can be funny. Hysterical, as a matter of fact.

But most of this humor lies in the undeveloped potential; the sight gags so carefully contrived, the jokes so carefully set up and delivered that one begins to laugh, not at the puns themselves, but at their sheer contrivance. As in *Sleeper*, where a mechanical dog shits tiny transistors. Or *Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex*, where a runaway monster-tit is trapped in a 50 foot bra. Ha. Ha. Okay, maybe it doesn't bring you to the floor in hysterics. But seeing these

dissimilar ends brought about by such complex and intricate methods is indeed very funny. Take it from us. To be able to see past the silliness and into the methods behind it is definitely a unique entertainment experience. Allen tries so hard.

A scene in *Play It Again Sam* has Warhol's Viva admitting to her nymphomania while refusing Allen's hot and heavy advances. She tells him of her uncensored desire to be taken, ravaged, and used. And Allen, loser as always, is unable to arouse this blatant passion. In another scene, he even fails to make points with an underground movie star whose last film had her being gang-banged in a locker room epic.

A lot of Allen's humor is in self embarrassment. He embarrasses himself on the screen, then embarrasses the audience vicariously. We hold our breaths during *Sex* as he gets his hand caught in Vanessa Redgrave's chastity belt during a medieval segment. And in *Bananas*, when he tries to inconspicuously purchase a porno magazine while under the scrutiny of a disarming old woman, only to have the clerk at the register holler out, "Hey! Phil! How much for this copy of *Orgasm!*?"

It's as if Allen is saying, "Look at me. I'm embarrassed. Remember the last time you were?"

Many people won't sit through a Woody Allen movie. They consider his humor unsophisticated and demeaning. And granted, his earlier attempts were little short of ridiculous. But lately we have noticed a definite style developing. A flair. *Love and Death* is literally jam-packed with take offs on existentialist humor. But he's not above lines like: "We're here to see Napoleon. I brought my flats." Or slapstick evolving around a foiled assassination attempt.

His messages are usually fatalistic. His pacing is sophomoric and unsteady. But the potential is there. And we find ourselves laughing right along with it.



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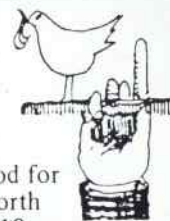
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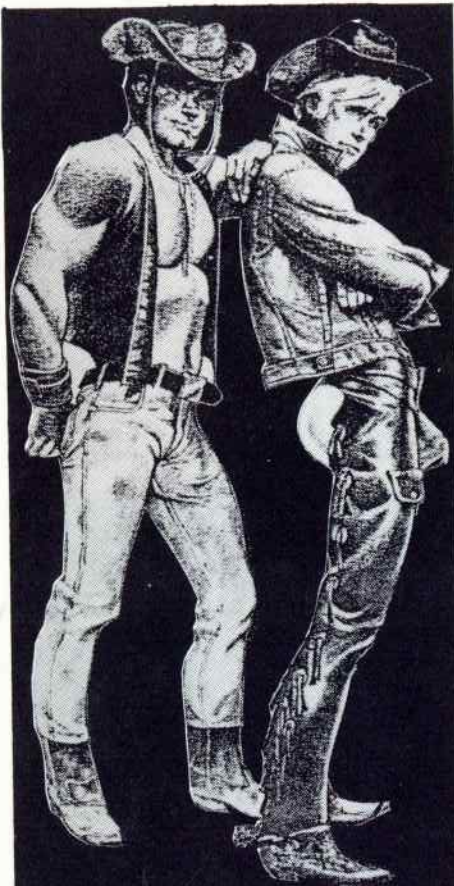
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