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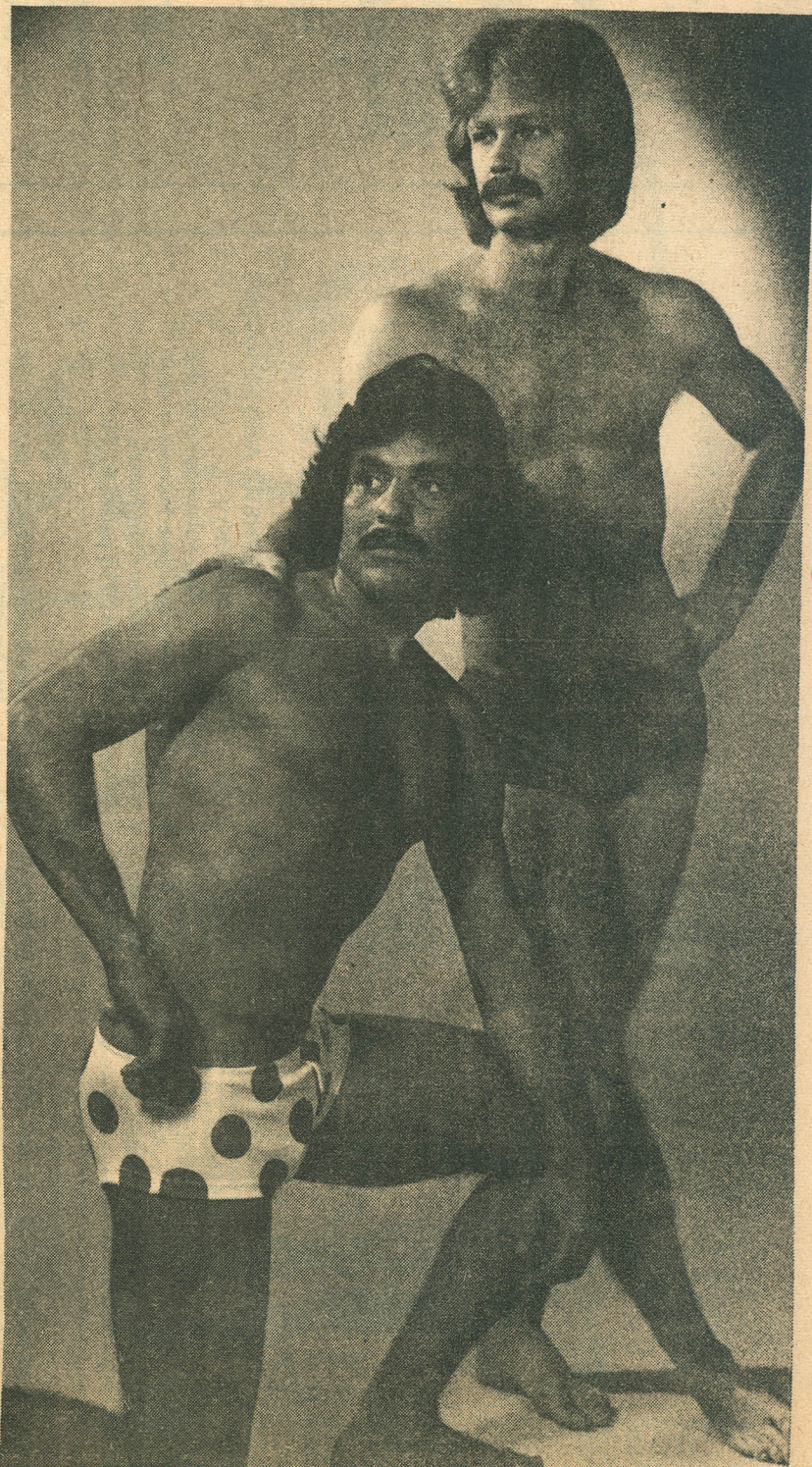
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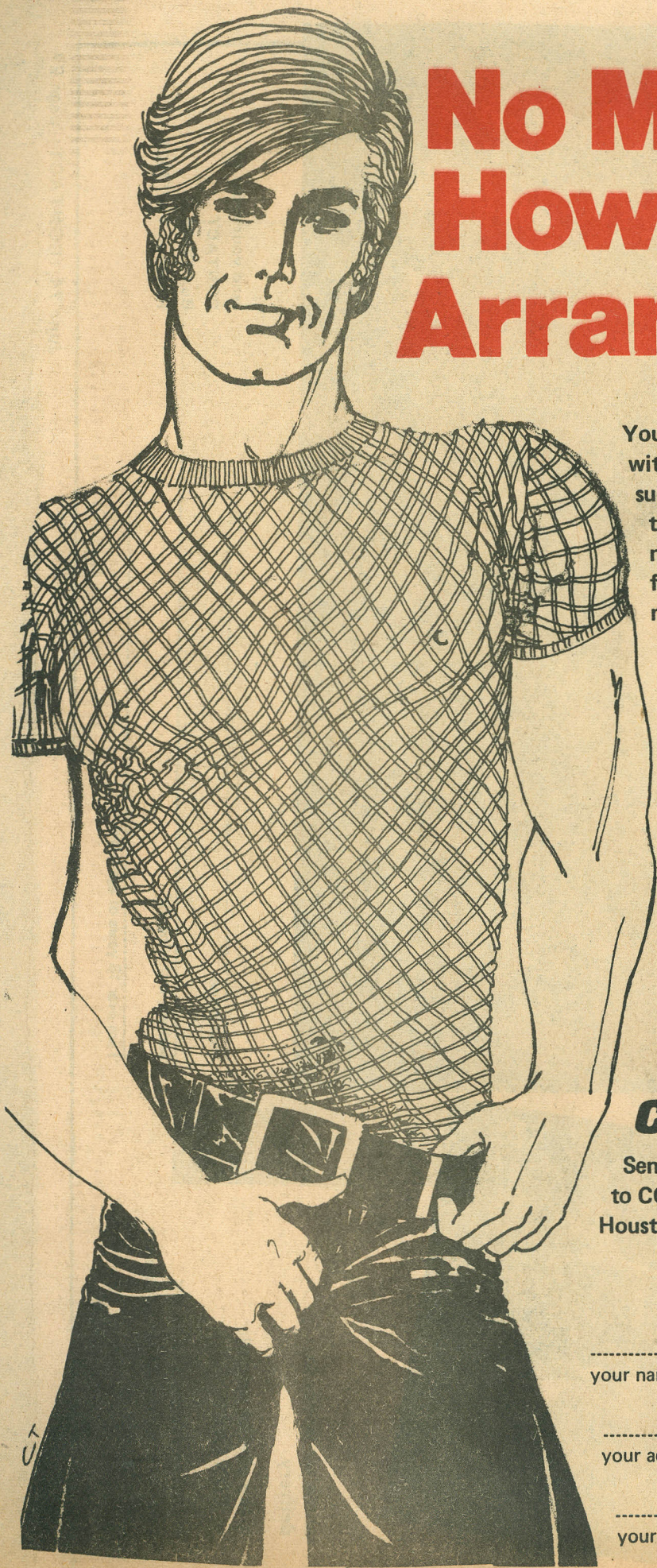
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Gays To Rally In Fort Worth

FORT WORTH — Hundreds of gay delegates and individuals are expected to flood here June 21st for the opening of the Texas Gay Conference, sponsored by the Dallas / Fort Worth Metroplex Gay Council.

The three-day conference will feature workshops and lectures on a wide spectrum of gay and gay-related issues. Additionally, conference sponsors emphasize that the meeting will not be dominated by any specific school of thought or political persuasion, but rather, will welcome all viewpoints.

Conference chairperson Charles Gillis says, "Gay people who are in organizations are a small minority, compared to non-movement gays here in Texas. We want to reach both groups — to help the non-movement gays better understand the gay movement and help movement gays with the technicalities of their work."

Featured speakers for the session will be Dr. Franklin Kameny, founder of the Mattachine Society of Washington, D.C.; Ms. Barbara Gittings, coordinator of the task force on gay liberation of the American Library Association; and the Rev. Freda Smith, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Sacramento, California.

Among major overall goals of the conference is the formation of established unity among all the random

and scattered gay organizations throughout the Southwest. Council coordinator Wayne Ribble stressed the importance of such unity stating that "If something like the Houston tragedy should ever happen again, we will have the strength to defend ourselves against the stereotyped lies of the homophobic world."

The council hopes to have civil rights leaders and public officials from all parts of the Southwest in

attendance. But their identity will not be announced prior to their appearance.

"The gay public leaders will be announced beforehand, of course, but we have a commitment to protect the non-gays who might be placing themselves in jeopardy by openly aiding us," said Gillis.

Among workshop and lecture topics now in
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PC Head Arrested

HOUSTON — The coordinator and director of People's Choice, the Houston gay rights service organization, was bound over to a grand jury concerning the alleged kidnapping and sexual abuse of a 13-year-old South Houston boy April 25th.

Jerry L. High, 21, was arrested by South Houston police after a witness called police with a description of the car used in the alleged kidnapping.

Also arrested with High were a Pasadena dentist, Dr. Charles R. Meals, 46, and Melvin Howard Ard, 18. All

three men lived at 1411 Circle Park North in Pasadena.

The trio was charged with aggravated kidnapping and sexual abuse. Justice of the Peace V.L. West ordered the men held in jail under \$80,000 bond each.

Police Lt. Leonard Toups said Dr. Meals served two and a half years of a five-year sentence for indecent exposure, but was granted a parole in 1970.

Spokesmen for People's Choice said they were uncertain what effect the arrest of High will have on the organization.

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STUDENT SENATE DECISION

STUDENT SENATE DECISION SUPPORTS TULANE GAYS

NEW ORLEANS — The student senate at Tulane University voted to join with the Gay Students Union in a lawsuit against the university.

The lawsuit stems from the refusal of the university to grant the GSU full rights and recognition as an on-campus organization.

The GSU decision to sue follows two years of concerted, but futile, effort to gain approval status through less formal channels. In the suit, the GSU has recruited legal counsel from the American Civil Liberties Union.

"I think this is one of the few times the student senate has shown some backbone," said Shep Samuels, senate member.

Speaking of the student senate decision, Scott Wagman, president-elect, said, "It was close. The debate was really strange. But I was glad. I think the senate asserted itself in definite response to the abrogation of the standard recognition procedures."

Wagman added that the final results could have definite prolonged impact. He said that state universities and colleges which are federally funded cannot discriminate against gay students. And although Tulane is not an official state school, it does receive some federal aid funds.

Counsel for the university, A. Manly Horton, disagrees, pointing out that the

student senate can only make recommendations, and under university group charter has no power to enact its own decisions.

Jim Hyams, president of the GSU, said, "Undoubtedly, this is the most important step the student senate has taken since I've been here."

He described the whole idea of making a decision that goes contrary to the

university, and then actually doing something about the decision, as a demonstration of the potential power of the student senate.

"This goes way beyond the GSU," Hyams said, adding that "this is an important accomplishment for all students."

An investigation will be made by the GSU's legal staff to determine if, in fact,

the student senate can be used as a joining plaintiff in the case. If not, the GSU will act alone in its lawsuit.

Hyams said that similar cases at other private universities have had mixed results.

When asked what alternatives the GSU would employ if they lost the suit, Hyams said, "This is pretty much the final step."



Going, going, almost gone. The old Farmhouse building in Houston is shown with only a partial skeleton remaining — the result of two fires and a demolition company. The owners, meanwhile, are showing off their new location at 2710 Albany.

ON THE COVER: C.J. Harrington (Mr. DAVID) and Bruce Eden (Mr. Club Baths International), both from Houston.

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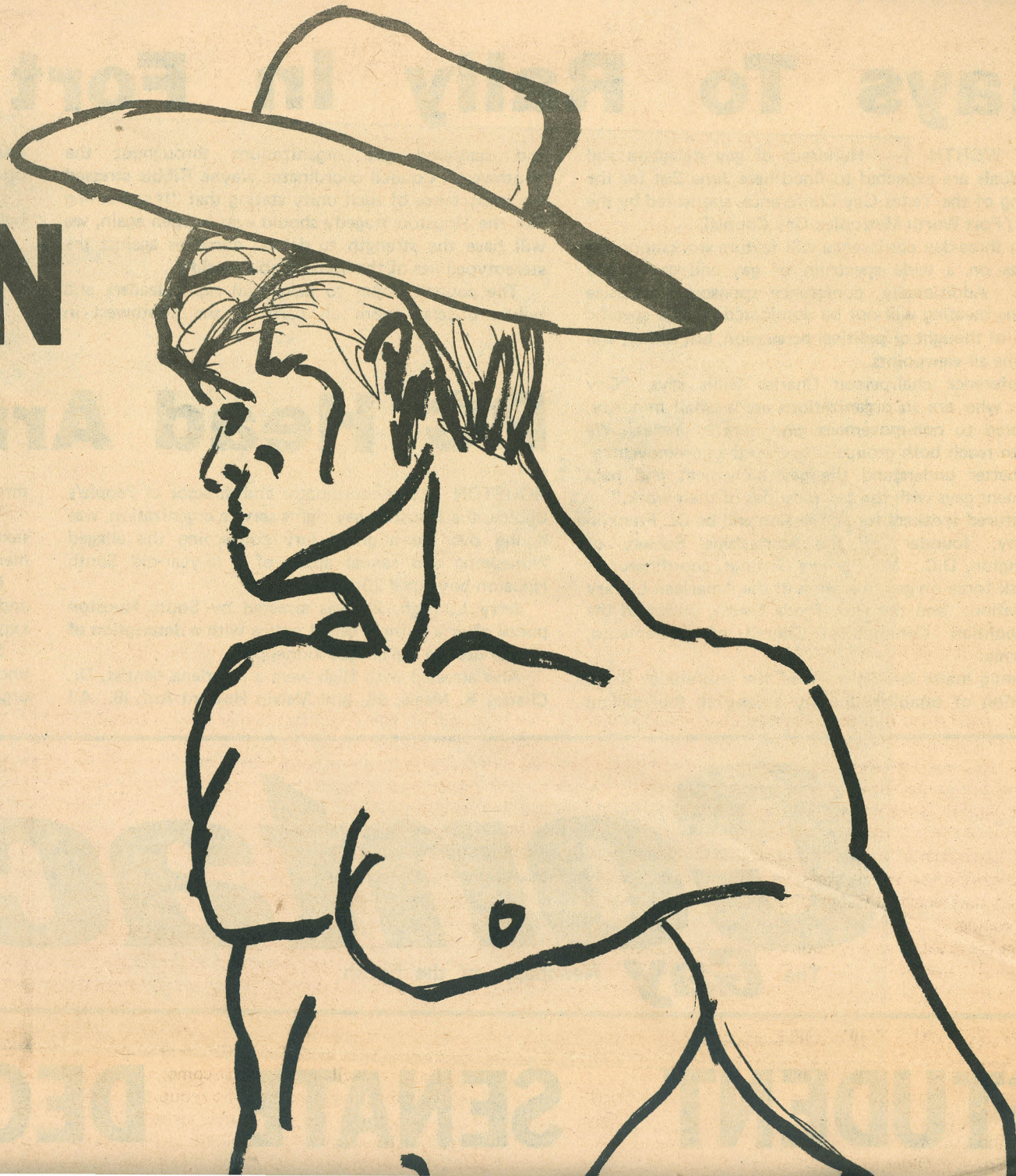
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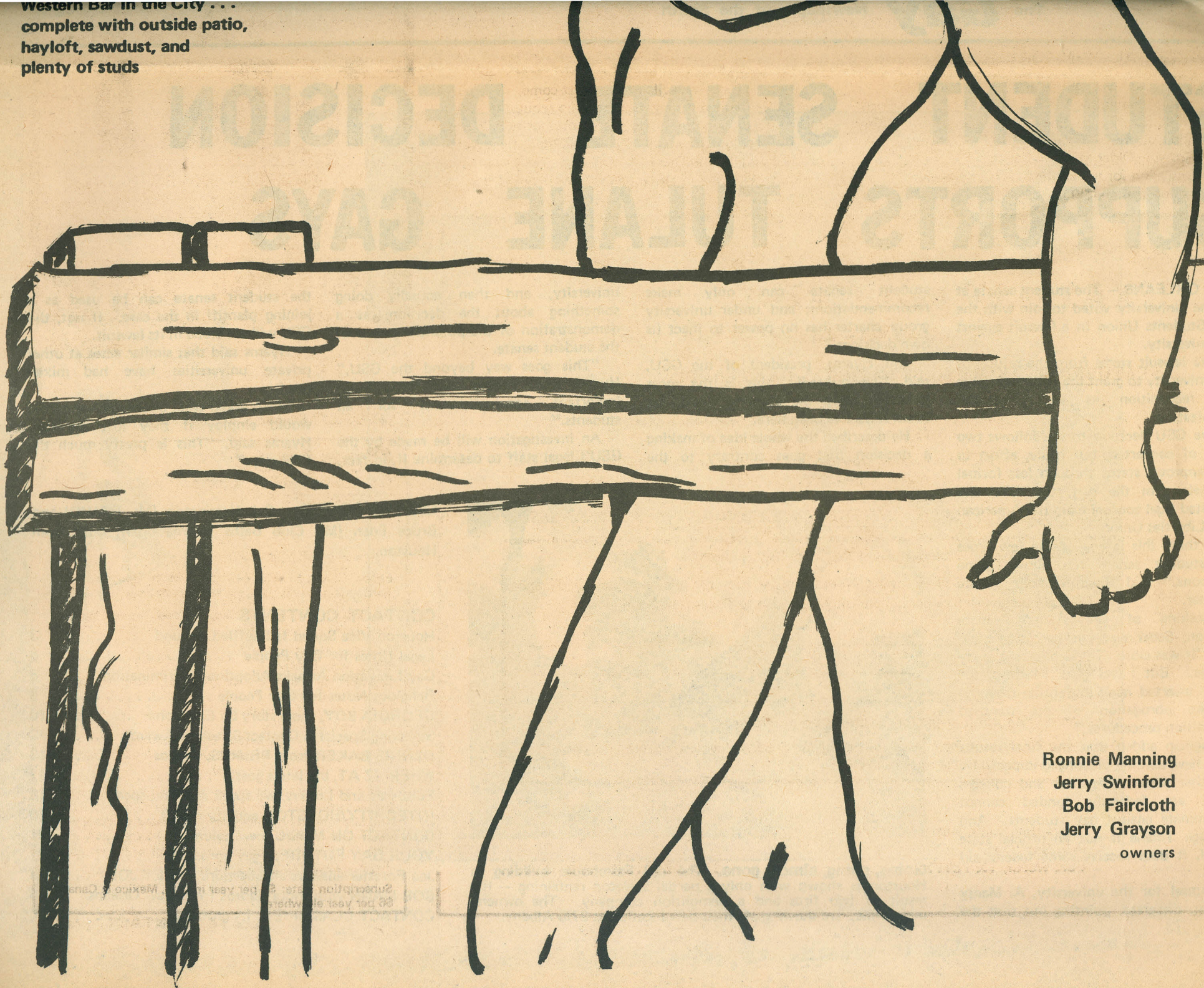
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Houston Vice Shuffled

HOUSTON — Gays in the largest city of the South continue to breath sighs of relief that the much-heralded revamping of the Houston Police Department vice division has not resulted in gay harassment.

In late May, the vice division was restructured and new personnel were brought in. Many gays feared it was an effort by the new city administration, headed by Mayor Fred Hofheinz, to "get back" at the gay community as scapegoats for the Corll-Henley tragedy.

But to date, those effected have been primarily female prostitutes and large underground gambling concerns.

Police Capt. James Albright stressed that the departmental changes were to bring vice squad officers under more strict supervision, ending the "free-wheeling

era of the vice squad officer."

The changes were apparently too much for some of the officers who felt "pressured" working under supervision. So far, eight officers have left the department, according to Albright.

Albright said the workload of the vice officers has been greatly changed since Texas' new penal code went into effect. The new code provides felony charges in gambling and prostitution, both of which were formerly classified as misdemeanors.

"Men won't be just 'hitting the streets' without supervision anymore. They will have specific guidelines on what to do, where and when, and have deadlines for completing their cases," Albright concluded.

Massachusetts Debates Sex

BOSTON — For a while it appeared that the phrase "banned in Boston" was to be delegated to semantic oblivion, but now no one is sure.

The state's traditionally puritanical anti-obscenity law was struck down on April 25th by the State Supreme Court, which ruled that the existing statue was so vague as to be unworkable.

Boston braced itself for an expected influx of new liberalism, but the hopes of news stand dealers and movie exhibitors for more freedom was definitely short lived.

By the end of May, initial approval by the Massachusetts House of Representatives was given to an obscenity bill so strict that National Geographic could be banned from news stands.

The bill would ban any nudity which shows male or

female genitals, or the nipples, covered or uncovered, or the female breast. Any actions closely resembling sexual conduct, homosexual or heterosexual, would also be prohibited.

Although they would be permitted for viewing in libraries, sale of many popular magazines such as Playboy, Playgirl, Penthouse, and even National Geographic would be outlawed.

"This is a piece of meritorious legislation," said Rep. Louis LeBlanc of New Bedford.

But not all agree.

Rep. John S. Ames III of Easton said the bill will "return Boston to the tenth century, or worse."

The measure still faces one more test in the House before being passed to the Senate for consideration.



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Registration for the conference is underway. Registration fees are \$10 per person and \$15 per couple.

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Henley Trial Still Could Change Sites

SAN ANTONIO — There will apparently be no immediate decision made concerning the trial site of accused killer Elmer Wayne Henley. On May 22nd, the Texas Supreme Court refused to enter into the controversy, thus throwing the matter back into the hands of the lower courts for resolution.

Henley's lawyer, Will Gray, had asked the high court to order state District Judge Preston Dial of San Antonio to rule on a motion by Gray to move the trial to another city.

Dial had refused, saying he will grant the defense motion if an impartial jury cannot be found in San Antonio when the trial begins on July 1. The selection of a jury, Dial said, is the matter of uppermost importance at this time and consideration of change of venue cannot be made until jury selection is completed.

The case had earlier been moved to San Antonio from Houston by District Judge William Hatten, who held that news accounts of the slayings had made a fair trial impossible in Houston.

Henley, 18, is charged with killing six of the 27 victims in the mass murder in Houston. David Brooks, 19, is charged in four of the deaths, but his trial will be delayed until Henley's is concluded.

Henley claims the murders were masterminded by Dean Corll, 32, an electrician shot to death by Henley last August 8th.

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Now Baker has taken on another challenge — the Baker baby battle. But unfortunately, even Baker doubts his chances of winning this one.

Baker and McConnell want to adopt a child.

"The prospects are very slim," Baker said, "but we're going to try it anyway."

The duo has applied to three local adoption agencies in St. Paul, but so far, the response has been, as Baker put it, "superficial."

Oklahoma Law Invalid

OKLAHOMA CITY — The obscenity ordinance in Tulsa has been ruled unconstitutional by the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals.

The court said the ordinance was unconstitutionally broad and could be used to abuse freedoms guaranteed under the First Amendment.

The ruling overturned the conviction of Chico Conchito, who was fined \$150 and sentenced to 190 days in jail for cursing a store manager during an argument.

In the majority opinion, Judge Tom Brett said, "On its face, the ordinance makes punishable the language of a hapless stone mason who, after crushing his toe, innocently utters a few relieving expletives."

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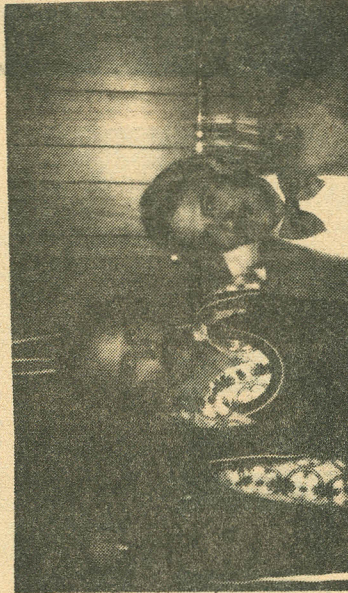
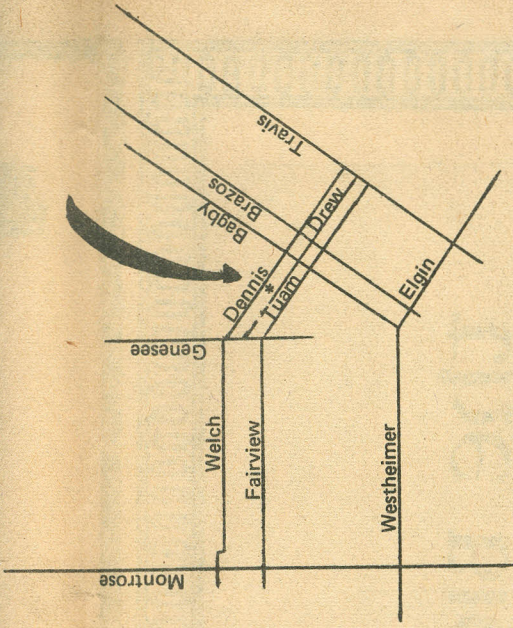
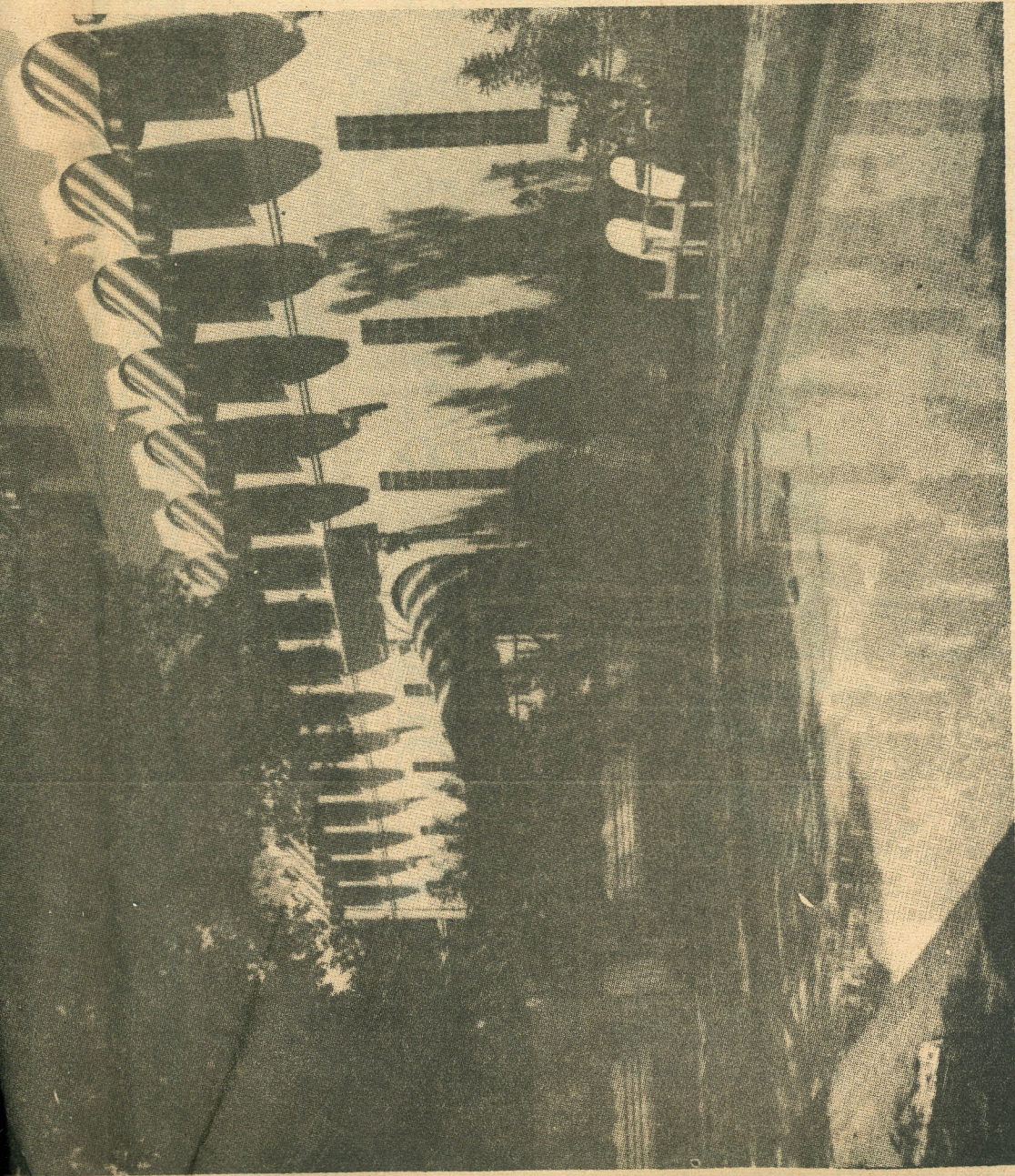
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Legal Notes: Transvestism, Etc.

WASHINGTON — The United States Supreme Court has upheld Houston's transvestism ordinance. It thus continues to be a crime for persons to deliberately disguise themselves in public dressed as a member of the opposite sex.

The decision followed the conviction of Richard Anthony Mayes, who was arrested under the ordinance in 1972. Mayes had been arrested on the charge several times, and once, went to court wearing a pink dress. Since those legal battles, Mayes has undergone a sex

change operation and had his name legally changed to Rachele Annette Mayes.

But those changes were apparently unsuccessful in creating judicial reconsideration, for all criminal charges against Mayes remain.

The State argued that the ordinance was designed to protect valid state interest in the "survival of the race (heterosexual) by banning homosexual guises."

The high court agreed.

WASHINGTON — The number SPN-388 will no longer appear on the discharge papers of U.S. military men.

SPN-388 is a code for "homosexual," which formerly appeared on the military records of all men deemed gay by the military.

The code system, which also included secret numbers for everything from bedwetting to drug use, was used on all discharge papers, including those officially listed as "Honorable Discharge."

The Pentagon, under pressure from civil rights groups and lawmakers, has agreed to stop putting the code numbers on new discharge papers, and to let a veteran know the reasons for his discharge in a private, written statement beyond the reach of a prospective employer.

The Defense Department adds that any veteran with a code number already on his discharge papers may write for new discharge papers with the code number removed.

BOULDER, COLO. — Voters turned out in record numbers to defeat a proposed amendment which would have prohibited discrimination against homosexuals in housing, employment and sexual practices.

The vote was 7438 for the measure; 13,107 opposed.

CINCINNATI — The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that the University of Kentucky does not have to grant official campus recognition to the Gay Liberation Front.

Attorneys for the school argued that recognition of gays might "tend to encourage sexually confused students."



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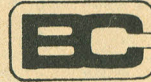
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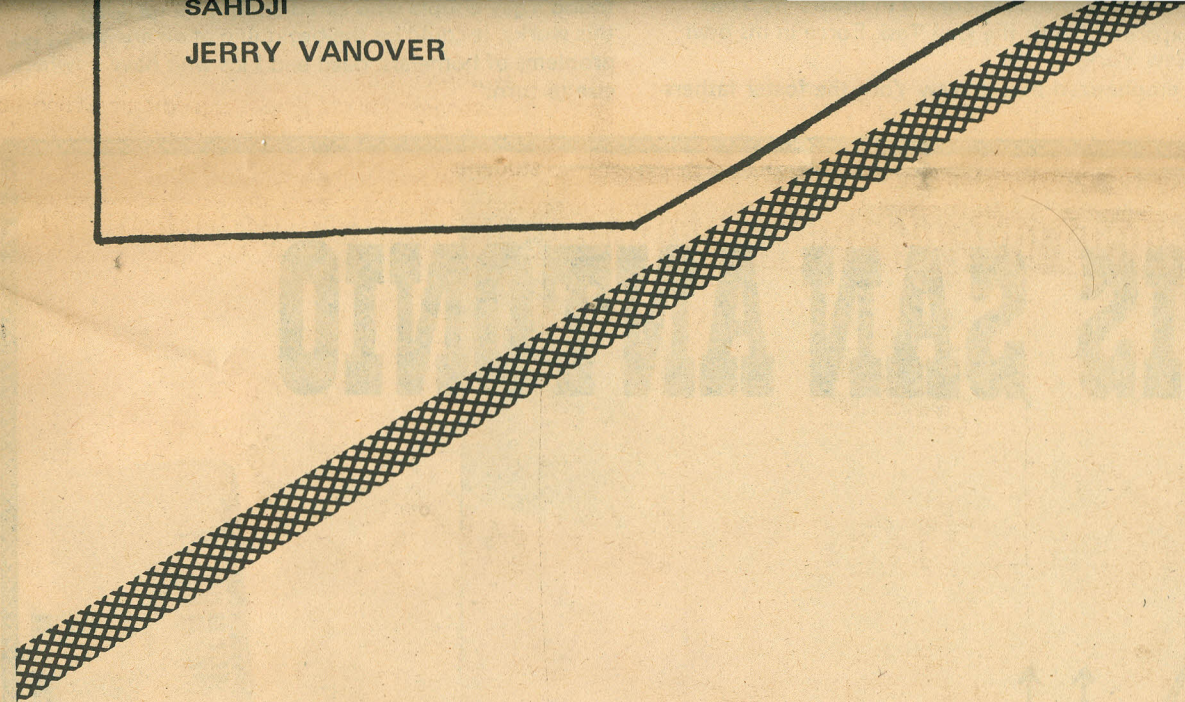
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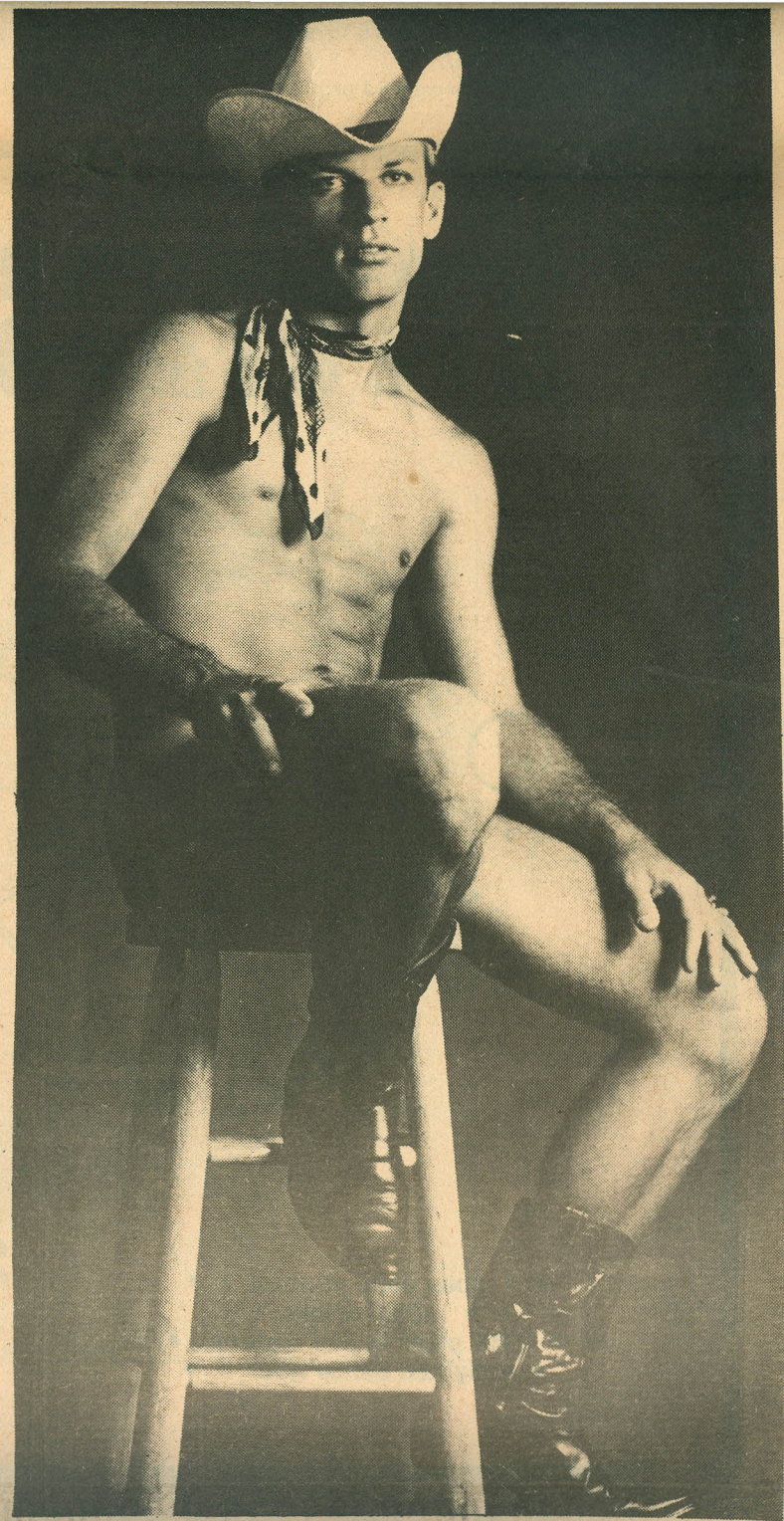
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Gay Lib Nationwide Moving Against Adoption Discrimination

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON — The right of gay persons to serve as foster parents for unwanted children is quickly becoming the new arena for concerted activism by the gay liberation movement.

At this time, nine states are embroiled in court fights against both individuals and their own state agencies concerning the placement of gay youths in gay foster homes.

In New York, the Gay Task Force has been working unofficially with the State Division of Youth to provide appropriate housing for teenagers who are admittedly gay.

The director of community services for the Gay Task Force, Tom Smith, has expressed hopes that the success of the program will lead to official sanctioning by the State.

Smith said the program was started because the homosexual group "had gotten calls from hundreds of child care agencies who wanted to know if we could find housing for the kids."

"The agencies feel it is impossible to place an openly gay kid into a traditional foster setting. They just get tossed around from institution to institution until they reach the legal age of 18."

Unfortunately, however, the optimistic mood of the gay liberationists on the issue is not shared in numerous other states, and rightfully so.

In Olympia, Washington, the secretary of the Washington Department of Social and Health Services is fighting for new regulations that are strongly discriminatory against gays.

Secretary Charles Morris wants a provision in the new

State Welfare Code that would define foster parents as those persons "who have satisfactory, stable, interpersonal relationships free of chronic conflict both within and without the family group and who are without severe problems in their sexual orientation."

Most gays opposed to the new regulations argue that they do not have "severe problems" concerning their sexual orientation, that they are both stable and happy as gays.

But the inclusion of the clause by Morris is obviously intended as a discriminatory move toward gays and is being openly voiced by a supporter of Morris' plan, Jack Maier.

Maier elaborated his views at a recent press conference by saying, "There is no place in the foster care program for homos or lesbians."

"Their (gay) main interest is basically two-fold. One is the financial aspect of the matter, so they can support their life-style. The other is that in order to carry their lifestyle to future generations, they must make contact with the youth of our country and drag them down to their sordid and sinful ways of life."

Fortunately, Maier's opinions are not going unquestioned or unchallenged.

The Action Childcare Coalition, composed of working mothers, gays, feminists and civil libertarians, booed and jeered Maier when he presented his proposals at a public hearing on the issue at the State Capitol.

Maier's contentions were argued in theory by Tom Smith's experience with the Gay Task Force in his own state of New York.

Smith emphasized that in New York the foster fathers

fathers are screened to make sure they have no ulterior motives. He said homosexual men have "long been denied an opportunity to become foster parents and a lot of gay people have expressed a desire to do so."

The final decision on the Washington foster parents statute is expected in mid-summer.

In Philadelphia, a success story has evolved from the concept of gay foster parents, despite the traditional opposition to such efforts by the state of Pennsylvania.

Self-appointed case worker Dennis Foster found suitable foster parents to a 15-year-old male transvestite. The new parents, approved by the courts, are lesbians.

Dennis Foster said, "We want to demonstrate that it is possible to make what judges consider 'proper placements' with gay couples.

"The youth had been dumped on the street when he was ten. He survived four years, with the help of a Mafia wheel who kept him for a while when he was 11.

"He had been arrested 10 times on minor charges and was finally committed to an institution. The boy had spent time in straight foster homes, but they didn't work out..

"Most of those arrangements are set up badly, with little understanding of the youth's situation. There's no attempt to assign a child with a compatible family. So often it doesn't work because they are matched without much forethought.

"This boy was so happy when he learned we had found a gay couple who cared about him he cried. If this works, it could be the beginning of an answer to the problems of homeless, dead-end kids who have nowhere else to turn."

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found a gay couple who cared about him he cried. If this works, it could be the beginning of an answer to the problems of homeless, dead-end kids who have nowhere else to turn."

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NOTES ON RELIGION & GAYS

WASHINGTON — The stage has been set for major re-analysis of questions concerning homosexuality within several Protestant denominations and the Catholic Church, escalated by the issuance of contradictory statements on homosexuality by different groups within individual denominations.

The most clear-cut split of opinion has developed within the Catholic church, with intensified debate expected through the summer.

The gay Catholic organization called Dignity recently asked all U.S. Catholic bishops for "recognition of the right of gay Catholics" to join in homosexual ministry to "erase false stereotypes and prejudices."

Additionally, Dignity stressed that homosexuals can "express their sexuality in a manner that is constant with Christ's teachings."

But shortly after the release of the Dignity statement, the organization of United States Catholic Bishops made its own pronouncement, calling homosexual sex acts a "grave transgression of the goals of human sexuality and of human personality, and are consequently contrary to the will of God."

The clash of opinion between Dignity and the U.S. Catholic Bishops has forced discussion of homosexual issues into prominent limelight within the Catholic church.

Meanwhile, the National Federation of Catholic Priests has authorized a thorough theological and sociological study to "formulate a critical and contemporary theological analysis of homosexuality."

But in requesting the new investigation, the Priest's Federation completely disregarded a similar study made on homosexuality earlier this year. The tossed out report had termed the attitude of the Bishops as "inaccurate and insensitive, at best; a misrepresentation of data and a cavalier disrespect for human lives and dignity, at worst."

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While in Houston, Perry spoke of the sense of change that has come into prominence within other, more conservative, denominations.

"The United Church of Christ knowingly has ordained a homosexual in California. Unitarian Universalists have made a statement accepting both homosexuals and bisexuals. United Presbyterians and United Methodists are studying the issue. And the Episcopal diocese of Michigan has made the most progressive report I have seen calling for the admission of gays to the ministry and all other areas of church life," Perry said.

Houston's MCC study group was upgraded in April to a mission.

HOUSTON — Famed theologian Dr. Norman Pittenger criticized those who quote the Bible as an anti-homosexuality source to "bolster their own prejudices and protect themselves from facing facts of life which might otherwise touch them too closely."

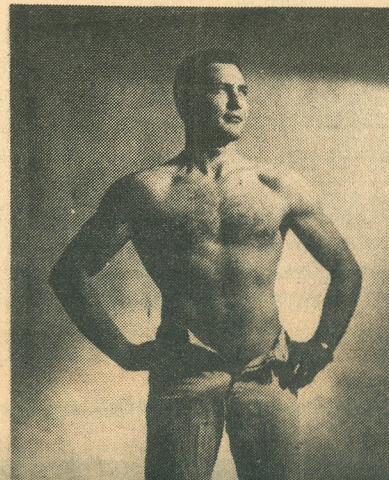
Pittenger, who is a member of Cambridge University's divinity faculty, said Biblical references concerning homosexuality were written to solve specific problems of antiquated societies of the past, but have no relevance today.

As example, Pittenger pointed out that similar Biblical taboos include the wearing of lipstick, jewelry and facial makeup. But those taboos, said Pittenger, have fallen by the wayside and so, too, should provincial attitudes toward homosexuality.

"We no longer take seriously the prophet's thunderings against cosmetics. They are customarily worn in our most solemn church ceremonies and the Pentateuch's laws on food are doubtlessly broken every

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SAN ANTONIO — A judicial council of the First Methodist Church in San Antonio has ruled that a suspended homosexual minister is eligible to have his credentials restored. However, the Southwest Conference of the church is under no legal obligation to follow the judicial ruling.

In question had been the case of Gene Leggett, who led a group of gay lib protesters at the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church in San Antonio in June, 1971. The conference voted 144 to 117 to suspend Leggett's ministerial credentials.

Leggett appealed to the church judicial council which announced its decision recently after a meeting in White Sulphur, West Virginia.

LOS ANGELES — One of the factors which has spurred consideration of homosexual topics by traditional denominations has been the success of the Metropolitan Community Church in reaching gay persons spiritually.

On April 28th, the MCC dedicated its new, large Los Angeles church in formal ceremonies.

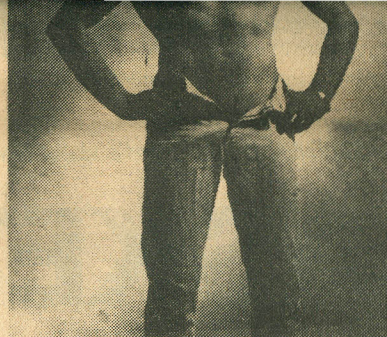
Among those sending telegrams congratulating the MCC for its "spirit of humanity" were Dr. Henry Kissinger, the White House, and, even, Mae West.

To the surprise of many, at the dedication ceremonies was Bishop Robert C. Russack of the Los Angeles Episcopal Diocese.

In an emotional speech that criticized theological traditionalists, Russack said that "for too long the church has been other than a loving pastor to the homophile community."

"We have been part of the problem rather than seeking to minister as our Lord's example of love for all people," Russack added.

HOUSTON — In May, the founder of the MCC, the Rev. Troy Perry, announced that Houston will soon have an MCC church. So far, there are 60 MCC churches in 28 states and four foreign countries.



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Gradually his eyes became accustomed to the gloom of the room. He realized that he was being watched, even as he was watching others in the large bar. This, he thought, must be the place. He had asked the bellman at his hotel for the name of a good gay bar, and the black had grinned knowingly as he suggested the Cave. Fifteen minutes later, Jim had arrived at the place, easily following the directions given by the bellman.

Jim glanced furtively around the bar, trying to be unobtrusive as he cruised the rest of the people present. He wanted to get the best possible location, both for seeing and being seen, as well as next to the best bodies available at the moment.

The hour was still slightly early, so he had his pick of bar stools. The Cave was larger than most of the bars Jim was accustomed to at home. Atlanta was not entirely strange, but Jim was not too familiar with the gay scene there. This particular bar featured a large central room, with a counter-like affair running around the sides of the room. The center of this room was dominated by a square bar, in itself the main bar of the Cave.

An adjoining room provided a dance floor, and a disc jockey, playing mainly rock music. No one was on the dance floor at the moment. Still further back in the dance area was a platform in front of a mirror wall, standing empty.

Jim realized that he was being stared at by the bartender as well as others in the bar, and swallowed nervously.

"Well, sweetie, are you going to just stand there looking gorgeous, or do you plan on ordering something?" The bartender looked squarely at Jim, smiling slightly.

Jim blushed deeply, and hurriedly stumbled onto a barstool, not even noticing where he was sitting.

"Uh, Scotch on the rocks, please."

"Sure, honey. I hope I didn't embarrass you. I just felt like having a little fun with you. O.K.?"

"Yeah, sure, that's all right."

The bartender disappeared toward the rear of the bar to fix Jim's drink, returning shortly with the requested liquor. Jim nodded, and looked around him to see what, and whom, he could. As he did, he took a sip of the Scotch, letting the acrid fire sear its way down his throat, burning its way comfortably to his stomach. The warm glow soothed him, put him at ease, more able to concentrate on the reason for his being in that place at that particular time.

Jim looked down at the bar, noticing his hands, realizing that he had not removed his wedding ring. He looked up uneasily, glancing around him quickly, as though every eye in the place was fastened on the thin gold band on his left hand.

He snorted, impatient with himself for thinking that anyone had even noticed, let alone cared, what he wore or did not wear on his hands. Nevertheless, Jim was acutely self-conscious about having left his wedding ring on. He was unwilling to call attention to himself by removing it then, so he just kept his left hand in his lap, hoping that no one noticed.

Jim wondered why he had not removed the ring. Probably deeply Freudian, he thought. If he did not take the ring off, then others would know that he was married, and would not associate with him. A defense mechanism that he was not even consciously aware of, he thought.

And yet Jim knew that he was bisexual, and had finally come to accept it, however painfully, and at whatever cost to his own image of himself. He knew that he was not exclusively homosexual, and that he was also not completely heterosexual, certainly. He felt at

times like a eunuch, unable to settle in either world sexually. Yet he knew that his sexuality was intense, and he could no longer deny it, pretend that it was something it was not. More to the point, he had arrived at the conclusion that there was really no need for him to continue to try to do anything about it. He merely accepted it, and this had proved to be his salvation, after many years of unspeakable agony and emotional anguish.

Most of the time Jim was a good husband and father, enjoying the heterosexual part of his sexuality, suppressing the homosexual. But occasionally, rarely, he had the opportunity to indulge his homosexuality. This was one of those times, and he meant to make the most of it, if he possibly could.

Jim looked closely at his barmates, dismissing them as less than desirable, at least as far as he was concerned. Not really ugly, or gross, they seemed just terribly ordinary. Jim, in his mid-thirties, was better-looking than average, and had a firm, solid build. He simply couldn't bring himself to go to all the trouble of a liaison with a person he considered unattractive. He knew that this was less than honest, that he should be interested in what people are, rather than what they look like, but it did not change the way he felt.

Jim began the dance of the glance, looking around the room for that one perfect partner, the body he could be attracted to, and be attractive to, a mate for the few brief moments of the night. As he continued to pan around the room, noting several interested looks being thrown his way, ignoring them, looking, looking constantly for the body he wanted, he saw a young man walk in the door and stride the length of the bar to the men's room.

Jim whistled softly to himself. He could not believe what he had seen, and waited eagerly for the boy's return to confirm the evidence of his eyes.

Jim was not the only person who had noticed the boy. Every pair of eyes in the room had followed the young man's course from the door to the john. Jim knew that the competition for this one would be keen. What he did not know, being a stranger in the place, was whether the young man was a regular and knew many of the patrons. He experienced a sinking feeling, afraid that the youth would have many friends available to talk with, leaving Jim an outsider, unable to pierce the circle

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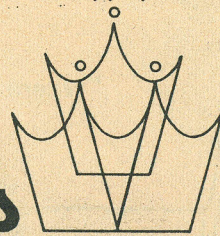
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The door to the men's room opened, and the young man appeared, looked several times around the room, and then went to a stool alone at the counter in a far corner of the room. Jim felt his breathing becoming shorter, his excitement rising, realizing that the boy was alone, and was not a regular in the place.

The younger man was almost improbably good-looking. A large, handsome face framed by full, blonde hair topped wide, well-formed shoulders. A snug knit shirt outlined an extremely well-defined and muscular chest. Jim stared shamelessly, noting the snug jeans cupping the boy's butt, and feasting on his crotch, full and well-packed, with the contents evenly divided by the center seam of the jeans. Jim could not quite make out the outline, figuring that he must be wearing jockey shorts which prevented more detailed bluges from showing.

Jim looked around the bar, expecting any moment to see someone on his way to relieve the young man's aloneness. No one dared to approach, he was so beautiful, and seemed so unapproachable. Common sense told everyone in the bar that the guy quite obviously was either gay or a hustler, yet his stunning good looks seemed to paralyze everyone in the place. There was absolutely no doubt that everyone had taken notice of the young man, but no one seemed able to muster the courage to speak to him.

Jim continued to stare. What would the kid look like nude? He had a clean, Anglo-Saxon, Wasp, Georgia good looks that drove Jim wild. He himself was dark and very much a brunette, and had always been turned on by the special kind of beauty that only blondes possessed. And this kid had it in spades. Jim's imagination stirred, as he stared. He pictured this body before him nude. In his daydream, Jim reached for the boy, only to have the image dissolve in the reality of the smile the young man was beaming at Jim.

Jim, flustered, half-smiled in return, and could not believe his good fortune. Again he looked around the room to see if perhaps there was not someone else that the smile was meant for. But no, the youth was definitely smiling at Jim, welcoming him, almost beckoning him with the smile to come over.

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No, he thought, you can't, you're mine, you can't go with him! Jim realized with a rush how much this had come to mean to him, how important this young man was, all of a sudden. He stood there in the middle of the room, uncaring of the looks he was attracting, glaring at the young man as he talked with the other man. This other man had his back to Jim, and was oblivious to Jim's interest in the boy.

As the two continued to talk, Jim caught the young man's eye, saying without a word how much he wanted to be with him, to make love to him. Equally wordlessly the young man returned Jim's affection, answering his desire with his own, lamenting the fact that he was now committed to go with this other man.

Jim wanted to cry out, to throw the other man on the floor and beat his senseless for coming between the two of them. With a hopelessness that bordered on despair, however, Jim realized that he had simply hesitated too long, that the young man had already agreed to go with this other man.

The youth and the other man walked toward the door, paused for a moment, and then left. Jim shook his head, recovering somewhat, and realized that he had been the center of what had become a brief tableau there in the middle of the bar. He blushed, felt his shame burning his cheeks, then turned to follow the two out of the bar. He chose loneliness rather than the humiliation he could no longer endure.

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A Salute To Streaking

CONTACT Humor . . . by Bill Banner

Well, gang. It's all over. Streaking is dead.

Like Vaudeville, hula-hoops, Cootie and Richard Nixon, the cyclical inevitability that all that rises must fall is revealed once again. 'Tis a pity, but true.

Very soon now, all those dudes who ran sans clothing will deny their actions. Instead, all you'll hear about streaking, if anything, is to overhear someone in the bar say, "Streaking? What's that? I'm really too young to remember." Such is fate.

But the events, fads and occurrences that shape our culture cannot pass into oblivion without meritorious observance. The historical footnotes pertaining to the traditions of Vaudeville would fill volumes; the Cootie game and the hula-hoop still live, if only in obscure psychological journals and encyclopedias; and if you were to write all the good things that are to be said about Richard Nixon it would truly fill the head of a pin. So with a sense of historical obligation and pride, I present to you this document, **EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT STREAKING, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK OR WELL DONE, MEDIUM REAR.**

IN THE BEGINNING

Contrary to what you may have read, streaking began in Texas. At 7:22AM on the morning of October 21 at the corner of Westheimer and Stanford, in Houston, to be exact.

Little Alvin Brooks was a few blocks away in a local bookstore. As he feverishly kept throwing quarters into his movie machine, he began to feel a nibbling sensation along his left leg. Alvin wasn't particularly surprised. This sort of thing had happened before and it would happen again. He hoped.

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And that, my children, is how streaking began.

THE STATISTICAL STREAK

Streaking soon became so popular that Walter Cronkite not only talked about it every night, but was even on hand when a bold speeding nudist flew across the steps of the Lyndon Johnson library in Austin. Incidentally, rumor has it that the LBJ library streaker was a Republican. If so, he is the first Republican in history who was not ashamed to take off his clothes. (Republicans even sleep fully dressed, you know. That's why it was so easy for King Richard to announce that there was no problem involved in turning the thermostat down to 68 degrees in the winter.)

Apart from the fact that most streakers are Democrats or independents, other statistical data concerning streakers has now been brought to light.

Composite computer feed-out shows that the average streaker is male, white, 5'11" tall, 153 lbs., a Methodist and originally from Pittsburgh. But then, when you're from Pittsburgh, you have to do something.

The reasons for streaking are varied, but here, too, relevant motivations become apparent. Surveys indicate that 34% of those who streak do so to show off their bodies; 26% streak because they're ashamed of their shabby clothing; 13% do it for shock value; 9% believed the sunlight would kill crabs; 7% thought it would help them get a Master Charge card; 5% had their itchy-bitsy-teensy-weensy yellow polka-dot bikinis ripped off; 3% did it to get on Dialing for Dollars; 2% streaked

to avoid getting caught in the sack with someone else's lover; and finally, 1% of those who streaked had VD and didn't want to drip all over their underwear.

But regardless of reason, streaking soon became a Super-fad and Madison Avenue and Hollywood began churning up their semi-creative minds in hopes of capitalizing on the trend.

Some of the shows that went into production included *Around the Streaker in 80 Days*, *My Three Streakers*, *20,000 Streakers Under the Sea*, *The Streaker of Oz*, *I Married a Streaker from Outer Space*, *Jesus Christ Superstreaker*, *Hello Streaker!*, *Snow White and the Seven Streakers*, *Streaker-Fu*, *The Exorcstreaker*, and *Gone With the Streaker*.

Fortunately, all said projects fell through. Streaking just couldn't hang on long enough to become a fad from which anyone could make money.

DOWN, THEN OUT

On May 27th, streaking died. It wasn't that streaking could get you in jail. (Although 1765 streakers are now in jail, 1764 of them in Pittsburgh.) And it wasn't that streaking was socially unacceptable. (If you overlook the one streaker with hepatitis who ran through four Houston gay bars.)

No. Streaking died because a closet queen at Rice discovered that if you re-arrange the letters in the word "streaking," it becomes "great skin."

And since no one knew what to make of that, they just dropped the whole damned thing.

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Alvin was suddenly aware that the nibbling, as great as it was, was definitely stationary in nature. In the two and a half hours he had spent in the darkened movie booth, the nibbler kept chomping away around Alvin's cuffs. The Phantom Nibbler refused to raise up any higher.

Alvin began thinking to himself, "My God, she can't be THAT ugly. Surely she's not ashamed to raise her head higher than my feet." By the time Alvin had spent \$12.25, he could stand the suspense no longer. He slowly pulled back the drape, in hopes of letting in just enough light to see what the skulking toadie looked like.

What Alvin then saw would have turned a heterosexual into a fearful pillar of salt. It made Alvin go soft. The dreaded terror — A MOTH QUEEN!

Alvin fled the booth in terror, running through the store, knocking down three dirty books, two hookers, one set of false teeth and a partridge in a dildo tree.

The Moth Queen followed in hot pursuit. Flapping her wings frantically, like a VW with carburetor trouble and all four doors open. Even running, the Moth Queen had eaten Alvin's cuffs off before he got out of the store. And to add insult to injury, a Leather Queen ripped off his boots as he exited.

The chase was on. Alvin ran. Moth Queen chomped. A half a block. Alvin was now wearing cutoffs. The Moth Queen burped. Another block. Alvin's pants had become Moth Queen tooth decay. And somewhere between Montrose and Art Wren's, that old Moth Queen munchied her way through Alvin's sweatshirt.

But worry not. Help arrived. Two hustlers standing outside Art Wren's casually pulled out a miniature anti-aircraft gun from their shoes. One strategically placed a volley of fire, and the Moth Queen was blasted. She exploded into 100% cotton banner that unfurled over Prince's saying, "Vote for Gov. Briscoe."

Alvin was safe. But he was nude. Except for his underwear, which was promptly removed by a Real Queen at the corner of Stanford and Montrose. Alvin ran seventeen blocks in the nude, before being arrested by a Houston police officer for conspiracy to commit a

THE CONTACT FIRST ANNUAL STREAKERS AWARDS

Americans like to jump on bandwagons. But unfortunately, they also tend to abandon ship when the sailing gets rough. We like to know winners, but really don't give a damn about those who tried and failed. Streaking is no exception.

One of the measures of streaking success is the degree of publicity attained by the streaker. Merely to run naked is no challenge if done unseen. But to race across the stage during the Academy Awards ceremonies, well, that's something else.

For awhile, streakers were akin to national heroes, filling the newspapers and, occasionally the TV screen, with their credentials. But now, streaking is on the wane and those who jumped on the bandwagon a bit late are denied their just rewards and notoriety.

This situation must be amended. So here now, the CONTACT awards for the last five known streakers to have participated in the fad in a major way. Fear not, you final five, you may be gone, but you are not forgotten.

LANSING, MICHIGAN — Laurin D. Zuidema, 24, bet \$13 he could streak nude through a local restaurant. He won the bet, but it cost him \$144. District Judge Jack Grimm said he fined Zuidema on a charge of indecent exposure for parading and skipping through the main dining room before about a hundred customers at the House of Chan. (Really Laurin, you shouldn't streak through Chinese restaurants. An hour later, you're hungry again.)

BEAUMONT, TEXAS — A female streaker (unknown identity) made it all the way through the police station, but officers nabbed her before she got out of the parking lot. Officers said the naked lady burst in through the

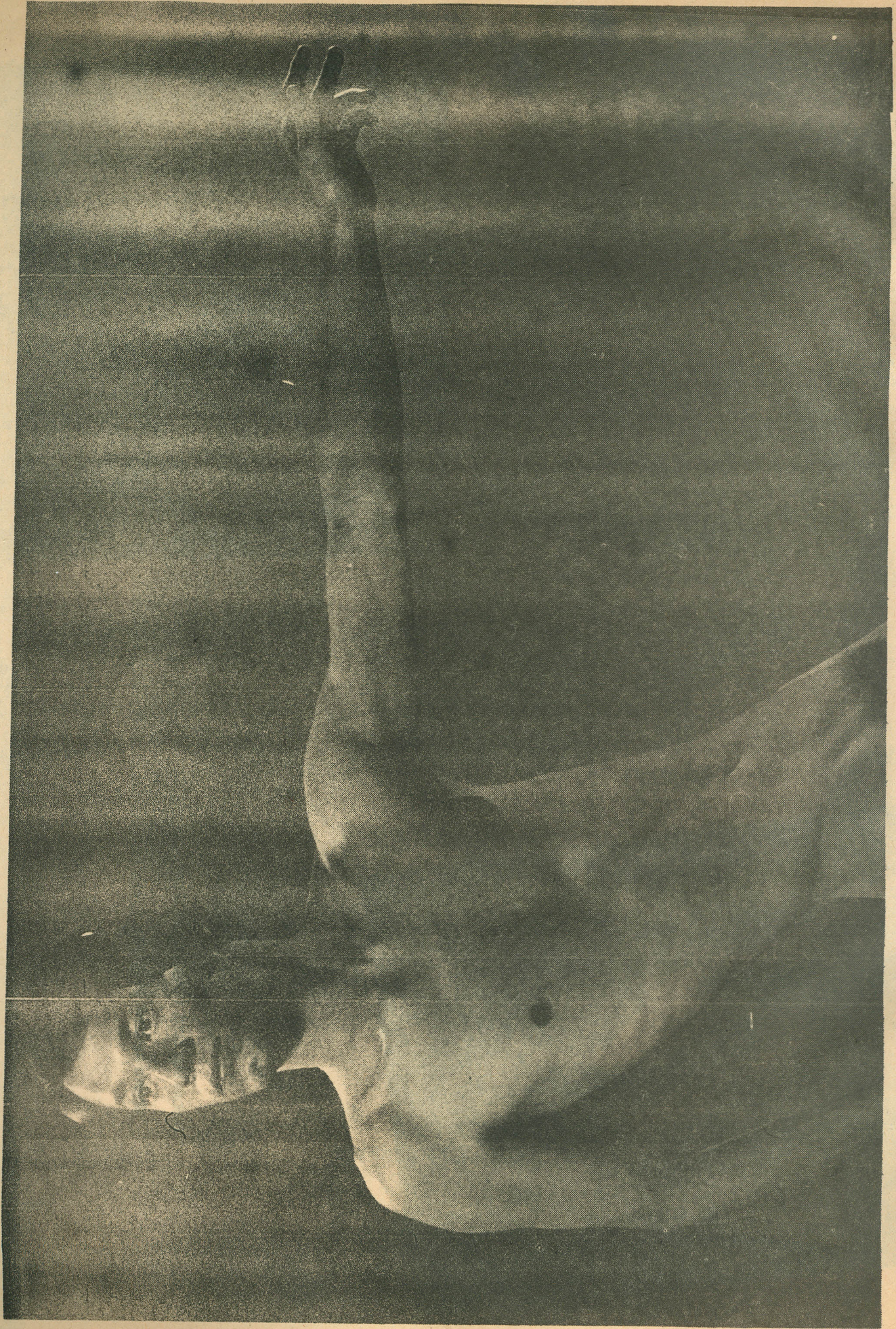
front door, "streaked" through the station, out the back door, and into a waiting car. She was captured in a daring high-speed auto chase and booked for disorderly conduct. Police-

Police gave no information about the woman, except to say that she was 43. (Right on!, honey. Eat your heart out, Abby.)

SAN ANTONIO — Randall Montalbo, 22, was fined \$200 for streaking nude across the route of the Fiesta Flambeau Parade. He dashed naked in front of hundreds of parade watchers and live television cameras before jumping aboard a float. Unfortunately, the float gave way under his weight and he fell into the vehicle, facilitating his capture. (Come on, Randall. Either go on a diet, get circumcised or limit your streaking to military parades featuring non-collapsible tanks.)

TOPEKA, KANSAS — A male streaker (unknown identity) dashed through the office of Gov. Robert Docking. Docking was munching on a hamburger at his desk when the streaker shed a trench coat, shot through the office and then fled from the Capitol. (A streak like that would be impossible in Texas. Gov. Briscoe is not "hip" enough to know what "streakers" are. Or hamburgers, for that matter.)

HUTCHINS CITY, TEXAS — And finally, a special CONTACT award to the Hutchins City Bank. The bank, with the usual cleverness attributable to bankers, placed the following sign on its marquee: "Our Streakers Bank By Mail." (If you think that's hoaky and dumb, be reminded that the Hutchins Bank is a very conservative institution. In fact, the Hutchins Bank is so conservative, they don't pay any interest at ALL!)



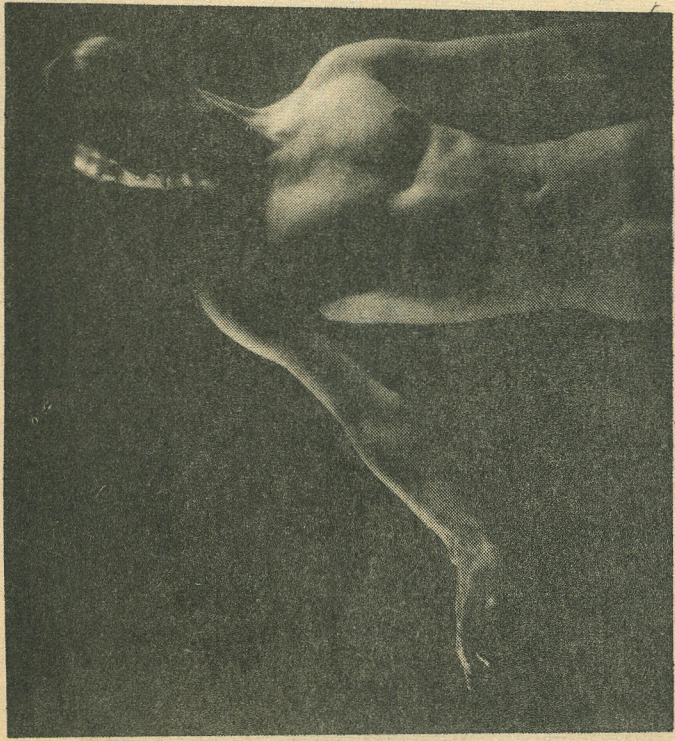
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Well . . . here we are again . . . with what 95% of you buy this newspaper for in the first place. CONTACT's Streaker of the Month! (I bet PLAYGIRL wishes they had thought of that title.) Our naked number this month is 22 year old Dennis Baker. (Gee, another terrific title, "Naked Number of the Month.") Dennis is a student at the University of Texas at Austin.

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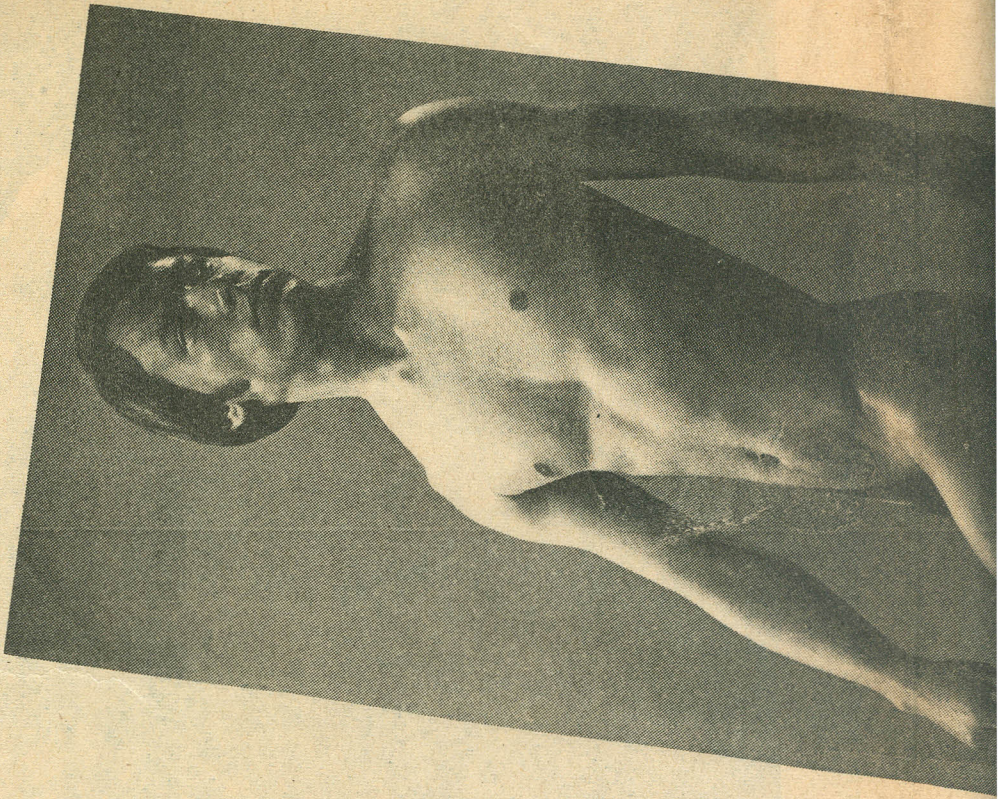


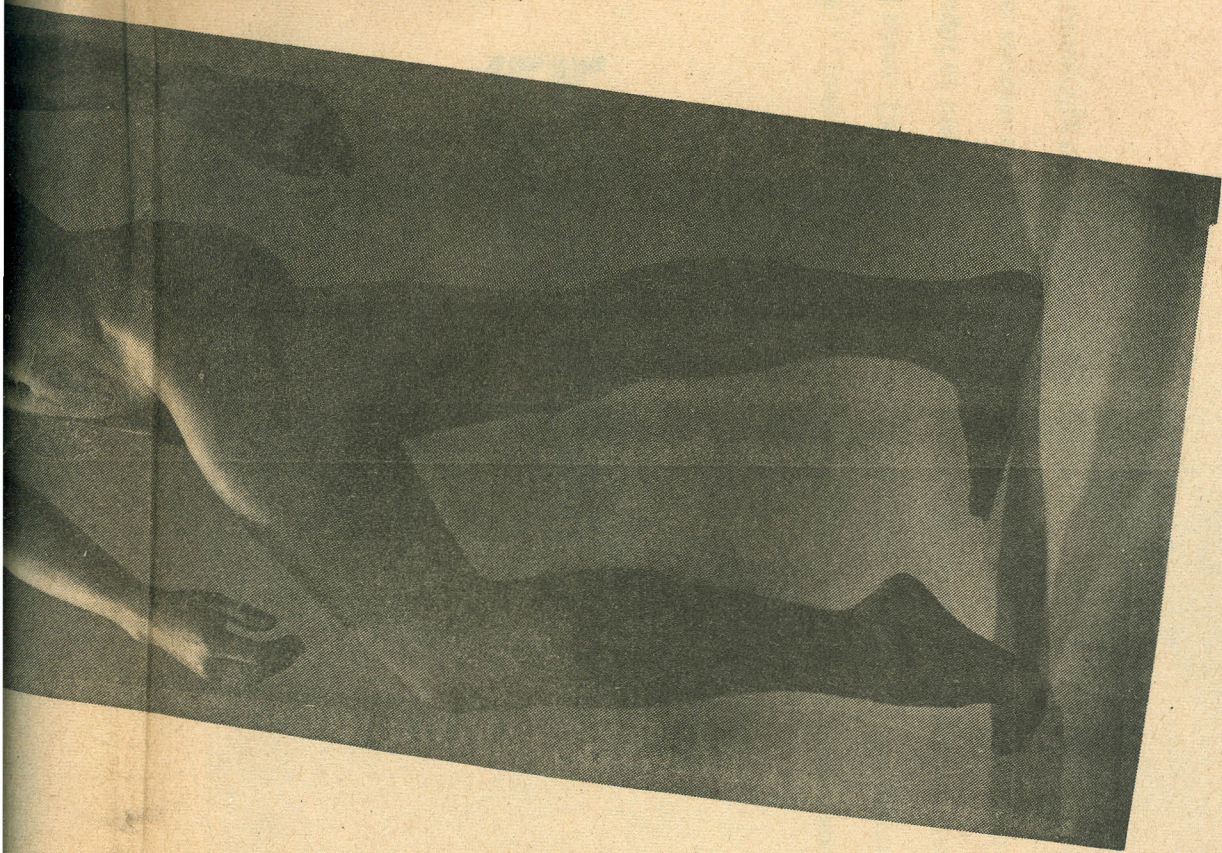
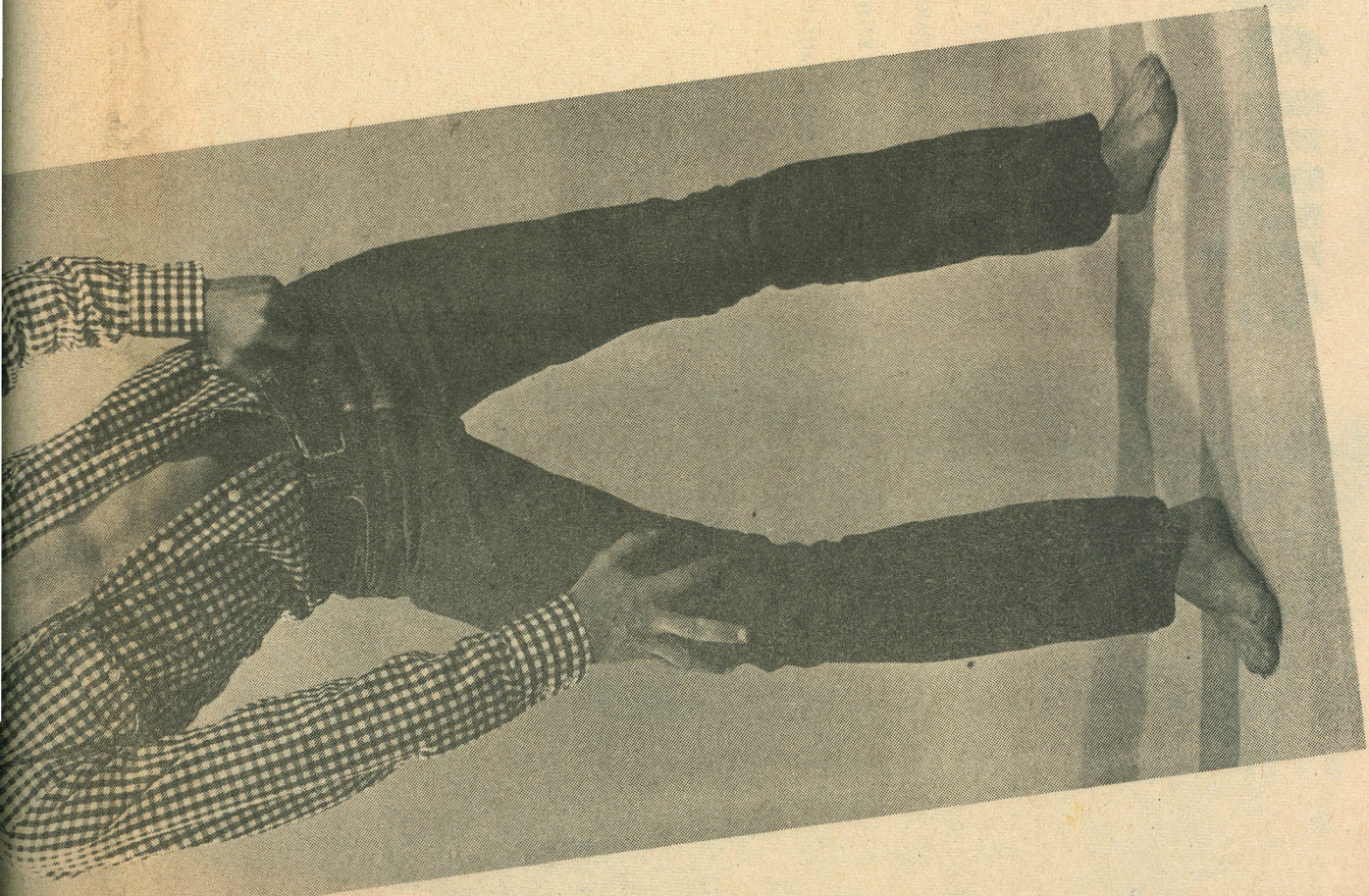
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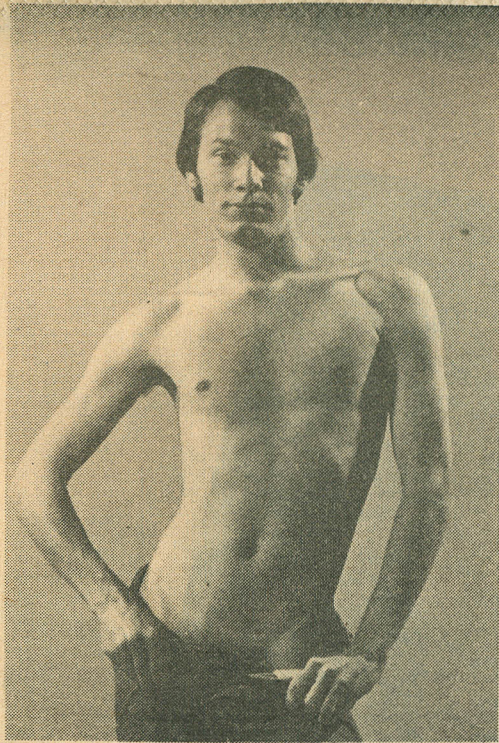


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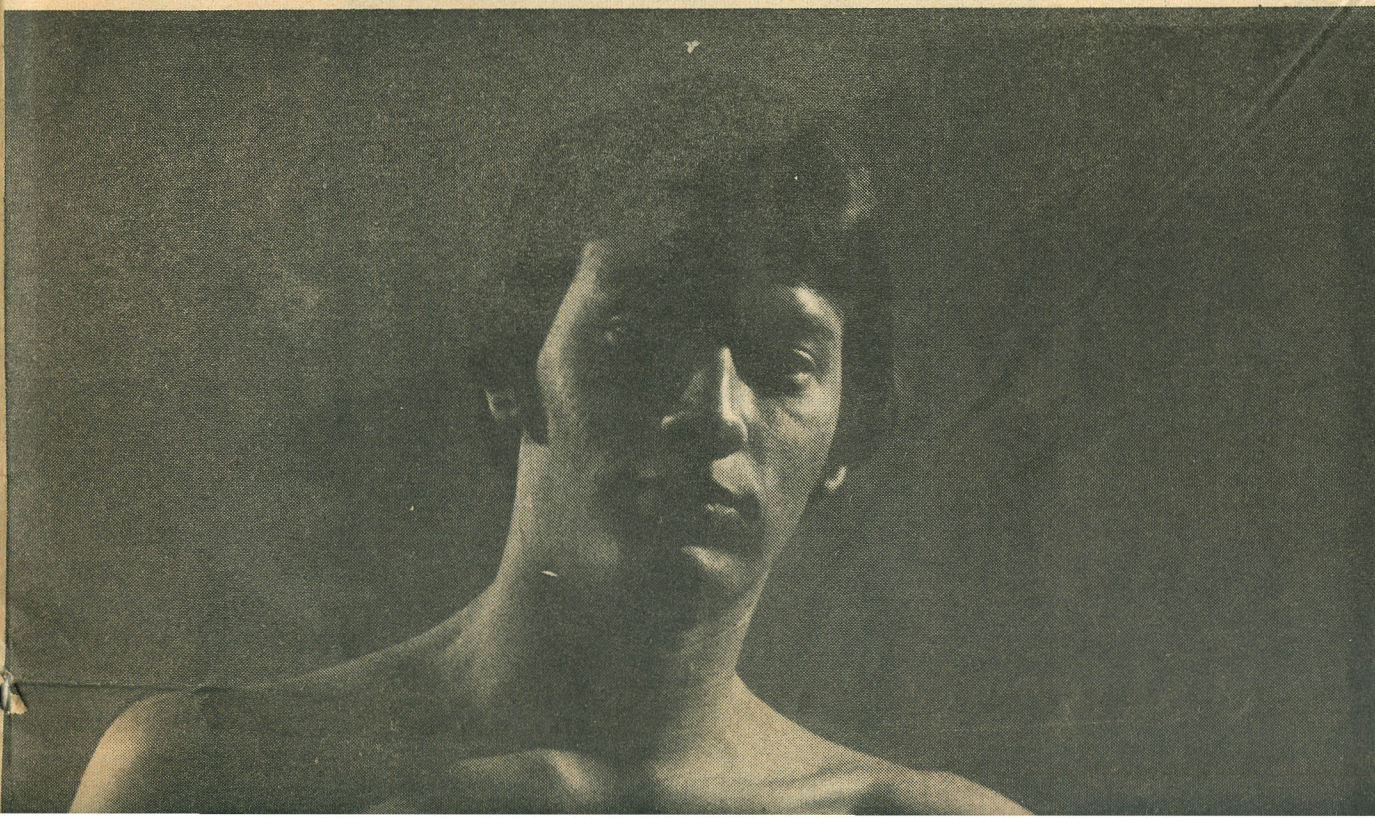
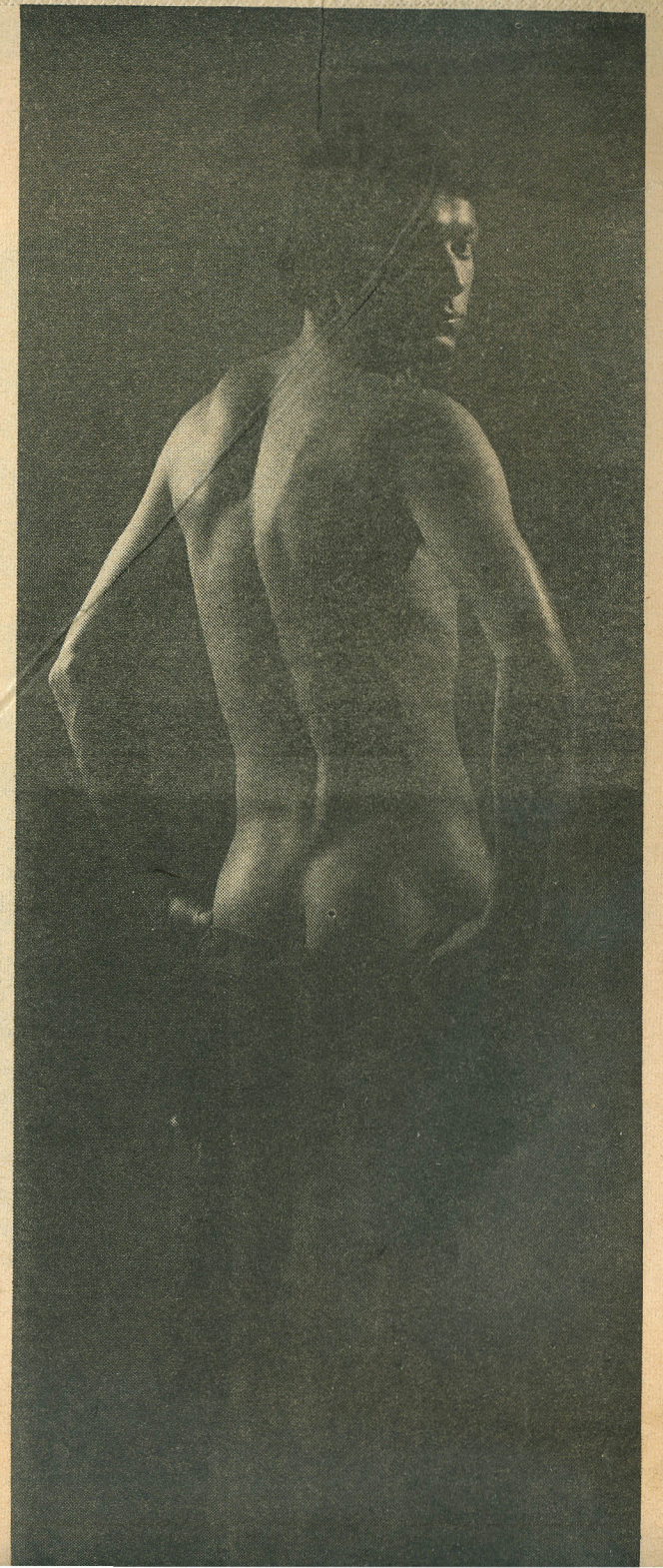


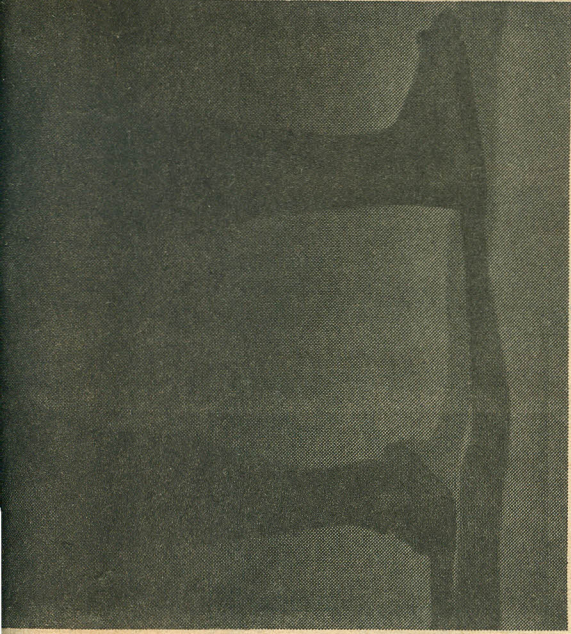
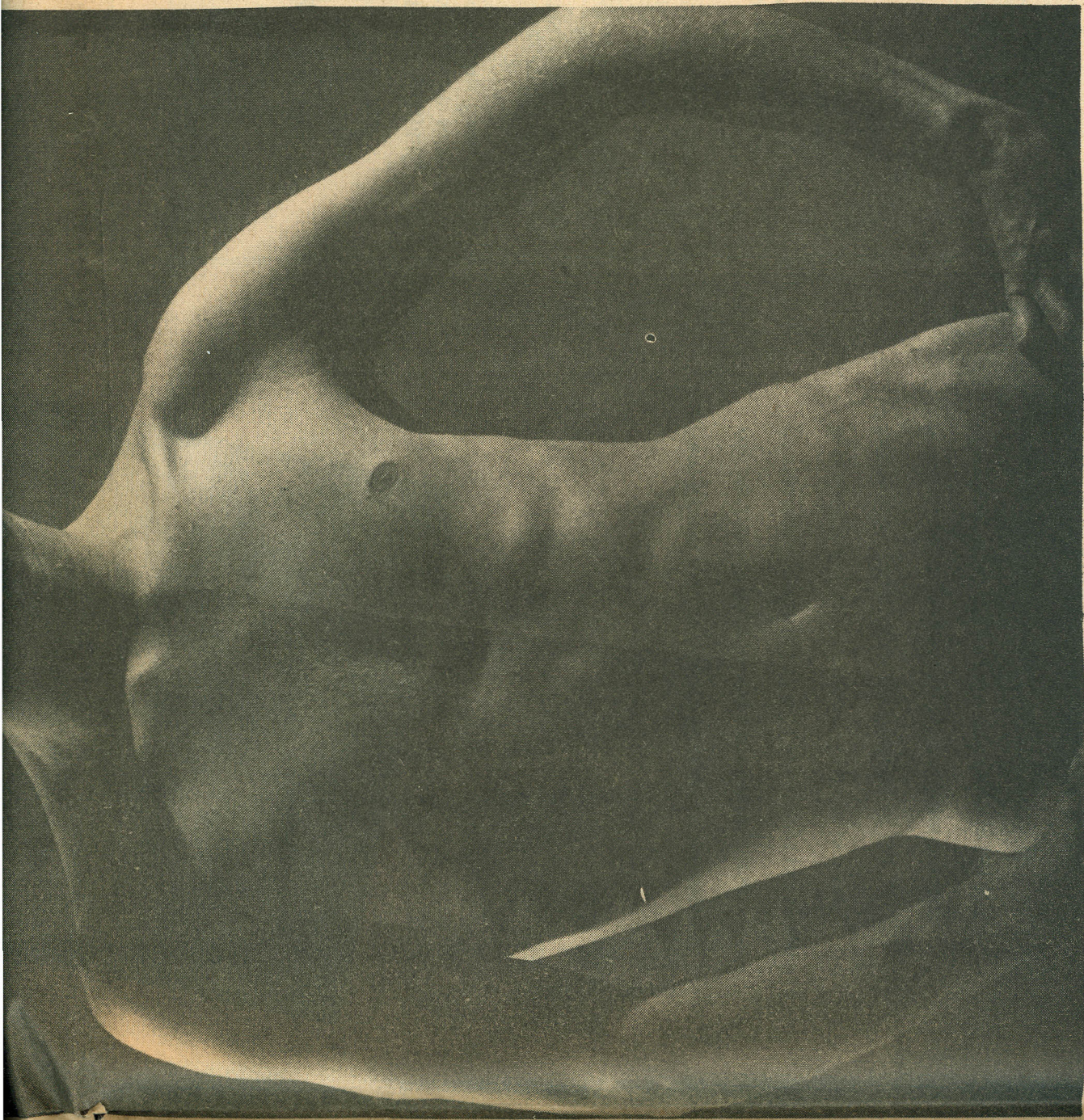




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WHERE-IZ-AT

... Bart Garretson in Houston ... Marion Denton in Dallas ... Bob Mann in New Orleans

Dallas night life has a new addition to its already long list of friendly bars. The Marlboro, at 4100 Maple, has now been open for almost two months and has already captured a large following of "regulars." The Marlboro, a beer bar in the same block with the Sundance Kids, Swinger, and Terry's Ranch, is one of those "more rugged" bars that seem to be so popular along Maple Avenue. Next time you're on Maple, stop in on any of these places and see some of the most interesting beefcake available.

Incidentally, if you haven't been in to see Terry's Ranch since the fantastic remodeling job, you have a real treat "comming." Also, Terry's now has a liquor license for those of you who don't get off to beer.

The Metropolitan Community Church Thespian Players, an amateur theatrical club of MCC Dallas, performed their second annual follies show at the Encore. The show was one of the funniest and most original I've ever seen. What those amateurs lack in experience, they more than make up in gusto. And, believe it or not, there was no pantomime. All the singing and music was live. And I do mean LIVE! The group will soon go on tour in Oklahoma City.

The Rev. Troy Perry was in Dallas recently and was so impressed with the city's hospitality that he said he will try to influence the Board of Elders of the MCC to stage the organization's 1975 general conference in Dallas.

All you Dallasites who have not patronized Studio 9 recently, because you thought something was lacking, have we got a surprise for you. Studio 9 is now under new management and back to its old ways and traditions traditions. Yea.

The Wrangler MC Stampede 2 in Dallas is now slated for June 21-23, coinciding with the Metroplex Gay Conference in Fort Worth.

June is definitely a super month in Houston, if you

enjoy the premier of new bars. Several totally new ones are opening and one old one is making a magnificent comeback in a new setting.

After a lengthy wait, the much-heralded new Farmhouse will open this month. And it appears it has been worth waiting for. The new Farmhouse comes complete with four bars, multi-level dance floors, a swimming pool, and tons of other dandy things not to be believed. It occupies an entire city block, at 2710 Albany, and is inch-for-inch the biggest gay bar and entertainment complex in the country.

And at 2400 Brazos, a bar called the Golden Spur will debut. With haylofts, a sawdust floor, and western decor, this new addition to the Houston bar scene is the subject of favorable speculation and many are projecting that it will become "the place" for a lot of local dudes. The people involved in opening the Golden Spur have put their hearts and souls into the project. Not to mention a rather hefty sum of money. Give it a try, wrangler.

And at the Bayou Landing in Houston, the entertainment programs are being substantially beefed-up and expanded. Additional stars and shows are slated for the summer, including special showcase performances by Tiffany Jones, the "Texas Tornado." Who could ask for anything more.

In the mood for something to eat? Food, I mean. If so, you have got to make it to the new Gaslight Inn, at 1220 Taft in Houston. It's a wierd place, kids. Delightfully wierd. They specialize in po' boy and other assorted sandwiches. And I assure you, there's no where else in Texas that features so much mean on a piece of bread at a low price. The first time you're there, try roast beef. It's super-hung. If you have the munchies, you'll love the food. It's owned by two handsome young men who visited Houston last year. They fell in love with the city and sold everything they had in their former hometown of Asbury Park, N.J., to join Houston gays. They love us and are doing a lot for our gastronomical desires. Drop in.

The management of the Galleon has acquired a new Houston property. What was once the Annex is now the Inside-Outside. With the experience of the Galleon under their belts, Ed and the others at the Inside-Outside hold more than just a promise. Current plans include

specialization on the Sunday afternoon crowd, featuring an open patio area and a mood reminiscent of the now-defunct Round Table.

Now, get serious for a moment.

All the above news from Dallas and Houston is of a festive nature. But something very serious, but very important, is upcoming in New Orleans.

Gays from every part of the country are expected to converge on New Orleans during the week of July 4th, to stage a memorial for the victims of the fire at the Upstairs Lounge last year.

The Rev. Troy Perry visited New Orleans in preparation for the event.

Several New Orleans gay watering places have changed hands in the past few weeks. The Annex, with a 90% Black clientele, is no longer an annexation of Lafitte's. It was purchased just prior to Mardi Gras by a groovy young real estate operator, Tom Harris, who has given the place a pleasing facelift. Biz is great. Annex is THE Black bar in the Quarter, with plenty of room for a couple more. Another such possibility is Gigi's at North Rampart and St. Ann. It was purchased recently by a young black executive and his friend, but has not yet caught on. Originally a drug store, the new owners plan to rename the place accordingly.

Bill McKenzie is no longer a partner in Finale II. Bill was the active partner and very popular host. So popular in fact that most of the clientele ignored the proper name and referred to the corner as "McKenzie's Place." Previously-silent partner Scotty, also the proprietor of Fellini's Madness, is now the sole owner of Finale II.

Fellini's Madness, after a much-needed facelift, is to be renamed Scotty's Cabaret, and McKenzie, now vacationing in Oklahoma, is sure to surface once again with a place of his own. Finale III?

On Bourbon Street, the Caverns is dark, and gutted. Two of the main "men" from the Mother House (Lafitte's in Exile) bought the Bourbon and St. Ann corner club in April. They tore out everything from end to end. Planned for a mid-June opening, the new spot promises to be the most elegant, most spectacular gay club in the Quarter. Watch CONTACT for future photos of before/after.

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Contact Editorial

The recent referendum by the American Psychiatric Association removing homosexuality as a category of "mental disorder" is certainly an important step toward the understanding and tolerance of homosexuality by the heterosexual majority.

Indeed, it appears the scientific community is beginning to make major contributions which will ultimately aid the gay cause. The same is true of certain major religious groups (in addition to the MCC), legal organizations, civil rights lobbyists and individual lawmakers.

Ironically, the masses most assisting the gay rights movement are predominately heterosexual. This is not to belittle the efforts of the gay crusaders with the gay liberation movement, for undoubtedly they were the ones instrumental in drawing attention to the social and discriminatory problems involved. But a few hundred hard-working, dedicated gay activists do not constitute the necessary mass to bring major change. When it comes right down to the bottom line on the issue, it is the rank and file heterosexuals who band together for change favorable to the gay liberation movement.

It's a disgusting pity that rank and file homosexuals are so filled with shame, fear and self-pity that they refuse to make a similar effort. It seems we're our own worst enemy.

If, on a given day and time, all the homosexuals in the United States were to announce publicly their sexual orientation to their friends, family and employers, the social stigma against homosexuality would vanish instantly. It would be impossible for the heterosexual majority to outwardly voice discrimination and intolerance against such a large mass, especially when the heterosexuals observed that among those homosexuals may be included their favorite movie matinee idols, their sons and daughters, their best friends, their favorite singers, their doctors, lawyers, priests, postmen, schoolteachers, and possibly even the friendly neighborhood gas station attendant.

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accordingly. Openly.

Don't interpret this as a call for the flaunting of the homosexual lifestyle, but rather a beckoning for pride and honesty within each individual gay and a determination to put that best foot forward when circumstances warrant.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with being gay. Guilt is only society imposed as filtered through antiquated history. But those outdated attitudes will never change until the gays, by the mass, each accept a commitment for that change.

With all the gays who cry and complain that they can't live their "life" in the open, you would think that major battles had been fought and lost. Hardly.

The simple fact is that the battle has not been fought at all. Most gay, as individuals, would rather weep and wail than make even the smallest effort for change.

Being honest about being gay is only difficult if you

YOUR OPINION

CONTACT welcomes your letters. Let us know what you think concerning subjects raised in previous issues, or about subjects that you may just feel about talking. Write the editor, CONTACT, post office box 22104, Houston, TX 77027.

"Coming" Clean

Appreciative thanks to CONTACT for providing continuing information concerning venereal disease in each issue, with special regards to columnist Joe Forrester for his comments in the May issue. Keep up the good work and maybe someday we'll defeat the pesky germs responsible for "Love Pollution." — David Waters, public health representative, Texas State Dept. of Health, Communicable Disease Services.

Yea, Gay Marriage

Your article on gay marriage (GAY MARRIAGE: THE SUCCESSFUL DEFINITION. May issue) was the most

feel guilt inside yourself. Observe those heterosexual organizations that are working in your behalf and ask yourself "What the hell am I feeling guilty about?" Chances are that you don't feel guilty when you're in bed with the guy of your choice, so why feel guilty so far as society is concerned. Society is more than willing to meet you half way, as proven by the efforts of the American Psychiatric Association and similar groups. But total acceptance of homosexuality will not be handed to gay Americans on a silver platter. At least a minimal effort will be required by EACH of us. The effort to be honest. The effort to have pride. The effort to put the best foot forward.

There's an old saying that gays seem to prefer to ignore, probably because they're too busy shedding tears of self-pity in dark bars.

"If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

Cleburn Lives

A friend of mine in Texas sent me a copy of your paper, including the little blurb you wrote about me. You accomplished two things for me. One, my friends now know I am not dead. And two, they now think I am gay. I'm not, but have been to some fantastic parties because they think I am a "swinger." Thanks. — George Cleburn, Jamestown, N.Y.

Jiving Joe

CONTACT is OK, generally, but Joe Forester's column is super fantastic. — Wayne Schrebe, Houston.

Waters Works

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Even on the conservative medical estimate that ten percent of the adult U.S. population is homosexual, any given heterosexual who has 100 friends or associates would be forced to re-analyze his attitudes on homosexuality when he discovered that ten of those friends were gay.

But the utopian occurrence of all U.S. gays suddenly becoming honest with themselves and the world will never become reality — because the shame and guilt toward homosexuality is strongest among homosexuals themselves. How many gays are academically open and frank concerning their gayness? How many have told their parents? How many have told their old school chums? Few. Unfortunately few.

To be honest with outsiders about homosexuality is not easy. It is easy to hide behind the old excuse that "society is not ready for such disclosures." But when will society be ready?

Society will accept homosexuality when the heterosexual majority discovers the unexpected size of the homosexual minority and realizes that, by and large, we're just everyday Americans like they are, with sexual preference as our only distinguishably distinctive trait.

But those points will be made to the heterosexual majority only when the rank and file homosexuals rid themselves of their own guilt and start acting

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Down with Christian

David Christian has his thumb up his optimistic ass if he thinks his theory on gay marriage will work. The only way to hold on to a lover is to strap him with real obligations, such as joint checking accounts, co-mortgage co-mortgages on a home, and co-signed car payments. The legal hassles involving a financially-bound lover can help see the two of you through rough times. — D.L., Houston.

Christian Basically Wrong

I found the gay marriage article in the last issue with many good points, but the basic theme is wrong. You do not have to view your gay relationship as if it was only going to last a set period of time. George and I have been with each other over three years now and as far as we are concerned we will always be together, even when we are both old and no one else would want us. We look forward, at least, to each other's companionship throughout both our lives. — B.R., Dallas.

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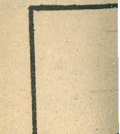
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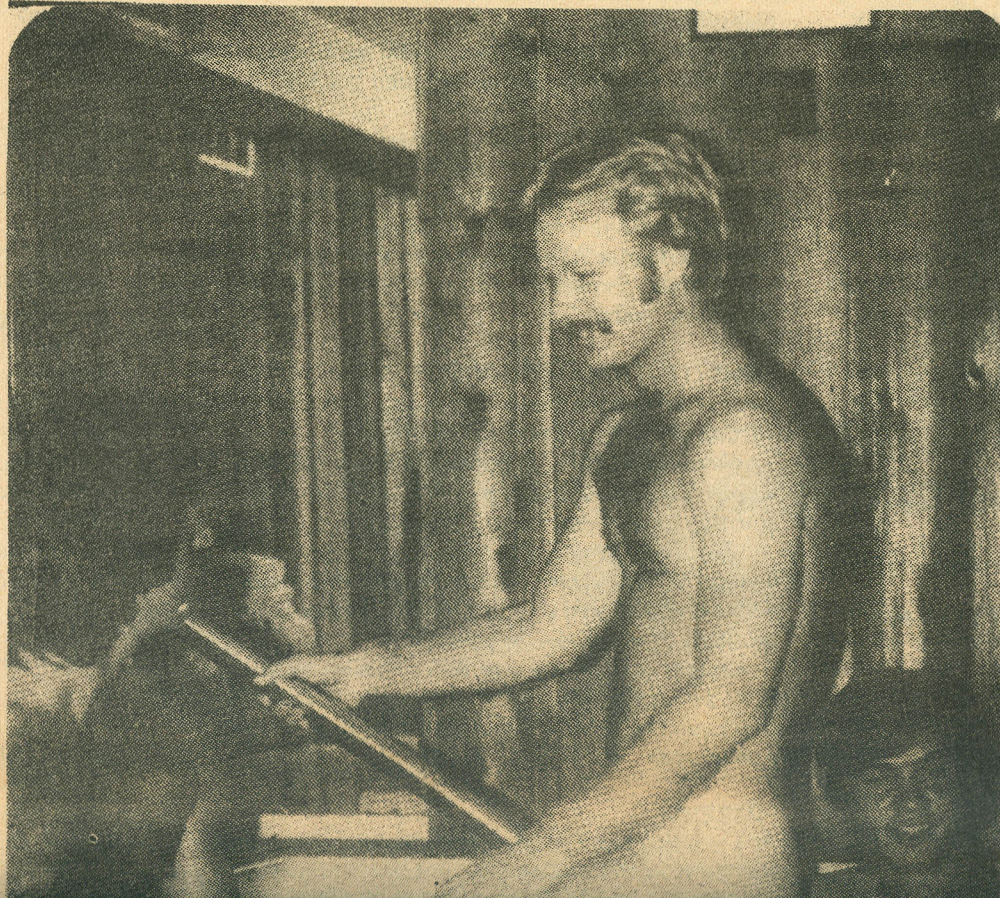
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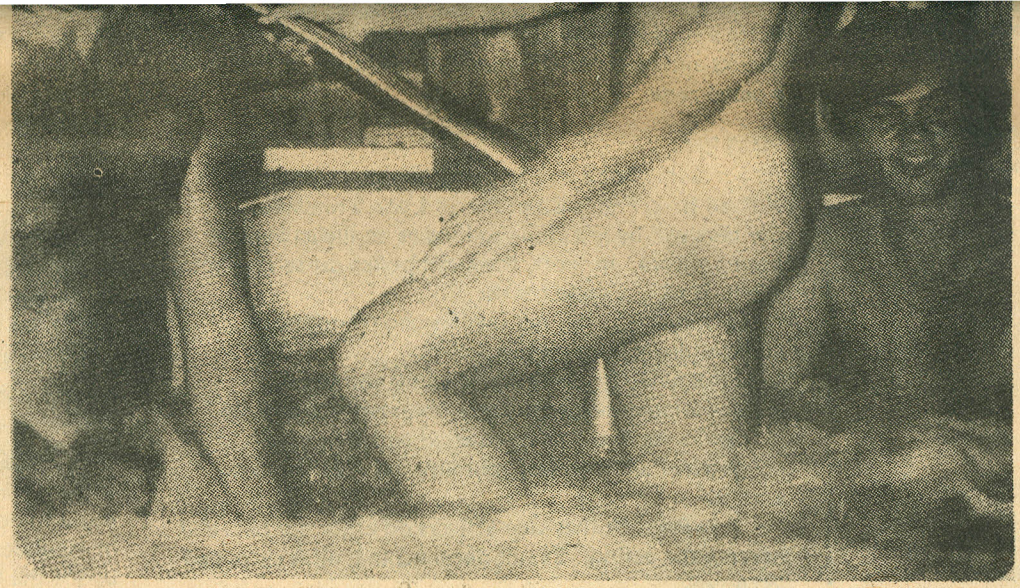


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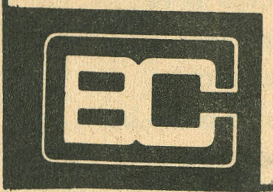


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Report From: INTEGRITY

CONTACT is pleased to allow Integrity/Houston space each issue, free of charge, to report on its projects and thoughts. Integrity is Houston's foremost gay rights organization. They meet each Sunday (except holidays) at noon at 3512 Travis. All interested persons are invited to attend and to become a part of Integrity. Correspondence should be addressed to Integrity/Houston, post office box 16041, Houston, TX 77022.

POLITICS

Integrity is not principally a political organization, but we involve ourselves to the extent that politics affects the gay community. Our general position is that we will support any candidate who supports us, and work to defeat any candidate who attempts to misuse or abuse us.

In this spirit we reacted quickly to the Jim Assad campaign effort to inflame anti-homosexual bias in the Heights. In an April 29 smear sheet, Assad attacked opponent Ron Waters' support of gay rights and strongly inferred that gays do not deserve representation.

Do You Support the Homosexual Cause?

Waters said, "If I'm elected, I'll represent ALL the people."

Waters also said, "There are lots of gays who are conservative, who voted for me, who worked for me. Because I'm committed to the gay cause, I can be open and public about it—to say in an official capacity that there's nothing wrong with gay love. To admit that I

have gay friends, gay people on my staff, and to introduce them as such, should have a radicalizing influence."

DOES THIS REPRESENT YOU?

The above quote was made by Ron Waters and was published in the Texas Monthly, April, 1973, Volume 1, Issue 3.

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That, above, is what the Heights smear sheet said. The version distributed in the Montrose area, which is also in legislative district 79, carefully avoided any mention of gays.

On May 2, Integrity printed 1000 leaflets exposing this bit of underhanded duplicity and quickly distributed them.

Mr. Assad, who was defeated two years ago by Jim Whitmire in district 82, is making a career of moving his political charade from district to district, hoping to find the elusive winning formula. This year's performance closed in district 79 on May 4 with the re-election of Ron Waters. Expect a revival in YOUR neighborhood in about two years.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

What is being done about sexual discrimination in the writing of the new Texas constitution?

We asked a "PhD" in political science, active in women's rights, who is deeply involved with the constitutional convention. Her reply:

"Nothing! Why expend the effort and resources to include one favorable section when the document as a whole is going to be so unacceptable that we will probably have to work to defeat it."

On that subject, the very idea of having legislators write a constitution seems to violate the concept of checks and balances — rather like having the police write a penal code.

POSTERS

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sex change operation to become Annette Mayes. When the matter finally came before the Supreme Court, the court ruled not to hear the case on the grounds that Annette's new sexual identity rendered the matter moot. No comment.

Mr. Sauer also expressed his opinion that Texas' new sodomy law is unconstitutional. As stated, the law permits heterosexual sodomy but same-sex sodomy is punishable as a class C misdemeanor.

In the past, Integrity has presented such disparate speakers as a mayoral candidate, a transexual, a priest, a state representative, and the two parties in Texas' first legal gay marriage. All interested persons are welcome to attend our meetings and we are always open to suggestions for speakers and projects.

STATEMENT OF POSITION AND PURPOSE

(PREFACE)

People by instinct are gregarious and social and have always and everywhere sought the company of their fellows. People band together to express common interests, to enjoy social intercourse and to realize common goals.

For these reasons we who are homophiles at all times and places have formed identifiable communities — overt and covert — by whatever degree the prohibitions of our larger societies have allowed.

When our homophile communities are forced by societal hostilities into secrecy, however, the positive values of human congregation are made perverse and negative and the community built upon them serves only as a temporary refuge and frantic escape from loneliness, self-hatred and despair.

The onus is ours as homophiles to resist this dehumanizing of ourselves and our fellows. We must recognize and affirm the great diversity of personality, belief and proclivity that is disguised by the stereotypical image of the homophile. It is a hypothetical construct that has no validity. It denies the uniqueness and variety of feelings and experience which define and individual and are the basis of his rights.

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At a meeting last February, an Integrity representative elicited from Police Chief Carrol Lynn a reassurance that gay bars will be left alone so long as no illegal activity occurs within. In short, if we can police ourselves, fine; if not, it will be done for us.

Fortunately, most bar owners and managers do a commendable job of self-policing.

Unfortunately, there are isolated, and some not-so-isolated incidents which threaten this détente.

Two points need to be stressed which involve enlightened self-interest; morality has nothing to do with it.

1) Plain clothes vice officers do enter our bars and observe the action. Be not deceived that all is shrouded in secrecy.

2) Even if the actions of only one person prompt a police response, everyone rides.

If you involve yourself in public drug trafficking or public sexual encounters, you are exposing all around you to arrest. If you witness such activity and do not report it to the manager, you are not an innocent bystander.

In an effort to subtly reinforce these points, Integrity will soon distribute silk screen posters to the bars in the hopes that they will be prominently displayed. We hope they are accepted in the spirit in which they are offered.

Raids on Houston's gay bars are an infrequent occurrence nowadays; it behooves us all to keep it that way.

Your thoughts on this program, pro and con, are solicited.

GUEST SPEAKER

Integrity's speakers program was pleased to present Larry Sauer on April 19. Mr. Sauer is a lawyer with the ACLU and represented Tony (Annette) Mayes in his U.S. Supreme Court appeal of Houston's cross-dressing statute.

Tony was arrested several times for impersonation under a 19th century ordinance. Under appeal, the ordinance seemed unenforceably vague, so charges were dropped, and a new ordinance was hastily written and adopted. Several more arrests ensued.

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We are citizens, entitled by right to all of the privileges and prerogatives of our citizenship. We are human beings and claim the dignity of our humanity.

To these ends we unit as Integrity/Houston, under the the following articles of incorporation:

(ARTICLE 1)

Integrity/Houston is a fellowship for homophiles and will serve as a focus for our friendships and recreation.

(ARTICLE 2)

Integrity/Houston is a forum for the open discussion of those topics, issues and problems that relate to homophiles. Integrity/Houston will promote thoughtful use of the franchise to achieve the full implementation of of our human and civil rights.

(ARTICLE 3)

Integrity/Houston will foster cooperative efforts with other groups and individuals who seek the betterment of the homophile community, particularly and society generally when such efforts are within the abilities and aims of Integrity/Houston.

(ARTICLE 4)

Integrity/Houston asserts that homophiles should be active, informed participants in any consideration of our condition and in any disposition of our fate.

(ARTICLE 5)

To promote our unity and to guide our actions we of Integrity/Houston adopt the following by-laws:
(section 1)

Anyone who has attended three meetings of Integrity/Houston is considered a member and is entitled to vote on all matters that come before our body.
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A planning board of five persons elected from the membership will guide the activities of Integrity/Houston Integrity/Houston.
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One member of this board will be a standing member and will vote only in case of a tie. The four remaining will serve terms of six months each on a staggered basis so that two members are selected every three months.

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Rumors around Houston say the Pointer Sisters cancelled their scheduled appearance in the Bayou City because ticket sales were low. Well, that's just not true. June Pointer, one of the famous foursome did, indeed, have a bad case of mononucleosis.

All Gladys Knight fans should be ecstatic over her latest effort. It's entitled "Claudine" and is the soundtrack from the movie of the same name. It's very heavy stuff. Favorite cuts are "On and On," "Mr. Welfare Welfare Man," and a fine ballad entitled "Hold On." The LP, on Buddah, is being marketed at an unusually high price of \$5.79 in most stores.

Latest word from Motown is that the staff there is frantically searching for commercial replacements for the now departed Mary Wilson and Cindy Birdsong, both former Supremes. If you know of anyone, pack them off to Detroit. (No female impersonators, please.)

Barry White, lead singer for Love Unlimited, has publicly stressed that his music is for ALL people who understand the meaning of love, in any form. White says that he is happy gays, as well as straights, seem to enjoy his efforts. Barry will soon be seen in a new movie titled "Coon Skin."

"Ladies and Gentlemen, the Rolling Stones," is a new movie featuring the super-group as shown in documentary documentary-form concert filmed in Houston and Dallas Dallas.

Barbara Mason wrote most of the selection on her new album, "Lady Love." In case you didn't know.

On the country block, we hear that the best around now is an LP by Jerry Wallace called "For Wives and Lovers." One side of the record is for wives (five songs) and the other side is for lovers (also five songs, no discrimination here). Wonder which side will be played the most?

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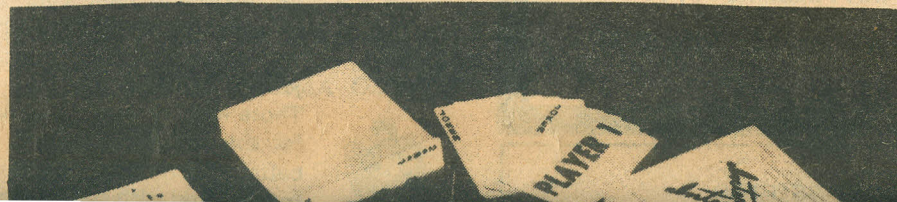
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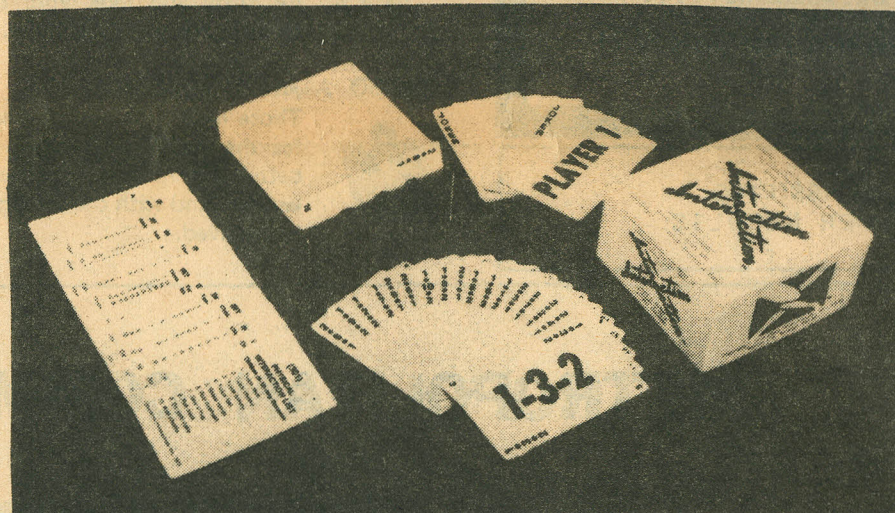
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ARIES March 21 - April 19



This is going to be a great month for getting your long-overdue financial affairs in order. In fact, this is a good time to tend to all sorts of affairs, including that special someone who has been on your mind lately.

TAURUS April 20 - May 20



Your friends have been telling you that you're looking great. They're telling the truth. It hasn't been easy, but taking care of yourself is really beginning to pay off. Keep up the good work. Avoid conceit.

GEMINI May 21 - June 21



It may seem silly now, but you really should brush up on your mechanical inclinations. Learn simple skills. There's a good possibility that you may soon be doing minor repairs on a house or possibly a boat.

CANCER June 22 - July 22



You've waited long enough to have that minor health problem taken care of. Rest assured, it is minor. So quit being afraid to go to the doctor for fear he's going to give you some really bad news. He's not.

LEO July 23 - August 22



This is it. Your month to find love. True love. Not that "love for a week or two" variety. Here it comes, kid. The big catch. Be ready and look your best at all times through the month of June.

VIRGO August 23 - September 22



Those legal problems that have troubled you for the past three months will not get any better this month. But they won't get any worse. And with the passage of time, all will

LIBRA September 23 - October 22



As of late you've become restless. Time to snap out of it. Not only because your daily routine has become boring; but also, there are a lot of people out there who would be most appreciative of the advice and help only you can give. Do them a favor and you'll be doing yourself one at the same time. Don't be a rebel without a cause.

SCORPIO October 23 - November 22



There won't be much action coming your way in June. But in a way, that's good. Take advantage of your spare time to get your act in shape for future endeavors. Temporary solitude can be an asset if you make good use of the time.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 - December 21



You're spending too much time on your household and material possessions. What good is it to have all those impressive items if you have them only for display to casual friends; rather than sharing them with one really special person. Become involved.

CAPRICORN December 22 - January 19



Time to give attention to family. Not your gay family, but good old Mom and Pop. Despite recent schisms, the ties are still strong and there's a lot of love and concern by all involved. Forgetting may be difficult. Forgiving is not.

AQUARIUS January 20 - February 18



You've always said you wanted to travel. Well, are you ever in for a real surprise. That place you've always wanted to visit is not on the agenda. You're going to a better place. About 600 miles better.

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Q: Is it considered safe to pass a "popper" around in most large Texas dance bars?

A: Depends on what you mean by safe. Legally, yes. But there are other risks. Last Saturday night, I generously passed a popper among a large crowd. When the popper, cleverly disguised as a Vick's inhaler, came back to me, it WAS a Vick's inhaler! Woe to those who play switcheroooo. Fie!

Q: Last week, I had a severe mouth infection. I went to the doctor and he told me I had "Vincent's Agina." The doctor was straight and suddenly started acting funny. Is that a disease only gays get?

A: No, but it's a disease that has little social prestige. In fact, it's downright tacky. Vincent's Angina is a polite word for trench mouth. You experienced ulcerations of the oral membranes caused by excessive exposure to bacterium. It can be cured by antibiotics. Actually, anyone can get it and give it. But it's more rare than VD and your doctor was probably startled by its presence. If you have any enemies, having trench mouth is a good time to kiss and make up. It only takes one kiss to spread the disease. Talk about the kiss of death, honey.

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clashes of their temperaments caused the girls to go their separate ways. They still performed together now and then, but it was never the same. They refused to dress alike or even wear their hair the same style.

In 1967, the trio split permanently. La Verne died of cancer. Patti continued to dabble in showbusiness while Maxine went into anti-drug crusade work.

But, as you saw, Patti and Maxine have now gotten together, apparently to cash in on some of their "Midler-created" renewed popularity.

Any more questions from the chicken gallery?

Q: Most people consider me to be pretty much the "hippie-type," but I do have a certain reverence for the social graces. At a recent dinner party, one of the guests proclaimed that he thought it was rather rude that he had been seated "below the salt." Everyone laughed while I just pretended to know what was going on. Was it an "inside" joke or was there some well-known significance to the statement?

A: There is a social meaning, but unless you were really hob-nobbing, I suspect you weren't the only one faking understanding. Through the Middle Ages, the saltceller was placed in the center of the table. The most honored guests at the function were seated between the salt and the head of the table. Simply put, the honored guests sat nearest the host at the head of the table, while the others languished among themselves at the lower end of the table. But don't worry, if such pompous, outdated rules ARE observed at the function you attended, be thankful you didn't have to sit near the host. There's a certain offensive odor emitted by a wet, stuffed shirt.

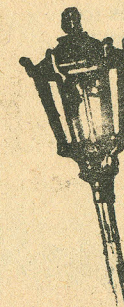
Q: I've just moved to Texas and it becomes quickly apparent that there's some sort of constant feuding between people from Houston and those from Dallas. Both sects say they are the most liberated, non-uptight group of gays in the United States. I know there are exceptions and you can't categorize such large masses of people, but if you had to pick, which group is the most spiritually free?

A: Neither. The Austin kids win. Hands down. But what else would you expect, with more than ten thousand male freshmen flocking to the University of Texas each year. Also, Austin holds the honor of being the city where the highest quality of marijuana in the United States can be obtained. Austin grass is par with New York hash. Philadelphia grass comes in second,

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A: I believe you. I, too, am post-Andrews in age. But after a friendly visit to the local neighborhood library, here's the info as best I could uncover. According to showbusiness historian Richard Lamparski, the Andrews sisters were "born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to a Greek restaurant owner and his Norwegian-born wife." They were La Verne, born in 1915; Maxine, born in 1917; and Patti, born in 1920.

When Patti was only six years old, they all began singing together at amateur nights in local theaters and on radio stations. The sisters never agreed on anything except music. Mr. Andrews disapproved, but their mother encouraged their singing as a means of stopping their constant arguing over clothes, hairstyles, and men.

After seven years of getting nowhere fast, they managed to get on a radio show broadcast from the Hotel Edison in New York in 1937. Dave Knapp, whose brother ran Decca Records, happened to hear them over the radio while he was riding in a taxicab. (Talk about luck!)

Under guidance of the Knapp brothers, the dames Andrews cut a record called "Nice Work If You Can Get It," which sold a million copies. For that song they had each been paid a flat \$50 and received no royalties. But after that, Decca gave them a new contract that paid them a five-cent royalty on every record sold, something that only Bing Crosby had been able to obtain until then. A few of their hits that followed were "Three Little Fishes," "Rum and Coca-Cola," and "Apple Blossom Time."

Soon they were legends. No one did more to swing the sound of the late thirties and forties than the three girls who never learned to read music.

Although they were unhappy with all their movie appearances, they couldn't complain about the huge fees they collected for them. A few are "Argentine Nights" in 1940, "In the Navy" in 1941, "Follow the Boys" in 1944, and "The Road to Rio" in 1947. It was on the movie screen that the gals introduced their ever-popular "Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy."

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Q: I read that Tatum O'Neal was the youngest, competitive entrant to ever win an Oscar. Who comes in second?

A: Both Judy Garland and Shirley Temple were given "special" Oscars at very young ages. But the youngest winner in the actual competition, prior to the awarding of Ryan O'Neal's overgrown sperm cell, was Patty Duke. At the age of 14, she walked off with the Best Supporting Actress honors for her portrayal of Helen Keller in "The Miracle Worker." That was back in 1963 and if all this doesn't make you feel old and wasted, nothing will.

Q: Is there a medical term for a penis this is so small it cannot provide sexual pleasure to others?

A: Yes. Vagina.

Q: I find myself the "not-so-proud" owner of two kittens. One male and one female, from the same litter. When they grow up, will they ignore each other, or do brother and sister cats "get it on"?

A: Do they ever! Better get the female spayed or be prepared to spend your lunch money on a kennel license and 800 pounds of Kitty Litter.

Do you have questions? Maybe Joe Forester can answer them. Please keep them to the point so that as many as possible can be answered each month. Answers can only be provided through this column. Mail your questions to HEY JOE, c/o CONTACT, post office box 22104, Houston, TX 77027.

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LOWER LEFT: Meet Ronnie. College student, 22. Ronnie says "Since I was 15 I've never been able to get enough sex."

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(section 4)

The planning board will divide specific duties and responsibilities among themselves as they see fit.

(section 5)

The planning board will meet as necessary, but not less than once a month.

(section 6)

Three members of the planning board will constitute a quorum.

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All committees will appointed ad hoc.

(section 8)

Any actions of the planning board may be abrogated by the majority vote of the larger membership.

(section 9)

Any part or all of these articles and by-laws may be changed by the considered action and vote of the membership.

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(AMENDMENT I)

It is hereby agreed and resolved that portion of Article 5, Section 3, regarding non-voting members of Board be abrogated and the remainder of Section 3 be ammended to read, "Five Board Members will serve terms of one year and will again be elected the second Sunday of February, 1974, and each subsequent year thereafter, and that present Board Members remain on Board, with their consent, until that time. Any Board Member desiring to terminate his/her tenure on the Board must petition general membership and ask for acceptance of resignation and replacement. Further, any Board Member absenting him/herself from Board and weekly general meetings in excess of three consecutive meetings without reasonable and valid excuse such as hospital confinement or temporary situation beyond his/her control, shall be asked by membership to reaffirm interest in serving on Board or being replaced. Any vacancy on Board may be filled for the unexpired term at the request of the general membership by the usual procedure of floor nominations and a ballot election. Nominee must be a voting member, as defined in Article 5, Section 1.

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time modern-day Christians sit down to eat.

"We laugh at them or ignore them as no longer relevant, the same way we scoff at laws of early American days which made it a crime to ride a bicycle on a public throughfare, or to present entertainment programs on Sunday.

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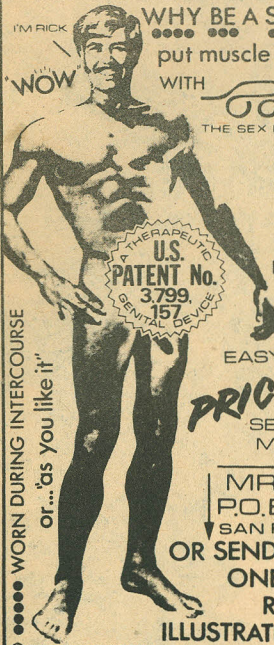
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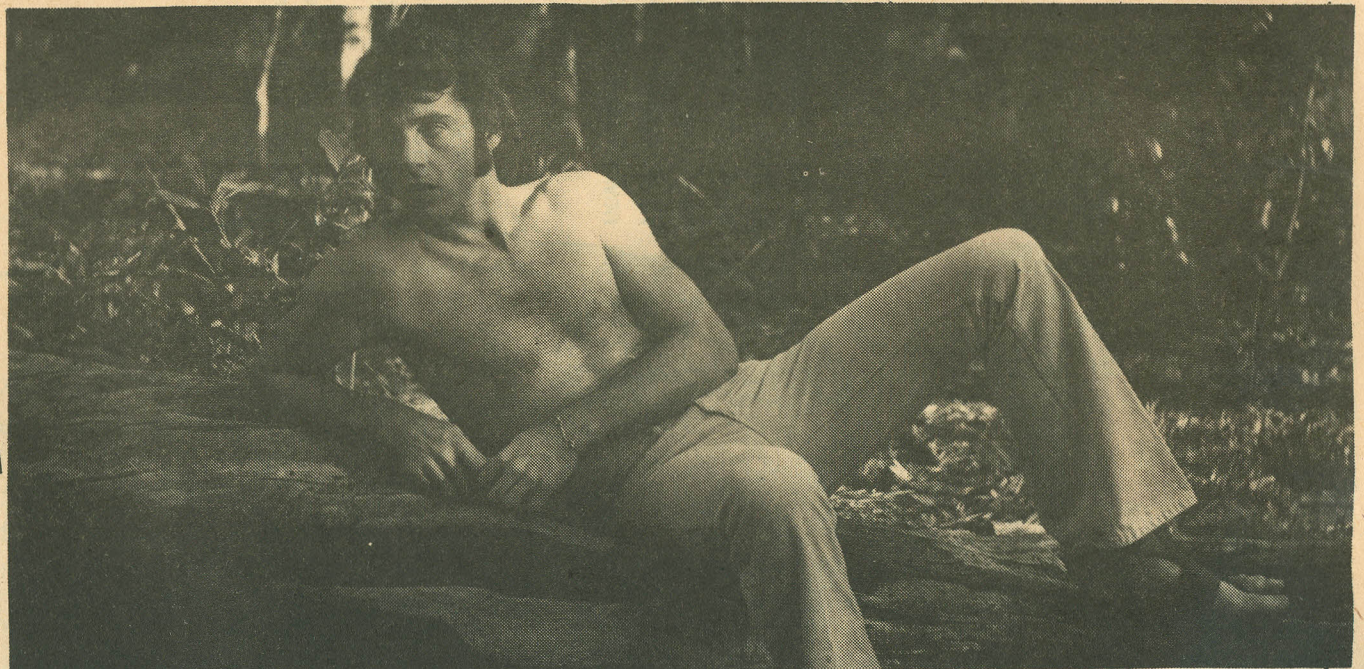
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