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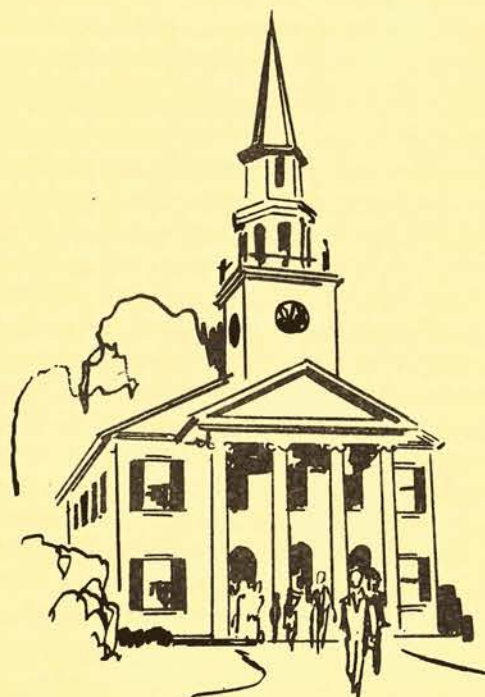
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MCC COMES TO HOUSTON



There is now a representative of the Metropolitan Community Church in Houston to begin a mission here. He has been sent out as a missionary by the church of San Diego, California, and until Houston's mission is recognised as a church by the Universal Fellowship of the MCC, Houston will be a missionary work of the San Diego Church.

Rev. Tom Markham until situated in a permanent location can be reached through the NUNTIVS.

Everyone is welcome at the Metropolitan Community Church!

(The new church building in Los Angeles of the MCC will be dedicated on March 7th, 1971. Everyone is welcome to attend.)

KIND WORDS for the PORNO-RESEARCHERS

If you cannot be faulted for being in favor of home and mother neither can you be attacked for being against dirty pictures and dirty books. Politicians, who hold these latter truths to be self-evident, have been climbing over each other like desperate commuters to get a good place on the bandwagon that has been set rolling against the Report of the Commission on Obscenity and Pornography. This has proved a feast for the righteously indignant who have not had many opportunities recently to enjoy the warm feeling that comes from denouncing unambiguous evil. The President himself has emerged as a Republican St. George swelling proudly at having slain the thrashing dragon of pornography on election eve. Beneath the welter of criticism of the Commission, however, lie deeper and more inclusive moral questions. These concern our attitude toward the truth, the methods of science, and our willingness to look compassionately at man.

Are we really committed to the pursuit of the truth, no matter how complicated, distasteful and difficult it is to attain this? Or are we as a people still ready to settle for the sketchy mythologies that comfort us

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IMPRESSIVE FILM TREATMENT OF TCHAIKOVSKY STARS RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN IN STAR ROLE

The Music Lovers, the second film of Ken Russell, shouldn't be judged by its limp title. It is a wild and glorious treatment of the life of Peter Illych Tchaikovsky, cinematically expansive, musically grand (with the London Symphony Orchestra brilliantly conducted by Andre Previn) and magnificently sexually honest.

There is no doubt left in the viewers' minds about Tchaikovsky's homosexuality. There is nothing left out, and the man Tchaikovsky is superbly portrayed by Richard Chamberlain with considerable understanding and sympathy. When the opening scene bursts forth with a Russian midwinter festival, with camondades, troupes and cavalry, dancing bears, wrestlers and tumblers, dancers, flirting women and sledders sweeping down a long slide board, our attention is directed to two athletic, hard-drinking young men trying to run back up the slide. One is a bearded Richard Chamberlain, heavily bundled against the Russian winter cold.

Then Chamberlain, portraying Tchaikovsky in the film, and his beautiful companion almost kiss — and the audience is stunned. Things remain wonderfully explicit from then on.

Tchaikovsky's brother Modeste, also gay, is excellently played by Kenneth Colley, and his lover as the picture begins, Count Anton Chilovsky, is perfectly portrayed by Christopher Gable.

Tchaikovsky, devoutly religious, was torn by life-long guilt over his homosexuality — but the guilt barely stood in the way of his practise! A man of tremendous energy, he was, despite guilt an early hypochondria, not the morose and tragic figure so often depicted by heterosexual critics.

Instead, he was a handsome, fun-loving man, filled with a zest for life, a practical joker, free spender and a drinker whose capacity for booze amazed even his fellow-Russians. He was a homosexual whose lovers were legion and the hard-working composer of some of the world's most eternally popular and beautiful music.

Homosexual Seeking D.C. Congress Seat

Washington — Dr. Franklin E. Kameny, proclaiming himself "the first publicly-declared homosexual ever to run for Congress," filed his nominating papers as an independent candidate in the March 23 D. C. delegate election.

"We intend," Kameny said Monday, "to remind a government and a country, which seems in many ways to have forgotten it, exactly what Americanism means — that this is a country of personal freedom and individual diversity; that Queen Victoria is dead and the Puritans are long gone."

Kameny was born in New York City, received a doctorate in astronomy from Harvard University, is a veteran of World War II and has taught and done consulting work as an astronomer-physicist.

Max Adrian gives one of the best character performances as Nicholas Rubenstein, founder and queen bee of the Moscow Conservatory, where Tchaikovsky taught. Isabella Telezyska is unforgettable in her role of Madame von Meck, who was for many years Tcheikovsky's lavish patron, although they never met in person. The treatment of her mad household is without doubt the high point of high camp depicted on the screen in years.

Unfortunately, a lot of heterosexuals may walk out of this beautiful film treatment of the life of a great artist, and surely some homosexuals will find fault in the portrayal of gay life. Nevertheless, this is one of the truly great films touching on the subject, and it will certainly prove to be one of the most important films of its genre and time goes on. See it when it comes to Houston. You'll never forget it!

PARKS REPLIES TO PALACE CLUB

While at the Editor's office of this newspaper I was given a February 1971 issue of THE NUNTIVS. I read a statement that was headlined, "Palace Club Statement" and signed by Ron Moman.

Mr. Moman, being that the article is headlined in that respect, do you speak for the Palace Club or just for yourself? You asked, "Why Indictments?" Do you believe in law and order, Mr. Moman? Let's face it, do you think this fair city can be governed by mutual respect alone?

I am under the impression that you may believe the indictments were brought about by false testimony. Do you know what the penalty for perjury is before the Grand Jury? In case you don't, it is a felony. Do you think all the witnesses that appeared separately and secretly before the Grand Jury could tell the same stories without question? According to law, arson cases generally do not receive indictments on testimony alone. These indictments were brought about by ten months of investigation that revealed a chain of circumstances as well as uncovering physical evidence. Testimony of witnesses was corroborated with the circumstantial and physical evidence found.

It was mutual respect for our society, as it may be, that put the backbone and courage in these witnesses to tell it like it is and not the threats of what one individual may have hanging over the head of another. The people of your area should hold these witnesses in high esteem for being an asset to their community.

Signed, M. R. Parks

Arson Investigator City of Houston

The NUNTIVS regrets that in last month's edition a reference was made to the appearance before the Harris County Grand Jury investigating the Palace Club fire of Mr. Lanis Thompson. This information was erroneous. Mr. Thompson did not appear before the Grand Jury in this matter and the NUNTIVS regrets the printing of this statement, as well as the inconvenience caused to Mr. Thompson.

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COME "HOME" RUNAWAY!

"There he lay, doubled over on the cluttered bath; room floor. He had no pulse; a hyperdermic needle lay at his fingertips". One case of millions you've read and blown off because it would never happen to you. That speed freak laying dead may be happier now than you are. He could still be alive like you with your pills and rigs tearing apart your body, not to mention your mind. Say, how is your liver? your teeth? your complexion? your hair? your weight? I need not remind you that the life expectancy of a speed freak is only 5 years.

Maybe I can tell you about a few of my drug experiences. If you listen (maybe) you will realize where your trip is leading you. Taking drugs isn't bad or harmful but a problem does arise when the drugs begin to take you. And they will sooner or later, if they haven't already.

I started drugs in the 8th grade (9 years ago) when I sang and played folk music in a coffee house. I started with grass and then in 10th, finally dropped acid. Continuing to drop acid heavily through my senior year, it was the usual story. Grades dropped, appearance lacking, parental problems, no ambition, and lots of problems. I spent a month in a mental hospital that summer but I insisted I'd quit drugs and so I went off to college. I was straight at school until I found who to trust and made connections. It began all over again. My grades were good but not as good as they should have been. I found it harder and harder to concentrate. I'd go out stoned in the snow and forget my coat. I kept blowing everything off until I got pneumonia. I was in bed for three weeks and was told that I couldn't possibly catch up so I'd have to withdraw. That evening I took an over-

dose of downers. Some how I woke up a few days later in intensive care at another mental hospital. My parents came and packed my stuff and brought me home. I sat around the house for a month and then started doing acid and downers. My mother was dying in the hospital with cancer so I decided I could forget everything by dropping a few tabs and walking on the beach. I ended up in shock in a mental hospital that evening after being raped by two men. I didn't really know who or where I was for the first two months. Then I began to improve gradually with a three month series of electro-shock treatments. The sixth month I was put in an open ward where I could get passes. My lover and I started thumbing to Houston to get dope and bringing it back and selling it in the hospital. We had a very profitable business until she started hitting junk every day. I hit it for two weeks but kept getting sick, so I blew it off. She did too finally and started hitting up crystal. (She was in the hospital for narcotics.)

I was finally discharged from the hospital after nine months. Three months later I married a guy I'd been dating and moved to Houston. He didn't know I was gay so I dropped more and more to ease my guilt complex and my fear of being found out. Four months later I left him and went to live with some speed freaks. One was a quantity dealer and had lots of dope to fix so he hit me six straight days and five nights with 1 gram every 3½ - 4 hours. Then I started crashing, throwing things and screaming. I've never been so paranoid in my life. The feds had been following us everywhere we went. I WANTED OUT! Our apartment was filled with hot credit cards, checks, a TV and a stereo. Then three guys came over one night and asked if they could stay because there was a contract out on them. I SPLIT. That was the last I saw of them and speed! Speed freaks are bad news. Their life is dope and they'll live or die and steal or kill for it.

Speed may not be your trip. Downers were Penny Paytons last. I don't know, maybe she and Joe Cruz are happy now, but we all loved them and saw what happened to them. How about Hendrix and Joplin. Drugs are killing us.

I snapped two months ago that dope wasn't my trip and let up. It's a long road without them because you have to look at yourself in the mirror and you can't run away from your reflection. My moods are feelings now and not the pills I take. I've learned to blow off things easier. A week ago I was depressed and went to my connection for some downers. He held out his hand and said "No babe, you're come too far, you'll make it"! So I went home and slept. I'm glad though because I could have started that circle again by just messing up that one night.

This isn't all of my story, but it is what I thought might hit at least one of you out there. My ex-lover (from the hospital) is in jail for possession and use of narcotics (it is her second bust for narcotics - she's only 19 years old).. Our ex-connection is in the pen for heroin (sale, possession, and user). Another three ex-friends were busted in Florida for hot credit cards, checks and cars last month. The rest of the people I just didn't care to keep up with. I wasn't what you'd call an addicted doper, but I was an acid freak and a maybe once a week speeder and downer. I never took junk again except when it was just dusted or weed. Maybe some of the people I've made reference to here will pick up this article someday and recognize themselves.

If you are really happy --- I mean really happy --- I guess you can just blow off what I've said. But if you are frustrated, confussed and falling more each day, please try to let up. Life isn't great, but no drug is going to ever make it be or even seem better. Mentally relive your last "CRASH" and see if you don't agree!

Anonymous

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PORNO-RESEARCHERS

because they make it unnecessary for us to look deeply at ourselves and our own behavior?

It is entirely possible, especially given the derisive nature of much discussion along the bloody trail of this year's campaigns, that we can take a collective step backward, substituting anticipated judgments and personal attacks for a willingness to approach the truth in a disciplined and scientific manner. This is the implication of much of the criticism of the researchers whose work provides the foundation for the report on obscenity and pornography. There is nothing new in subtly branding the scientists who investigate man's sexuality as somehow mildly depraved, devously motivated, or bent on the destruction of our most prized values. That makes for good William Jennings Bryan style oratory while it excuses us from taking a closer look at what might be hard truths about ourselves.

The larger moral question here centers on whether we are going to be selective or defensive in our approach to knowledge; whether we are going to cut out or cut off those searches for the truth which make us uneasy; whether, in other words, we are going to choose the darkness rather than the light because we have private reasons for not wanting to see very well anyway. Moral outrage is well-orchestrated to denouncing what is presumably dirty but this drowns out the fundamental principle that some truth is always better than rumor, prejudice, or just plain ignorance.

The first people to admit the shortcomings of the research done for the Presidential Commission are the social scientists who carried it out. The methods of social science demand that research be done openly, publicly as it is said, with a detailed description of each research step and technique so that any colleague can repeat the process if he chooses. The pornography researchers move into an area where pitifully little work had been done. They did so in the only way in which any scientist can proceed, carefully but incompletely, with the full realization that he will not work the perfect experiment. He also knows that if he waits for the day when he can work the mistake-proof experiment, he will not work any experiment at all.

The social scientists who worked for the commission acted professionally, qualifying their presentations carefully, pointing out weaknesses in their own sampling and methodology, and underscoring the need for continuing research. To respond to the discipline of research is to act morally in trying to uncover the truth that is the only sure basis for human wisdom. To denounce the work of these men without carefully reading their presentations is, at the very least, a questionable moral position, as is the hue and cry which would prevent the follow-up investigations that are so clearly needed.

If we choose to curtail our search for an understanding of the meaning of pornography in man's life, we may also exhibit a late-century hardness of heart against man himself. There are few things that have caused human beings more intense personal anguish than the ignorance and superstition that have cloaked the sexual dimension of personality. It is only in this century that we have begun to view man anew, seeing that he is not filled with demons, and sensing that his sexuality is deeply expressive of his identity. To repress and restrict inquiry into the mystery of man's responsiveness to pornography on the grounds that this is unfitting or immoral is the kind of maneuver that invites us all back into the dark ages.

Man, with all his weak spots, needs compassionate understanding far more than the puritanical control that only confuses him and makes it difficult for him to become fully mature. Nobody in his right mind will say that a diet of pornography either leads to or symbolizes fully human behavior. But it would be far better to understand why men crave vicarious, frustrating, and ultimately isolating erotic ex-



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periences than to condemn them out of hand to continue to bear their all too human burdens in a world we are afraid to light up.

Man is, after all, saying something to us in the language of pornography, in the search for some sense of self that motivates the middle-aged quest for the movies and exhibitions that make people feel a little less lonely. One would have to be hard of heart indeed to say that we should not listen or try to understand what man, in all aspects of his sexual behavior, is trying to say about himself. It is only through an openness to the scientific approach to truth and a genuine sensitivity to man that we can achieve the adult moral wisdom needed to guide our way into the next century.

EUGENE C. KENNEDY

(Father Eugene C. Kennedy, M.M., is a counseling psychologist and author.)



Metaphysics

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Occultism

The mind consists of two elements: the physical, or outer self; and the psychic, or inner self. Whatever is experienced by the outer self thru its physical senses means nothing unless it is recognised by the inner self. A wonderful physical experience will be worthless if you are not in a mood to enjoy it.

Your outer mind takes in experiences thru the physical senses of sight, hearing, smell, touch and taste, and thus transmits them to the inner mind. Similarly, the inner mind has as many as five psychic senses which also register the results directly on itself. These psychic senses are:

1.) Clairvoyance, which literally means "clear seeing," is the vital basis of all psychic or occult powers. It dates to remote antiquity, when it was used as a form of divination. Thru it you can visualise actual people, places and events to an extent of accuracy depending solely upon the degree of your clairvoyant development.

2.) Precognition is inner knowledge of future events ranging from mere intuition to detailed impressions.

3.) Telepathy is the reception of unspoken thoughts transmitted from one mind to another, either as mental flashes or significant messages, regardless of intervening distance.

4.) Radiesthesia is the locating of hidden objects and unknown places, and finding lost articles thru vibratory influences, usually with the aid of some instrument for recording sensitivity, such as a rod or a pendulum.

5.) Astral Projection, or out-of-body experiences is the release of the inner self thru nervous energy, enabling it to travel elsewhere as an astral body, or etheric double, resembling its physical counterpart.

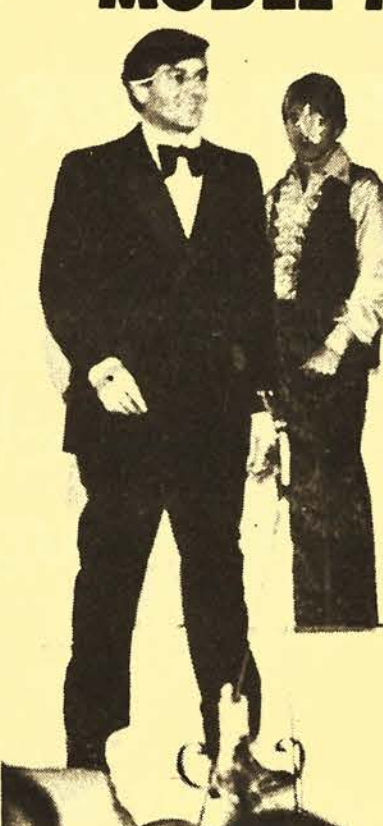
Just as the outer senses can be expanded to include other factors of a physical nature, such as a sense of balance, distance or time, so can other inner senses be added to the list. But for purposes of general comparison, the above-mentioned group of five will suffice. It should be mentioned, however, that just as the outer sense of sight can be applied to reading, painting and microscopic or telescopic observations, so can the inner sense of clairvoyance be used in such things as psychometry, crystal-gazing and automatic writing, and so forth. Also just as the outer senses may be used in combination, so may the inner senses.

Just as sight is regarded as the most important of our outer senses, thru which we perceive the known world around us, so does clairvoyance represent a primary function of the inner psychic mind. Once classified as something bordering on the supernatural, its status was finally reduced to more workable scientific terms, as in this definition.

Clairvoyance is a supernormal mode of perception which causes a visual image or its equivalent to the conscious mind. It is not seeing; rather, it represents the gaining of impressions, for in the clairvoyant state, all the bodily sensations seem to merge into one all-encompassing sense. Thus, a person is able to see, hear, taste, smell, feel, and above all, to know. Yet the images thus developed stand out clearly and strongly.

As the concept of clairvoyance broadened to include the other inner senses, the term ESP (Extra-Sensory Perception) was coined to give a scientific status. As continued research developed more findings in this field, another term became popular, that of GESP (General Extra-Sensory Perception). This was necessary in academic circles to cover complex situations where various inner, or occult, functions were present.

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Thus, clairvoyance, as we recognise it to-day, embodies the basic principles of ESP, and for general purposes the two may be classed under one head, as each represents an awareness of an event or influence notably not apparent to the outer, or physical senses. The clairvoyant element is ever present in what is commonly called intuition, for life is filled with innumerable situations where something must be decided inwardly before outward action can be taken. Thru clairvoyance your inner mind is enabled to visualise existing scenes without the direct aid of your outer senses. By its aid, you can attune your inner senses to the vital stream of cosmic consciousness, expanding that ability as you proceed.

Although the term clairvoyance may be translated as "clear-seeing," it actually means "clear-sensing," since all outward sensations are merged in an all-inclusive inner sense. That is why the fundamental aim of the genuine occultist must be to develop this inner psychic power.

In next month's column we will discuss how to develop this most fundamental occult power thru inward concentration as the source of personal psychic power, and the benefits to be gained from clairvoyance.

For those of you who have a need for money, here is a simple spell which may prove useful to you.

On the evening of the next Full Moon, take a handful of brand-new coins of any denomination and stand in the doorway of your residence. Make certain you are just outside the doorway, facing into the room. Throw the handful of coins into the room, saying with fervour: "MONEY ON THE FLOOR/MONEY THRU THE DOOR!" Let the money remain exactly where it falls for 19 days and nights -- do not move it! Burn a green candle while you cast this spell, and let it burn itself out. In order to maintain the power of the spell, offer a small portion of the money which comes to you after the 19 days are up to a friend or stranger.



Houston GLF

The Gay Liberation Front of Houston has advised THE NUNTIUS that they are now a recognised on-campus organisation at the University of Houston. Meetings are set for each Tuesday evening in the Student Union Building, according to a GLF spokesman.

Because I have sworn not to forsake you
I will turn away with tear filled eyes
When you scorn my joy.
Because I have waited and prayed
and known all along your displeasure
I will not mention my fears.
Because we were one and the same once
and I know that we can be again
I will love you that much.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE LEADERS OF THE JUADED-CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE HOUSTON AREA:

Drawer 358 (Homes-Hopi) of the Houston Public Library card catalogue contains 27 subject-index cards on homosexuality, homosexuals, the homosexual, etc. The number is not surprisingly large. Indeed, one might have expected more. After all, Houston is the only Southern city in which a gay newspaper is published.

What is significant is the publication dates. Of the 25 books on homosexuality which may be withdrawn from the Houston Public Library, only one was published in the 'forties -- 1949, to be exact. Then, after a considerable interval, two more appeared: in 1956 and 1959. The remaining 22 were all published in the 'sixties. Nineteen hundred and sixty-four and -- what some homosexuals might have hoped would be proclaimed an International Gay Year -- 1969, were the only exceptions. However, 1965 compensated with a record publication of seven; and 1968 with five.

An obvious conclusion can be drawn from the above statistics. Simply stated, it is: In an age of sexual revolution, homosexuality has become the focus of increased attention. But are the premises for such a conclusion sufficiently strong?



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H. H. Kimball Jones's *Toward a Christian Understanding of the Homosexual* was published in 1966 and provides a better perspective. Of the 27 books and pamphlets he lists in his bibliography, 48 had already been published in the 'sixties.

Or by way of further objection to our original statistics, it may seem as if the 'seventies ushered in a slacking-off period. Which may be true. For the time for action, for at least a measure of militancy, may seem to have arrived. Indeed, the relative permanency of books and pamphlets may seem to have arrived. Indeed, the relative permanency of books and pamphlets may seem to have given way to the ephemera of broadsides, pickets, and periodical articles.

So, halfway through 1970 appeared the first of a three-part article bearing the general title "The Christian Male Homosexual" (Hamiletic and Pastoral Review, June, July, August). The author is Father John J. McNeill, S. J., who teaches Philosophy at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York. By way of introduction, the author acknowledges "the failure of pastoral counseling" in the field of his study. The first two parts of the article should, of course, be required reading by those ministers of religion who are, at long last, attempting to fill a centuries-long need. Those parts are called "Misconceptions and Prejudices" and "What Should Be the Goal of Counseling? The Clergyman's Role as Counselor." But it is the final part which should serve to initiate what must prove to be a helpful dialogue. At the very onset of "Ethically Responsible Homosexual Relationships" Father McNeill asks the sticky question: "If priests and religious, who attempt a life of chastity under optimum conditions of both nature and grace are finding difficulty in ever growing numbers, how can we expect such a life from the homosexual who shares none of the helps and motivation to be found in clerical or religious life?"

Already this year (America, Feb. 6) has appeared an article which serves to document a continuing

indifference or actual hostility on the part of those who profess to see Christ in their fellow-men. Called "The Churches and the Homosexual," and written by Father John A. Coleman, S.J., a special career fellow with the department of sociology, University of California, Berkeley, it concentrates upon what has been called "the gay capital of the country," San Francisco. Four groups are singled out for brief study: 1) the Newman-Lutheran Campus Ministry at Berkeley; 2) San Francisco's Council on Religion and the Homosexual; 3) Berkeley's Pacific School of Religion; and 4) the Metropolitan Community Church, San Francisco branch. According to Howard Wells, its licensed minister, "MCC engages in dialogue with other churches, in hope of realizing its goals of being an interim church which wills its own extinction. MCC does not feel, though, that the other churches are ready yet to absorb it." Takers, anyone, for the challenge issued?

Every so often, in the Providence of God, we are furnished, by some very often unlikely source, with what may be described as a testament to or for a particular era. During the twenties, Bartolomeo Vanzetti provided such a testament. Only time will tell whether the "Christian" attitude toward the homosexual may not have been provided with such a testament — by Charles Manson. In his testimony to the court he spoke of his "family" as "just people that you did not want, people that were alongside the road."

And now, to end on a statistic. Ten times, in the Christian Bible, honors being divided equally between the Old and New Testaments, is God said to be no respecter of persons.

Yours for an increase of understanding,
A Gay Roman Catholic Priest

THE LOO IS NOT FOR LOVE

In every community there are always those few sick persons who suffer from problems which affect the rest of the community and which bring down upon them the disgust of most people. It is a problem not peculiar to the Gay community, of course.

However, there is one problem which is, sadly, almost exclusively a Gay community problem: The poor sick person who has to find sexual satisfaction with strangers in public facilities. Whether you call it the W.C., the bathroom, the lavatory, the tea-room or the loo, it still is not the place to make love.

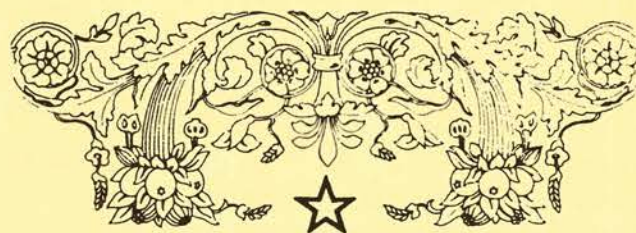
There is a sound psychiatric explanation for such behaviour and the NUNTIUS would be most happy to refer those people who suffer from the mental illness to proper sources of help. However, for the time being, we would like to advise those who indulge in this sort of sexual activity that their halcyon days are coming to an end: a number of business establishments have advised the NUNTIUS of their intentions to rid themselves of such undesirable elements and to prosecute the offenders.

Already at least 21 charges of sodomy have been filed in Houston against persons arrested in local restrooms. In most instances the management has had to hire security guards for the sole purpose of protecting their patrons from the unwanted sexual solicitations of Gays who haunt the loo looking for the quick trick.

In other instances, police have arrested and filed sodomy charges on persons indulging in public sexual acts in business establishments catering primarily to Gays: book shops and cinemas.

The NUNTIUS urges the Gay community to beware of the results of such public behaviour and to restrain themselves where such restraint is needed. Under such circumstances you only have yourself to blame if the trick turns out to wear a badge, and if it is not an example of police entrapment.

The NUNTIUS knows there are a lot of sick heterosexuals who go to the well-known tea-rooms for servicing, and there have been some of them arrested recently, too. But our principal concern is for the Gay community: consider yourselves warned! Go take a cold shower — it's better than a ride downtown!



The Star Chamber

by

Browne Breckenridge

Houston's Gay

Society Scene

WE'RE VERY FOND OF ART, actually, but we were just STUNNED by the sight of those photographs being taken by one of Houston's most successful pornographers of some of the most INCREDIBLE subjects! It is REALLY just astounding, really it is, when you realise who these very handsome models really are! Why, some of the BEST Families in the County (not to mention Galveston political circles!) are represented! And Lord knows these kids don't really need the MONEY! Really, sweets, it's almost

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EDITORIALS

GAYS IN CHURCH

Recently here in Houston there has developed a recognition by some christian ministers that the homosexual has a soul and is also a child of God. Hallelujah!

Of course, not all christian ministers accept that startling idea, but at least a start has been made to minister to the homosexual who wants religious experience in his life and who prefers to be a member of a church community. The NUNTIUS welcomes this compassionate development on the part of a few Christian ministers to immolate their Lord in service to all men, not just the men who lie with women.

The Bible is frequently used to damn the homosexual into a darkness reserved for the most heinous sinner. It is quoted by many to prove the condemnation of the homosexual to perdition by a monstrous God who rivals moloch in his vindictiveness and merciless rejection of his creatures. Fortunately, the same Bible can be quoted with equal facility to demonstrate the merciful God who loves his creatures, including the Gays of his creation. We believe this Biblical exegesis is more accurate, and certainly more in keeping with the idea of a forgiving Father who is proclaimed as a God of love.

The NUNTIUS welcomes the ministrations of those Anglican and Roman Catholic priests and Protestant ministers directed to the gay community, and supports their efforts to demonstrate a really christian outreach to their fellow man — who just happens to be Gay.

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too much to bear when we run into some of them at River Oaks Country Club and such places and you KNOW their Lamar, Kinkaid and St. John School yearbooks would flame if these cozy snaps were used! At least it's such a comfort to see what good breeding & diet will do by way of physical development, and aren't you glad we told you about it?

SIMPLY EVERYONE is awaiting invitations to visit the newly acquired townhouse on Roseland bought by that dear old boy whose exorcism has become part of folk legend! Actually, we understand this piece of machinery, which was put to uses NEVER dreamed of by its manufacturer, has been removed from the premises. It seems that dear old boy has decided to trade it in on a two-passenger shower bath, which is a MUCH more personal manner in which to entertain young guests, and you know it! It's really SO much more cozy than a silver duck press, although not as elegant perhaps, and we know our town's most professional virgin will be just terribly happy right there in the middle of Montrose.

THE PROBLEMS WITH KEEPING one's guest-lists properly culled in the face of these dreadful indictments affecting our community are just staggering! Just everyone is troubled about it, really they are, and wondering if they should lay in extra fire-extinguishers before having some people in for dinner, drinks and/or tricks. Well, it just isn't all THAT serious, according to one of our most active party-givers, luv, who advises that as long as you don't entertain in Private Clubs or in petrol storage dumps there is NOTHING to worry about. Well, really!

ONE OF THE TOWN'S more socially active attorneys, recently returned from a visit with an ex-bunny up Canada way, has been seen squiring another young thing around the local watering-holes. It's just a wonder the way he ASSISTS so MANY of these young things, temporarily embarrassed financially, don't you know, and we all think it's just so nice. Of course, it seems that he is not as active in SOME circles as he used to be, and that he is missed by his friends; but then these young things really

can't be taken just EVERYwhere, can they? Of course not.

IT WAS JUST TOO, too nostalgic, luv, when we visited the old Players Lounge, now re-opened after all these years under the name Players Image. The decor is just about the same as it was back in the hey-day of the first Players, luv, and that was where just EVERYONE who WAY anyone went to tinkle. It's lovely, really it is, to see the old place back in business at the same old stand on Milam Street.

WHILE FOLLOWING THE unpleasantness of the murder trial of Dr. John Hill, who has been charged with murdering his wife, the famous horsewoman Joan Robinson Hill, whom so many loved and respected, we were wondering if and when a certain Houston newspaperman might be brought to trial on a charge of molesting a young boy sometime ago. Although we sympathise with him, really we do, and understand how busy his publishing duties keep him, we WOULD like to know what's happening, luv. And it's just too, too sad, but we can't remember the name of the proctologist who treated the young boy, either . . .

IF YOU HAVEN'T got round yet to see the Rothko Chapel on Sul Ross, luv, by all means DO! There really is NOTHING quite like it, and you know we wouldn't fib to you about such things. It's got to be one of the grimest bunkers put up since the Russians over-ran Lithuania, luv, and a perfect study in grey. If you have a free afternoon, make up a picnic lunch with champagne and Do The Chapel: the terribly fun thing is to watch the spaced-out loonies and the older types staring glassy eyed at the most expensive joke in the art world. Those monumental canvasses of Mr. Rothko, all done up in funeral tones of black and murky maroon are TOO much! It's probably the campiest show in town, luv. And such a hoot watching all those freaky wears actually trying to SEE something in this colossal exercise in irony. Love it!

AND SPEAKING OF FREAKY dears, dears, we saw that dear old girl who also keeps tabs on the Beautiful People of Houston for Another Paper. It was just too, too wonderful, really it was, and we just loved her fantastic granny dress in scarlet woman scarlet. She's SO daring, really she is, and always, ALWAYS puts so much jazz into anything she does. We really didn't know whether her outfit was the wildest thing at the opening of the Rothko Chapel or those fantastic guns strapped to the hips (and some were GORGEOUS hips!) of the police guards who wondered around the Chapel. Actually, the sight of armed guards in the Chapel added just the RIGHT touch to the lunacy of the whole thing, and you know we just adore a real, serious bit of camp now & then, luv. We can hardly wait to see what she has written about this romp with culture (tongue-in-cheeks, cheeky) in the company of her most interesting & so obviously aesthetically-inclined friends. It was lovely, luv.

A NOON-TIME CONFRONTATION between the owner and the manager of one of our favourite penthouse clubs and the owner and assistant of one of the town's downtown cellar drag clubs took place right out in broad daylight, my dears. It seems the persons involved ran into each other at a less than fashionable restaurant on Westheimer and Words Were Exchanged. The owner of one club loudly demanded from one end of the restaurant that the other two persons join him and his manager At Once Outside. They did, and were joined by just scads of attentive folk interested in hearing what was being said. It was UGLY, luv, and obviously another chapter has been written on dirty linen in the continuing lives and loves of the BPs. It just goes to show that bearing tales frequently ruffles feathers, sweets, and makes many people frightfully NERVOUS. Heaven knows one can't look one's best with one's feathers all askew & flapping! What ever happened to Private Chats Over Differences, we ask you? These public displays of pique are really a bit tiresome, but they do give the community just bunches to chatter about. And they DO chatter.

ONE OF THE OWNERS of a popular gathering place for the freaky set has been released from hospital following his minor surgery, luv, and is doing very nicely, thank you. He's in marvellous shape, all considered, and we're just thrilled about it, really. And the rumours about the nature of the operation are Not To Be Believed, luv, and you KNOW we only tell you the best stuff.

WELL, NEW ORLEANS during Mardi Gras was just its usual too much! The Vice Squad persons were just kept running night and day, pity, and the sights in the bars were just as astounding this year as last and the year before and all the way back to the beginning of it all. We still get a thrill from the scenes enacted Right Before Your Eyes in some of the places, especially when we discover all those kneeling men are NOT exactly praying. And it's such fun running into just EVERYONE we haven't seen in ages (and rarely missed) doing the ODDEST things with the ODDEST people in the ODDEST places, and you know it.

SPEAKING OF MARDI GRAS in New Orleans, luv, we know you'll all be breathless to learn the going rate for bribing your way out of a set-up Vice Squad arrest over there is now about \$1500.00 minimum. Of course, the dear boys on the Crescent City Vice Squad have their needs, too, and who can begrudge them a little hanky-panky along the route? Now Lord knows we aren't opposed to just lots of lovely love, whatever's comfy, but we do think it's TASTELESS for some of these dears to get their jollies and then do their show-and-tell routine with the badges! And we know IRS isn't being kept up-to-date on the take, either, and that's very, very naughty. Of course, New Orleans has never been known for being exactly the centre of virtue, has it? And we really wouldn't want it any other way, actually. And isn't it surprising how much Italian is spoken there when you'd think it would be French . . . ?

THERE ARE SOME OF the most exotic pasttimes being indulged in on some of the most interesting parking lots these evenings, and we're just fascinated by it all, really. And so are some of the more authoritative folk round town, luv. Really they are. It's just amazing how useful these mini-buses are for certain ministrations, especially when the various clubs seem to frown on such activities indoors. Not all clubs, but some clubs. Of course, luv, sometime it really IS a matter of diabetes and insulin injections . . .

WE UNDERSTAND THAT some time back one of Houston's most venturesome young newspapermen, who writes for another newspaper known for its many, many typographical errors which they blame on the computers, quoted us in his front-page column. We're just thrilled, really we are, and want him to feel free to get with it anytime. And aren't we all just so happy he got rid of that horrid Ubangi hairdo he had sprouting for so long and now has a hairdresser doing The Right Things with him. Of course we are. We also just love his sports magazine and his columns, even when they pretentiously indulge in things considerably Over His Head. He might also get a better grip on the facts of Houston Society and not EVER ascribe social prominence to some of our dear things whose claim to Society is somewhat self-proclaimed. We really must keep SOME standards as we often say, and that's important.

THAT DEAR OLD BOY from New Orleans and the Victoria, Texas area and Houston and several tea rooms in between, who arrived in Houston in time to place his knee prints in the newly opened Foley's has remarried recently his former wife, a prominent widow of one of our most fabulous citizens. She had divorced him once upon a time, luv, and then married a hotelier of the most peculiar taste and habits. After divorcing that person just prior to his planned safari in Africa which her attorneys decided was really not in her best interests, she returned to the matrimonial state with her former husband. She's so intent on being married, see? And he is just too, too dedicated to marriage, too, see? and not exactly

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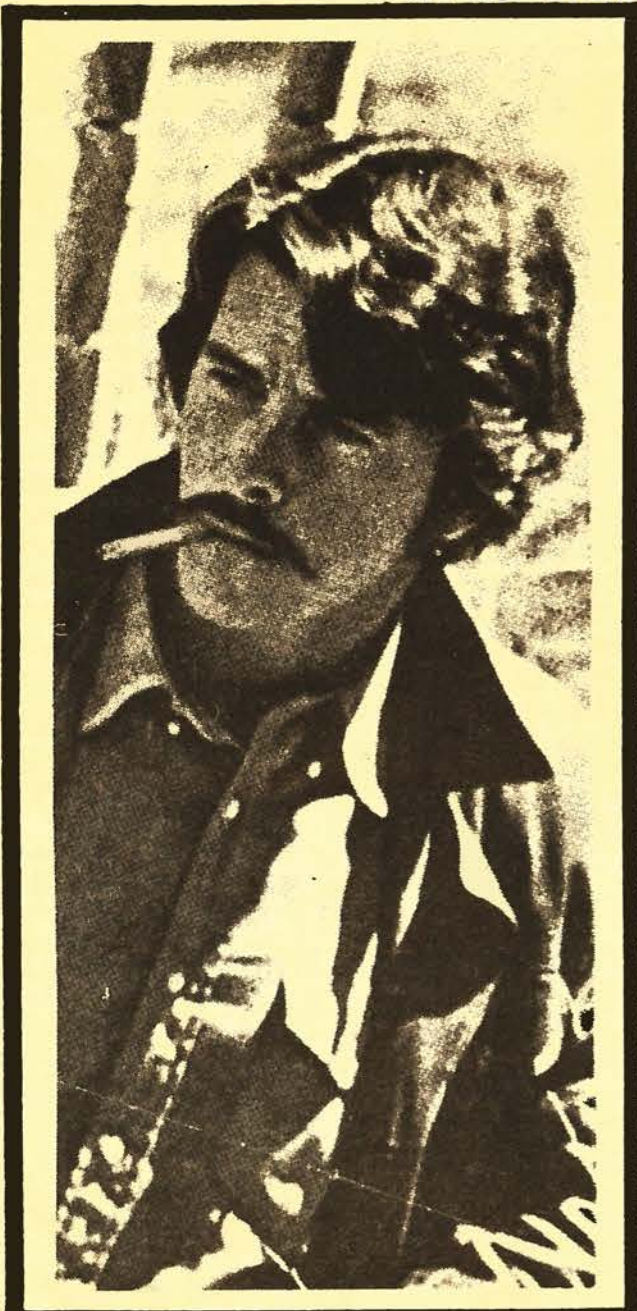
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marriage the way the local marriage laws view it, luv. One of his former marriages included a not-so-straight union consummated several years ago while dining in the Tea-room at Simpson's Dining Car. This marriage dissolved when the not-so-pretty East Texas spouse's funds were depleted resulting in the repossession of this person's Cadillac convertible and house in Memorial, from which he removed to to take up residence in a high rise with the money and dog he got from this not so holy union. And his present spouse, she has LOTS of money, luv, even after divorcing her other former husband, whose tastes were expensive if not always tasteful. And you know it. Anyway, this dear marring boy laid away a sizeable nest-egg while married to his East Texas husband - - whose own nest egg hatched and flew away, see? - - all the while keeping quite company with a local Society pediatrician who is SO understanding in such matters as require discretion who married into the East Texan's family. All of which may seem confusing, luv, and it IS! Now the dear boy is settled into the high-rise residence of his new wife (whose champagne tastes are adequately satisfied from her own vineyards and funds) and the former husband (remember?) from East Texas is broke and wiser if not happier, and can be found searching for substitutes swinging from man to man going from can to can. A modern American tragedy, really it is, and SAD.

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The Scales Of Justice



HETEROSEXUAL BOY, 14, GET LIFE FOR RAPE AND ROBBERY IN GEORGIA

Marietta, Ga. - A 14 year old boy who has been sentenced to life imprisonment in Georgia after pleading guilty to charges of rape, robbery and car theft. He was sentenced by Cobb County Superior Court Judge Harold C. Raven. Under Georgia law the name of the youth cannot be published because of his age. (Isn't that comforting? No point in embarrassing the child or his family, now is there? Certainly not.)

ALLEGED HETEROSEXUAL JUDGE DENIES LESBIAN MARRIAGE PLEA

Louisville, Ky. - Judge Lyndon Schmid turned down a request from two gay girls that they be granted a marriage license. The pair, Tracy Knight, 25, a former go-go dancer, and Marjorie Jones, 39, a divorced mother of three, had sought a license to marry on grounds they should have the same legal rights and tax benefits as heterosexual couples.

HETEROSEXUAL SHOT DEAD IN GUNFIGHT OVER WOMAN

One man was killed and another in critical condition recently after a gunfight erupted in a McNair Station lounge.

Johnny Holmes, 51, of 2323 Hodges in McNair, was dead at the scene of the shooting, the Casa Blanca Lounge. He was shot in the chest. William Rogers, 41, of 2410 Harris in McNair, was in critical condition at a local hospital with five head wounds following the shoot-out.

Witnesses said Rogers and Holmes had a long-standing quarrel over a woman. They met in the bar about 10:30 pm one evening recently and argued briefly over their relationships with the woman. They then began shooting, witnesses said. The woman was unharmed.

HETEROSEXUAL PART-TIME PREACHER SHOTS WIFE & SELF AS SONS WATCH

A part-time preacher, C. W. Henderson, 43, murdered his wife, Lodene, 37, in their home and then killed himself as their two sons watched recently. One son, Clade, 14, told police he was awakened by a shotgun blast at 12:25 am that killed his mother and saw his father put the gun to his own chest and press the trigger. All lived at 6822 Bacher in Houston.

HETEROSEXUAL MAN BLUDGEONS WIFE TO DEATH - GETS 10 YEARS

Joseph Nickerson, 32, was found guilty here of murder in the bludgeon death of his common-law wife and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Mary Robertson, 36, was found dead on 28 June 1970, beaten apparently with a claw hammer in the house she shared with Nickerson at 2217 Nettleton.

The defence counsel claimed that Mrs. Robertson, whose blood contained . 585 per cent alcohol at the

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time of her death, was probably dead before the beating occurred. Some authorities consider a blood-alcohol measurement of .4 as lethal, testimony indicated.

Dr. Joseph Jachimczyk, the Harris County pathologist, testified, however, that the woman was alive when beaten. She died of a broken neck, he said.

Nickerson testified that he drinks between three and five fifths of wine daily, and does not remember any fight with the woman. He said he awoke to find her bloody body beside him in their bed.

HETEROSEXUAL GURU OF LSD HELD BLACK PANTHERS

Berkely, Cal. - A tape recording attributed to Eldridge Cleaver, escaped Black Panther leader living in Algeria, says Black Panthers there have placed Dr. Timothy Leary and his wife in "protective custody" because "LSD has destroyed their ability to make judgements."

The tape, broadcast over radio station KPFA, said the Black Panthers have withdrawn support from the "psychedelic movement" of which Dr. Leary has been a leader.

"His mind has been blown by acid," the tape said.

Cleaver is the self-exiled Black Panther who calls himself the "minister of Information" of the so-called Black Panther Party, a Maoist militant organization dedicated to the violent destruction of the USA. Dr. Leary is the former Harvard University psychologist who proclaimed himself High Priest of the LSD Church and promoted the cause of drug use. He escaped from a minimum security prison in California where he was serving a sentence for illegal drug possession, and arrived in Algeria with his wife, also an admitted heterosexual, last September. They proclaimed common solidarity with the black militant group at that time.

The tape recording rejected the ideas of Leary about drug escapism and said, "We want the people Che Guevara asked for: cool, calculating killing machines with confirmed ideological foundations motivated by revolutionary love." Eldridge Cleaver, to whom the tape is attributed, is a fugitive from justice after fleeing the US to avoid prosecution for parole violation, is an admitted heterosexual now

living with his family in Algeria, where he runs the Black Panther Party headquarters, and calls for the murder of high American politicians and elected officials. He has denounced homosexuals as degenerates frequently. His solution to the homosexual

generates frequently. His solution to the homosexual problem also involves shooting them.

HETEROSEXUAL MAN GIVEN 75 YEARS FOR SHOOTING POLICEMAN TO DEATH

The jurors who convicted Elmer Porter, 30, of murdering Houston policeman Leon Griggs set his punishment at 75 years in prison, disregarding the State's call for the death penalty.

Porter's attorney, Mike Atkinson, wept during an emotional appeal for leniency before the jury retired to consider the sentence. He apologised to the jury — four men and two women — for his "strong feelings" in the matter.

Officer Griggs, a 15-year veteran of the HPD, was shot to death on 31 January 1970, while working off-duty as a security guard at the Sacco Bros. Food Market, 2616 Blodgett.

Porter stood stoically as the verdict was read, his wife and two children waiting outside the courtroom in a hallway.

HETEROSEXUAL MAN TEACHES SON BANK ROBBERY: SON GETS 30 YEARS

A district court in Houston has given sentences of 30 years each to Jackie Dale Roberts, 25, of 9428 Scranton, and Lawrence Ray Alberti, 27, of 8120 Findlay after finding them guilty of armed robbery. They were convicted of participating in the 22 October 1970 holdup of the Bank of America, during which \$29,654 was taken. They were captured by police a half hour after the robbery.

Roberts was free on \$25,000 bond until 5 February 1971, when he and his father, Cletus Roberts, were arrested and charged in the \$1000 robbery of an Austin bank. His brother, Charles Lee Roberts, was later charged in this robbery.

Alberti was on 10 years probation for possession of marijuana at the time of the Alameda bank robbery.

YOUNG TEXAN, PRACTISING HETEROSEXUAL, FACES TRIAL NOW IN MANSON MURDER CASE

Los Angeles, Cal. — Charles (Tex) Watson, described by a prosecutor as Charles Manson's "head zombie" is being released from a state mental hospital to face trial in the Sharon Tate murders.

Watson, a tall, handsome Texas, was indicted along with other members of the bizarre hippie-style clan presided over by Charles Manson in connection with the seven murders. He successfully fought extradition from Texas, however, until the trial had already begun in L.A. After his arrival in Los Angeles, he was ruled insane and hospitalised.

His trial would be deferred until the current penalty trial of Manson and his female co-defendants ends. They have been convicted of murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Watson has been accused of being the leader of the pack of murders commanded by Manson to kill Sharon Tate and her house-guests in August of 1969.

HETEROSEXUAL RAPIST TAKES PICTURES OF HIS VICTIMS

Houston police said recently they believe the man who raped a young co-ed here is the same one who attacked three Pasadena housewives in their homes in the last 15 months.

His description and method, including the taking of lewd photographs of his female victims, is the same in all four cases. His latest attack occurred recently in the afternoon when a 20-year old U of H student returned to her SE Houston home and found the man waiting inside. She said he held a knife at her throat, tied her with belts and stockings and then raped her. After the attack, he made her pose in several obscene positions while he took pictures of her.



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If you are a Mick Jagger freak this is your movie, an in depth study of the man and the star. David and Albert Maysles and their team of twenty two camera men produce a powerful statement of reality. The name of the style is direct cinema . . . portraying life as it is lived rather than reinvented by the traditional cinema. There is no special lighting, set, or staged filming — only real people in real situations. You see the Stones as they are — people — no plastic, no make-up, and no hype.

Portions of the film are the Stones and several unidentified people viewing the film of themselves on an editing machine. The sexuality of Mick Jagger

comes through in real expressions, motions, gestures, and sometimes in words. "It's good to have a chick now and then." is Micks comment after watching Tina Turner "turn on" to I've Been Loving You Too Long. Always the camera is close in on Jagers expression filled face . . . but the expressions seldom give a clue to what feeling lies behind it. The Stones music is always there pervading the electric atmosphere of the world they live in. You see violence, calm, tenderness, and brutality . . . it's all real-direct cinema. It is an experience, but don't expect to understand it. Shelter is one of the most persuasive pictures to reflect a reality that unspools with the force of fiction.

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A MATTER OF SELF-ESTEEM

MEN ARE BEAUTIFUL. Two men agreeing to share their lives as well as their sexual experiences are beautiful together. Why, then, do so many of these unions fail in weeks or months? The lure of promiscuity and fascination for the unknown or unexperienced are the reasons usually given but let's examine our personality structures a little deeper.

From the time of our first sexual experiences "behind the barn" or our first masturbation experience the overwhelming reflex as well as learned emotional reaction has been one of shame. Our parents, wanting to avoid sexual excess and many times because they themselves felt guilt and inadequacy in their sexual role, enforced these feelings of shame and degradation. As we grew older and heard the snickers and angry denunciations of "queers," we learned the attitude of society was to ostracize and punish the homosexual, and so the shame we felt was now official and legally enforced. We accepted society's concept of sexual aberration and made these concepts our standards. Most attempted to avoid falling into this category, but when it became evident to each of us that, if we were to be ourselves and reach any fulfillment of life's promises, we must be of a secret, furtive group, we accepted shame and guilt as a part of our personality. It is easy to see why the "normal" man who, after a few clumsy experiments in sex, can marry and establish a satisfactory relationship with a woman, would be intolerant of those who cannot, since he sighed with relief when it "worked" for him. His own guilt feelings concerning that little episode with the boy next door, or the physical release with a "drinking buddy" in service, are still rankling, and he now joins society in condemning others who could not pass that hurdle.

Psychiatrists are very familiar with the "acting out"

that guilt causes. When we feel guilty, we expect punishment, whether we are children or adults. Children are sometimes found standing in a corner after misbehaving, although the parent knows nothing of the misbehavior. If punishment is not forthcoming we seek it out, but more subtly as adults. We cruise the johns, expecting legal retribution; if there is no element of risk the experience is no longer satisfying. The more flamboyant act up on the streets, attracting attention so everyone can see that we are no damn good-degenerates, Mother's bad little boy. To some, being beaten as by a father is a sexual experience in itself. And when we attempt to establish a lasting emotional relationship with another homosexual our guilt stands in the way, both in the stability of the relationship which we feel we do not deserve, and in the pretense of a "marriage" which we can never really consummate. The shame we feel is never directed at us; instead we are given affection which we cannot accept. Society's barbs are diverted or softened, although we feel these are our due.

The term "society" is not synonymous with "the law." The law should be a reflection of society's attitudes—it fails when it tries to instruct. But the law is enforced by individuals with their own problems of sexual identification and guilt feelings from sexual experiences. Otherwise, why the lack of law enforcement against the fornicators in "lovers' lanes" (which is also illegal) and the complicated time-consuming traps set up for the homosexuals? And thus it can generally be said that the enforcement of the law more nearly approximates society's attitudes than the laws themselves. Changing existing laws to more reasonable and scientifically correct concepts is a laudable goal, but the basic problems is the society which instills the guilt in all of us, and our reaction to this guilt, or lack of self-esteem.

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Expert Tells Why . . .

America's Lifestyle in the Year 2000 Will Repel Many People Living Today

By ROBERT H. ABBORINO

Changes affecting America's lifestyle by the year 2000 "will repel many people living today," a psychiatrist and insurance company executive predicts.

Dr. R. Morton Darrow, vice-president of planning and analysis for the Prudential Life Insurance Company, told The ENQUIRER: "I am very pessimistic about the future."

He said a growing tolerance will permit communes, radical changes in the family structure, wife and husband swapping and increasing homosexual family life — women living with women and men with men.

"For one thing," he said, "it will not be unusual to see two men and one woman, or two women and one man, sharing the same home."

"However, family life as we know it today will be strengthened in many cases, especially for those who have been taught by their parents — our generation — about the values of the

marriage institution. For them, family life will be about the strongest institution left, maybe the only one."

Dr. Darrow, who taught political science at Princeton and economics at Rutgers, said that homosexual relationships are already becoming more socially acceptable and that some of these relationships "will evolve out of concern for the population explosion. It was the old desire of man to recreate himself that led to many of the taboos concerning homosexuals."

Dr. Darrow said that "although homosexuals, lesbians and bisexuals will increase greatly in number by the year 2000, most Americans will remain 'straight.' However, even this majority will prefer a variety of sexual partners — not just their mates. And this won't be particularly frowned on."

But the insurance executive sees trouble ahead with the "flower children." They "gave us their love and we murdered them," he said. "We spit on them and their love turned to

hate. Many of them are becoming more and more bitter about real or imagined repressions. They are already taking to the hills to live in communes."

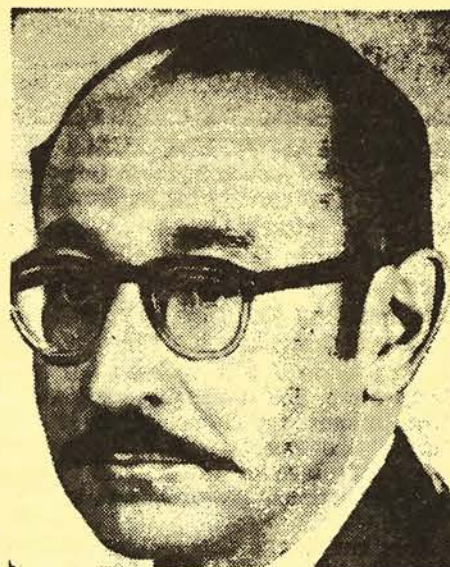
"For its own good, society should keep these groups out where they can be observed. If we drive flower children into hiding, I'm afraid our institutions will have to face a guerrilla war with these young dropouts."

Dr. Darrow foresees a "more fluid and rootless society in the year 2000. With faster modes of transportation, people will not remain in one place long enough to become involved with their communities."

"They will change jobs and homes regularly."

"Because this mobility will not give individuals much opportunity to make lasting friendships, the traditional family will have to be the bulwark of society."

He expressed gloom about the future of our cities in the light of escalating problems involving overpopulation,



pollution, crime and violence, housing and transportation.

"Our urban crisis is so deep that even if we had sufficient knowledge, money and dedicated citizens to fight the present decay, it would take 20 years before substantial progress would be evident," he said.

"A monumental effort might prove me wrong. I hope so," he added. "Miracles have been wrought before by an aroused citizenry."

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AT THE TOPMOST of this social pyramid is a group of ladies and gentlemen whom we generally recognise as The Aristocracy. They are the men and women of exalted birth, social position, wealth and power. They move in all grades and classes of our society but remain somewhat aloof from the rest of society because of the nature of their lives, positions and obligations. These are people who recognise their own and prefer the company of their own: persons of titled or untitled nobility, scions of great families, diplomats, those who have achieved great wealth or social standing, persons who exercise real power in the community, the educated and professional leaders. They share common interests in the arts and sciences, international affairs, business and society. They are uniformly marked by an elegance of manner, the ability to command and to be obeyed, the courteousness of their social lives, the depth of their learning, the ease with which they move amongst themselves and others socially and their disdain for the petty, the cheap and the useless. Their lives are distinguished by their genuine concern for their friends, their community, their country and their civilization. Their interests are varied, their lives rich, their friendship sought after, their scorn feared. The Aristocracy has no single leader, but rather develops a consensus of opinion which generally directs their social actions. It is a grouping of equals, some being more equal than others.

BENEATH THE ARISTOCRACY on the social pyramid is a grouping of people frequently called The A Group. This is a socially active group of people

loosely joined together by similar interests and hatreds and usually revolving around a few leaders. Unlike the Aristocracy, this group includes a much more democratic flavour, permitting the inclusion of a wide range of personalities. Its members include persons of considerable financial standing and professional achievement, persons of genuine education and background, a few near-aristocrats, and a liberal sprinkling of arrivistes and male prostitutes. Their principal interests in life are parties, show and tricks although not necessarily in that order. Their cultural life is limited in comparison with the Aristocracy's, and rarely rises collectively above the level of the Broadway Musical or the latest fad musical group. Gossip is their stock-in-trade and they provide a source of serious support for the liquor industry. They also provide comic relief for the Aristocracy, whom they in turn attempt to imitate. Their individual lives are richly varied, with a startling assortment of police records, dubious occupations, unusual checking account procedures, hospitalisations, exotic acquaintances and indebtedness. Although a rather democratic grouping of people, they have a disparate ranking system, with everyone firmly fixed in their places by their leaders. Amongst the criteria of social ranking is the party-circuit: who gets invited to whose parties is vitally important in their somewhat socially vacant lives. Not participating in the greater society of the community, they have formed a sub-social group to substitute for it, and to be invited to this or that party is social success. Not to be invited is social death to them, whereas amongst the Aristocrats is more important to accept an invitation: for the Aristocrats many invitations may be received, but few are accepted.

VIRTUALLY UNSEEN at the country clubs and best houses, The A Group endeavours to make up for this lack of acceptance in Society with many cocktail parties and their other social gatherings. It is a full social calendar which confronts them, too, including their big annual events, the Academy Awards TV Show. Black-tie is required for this sensational social occasion as with others held by this group, much to the delight of the rental agencies. No decorations are worn, however. White-tie occasions are practically absent from their lives. Fortunately, they hold many social events which permit for costumes and dress-up, including a surprisingly large number of female impersonators. As with most in-groups, they adopt a common pattern of speech with similar accents and pronunciations. This is also a difference between them and the Aristocracy, for the Aristocrats maintain both their identity and accents in their social lives. The A Group lacks the richness of individuality which is important to the Aristocracy, preferring a more secure similarity of its members.

FURTHER DOWN on the social pyramid is that large and delightful population of people who go about their everyday lived with little care for the verities of the above-mentioned groups. It is from this large majority of our society the Aristocracy and The A Group both take in new members and in which they find a never-ending supply of acquaintances and mates. This large group is composed mainly of young men and women on their way up, or down, both native Houstonians and recent arrivals. At the top of this large group are the delightful and productive young people and older hands who enrich any community. At the bottom are the parasites of any community and the prostitutes who provide casual sexual gratification for the lonely, the jaded or the weak. There is an apparant class division within this group, with the people at the top coming from usually good middle class families, whilst the lower strata coming from lower class families. A varying academic history appears amongst this group, with high school and college graduates generally at the top, and the less formally educated and drop-outs taking up their normal positions at the bottom of the pyramid. At the bottom we also find the psychotic and psychopathic personalities. The similarity between this grouping of people and the general population of any country is obvious. The achievers and creative personalities rise to the upper classes of any society, whilst the losers and failures remain in place or sink lower. One's value system dictates the importance of such

things in life, regardless of one's birth or social condition. Those who want to achieve something in their lives usually do; one's social connections are usually effected by mutual interests; one's failures are usually one's own. And what is important to one person may not be important to another.

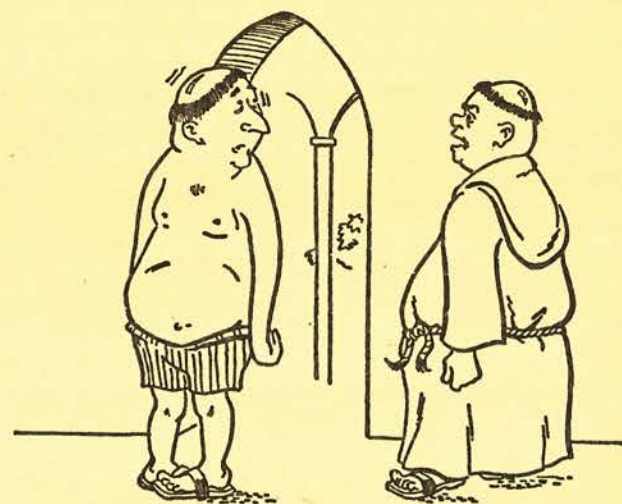
DALLAS' BAYOU CLUB SELLS FOR \$60,000.00

Club owner, Frank Caven of Dallas has announced the sale of the Bayou Club to Dennis Sisk, owner of the Orchard Club. The sale price was reported to be \$60,000.00. Mr. Caven also sold the Club Bon-Soir for an undisclosed amount.

The Club Bon-Soir was sold to one of the operators and there are no proposed immediate changes at this time.

The Bayou Club has started some remodeling and opened the Bayou Courtyard Restaurant. The restaurant features atmosphere and good food at reasonable prices. Some of the featured steaks and sandwiches cooked to your specifications on an open-hearth which is part of the dining area are: Steak & Tails - \$5.45; Lobster - \$5.25; 10.02 Filet Mignon - \$4.95; 8-oz Club - \$3.95; 8-oz Strip - \$3.45; Chopped Sirloin - \$2.95; Bayou Burger - \$1.95 and other items of good taste just for you.

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What are you doing next weekend? Have you thought of buying something for your apartment or house to give it a kick, to make it stand out. If the answer is Yes, then go "antique" hunting. Its always fun, especially if you see something you like.

Antiques are fun having around. They spark up any area. Though money is always a necessity for buying, you don't have to enjoy a president's salary to enjoy buying or collecting antiques. Once the "bug" has bitten, it is hard to shake it off.

Texas and the South are the last bastions in the world where the price of antiques has not skyrocketed. One can still find a great many bargains in all fields: Queen Anne and Chippendale furniture, oriental porcelains, art glass to Texas primitive furniture and articles, even to painted tin pieces.

If you see something you like, buy it. If money is squeezed then put it in layaway. Most dealers will be only too happy to do this for you. Putting an article in layaway does two things. First, as you come in to pay for the merchandise, the dealer may have received some new merchandise for you to purview and also maybe buy. Secondly, it will provide the dealer with word-of-mouth advertising that will stimulate business. For once you buy something in an antique shop, you will return to it to see if there is something you again like. Once you know where at which shop or shops, you can find what you want or need, you will continue to patronize that/those dealers and become friends with them.

If you have not had the pleasure, inexpensive antique pieces of furniture can be refinished or "antiqued". An armoire can be refinished into a beautiful bookcase, china cabinet, stereo shelf, or television stand. You can line it with contact paper or paint it. This same piece can be bought new for several hundred dollars and then might not be exactly what you are looking for. So, get to work, there are hundreds of items that you can do over yourself if you should want. It's particularly inspiring when the finished product fits the idea that you particularly had in mind when you purchased it. An inexpensive chair can be stripped, pardon the pun, to take all of the old varnish off and get down to the original finish or wood of the chair. At this stage, you can either leave the finish as it is and oil it to seal the wood or you can "antique" before re-upholstering it.

In the antique world, there are literally thousands of articles which you can collect or just buy one. Naturally, there is a great price variation as to the article or field of articles that you might be interested in buying or collecting. The best way for any

person to really know whether he will want to begin buying in a particular sphere or area is to haunt the shops and to try to find books on that article. This way you can find out the availability of them and the price range you will have to pay once you start collecting.

One of the best features about collecting antiques is from an investment standpoint. Antiques never lose their value. You can always get the money that you put into it and very frequently get a nice profit on it should you in the future decide to sell it.

There are a great many antique shops in most cities. All are veritable treasure troves. Bargains can be found. In fact treasures are still available. One person in town bought a pair of bronzes for a negligible sum. Later, upon appraisal found that these same bronzes were worth close to several thousand times the price paid for them. Knowledge and imagination are the keys to buying. Know for what you are looking. It will always pay off.

Each and every antique has a story to tell. The designer had a particular idea in mind when he fashioned the piece. Of course there are signed pieces, but every craftsman used his imagination when the article was crafted. You can too. When you have an idea as to the kind of piece you want, use your imagination. It will work well for you.

Some of the most enjoyable times that can be spent are at "antique auctions." You can see what particular items will be sold for as well as seeing a variety of items for sale. Often you can get a bargain, that is, you will pay a price less than normally what you would have to pay if you bought it off the floor. In fact you may see an item that you find interesting and want to start collecting. A lot of the auction houses truck furniture from all over the country and the world for these auctions as well as selling collections of private individuals. Go to them. It will be a rewarding experience.

This column will be contributed on a monthly basis. If you like it, send in your questions about various items or field of antiques that you would like to know about.

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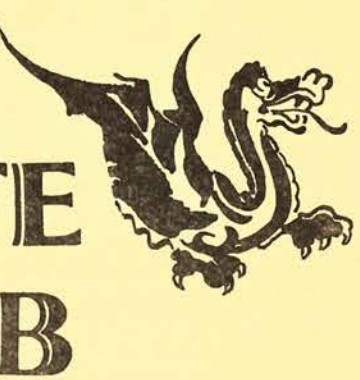
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Night comes, and I am myself unbound
slowly as I watch the embers die.
So much attuned to you am I
that I find it very hard to feel,
and harder still to understand.
There was a time my mind would sink
beneath the lowest word - but how am I real?
Now I sing the streetlamps songs -
testing what they reveal
as if my mind were one with them;
and what they think and feel.
But what of you?

Below the turning of the tide,
to what amounts to nothing -
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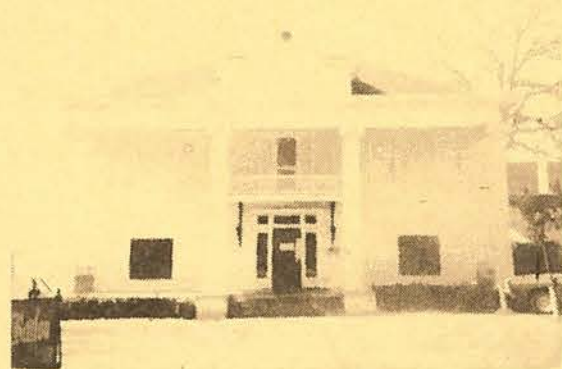
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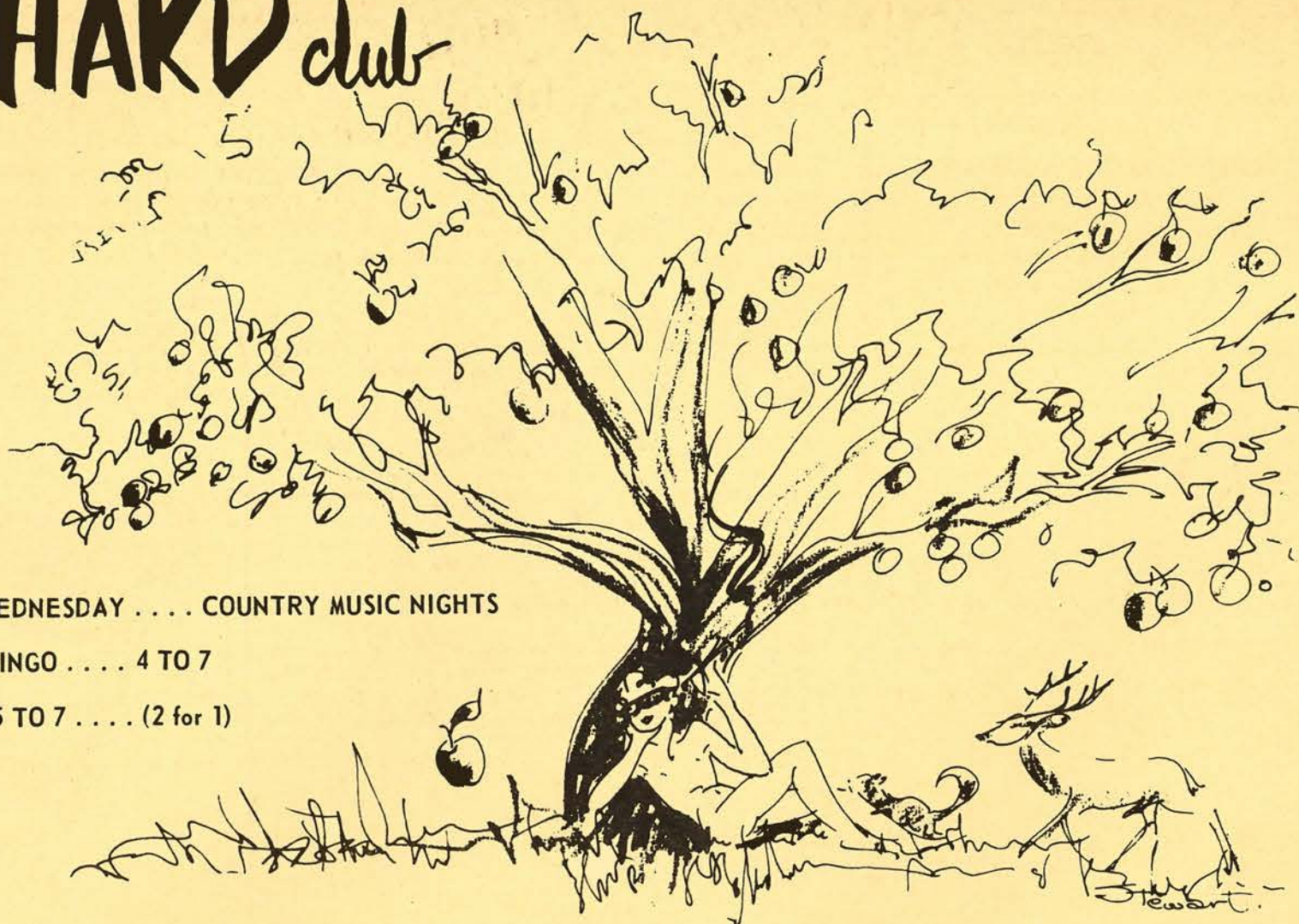
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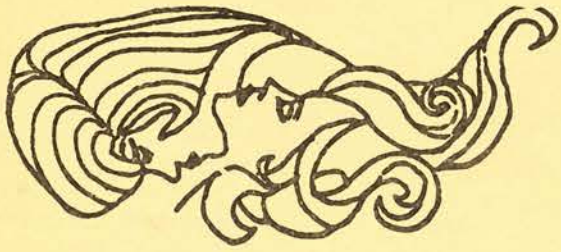
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Small World Department



by **EUGENIA SHEPPARD**
NEW YORK

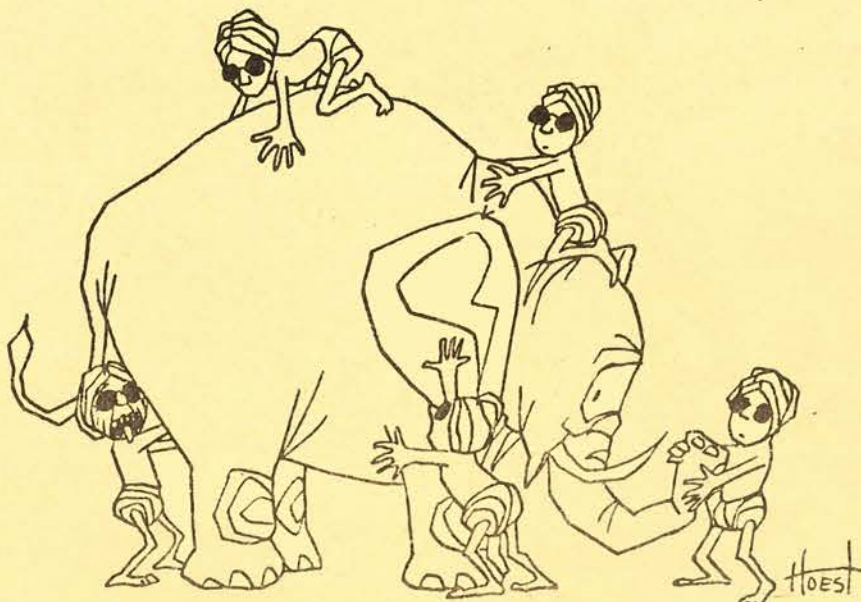
"Every woman over 30 needs a homosexual in her life. Husbands and lovers are too busy to give advice, or just not interested. Homosexuals have an incredible sense of line, proportion and style," writes Princess Luciana Pignatelli. It's one of the frank, off-beat beauty tips she delivers in "The Beautiful People's Beauty Book," as told to Rome journalist, Jeanne Molli, which is published just recently.

NEW YORK - Has the trend toward coming out among prestigious people, celebrities, and popular artists, begun in earnest? Hoping with cautious optimism for a high ground swell toward liberation via public declaration, Gays point to Kate Millet and, if long before and equally equivocating, Gore Vidal.

Now a courageous writer, approaching his 50th year and confessing he denied his homosexuality while sitting on the ACLU board and editing for Time and Harper's, has proclaimed his orientation. "It feels great," he said after the confession appeared in the New York Times Magazine (Jan. 17).

The autobiographical piece, "What It Means to Be a Homosexual," by best-selling novelist and humorist Merle Miller (Only You, Dick Daring) let a few impatient younger Gays down in that it was more introspective than movement-oriented, heavy on emotional reactions to heterosexual ignorance and prejudice, and painstaking about describing the unfortunate life-style of an erstwhile outcast rather paean to gay goodness altogether.

Where there was emphasis on the movement, however, it was on its positive aspects and achievements and done in full recognition that new Gays are moving into a new era with or without enlisting older Gays. Author Miller conveys a sense of awe at the change between his day and now and makes it clear his admiration is unlimited for the people who are making today what it is for Gays.



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Hitting Them Where it Hurts. A hearing was finally set for seven of the 163 gay patrons arrested in the Snake Pit bar raid of last Mar. 8 who decided, with Gay Activists Alliance prodding, to sue the city for a total of \$525,000 damages. The seven men had filed suit last June, in advance of the deadline for bringing false arrest charges against the city.

From All Over:

Dear

In your recent paper you was wondering if there was enough support from the homosexual community, for a church designed, for the gay population, after Rev. Troy Perry's church. Knowing several underground gay's who would support such a church.

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But I still support your movement in "straight-laced" Houston.

Yours Truly,
J.

Dear J.

If you will note elsewhere in this paper there is an article "MCC COMES TO HOUSTON". With the support of yourself and others like you we feel sure it will be a big success.

Gentlemen,

I am turning to you as I am desperate and hope and pray you might can help me.

I am a transexual who had surgery fairly recently and am in Houston to try and make a new life for myself. I am a top-notch secretary and everywhere I've put in my application, they tell me with my skills I ought not have any trouble, etc. But it is my "past" I believe that is messing me up. As they make your account for almost every year since birth — naturally my schools don't know me by my new feminine name so they tell me my references don't check out etc. Perhaps you all might know of some firm where gay people are in charge where I could receive more sympathetic treatment and to whom I could level and be honest. I'd take any kind of work I could find. Cafe, bar, just anything. I am a fine typist and steno but at this point I can't be proud.

I am coming to you all as I know gay people try to help each other and while I'm not gay — I am an even smaller minority of American life and I have many gay friends and am very sympathetic to you all's cause.

Please let me know if you know of any of your gay acquaintances could use my abilities. I'll work very hard. All I want is a job.

Thank you so much and good luck to your publication. I have no phone — if you could drop me a post card I'd be so grateful.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Karin B.

P.S. Altho I am 49 years old I must be quite attractive yet as I have no trouble attracting men, asking for dates etc. Most of them much younger than I am. I go to the Bellaire Ballroom and seldom miss a dance.

Dear Miss Karin B.

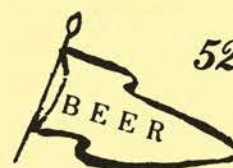
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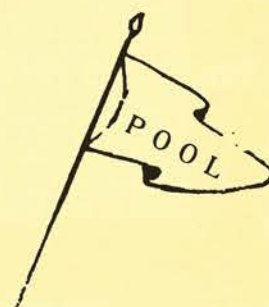
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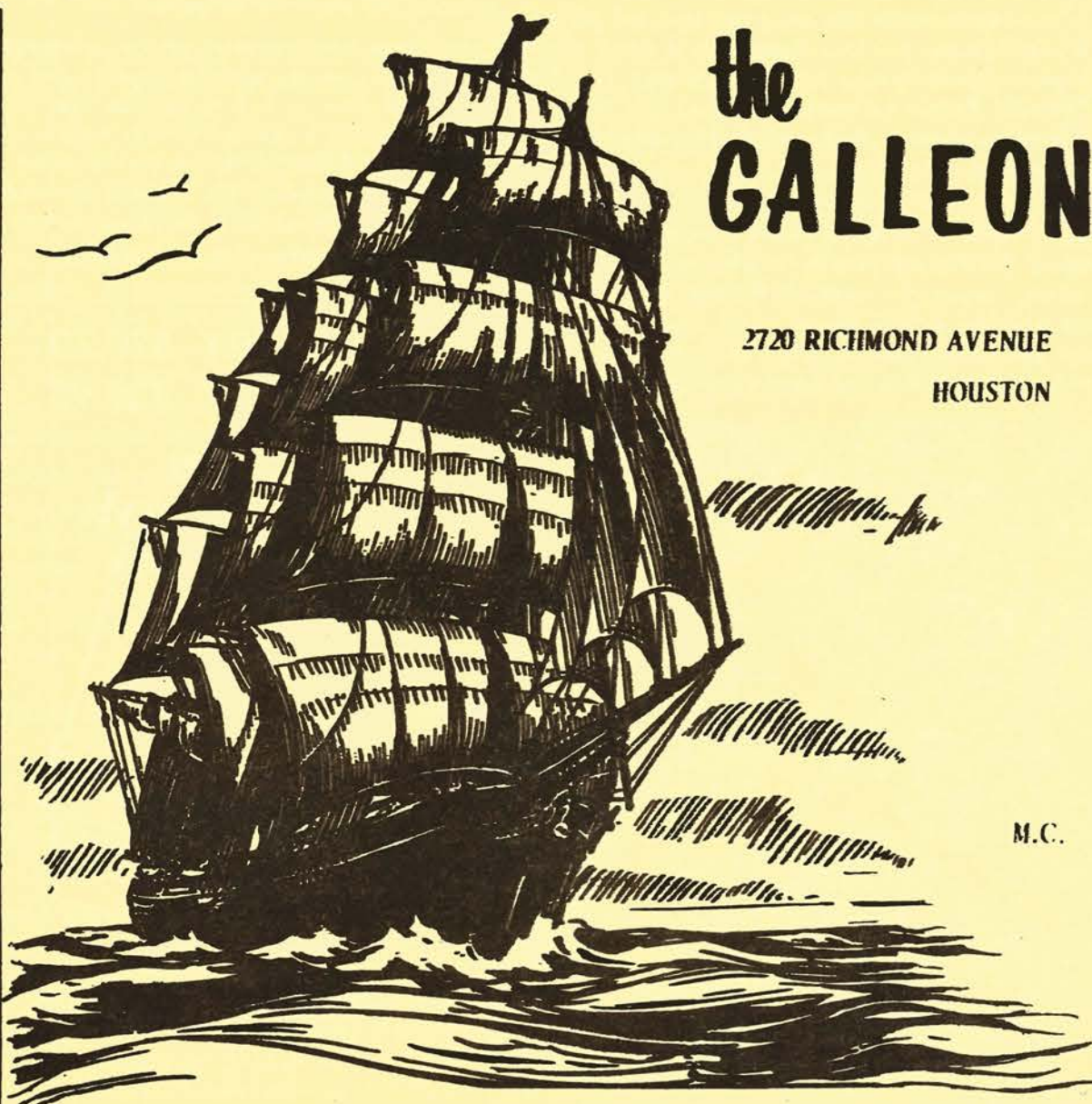
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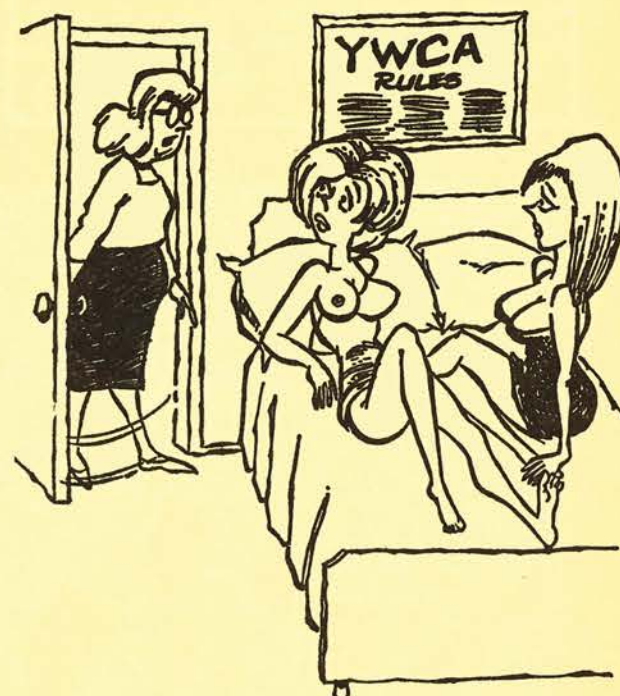
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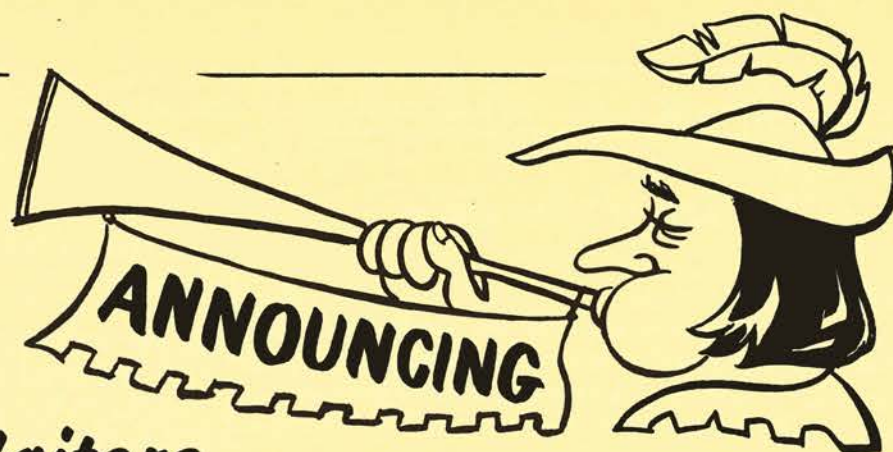


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PISCES: At times your life looks like a painting by Hieronymus Bosch but you get what you want in the end. Remember today's dream is the thing that makes tomorrows success. Happy birthday - stay out front - someone has to.

GEMINI: Duty and responsibility may be demanding and all that but if you try, sometimes you might find you get what you need. You will find yourself in the limelight. Remember it's only attention; seek the meaning.

CANCER: Stimulated mental curiosity and an urge to travel are in the picture. Don't argue over beliefs and politics after all they don't count in bed or whereover. The emphasis is on large groups, perhaps you need to orgy all month - Why Not?

LEO: Entertainment, creative work, and concern for others is highlighted. The first part of the month calls for activity to further ties of affection, creative and recreational projects. Take resonable chances to advance yourself . . . it's not how many times you do it; it's how well.

VIRGO: Interest will be in hobbies, pleasure and romance. Emphases is on mate although you could become more involved with anyone you know. Don't be too picky - sex is never a waste of time.

LIBRA - Activities with kin or neighbors, short trips, and mental pursuits are in the picture. See how hard it is to keep track of where you slept all month (if it's easy then you are slipping).

SCORPIO: Ah yes - for most of the month your attention will concentrate on creative projects, recreation, entertaining, romance and young people . . . with all of this going on you are still going to have time to ball at least six or seven times a day.

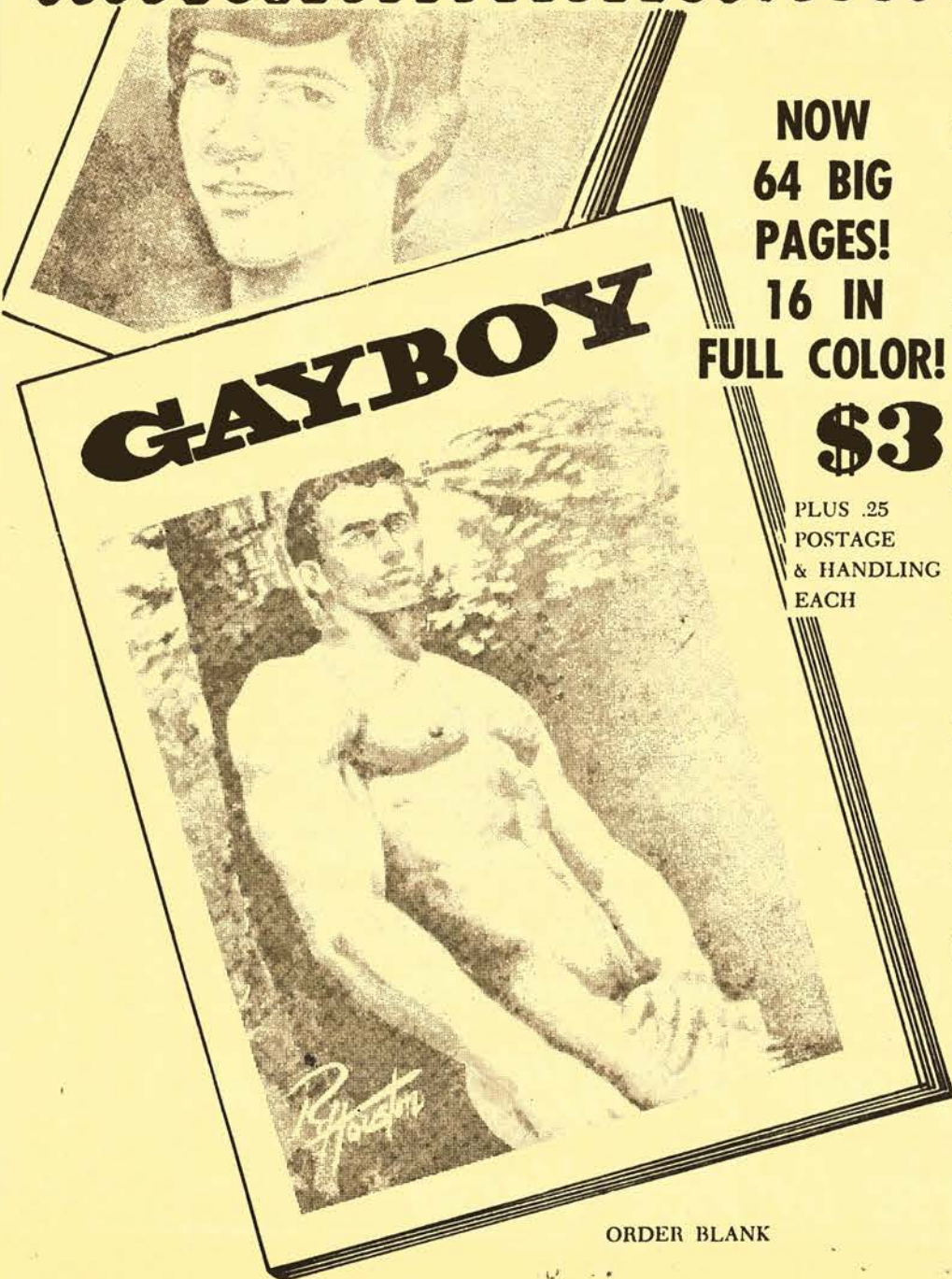
SAGITTARIUS: Stress is on aggressive promotion of your interests; activities; and initiative. Well this looks great. Direct your energy and be carefull of personal overspending.

CAPRICORN: It may not be the best month of the year but if you find some loveable Taurus it may be the longest month in bed you ever had. You need lots of attention, put yourself out front for awhile.

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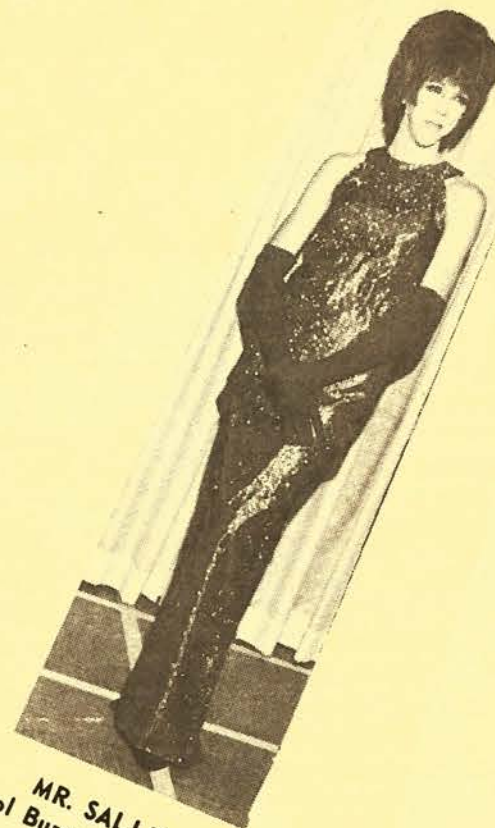
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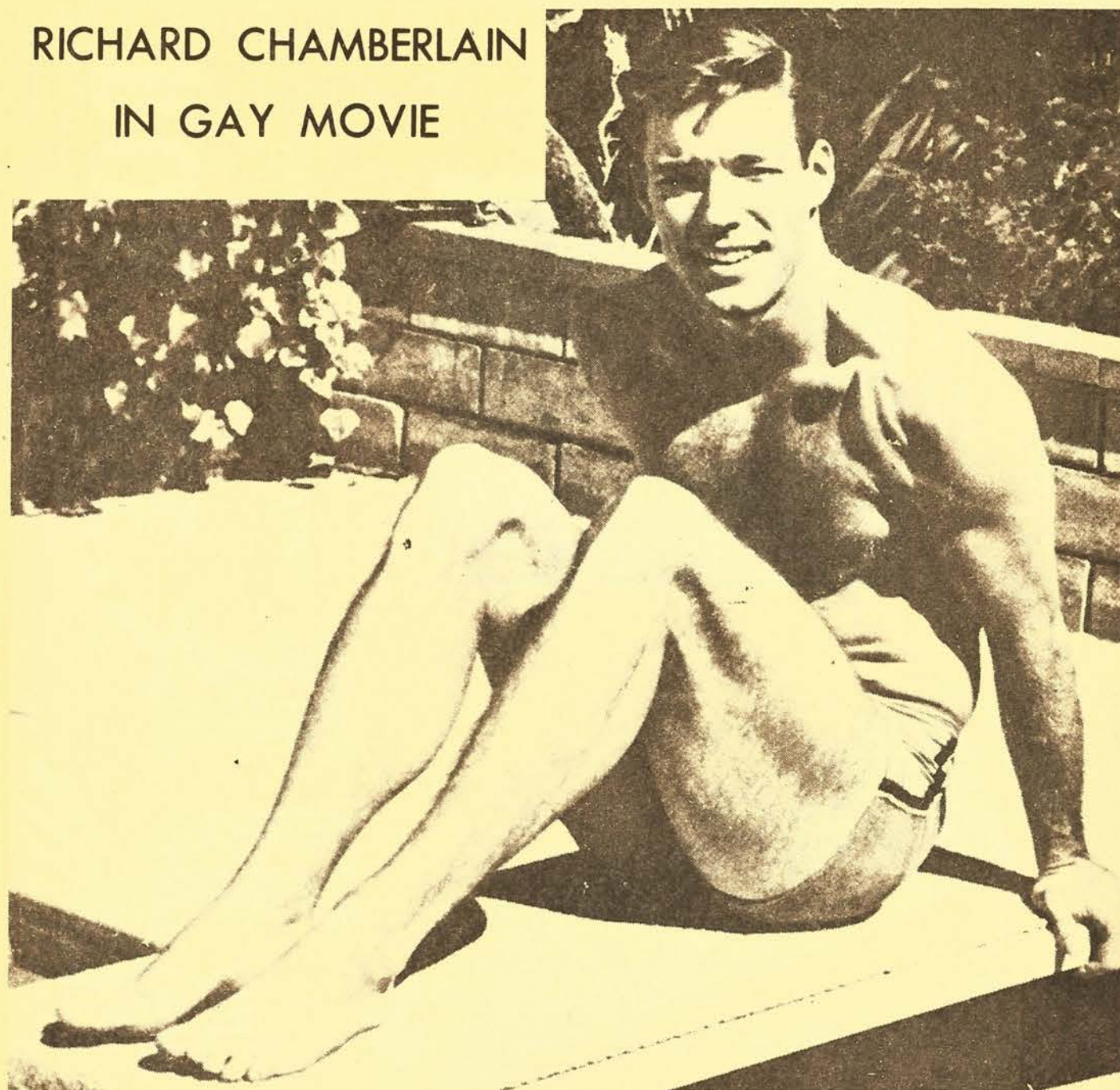
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