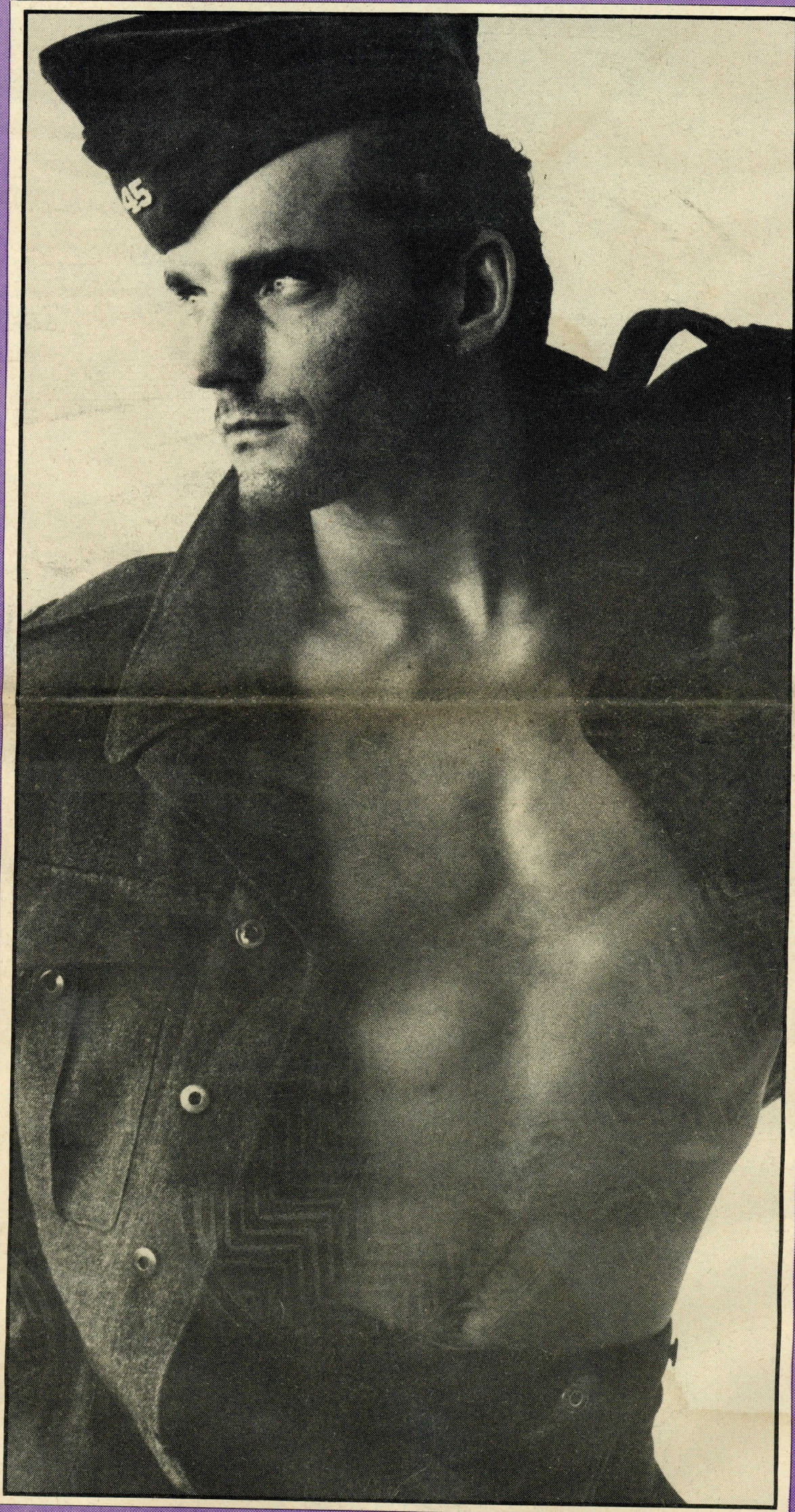


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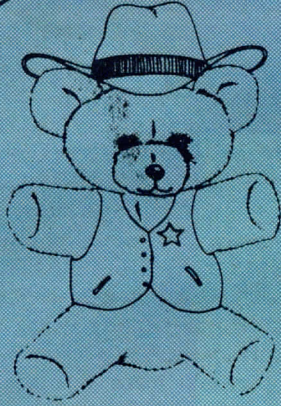
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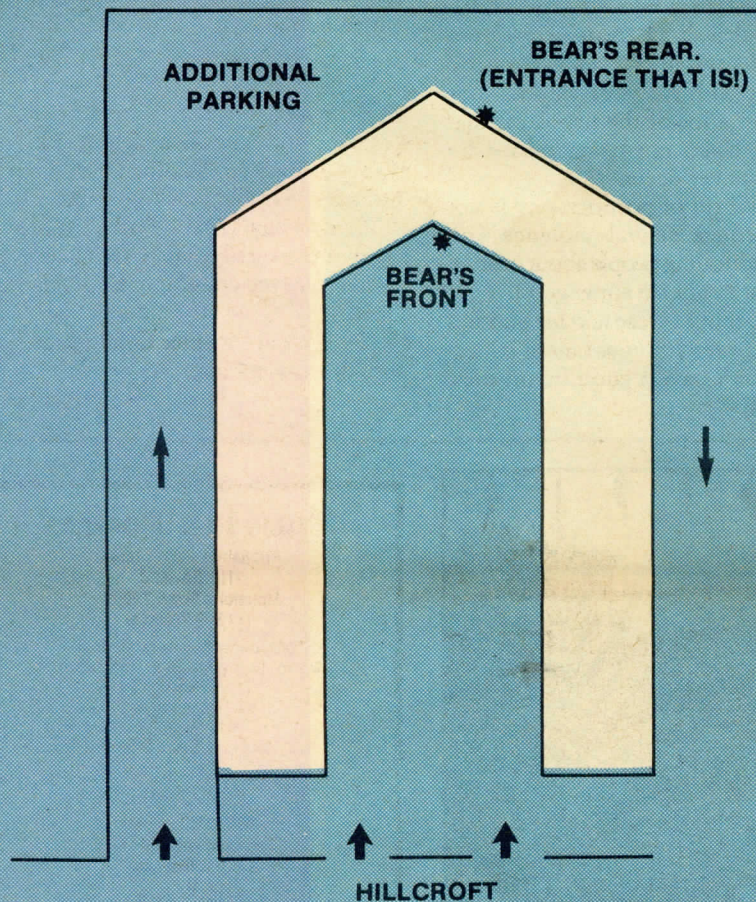
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Pornography causes sexual violence. That's the conclusion of Attorney General Edwin Meese's Commission on Pornography. Based on that conclusion, the panel recommended all sorts of law "reforms" to get rid of the "smut" that made people go out and commit rape and other nasty crimes.

And how did this brilliant bunch of guys come up with this conclusion? Well, they found in their study that most sex offenders studied had porn in their possession when arrested. So, their reasoning was that since those people had porn of various sorts in their possession that reading the porn **caused** them to go out and be anti-social, violent people.

That's like saying that because the Houston Forum is found in the homes of many gays in Texas, that reading The Forum caused people to be gay.

Let's go even farther: The National Geographic is found in the homes of many intellectuals, therefore, it stands to reason that by reading the National Geographic a person will become intellectual. By the same token, reading science fiction should turn people into time travellers, and people who keep cookbooks around the house probably spend **all** their time in the kitchen. (People with both porn and cookbooks probably commit all their sex crimes in the kitchen.)

Face it, a **lot** of people read various forms of pornography, from innocuous nudie shots to down-and-dirty doing-it picture books. Now, the real question is: How many of **those** people ever commit sex crimes?

That is not to say that some pornography is not criminal, violent or unhealthy. Of course, any pornographic material that photographs criminal behavior should not only be taken off the shelves, but the sellers and the producers should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. And defining criminal behavior

in porn is easy: anything showing kids and anything showing kicks from inflicting torture and/or death on another human being, no matter what the age.

When a person has to rape another human being to get some kick or thrill, then that person is sick. When a person has to take advantage of a child to get his rocks off, then that person is very unhealthy in the head. The key phrase, I think, is "consenting adults."

Other than the chronicle of a crime against another person, it's just sex. Unfortunately, the people who are taking control of this country want to take control of all our sex lives and turn sexually healthy people into criminals by passing (or upholding) laws against anyone who has sex (no matter how adult or non-violent) that does not fit in their narrow view of what is "right."

The same people who want to take Penthouse and Playboy off the shelves are the people who want gays to be thought of as criminals. Anything that has to do with sex disturbs them. They want to dictate to the rest of the country what people can or cannot do with their own bodies.

As everyone seems to know except these "experts," it is **repression** that is unhealthy. It is repression that breeds those nasty monsters in the head, while having healthy sexual expression can keep the pressure from building up and eventually exploding.

How many out-of-the-closet gays who

are proud of their lives and have no excuses for their preferences do you know who would even **consider** molesting a child or raping and killing someone? Now, how many people have you heard of who were living a lie and pretending to be straight (some with wives and children) who wound up on the front pages of the paper for sex crimes?

Sure, every now and then some monster crops up in the gay world - a guy who seems to be okay and turns around and does something horrible - but that happens in the straight world too. However, it is less likely to occur if a person has a healthy self-image and a healthy sexuality than if that person is repressed in those areas. And the worst thing is that the same people who want to suppress healthy sexual expression are the people who oppose sex education in the schools. The problem is one of education. If the young people of this country were given some kind of worthwhile sex education course that taught responsibility as well as mechanics and let them know that the difference between healthy sexual expression and unhealthy sexual expression has to do with respect both for yourself and your partner, than a lot of the problems that these idiots claim are being caused by porn would never occur.

GETTING rid of pornography is not likely to reduce sexual violence and crimes, but educating people about healthy sexuality just might do some good.

But if you think Meese and his buddies would promote anything as sane as education, you don't have a good fix on their basic attitudes.

COMMENT

Dear Forum,

I am writing to personally thank the organizers and members of the Houston Gay Pride Week (G.P.W.) committee for persevering in the face of adversity and pulling off one of the most memorable celebrations ever held. I could not attend all the events but the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard presentation of "Parting Glances", the AIDS candlelight vigil, the Theatre Night production of **Franny: Queen of Provincetown** at Kindred Spirits, the Parades and the Gay Political Caucus After Dark in the Park party were all wonderful, uplifting and moving experiences.

I would hope that the community appreciates the behind-the-scenes efforts involved to provide these events. Secondly, I urge every lesbian and gay man who wishes to retain their liberty and show gay pride all-year-round to register to vote, bloc-vote and get involved in our community organizations before we lose all of our freedoms.

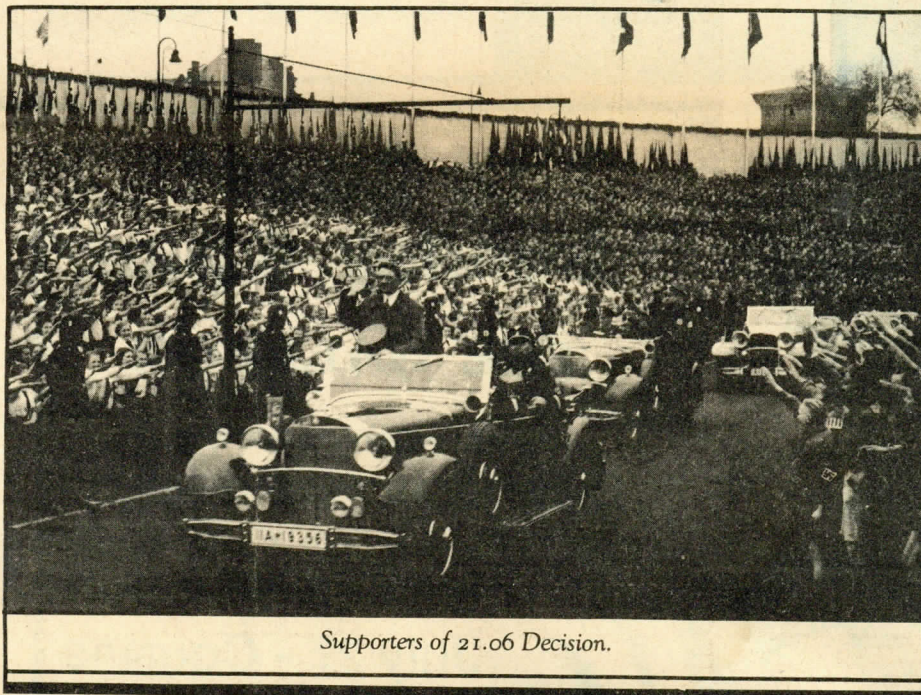
— Tim Hall

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We also thank Daryl Butler for providing that convertible and driving us in the parade. We are grateful to both Alan and Daryl.

We both are former Grand Marshalls and love the parade,

— Freda Jerrell



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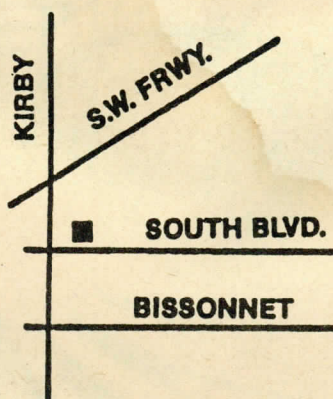
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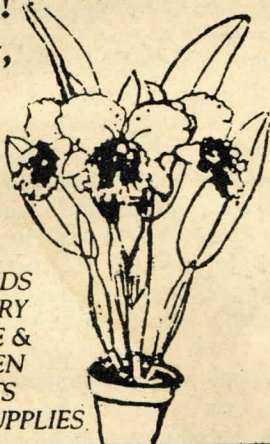
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By Jeff Bray

I don't think there's anything in this world quite as astounding as Janet Jackson. When I first saw her, I thought surely she was Michael Jackson in drag. I mean, when you think about it, Michael had plastic surgery to turn him from an ordinary black person in to some sort of black/white hybrid with seagull eyebrows and Hemingway cheekbones. How on earth could his sister have turned out looking just like him unless she had also had plastic surgery (probably at a very early age?).

I don't profess to know anything at all about the Jackson family. They're just one of those phenomenons that happens every once in a while, like the Cowsills or the Partridge Family, either of which were terribly successful, except that everyone wanted their hair to look like David Cassidy. Musical families like that have been common since Vaudeville days, but never before have such families taken over an industry like this -at least not since the Mob days in Chicago in the 20's and 30's! Right now, the Jacksons seem to have inherited the earth, and the supreme god of spooky rock music is Michael Jackson, who holes himself up in his palacial estate and hides from the world, saying he's just "shy." He should be careful. After all, Howard Hughes said he was just "shy" too, and look how he turned out.

Little sister Janet, however, is something else. There's nothing shy about her at all! She stepped into the spotlights with her "What Have You Done For Me Lately," surprising everyone with her incredible hot moves and really strikingly beautiful appearance that makes her look much older than she really is. But then, when

your big brother has a huge mansion filled with giraffes and hyenas, you'd have to age rather quickly. He's a tough act to follow, but little Janet seems to quite the tough act herself.

In "What Have You Done . . .", the girl is fast, mean and angry. In her video, she is heading the man off at the pass, accusing him of infidelity, incompetence, impotence and just plain incompatibility. You have to admit, though, that the girl really can move. What I love best about the song, is when she pauses at the end to say in a real California Valley Girl voice, "This is wild. I swear!" Yeah, baby.

Oh, and then about the Baby. She doesn't like that, either, as she so well points out in her newest song, "Nasty Boys." In fact, she seems to not like men at all. This latest song literally explodes with anger, and the video makes a very striking point against the general male ego and sex drive. Little Janet dances up incredible storm in this video, making brother Michael's "Thriller" dance scene look like hopscotch. The girl can move, and her raving black curls and loose fitting (always black) costume makes everyone wish they had a set that big to show off on. Unfortunately, to dance that way at Rich's is to cause grave bodily harm to those around you.

I love the way she pauses in one spot and says, "I could learn to like this." Then, in another really heavy section, she jerks her head quickly toward the camera and says, "I like this part." It always makes me laugh. But the high point of the entire song/video is when she gets out of the car and slams the door, saying "My first name ain't baby. It's JANET -Miss Jackson if you're nasty."

Well! What can we say? I guess we're all just nasty. And it reminded me of a time when a friend was coming to visit and I told him he could sleep in my sister's room since she was gone for the weekend. My mother objected, and when I asked her why, she said she just didn't feel right having some "nasty man" sleeping in my sister's bed. Hmmm! Could this attitude be widespread throughout the female population? After all, men can be very nasty, but so can women -- depending on how you look at the word nasty.

Looking at Janet Jackson, who will most likely supersede her brother in fame and fortune, since everyone's sick to death of him and she's far more glamorous, we can very easily discern what nasty is, and that this girl doesn't just represent herself. She represents a large segment of the female population of this country that is frustrated, angry and resentful of the rights they have been promised and denied.

Maybe one of these days, there will be someone as angry and dynamic as Miss Jackson who will stand up for the Nasty Boys.

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Of all the sexual aberrations, chastity is the strangest.
Anatole France

HELPFUL HINTS FROM IMELDA

Editors Note:

Our apologies. After seeing this photo Ms. Marcos has been in a semi-comatose state muttering: "My heels, my heels." We hope her column will be available next week

—Editor.

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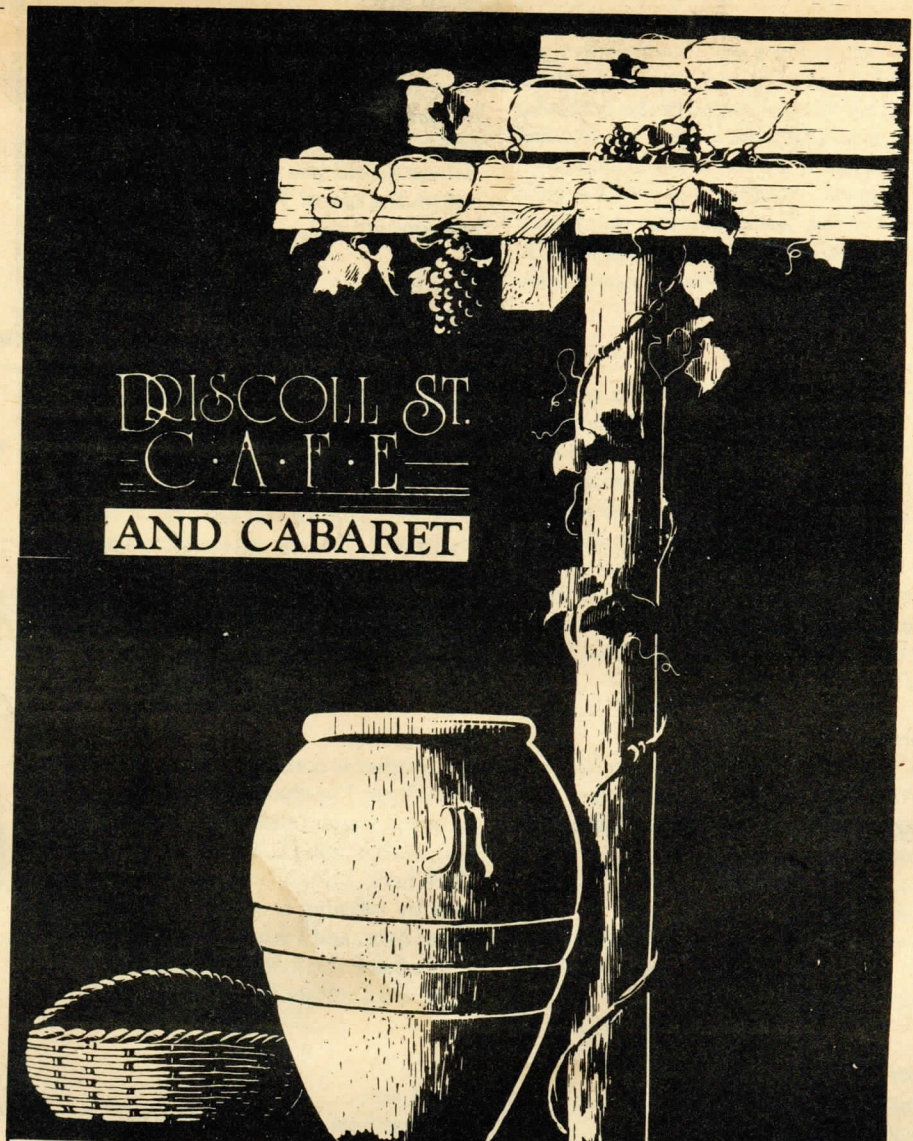
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Dear Mona:

Lately, I seem to be so depressed about just about everything! I don't know why I feel this way. I should be happy. I have a nice job and good friends, and I have everything I need in the way of money and security. But I don't have a lover, and I don't know if I need a lover. Frankly, I think I'm better off without a lover, but I've never had one, so I don't know what I want. What can I do to get over my depression?

Signed: Unhappy with Everything

Dear Everything:

Join a convent. Become a nun or a priest. Live on wild berries and feed the animals steak. Run away and strand yourself on a desert island. Write the killer novel of the century. Sail to Bermuda and get lost in the Triangle. Rob a bank and get away with it. Throw pennies off the World Trade Center. Eat bananas while reading Shakespeare. Kill roaches with a magnifying glass. Get up and dance on the stage with the Houston Ballet. Whatever you do, don't do whatever it is you're doing now, because you're bored to DEATH!!!

Dear Mona:

Recently, I was accosted by a Jehovah's Witness. She was very convincing, and although I've never really been very religious, I think I'm attracted to what she was talking about. It was so understanding and so peaceful, and I really admired her whole frame of thought. I want to go to one of their meetings, but I'm afraid I'll get into some sort of trouble, or I'll lose my control. Do you think I should go?

Signed: A Sinner

Dear Sinner:

There are many different beliefs in this world. You can attend any meeting of any belief you want, and if you are affected, the only thing that will be affected is you. Go ahead and go to this meeting if you wish, but remember, you have total control of your own beliefs, and if you decide that you don't like this particular belief, then take from it what you like and leave the rest. If you decide you do like it, then you've found something that can be a great blessing to you. Just don't expect your friends and family to believe the same things you do in exactly the same way. That's where religion gets out of hand!

Dear Mona:

There is a man at work who is so hot I can't stand it. Everytime he comes near me I just about die! He is so gorgeous I can't handle it. I just want him to take me into his arms and run away with me! It's making work torture, and I'm dying to say something to him, even though I'm pretty sure he's straight. Do you think it would endanger my job or be foolish for me to come out and tell him that I love him?

Signed: In Love!

Dear In:

Are you crazy? How much do you like your job? I've heard of certain cases where such things work out, but they're few and very far between!

Dear Mona:

Since you know so much about psychology, how would you explain an egotistical bitchy personality like Amanda's?

Signed: A Dear Fan

Dear Dear:

Amanda and I have never met, but I can imagine that someone like her needs no explanation at all. I am a great admirer of her, and think that she's done great work in this community. She is art, and art shouldn't need any explanation. It's up to each person to interpret themselves. Now, stop asking about Amanda because it lowers my ratings!

Dear Mona:

I have thought a long time about this, and I've come to the conclusion that I have to leave my lover of five years. We've been through so much together, but he's driving me out of my mind. There's no reason for it to speak of. It's just that he's the way he is, and I'm the way I am. It's the only way I can put it. But I'm going to miss him, and I don't know if I can find another lover, even though I'm not ugly. I've been told I'm very attractive, but I don't like bars and I hate dating. That's why I had a lover in the first place. What should I do?

Signed: Finished

Dear Finished:

If you are using this column for advertising, then perhaps I should be your first customer. If you are half as convincing face to face, you should have no problem in finding another close relationship, but I think you'd better check into why you feel the way you do about your current lover. I have a feeling the problem lies within yourself much more than it does him!

Dear Mona:

I've been thinking of taking an aerobics class lately, but I've heard so many different bad things about it. Some people say it's the answer to everything, and others say it's really bad for you. Do you know anything about aerobics?

Signed: Afraid to Bounce

Dear Bounce:

Go ahead. If it's too much for you, take a beginner's class. If you don't like it, stop going. If you like it, you'll be thankful you did it. If you don't do it, you'll always wish you had. Geez, I hate telling people to do things they're going to do anyway no matter what I say!! Besides, any exercise is better than just sitting around on your butt wishing you looked and felt better.

Dear Mona:

Is it me, or does it seem like the bars just aren't as much fun as they used to be? Where would you go if you wanted to go out on the town? There's got to be a real hot spot around.

Signed: Bored

Dear Bored:

If I really want to go out on the town I go to Tony's. But if I want to simply go out, I find a place that I feel comfortable in. I'm not going to fall into the trap of giving free advertising in my column, but I am going to tell you that if you are really bored in a bar, then maybe you aren't really looking around you at the bar itself. It isn't the bar that bores you, it's probably yourself. Bars are just containers for people. They can't make you totally happy. Houston has dozens of nice gay bars where you can find plenty of nice people if you are okay with yourself. Think about it.

Dear Mona:

My mother is coming to visit. She knows I hate liver. I've always hated liver. Everytime she visits, I come home from work and she has fixed liver at least once while she's here. I don't want to hurt her feelings by refusing to eat liver, but I can't stand liver, and I think she's getting some kind of sick thrill out of making me eat it. How can I refrain from eating liver?

Signed: Liver Lubber

Dear Liver:

I've never been so nauseated by a letter in my life! Your mother is a real sick cookie if she's doing what you think she is. If you really think she's getting some sort of sick humor out of it, then I would hesitate to refuse it. Just tell her you hate liver and watch that smile disappear. If, however, she is simply unaware that

you hate the stuff (since you have been eating it, you know), simply tell her that you've suddenly developed an aversion to it and she'll probably understand. If she doesn't get the hint, simply pick up your plate, carry it to the garbage disposal and throw the contents in. Then tell her you're going to McDonald's. Bon Appetite!

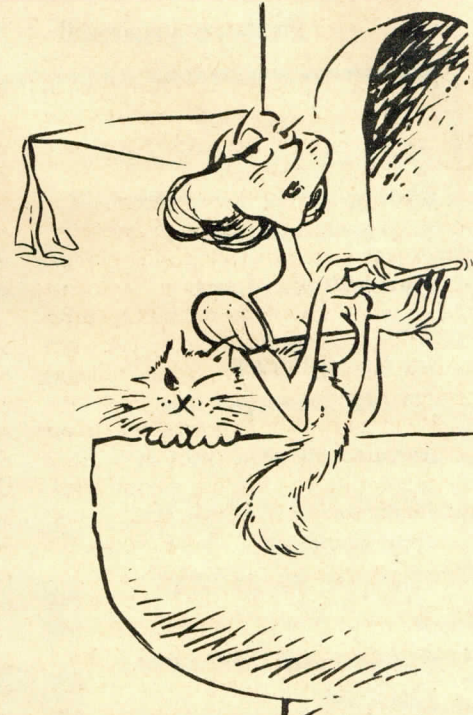
Dear Mona:

I've been having trouble lately because so many of my friends seem to be unhappy with me. They're telling me I'm too difficult and I'm too different. They say I need to settle down and be more like everyone else -that I joke around too much and I'm too exciting. I think they're jealous or something, but it still makes me feel bad to hear that I don't really fit in. How can I change?

Signed: Caged

Dear Caged:

I think you know more about yourself than I could ever begin to guess. Your name gives away the fact that you feel trapped by the conventions of your friends and that they're holding you back from something. Whatever it is, I don't know. It sounds like your friends are reacting to your personality. They very well may be jealous of you, and if that's the case, you need to ignore them and continue on



your way. If, however, you know that they're giving you good advice, you may want to follow it. Personally, I think it's better to be different than to stifle your creativity. Rather than do that, I'd get new and more accepting friends.

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Amanda

Well, Dear Fans, every once in awhile, Amanda is reminded of her past, and the other night, when we were lounging in Newport Beach, watching the ocean waves lap calmly against the rocks, we were thrown back to the past.

We were sitting there, watching the sun set in a wonderful amber glow behind some gorgeous mashed potato-like clouds, when suddenly one of our dear California friends (the one with the incredible surfer body that is so tan he looks Indian, even though he's a WASP from Indiana) brought up the subject of extraterrestrials. He told a little story about a friend of his who had been through a close encounter of the first kind, second kind, and finally third and fourth, until he just disappeared one day. Those things do happen, you know. Then, another of our dear California friends, (the one with the massive pre-AIDS San Francisco moustache) related about a story he had read recently about how so many of the missing children had actually been taken up in space ships to be redeposited later in an elevated form. Frankly, it reminded Amanda of bottle caps, but we kept silent.

During such conversations, Amanda usually likes to just stare off and listen, controlling our usually uneasy emotions. That particular evening, we were decked out in our electric yellow Doris Day Glass Bottom jump suit with Rock Hudson Goaway titty cups and four inch Waterloo Spear spike heeled shoes. We were contemplating how times had changed, but how little had changed in people's conversations.

We remembered our high school days, when we were a Jesus freak, sitting on the

edge of Lake Okabojee, looking up into the stars with several other Jesus freak friends. We had been particularly fascinated by some stars that were darting around up in the heavens like pinballs, clashing and swirling and bouncing all over the place. We kept telling our father about it, but he continued fishing at the end of the dock, seemingly disinterested. When we grew rather excited about it, he finally looked at us in a real spooky way and said, "You know. Sometimes what you don't see won't hurt you."

Well, many years later, we found ourselves sitting by the water again, and listening to the same chatter about UFO's and strange happenings, and we can still see our father sitting at the edge of that dock with his fishing line linking him with the terrestrial world while his children stared heavenward. Something has happened, we're afraid. Our father's generation pretty much grew up trusting in everything around them, relying on their government and their institutions to take care of everything. What they didn't see wouldn't hurt them. We, on the contrary, grew up doubting everything, and what we don't see can certainly hurt us. That's one reason why Amanda always wears the loudest colors in nail polish. Clear nail polish is like Italian salad dressing. It doesn't hide the lettuce, but it still makes it taste awful!

So, we listened to the stories. One person (a Bostonian who was visiting and surveying a site for a local disco) talked about how AIDS was a government plot to get rid of homosexuals. Of course, we had heard that theory before, and found it difficult not to yawn. Scare theories just don't do it for Amanda anymore. We had to take our Dallas Death Wrap-around sunglasses off because the sun was now well below the horizon and the sun was



appearing so beautiful in the dusky glow with the ocean reflecting some wonderful white reflective light on the cauliflower clouds above. The little group of men talked and talked, getting more and more excited about rumors and strange events, and finally, one of them protested that Amanda wasn't listening. Weren't we concerned about the metaphysical happenings around us? It was so California to say that, we thought, so we turned to him, zeroing in with our Mummy Must Pharaoh Tomb Dusty Dusk eyeshadow eyes and said:

"My dear. You are spending so much time talking about miracles and fantastic

events that you are completely missing the real thing!"

With that, we pointed to the incredible sunset, where lightening was beginning to play over the ocean from a passing thundercloud. They all looked at each other and shrugged, then continued talking about flying saucers, bigfoot, government intrigue, disasters, and assorted other fascinating and well worn subjects. Amanda, however, preferred to expend her energy watching what really matters and thinking about friends who mean so much back in Houston and all over the world. It's never a waste of time, you know.

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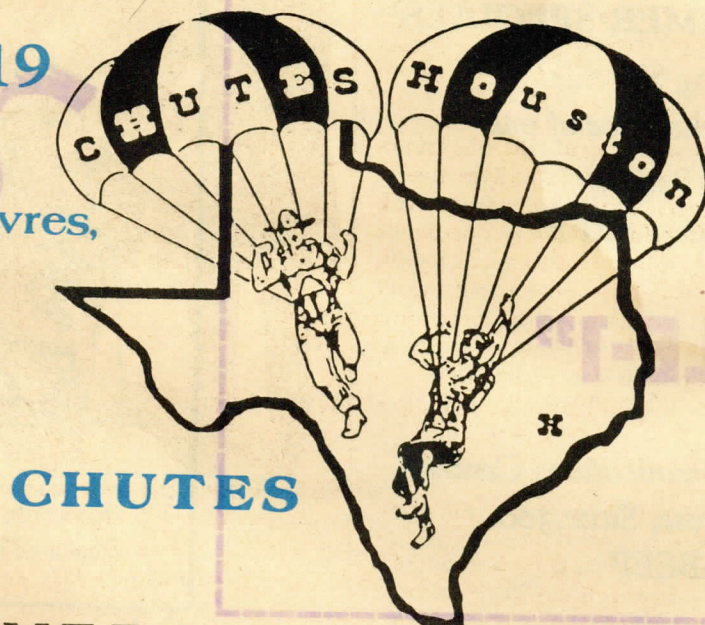
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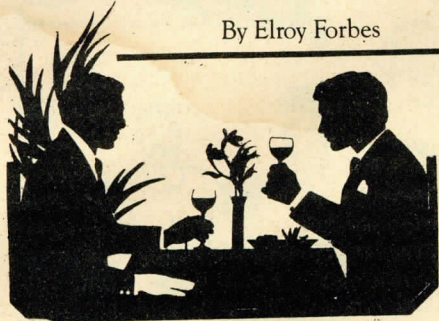
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Can We Talk?

By Elroy Forbes



GOOD NEWS

THE BARN'S Softball Team had a small stick of dynamite that everyone learned to love and admire. His zeal, enthusiasm, good looks and zany character endeared him to all of us. Well, whipping three bouts of pneumonia, fighting a weight loss (he has gained over 20 pounds), sporting a new bronze tan, **Sammy** was out on Pacific St. this weekend. He took a grand bar tour and even attended the 611 Softball games at Lawrence Field -off of Shepherd St. at the aqueduct. Sammy's warm smile was easily flashed to all of his friends. I think everyone was genuinely proud to see him out and about and looking so healthy. **We love you Sammy!**

BACK TO BOSTON BASICS

Last week I told you about the games in the MINUTEMAN SERIES. Now I will tell you about the town and parties -I mean PARTIES! The Ramanda Inn on Soldier's will never recover. If they find all their towels, night stands, fire alarm pullers -they will never recover.

Built along the harbor (check last week's pronunciation guide) and shoreline. Boston has waterways, the Charles River and inland channels and there are streams and lakes etc. Boats are common sight. You can start checking out boats as soon as you spot the high masts and spars of "Old Ironsides", U.S.S. CONSTITUTION, in the Navy Yard, a living museum. Aside from her colorful enemy encounters, did you know her copper and brass work were made by **Paul Revere**? Aside from the wharf area restaurants, Old Ironsides and the great Bunker Hill Monument (about 1/5 size of San Jacinto) dominating the harbor and shoreline areas near the bustling metropolitan business section, you see modern and old one, famous Trinity Church and the Boston Public Library. Ride the express elevator to the 60th floor, **Caal Ekman** and **Mr. T** did, and see Boston from 740 feet off the ground in the tallest building in New

Question of the Week: How can I get back to Boston?
Answer for last Week: Same way you went, Silly!

England. You can see the gold-domed State House and the exciting colonial buildings of Beacon Hill out to the distant White Mountains of southern New Hampshire (they don't do chicken right either), a grand view of the harbor and Logan Airport, to the blue hills back of Boston and the sailboats on the Charles River.

Folks love to crowd up on the 60th floor to watch parades and see some of the shows with the Boston Pops Concerts on the Esplanade -a boulevard paralleling the river and developed into picnic areas, swimming pools, amusement grounds and of course the famous band shell. Don't tease a Bostonian about the Pops! Most I met were plenty mad that the Pops were at Liberty Island for July 4th and caused Boston to use the Handel Society Orchestra for both the Royal Water Music and Royal Fireworks. Everyone turned out just the same. Then the pops returned on July 5 & 6 for their hometown fireworks and regular concerts conducted by **John Williams** (FYI he wrote all the music for Star Wars, E.T., Close Encounters -just about everything except The Easter parade.). Many sported **Auther Fielder** t-shirts over the holidays. I wanted one too. As for love of the Pops, even the cab drivers bitched that the Pops should be home on the 4th. Who did New York think they were? and it went on like that over the holiday until the Pops safely returned home. God help the terrorist who thought he might grab the Pops. Softball players, cab drivers, Chinese waiters, nannies, computer operators -they could all fill Fenway Park where the Boston Blue Bloods play to defend the Pops! Okay, Okay, Back to My Story. **Gilbert, Frank** and I (mainly) stayed in Bedford -I thought we were in New Bedford, CN -in a great 4 story home -if you count the basement -of **Mario**, known all over Boston as **Mother Celeste**. From the street, you could climb about 30 steps up to the front porch, or do as we did, drive up the hill and come into the back door at ground level. Each level of the house had a balcony and chairs for cruising the major shopping center across the street in case any young men got lost and could not find their home in the dark, Mother Celeste is known to trot out with brandy barrel around her motherly neck and give

them shelter for a few days, until they could get back on their feet. NOT TRUE AT ALL. The house once faced the river harbor. The balconies and porches were for the women to watch for their returning sailors in order to give them a hot (bed or meal, I got mixed up) when they came home. Since everything tends to be very old in Boston, the river was new, so they got together for a clam bake and filled it in, changed the river course and built a shopping center -not too strange to Houstonians at all.

Another exciting play in Boston is Faneuil Hall Marketplace. The closest we got to pronouncing it was Fanny Hall, for **MARY's** sake. Built in 1846, the area was restored and features a farmer's market, butcher shops, fine eating and drinking establishments and just plain tourist traps. Close by is featured the **HAYMARKET**, a bar they say that caters to every taste. Back on Boylston Street (we had a hell of time getting that name through to all cab drivers, telephone operators, and our hosts) in the area a block from Fenway Park was where we found **MINUTEMAN CENTRAL** located. Our prime hosts, **BOSTON RAMROD** is known as a Fenway Cruise Bar, leather-denim prominent with just a tasteful touch of chiffon. Famous ball players form all over the U.S. gathered there to talk softball and pick up or steal a play. We were royally treated. **Mike** and **John** the famous race drivers who took my party into Boston, showed us how to race around the find the place from many different directions. **Trist (Jim)** hosted **Mr. T** and **Caal** and the **RAMROD** owner hosted everyone some of these guys plan to come to the Oklahoma Gay Rodeo and visit Houston too! -spared nothing on us. As parties departed for Logan Airport Sunday night, the Ramrod gave a lavish buffet for all the players, cheer leaders and member of the Free Press.

At the end of the block from Ramrod is the mighty 1270, like 611, it is almost a secret so one must whisper the street numbers to know where one is speaking of. The 1270 is a real trip. After entering the building into a disco cruise area you can descend into the basement where stand up comics perform or they have a Trivia Contest for prizes, if you can stump the M.C. Upstairs there is a neon disco cruise area and on the next floor there is a roof top garden where you can watch fireworks or Fenway Park's score board that is greatly patterned after the Astrodomes's. There is a small bar and

food stand too. On Sunday morning, a brunch was hosted on the garden level for all of us. The drinks helped us propel into the chilly 50 & 60 degree day.

Since I was on a cultural expedition, I visited the wharf and took dinner at a Chinatown salon, **RAINBOW RESTAURANT**, 60 Beach St. We found tasty food and so much that we left it at the Ramrod with **Trist** -you can throw it out now.

Mario took **Gilbert** and I to eat steamed lobster filled with lovely scallops at the **PORT HOLE** on the beach -similar to old Galveston when the famous restaurants lined the sea walls and they spilled over onto the beach front. Here we met **Ilean** and tasted pee-can rolls and tried on the Boston t-shirts -sort of a bib.

The day before, handsome and popular **Terry Flood**, manager of **THE 611**, took us via cab to visit a hot bar, 119 **MERRIMAC**, so many bars, so many street numbers! There we were the only attractions, so back to the **RAMROD**. Before Sunday was over we all visited the **FRITZ**, near **CAFE FRITZ**, inside the **CHANDLER INN** -a gay high rise hotel. Drinking songs were sung. Friends greeted and departed back to their homes -mostly out west. The people are the event at **FRITZ**. Back to Cultural Arts: The Christian Science Publishing Society has a Mapparium -a stained glass globe, 30 feet in diameter, representing the correct proportion and relationship of the earth's land and water areas. Unique? Standing on a glass bridge, you actually walk inside the globe. Some 300 electric lights illuminate the 608 panels of glass mounted in bronze frameworks. Each panel covers 11 degrees of latitude and longitude. Because glass does not absorb sound, sound waves travel along the walls and bounce back to the center of the room, giving an unusual sound experience. As we bid farewell to old Boston, facing into the setting sun, we met some former Houstonian, **Kim** muscles and blond golden good looks, up for the 4th and back to big H for off shore drilling; **Steve Axel**, popular, good looking, returned to Boston for job security. **Kim's** friend handsome **Richard Bourbeau** offered to send me post cards -how I love post cards -of Boston. To of you back there near the frozen tundras of Canada, Thanks for a wonderful trip want to come back. To all of you, Welcome to Houston. We would love to have all of you for a visit here.

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next door to beautiful **Michael**, red haired/bearded **Jim** and raven haired **Rick** paired up to host a birthday party for Jim's latest beau, **Joe**. Proper attention was paid by **Roger M.** and his cherry cake; River Oak Flower **Jay** and his high flier **Bill** tossed rose petals; sparkling **Mary Ann** played Johnny-on-the-spot for any spills or thrills; engineering **Fred-die** helped **Mark** play Tom Sawyer games; **Lane** and **Richard** could stand no more and went home early; hair cutting **Tommy** and **Ronald** stayed close to the jungle juice punch; while **A.J.** danced and made nachos while **Martin** was the door prize; **Jim** and **Alton** were trying to find a road map; **George** and friend made whoopee; The RANCH's own **Crazy Richard** filled in the quiet moments with church music; Lane did stay long enough to show his new do, curls on top and back in an arty coff. The group spread cheer into the night and finally headed for RICH's to boogie into the morning. For those that could remember, it was a lovely birthday for Joe. Now Rick cannot find his plastic tiara that went so well with his pearl and diamond muscle shirt.

BLESS THOSE BIKES

THE RIPCORDER was the site of a religious experience -once again. A priest in white robes, alter boys in white swinging incense and a row of the hottest bikes/bikers their side of Fairview stood in a long row as benevolence was bestowed. The sun was one blazing furnace. As soon as the ceremonies ended, priest, alter boys, bikers, many spectators, rapidly moved inside the cold black vaults of celebrations: food and drink. The music belted out the theme from the Jetsons and icy drinks quickly made the rounds. It was a wonderful occasion for THE RIPCORDER. Most of the bartenders were on hand including **Chuck Bongrard**, formerly of Philadelphia bar fame -now most days from 2-9 behind the bar or on W. Alabama checking those groceries with a friendly smile at Vetrano's. Don Bly was back from writing his new Diary, **Truck Stops I have Loved In Around the U.S.** David was in from New Orleans. **Boots** was hard at work. To all of you, it was a beautiful experience, **Vince!**

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Burton Nix's MOVEMASTERS has really been on the go: FYI Burt has opened a Dallas office and started hiring personnel. Call you Dallas Cusins if they feel Moving is Nightmare! . . . MOVE-

MASTER's **Chuck** is under the weather at Ben Taub. He would appreciate cards . . . Speaking of cards, last Monday as **Les-ter Martin's** birthday. Send his cards to 1803 O.S.T. Room 114, Houston, TX 77054 . . . Handsome **Dave Russell** is planning some innovative car leasing projects for GALLERIA AREA FORD . . . **Mr. T** not only volunteered to do the new TGRA Newsletter, but found time to put up his Wichita friends, **Howard & Wayne**, here for all All Star Games at the Astrodome. Just in case the boys brought their ruby slippers if they need a quick trip back home -beats the moonlight specials . . . Travel tycoon **Paul Hagar** of WORLD TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL is fresh from London where

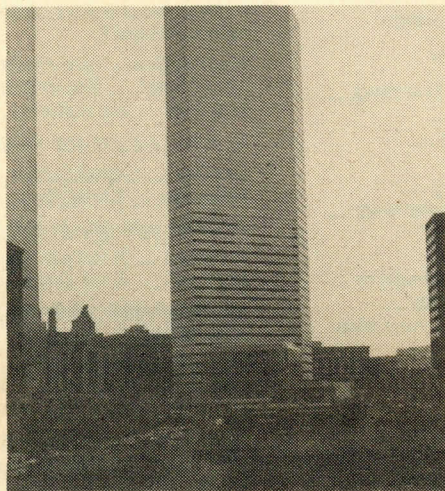
he counted the seats for the Royal Wedding. Seems the Queen was far too busy for tea, but lent him her crown for a night on the town? . . . **Randy's** meat rack was subjected to a Sunday rush and ran out after 5 boxes of steaks were consumed at THE GALLEON. R.S.V.P. next time . . .

EVENTS AND MORE EVENTS

TGRA is planning a biggie at the Oklahoma Gay Rodeo. Next big meeting is August 10, 2 pm at THE BARN . . . SUNDANCE CATTLE CO. will celebrate 6th annie August 2, 8 pm at THE BARN . . . July 20, go to Austin for the Luau of that town's chapter of TGRA . . . July 27 at JUST MARION 7 LYNN's don't miss the Rebel Team's Talent Show.

FYI lip sync, dancing, ad parodies, sing-alongs to help the team out. \$3.00 admission . . . FYI Girls World Series is in New Haven, CN while the Men's will be in New York. Next year they come back together to play in San Francisco . . . On that note: 611 was scrubbed by RICH's 7 to 2 Sat. and on Sun. they won one and lost but they still head up number one in their division . . . Don't forget this Saturday in HEADS OVER HEELS at BEAR'S. There is an Imelda look-a-like contest, Swiss mud wrestling by invitation to Imelda vs. Corzaon with Hulk Hogan refereeing and many more surprises. Thurs. will be Buffy's Buffet at 6 p.m. Until next Friday,

CAN WE TALK?



The John Hancock Tower (new) in Boston.



Mario's home in Bedford.



Waack goes the ball for the 611.



Cafe Fritz was full of pretties.



The Sunday brunch atop the 1270.



A new friend and I at Cafe Fritz.



Bikes & Bikers lined up for th Blessing at THE RIPCORDER.



Photo by Boots. A little Holy Water for Bikes and Bikers last Sunday at the RIPCORDER. Photos by Boots.

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When you complete the questionnaire go back and put a star (★) next to the five qualities you feel are the most important.

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Signature _____

Date _____

1. Your age _____ Date of Birth _____

2. Occupation _____

3. Your Height: _____

4. Weight: _____

5. Your Sex: M _____ F _____

6. Your Race: _____

White _____ Black _____ Hispanic _____ Other _____

7. Do you date members of other races: _____

Yes _____ Seldom _____ Never _____

8. Your political stand: _____

Liberal _____ Conservative _____ None _____

9. Your political interest: _____

Active _____ Moderately active _____ Do not care _____

10. Your birthplace: _____

US/Canada _____ Asia _____ Europe _____ Latin America _____

Africa _____ Other _____

11. How much formal education have you had?

Some high school _____ High school grad _____
Some college _____ College grad _____ Some grad. school _____
Advanced degree _____

12. How intelligent do you consider yourself?

Exceptionally bright _____ Above average _____
About average _____ Below average _____

13. What yearly income do you consider adequate?

\$8,000 or less _____ \$9,000 to \$14,000 _____
\$15,000 to \$19,000 _____ \$20,000 to \$29,000 _____
\$30,000 to \$49,000 _____ More than \$50,000 _____
Does not matter _____

14. Which Houston area would you prefer to have your match live in?

Montrose/Heights _____ Inner Loop _____ North Houston _____
South Houston _____ East Houston _____ West Houston _____

B. 1. Which activities/social do you enjoy?

Biking _____ Driving _____ Sailing _____ Bicycling _____ Dancing _____
Studying _____ Talking _____ Listening to music _____
Competing in sports _____ Partying _____ Walking _____
Working _____ Eating _____ Creating Art _____
Organizing People _____ Traveling _____ Shopping _____
Fixing things _____ Attending meetings _____ Entertaining _____
Horseback riding _____ Camping _____ Tennis _____
Card playing _____ Drinking _____ Volunteer work _____
Jogging _____ Cooking _____ Gambling _____ Rock Concerts _____
Softball _____ Computers _____ Seeing sports events _____
Singing _____ Going to movies _____ Dining out _____ Aerobics _____
Electronics _____ Golf _____

2. Which do you consider yourself?

Non-smoker _____ Non-drinker _____ Light smoker _____
Light drinker _____ Heavy smoker _____ Heavy drinker _____
Occasionally experiment with drugs _____
Never use drugs _____ Smoke pot _____ Use inhalants _____
Heavy drug user _____

3. What kinds of parties do you enjoy?

Loud & lively _____ All _____ Quiet & dignified _____ None _____

4. What goals are most important to you?

Wealth _____ Serenity _____ Popularity _____ Knowledge _____
Power _____ Respectability _____

5. Which would best describe your social attire?

Jeans/Casual _____ Preppy/Formal _____ Western _____ Drag _____
Leather _____ Transvestite _____

6. Where do you enjoy going on dates?

Movies _____ Weekend trips _____ Driving around _____
Outdoor activities _____ Museums _____ Sports events _____
Clubs _____ Dinner _____ Concerts & plays _____ Dancing _____
Each other's homes _____

7. Which of the following words best describe you?

Romantic _____ Sociable _____ Lazy _____ Moody _____ Tough _____
Sexy _____ Witty _____ Tidy _____ Well-informed _____ Dominant _____
Anxious _____ Reserved _____ Emotional _____ Old-fashioned _____
Possessive _____ Demanding _____ Healthy _____ Quiet _____
Aggressive _____ Shy _____ Patient _____ Talkative _____
Affectionate _____ Tolerant _____ Athletic _____ Optimistic _____
Curious _____ Self-reliant _____ Passive _____

8. Which of these qualities do you value most in a date?

Looks _____ Build _____ Intelligence _____ Patience _____ Honesty _____
Ambition _____ Loyalty _____ Daring _____ Manners _____ Passion _____
Money _____ Strength _____ Punctuality _____ Decisiveness _____
Kindness _____ Sophistication _____ Self-assurance _____
Sense of humor _____ Understanding _____ Mystery _____
Excitement _____ Virtue _____

9. Which applies to your characteristic(s) most?

Very masculine _____ Somewhat feminine _____
Fairly masculine _____ Very feminine _____ Butch _____

10. What type of people are you most comfortable with?

Outdoor types _____ Cultured _____ Working people _____
Artists _____ Average folks _____ Intellectuals _____
Professionals _____

11. What type(s) of books do you read?

Science fiction _____ Classics _____ Humor _____ Non-fiction _____
Poetry _____ Novels _____ Texts _____ Mysteries _____ Fiction _____

12. What type(s) of music do you enjoy?

Rock _____ Jazz _____ New Wave _____ Disco _____ Classical _____
Country Western _____ Reggae _____ Light classics _____
Religious _____ Folk _____

C. 1. What is your current marital status?

Never married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

2. Do you have dependent children?

No _____ Yes (living elsewhere) _____ Yes (living with me) _____

3. Do you like children?

Yes _____ Sometimes _____ No _____

4. Are you considered attractive?

Yes, very _____ Usually _____ Sometimes _____ No _____

5. Do you consider yourself?

Strictly gay _____ Bisexual _____

6. How often do you date?

Almost every night _____ A few times a week _____
Once a week _____ Irregularly _____

7. How would you describe your past dating relationships?

Meaningful _____ Comfortable _____ Happy _____ Intense _____
Long-lived _____ Superficial _____ Interesting _____ Stormy _____
Platonic _____ No pattern _____

8. What would our ideal future dating relationship be?

Casual _____ Considerate _____ Physical _____ Platonic _____
Intimate _____ Sensible _____ Exclusive _____ Intense _____

9. What age group do you usually date?

It varies _____ A lot younger _____ Somewhat younger _____
My own _____ A lot older _____ Somewhat older _____

10. What type of facial and body hair do you find desirable?

Smooth hairless face _____ Clean shaven _____ Mustache _____
Beard _____ Hairy legs _____ Hairy underarms _____
Hairless body _____ Very hairy _____

11. Check the following miscellaneous body description that you find desirable in a date.

Small to average body build _____
Average to large body build _____ Very large endowment _____
Circumcised _____ Non-circumcised _____

13. Check the following that best describes you.

Smooth hairless face _____ Clean shaven _____ Mustache _____
Beard _____ Hairy legs _____ Hairy arms _____ Hairless body _____
Very hairy _____ Small to average body build _____
Circumcised _____ Average to large body build _____
Non-circumcised _____ Very large endowment _____

14. What are your favorite bedtime activities?

Cuddling/caressing _____ Phone sex _____ "Safe sex" _____
French active _____ French passive _____ Greek active _____
Greek passive _____ Experimental/kinky _____

Now that you have finished the questionnaire, go back and put a star (★) next to the qualities that you feel are the most important.

D. Tell a friend about Lambda's Unlimited Dating Service and you can receive 1/2 price on your next submittal for five names! This is how it works. All you need to do is have your friend mail in his/her application with your name filled in the reference area. How did you hear about Lambda's Unlimited Dating Service?

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Fast Copy

By "Perfectly" Frank Carello

Sure, there's war in the Middle East, drought in America's middle east, floods, famine, terrorism, murder, mayhem, rape, pillaging, mugging and injustice all over the world. So what's the biggest news in Houston? Roaches, of course.

Since Dallas got all kinds of attention when The Pest Shop - Bizzy Bees Pest Control Company awarded \$1000, a year of free pest control, immortalization in the Smithsonian Institution's Insect Museum and a possible appearance on Johnny Carson to the people who brought them the largest roach, a Houston pest person just had to try to top Big D.

Redwood Chemical Inc. is offering \$500 for the largest roach in Houston, plus a free trip to Dallas to challenge the Dallas insect, which measured 48.78 millimeters (almost two inches). Entries must be made by July 31.

Other insects in the news are the terrorists who hijacked the Achille Lauro and killed American Leon Klinghoffer. Some of them got off, some got life imprisonment and some got up to 30 years in the slammer. Funny, the only three that got the maximum penalty (life imprisonment) were not caught.

Klinghoffer showed that a man in a wheelchair can display courage. Some Houston people, led by a militant Coloradan on wheels, rolled themselves into the path of a Metro bus to protest lack of handicap access, showing their own kind of courage. Metro claims that the handicapped have no complaint because all they have to do is call 24 hours in advance to get a specially equipped van to transport them. That's sounds convenient, doesn't it?

The trial was a bit delayed Friday because the Metro van that was to transport the accused was 45 minutes late.

In disaster news, California has been quaking, and the Titanic is being explored by a special three-man submersible. That's the kind of equipment that will be used to view California once it drops off into the Pacific.

Up in Big Sandy, Jerry Walter "Animal" McFadden, who has been convicted of three rapes and is awaiting trial on charges of capitol murder and aggravated kidnapping, was captured after he escaped from jail, taking a female Upshure County deputy with him as he fled. McFadden was finally found in the bathroom of an abandoned house. That's one way of flushing out your suspect.

Some of Houston's Finest are looking a bit less than fine this week as three of them (Capt. William S. Malinowdki, Lt. Allen Rush Finch and Sgt. Dallas Henry Bingley) were charged with the third-degree felony of falsifying a city overtime report. Their lawyer said the arrests were politically motivated, and that filing false overtime reports was an accepted practice in the Houston Police Department. You have to wonder about the world when committing a felony is considered an accepted practice by the people hired to defend the law.

This past week has not been a good one for beauty queens. In Budapest, 17-year-old Csilla Molnar, Miss Hungary, committed suicide; and, in Houston, a 14-year-old girl on her way to a Miss Houston Teen beauty contest was severely injured by a 36 year-old-man, who was chased by the girl's mother and apprehended by security guards when he ran out of breath. The Houston teen beauty is recovering at Hermann Hospital with wounds to her arms and back. Miss Hungary has gone on

to that Great Beauty Contest in the Sky - a real finalist.

There's a lot of sex in the news as usual. For one thing, it came as no surprise that Attorney General Edwin Meese and his beige-ribbon panel on pornography concluded that porn caused people to want to rape, pillage and kill (and put money in the pockets of people like Hugh Hefner). Isn't that amazing? They spent a half a million dollars just to conclude what they had preconceived in the first place.

According to a poll by the firm of Yankelovich Clancy Shulman, the panel is right in line with a majority of Americans who believe that sexually explicit materials lead to promiscuity, rape and sexual violence - no matter what the evidence suggests to the contrary.

One of the worst problems facing America is child abuse, so a national conference of family court judges convened this past week to study the issue. One of the judges, Circuit Judge Jimmy Dean Sloan, of Anniston, Alabama, was arrested for allegedly forcing the 13-year-old grandson of another judge to perform a sexual act in his hotel room during the conference. Either the boy got carried away with all the descriptions of incidents like that and created his own scenario, or the judge likes to study his subject a little too close up and personal.

Fast Copy does not know if the judge, who is married and has children, is a Democrat or a Republican, but a survey by Ladies' Home Journal of registered women voters (of the heterosexual persuasion) showed that the Dems liked to spend time with their husbands making love, while the Republicans preferred to watch TV. So, if the country continues to become more Republican, does that mean that an active, healthy sex life will become

less popular than Wheel of Fortune? Or has that happened already?

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by Sister Inez, Tarot Reader and Numerologist

Did you know that last Sunday and Monday, seven out of the eight possible planets were going backwards? If things went wrong for any of you, now you know the reason... The SUN enters LEO on Tuesday, thus begins a great time of the year for all of us since the SUN rules the sign of LEO. MERCURY continues its retrograde (backwards) motion and backs into CANCER on Wednesday. The Full MOON occurs on Monday for the second time this year in CAPRICORN. Monday night could be very stressful for CANCER.

ARIES: This next week should be a very romantic time for you and also a time to just let your hair down and relax. It will be a particularly lucky time when dealing with games of chance, such as a lottery or poker. There is a lot of activity in the area surrounding your reputation and status so be careful and not upset others who may cast shadows on your reputation.

* Favorable Days: 20th, 23rd, 24th
* Unfavorable Days: none

TAURUS: For the next several weeks, your home will be most important to you. This indicates a great time to decorate or repaint and make general repairs. Romantic VENUS is still transiting the area dealing with short term romances. For example, "one-night-stands" are most favorable now. Don't make any long term commitment. There could be some misunderstandings with your brothers and sisters or in your near neighborhood.

* Favorable Days: 19th, 23rd
* Unfavorable Days: 24th

GEMINI: There could be some confusion over your finances or money by Thursday, so if you have any questions concerning your assets, get them answered before Thursday. There is a lot of activity centered around your partner and indications of strong emotional sexual activity over this weekend (Why can't we all be so lucky!!). Luck is still with you in dealing with your career.

* Favorable Days: 23rd
* Unfavorable Days: 18th, 21st

CANCER: This weekend you will be very concerned with a partner or a lover. There is much aggression in this area which could indicate that you may "fall in love at first sight"...Be careful. You could have a tendency not to portray yourself to your best advantage beginning on Thursday. This will remain in effect until August 2nd. Listen carefully and think carefully before you act or speak.

* Favorable Days: 22nd, 23rd
* Unfavorable Days: 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th

LEO: On Wednesday the SUN enters your sign signalling your time of the year has arrived. Some of the stress in your ability to communicate should be easing by Thursday. Incidentally, on Thursday will be a great time to begin therapy if you feel the urge. Friday night should have you romantically inclined with a "one-night-stand" -You're still quite lucky in the sex department with lucky JUPITER transiting this area.

* Favorable Days: 23rd
* Unfavorable Days: 21st, 22nd

VIRGO: You still may feel as if the brakes are being applied to you. This is due to your ruler, retrograde MERCURY, passing through LEO and entering CANCER. This indicates that you should rethink some of your goals and concentrate on learning about some of the organizations you belong to before speaking out. You should be actively seeking out fun and romance this weekend as MARS, the planet of sexual activity, is transiting your "fun house".

* Favorable Days: 18th
* Unfavorable Days: 21st, 23rd, 24th

LIBRA: There will be a lot of activity centering around your reputation and career. Think before you speak! You still should be quite lucky in areas dealing with your employment. There could be a raise or promotion in the near future. On Wednesday, you should begin getting more involved in the organizations that you belong to -you will begin to feel more "a part of instead of apart from..."

* Favorable Days: 19th, 23rd
* Unfavorable Days: 24th

SCORPIO: There is a lot of activity dealing with your finances and some confusion in your near neighborhood. You may feel quite aggressive in dealing with your neighbors, but be very careful, as they are not as they appear. You will have some difficulty in learning beginning on Thursday and continuing until August 2nd. Avoid short distance travel after that date.

* Favorable Days: 19th, 23rd
* Unfavorable Days: 21st

SAGITARIUS: Your independent nature is still quite evident to all those around you. This will cause you some difficulty in getting involved in a long term relationship. The next month will be an outstanding opportunity to travel and also do some additional learning to keep you abreast of world events. You could experience some difficulty sexually beginning on Thursday.

* Favorable Days: 18th, 20th
* Unfavorable Days: none

CAPRICORN: Your aggressive nature is still going strong with aggressive MARS transiting your sunsign. Your sexual nature will become reborn on Wednesday and you may develop an insatiable sexual appetite. You could have some communications difficulties with both business partners and lovers beginning on Thursday. This will last until August 2nd.

* Favorable Days: 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st
* Unfavorable Days: 23rd

AQUARIUS: By Wednesday, you may find yourself strongly wanting a partner or a life mate, but you could experience some communication difficulties in dealing with a future partner. Leave the commitments out of your relationships until after August 2nd, when MERCURY will again go direct. You could also have some communication difficulties with your employment.

* Favorable Days: 18th, 21st, 22nd
* Unfavorable Days: 24th

PISCES: You still seem to be enjoying your free time, but by Wednesday, you need to concentrate on your employment. Avoid gambling or wasting any monies from Thursday until August 2nd, since MERCURY will be going backwards in this area of your life. Avoid short trips for pleasure. You could have a tendency to misunderstand people that you get involved with. Avoid drugs or alcohol until after August 2nd.

* Favorable Days: 19th, 23rd, 24th
* Unfavorable Days: none

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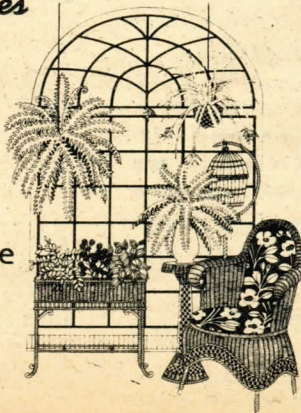
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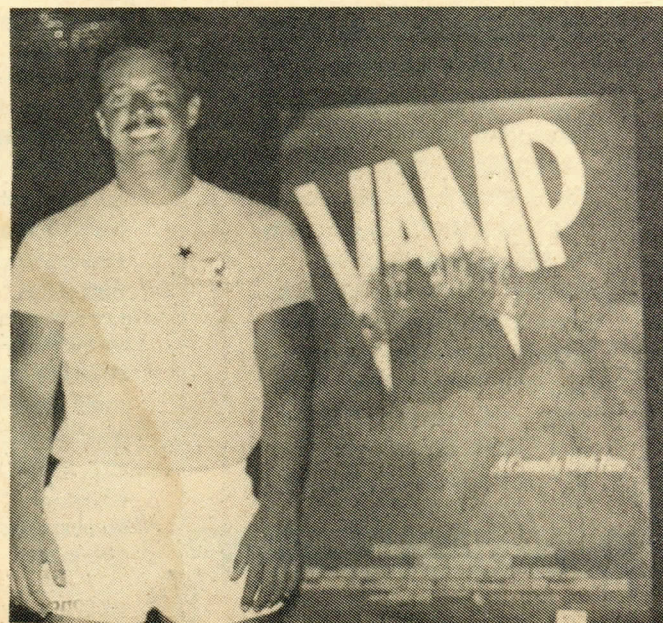
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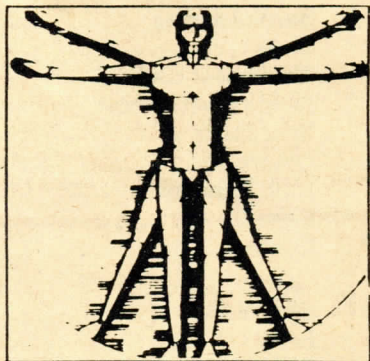


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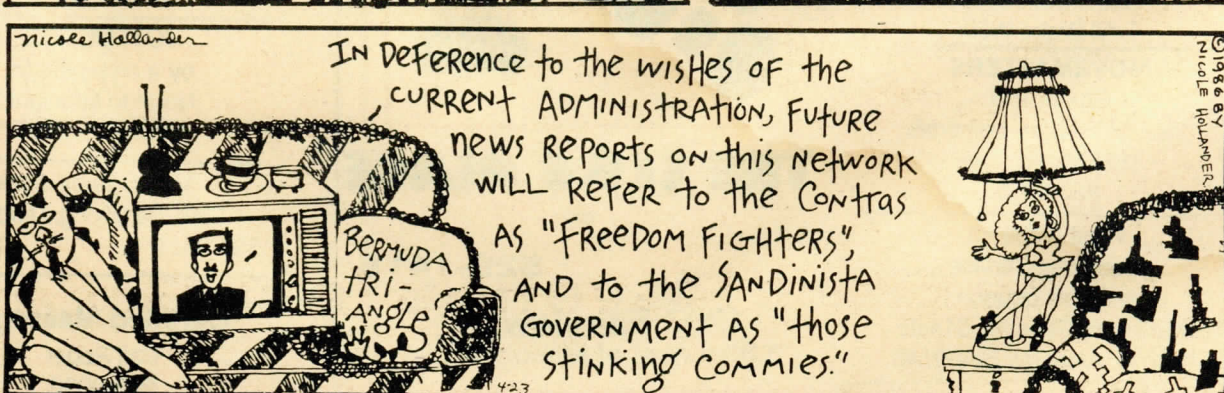
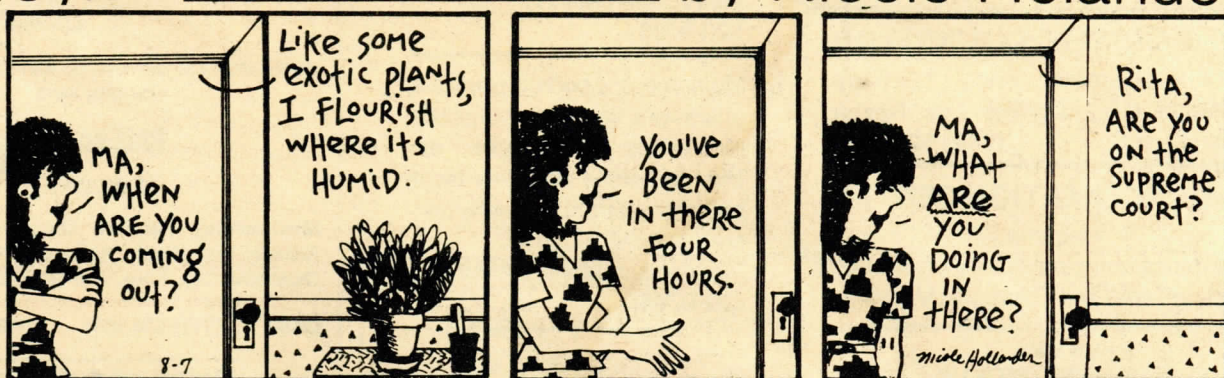
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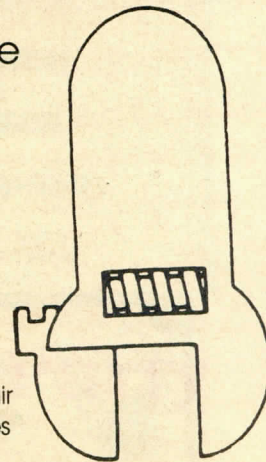
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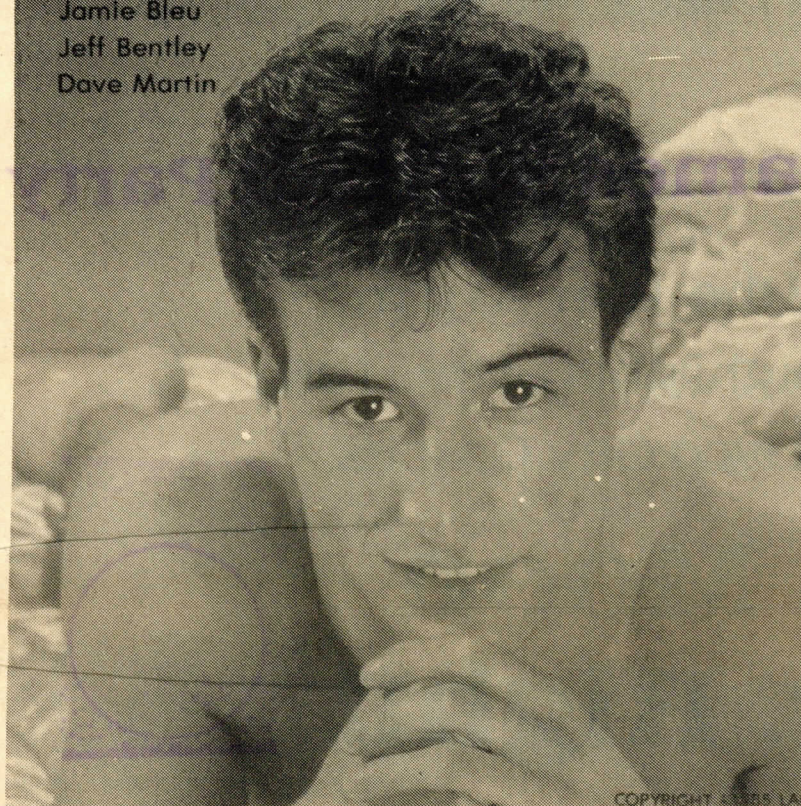
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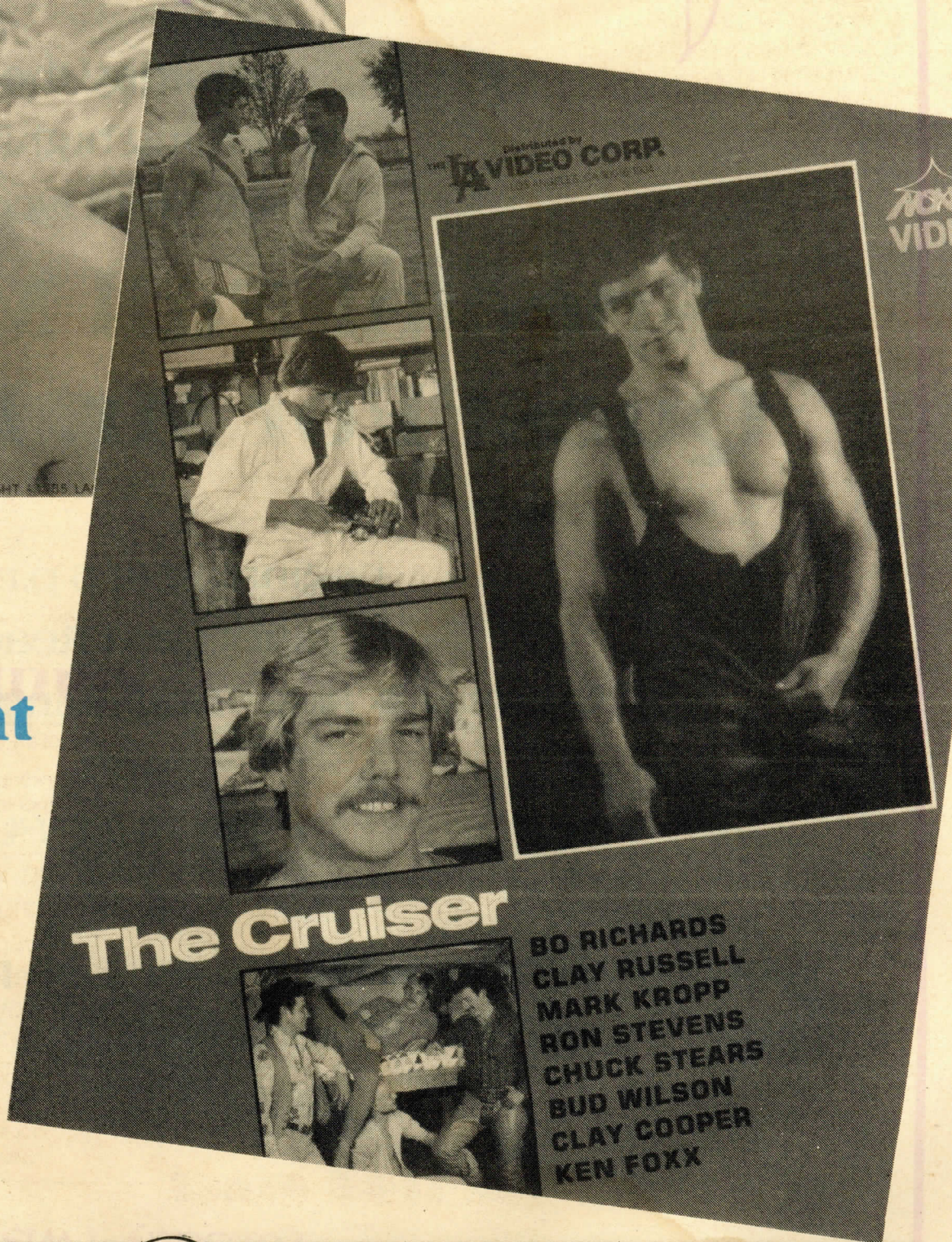
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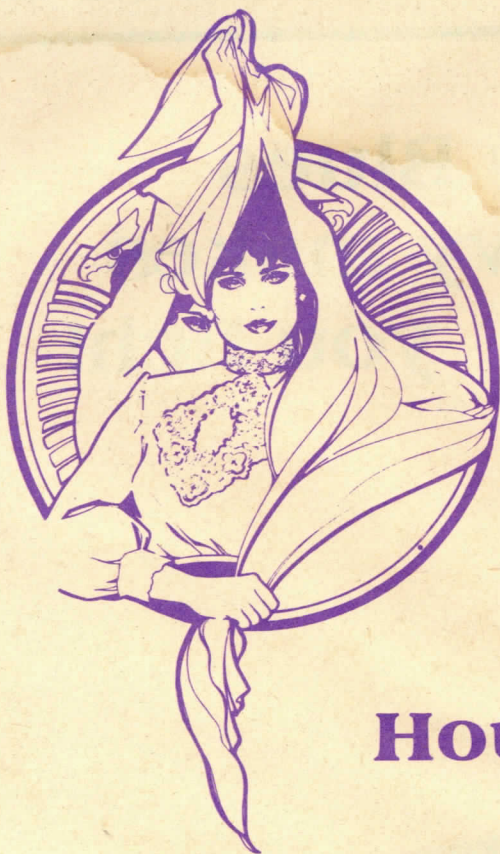
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