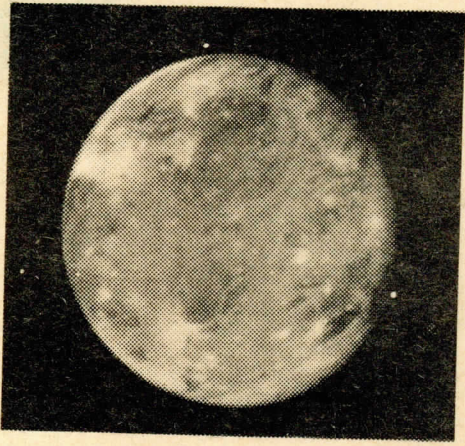




First photographs ever of 'gay' planet — it's true! See page 3.

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Gay men volunteer for disease test

ATLANTA — About 3000 gay men have volunteered to test a new vaccine which may be effective against hepatitis and could be available in two to three years if the tests succeed, according to the Center for Disease Control, a federal agency. The agency said hepatitis

had been believed prevalent mostly among blood transfusion recipients, but gay men also are a high-risk group because of transmission through sexual contact.

The tests will be made in St. Louis, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington.

Proposed Okla. law to result in castration

OKLAHOMA CITY — a bill to require the castration of certain sex offenders was introduced recently in the Oklahoma legislature.

The measure would require a judge or jury to order men convicted of

sex crimes "asexualized" if their cases involved at least two "aggravating circumstances," such as the victim being younger than nine or the crime being "especially serious, atrocious or cruel," according to a news dispatch by Associated Press.

Original ERA deadline is due March 22

HELENA, Mont. — The Montana Legislature has rejected a proposal to put the state on record as opposing the extension of the Equal Rights Amendment.

The House voted down a Senate-approved resolution which sought to reaffirm the March 22 deadline for ratification instead of the extension to 1982 approved by the U.S. Congress.

Meanwhile, in Cincinnati, Phyllis Schlafly, a leader in the fight against the ERA, has declared "victory," despite the Congressional ex-

tension.

She claimed the extension is insignificant and probably illegal.

"There's absolutely no indication that the states that have been defeating ERA for seven years will change their minds. There's no indication that ERA is gaining support," United Press quoted her as saying.

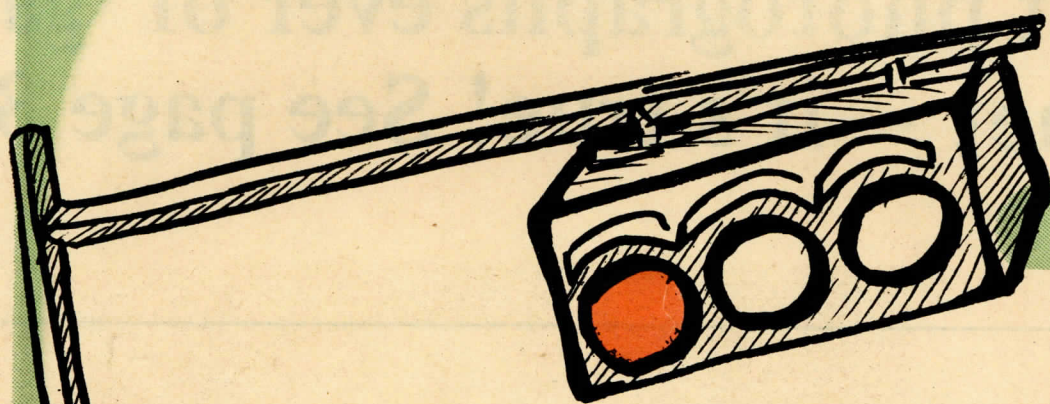
The news agency said they were told by Schlafly that supporters of the amendment which would bar discrimination against women, belong to a "little fringe group."

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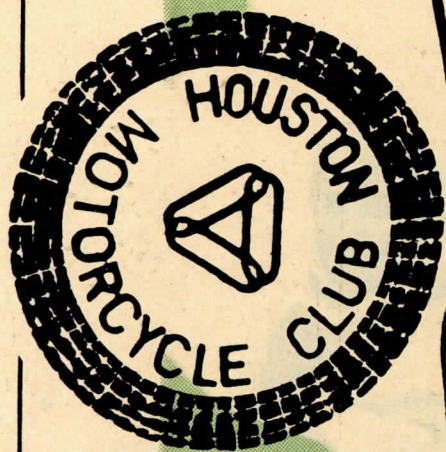
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Horoscope

Your prediction for St. Patrick's

PISCES (through March 20): Green is your color this weekend. And shamrocks will be your lucky charm. Have you figured it out? It's St. Patrick's Day. And you're going to have a good one this Saturday.

ARIES (through April 19): Frequently, associates are not what you would expect. But bear with them. They try. Your understanding can be an inspiration to them. New subject: tonight, write a letter to a certain Scorpio. Who's a Scorpio? you ask. Well, check your datebook for birthdays. There's one there.

TAURUS (through May 20): You have good creative ideas. Let others know of them. An idea is of no value if only one person knows of it. It must be shared.

GEMINI (through June 21): You may just spend St. Pat's Day (Saturday) in a state of sexual excitement. Really. We're predicting for you one of the best times ever. Prepare yourself for it.

CANCER (through July 21): Stay clear of trouble all weekend. Keep your peepers peeled in the direction you're heading so you can plan some turns when the cause arises.

LEO (through Aug. 21): Don't renege on promises, even little ones. People depend on you. You are an important part of this community. You're the banner carrier.

VIRGO (through Sept. 22): New projects? No! Not now.

Finish the old ones first. You've most likely a backlog of things to do. Right? Clear the runway before taking off.

LIBRA (through Oct. 22): Is someone pressuring you? I thought so. In a polite way, point that someone to the door. You don't need it. What you do need is a date with a Scorpio. And you might just get one.

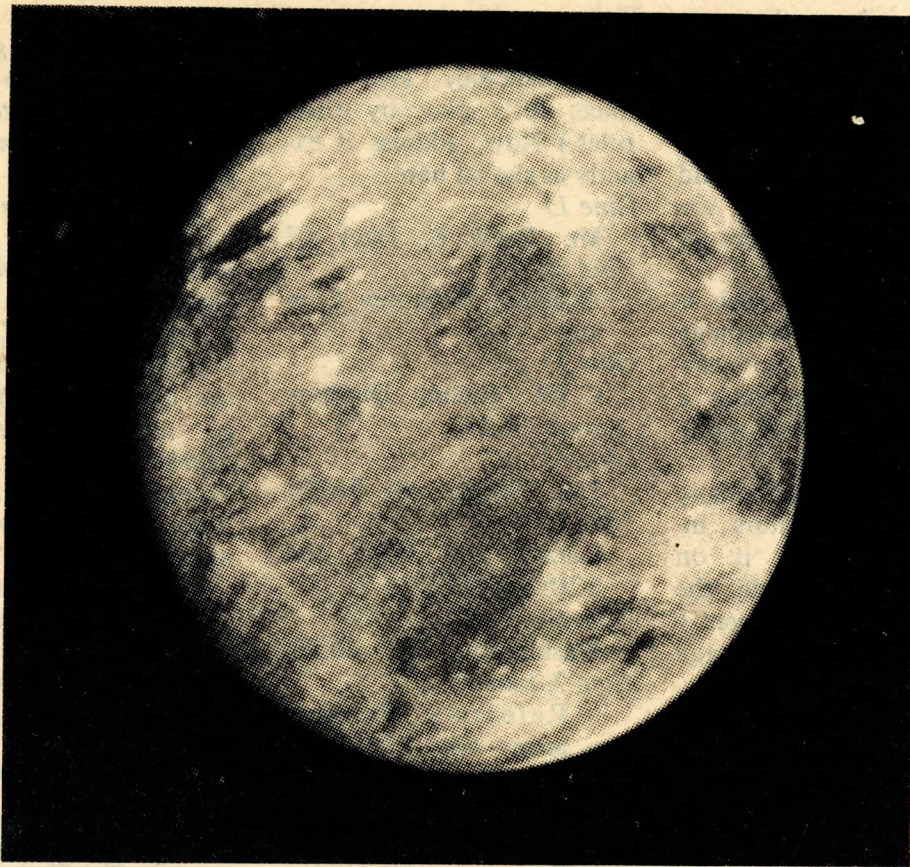
SCORPIO (through Nov. 21): Got any letters lately from an Aries. No? Well, you might. Watch for the mailman. Spring is soon to spring and that means ideas of romance, everywhere. You'll get your share. Meanwhile, just to pass the time, try seducing a Libra.

SAGITTARIUS (through Dec. 21): Is it the right time to seduce a Virgo? Absolutely. Everytime is a right time to seduce a Virgo. Especially a certain Virgo who has you in mind. You don't know it now, but you will soon. Maybe.

CAPRICORN (through Jan. 20): Stay clear of Eskimos this weekend. Repeat, don't go to any igloos with anyone who just wants to rub noses. You're in for more serious stuff. And you may get it within the next 48 hours.

AQUARIUS (through Feb. 19): Well, guess what. Spring is in the air. No, it's not here yet. But it's in the air. You smell it. Doesn't that excite certain emotions within you? Remember those feelings of last year? Well, time to do it all over again.

Spacecraft photographs 'gay' planet: Ganymede



Is it an orange? No. It's Ganymede, named after a mythical young Trojan lad who was said to be the male lover of Zeus, the god of gods.

Ganymede is the largest of the 33 known natural satellites in the solar system. It's larger, in fact, than the planet Mercury, which is reason enough, we think, to call Ganymede a planet.

The photograph you see here was taken in early March by the Voyager I spacecraft. It came within 70,000 miles of the planet.

Among items discov-

ered by the spacecraft: Ganymede is cold, very cold in fact, about 230 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. And it is covered with ice! Frozen water! It is also slightly pockmarked with craters and trenches but not too bad. (For a youth, I suppose, Ganymede's complexion will pass.)

And Ganymede is a youth, a virile young man, according to Greek mythology. The planet Ganymede is relatively young too — only about one billion years old. That's about one-quarter the age of many other moons.

Just who gave the planet Ganymede its name? A German scientist, Simon Marius, did in 1610. He had peered through his telescope, sighted Ganymede and three other Jovian satellites, and promptly gave them names out of Greek mythology.

Marius, by coincidence, discovered the satellites just one day after Galileo did. But Galileo wanted to name the new bodies after some of his current day contemporaries (Popes and other boring people).

We're glad Marius won out.

British gay paper conviction is upheld

LONDON — Appeals by the gay newspaper, *Gay News*, and its editor, Denis Lemon, against conviction on charges of blasphemous libel have been dismissed by the House of Lords.

The conviction centered around a poem published in *Gay News* that described a sexual relationship with Jesus. The poem, by Prof. James Kirkup, was entitled, "The Love That Dares to Speak Its Name."

The law lords ruled three-to-two that in a charge of blasphemous libel there is no need for the prosecution to prove that the defendant intended to shock or arouse resentment among Christian believers, according to a report in the *London Daily Telegraph*.

It was sufficient for the prosecution to prove merely

an intention to publish material that, in the opinion of a jury, was likely to shock or arouse resentment.

While their ruling clarifies the mental intent required to commit the ancient Common Law offense of blasphemous libel, the closeness of the decision and the comments of some of the judges are expected to rekindle controversy over the prosecution and reinforce demands for review of the law by Parliament.

Gay News and its editor were convicted in 1977.

The newspaper was fined \$2000 and Lemon, 33, was fined \$1000 and given a nine-month suspended jail term. Last year the Court of Appeal rejected appeals against the conviction, upheld the fines, but set aside Lemon's suspended jail term.

Comment

Be part of Justice Dept. suit

(The Montrose Star encourages readers to submit comments about subjects of interest. This week, Star book review critic Hank Bonney departs from his usual reviews to warn about actions of the Houston City Council and other subjects.)

There are several extremely vital political situations which gay men and

lesbians need to know about and respond to accordingly.

One is very involved ... the U.S. Justice Dept. (and us) vs. the Houston City Fathers (read, "establishment," "powers-that-be," or "those-who-have-and-want-more").

It appears that the Jus-

tice Dept., under federal law, has ordered no more Houston annexations or elections until a more representative type of city government (City Council) is established. What this means is the City Council members *must* be representative of the various

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JUSTICE

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ethnic and other minority/unprivileged groups as reflected in different segments of the city, whether it be the barriers, Fourth Ward, Dowling St./T.S.U. or Montrose.

City Council members, as now constituted, are elected "at large," which is to say, by Houston voters as a whole. In effect, then, City Council members are answerable to no one except those who have the money and/or power. The new system, called "Single Member Districts," would make councilpersons answerable to the voters of his/her own district.

Other safeguards, such as limited election campaign contributions, can more easily be built into such a system and be closely monitored.

While there are many complicated factors involved (much of it on purpose: for example, the City of Houston recently filed a 1300-plus-page demurrer as a blatant delaying, legally-entangling tactic), the basic story is age-old ... the "haves" against the "have nots."

The prospects of a newly formed coalition of Chicanos, blacks, gay people, progressives, etc., coming out ahead on this are, to be honest, very good.

Ah ha!, you say, but there's a catch. Right?

Right. The City of Houston establishment has the money (sure, it's your money, but they control it) to send teams of lawyers, lobbyists and whatever to Washington to push for

what they want.

How do we counteract this? By writing letters supporting the actions of the Justice Dept.'s civil rights division.

Simple? Well, no, not really. But *it is vital!* If you — as a gay person, as a citizen — want a real voice in your government, with all that this entails, then write!

Here's what you do. Take a blank envelope. (Remember, you're writing a bureaucracy and, this once, let's play by their rules.) Now, address it exactly as shown here:

(line 1)

Mr. Drew S. Days III

(line 2)

Assistant Attorney General

(line 3)

Civil Rights Division, room 7527

(line 4)

U.S. Dept. of Justice

(line 5)

Constitution Ave. and 12th St., N.W.

(line 6)

Washington, DC 20530

(line 7, indent)

Reference: Pre-clearance filed by City of Houston, Texas, 8 Feb. 1979

(line 8, indent)

Submission #C-1424

(and then...)

In the letter — in the heading at the top right side — write your name, address and date. *Under* that, at the top left, repeat the information you put on the envelope. Okay?

Now, in your own words, write something like this:

Dear Mr. Days:

As a voting citizen of

Houston, Texas, I wish to express my strongest support for the efforts of the U.S. Dept. of Justice, voting rights section, in objecting to the pre-clearance filed by the City of Houston as indicated above. The proposed annexations will further aggravate the already existing problems of inadequate representation of Houston's inner city residents in their city government.

If clearance is given for annexations, the voting strength of Houston's ethnic and other minorities will be diluted.

If you approve the annexations, at least give us a more representative form of electing the City Council. I urge that the U.S. Dept. of Justice make provisions that the City of Houston must go to a "single-member district" election of City Council members as a condition for approving annexations.

Sincerely yours,
(signed)

Now, type or write this in legible longhand. Stamp it and get it into the mail. Now! The deadline for receiving it is April 8, 1979.

The coalition fighting the current City Fathers' underhanded and high-handed tactics would like to see a minimum of 10,000 letters. Lesbians and gay men alone could account for that many!

If you have any questions, call the Mickey Leland campaign headquarters, 527-9692; Houston Gay Political Caucus, 526-2668; or Chuck Hickman, 778-9017. Do it! And urge

all your friends to do the same.

—o—

Two other short items:
1) The GPC-endorsed Operation Documentation is also very important in establishing patterns of Houston Police Dept. harassment, oppression and persecution of gay males and lesbians.

Cases gathered will be presented to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, which establishes an office in Houston this month for that purpose. It's hearings are scheduled for June.

If you feel you have legitimate complaints in this regard, call Operation Doc-

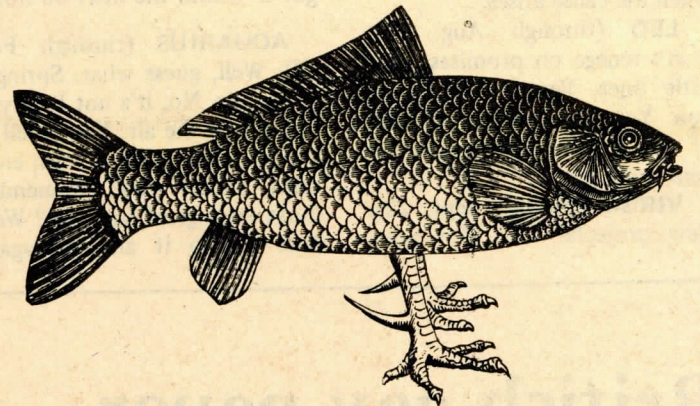
umentation at 526-2879. If an answering machine is on the other end, leave your name and phone number. They'll get back to you.

2) The Houston Gay Rights Coordinating Council, a newly formed, loosely knit group of gay organizations, is endorsing Gay Pride Week activities in June, which proposes to end up with a Gay Pride Parade (on Westheimer, yet!), complete with floats, prizes, and *thousands of our brothers and sisters* celebrating our liberation.

Keep your eyes open for further word on this in the Montrose Star.

HANK BONNEY

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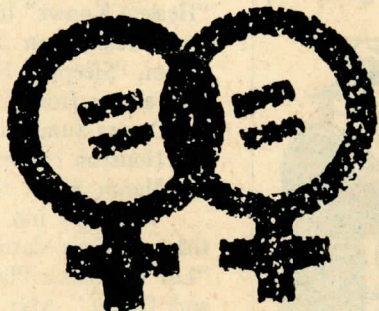
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WUTHERING HEIGHTS by Wuthering Heights on Midsong, #MSI-008.

You would think that the musical genius who put this LP together was related to Alec Costandinos or Cerrone. The arrangements on this package are fabulously combined, creating a high-intense boogie-motion album.

John Ferrara (an unknown to me) arranged, composed, conducted and produced this exciting LP.

Both sides are non-stop and offer a variety of entertaining breaks. The most prominent being on side one, just past the halfway mark. On this side you have a slightly boring female chorus singing the title cut, which is based on a novel by Emily Bronte. But then comes the perfectly-synthesized, unbelievable break that builds into a superb up-tempo, even religious sounding vocal track.

Side two is a continuation of side one except that this side is spicier with more percussion, vocals and added breaks.

Look for this album to be one of the year's best.

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WITCH QUEEN by Witch Queen on Roadshow, #BKL1-3312.

Take some early '70 light rock, add a disco beat and, viola!, you have a genuine disco album that has already captured the listening ears of thousands on the East Coast.

Although the LP offers only four disco cuts, they are smack full of powerful vocals and a hard-throbbing beat.

The three old cuts are "Witch Queen" (by Redbone), "All Right Now" (by Free), and "Band a Gong" (by T. Rex). Additionally, there's "Got the Time," a new one written by the LP's producers, Peter Alves and Gino Succio.

This is another LP that belongs in your disco library. Should qualify as one of the year's best.

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KNOCK ON WOOD by Amii Stewart on Ariola, #SW-50054.

I must confess that I did not like "Knock on Wood" the first time I heard it but it has now grown on me and many others.

Two big renditions of classic hits are done by Amii on this album. Besides "Knock on Wood," she does "Light My Fire" extremely well. It's full of gusty vocals and racing instrumentation. It also has an elaborate break.

Much of the material here is laid-back listening. Her voice is sweet and appealing. And sales on this LP at the current time are exceptionally strong.

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DANCING UP A STORM by the Raes on A&M, #SP-4754.

What a wonderful group the Raes are, especially with this magnificent album. This is strictly top-choice material.

Beginning with side one, the recording kicks off with the sensational hit, "A Little Lovin' (Keeps the Doctor Away)," previously available on a twelve-inch disco disc. Also on side one is "I Only Wanna Get Up and Dance." This one will surely be a follow-up to "A Little Lovin'."

"Gonna Burn My Boogie Shoes" is the next cut and it has the same uptempo qualities.

The last cut on this side is a slower tune called "Honest I Do."

Side two is as exciting as side one with "Don't Turn

highly recommended. Should prove itself a winner by the end of the summer.

—O—

KEEP ON DANCIN' by Gary's Gang on Columbia, #JC-35793.

This unique group has released their debut album after enjoying an enormous amount of success with the twelve-inch disco version of the LP's title cut.

Side one of this intriguing LP starts with a live-sounding song called "Showtime," followed by "Party Tonight" and "Do-It at the Disco" (the flip side of the twelve-incher).

Side two has three cuts, "Let's Lovedance Tonight" (sim-

ilar to the preceding cut), "Keep On Dancing," and "You'll Always Be My Everything" (more M-O-R than disco). On the back cover is an address for Gary's Gang Fan Club. This is something you don't see much of. Good work, boys. Looks like the Gang is here to stay with this surprise album.

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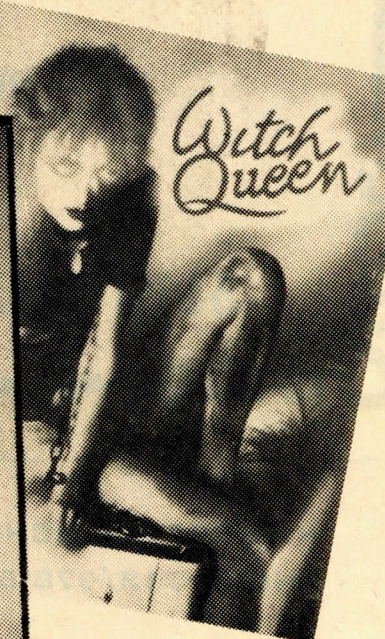
THE TWELVE-INCH SCENE

There are so many new twelve-inch disco discs out now that I don't know where to begin. So I'll give you the best of the bunch.

"Dance With You" by Carrie Lucas (on Solar) should put her on the disco scene again. It's a good combination of funky and pop sounds. ... "I, Who Have Nothing" by Sylvester has got to be one of the week's most exciting. It's a bit different from his previous "Disco Heat/Mighty Real" but probably just as great. ... "Pick Me Up, I'll Dance" by Melba Moore is a remix from her current album. It's faster than "You Stepped Into My Life." And it's hot and on Epic. ... "Hot for You" by Brainstorm is still another departure from that high energy

put out. I really like it, especially the hot vocals. ... "Dancer" by Gino Succio is taken from the RFC/Warner LP. I advise to stick to the LP. You'll get more of his good stuff. Why bother with the twelve incher. Let's sell this magnificent LP. ... "Whole Lotta Love" by the Wonder Band on Atlantic is not a giant song but is, nevertheless, an interesting rendition. I guess. ... "Keep Your Body Workin'" by Kleer on Atlantic is a fine, semi-funky original. ... "Turn the Music Up" by the Players Association on Vanguard is very R&B flavored and with a good clean sound.

Some updates: 20th Century



Around," "Don't Make Waves," and "School." All of these cuts are danceable.

Overall this LP is rated as a 1979 top ten contender.

I have one complaint: the album cover is a bit tacky. But, as they say, it's what's inside that counts.

I extend my congratulations to John Luongo, Jackie Valasek and Michael Wright for this fine album.

—O—

FOR YOUR LOVE by Chilly on Polydor, #PD-1-6191.

I wonder what the Yardbirds are saying about their classic being redone disco. Seems the remake era is upon us. ("Knock On Wood," "Bang a Gong," "Witch Queen," "Going Out of My Head," "MacArthur Park," and on and on.)

Like many other LP's, this was previously available as a European import. Polydor did right in finally releasing it here in the U.S.

This album was recorded in Germany and offers a heavy dose of electronics but many vocals too.

My favorite cuts are "For Your Love," "Dance With Me," and "Key of Love."

The album as a whole is

Barry White group. It's not bad but not hot. ... "Nighttime Fantasy" by Vickie Sue Robinson. Now I wonder whatever happened to the "Turn the Beat Around" sound. It's not noticeable here. Well, maybe when she gets her LP together. ... "My Baby's Baby" by Liquid Gold on the Parachute label is, wow!, strange. It's got to be the best disco record this label has ever

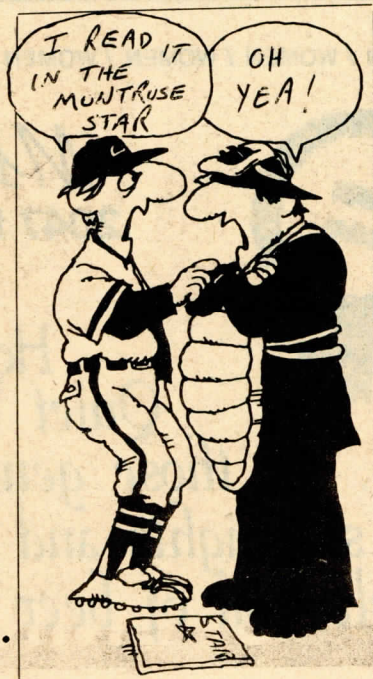
has finally released the twelve-inch versions of Edwin Starr's "Contact" and Gene Chandler's "Get Down." Also, Capitol has released (nearly a year past due) the twelve-inch version of "Boogie Oogie" by A Taste of Honey.

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SHORT CUTS

Check out "Music is My Way of Life," Patti Labelle's latest Epic LP. The cut "It's Alright With Me" has got to be one of her best efforts ever. ... Casablanca has issued limited copies of Cher's picture disc for sale. ... Donna Summer does the backup vocals from her hit "Heaven Knows" for the Brooklyn Dreams on their newest album, "Sleepless Nights." It's a fine album from a swell group. ... Donna Summer has canceled her Houston concert. It was set for March 31 at the Colesium. ... Arpeggio has changed the title of their current LP from "Let the Music Play" to "Love and Desire." Also, the album's jacket has a new picture. ... Gloria Gaynor is scheduled to appear at the Summit May 24. ... "La Bamba" by Antonia Rodriguez is finally available from Buddah records domestically.

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GENE HOWLE (pictured)

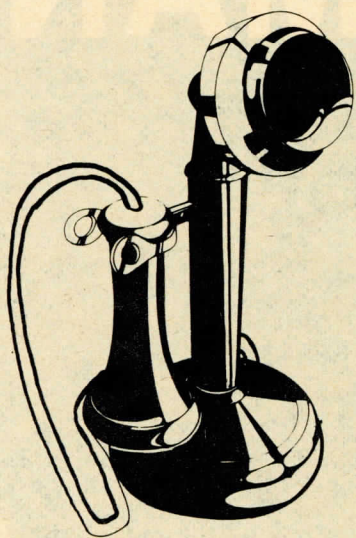
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Mary's team is appropriately named the Sewer Sisters and has a large cheerleading squad with Peaches as head cheerleader.

The already have commitments for twelve organizations. If your group is interested, call Thom or Nurse at Mary's for details.

(Look out guys. The Montrose Star-ettes are already practicing.)

This volleyball league

should be loads of fun and a chance for good, friendly competition between Houston's gay organizations.

Mary's and the HMC's Moonlight Madness last week was a hoot (hooter?). How about a re-run? Okay. Mary's will present this Saturday, March 17, an all-day St. Patrick's Day party with happy hour prices from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

(More Mary's news, just in:

1) Mary's now has an emergency room, located on the patio roof. The head Nurse will be glad to take care of all emergencies

there, regardless of size.

2) Does Fanny have a throne in the back. What's that chair with the crystal chandelier doing back there?)

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Now, on to other news:

The Mustang Club will be celebrating its second anniversary April 13, 14 and 15. (Apple Annie attended last year and it was a rip-roarin' event. They had everything from a campout, live shows, cocktail and dinner parties.) Registration takes place at the Brazos River Bottom (Houston's great "Country" bar where the cowboys hang out), Friday, April 13, 8:00 p.m. Call 528-9192 for more info.

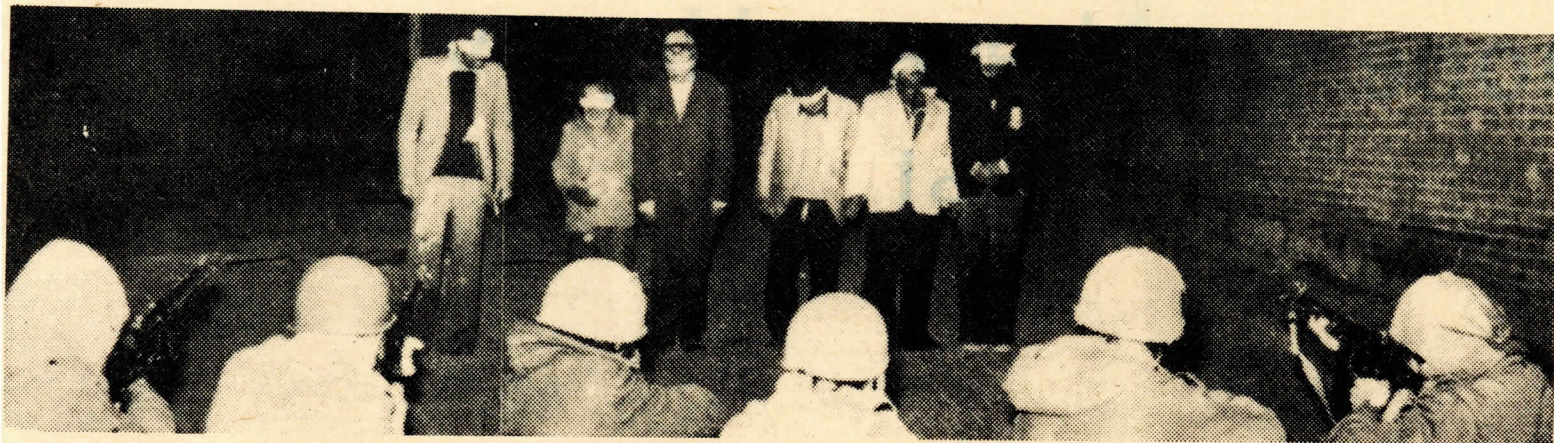
Now for a little gossip. We've been told that a hot new romance has budded (excuse me, has bloomed) at Ms. Take II. Stop by and maybe Velvet can fill in the details.

Ms. Take II is now having a big pool tourney, starting this Sunday, March 18. It's to run Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. See all you pool sharks there.

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Homosexuals executed in Iran



Last week, the Montrose Star ran an article telling of the executions being performed in Iran for men accused of "raping" teenage boys. This is a photograph obtained by Time magazine showing six homosexuals before the firing squad.

Time reported that it also learned that in some cases the "victim" (the teenage boy) was also punished by authorities representing Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. They were publicly beaten.

This leads to the belief that perhaps some of the cases were not of rape but simple homosexual activity. Nevertheless, the executions go on.



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'Quintet' is offbeat

QUINTET. Rated R. Released by 20th Century Fox. Produced and directed by Robert Altman. Screenplay by Frank Barhydt, Robert Altman and Patricia Resnick. Story by Robert Altman, Lionel Chetwynd and Patricia Resnick. Starring Paul Newman with Vittorio Gassman, Fernando Rey, Bibi Andersson, Brigitte Fossey, Nina van Pallandt and David Langton.

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Robert Altman's career has always been marked by a willingness to experiment, but nothing he has done before is as offbeat as *Quintet*, his thirteenth film since 1969. This time Altman's zeal for pioneering

new ways of telling a story has led him to work in science fiction, or, as it's sometimes called when science doesn't play too large a part, speculative fiction.

Quintet is set on a frigid, snowbound landscape in which declining civilization plays out its last gasp. Neither time nor place is specified, and the cast, headed by Paul Newman, is international, which further abstracts the film from any
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BAR TALK

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The Ram Rod at 5110 Airline will become a full liquor bar March 28. That's good news for all North Houstonians.

The Ram Rod has drag shows every Friday and Saturday with amateur night each Tuesday. Cash prizes and trophies.

And, their big anniversary party will be coming up soon. Keep watchin' the Montrose Star for the details on this.

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Our Place's big St. Patrick's Gala (Gay-la?) will take place this Sunday, March 18. It'll include a big beer bust and a pie-eating contest ... starting 8:00 p.m. So on your way to Tipperary, stop by and take in the brag festivities with Kaye, Naomi and the rest of the colleens at Our Place.

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We try to tell you each week about the hot numbers at the 2306 Baths and we probably should stop. The place is just getting

ridiculous. Handsome numbers just falling all over each other, especially on week-ends.

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The Barn starts their biggest week of the year Monday. It's their annual anniversary and this year marks three.

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And, we want to wish Andre a super speedy recovery. We all miss him.

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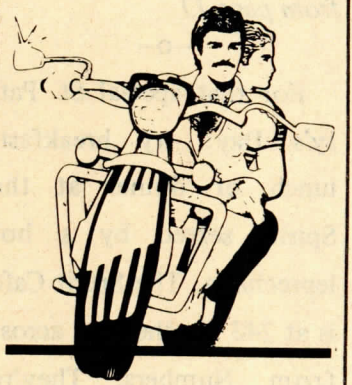
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Do they have 5¢ coffee, you ask? No! They have free coffee after-hours Fridays and Saturdays.

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The Cove Disco, 2912 S. Shepherd, is someplace many of you have not been lately, right? Well this Sunday will be a good time to repay a visit. They've got a super special show, headlined with "Ms. Tina Jackson" with "Amber Rose" and "Coco." One night only. Next to the Alabama Theater.

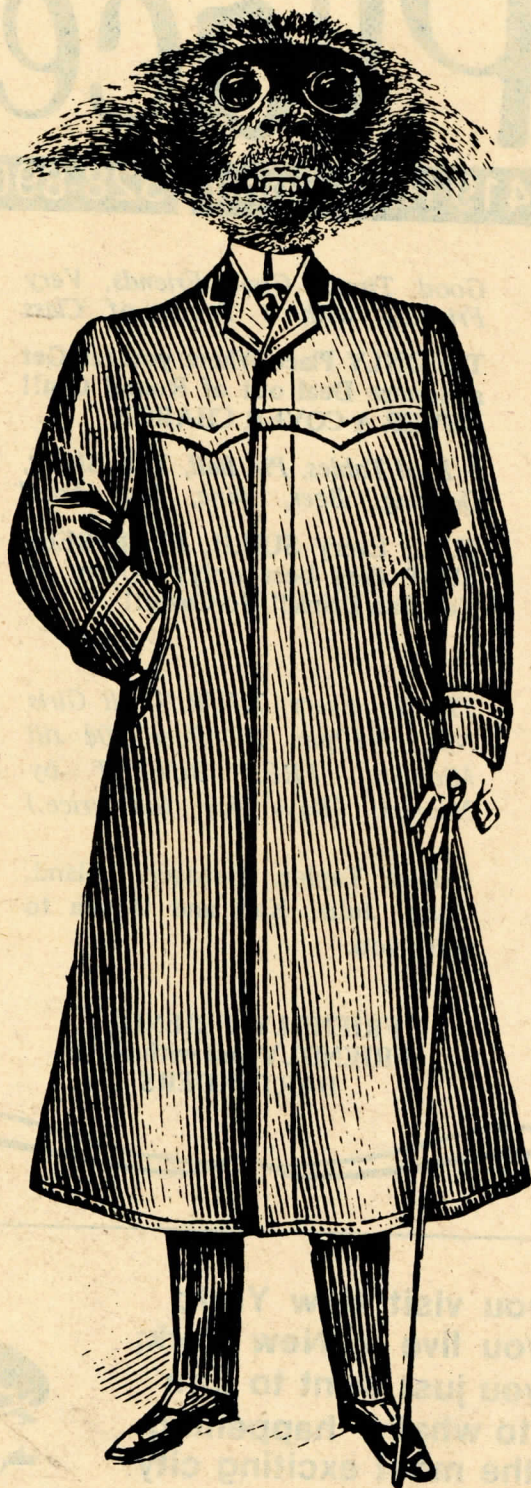
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Don't forget the Gay Rights March in the nation's capital city, Oct. 13 and 14. That's Columbus Day weekend. Plan on being there with hundreds of thousands of gay men and lesbians for this historic demonstration!

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That's all the Bar Talk for this week. Except to say the Montrose Star still has some openings. We need a take-charge graphics/paste-up person. Someone who can make this paper shine as bright as Ganymede. (Who's Ganymede? Well, you didn't read page three yet, did you.)

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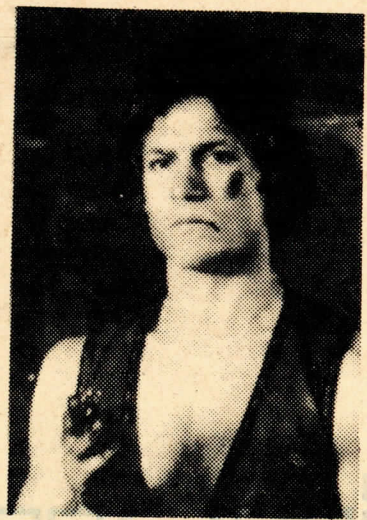
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'Warriors' celebrates primitive man, but movie also profoundly troubling



THE WARRIORS. Rated R. Released by Paramount Pictures. Executive producer, Frank Marshall. Produced by Lawrence Gordon, directed by Walter Hill, from the novel by Sol Yurick. Starring Michael Beck and James Remar.

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For sheer visceral impact, *The Warriors* can't be beat.

From its gorgeous opening shot of the neon-lit Coney Island ferris wheel silhouetted against a pitch black sky and the crisply edited title sequence immediately following, this film is charged with exceptional visual and rhythmic excitement. When the story

gets underway, it quickly becomes apparent that cinematic razzle-dazzle is precisely director Walter Hill's purpose. For the plot of *The Warriors*, adapted from a novel by Sol Yurick, is strictly geared for action.

The symbolic meanings of this primitive good-guys-versus-bad-guys adventure fantasy are simply too juvenile to be taken seriously.

The Warriors are a Coney Island youth gang who travel to the Bronx to attend a massive rally called by Cyrus, the leader of the

most powerful gang in New York City. Before Cyrus can conclude his speech — he is trying to unite all of the gangs in the city under his leadership — he is assassinated. The Warriors are falsely accused of the crime.

With every gang in the city on their trail, not to mention the police, the Warriors have to try to make it all the way across town to their home turf where, presumably, they will be safe. In effect, their dangerous journey becomes a test of the Warrior's prowess — it's their chance to prove they're the best gang in the city.

The film's vision of a world dominated by anarchic street gangs doesn't pretend to be realistic, though the exquisite cinematography by Andrew Laszlo does render New York City as faithfully as it's ever been seen in the movies.

The story's principal set is one of the most heavily used subway systems in the world, but there are almost no extras in the film. All of the characters are either gang members or cops.

None of the characters have any psychological depth; they're simply sol-

diers.

Women are depicted as dangerous distractions from the all-important quest for survival. The sole woman to gain acceptance by the Warriors has to prove herself in battle before she is begrudgingly trusted.

The emphasis on skill, virility and survival as the most important human values was also the foundation of Walter Hill's last film, the critical and commercial bomb, *The Driver*.

The Driver was as technically proficient as *The Warriors*, but it was burdened by pretentious dialogue and a deadly high-mindedness.

The dialogue in *The Warriors* is street-wise and witty, and though Hill may take his simpleminded allegory seriously, at least he doesn't dwell upon its meanings.

What Hill does dwell upon is action. He's so good at it that once a viewer accepts that the Warriors are the good guys, it's virtually impossible to resist being swept up by their heroic victories.

The film's dramatic structure is as simple as its moral scheme. The Warriors take the subway home to Coney Island and each station represents a potential trou-

ble spot.

Traversing the city, the Warriors tangle with numerous colorfully named, distinctively attired gangs, each with its own style of doing battle. The overwhelmingly outnumbered Warriors whip them all.

All told, it is an uneasy balance Walter Hill strikes between realism and fantasy. *The Warriors* reduces adolescent adventure to its barest essential elements, but remains realistic enough to involve the audience with the characters and their plight.

Still, during one of those terrific brawls in which the Warriors manhandle their enemies, thoughtful viewers may find themselves wondering: What exactly is it one roots for in this film?

Are amoral characters worthy of admiration simply because they're skillful fighters? For that matter, is *The Warriors*, which shuns moral and psychological depth, a good film simply because it skillfully delivers hardhitting action?

Celebrating the primitive, instinctive side of human nature and stoutly ignoring everything else, *The Warriors* is simultaneously exhilarating and profoundly troubling.

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recognizable setting.

Altman has relentlessly pursued his vision of a nightmare world without hope for the future or the possibility of pleasure in the present.

Quintet's reigning metaphor is the cold; few hints of warmth — emotional or thermal — unburden the characters. Packs of dogs quickly move in on the carcasses of human beings who drop like flies. Worse yet, several survivors of this decimated civilization amuse themselves by playing a conspiratorial game called *Quintet*, in which the obscure rules require that the players murder one another.

When Vivia, played by the French actress Brigitte Fossey, is inadvertently killed during one *Quintet* player's move against an opponent, her man, Essex (Newman), decides to penetrate the *Quintet* conspiracy.

Essex is a rugged individualist. He and Vivia have just returned to the city from the wilderness where they sought their own form of survival.

Vivia is pregnant when she's killed—the only pregnant woman to come to anyone's attention in years — and her death thus blots out the last ray of hope for the future.

Quintet isn't really Essex's game, but Vivia's death seems to compel him

to play it anyway.

As can be readily discerned from this brief synopsis, *Quintet* is heavily schematic and laden with symbolism.

The game, which the hero plays despite himself, is clearly intended to represent the game of life.

Quintet is quite articulate about its own meanings. The characters — Fernando Rey as the game's judge, Vittorio Gassman as its most ruthless practitioner, and Bibi Andersson, Nina Van Pallandt and David Langton as other players — all openly discuss the significance of their own behavior.

Hence, *Quintet* addresses itself to the big questions: What is the meaning of life?

What is the value of human relationships? What is death?

It's difficult, however, to take *Quintet's* philosophical musings seriously, even when those musings are deemed accurate. The problem is that the story is so far removed from true-to-life human experience that it seems to trivialize important matters for the sake of overexplicitness.

In any case, it's not at all clear that Altman is even trying for philosophical profundity; he seems far more interested in his film's dramatic structure than he is in its meanings.

Quintet is one of those avant garde exercises in which the characters might as well be called X, Y and

Z, and the subject could as easily be the battle for control of an anthill as intergalactic war.

Robert Altman's experimental bravado is to be saluted. Altman must know that *Quintet* could never be a hit; he doubtless expects to be attacked as pretentious and self-indulgent. But viewers who are willing to explore uncharted cinematic territory with a director whose familiarity with the terrain is unequaled would do well to check this one out.

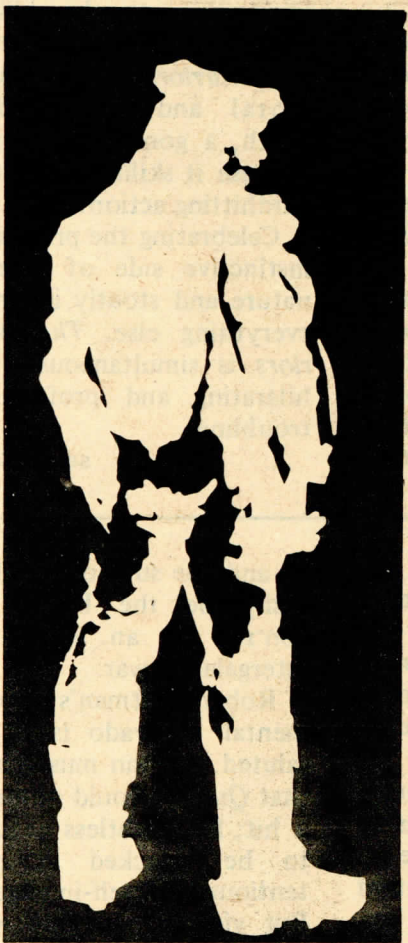
Quintet is a fascinating, if only partially successful, experiment which must stimulate the imagination even as it refuses to be pinned down.

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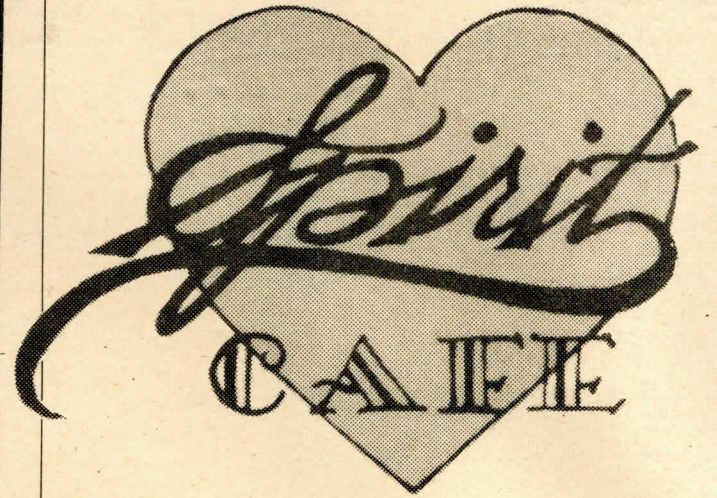
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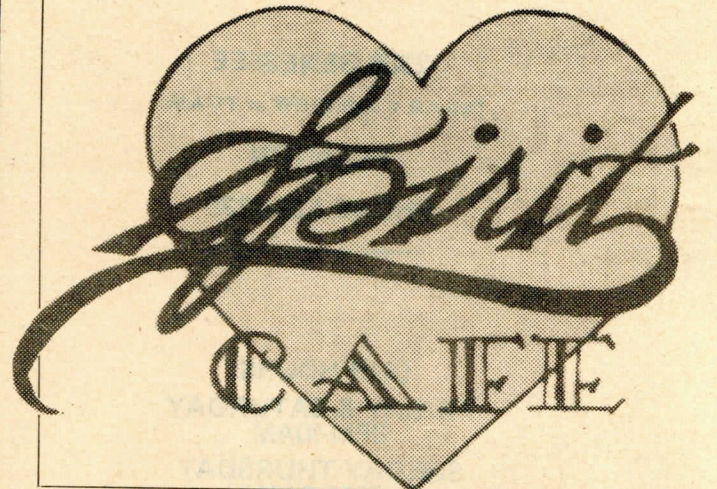
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