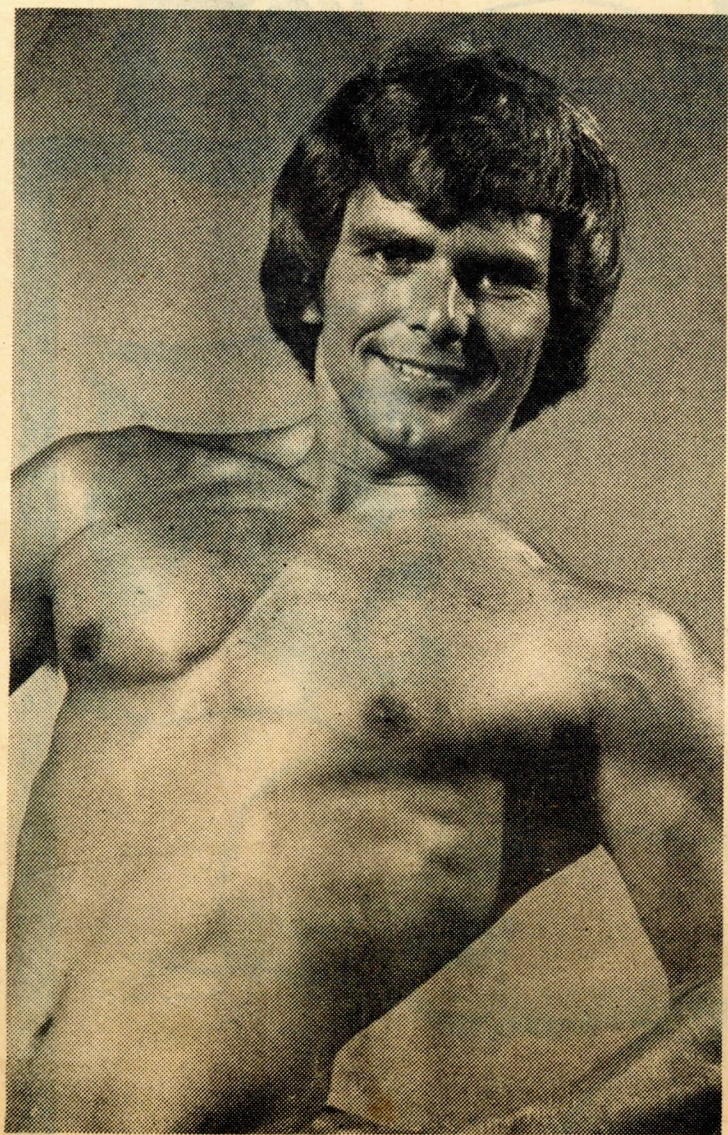


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Baths' Big Contest Scheduled This Week

The good-looking man above is Eddie Abshire, as photographed last year, just after winning the Mr. Club Houston Contest.

The contest was first scheduled to be held at the Old Plantation, but baths officials decided to make a last minute switch and stage the event at the Depository.

This Tuesday (July 27) will be the third annual such contest and it promises to be a real blockbuster. Tiffany Jones (better known as the "Texas Tornado") is being flown in to share the emcee honors with C.J. Harrington (former Mr. Gay Texas).

Also scheduled to entertain is a new musical-comedy group you may have read about: Mixed Company. They will do a special thirty-minute version of their show before the contest begins. Part of this concert will be recorded for use in an

album later this year.

Broadway director Edward Miller has accepted the burden of staging the contest. Miller says to be prepared for a fast-moving, every-minute-dynamite, spectacular showcase.

Contestants can sign up as late as Monday (and in such contests, dozens usually do wait until the last minute to sign up). Applications are available at Club Houston, 2205 Fannin.

Winners will receive cash and trophies. Third place winner will get \$25 and a year's pass to the baths. First runner-up will get \$50 and a year's pass. And the winner receives \$100 cash, a year's pass, and an expense-paid trip to Chicago to compete in the Mr. Club International Contest.

Tickets to attend the contest are on sale at Club Houston, located 2205 Fannin, downtown.

Police Accused of Harassing Gay Bars and Bookstores

The Houston Police Dept. during the past two weeks has conducted a number of raids aimed at the gay community.

Thirty-six people were arrested at the Exile, 1011 Bell, on Friday, July 16, in the largest operation in memory involving a gay business. Most were charged with "public intoxication," but the Star has learned from reliable sources that several of those so charged were members of Alcoholics Anonymous and had not had anything stronger than 7-Up in several months. Asked why were they at the bar, the Star was told, "that's where gay people hang out so that's where we go, whether we drink or not."

Also during the last weekend, two men were arrested and charged with lewd dancing at the Tangiers, 2637 Winrock. Normally, charges of lewd dancing are reserved for a method of controlling straight strip joints.

Police activity also occurred at the Venture-N, 2923 South Main, but owners of that club would not disclose the nature.

Two gay book stores were subjected to prolonged visits from the Police Dept. during mid-week last week. On Wednesday, July 14, several people were hauled off for over an hour at Adult Arcade, 1201 Richmond, but no one was arrested.

The next night, one person was busted for possessing a marijuana cigarette at Studz News, 1132 West Alabama. The illegal drug was discovered after police had "hung around for quite a while just looking for something."

Why this harassment? Ray Hill of the Metropolitan Community Church came up with several possibilities.

It may be as a result of a visit two weeks ago to Houston by Los Angeles Police Chief Ed Davis, well-known homophobe. Davis evangelized his anti-gay views during that visit to his comrades in the Houston Police Dept., and that may have given Houston the incentive to stage a campaign against the gay community.

Another possibility for the increased activity, says Hill, is that the court date is growing near for a suit that Hill has against the Police Dept. over harassment on the "circuit." They may be fearing that the outcome of the case may restrict them, so they are trying to get in all the action now that they can.

Plus, to get all the arrests that they can to be used as evidence in the case.

Another reason for the increased harassment, says Hill, may be a misinterpretation of the recent Supreme Court ruling involving two men from Virginia. The Court upheld a lower court decision that convicted the two of homosexual activity between two adults in private. If the court had overturned the ruling it would have also overturned the Virginia law. Since the Supreme Court agreed, it meant

that it gave approval to state laws making such activity illegal. Texas has such a law.

What to do? Rev. Hill appeared before City Council Wednesday morning, July 21 (see speech below), to bring the issue to the press and out in public. He said he feels that if the public spotlight is put on the Police Dept., the harassment will be curbed, at least somewhat. Also, Hill discussed the situation on his two-hour talk show Wednesday night on KPFT, FM-90. (The show airs every other Wednesday.)

Ray Hill Complains Before City Council

Rev. Ray Hill, long-time Houston gay activist, took the issue of the alleged police harassment (see the above story) before City Council Wednesday, July 21. All eight city councilmen plus the mayor were present for the regular Wednesday morning council meeting in which any citizen can speak and be heard, provided he has registered with the city secretary prior to the meeting.

The Council hears several dozen such speeches each Wednesday and does take action on many of the complaints voiced. But many citizens are not there for the purpose of City Council to hear their message. They are there for the purpose of the press to hear their message.

Rev. Hill makes no secret that he is after press coverage. He told the Star that he believes if the news media of Houston were to give his speech ample coverage, the publicity would help control police harassment of gay gathering places. But Hill also emphatically emphasizes that he is before the City Council to give council members fair warning.

Here is Rev. Hill's prepared speech:

"Mayor Hofheinz, members of the Council. I am back yet another time to speak to you about problems between the gay community and the police establishment.

"I will not express the details in instant replay, because recent

events have been too numerous and they are essentially the same kinds of events as they were the last several times I have been before you.

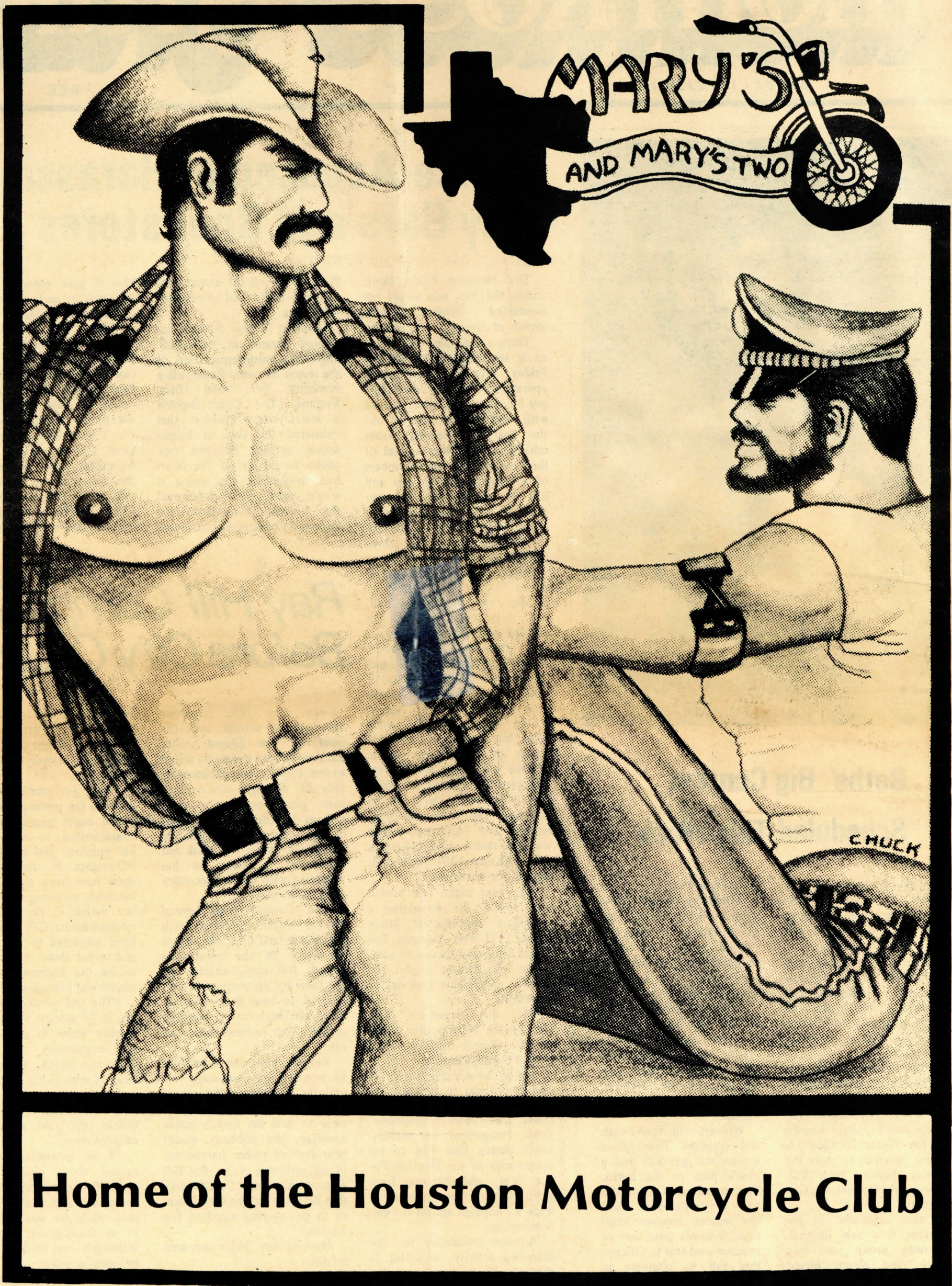
"The gay community still endures the presence of a radio patrol night sergeant who has characterized to me that, in his opinion, gay citizens have NO rights. In the past week there have been eight reported incidents involving excessive police action in gay community establishments. Gay people have been subjected to the physical and verbal abuse that has come to be the hallmark of police macho and homophobia.

"The raid of one bar, resulting in 36 arrests, was the most massive abuse of police power our community has suffered since the 1950s. Among those charged with public intoxication were several non-drinkers and people who had only moments before the raid entered the establishment.

"I am understandably concerned about reports I have received that police officers had threatened and beaten a young man while he was in custody in an unsuccessful attempt to intimidate him to implicate me in recent activity.

(Note: Rev. Hill is referring to a time when an overnight visitor at the Metropolitan Community Church thought he heard a burglar and called the police. When the police arrived, they found no burglar but are ac-

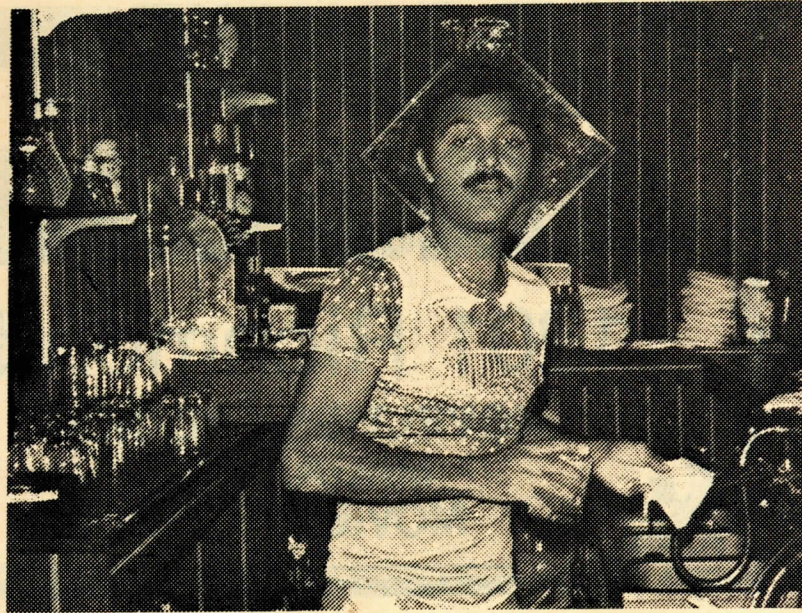
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Two More States Repeal Laws

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(Other states which now have no restrictions on consensual sex acts are Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota and Washington.)

Sodomy-repeal legislation has also been introduced in most other states, and legal challenges to these laws continue. In the view of most legal experts, the Supreme Court decision in the Virginia case was not a definitive statement on this issue. There was no evidence that the Supreme Court agreed with the reasoning of the state court, and failure to issue a written opinion on a particular case has often been a sign in the past that the Court was reserving judgment on the matter for a later date.

In all but two states (Kansas and Texas), no distinction is made in "sodomy" statutes between homosexual and heterosexual acts, and current research indicates that two-thirds of all heterosexuals customarily violate such statutes. Enforcement, however, has been aimed almost exclusively at gay people.

Although the West Virginia repeal legislation was signed by the Governor on June 10, and the Iowa legislation was signed June 28, there has thus far been no national attention to the continuation of a major trend.

In addition to the 17 states, 38 communities around the country have passed gay-rights laws.



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Dear Jeannie:

As co-worship coordinator of Metropolitan Community Church of Pittsburgh I have particular interest in your answer to both Michael and Jean in the July 1976 issue of "Pittsburgh Gay News" and other papers where your column is read.

We recognize and agree with you that relationships started in Metropolitan Community Churches are more stable than those begun through bars, baths and personal ads ... BUT I resent your last sentence, "MCCers have more than one reason for getting down on their knees!"

You in that last sentence have given to people the exact picture they have of all Metropolitan Community Churches across the nation, and we have for seven to eight years been trying to live down this type of idea that MCC is a dating service, match game organization, pick-up point or even a cruising area. We DO NOT encourage or condone any of these actions WITHIN the church building itself or encourage it before or after church services.

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and lead people into making commitments (personal) to Jesus Christ.

Evidently you do not know much of MCC or you would not have written such a thing in your column. I suggest you enlarge your knowledge of MCC by attending some services in a church close to your residence. I suggest you attend those services instead of writing about things that you have limited or NO knowledge of.

I request in your next column that an apology be given to all Metropolitan Community Churches where your column is read.

Clifford Turpin

Dear Clifford:

An apology? No, for I do not feel that one is in order. I will, however, say that I'm sorry you seem to be taking yourself so seriously that you missed my point altogether.

For the past seven years I have promoted Metropolitan Community Churches as wholesome, healthful environments in which to meet people and make friends, something I would not do were I not aware (through personal experience) of the MCC atmosphere.

Your taking exception to that sentence (which, incidentally, some of the originators of MCC found quite amusing) would indicate that you are hypersensitive about the MCC image and may be projecting some of your own feelings.

Would you be happier if I had said the same thing in different words? In baths, people get down on their knees to play ... at MCC, they get down on their knees to pray!

Dear Jeannie:

My second cousin Jeff is a gorgeous, 18-year-old virgin with the most beautiful tan you've ever seen. He's going to technical school and sharing an apartment with a friend. My problem is, how can I bring him closer to me romantically and sexually? I'm afraid that after living with his friend as a roommate for a long time, he won't love me. I love him and want his love a lot. Do you think I should tell him my feelings? Should I try to have sex with him?

Larry

Dear Larry:

You didn't say so, but I assume that your cousin is gay. Then, is his friend merely a friend and roommate or a lover as well? If they are lovers, it really wouldn't be cricket to come between them; if they're not, you've got a chance. While I would advise against making any overt passes at him, I do believe that you're justified in telling him how you feel without coming on too strong. Where you go from there depends on his reaction to your statements. Look at it like a ball game: you make the pitch and either strike out or get to first base!

Dear Jeannie:

I have a problem and hope you can help me with it. I am 25 years old and have never had a relationship of any type with either a woman or a man. I'm not against homosexuals or heterosexuals. In fact, I have close friends who are gay and close friends who aren't. But my problem is that I'm not sexually attracted to either men or women. Does this mean I'm abnormal? My only sexual satisfaction is mutual masturbation. Outside of this, I have no sexual desire of any kind. Once I had my brother perform fellatio on me, but afterwards I felt guilty and told him not to do it again. In a way, I thought I was homosexual for letting him do this to me, but no longer do I believe this. What's wrong with me?

Bob

Dear Bob:

If you are sufficiently stimulated to masturbation, at least yours does not seem to be a physical problem. It sounds more as though you believe that intercourse, with either sex, is somehow "bad" or "wrong" or something to feel guilt over. I can't suggest any quick and easy method of overcoming your feelings, but I will tell you that, especially where sexual activity is concerned, the only "bad" things are those which hurt others or yourself. Sex with men and/or women is nice, normal, healthy and happy. And it feels lots better than masturbation!

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The Man Who Fell to Earth Is Disappointing

"The Man Who Fell to Earth" is playing through August 18 at the Village Theater.

"Uppers and downers and ... what-if ..." or "Madison Avenue did a number on me ... again."

You just can't trust anybody these days, it seems. Ever since "Star Trek," I have felt that there are other people on this earth with the ability to produce science fiction of a comparable quality. I am still waiting.

I suppose that's the never-present Godot. Vonnegut freaks, put away your weapons. I agree, he is one of the few. So is Bradbury. And we all have our favorites, but where are they when we need them?

The basic plot line is excellent. The idea of a visitor from another planet, a friendly being with non-hostile intentions, is quite plausible. Even admirable. With just that information your own imagination can take you on trips, paint pictures with little difficulty. So the story builds.

The viewer is presented with dead-end sub-plots, and disjointed storytelling until it is evident that all the gimmicks must be designed to cover a weak story.

After being dealt with most inhumanely by humans, still plausibly, we suddenly find that a considerable amount of time has passed. We now see a review of all our characters' conditions, and finally, our alien friend, totally immersed in a totally mundane, uninteresting "human condition."

I felt tricked. The ending was unimaginative, disappointing and cruel. Why cruel? Because the story molded and shaped the audience's attitude and sympathies toward the alien. One doesn't necessarily like him; one just wants him to succeed and survive. It is not unlike being teased quite skillfully, and suddenly its over and you're alone. Do I make my point?

The fault appears to lie not only in the script, but also in the directing and editing. Some of the efforts are a feast for the senses; the photography, the effects. Special effects always tend to call attention to themselves, but nothing is particularly superfluous. Makeup as part of

the aging process is technically outstanding. It deserves special mention.

The outstanding elements of this film are mood and acting. The mood is held carefully in check, shaped skillfully through a number of factors, into one of delicate, almost subliminal suspense. Beautifully done, only to have no place to go at the end.

This leads directly into the acting of David Bowie. I dare say this is hardly an adequate vehicle with which to adequately judge his abilities. It seems almost too close to his personality, as far as anyone can determine what that is. But has he ever done anything but act? He is good. He is convincing in his role. But, is it acting?

Frankly, it may not matter. He does his job quite convincingly. As an alien being, he is a natural choice. The work of Rip Torn, Candy Clark and Buck Henry is extremely well done. Torn and Henry have long been high in ability, but erratic in their actual production. Here, they both excell. But Candy Clark has an amazingly demanding role in terms of range. Her role moves her from young, naive housekeeping attendant in a very small town hotel, through poverty to riches to disenchantment to self-betrayal to some kind of existence far short of happiness, but remaining forever true to Bowie. She progresses from a clean, church-going young lady to Bowie's roommate and eventual lover to an overweight, overwrought middle-age woman who has not exactly survived, but is still, by definition, alive.

So, back to my original contention that you can't trust anybody anymore. I suppose I shouldn't believe Madison Avenue when they tell me a movie is going in a certain direction, anymore than I should believe them when they tell me that a particular soap or aroma is going to have a miraculous effect on my sexual prowess. Are our senses so dulled by our various indulgences that we only respond to the most obvious and most negative of stimuli?

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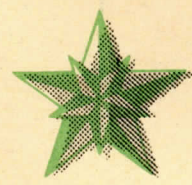
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After the christening, the bikes were moved onto the patio where the spirits of champagne were consumed by everyone, including the bikes. Lots of glass, lots of leather, lots of fun. Each participant received a trophy commemorating the event.

STAR REVIEWS SHOW AT THE LAMP POST

Well, we were impressed last Sunday (the 18th). There was a little one there who went by the name of Nikita who was just heaven. A lot of energy bundled up in such a small frame. And there was Maya, whom all you travelers know very well.

Also in the show was Shawna, a new member, who showed great talent, along with Rachael, a rising new comer.

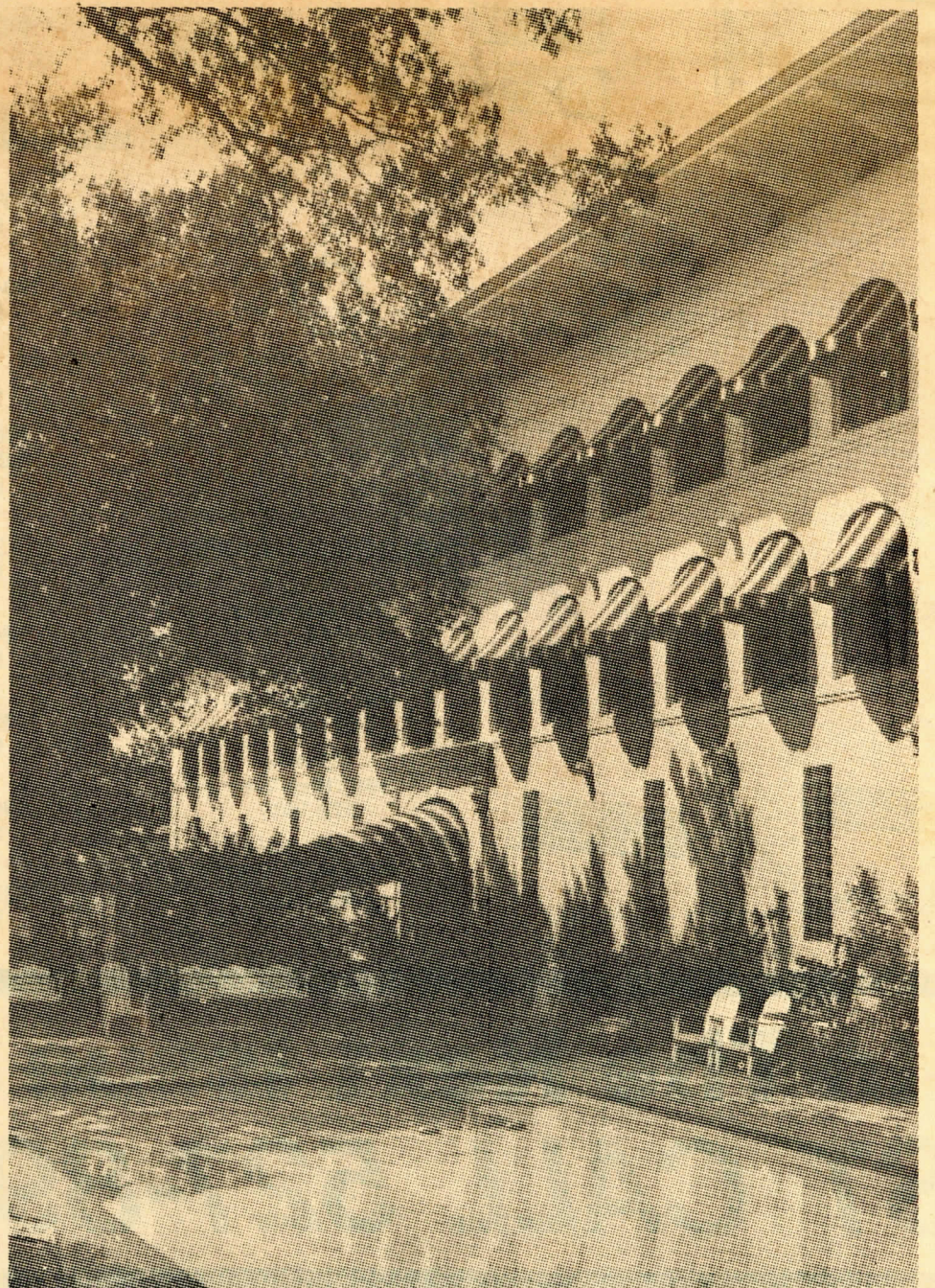
Next time you see any of those four names on a program schedule, check it out.

REMEMBER THE FARMHOUSE!

Of course you remember the old Farmhouse Club at 2710 Albany. Well, there are rumors that a bar owner in town may try to reopen that giant old building, all three floors.

The Star wants to find out whether our readers would want it reopened. And if so, what type of club should it be? Who should the bartenders be? How about some smaller, more intimate social rooms? Shows? Movies? Go-go boys?

Send the Star your thoughts on what a large club should be like, such as one that would be in the old Farmhouse building, to the Montrose Star, 2110 Lexington, Houston, TX 77098.





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GRANNY'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY TO BE HELD SATURDAY

You remember Granny . . . former manager of the La Caja in Houston and the Seawall Hotel in Galveston, and now manager of Mary's II in Gal-

veston.

Well, it's time for the annual "Granny's Christmas in July."

It's for the benefit of the Shriner's Burn Institute for Children in Galveston, and sponsored by the Tejas Motorcycle Club.

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At 8 p.m. you'll jump over to Mary's II for another free drink and then at 9:30 it's to Robert's Lafitte for a buffet, drink and show.

The group will leave Galveston in time to make last call in Houston.

BARTENDERS' DRAG SHOW IS FRIDAY NIGHT

There will be a bartender's drag show at the Levi at 8 p.m. Friday (the same day this paper comes out, so you better rush over to it). It will start at 8 p.m. with the proceeds from the door and all tips going to benefit the Metropolitan Community

Church of the Resurrection (which at the present time, they say, is the fastest-growing church group in the country).

M.C.C.R. has earmarked the money to help send delegates to the National Conference of the Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Churches (their annual convention, which last year was in Dallas and this year will be in Washington, D.C.).

Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry, the found of the church group, will be at the bartender's show.

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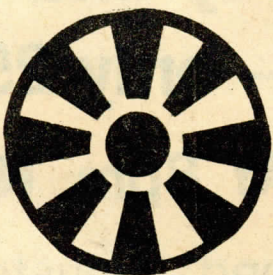
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Flash Gordon's on Ch. 39

Friday, July 23

- 6:00 p.m.
[2] [11] [13] local news
[8] Mr. Rogers Neighborhood
[26] Partridge Family
[39] Brady Bunch
- 6:30 p.m.
[2] Wild, Wild World of Animals
[8] Robert MacNeil Report
[11] To Tell the Truth
[13] Let's Make a Deal: Monty Hall makes fools out of the audience.
[26] Hogan's Heroes
[39] Adam-12: "Gang War"
- 7:00 p.m.
[2] Sanford & Son: "Lamont in Love"
[8] Washington Week in Review
[11] Sara
[13] Olympic coverage
[26] Spanish programs
[39] Star Trek: "Whom God Destroys"
- 7:30 p.m.
[2] Practice: "Jule's Vacation"
[8] Wall Street Week
- 8:00 p.m.
[2] Rockford Files: "Foul Play on the 1st Day"
[8] Friday Nite Local: "Citizens Band Radio"
[11] movie: "Aloha Means Good-bye"
[39] Flash Gordon serial followed by movie: "Atom Age Vampire" (61). Badly scarred entertainer is healed by mad scientist experimenting with glands of dead women.
- 8:30 p.m.
[13] football: Pittsburgh Steelers vs. College All Stars
- 9:00 p.m.
[2] Police Story: "Officer Dooly"
[8] Firing Line
- 10:00 p.m.
[2] [11] local news
[8] Lili's, Yoga and You
[26] Groucho
[39] Love American Style
- 10:30 p.m.
[2] Tonight: Johnny Carson
[8] School for Wives: ballet (to 11:00 p.m.)
[11] movie: "Decline & Fall of a Birdwatcher" (68). Happenings at an odd British School for Boys. There's nothing dirty about it, so get your mind out of the gutter.
[26] Mary Hartman: rerun
[39] religious programs
- 11:00 p.m.
[26] local news
- 11:05 p.m.
[26] Donahue: Mary Travers
- 11:30 p.m.
[13] local news
- 11:45 p.m.
[13] movie: "Purple Plain" (55). Gregory Peck crashes his plane in a jungle and tries to get back to civilization.
- Midnight
[2] Midnight Special: Helen Reddy (to 1 a.m.)
- 12:05 a.m.
[26] Roy Rogers
- 12:30 a.m.
[11] movie: "Brigand of Khandahar" (65). British officer is falsely accused of being a coward. (to 2 a.m.)
[26] My Favorite Story
[39] local news
- 1:00 a.m.
[26] movie: "Dragoon Wells Masacre" (57). Barry Sullivan.
[39] movie: "Fountainhead" (49). Gary Cooper, Patricia Neal, Raymond Massey. Based on an Ayn Rand novel. Architect with dynamic ideas designs housing project. He finds so many changes made that he destroys the buildings and is brought to trail. (to 3:10 a.m.)
- 1:45 a.m.
[13] local news and public affairs (to 2 a.m.)
- 3:15 a.m.
[26] Highway Patrol
- 3:45 a.m.
[26] movie: "4 Jills in a Jeep" (44). Phil Silvers. (to 6 a.m.)

Saturday night, July 24

- 6:00 p.m.
[2] [11] local news
[8] Aires Musicales
[13] Hee Haw
[26] Water World
[39] Lawrence Welk

6:30 p.m.

- [2] Wild World of Animals
[8] Minority Report
[11] Wild Kingdom
[26] movie: "Come On, Leather-necks" (38). Richard Cromwell as a Marine football hero who stays in the service.

7:00 p.m.

- [2] Emergency: "Screenwriter." The paramedics get upset when an obnoxious writer (Shelly Berman) stays on their ass with a tape recorder after a story.
[8] The Olympiad: "The Decathlon," captioned
[11] Jeffersons
[13] Olympic coverage
[39] country programs for all you rednecks

7:30 p.m.

- [11] Doc
[26] Future Shock: poorly produced rock and soul show with James Brown

8:00 p.m.

- [2] movie: "Manhunter" (76). Ray Thinnes, Sandra Dee. A skilled outdoorsman is hired by a banker to capture the man he thinks robbed his bank and killed his son.
[8] Masterpiece Theatre: "Notorious Woman, Resolution," captioned
[11] Mary Tyler Moore: Only Murray takes a stand in this repeat when a new station owner takes over and changes a lot of things that no one likes.

8:30 p.m.

- [11] Bob Newhart
[26] Sammy Davis: Zsa Zsa Gabor and Freddie Fender

9:00 p.m.

- [8] Nova: "Transplant Experience"
[11] Dinah Shore

10:00 p.m.

- [2] [11] [13] local news
[8] Territory (to 10:30 p.m.)
[26] movie: "Fright" (57). Nancy Malone. A hypnotist changes people.
[39] Houston Wrestling: worst program on television. Even worse than Highway Patrol.

10:30 p.m.

- [2] Saturday Night: Louise Lasser (Mary Hartman) is the host.
[11] movie: "2 on a Guillotine" (65). Connie Stevens, Dean Jones, Cesar Romero. The daughter of a magician must spend 7 nights in a terrifying castle in order to claim her inheritance.
[13] movie: "3 Violent People" (56). Charlton Heston, Anne Baxter. A real cowboy movie, folks. Ole' Charlton is a rancher who puts up a fight against illegal land grabbers.

11:30 p.m.

- [26] serial: "The Black Widow" chapter 10
[39] religious programs (Praise the Lord!) (to 1:05 a.m.)

Midnight

- [2] Monty Python's Flying Circus: British idiots
[26] movie: "The Trap" (46). Sidney Toler in this Charlie Chan picture

12:30 a.m.

- [2] Little Ol' Show That Comes on After Monty Python: Houston idiots (to 12:45 a.m.)
[11] movie: "Nightmare." Martin Balsam, Troy Donahue, Larry Storch. (to 2 a.m.)
[13] network news

12:45 a.m.

- [13] movie: "Lady for a Night" (42). John Wayne, Joan Blondell. John Wayne always had this secret desire to perform on stage at the Old Plantation on a Sunday night. Wait a minute. That's not right. This is a movie about a lady riverboat owner who gets involved in a murder. (to 2:20 a.m.)

1:00 a.m.

- [26] movie: "Sherlock Holmes in Washington" (43). Basil Rathbone.

3:15 a.m.

- [26] Highway Patrol

3:45 a.m.

- [26] movie: "The Last Command" (55). Sterling Hayden. (to 6 a.m.)

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Convention Sees Gay Presence

NEW YORK — Gay rights resolutions brought to the Democratic National Convention by the National Gay Task Force were passed by the Women's Caucus and the Youth Caucus. Task Force officers were elated that the Women's Caucus adopted the resolution unanimously.

A Gay Rights Support Caucus was formed within the party for the first time in its history. Signatures of close to 600 Convention delegates were obtained on a National Gay Task Force petition of support for gay rights issues. These, according to the Task Force, which maintained a Communications Center at Convention headquarters, were the major concrete accomplishments of the Convention, relative to gay-rights issues.

"But the most important thing from my perspective," said Communications Center director Virginia Apuzzo, "was the personal impact we made. There was not a delegate to the Convention who did not encounter gay people on the street, in the hotel lobbies, or on the floor of the Convention. There was no way one could be a delegate and not know that there were gay women and men who were lobbying for their rights. And as a result, the gay issues were being discussed."

According to Jean O'Leary, NGTF Co-Executive Director and a delegate to the Convention, there was initial resistance from the Party officials to the formation of the gay rights Caucus, and there was the ever-present fear that support for gay rights could lose the Democrat votes. "But we worked enough support from the Democratic Committeepeople to ensure that the Gay Rights Support Caucus will be a continuing element within the Party."

Four members of the Democratic National Committee, as well as California Senator John Tunney, seven other members of Congress, and state and city officials from around the country were among the signers of the gay-rights declaration.

"With the help of these people, the members of the women's and youth caucuses, and supporters of gay rights around the country," NGTF Co-Executive Director Bruce Voeller said, "the National Gay Task Force is now tooling up for activity during the campaign. Our principal task will be to hold candidate Jimmy Carter to his commitment to 'oppose all forms of discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.'"

O'Leary and Voeller note that there will also be a significant gay presence at the Republican Convention in Kansas City.

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cused of rummaging through church papers. Circumstances then somehow were twisted to the point where the overnight visitor was beaten, says Hill, in an effort to get him to implicate Hill in wrongdoings.)

"If the police wish to silence spokespersons from the gay community I would suggest that they improve their behavior, not fabricate lies about OUR behavior.

"When we call to express our complaints we are denigrated to the level of reporting to political functionaries who purpose it is to apply public relations sugarcoating, and a generous supply of inaction and neglect that is proving to be increasingly malignant.

"We somehow miss the Mayor's humor when he replies to our request for an advocacy program with a comparison of our problems with those of

bald-headed people and those of Irish descent. If indeed the bald and the Irish are receiving the same kinds of mistreatment gay people receive, then I most certainly support an advocacy program to protect them.

"A civil rights ordinance protecting gay Houstonians should have long ago passed in this chamber. That it has not is proof of the malignancy of your neglect.

"I know how far the police and the city bureaucracy can legally go to oppress and harass gay citizens. We have suits in the federal courts to mark your excesses and will likely have more. But, gentlemen, the federal courts system is not the only means of social and political progress. Aside from how far you can legally go, perhaps you should prayerfully search your conscience to determine how far your neglect, oppression and harassment should go.

"Our challenge to play softball with the Police Dept. in an effort to improve community/police relationships was not accepted by a single Houston police officer. If that does not evidence a problem to you, then I suggest your vision is clouded by your own prejudices.

"I do not believe there is any way you gentlemen can understand or appreciate the almost overwhelming sense of powerlessness that one feels standing here before you amid this august architecture trying to represent the needs of a community cowed and castrated by their own and your mythology, ignorance and prejudice to the point that they cannot or will not speak for themselves.

"I am here in spite of the certain knowledge that the immense power of the police authority is being used to fabricate false charges that could well imprison me. My courage is not the hallmark here, but

instead my naive faith that the system works well enough to protect the innocent and can ultimately be utilized to liberate the oppressed.

"It is painfully clear this morning that we of the gay community do not suffer these abuses alone. What has become apparent here is that our police establishment is too frequently a racist, sexist, homophobic mob of armed and dangerous amateurs and not frequently enough a professional investigative law enforcement arm of the people's government.

"If our elected representatives cannot stop these abuses then I call on those present this morning to join me in forming the broadest kind of coalition to monitor police activities so that we might quickly and effectively respond to each abuse of power.

"Ironically, we must protect ourselves from those we pay to protect us."

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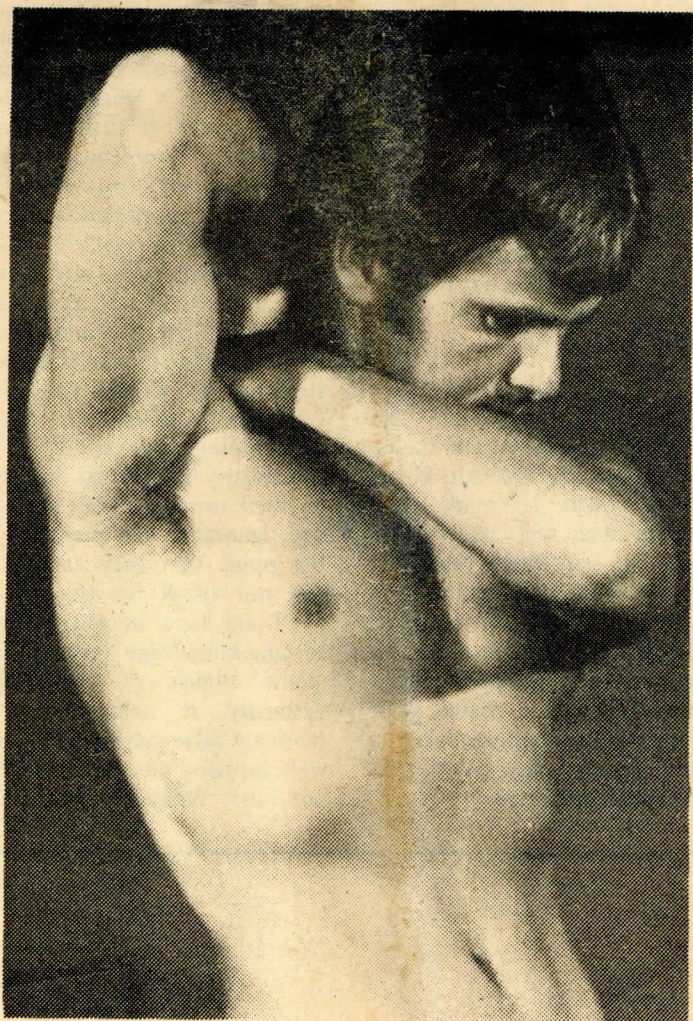
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