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Hill sums it up before Council



Gay activist Ray Hill appeared before Houston City Council on Wednesday, Jan. 5, to outline for the city fathers and the press the progress of the gay rights drive in 1976.

"1976 was a year in which Houston's gay community experienced many new beginnings.

"We started an active program of professional continuing education for Houston psychologists, psychiatrists and personal counselors in the area of sexual behavior; we developed and offered group and individual self-development seminars; and we started gay studies courses in the non-credit Sundry School offered by the campus activities department of the University of Houston."

Hill pointed out to the Council that one area where the gay community has not achieved its goal is that of community and police relations.

"Early last year we offered to promote a softball game between gay men and women and police officers. Not one police officer offered to participate in the project to improve relationships through interaction in a sports event."

Hill also stated, "Several gay groups and professional organizations have on many different occasions offered to

provide academically qualified lecturers to speak at the Police Academy. None of these offers have been accepted."

Looking to this year, Hill said, "1977 will bring another attempt to overcome the problem of homophobia in the Police Dept."

Hill is a frequent speaker before the City Council on the issue of gay rights and police relationships. He is also an instructor in the Sundry School program at the central campus of the University of Houston, teaching two courses.

One is titled "Homosexual Reality for Police and Other Bureaucrats" (course no. 168), which is said to be designed to improve relations between the gay community and police and other city and county officials. The first class will be Feb. 24 for two hours in the evening, if a minimum of five persons sign up for the course.

Hill's other course is called "Homosexual Experience" and is considered a course where "gay people can learn to better understand themselves and non-gays can overcome their fear of gays," according to the college course directory. It is an eight-session course to start Feb. 21 in the evening if a minimum of fifteen students enroll.

In the City Council speech,

Hill said, "Some of you, some of your aides, several police chiefs and many lower ranking police personnel have told me that you do not understand homosexuals, homosexual behavior, or the gay sub-culture, and, for that reason, this or that request can not or will not be considered.

"Some have been guilty of ignorance and/or buck-passing, saying, 'I think it's a great idea but the Council won't go for it,' or some other sad statement referring to whole classes of people or individuals.

"This is no longer a valid defense for anyone in city or county government."

In a humorous tone, Hill also said he would arrange for the mayor's office and the police department to have an ample supply of catalogs showing the courses being offered by the Sundry School.

"The Art of Problem Solving" might come in handy for most of you. And some of you might consider 'Diet Management and Body Workshop' or 'Exerslim.'

"The History of Rock 'N Roll' might interest Councilman Mann. 'Be a Model': Councilman Goyen.

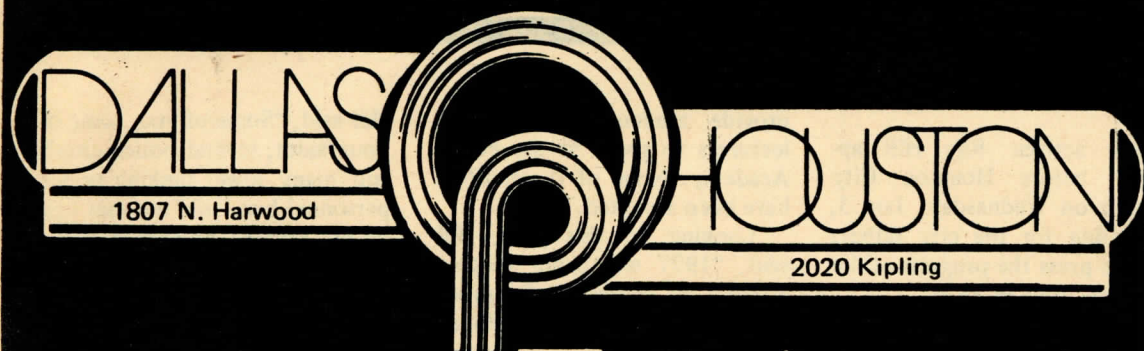
"And if the (bus) strike continues, we might all consider 'Bicycling: A Viable Alternative.'"

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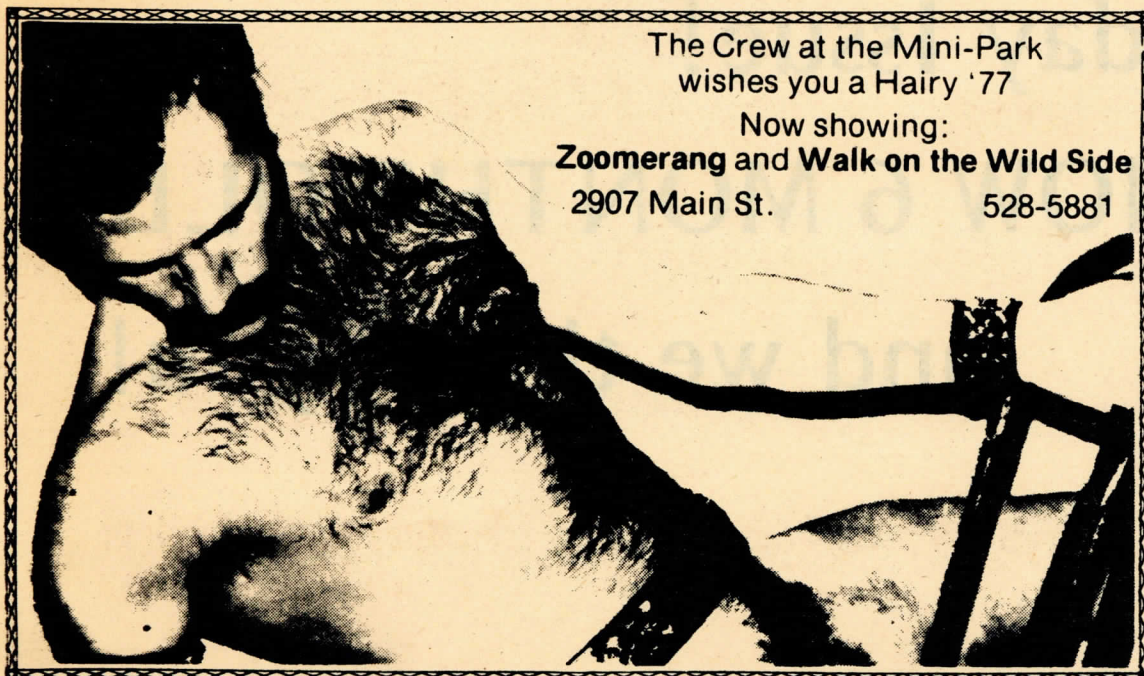


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Cinema



'Rocky' is one of the
better movies of the year

It's not apparent whether Sylvester Stallone created the character "Rocky" for himself or whether the authorship of the screenplay involved him so completely in the personage that he was unable to fill his expectations for the role with someone other than himself.

However it came to pass is really unimportant but what really is significant is that a good little film was produced. "Rocky" is the simplistic story of the American dream, of how any person, from any ethnic group, in any socio-economic strata and in any profession can with the right breaks and attitude pull himself up from almost total obscurity to overnight fame and fortune.

This success story has been told so many times and in so many different ways that it's a wonder how it manages to survive. But it does just as our individual ideals do. It's just part of our heritage, I guess.

This time the plot centers around a 30-year-old Philadelphia boxer whose Italian American makeup reminded me of at least a half dozen guys I grew up with. Besides being big and built, he is everything you figure a boxer shouldn't be: kind, affectionate, gentle and totally unassuming.

Rocky earns small change fighting in local matches, where if he wins he might pull in a whopping \$40 every two weeks. So, he has to survive by doing collections for a local loan shark. At this he is less than successful because he is too kind to put muscle to the ones who don't have the money to pay off.

Rocky's only importance seems to be to the local gangs of kids who hang out the streets of his East Philadelphia tenement neighborhood; to a shy, mousey girl who is the sister of a friend; and to clerks in a shop where he buys pet food.

He becomes fond of Adrianne and brings her out of her shell and she becomes the only real support in his quest for identity

and a sense of self worth.

As fate would have it, into town one day waltzes the heavyweight champion of the world (who is a Mohammed Ali prototype) looking for an unknown challenger for a Bicentennial bonanza fight he has cooked up. When he learns of Rocky's nickname (the "Italian Stallion") in a sparring partner book he figures he would be perfect to generate the right publicity for the event.

What could be more American than the black champ offering a poor Italian unknown a one-in-a-million shot to hit the top. And so Rocky begins a 2½-month battle to overcome a great lack of experience and his own fears of failure until the night when he must be ready to accept it all.

Sylvester Stallone has been compared recently with Brando, Newman, Pacino and others and doesn't need any star identification. With the exception of a slightly overdone Philly accent, Stallone constructs a very distinctive performance. He really lives the part of Rocky, a la Streisand in "Funny Girl."

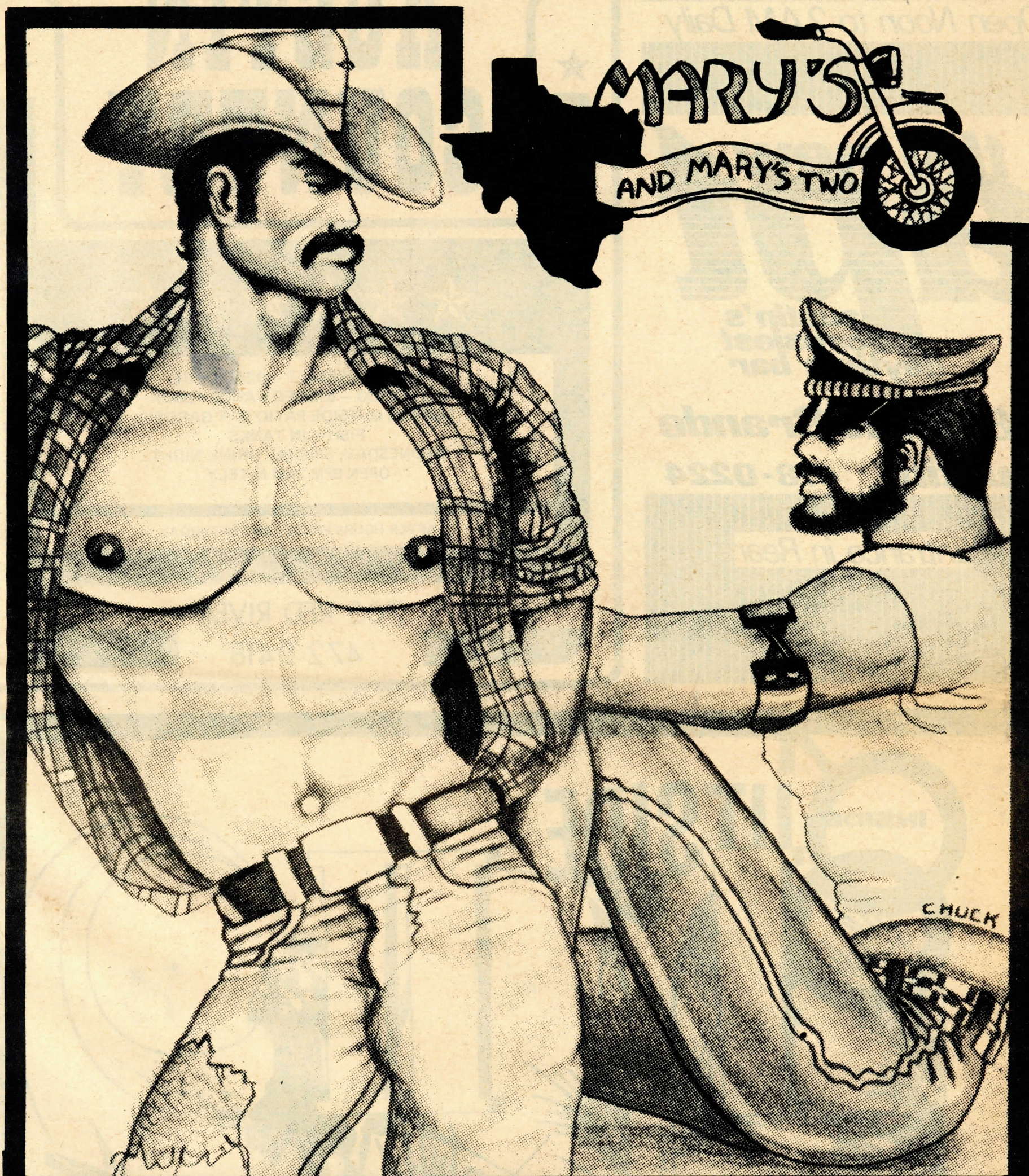
The image he has created is strong but my only hope is that his next project be a complete departure, so he will be able to shake it off. If not, he may become lost in an actor's nightmare: typecasting.

Fine stabilizing jobs are done by the co-stars also. Talia Shire is Rocky's demurely beautiful girlfriend. Burt Young is perfect as the brother. Carl Weathers brings the world heavyweight champ to life and Burgess Meredith is like old wine that just improves with age.

The cinematography of the City of Brotherly Love shows its charm as well as its filth and was excellently done.

In its simple basic concept "Rocky" has captured the essence of movie making: audience appeal. And it's done without Hollywood extravaganza, which is oh so refreshing!

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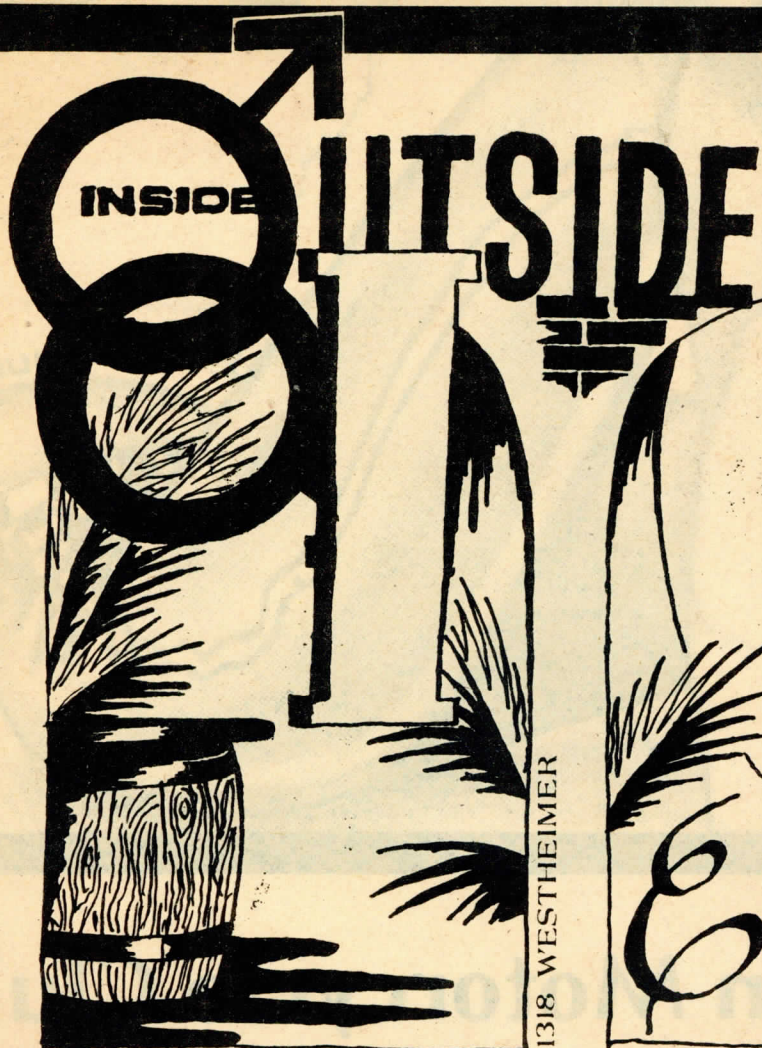
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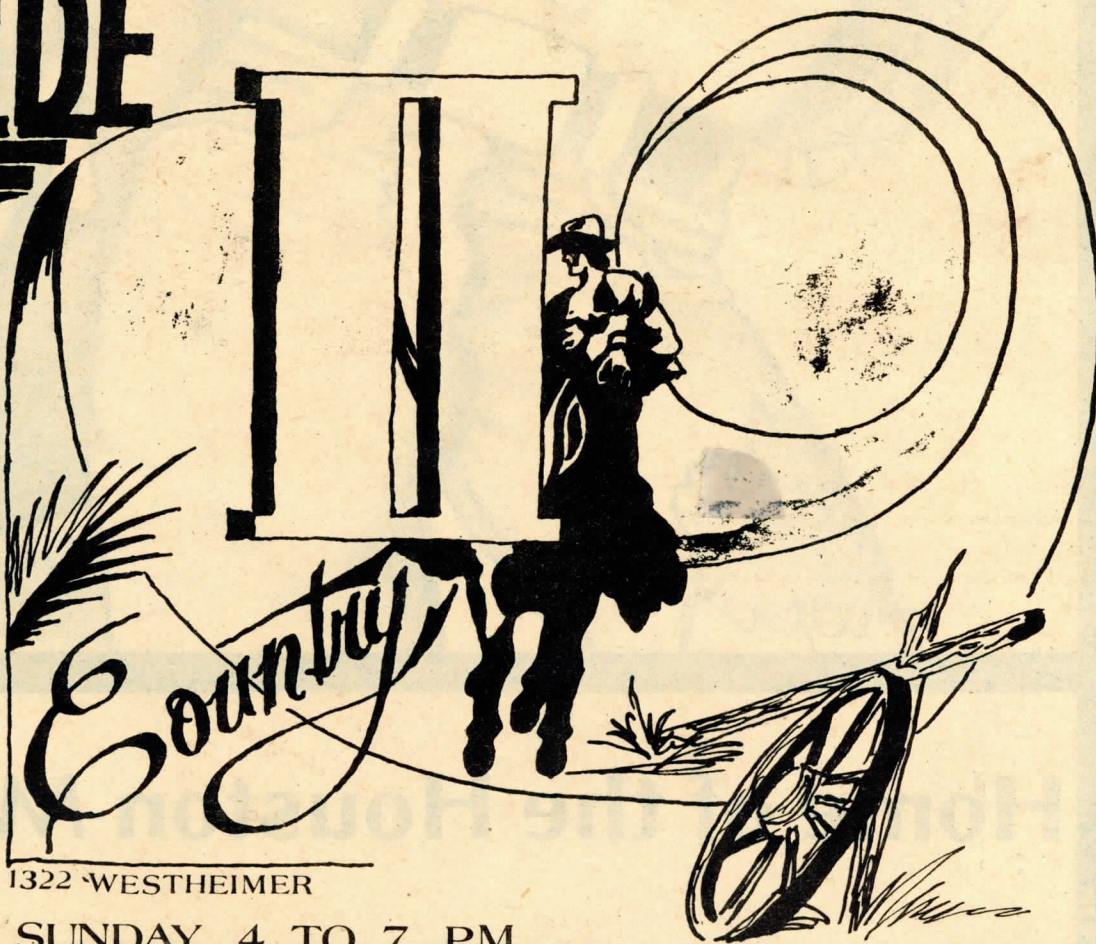


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Letters

Montrose Star gets letters of appreciation from New Orleans hospital and from Houston's Gay Political Caucus

We would like to thank you very much for advertising (the Pino Christmas Party at) the Bourbon Pub lounge in New Orleans. The gifts and money that they collected at the party

Margot Hammond, TRS
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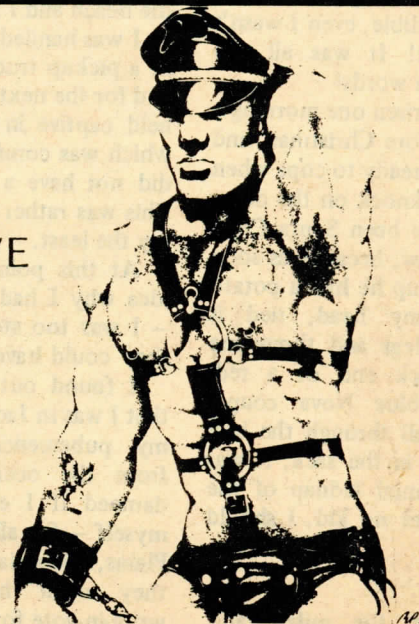
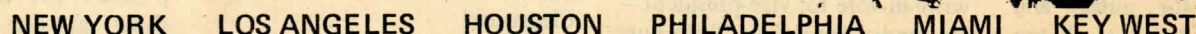
A special thanks to Jim Farmer, owner of Mary's and Levi's, for his continuing support. A percentage of his Sunday

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Mother's Column

She's back from Florida with a 'Tale of Terror'

I mentioned last week that I spent Christmas in Florida — well, what you're going to hear is quite incredible, even I wasn't ready for it! It was all too unplanned for words!

I had just risen one morning a few days before Christmas, and wasn't quite ready to cope when there was a knock on the door. It could have been Santa Claus for all I know, because as soon as I opened up he had a potato sack over my head, tied it around my legs and threw me into the back end of a red, white and blue Nova coupe.

I saw it all through the boll weevil holes in the sack; it was the Bicentennial kidnap of the year, and I'm no kid, I should know.

We drove for miles, and it got dark, and it was all too fortunate that I kept my medications in the pockets of my bathrobe — you see, I was just getting over the swine flu, no less, and it would have been a real bummer without those downers!

The entire trip was a stoned daydream of nightmare proportions.

I was finally released from the sack, when we arrived at the bus station of Lake City, which was in the godforsaken

panhandle of Florida, which as far as I'm concerned is untamed jungleland — three miles from the beach and I'm lost!

I was handed over to a couple in a pickup truck who pulled in and for the next three days I was held captive in a mobile home, which was comfortable except it did not have a proper bathtub. This was rather disconcerting, to say the least.

At this point I still had no idea why I had been kidnapped — I was too stoned to ask, but they could have said something. I found out from my hosts that I was in Jacksonville, city of my pubescence, a few miles from the ocean. But I'll be damned if I ever saw the sea myself — for all I know, I was in Plains, Georgia (how awful — they must have found my write-in-vote for vice-president — me, under the slogan "With Lust in My Heart").

But I found out for sure when Lurch took me with him shopping for a gift for Boom-Boom, and I recognized the shopping mall where I had hung out so much — ah, youth, how dare you be fleeting! It was Florida, all right, but it was raining.

I had hardly time to wake up two days later when it was off to Ft. Lauderdale. Oh, Connie — what will we do now? But I had

yet to lose hope. Lurch and Boom-Boom let me sit in the front, and the CB network was jammed with negotiations to ransom me.

Me, Mother, a heroine of the short waves, darling of the Trucks! Lurch's handle was Beaver Eater. Isn't that cute?

And here's the crowning glory: I was ransomed for one million dollars, with the option that the kidnappers could do it again next Christmas.

Eat your heart out, Patty Hearst! (Actually, I understand that her parents got a discount on the bail because they knew the SWAT team socially.)

So I was reunited for the rest of the holidays with my ever-loving family, who had to hock all the gifts to get me back. There's nothing like Mother for Christmas!

(Is there anyone out there who really believes this?)

MIAMI BEACH CHIT-CHAT

It was all too marvelous. Carol Channing was still troup-ing in Lauderdale doing a frothy little number called "The Bed Before Yesterday" (you'd think that at her age she'd know better) and they just barely got a license to open a new music theater for Bobby Vinton to open (he should know better, too). But even Miss Florida was



Here's Cosmo covergirl Dale Haddon with Jan-Michael Vincent in "The World's Greatest Athlete" — yesterday it was Disney films, today she's the Queen of Spermula.

at the opening, so you know it was real!

Meanwhile the beaches were so crowded you couldn't even pick up shells (only strangers). I had to dash to Miami Beach to catch some of the action — Liza Minelli and Sammy Davis Jr. did a \$250 per head New Years show at one of the bigger dumps, and dear heart Angela Lansbury was huffing and puffing her way through yet another run of "Gypsy." I swear, this awful commercial for the show on local television showed Angie jumping out and screaming, "Everything's coming up roses," and she looked positively insane!

We also went to a real art movie house to see that new French film with the German dialogue and the Russian hero — tres cosmopolitan! It was called "The Marquise of O" and it was delightfull and the theater was equipped with airplane seats donated by Eastern Airlines, so when the movie was over, you thought you were someplace else!

And speaking of movies, I saw "A Star is Born" — it was fabulous!

Also, the Salsoul Orchestra ("Hot 'n Nasty") was in Miami Beach New Year's week to turn the Grand Ballroom of the Fountainbleu (the Ritz) into "the biggest disco in the South" and the Stylistics were playing Joe Namath's Bachelors III club in Fort Lauderdale.

It was all too spectacular — even Joan Rivers was there.

The locals found a baby (alive and well) in a trash can at a McDonald's and they finally nabbed a bandit nicknamed the River Rat, who said he wouldn't think of stealing from a yacht less than 62 feet long. Well, we all have our principles — but not on New Year's Eve.

My sister Hotflash (we've called her that ever since boarding school) threw one hell of a party at which everyone was ran over by a truck.

HOME AGAIN

So here I am, back in Houston, ready to pick up where I left off. I shan't mention my nerve-wracking Christmas again, now that I'm well. It would be too much without a tranquilizer or two, and I'm sure you agree.

Have you seen the covergirl on the January Cosmo? Her name is Dale Haddon, and here's the trash: she is the star of "Spermula," the sex-horror flick about vampire women from another planet who only attack men — and not for their blood. They suck them dry, if you know what I mean.

Anyway, Dale plays Queen of Spermula. And to think three years ago she was doing a Walt Disney. (I met her at the Houston Oaks during her publicity tour, and she has the blackest raven hair and the greenest eyes imaginable — tres magnificent.)

Hollywood's favorite transsexual, Canary Conn, was featured as the first transsexual to make it "both ways" on a Merv Griffin special. As Danny O'Connor, he was voted best teenage male singer of 1968, working for Capitol; as Canary, she is the first transsexual to have a nationally syndicated weekly radio talk show, and is running for president of the Transsexual Association. Right on, sister!

Six men in New Orleans were arrested for operating a homosexual ring besed in a Boy Scout troop, with nationwide connections. The Boy Scout troop leader ran the troop as a clearing house for chicken queens. And it isn't even Mardi Gras there yet!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Phyllis Diller's advice for next year's Christmas tree: "If you have any left over sauerkraut, silver it and hang it on the tree. It smells, but it's beautiful."

Next week, Jacqueline Bisset says, "Give me ballsy men!" Right on!

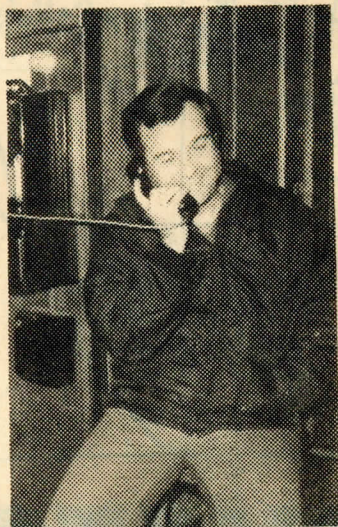


Even at knifepoint I refused to reveal my secrets.

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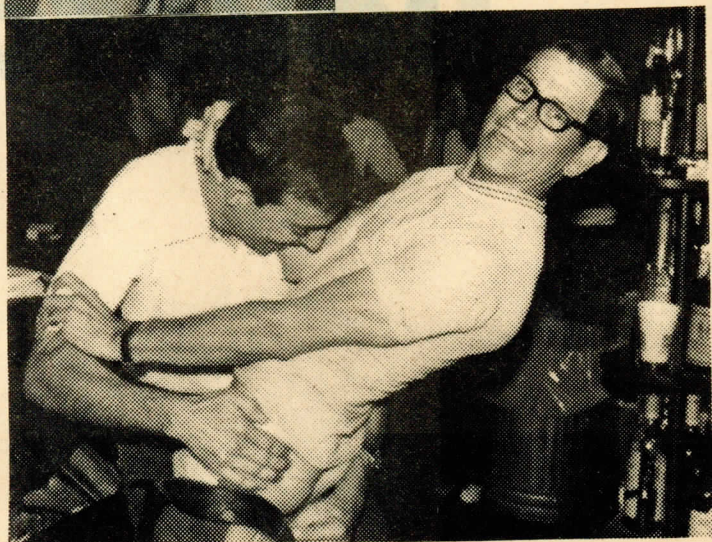
Good god! Isn't he cute. That's Randy, who runs the Finale II in New Orleans.



Above: Two-faced Brad, popular host of Travis' 2. Over the years Brad has worked most every bar in New Orleans, it seems.

To the left: Ex long-time bartender at the "Mother House," Jerry now runs and "empire" a block away — the Bourbon Pub and Parade Disco.

Below: Yes indeed, New Orleans bartenders sure are friendly. All photos here by Bob Castle.



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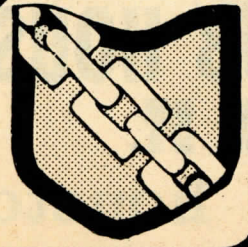
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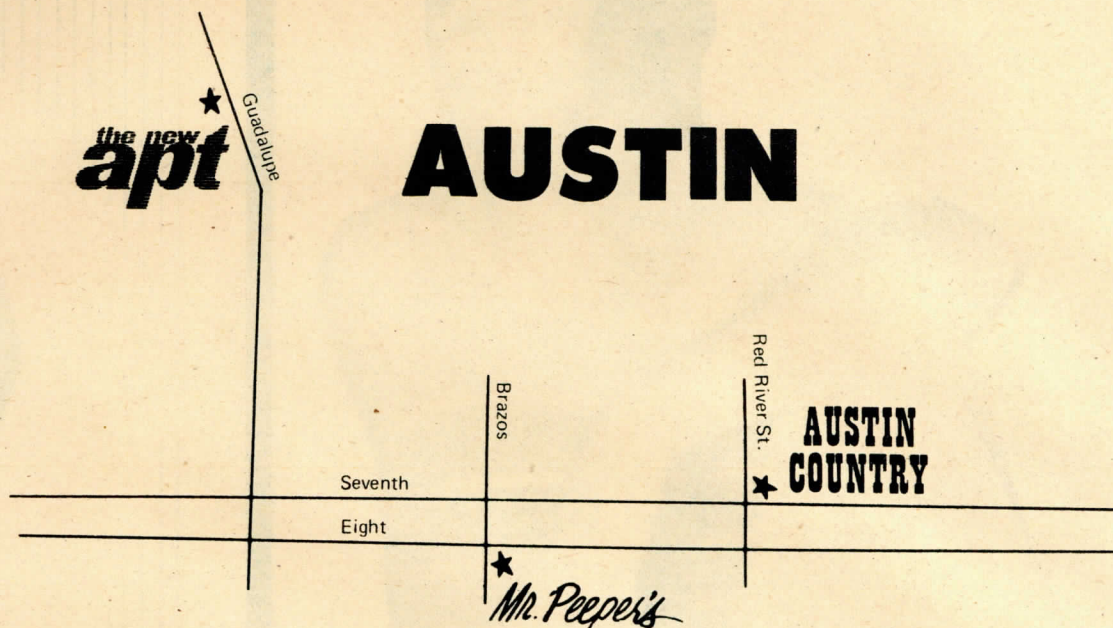
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The Maps



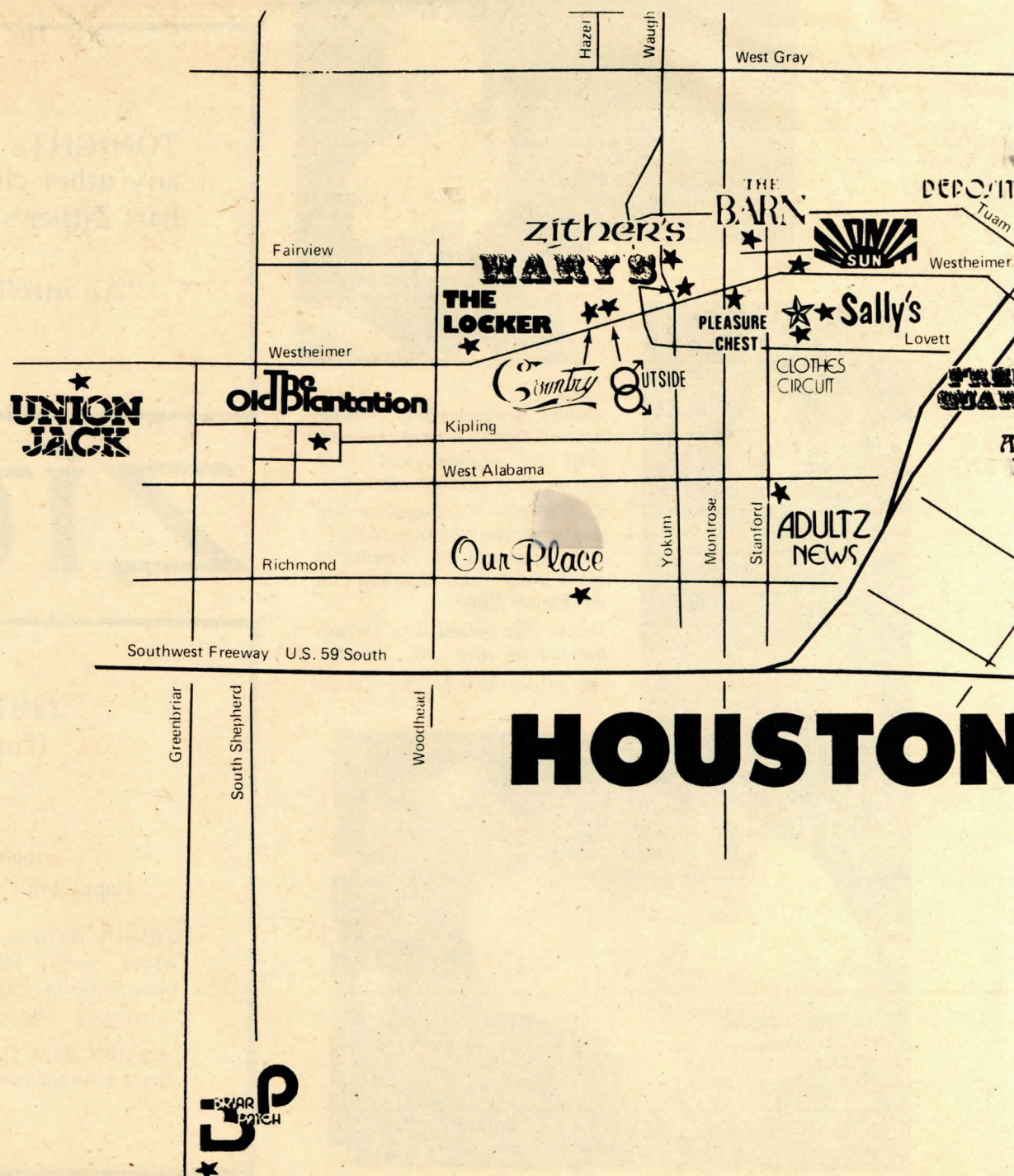
There's only one way for a club to get on these maps. Advertise! And any club can afford it, even the smallest, since advertising rates in the Star start as low as \$15. That one \$15 ad will get a club a "place on the map," listings in the Star Calendar, and coverage by the Star of the club's special events. It's the best advertising bargain in Gay America.

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publication in the country. Most of the ads you see in the Star were drawn up by our artists. Even some of the ads you see in other publications were produced by the Star.

Advertising is our only source of income, since the papers are furnished to clubs and readers free.

If you're a club owner or manager that's not on the map, call us in Houston at (713) 527-8961. We really DO want you on the map and in the Star's Calendar.



DALLAS

Jeannie's Lamp

S&M is wrong

Dear Jeannie Barney:

Your "Jeannie's Lamp" column does a great service, but you goofed on the "right or left, right or wrong" dilemma.

In the S&M scene, on the east coasts, on the north and south borders, in the middle states, keys or earrings worn on the left indicate dominance and worn on the right indicate submission.

There is some confusion (very little, but enough to mention) about the meaning of the letters "S" and "M"; some say "S" means sadist and some say slave; some say "M" means masochist and some say master. Usually, "S" is sadist and "M" is masochist.

The sadist/master/dominant wears his keys on the left; the masochist/slave/subservient/submissive wears his keys on the right.

If Erich who asked you the question answered in your column walks into a leather bar with his keys on the right when they should be left, he might find himself at a disadvantage.

Please, Jeannie, set the record straight.

J.O.

Dear J.O.:

If that's the case, then sides have sure been switched drastically in the last few years ... something that I, as Editor-in-Chief of "Drummer," the leading magazine for leathermen, should have been aware of. Thank you for setting me straight!

Dear Jeannie:

You recently printed a letter from John describing himself as bisexual. You advised that he try the swinger-type press.

I am also bisexual and read the gay press because I find the "swinger" types too straight for me. Most are looking for bisexual flings, and are not really bisexual in that the males usually are looking for two females rather than another male.

The ones that will accept a two-male-one-female situation prefer that both males place emphasis on the female.

Still fewer are ever looking for a one-to-one, male-male relationship.

We males who are truly bisexual are very, very small in number and must turn to gay publications for help. Please don't turn us away.

Billy

Dear Billy:

Hey! I'm not trying to turn anyone away!

My point is simply that it's not fair for a bi guy to represent himself as gay for the purpose of casual encounters when there are so many gay men who are looking for meaningful relationships. After all, there is such a thing as truth in advertising.

Send your questions for Jeannie c/o the Montrose Star, 900 Lovett, Houston, TX 77006.

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Calendar

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Club owners: to have your events listed here and to have your club put on the Star's Austin map, call us in Houston at 713-527-8961.

Fri. night, Jan. 7

After-hours at the Austin Country with no cover and half price drinks 8-10pm.

Sat. afternoon, Jan. 8

Happy hour 5-9pm at the New Apartment.

Sat. night, Jan. 8

Disco dancing after-hours with no cover at the Austin Country plus half-price drinks 8-10pm.

Sun. afternoon, Jan. 9

Happy hour all day at the New Apartment. Austin Country opens early at 4pm.

Sun. night, Jan. 9

Happy hour continues all night at the New Apartment. No cover tonight at the Austin Country, with a beer bust and buffet, and disco dancing.

Mon.-Fri. afternoons, Jan. 10-14

Happy hour at the New Apartment, 5-9pm.

Mon. night, Jan. 10

No cover at the Austin Country with half-price drinks 8-10pm.

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Tues. night, Jan. 11

Drinks are half price at the Austin Country 8-10pm with no cover.

Wed. night, Jan. 12

No cover at the Austin Country with drinks at half price all night.

Thurs. night, Jan. 13

There's no cover tonight at the Austin Country where the Grease Sisters, Rickie and Annetta and others entertain at 10pm, preceded by half-price drinks 8-10pm, and followed by disco dancing.

Fri. night, Jan. 14

No cover with drinks half price 8-10pm and after-hours disco dancing to 4am at the Austin Country.

Coming up later

Club Baths of Austin opens soon. The Star will have more on this new club later.

NEW ORLEANS

Club owners: if your events are listed here, they are being exposed to over 14,000 readers in Louisiana and Texas, including several thousand gay men and women in New Orleans. And it's simple to be listed. Call us in Houston direct. Dial 713-527-8961. If you need a personal visit from Bob Castle, our advertising and promotion

representative in New Orleans, just buzz us in Houston. We'll get ahold of Bob and most likely he'll be able to come by your club the same day. Support the Star and we'll support you!

Fri. & Sat. nights, Jan. 7 & 8

Disco dancing at the Parade above the Bourbon Pub till 6am or later.

Sun. night, Jan. 9

Can beer only 40¢ at the Outpost, 6-9pm.

Mon. afternoon, Jan. 10

Happy hour 3-5pm at the Golden Lantern and 5-7pm at the Chopping Block.

Tues. afternoon, Jan. 11

Lockers are just \$1 at Club New Orleans all afternoon. Happy hour 3-5pm at the Golden Lantern and 5-7pm at the Chopping Block.

Tues. night, Jan. 11

Lockers continue until midnight for just \$1 at Club New Orleans.

Wed. afternoon, Jan. 12

Happy hour 3-5pm at the Golden Lantern and 5-7pm at the Chopping Block.

Wed. night, Jan. 12

Buddy night at Club New Orleans, where you and a friend can share a locker at a 2-for-1 price.

Thurs. afternoon, Jan. 13

Happy hour 3-5pm at the Golden Lantern and 5-7pm at the Chopping Block.

Thurs. night, Jan. 13

Knights d' Orleans club night at the Outpost, 10pm-2am. Lockers only \$1 at Club New Orleans 6:30-7:30pm.

Fri. afternoon, Jan. 14

Hot hors d'oeuvres and free champagne 5:30pm at the Chopping Block. Happy hour at the Golden Lantern 3-5pm.

Fri. night, Jan. 14

Disco dancing till 6am or later at the Parade above the Bourbon Pub.

Coming up later

Mardi Gras! The Star starts this issue with preliminary Mardi Gras coverage, including some photos from last year's Carnival. As we get closer, our coverage will increase, and will include a list of all the parades (times and routes) and a list of the balls being put on by the gay Krewes.

HOUSTON

Club managers: call the Star at 527-8961 and we'll list your events in the Star Calendar.

Thurs. night, Jan. 6

Dinner is served at Levi's 6-10pm. Happy hour continues all night at Sally's. \$1 cover at both the Depository and the Old Plantation with 35¢ drinks at each. Shiner's beer 40¢ 11pm-2am at Zither's.

Fri. morning, Jan. 7

Happy hour 7am-noon at the Inside Outside and Sally's. Lockers are half price at Club Houston starting 8am. Happy hour starts 10am at the Barn.

Fri. afternoon, Jan. 7

Lockers continue half price at Club Houston through 4pm. Happy hour continues thru 7pm at the Barn, noon-7pm at Levi's, 4-6pm at Zither's, 4-7pm at the Briar Patch, Inside Outside and Locker, 5-7pm at

Mary's, 5-8pm at Sally's,

Fri. night, Jan. 7

1st drink of the night of your choice half price at the Locker if you use the coupon in this issue of the Star. Levi's serves breakfast midnight-3:30am. After-hours disco dancing to 4am at the Old Plantation and Depository.

Sat. morning, Jan. 8

Happy hour 7am-noon at Sally's.

Sat. afternoon, Jan. 8

Rap session at MCCR noon-2pm. Special prices on bloody marys and screwdrivers noon-7pm at the Inside Outside. Beer bust at Levi's 3-6pm. 25¢ draft beer at the Locker 3-7pm. Happy hour at Sally's 5-8pm.

Sat. night, Jan. 8

The Depository presents Tiffany Jones, Donna Day, Jerry Vanover and Eartha Kitt starting 11pm, followed by after-hours disco to 4am. After-hours dancing also at the Old Plantation. Levi's serves

breakfast midnight-3:30am.

Sun. morning, Jan. 9

Lockers \$2 starting 8am at Club Houston. Worship services 11am at MCCR.

Sun. afternoon, Jan. 9

Lockers continue at \$2 till 4pm at Club Houston. Jambalaya is served at the Barn starting at noon. 50¢ bloody marys, screwdrivers and beer 2-7pm at the Briar Patch. Beer bust starting 3pm at Levi's. Dart tourney at 4pm at Zither's. 25¢ bar drinks and draft beer 4-7pm at the Inside Outside with a \$2 cover.

Sun. night, Jan. 9

The Old Plantation opens 6pm with a beer bust and free buffet, followed at 9:30 by the Sunday Night Follies with Jennifer George, Jessica, Carmelita, Ernestine and Naomi Simms. Beer bust at the Locker starting 7pm. Worship services at MCCR 7:30pm. Randy Walls' survivors party is 9pm-midnight at Sally's with happy hour prices.

Tiffany & Co. are on stage at 11pm at the Depository, along with 5¢ beer and disco dancing downstairs.

price at Club Houston starting 8am. Happy hour starts at 10am at the Barn.

Depository II celebrated New Year's Eve with an outrageous parody on the Cycle Sluts, complete with beards and mustaches on the drag stars. Terry West, Alan Lloyd, Tiffany Jones, Misty Morn, C.J. Harrington and Maude Finely rounded out the crew of Sluts, and made the season ever more merry than usual.

The Sluts were not the

only news at the Depository, however. Ray Tyler, well known bistro manager in the Houston area, assumed the helm as manager, with Jerry Storm as his able assistant, replacing Jay Allen and Wayne, who move on to other spots. Ray and Jerry are well qualified and should continue the fun and good times.

Mon.-Fri. morning, Jan. 10-14

Happy hour 7am-noon at the Inside Outside and Sally's. Lockers are half

Mon. afternoon, Jan. 10

Lockers are half price thru 4pm at Club Houston. Happy hour continues

thru 7pm at the Barn, noon-7pm at Levi's, 4-6pm at Zither's, 4-7pm at the Inside Outside, Locker and Briar Patch, 5-7pm at Mary's, 5-8pm at Sally's. Beer bust at Our Place 5-7pm.

Mon. night, Jan. 10

Leather night at Mr. Peeper's Glory Hole. Our Place presents "The Other Side," a country-western band starring Trisha, Lana and Lorie, 8:30pm-midnight. No cover and 50¢ drinks at the Depository. \$1 cover and 35¢ drinks at the Old Plantation. Shiner's beer 40¢ 11pm-2am at Zither's.

Tues. afternoon, Jan. 11

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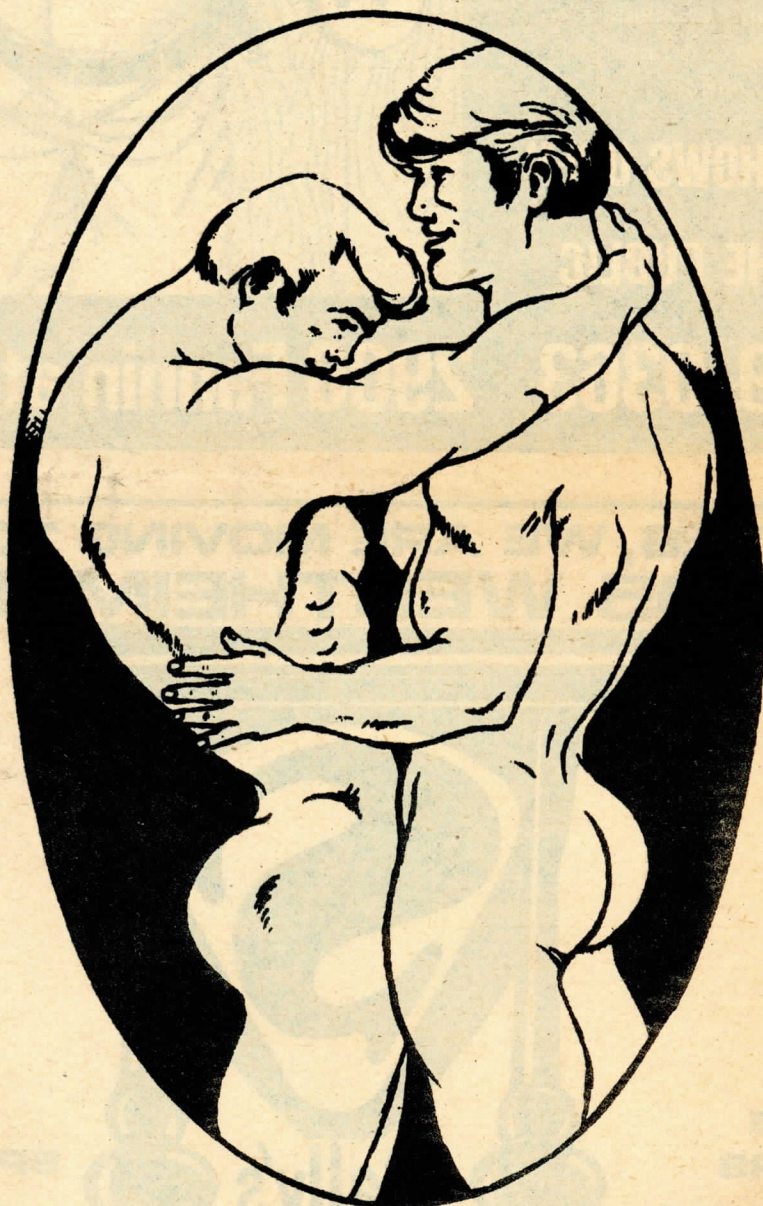
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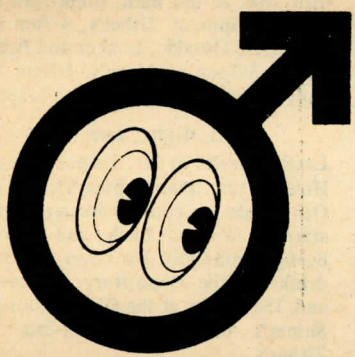
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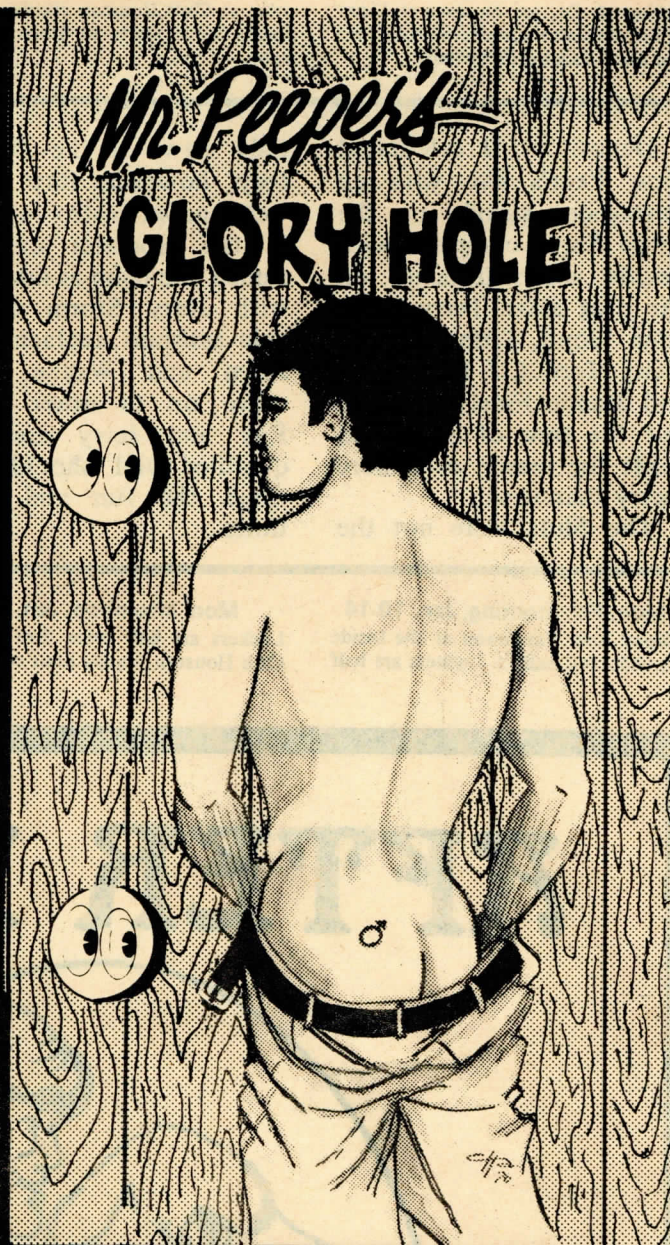
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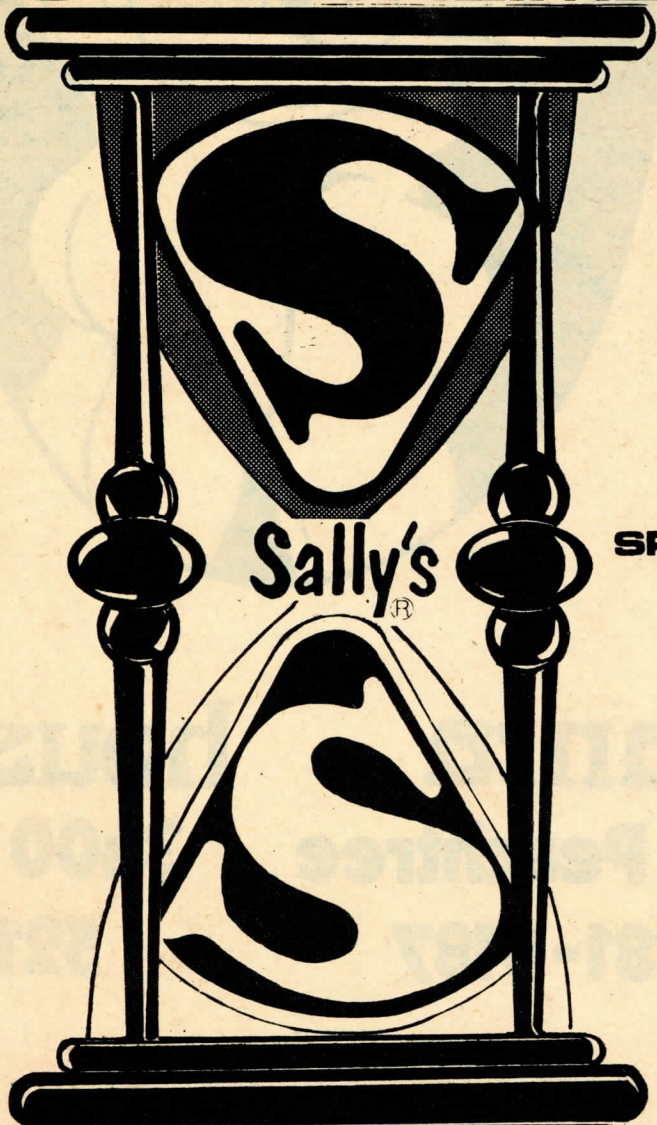
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Tues. night, Jan. 11

Two bit night with 25¢ draft beer all night at the Locker. Happy hour continues all night at Sally's. Dinner is served at Levi's, 6-10pm. The Lambda Social Club meets 7:30pm at the 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, room 12. Western night at Mr. Peeper's Glory Hole. Pool tourney 8pm at the Inside Outside. Houston Area Dart Association league play starting 8pm at Zither's, followed by Shiner's beer special 11pm-2am, just 40¢. Depository skate night at the Carousel Roller Rink on Katy Fwy. 9-11pm plus, at the Depository itself, \$1 cover and 35¢ drinks. 35¢ drinks and \$1 cover also at the Old Plantation.

Wed. afternoon, Jan. 12

Lockers are half price at Club Houston till 4pm, when it switches to buddy night where 2 get lockers for the price of 1. Happy hour continues thru 7pm at the Barn, 4-6pm at Zither's, 4-7pm at the Inside Outside, Briar Patch, and Locker, 5-7pm at Mary's, 5-8pm at Sally's. Beer bust 5-7pm at Our Place.

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Wed. night, Jan. 12

Buddy night continues at Club Houston to midnight with 2 lockers for the price of 1. Steak night at Levi's starting 7pm. Pot luck dinner starts 8pm at the Barn. Bare chest night at Mr. Peeper's Glory Hole. 10¢ drinks with \$2 cover at the Depository with Tiffany & Co. on stage at 11pm with Donna Day, Jerry Vanover and Eartha Kitt. \$1 cover at the Old Plantation with 35¢ drinks. Hat & color night at the Locker with half price drinks for all dressed correctly. "Wilde 'n Stein" airs around 9-10pm on KPFT, FM-90. Shiner's beer is 40¢ at Zither's 11pm-2am.

Thurs. afternoon, Jan. 13

Happy hour continues non-stop at Sally's, thru 7pm at the Barn, noon-7pm at Levi's, 4-6pm at Zither's, 4-7pm at the Locker, Inside Outside and Briar Patch, 5-7pm at Mary's. Lockers are half price at Club Houston to 4pm. Beer bust at Our Place 5-7pm.

Thurs. night, Jan. 13

Happy hour continues all night at Sally's. Dinner is served at Levi's 6-10pm. Dart tourney for cash at 8pm at Zither's, followed by Shiner's beer special 11pm-2am, 40¢. Free draft beer 10-10:30pm at the Locker. \$1 cover at the Old Plantation and at the Depository, each with 35¢ drinks.

Coming up later

The next meeting of the Gay Political Caucus is Feb. 2, 7:30pm, at the Inside Outside.

Typhoon Tessie's opens shortly. The Star will have the date printed in this section later.

Louis Garcia's Midnite Sun will open in January with the original crew, including Peaches, plus Billy Duncan.

Uncle Charlie's, a disco-restaurant, opens very soon also. Possibly we'll have the official announcement in next week's Star.

Auntie Mame's Eatery opens in a few weeks next door to the Briar Patch. Watch for their ad in the Star.

A giant birthday party will be held at the Barn in February. More on this in a later issue.

The Montrose Activity Center is taking auditions Jan. 16-18 for its next production, "El Grande de Coca Cola," a musical extravaganza, to be stage March 11-27. Call 526-2668 for more information.

Bob McCubbin, author of "The Gay Question, a Marxist Analysis," will speak at 7pm, Tues., Jan. 25, in room 89 at the 1st Unitarian Church on Fannin. Sponsoring the event is the local branch of Youth Against War and Fascism (YAWF). Call 861-9684 for further information.

DALLAS

Club managers: Ken Amburn is the Star's new advertising and distribution representative in Dallas and Ft. Worth. Our Metroplex phone is not yet installed, but you can reach Ken through our Houston number. Dial direct 713-527-8961, to place items here in the Star's Calendar and to have your club placed on the Star's Dallas map.

Fri. & Sat. nights, Jan. 7 & 8

After-hours disco dancing at the Old Plantation.

Sun. morning, Jan. 9

11am worship services at MCC.

Sun. afternoon, Jan. 9

50¢ bloody marys noon-2pm at Swamp Trash. Bloody marys and screwdrivers 75¢ 1-8pm at the Bon Soir, along with happy hour 3-8pm. Cook out 2-5pm at Club Dallas. 10¢ draft beer 4-7pm at the Villa Fontana. Bring your own meat and come for brunch at Crews Inn II.

Sun. night, Jan. 9

Pool tournament 7pm at Crews Inn II. Buffet and beer bust 7-9pm at the Old Plantation, followed by Jann Russell and the other O.P. entertainers on stage. Worship services 7:30pm at MCC.

Mon. afternoon, Jan. 10

Happy hour at the Bon Soir 5-8pm.

Mon. night, Jan. 10

Dart tournament 7:30pm at Crews Inn II. 15¢ draft beer with no cover at the Old Plantation.

Tues. afternoon, Jan. 11

Admission is only \$1 all day at Bachelor Quarters Baths. Happy hour at the Bon Soir 5-8pm.

Tues. night, Jan. 11

Buddy night at Club Dallas 6pm-2am when 2 get in for the price of 1. Chili cookout at 7pm at Crews Inn II. Special low price on margaritas tonight at the Old Plantation.

Wed. afternoon, Jan. 12

Discount card day at Club Dallas where you get a free locker with the purchase of a discount card. Happy hour at the Bon Soir 5-8pm.

Wed. night, Jan. 12

Half price drinks at the Old Plantation.

Thurs. afternoon, Jan. 13

Happy hour at the Bon Soir 5-8pm.

Thurs. night, Jan. 13

75¢ tequila sunrises at the Old Plantation.

Fri. afternoon, Jan. 14

Happy hour 5-8pm at the Bon Soir.

Fri. night, Jan. 14

After-hours disco dancing at the Old Plantation.

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Giant free birthday and anniversary party at Swamp Trash, Sat., Jan. 15

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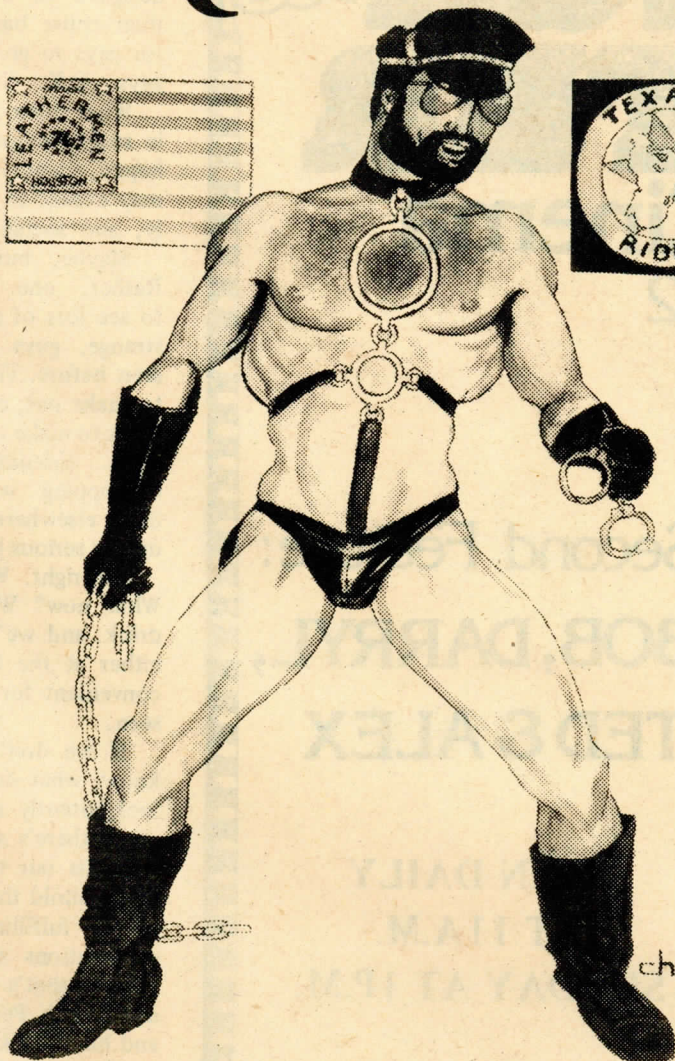
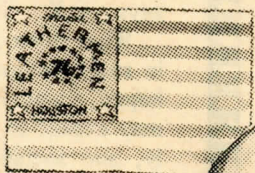
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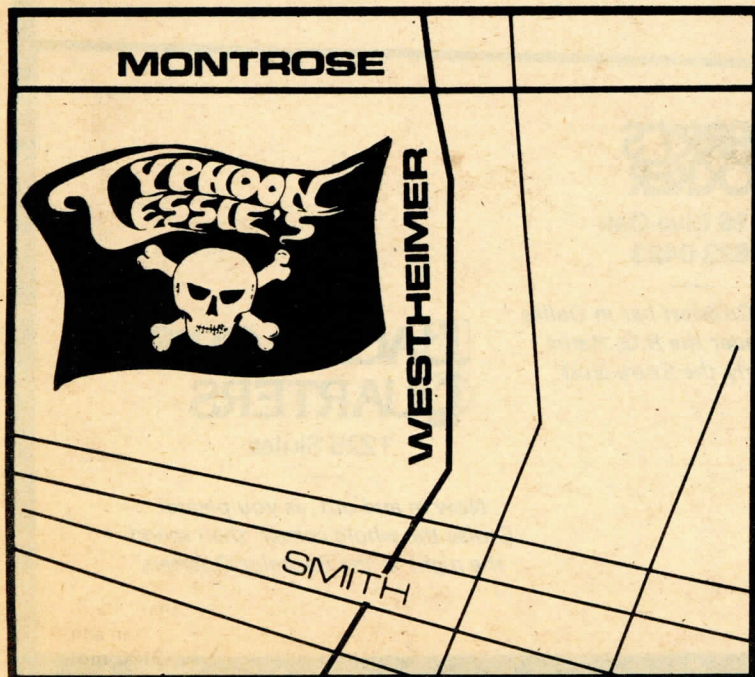
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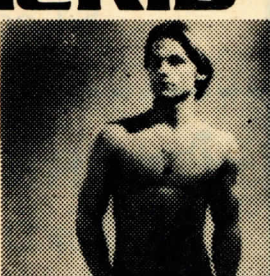
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Cruising. Sounds like what you do in the winter to get away from the cold. But for the gay world it has an entirely different meaning. How is it that the practice of cruising has come to be so much a hallmark of gay culture in the U.S.?

Why doesn't the straight culture have an equivalent of cruising? Oh sure, guys and chicks go out to singles bars, with almost the sole single purpose of getting laid, much as gays do.

But somehow that isn't in any way reprehensible. Maybe that's it. Just the fact that society in general approves of straights going out to get laid makes what straights do O.K. and what gays do not so O.K., and makes the gay world come up with a word like "cruising" for doing essentially the same thing our straight brethren do.

Ever notice how rigidly the rules of cruising are applied? First, there are certain definite "cruise" bars in different localities. Some bars are discos, some western bars, and some are designed to be nothing other than cruise bars. Bars designed for gays to go into cruise other gays. O.K. So far so good.

What then may one expect in such a place? Are these bars happy, friendly places where one may expect to be greeted warmly, and socialize with friends?

Maybe, but probably not. Rather, one usually expects to see lots of attractive, usually strange, guys that one hasn't seen before. The sole purpose is to make out, or lay the groundwork to make out on subsequent visits. Friendly neighborhood barhopping will probably be done elsewhere. A cruise bar is deadly serious business.

All right. We're in the bar. What now? We've ordered our drink, and we're standing there, either at the bar, or in a spot convenient for seeing and being seen.

If we don't see anyone we know, what do we do now? We look intently around the bar to see if there's anyone in the bar that fits our type, that fantasy dream mold that we have settled on as fulfilling most of our expectations in a love object. Maybe that's blond, willowy, and boyish. Perhaps dark, butch, and hunky. I know one guy who won't even look at a man unless he's at least sixty years old. Anything less than that is "chicken" and he's just not interested. And he himself is in his mid-thirties and gorgeous.

There's no accounting for taste.

And then we spot him, or maybe several hims. We carefully survey the situation to try to determine if he, or they, are with people, or if they seem to be alone. By a meticulous process of winnowing out the weak, the unwilling and the unready, we finally select our target for the night, and then the dance begins.

We try to establish eye contact, the absolute first step to a successful seduction. This may not be easy. Bars being what they are, and the lighting being what it usually is, this may take time. It may require several moves about the bar until we

(Editor's note: Al Hofstadter is a well known gay writer and journalist, who has recently moved to Houston. His column will be appearing periodically in the Star.)

can get in just the exact spot in which he can see us and we can see him. And then we begin that convoluted exercise of subterfuge that finally results, hopefully, in conversation and ultimately, bed.

By that time, however, both of us may be shitfaced or, at the very least, too ripped to do anything when we finally do hit the mat. That, unfortunately, is one of the occupational hazards that goes with cruising.

When we wake up, either the next morning or later that night, and get to talking, we often find that he was just as interested in us as we were in him back in the bar. All of the careful machinations we went through were, actually, totally unnecessary. All we had to do was to go up to him and say, in effect, "Let's fuck."

That, of course, would be much too simple, and would destroy the whole zen of cruising. It might be more honest, though, and a lot more straightforward than all the bullshit that goes on in our supercilious, superficial gay society.

Maybe we should each think about it. As hard as it might be, maybe we should start, one at a time, giving it a whirl. "Let's fuck," or words to that effect. Try it next time you're out, cruising.

Al Hofstadter

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Houston: Male nurse looking for apt. or house to share in Sharpstown area. Within walking distance or on bus line to new Memorial Hospital on Beechnut. By Jan. 15. No fats or drugs. Call Lee at 774-5654 after 5pm.

Houston: Roommate. ½ \$110 mo. Southwest area. Ages preferred: 22-30, w/m. Call Jerry, 626-0110 9am-4pm weekdays.

Houston: Roommate-type live-in wanted. Southwest area. Live in my home with myself and young nephew (of age). Looking for a young third party to join us. Must be clean cut, responsible and trustworthy. This could be a chance of a lifetime for the right person. If interested, write to blind ad 328. Please send short, personal resume and picture (if possible), including phone no.

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Houston: Gay activist Ray Hill is seeking an attractive, intelligent, even-tempered young man for secondary relationship partner/activist apprentice. Interested persons should submit photograph, resume, description of personal habits and political/social beliefs to blind ad 262. Typing ability and lots of spare time helpful. All applications will be considered by selection committee.

Houston: Forties, fun, festive, and fit. Cuddly, lovable, absolutely and incorrigibly crazy and not ashamed to admit it. Need someone younger, terribly bright and aware that he

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My bear, you are always welcome, and when you return I will even let you eat crackers in bed if you wish. We've had some really fine times. Let's not rely on the past. I still love you. Editer.

Houston: Male looking for roommate for 2-bedroom apt. near Galleria. Call Frank anytime. 524-4352.

Houston: W/female roommate wanted for 3 bedroom studio for man and wife. Spring Branch area. \$100 mo. 464-2081.

Houston: Roommate wanted for 2 bedroom house in Montrose area. Remodeld, all new electric appliances. Must be mature, stable, no dope heads or alkie. Prefer someone in professional level. Call 526-0525 for Ron anytime.

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