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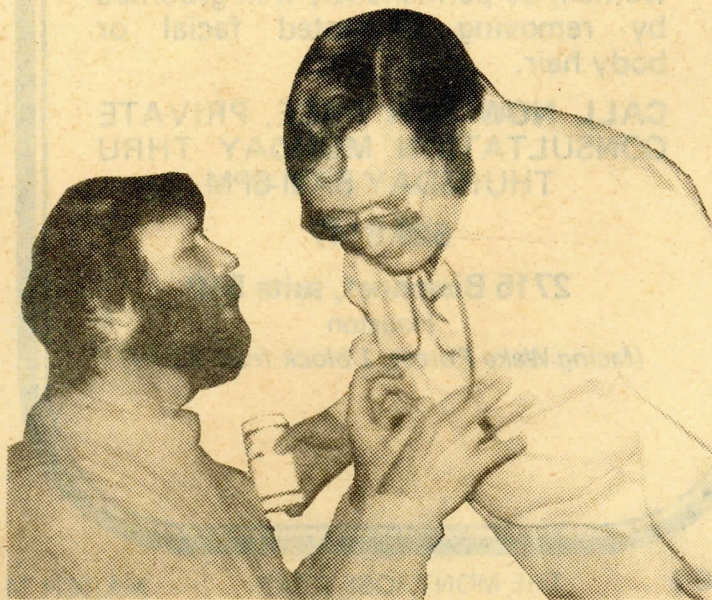


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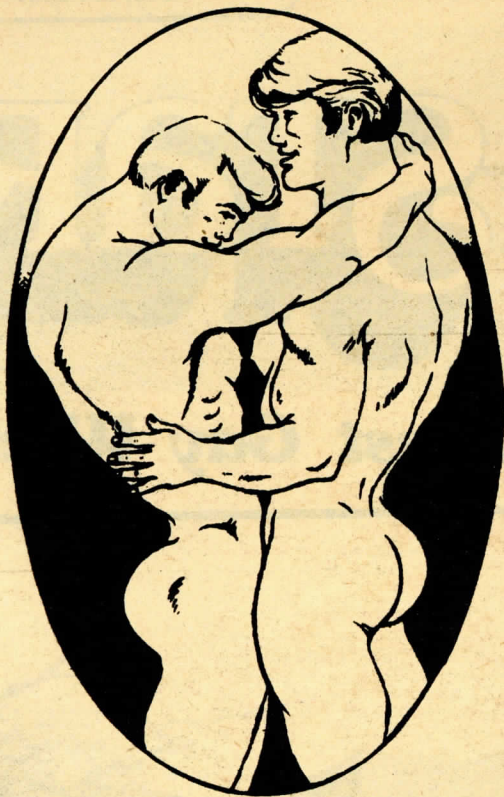
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Wake up Houston: the 'Brooks Brothers' are getting a little carried away

By Ed Martinez

Geneva Brooks, why all the fuss? Here we are, the fastest growing city in America, with all the good and bad that goes with it, and all the district attorney, the police department, and the concerned citizens of our town can find to get interested in is dirty bookstores. Come on, now, isn't this all just a little ridiculous?

For some weeks now, there has been controversy raging in

This report includes opinions of the writer.

Houston, brought about mainly by one woman, a Ms. Geneva Brooks, who has, through sheer intimidation and guts, enlisted the aid of the ministry, the district attorney of Harris County, and, through him, the entire vice squad of the Houston Police Department in her crusade as self-appointed Carrie Nation of Smut. The DA, police department, et al, collectively known by local wags as the Brooks Brothers, have all sheepishly acquiesced to Ms. Brooks as she carried all before her.

She has, in the process, unwittingly served as the carrier of the political ambitions of various local politicians, who see her campaign as a useful tool to be used in their own political strategies. One hand, it seems, washes the other in this instance.

In an effort to get at the facts, the Star visited some of the local adult bookstores, talking with the owners and employees, taking photos to try to show what is upsetting the good woman so much. First off, the photos accompanying this story show clearly that there is no nudity or other offensive or prurient matter displayed on the outside of the bookstores. There is, further, certainly no attempt made to entice or seduce the young into the stores, as Ms. Brooks frequently claims. Rather, as one owner pointed out, the young are no problem in the stores because they know very well they will not be permitted to get past the front door. Still further, there is a *caveat* printed plainly at the entrance of all bookstores to the effect that sexual matters are frankly depicted inside, and if one is offended by such they

should not enter.

So much for the almost constant din about the community being besieged by sexually offensive material. If one wants to get sexually "offensive" material in Houston, he's got to know what he's looking for and damn well be aware that he's getting it and have several opportunities to avoid it.

Discussions with owners and employees at two of the adult bookstores, Mr. Peepers and Adultz News, brought out some facts that might surprise the general public, but that are quite well known to the very people who seek to censor the public from adult books. First, most customers are men, 95%, and the 5% that are women are usually young. The men are usually middle class, and range in age from the young adult to quite elderly. These men do not, by any means, fit any image of 'dirty old man.' The point here is that there is a market for adult reading material, people want it, they are willing to pay good money for it, and whether or not it is pornographic in the legal sense should be up to a court of law and not some

individual whose only constituency is herself.

Recently the head of the vice squad, in a rare burst of honesty, admitted that he planned to continue to raid bookstores because even though there was a lot of opposition to it "he knew what the community wanted." How very remarkably prescient of this gentleman, since the very courts themselves seem unable to agree on that point. Perhaps he would be willing to hire out as an expert witness to the courts when the cases come to trial.

The latest development in all this brouhaha is an attempt by the authorities to arrest Asa Walker, owner of the Adultz News bookstores, who is on probation for one year from a previous conviction of commercial obscenity. Walker feels that the police hope to use an arrest on another such charge as evidence of violation of his probation and an excuse to jail him. A jail sentence would possibly inflame public opinion against Walker and other bookstore owners and serve to obtain convictions against bookstores when the cases resulting from

the recent raids come to court.

What all this means, of course, is that Comstock is alive and well, and censorship is as popular with the righteous Puritans in America as ever. Puritanism is a gnostic religion, politically speaking: that is, they know, and they know they know, and they do not wish to debate their knowledge with anyone who differs with them. Anyone who differs with them is automatically morally weak, if not perverse. Fascism is a gnostic religion also, and the two have much in common.

Fortunately, America has been saved from the excesses of Puritanism before, and, hopefully will be again. The issue really is freedom of speech and the press, regardless of how Ms. Brooks and the Brooks Brothers try to cloud the water with dirt. Houston Chronicle and Houston Post, take note. If it's dirty books today, why can't it be dirty pictures or stories in your own papers tomorrow. To quote that grand old gentleman-founder of the republic, Benjamin Franklin, "We had better hang together, or we shall most assuredly hang separately."



Singer says Bryant may still be picked

Late word from officials at the Singer Company is that they are still negotiating a contract with homophobe Anita Bryant to act as hostess for a pilot program for a television series to be aired next fall.

The program would be a half-hour talk show featuring personalities with news and information about new crafts.

An earlier statement from Singer that they had dropped consideration of Bryant for the show has been reversed. That earlier statement had not been cleared with "top management," the press was told, and "top management" says it is still thinking of hiring Ms. Bryant.

The former Miss America runner-up has been active in Miami trying to get a city government ruling granting equal rights to gay people overturned.

STAR NEWS... from All Points.....

NGTF issues statement on Anita Bryant

Anita Bryant, by virtue of her good looks and flair for publicity, has emerged as the spokesperson for a campaign to deny equal employment opportunities to an estimated 150,000 gay citizens of the Miami area.

Because of her political activities, she may lose an expected job as a television entertainer and, with the willing cooperation of segments of the local and national media, has attempted to portray herself as

the victim of those whose rights she would curtail.

In response to this situation, Jean O'Leary and Bruce Voeller, Co-Executive Directors of the National Gay Task Force (N.G.T.F.), have issued the following statement.

"The National Gay Task Force believes in civil liberties for all citizens, including those who oppose the civil liberties of others.

"As people who have lost

jobs because of our own beliefs and lifestyles, we are not happy to see that kind of discrimination, even when the victims are themselves discriminators. We therefore regret and deplore the fact that Anita Bryant (may lose) a job as a television entertainer because of her views, and we wish to make it clear that neither our organization nor the Dade County Coalition for the Humanistic Rights of Gays

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News

Guards shoot suspected vandal

Louis Thomas Clay, 26, of Houston, was shot by Houston policemen on private duty at a club as he stood in the parking lot early Sunday morning, March 6. The two policemen, Sgt. Curtis M. Simmons and James W. Price, alleged that the suspect was reported to be slashing the tires of their car and they shot Clay in the process of apprehending him.

Clay, a waiter at a downtown restaurant, told the Montrose Star, in a personal interview, a story that differed materially from that of the police.

According to Clay, he left the club around 2:30 a.m., Sunday. He was standing in the lot when the police accosted him and accused him of letting the air out of their tires. At that time, the window of the car broke, and the police accused Clay of breaking it. Clay denied it, and the police beat him until he admitted breaking the window merely to stop the beating.

At that point Clay said he discovered that the window had been broken by a bullet that went through his stomach and into the glass. Clay avers that the police then took him in to the club, and an ambulance was called.

Clay was taken to Ben Taub, and, according to him, he was constantly under surveillance by the police until his discharge from the hospital on Monday. At that time, he was taken to jail and booked with criminal mischief. When Clay's lawyer tried to bond Clay out on the charge, the police held Clay, saying he was being held on theft and was not eligible for a bond. Finally Clay was released on \$400 bond for criminal mischief.

Clay alleges that his version, not that of the police department, is what actually happened.

He also stated that he has retained counsel and plans to bypass the local authorities completely and go directly to the FBI and ask that they investigate for possible violations of federal law. He also indicated his intention to pursue the matter until a satisfactory conclusion is obtained. Clay showed the Star copies of his hospital records indicating that he had, in fact, been treated for gunshot wounds and wounds of the forehead by a blunt instrument.

Clay requested that anyone viewing the incident in the parking lot of the Old Plantation on Sunday morning, March 6 around 2:30 a.m. please contact him at 789-4599 in Houston.

Gay candidate addresses Council

Jim Ross, candidate for Houston City Council, addressed the City Council, Wednesday, March 9 on the subject of censorship. In a prepared speech, Ross quoted Thomas Jefferson on the subject of censorship, in which he said "... it is an insult to our citizens to question whether they are rational beings."

Ross cited other authorities on the subject of censorship, and suggested that the City Council might more profitably attend to other, more pressing problems facing Houston.

After speaking, Ross was accosted by a woman in the chambers, who politely asked to speak with Ross. She then told him that "People put arsenic in their stomachs, but you put arsenic in their minds." Whereupon the lady proceeded to deliver a sound whack to Mr. Ross' derriere with her umbrella.

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has requested or recommended such action on the part of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Nor have we suggested or organized any form of boycott against products advertised by Ms. Bryant.

"We wish to make clear, however, that we think Ms. Bryant's attempt to spread false and defamatory statements about

the gay community and to deny us full equality under the law is just as reprehensible as similar attempts have been to defame and deny equality to other minority groups in our society.

"However much proponents of bigotry would prefer to make Anita Bryant the issue, we believe that the public is prepared to see the real issue: equal protection under the law for the tenth of the American population."

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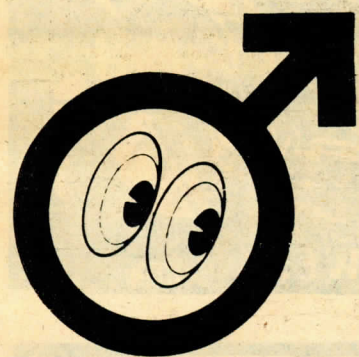
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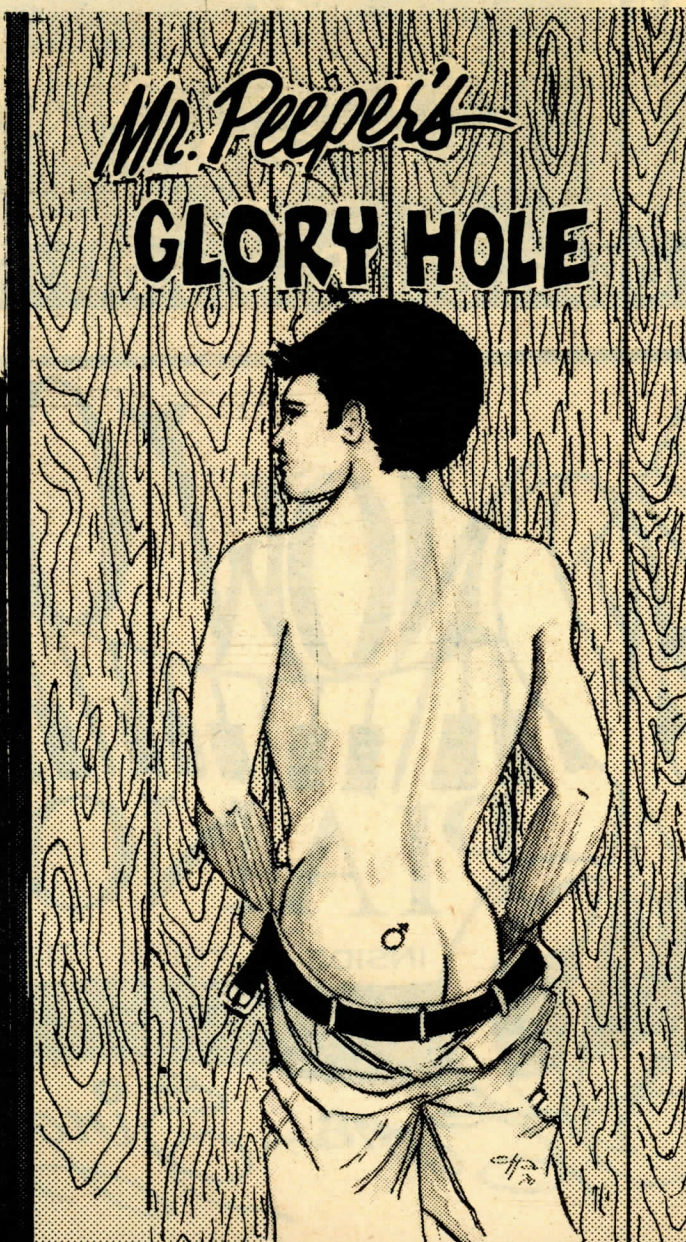
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Male Movies

Both theaters get good ratings this week

Well folks, you can relax. The market is up a little, but hardly enough to send the bulls out for champagne, although surely by a big enough spread to keep the bears at bay. Mini Park in Houston is up a tad on news of its new acquisition, "Point Me Toward Tomorrow," offsetting the news from the competition, French Quarter in Houston, about its newest product, "Men in Leather."

All in all, the Houston filthy flick industry remains more or less in balance with neither side gaining a disproportionate share of the market so far. Rumors abound about new releases and products yet to come later this year, but the market has more or less discounted these stories in its valuation of the two theaters.

French Quarter is showing "Men in Leather," full color and sound, feature length. This epic depicts the plight of a grope group acquired in a local bar and drug (or dragged, these words don't seem to be coming out right for some reason) to a friend's home for the evening.

What to our wondering eyes should appear at the friend's home but a dungeon in the basement! Doesn't this sound like fun? Well, you know what dungeons are for, don't you, and they do. Torture, leather, FFA forever (no, Virginia, *not* Future Farmers of America), and to be sure to double your position in Crisco, it is *up*, you should pardon the pun.

All this is just great sport, and the bodies are superb, and the camera angles are not to be described but should definitely be seen. Strong three on the old petemeter.

Mini Park introduces "Point Me Toward Tomorrow," a deathless saga about an accidental blinding in an auto accident, or, "Dark Victory Revisited" (minus Bette Davis).

Dr. Howard and his lover are tooling around town in their auto, and the lover is tooling while the Dr. drives, when Whammo, they zap this kid that darted out from between parked cars in front of them.

Well, the kid turns out to have been blinded in the accident. Dr. Howard, conscience stricken, vows to give up his practice and devote his life to making the kid's life worthwhile. The kid, you see, turns out to be definitely of legal age for fooling around purposes, as it were.

Meanwhile, the lover, in a fit of jealous rage, goes to see the kid, and tells the kid who really blinded him, and beats the living piss out of him with his own cane. *Mirabile dictu*, the kid gets so turned on by the beating that his sight returns! Will miracles never cease!

The Dr. returns, they part, they reunite, they live happily ever after, etc., etc. The color

and photography in this one are really excellent, as are the bodies. It should be seen as an example of the fact that things in this biz are improving. Two point eight on the Star cockometer.

Theo Thunderthighs

News

More book stores busted

Houston police busted four more adult bookstores Thursday, March 10, in their continuing crackdown.

Warrants were served at Adultz News on Calvacade, Adonis News in Spring Branch, Universal Book Store on West Alabama, and Big City News in downtown Houston.

GPC encourages

letter writing

The Gay Political Caucus in Houston (G.P.C.) says it has been called upon by the Gay Rights National Lobby to help coordinate support in Texas to enact federal legislation protecting the rights of gay citizens.

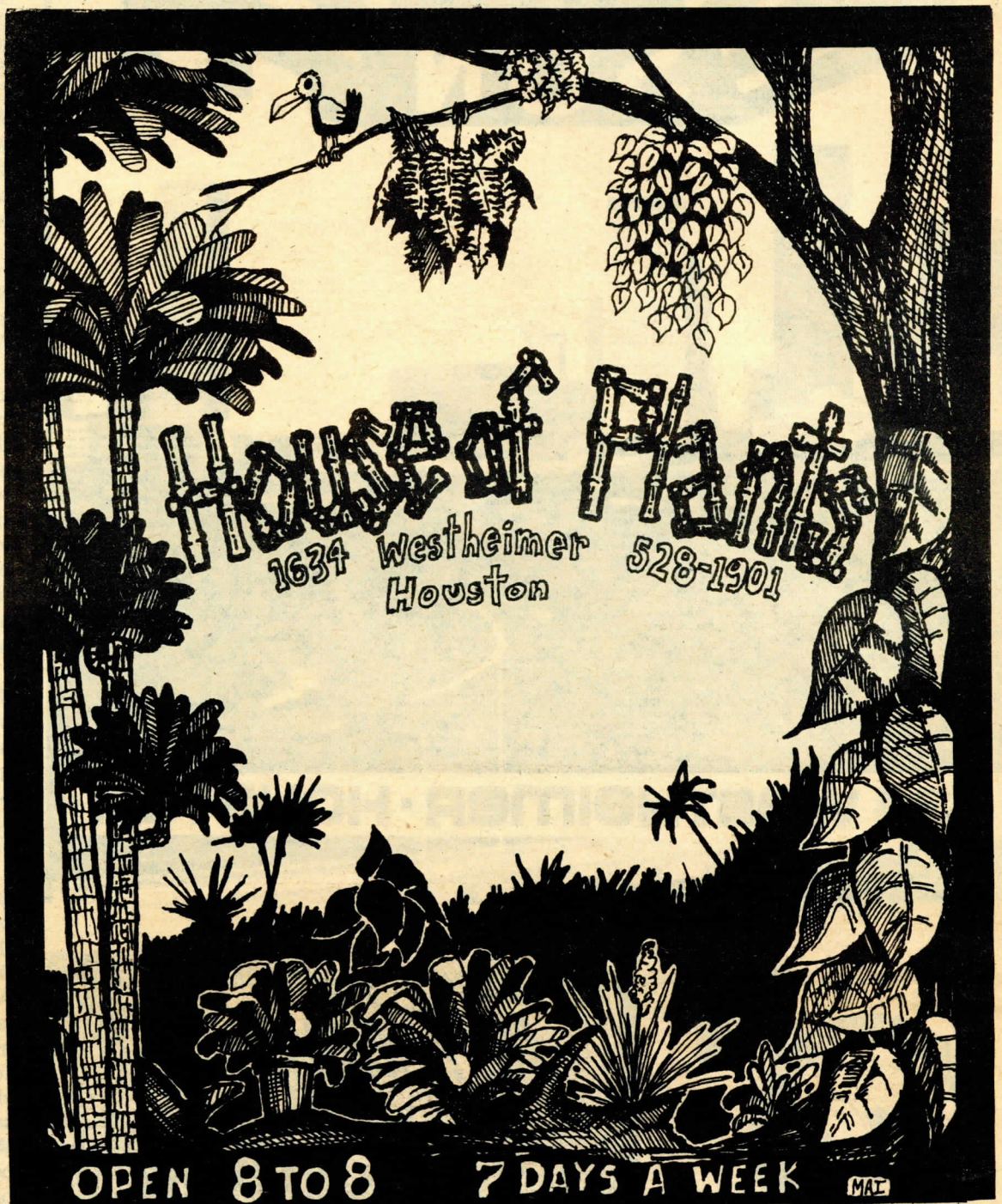
"All that is needed is for you to take a few minutes out and write a letter to your local Congressperson," a news release from G.P.C. stated.

They asked that all who do write letters to their congresspersons to also send a copy of it to the G.P.C. at 815 Hawthorne, Houston, 77006.

"The importance of letter writing can not be overstressed. One Congressman agreed to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 2998, the most comprehensive bill now being considered, after being "deluged" with mail urging his co-sponsorship. He received six letters!"

Thirty-seven Congressional members are now co-sponsoring the bill, but none are from Texas.

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Everyone insisted Sarah Bernhardt be divine — and she was

Mother be divine! Another week full of movie and theater — you just can't seem to get away from it all!

I'm basically referring to the cutest, most scrumptious little show, Reunion Theater's double feature of "Sarah B. Divine" and "The Unseen Hand," directed by the handsome Gary Calloway.

Be divine! Be divine! That's all everyone in her life demanded *Sarah Bernhardt to be*, and the legend of Sarah B. comes down to us with the impression that indeed she was! The play is a long comedy sketch that takes the divine S. from her childhood coffin to her royal one — leggedness, using three actresses to play the changing, aging Sarah. It's really all quite novel.

And such actresses! **Karen Rice** (young Sarah), **Lissa Ikard** (mid-Sarah) and **Camille Waters** (old Sarah) were — oh, let's say it again — divine! Cute and funny, snippy and vain, old and tawdry, they were all this and more. In fact, the whole cast was grand, and it was the busiest production I ever saw.

Although I was somewhat annoyed by snippets from "West Side Story" and "Once upon a Mattress" (too gauche), I must admit that most of the writing was right on the mark.

The second one-act, "The Unseen Hand," was a bit of metaphysical tomfoolery about intergalactic baboonery which you have to see to believe, if only for the madcap characterization of **Big Skinny Brown** as an ex-outlaw living in a wrecked VW on a desert highway.

And my friend Willa, who is usually so hard to please, thought the evening was "tastier than a camel's (behind)."

Oh, and the theater itself is absolutely wonderful, the minute you walk down into it you feel *avante-garde*. And that, I suppose is what Reunion Theater is all about.

So mothers, drop the kids for an evening and head for the theater, and for God's sake, be divine!

DRAG, DRAG, DRAG
Tiffany Jones almost

choked to death in one of her *old* pantsuits Sunday night at the Depository — right after her last number she had to do and emergency unzipping.

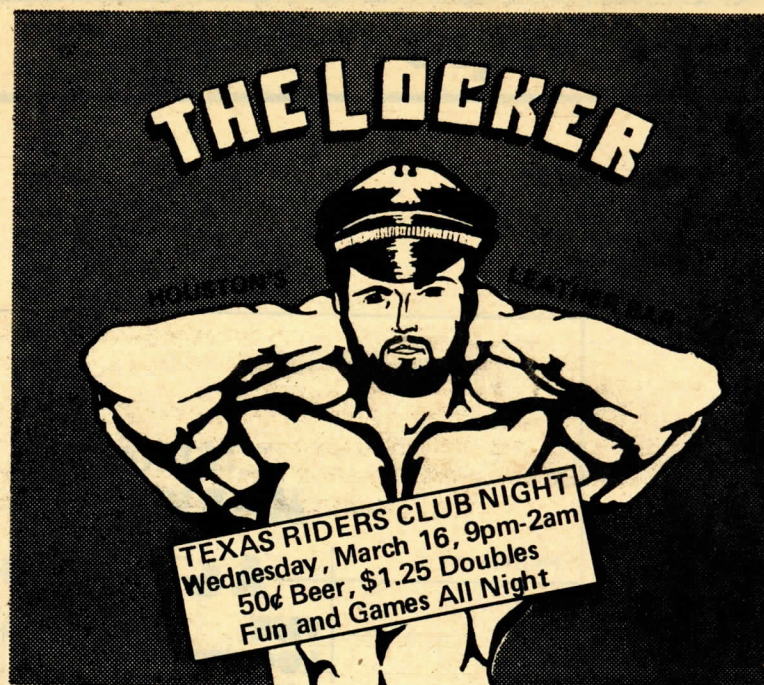
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Because she monopolized all the good reviews in their latest movie, "Fun With Dick and Jane," George Segal shoots Jane Fonda.



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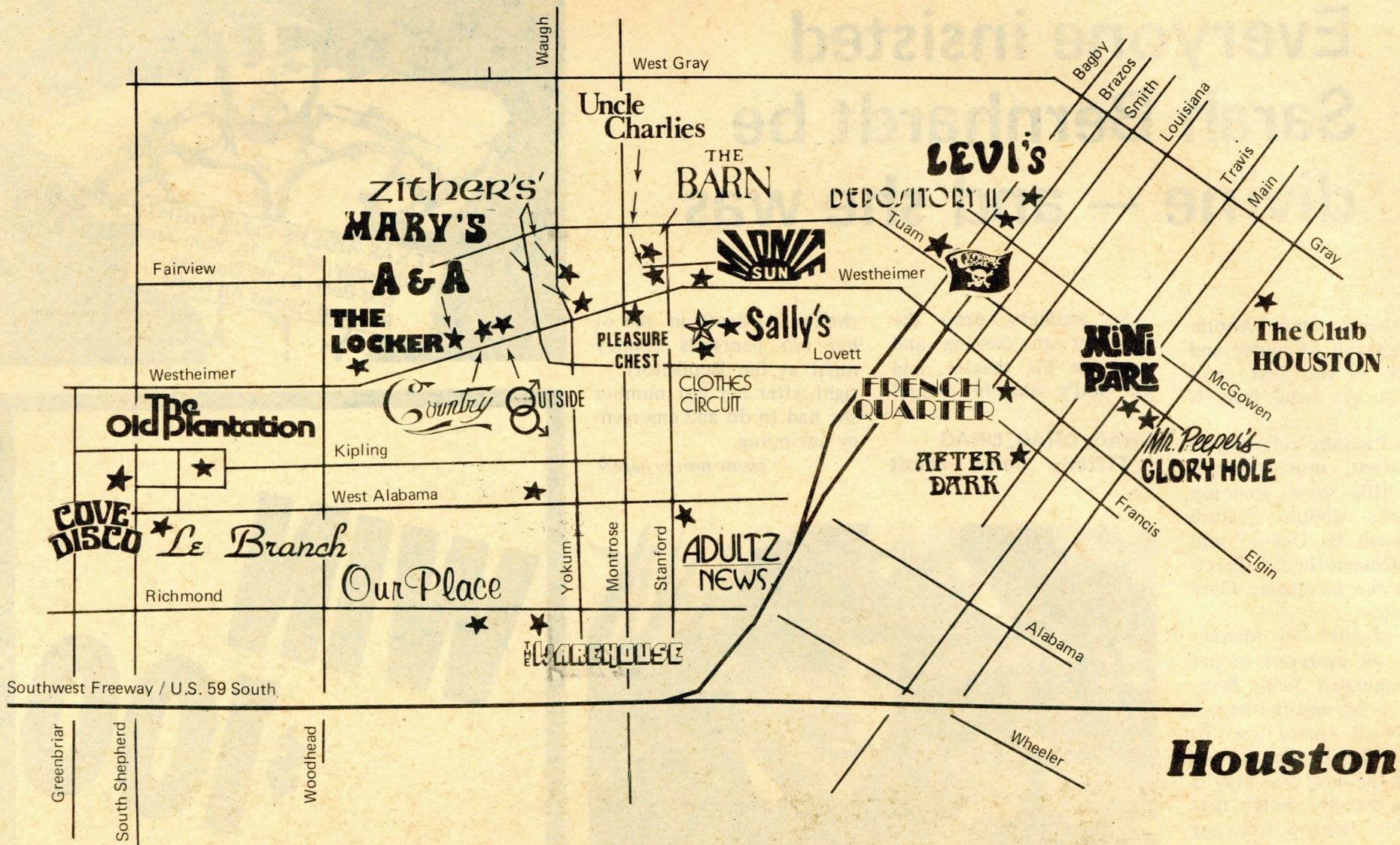
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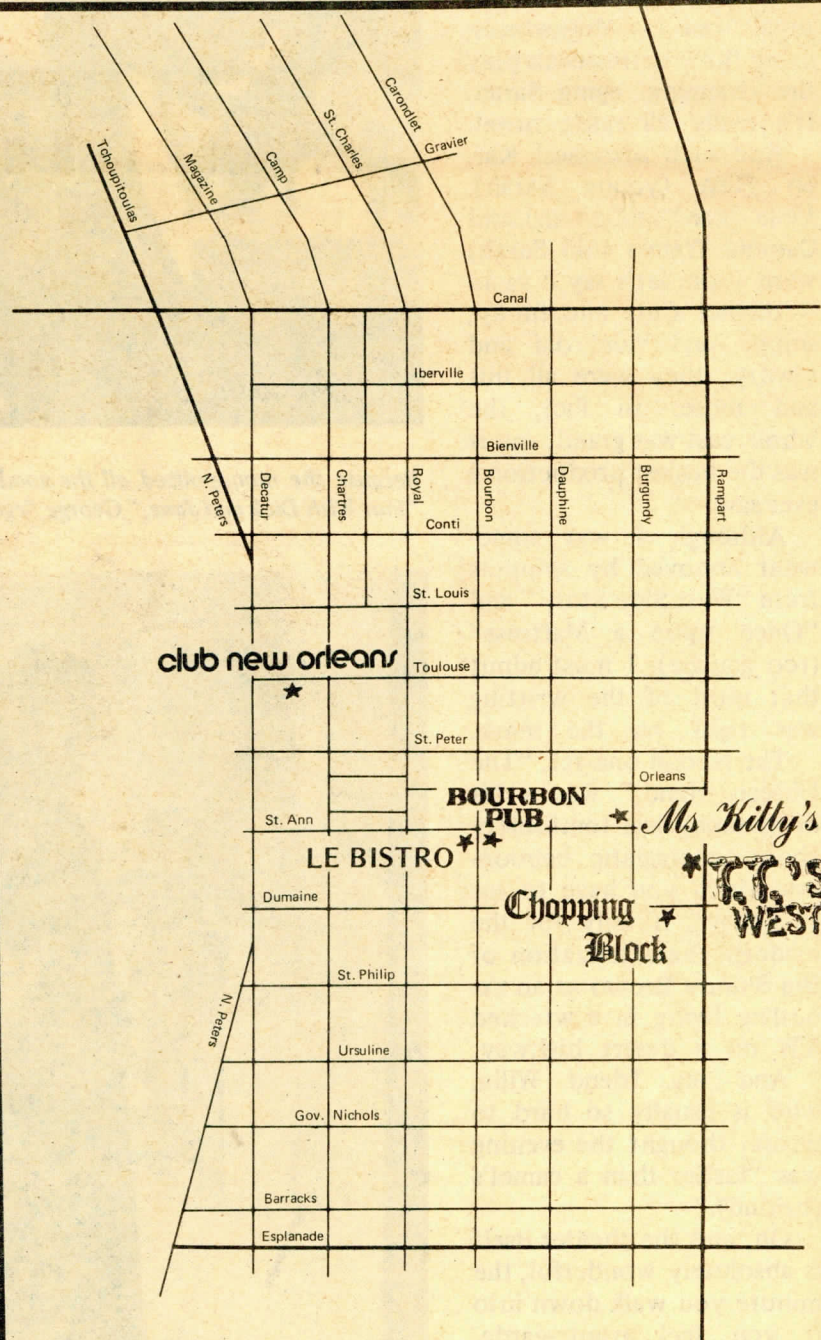
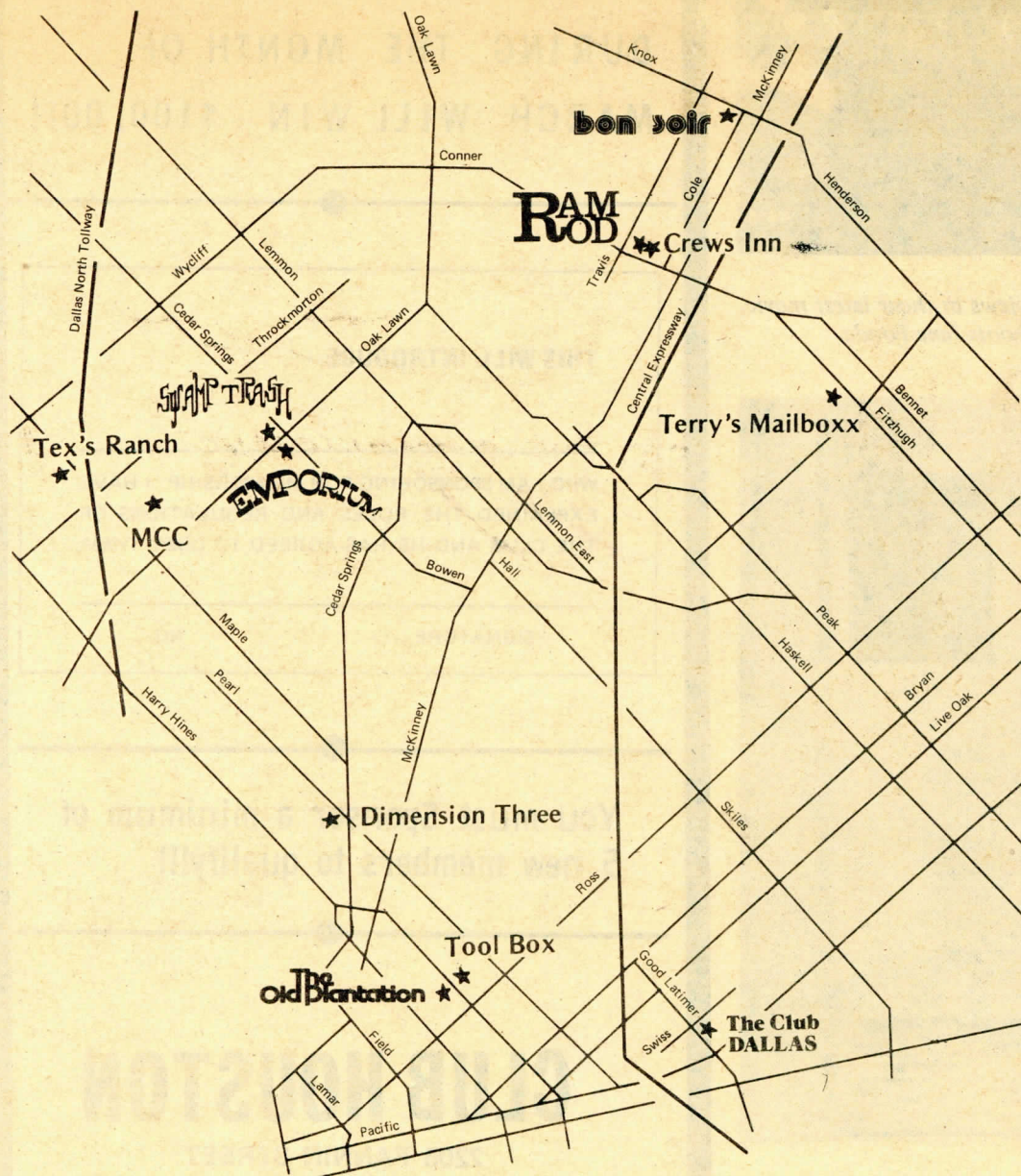
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Yes, it was business as usual — Donna (Beer Belly) O'Day bared her midriff, mind you, in the opening number with Eartha and Tiffany, and if you haven't guessed that the trio did "You Gotta Have a Gimmick" then you've never been to the drags!

Candy Delight, old "Tits 'n Cock" herself, was the special guest, and pulled her topless fan number for her finale — and speaking of pullin out old numbers, Jerry Vanover did a couple that have definitely seen better days (and so has his costumes). Not to be outdone, Tiffany did the skating nun routine.

It was Western night at the Midnite Sun, and Garcia's Gardenias got all gussied up in their best cowgirl frills. It may have been hard to take, but you have to give them credit — they do aim to please. As a matter of fact, we understand that Gardenia Chet pleased a few customers above and beyond the call of duty!

And speaking of Louis Garcia, the poor thing was kicked, body and all, out of the Depository one hectic night. But the next night the Depo owner welcomed the Chief Gardenia with open arms and drinks all around. Kiss and make up, girls!

70 GIRLS 70

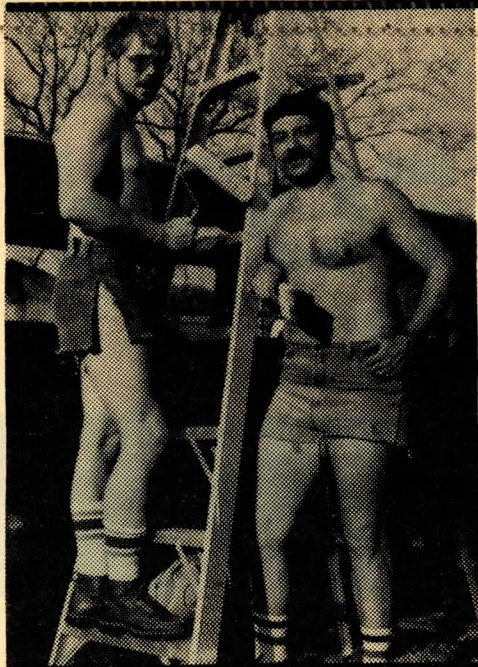
The new Cove Disco is doing rather well — it's like a taste of Corpus Christi, so you know it's fresh. Members of all five sexes are present in equal measures, and if that's not enough, Streisand and "A Star Is Born" are still playing out in front!

Get ready for another contest! The Depository will hold the Miss Gay Metropolitan Houston Contest March 28-29, for all you sisters ready to whip on the old pantyhose and parade with the stars. All you have to do is bone up on your lip-synch and get a sponsor, and who knows what talent agents and potential hubbies will spot you there!

Get it on, bon-bon! And for the sake of the upcoming holiday, do give a thought to the possibilities of leprechaun love (the greener the better!).

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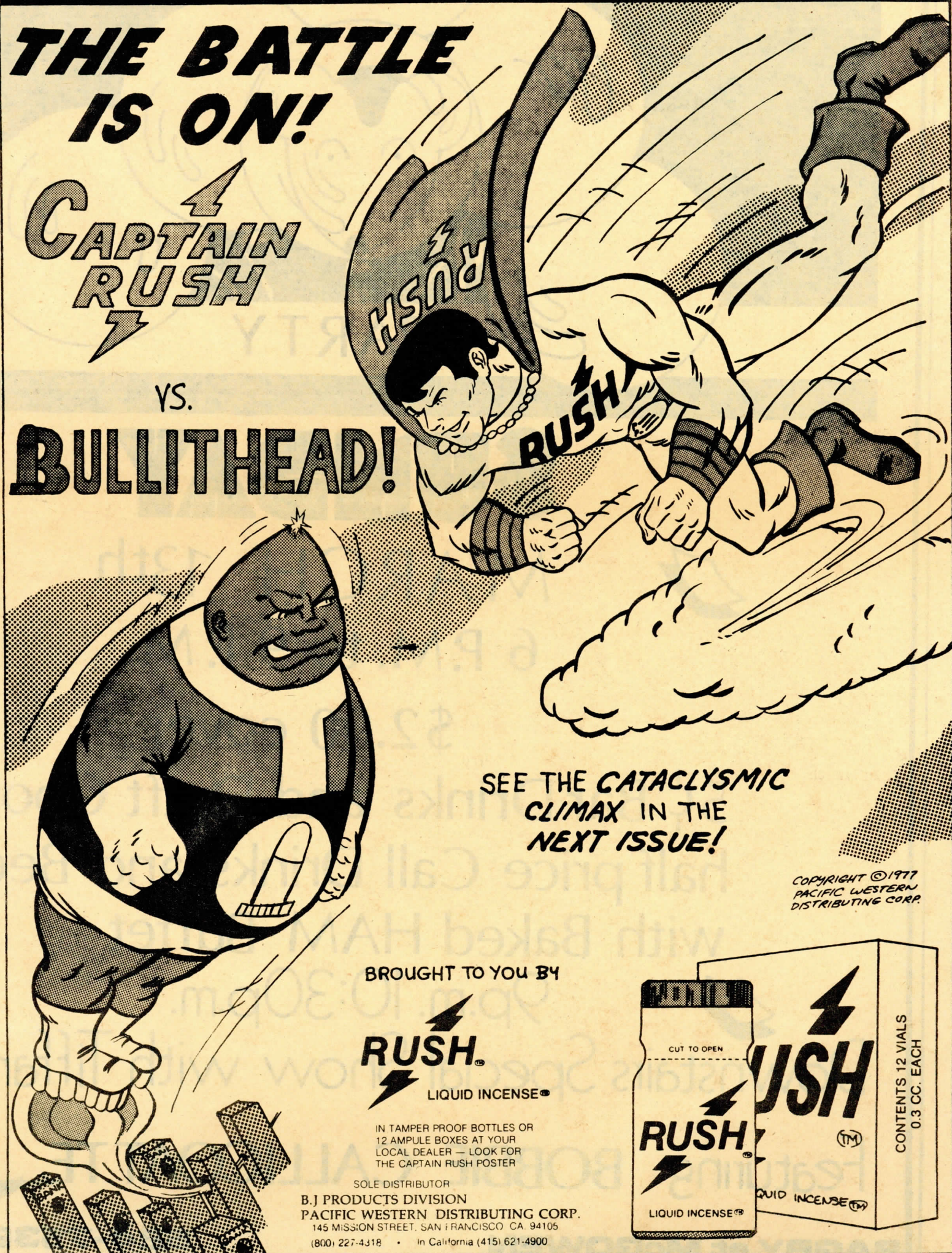
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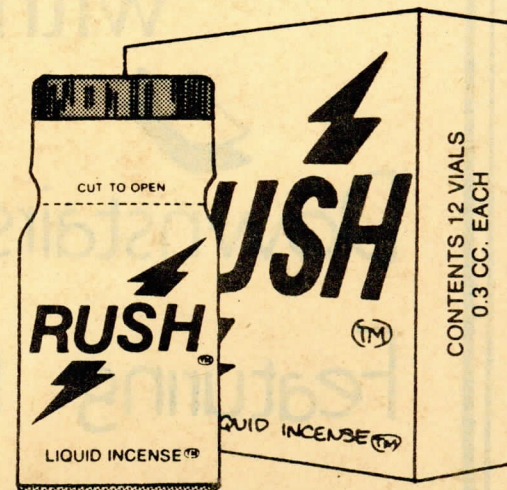
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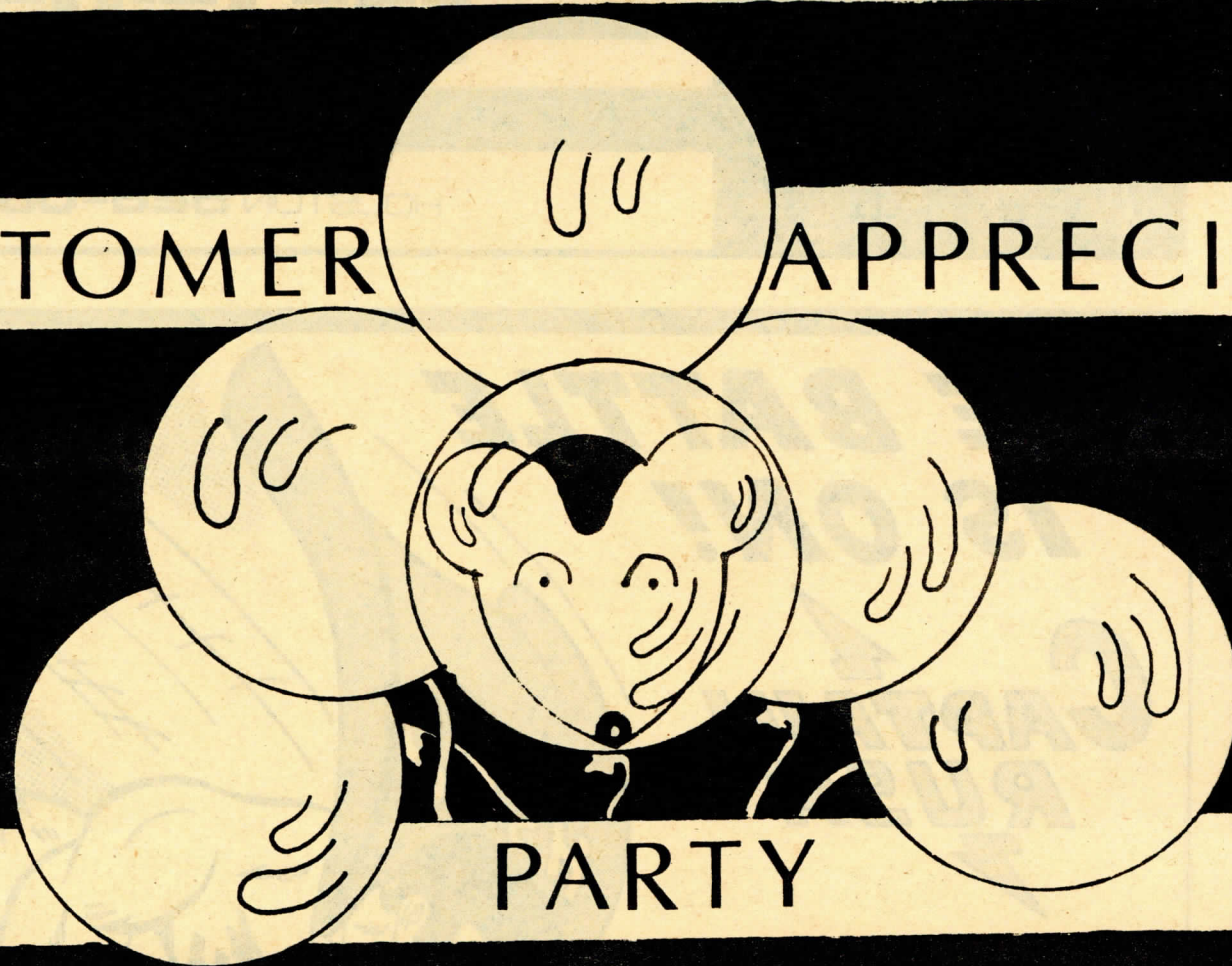
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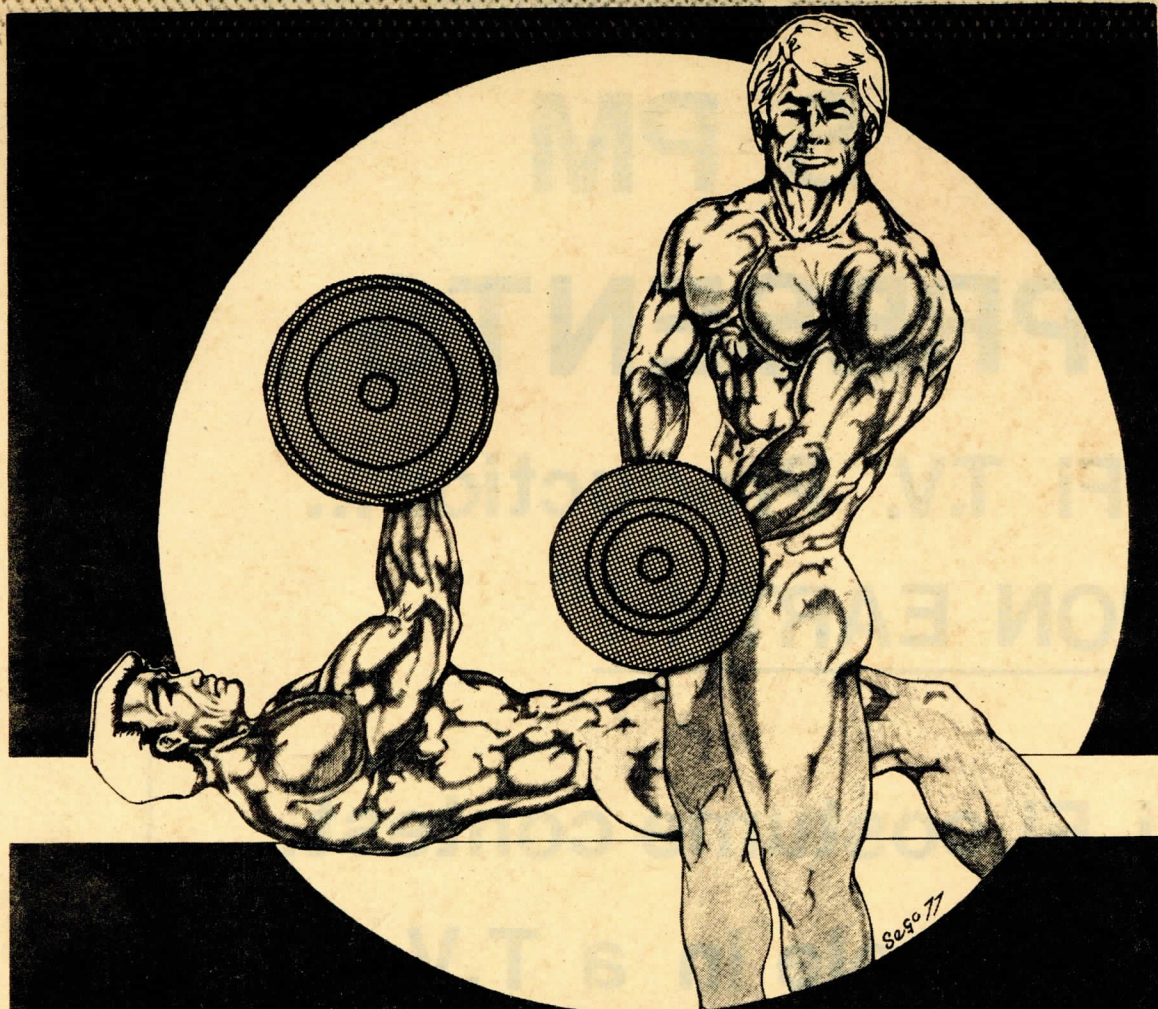
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Customer Appreciation Party set for Sunday at the Depository

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Thursday, March 10

Happy hour all day & night at Sally's. 75¢ drinks 7pm-2am with \$1 cover at the Cove. Pool tourney 7pm at the Barn. Dart tourney 8pm at Zither's. 35¢ drinks (\$1 cover) 8pm-2am at the Old Plantation and 9pm-2am at the Depository, with Tiffany & Co. on stage at 10pm at the Depository. 5¢ draft beer 10-11pm at the Locker.

Friday, March 11

Lockers at a discount 8am-4pm at Club Houston. Tiffany & Co. entertain at 12:30am at the Depository, with after-hours to 4am. After-hours also to 4am at the Old Plantation and to 4:30am at the Locker.

Saturday, March 12

Happy hour 7am-noon & 5-8pm at Sally's and 7am-2pm & 5-8pm at Typhoon Tessie's. Rap session noon-2pm at MCCR. Bloody Marys and screwdrivers at special prices noon-7pm at the Inside Outside. Disco starts at noon at the Midnite Sun. 25¢ draft beer 3-8pm at the Locker. Tiffany & Co. perform at 2am with after-hours to 4am at the Depository. After-hours to 4am at the Old Plantation and to 4:30am at the Locker.

Sunday, March 13

Lockers \$2 8am-4pm at Club Houston. Worship services 11am & 7:30pm at MCCR. Jambalaya served at the Barn noon-2pm. Disco starts at noon at the Midnite Sun. Happy hour at Sally's all day & night. Casino games at the Inside Outside starting 1pm. Dart tourney 4pm at Zither's. Happy hour at Mary's 5-8pm. Beer bust and buffet 6-9pm at the Old Plantation followed by the Follies on stage about 9:30pm. Customer Appreciation Party at the Depository 6-9pm with \$2 cover and 5¢ bar drinks (including 5¢ draft Coors) and a baked ham buffet, followed 9-10:30pm by Tiffany & Co. downstairs with special guest Bobbie Calicoatte. Beer bust 7-10pm at the Locker. 2-for-1 drinks 7pm-2am at the Cove with \$1 admission.

Monday, March 14

Lockers at a discount 8am-4pm at Club Houston. Free draft beer 7-8pm & "The Other Side" band 8:30pm-midnight at Our Place. 75¢ drinks (\$1 cover) at the Cove 7pm-2am. Dance lessons 7:30pm at the Barn. Leather night at Mr. Peeper's Glory Hole. \$1 cover & 35¢ drinks 8pm-2am at the Old Plantation & 9pm-2am at the Depository.

Tuesday, March 15

Happy hour all day and night at Sally's. Lockers at a discount 8am-4pm at Club Houston but buy a discount card today or tonight and get a free locker. 75¢ drinks (\$1 cover) at the Cove. Lambda Club meets 7:30pm at the 1st Unitarian Church. Western night at Mr. Peeper's Glory Hole, along with "Free-be-nite" 2-4am. Pool tourney 8pm at the Inside Outside. Houston Area Dart Assoc. league play 8pm at Zither's. Champagne party & sci-fi costume contest at the Depository with live filming of "Attack Station Earth" starting 8pm followed by 35¢ drinks to 2am (\$1 cover). 35¢ drinks (\$1 cover) at the Old Plantation 8pm-2am. 40¢ beer bust 9pm-2am at the Locker.

Wednesday, March 16

Discount lockers 8am-4pm & buddy night 4pm-midnight at Club Houston. Beer bust at the Cove. 35¢ drinks 8pm-2am (\$1 cover) at the Old Plantation. 10¢ drinks (\$2 cover) 9pm-2am at the Depository. "Back Street" band 9pm-1am at Our Place. Texas Riders club night 9pm-2am at the Locker. Bare chest night at Mr. Peeper's Glory Hole. "Wilde 'n Stein" 10pm-midnight on KPFT, FM-90, with Ray Hill.

Thursday, March 17

Happy hour all day and night at Sally's. Discount lockers 8am-4pm at Club Houston. Pool tourney 7pm at the Barn. 75¢ drinks (\$1 cover) at the Cove 7pm-2am. Dart tourney 8pm at Zither's. 35¢ drinks with \$1 cover at the Old Plantation (8pm-2am) and Depository (9pm-2am) with Tiffany & Co. on stage at 10pm at the Depository. 5¢ draft beer 10-11pm at the Locker.

Coming up later

Bartenders' Drag Show at the Depository, Tues., Mar. 22, featuring bartenders from most all gay bars. Free blood tests at After Dark, Thurs., Mar. 24, 7-9pm. The Montrose Activity Center presents "El Grande de Coca Cola" weekends, Mar. 25 to Apr. 10, at 711 Franklin (below the Bismark Restaurant). Miss Gay Metropolitan Houston Pageant Mar. 28 & 29, Mon. & Tues., at the Depository. The Midtowne Spa opens in early Spring at Fannin and Elgin.

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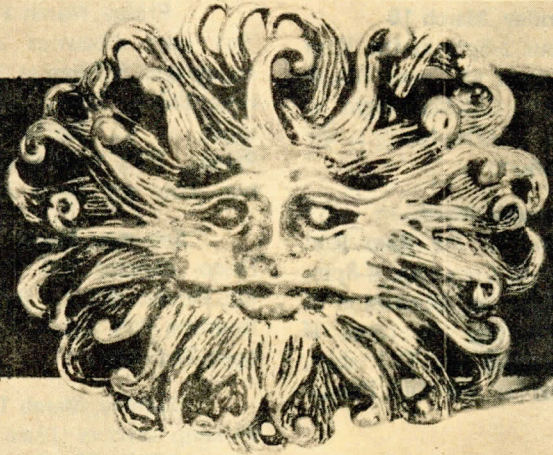
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Dear Jeannie:

I have been gay all of my life. I have always tried to fit the society, but that doesn't work for gays.

Because I am single, 40 years old, healthy and need some gay friends, and because life goes by so fast, I've decided to be real with myself and admit I'm gay. "I'm gay!"

My situation is this. I live in a small town, 600 population. Our closest city is Traverse City, and 25 miles away. I am in business with my mother and have lived here for 12 years.

I have no one with whom to chum. Everyone seems to judge those who want my friendship as gays. This frightens them away. I don't want that kind anyway. I've been that way myself and played a lot of games.

I need someone who is not afraid of society, someone with whom to have a meaningful, lasting relationship.

How would I go about finding gay places, or possibly finding some way to meet someone in this area of the world who could use a trusting, loving, lasting relationship? Also, do you know of any gay publications in Michigan?

Teddy

Dear Teddy:

Let's take the easy one first! There is a gay paper published out of Detroit: Metro Gay News, P.O. Box 445-A, zip 48232. You might also be interested in a new Chicago paper, GC News Journal, P.O. Box 785, zip 60690.

Your other question is more difficult, and I'm going to give you a rather radical answer: *Move!*

Without a doubt, selling your business and packing up and transplanting in a strange city will be inconvenient and even a bit frightening, but the chances of your finding someone in Empire ... or Traverse City, for that matter ... are slim. You'd do much better in a more metropolitan area.

Again, this is an iffy, proposition. However, you've already spent 40 years of your life virtually alone and, as you say, life goes by so quickly.

I can't guarantee that a move will automatically result in your forming a lasting relationship. I can guarantee that if you do not move personally, either.

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DALLAS

Friday, March 11

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Saturday, March 12

Happy hour at the Ram Rod 2-8pm & at Crews Inn 4-8pm. T-shirt night at Dimension 3 where you pay no cover if wearing the D-3 shirt. After-hours at the Old Plantation.

Sunday, March 13

Worship services 11am & 7:30 pm at MCC. Happy hour 2-8pm at the Ram Rod & 3-7pm at Crews Inn, with singles pool tourney 4pm at Crews Inn. 35¢ drinks (with \$1 cover) 8pm-2am and free buffet (with admission) 8-10pm at the Old Plantation. Free gourmet buffet (with admission) and the "Greatest Drag Show in the Southwest" at 9:30pm at Dimension 3.

Monday, March 14

Happy hour 2-8pm at the Ram Rod & 4-7pm at Crews Inn & Swamptrash. No cover & 15¢ draft beer at the Old Plantation. 35¢ drinks at Dimension 3.

Tuesday, March 15

Happy hour 2-8pm at the Ram Rod & 4-7pm at Crews Inn & Swamptrash. Buddy night at Club Dallas 6pm-2am. Special low prices on margaritas all night at the Old Plantation. 35¢ drinks at Dimension 3.

Wednesday, March 16

Free lockers with each discount card purchased all day at Club Dallas. Happy hour 2pm-2am at the Ram Rod & 4-7pm at Crews Inn & Swamptrash. Bus leaves MCC 7pm for private skate party to 10pm. ½-price drinks all night at the Old Plantation. Show night at Dimension 3 at 10pm.

Keep the Star informed of your events. Write or call us. 900 Lovett, Houston 77006. (713) 527-8961.

Thursday, March 17

Happy hour 2-8pm at the Ram Rod & 4-7pm at Crews Inn & Swamptrash. 75¢ tequila sunrises all night at the Old Plantation.

Friday, March 18

Happy hour 2-8pm at the Ram Rod & 4-7pm at Crews Inn & Swamptrash. Chicken night at Dimension 3. After-hours at the Old Plantation.

Saturday, March 19

Happy hour at the Ram Rod 2-8pm and at Crews Inn 4-8pm. T-shirt night at Dimension 3 where you pay no cover if you're wearing the D-3 shirt. After-hours at the Old Plantation.

Coming up later

Depository Three opens in the spring. Miss Gay Texas Pageant will be held at Dimension 3 Apr. 2 & 3.

AUSTIN

Friday, March 11

Lockers \$2 8am-4pm at Club Austin. Gay Community Services men's rap session 7:45pm. Drinks ½-price at Austin Country 8-10pm followed by after-hours.

Saturday, March 12

\$2 lockers 8am-4pm at Club Austin. Happy hour 5-9pm at the New Apt. ½-price drinks 8-10pm followed by after-hours at Austin Country.

Sunday, March 13

\$2 lockers at Club Austin 8am-4pm. Happy hour all afternoon & night at the New Apt. Worship services 2pm at MCC. Beer bust and buffet 7-9pm at Austin Country.

Monday, March 14

\$2 lockers 8am-4pm at Club Austin. Happy hour 5-9pm at the New Apt. ½-price drinks 8-10pm at Austin Country.

Tuesday, March 15

\$2 lockers 8am-4pm at Club Austin. Happy hour 5-9pm at the New Apt. Free movie 8pm and ½-price drinks 8-10pm at Austin Country.

Wednesday, March 16

\$2 lockers 8am-4pm at Club Austin. Happy hour 5-9pm at the New Apt. Discount prices on drinks all night at Austin Country.

Thursday, March 17

\$2 lockers 8am-4pm at Club Austin. Happy hour 5-9pm at the New Apt. Worship services 7:30pm at MCC. ½-price drinks 8-10pm and show 10pm at Austin Country.

Friday, March 18

\$2 lockers 8am-4pm at Club Austin. Happy hour 5-9pm at the New Apt. Gay Community Services men's rap session 7:45 pm. Free blood tests at Club Austin 8-10pm. Drinks ½-price at Austin Country 8-10pm followed by after-hours.

Saturday, March 19

\$2 lockers 8am-4pm at Club Austin. Happy hour 5-9pm at the New Apt. ½-price drinks 8-10pm followed by after-hours at Austin Country.

NEW ORLEANS

Friday, March 11

Hot hors d'oeuvres and free champagne 5:30pm at the Chopping Block. Disco dancing all night at Le Bistro and the Parade. TT's West & the Bourbon Pub are open 24 hours.

Saturday, March 12

Disco dancing till sunrise at the Parade and Le Bistro. The Bourbon Pub and TT's West are open 24 hours.

Sunday, March 13

Worship services 11am & 7:30 pm at MCC. Bloody Marys all afternoon at the Chopping Block at 75¢. Live band at Ms. Kitty's 5-10pm.

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Typhoon Tessie's opened with a champagne party at 8:00, and pirates and buccaneers galore swarmed over the three bars on two levels in the newly renovated spot on Tuam. The place was replete with brigadoons and sailors of all types enjoying the nautical air of the club.

A novel twist at the bar was the quarterdeck, from which a marvelous view of Tuam can be had by anyone enjoying his daily ration of grog. The opening was a total smash, nore of the crew was granted shore leave until 2:00 a.m., and in spite of all that, not one swab wound up in the brig when it was all over.



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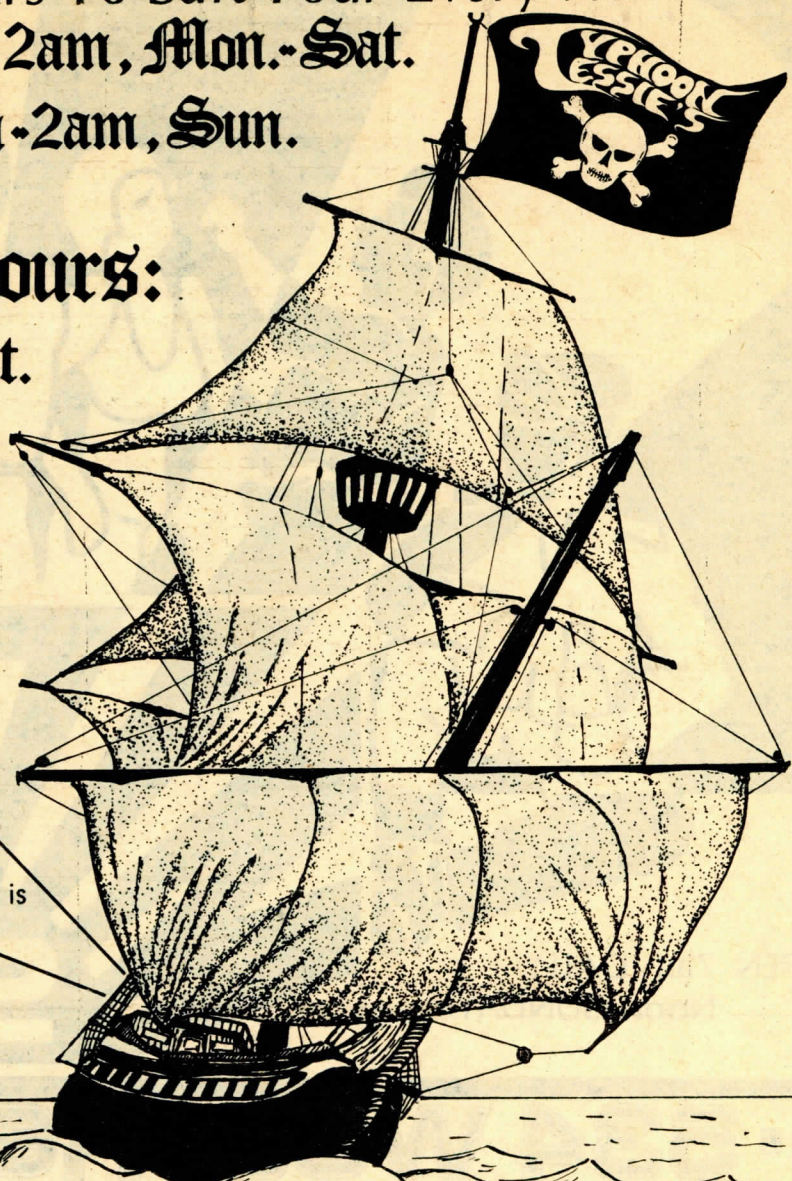
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A pioneering history of homosexual life covering 400 years of personalities, incidents, and environments explores the challenge of being gay in America. "Gay American History: Lesbians and Gay Men in the USA," by Jonathan Katz, presents many previously unpublished and uncollected accounts of personal encounters, organizational efforts for identity and protection, misunderstanding and abuse by the medical profession, and resistance to oppression. This ground-breaking study was published on December 15, 1976 by the Thomas Y. Crowell Company in two editions, hardcover and paperback.

"Gay American History" is filled with stories of people — known and unknown — who defied the status quo and came to terms with their own sexuality. Events in the lives of such luminaries as Alexander Hamilton, Henry David Thoreau, and Emma Goldman reveal the lesser known elements that shaped them. Equally important in the scenario of homosexual history is the adventurous and

tragic life of nineteenth century lesbian and transvestite Lucy Ann Lobell, whose life is pieced together through a newly discovered autobiography and asylum records.

"Biography of a Woman Chief" (circa 1855), relates the lifestyle of a female Crow warrior who "took to herself" four wives.

Documents selected for their importance and interest define six aspects of homosexual life. "Trouble, 1566-1966" conveys the homosexual's lot: "They were executed, jailed, pilloried, fined, court-martialed, prostituted, fired, framed, black-mailed, disinherited, declared insane, driven to insanity, to suicide, murder, and self-hate, witch-hunted, entrapped, stereotyped, mocked, insulted, isolated, pitied, castigated, and despised." The homosexual under-worlds in major American cities form the backdrop for many of these happenings.

"Treatment, 1884-1974" relates case histories as presented by the medical profession which led to the mistreatment of

gay patients through "cures" ranging from castration and lobotomy to psychoanalysis.

"Passing Woman, 1782-1920" unveils the lives of women who dressed, worked and passed as soldiers, farmers, and politicians — including a Tammany Hall politician who protected her true identity until death.

"Native Americans / Gay Americans, 1528-1967" offers views of homosexual lifestyles among American Indians through the observations of a wide range of commentators.

"Resistance, 1859-1972" documents the various attempts of gay men and lesbians, the "silent and silenced minority," to attain their liberation.

"Love, 1779-1932" reveals passionate same-sex relationships through love letters, diaries, autobiography and fiction. The love letters of Ralph Waldo Emerson to Martin Gay convey the writer's fascination with his fellow student, and memoirs of Mary Casal and Mabel Luhan describe the intensity of their respective same-sex intimacies. There are depictions of love in fiction, such as Helen Hull's novel about lesbian love, "The Labyrinth," and a discussion of Herman Melville's portrayal of male-male attraction.

In the volume's notes are surprises about such figures as Susan B. Anthony and General

Freidrich Von Steuben.

By presenting a fresh historical view of homosexuals, a formerly invisible minority, author Jonathan Katz sheds new light on the sexual and social history of the nation, and humanizes both lesbians and gay men.

A noted writer and researcher on homosexuality, Katz has spent the last several years in full-time research on this landmark work which he terms a "documentary." He is the general editor of the series,

"Homosexuality: Lesbians and Gay Men in Society, History, and Literature." His other works include "Coming Out," a documentary play about gay life and liberation in the United States, "Resistance at Christiana," and "Black Woman." A New York resident, Jonathan Katz is a founding member of the Gay Academic Union and has been a member of the New York Gay Activists Alliance.

The preceding article was from a press release by Thomas Y. Crowell Company, publishers.

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Monday, March 14

Martinis 75¢ 11am-2pm, well drinks 50¢ 5-7pm, and 25¢ drinks for ladies 8pm-midnight at the Chopping Block. Alcoholics Anonymous meet 8pm at MCC.

Tuesday, March 15

Martinis 75¢ 11am-2pm, well drinks 50¢ 5-7pm and tequila 25¢ a shot 8pm-midnight at the Chopping Block. Lockers just \$1 at Club New Orleans noon-midnight.

Wednesday, March 16

Martinis 75¢ 11am-2pm, well drinks 50¢ 5-7pm, and 25¢ draft beer 8pm-midnight at

the Chopping Block. Buddy night at Club New Orleans. "Singspiration" at MCC 7:30pm.

Thursday, March 17

Martinis 75¢ 11am-2pm, well drinks 50¢ 5-7pm, and 25¢ schnoppes 8pm-midnight at the Chopping Block. Lockers \$1 at Club New Orleans 6:30-7:30pm. Knights d' Orleans club night at TT's West.

Friday, March 18

Hot hors d'oeuvres and free champagne 5:30pm at the Chopping Block. Disco dancing all night at the Parade and Le Bistro. TT's West and the Bourbon Pub are open 24 hours. Premiere edition of the Vieux Carre Star appears this weekend in most of the clubs.



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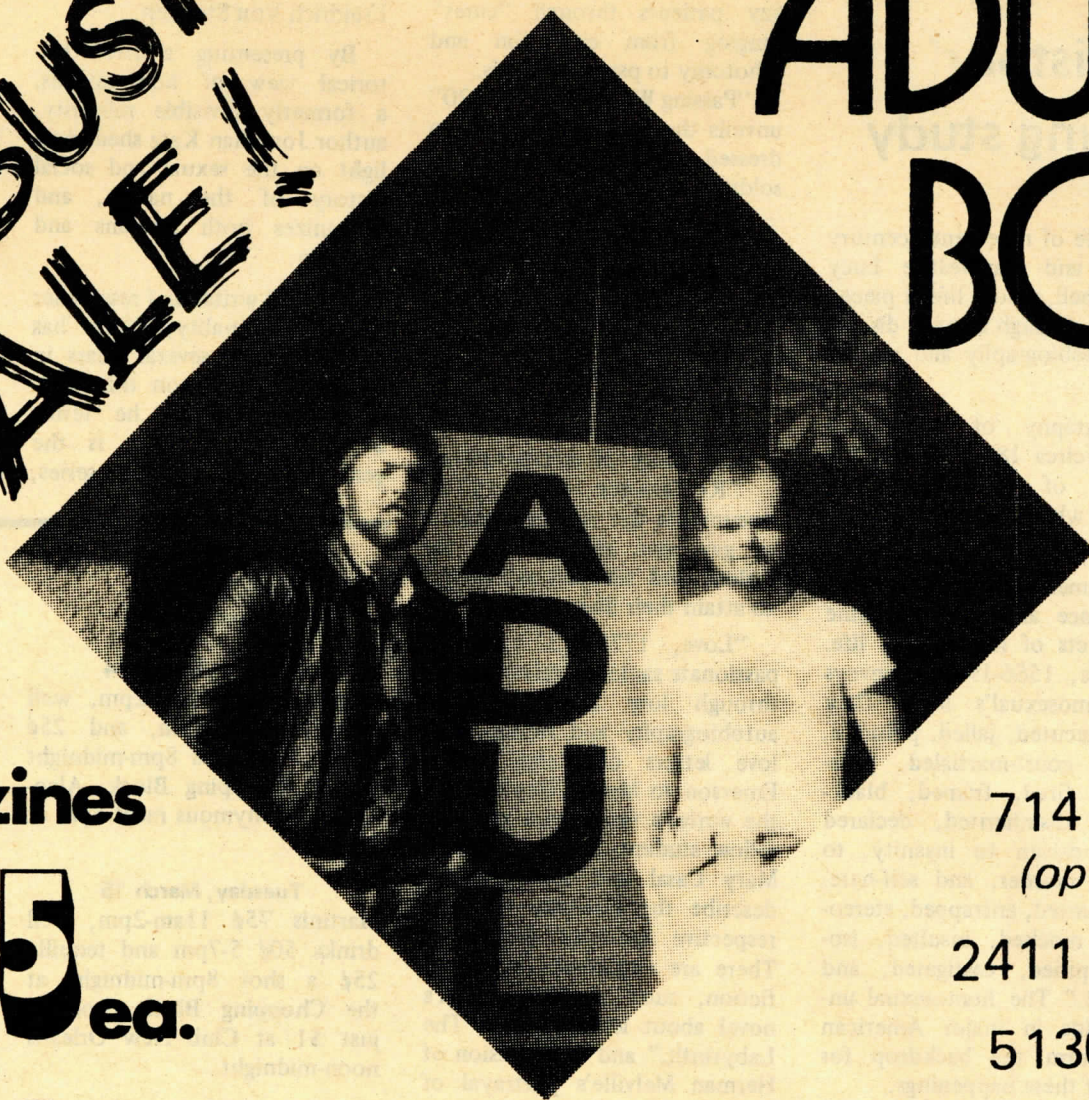
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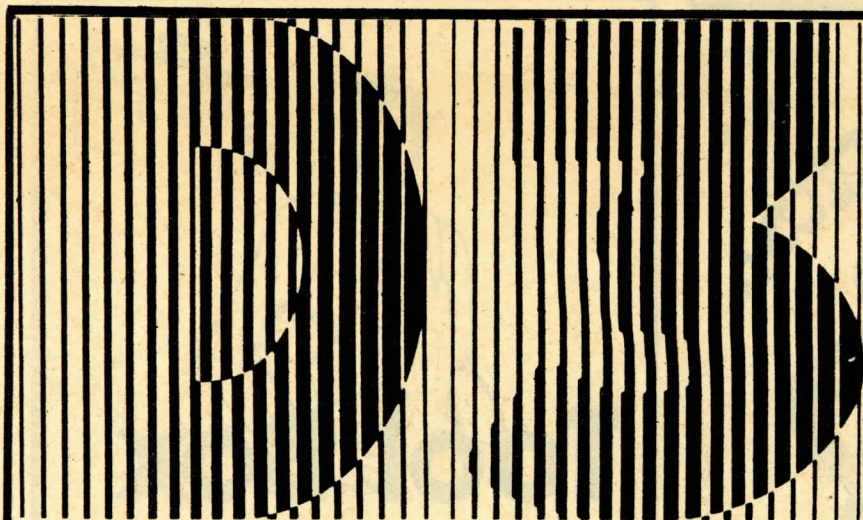


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Houston: To Jerry. I met you at the Locker Sun. Mar. 6. I have moved & have a new phone. I'm sincere in trying to reach you & would like to see you at the Locker again this Sun. night.

Houston: Roommate wanted. W/m wants young male to share 1 bdrm apt. Must be under 21. The right person need not pay rent. I am a Capricorn looking for long term arrangement. Willing to help right young person. No fats, fems or S&M. Leave name & address or phone no. at 526-6711. (Ask for Richard). Or write Richard, 900 Lovett, no. 201, Houston, TX 77006. All replies answered.

Houston: W/m, 23, would like to meet other gays for friendship, maybe more. No S&M or fats. Prefer age 18-29. After 5 call John. 645-9151.

New Orleans & Houston: Good looking w/bi/m 22, blonde, 6', 150, well-built and hung! I go to Houston often, and am interested in meeting other together dudes who dig a together head and a hot body. I'm tired of phony butch acts - seek 'for real' studs who do activities other than drinking and doping all the time. When I come, we'll come. Write Jon, 905 Dumaine, New Orleans, LA 70116. 'I'm No. 1!'

New Orleans: W/m 29 into body-building seeks same. I am 6'2", 175, brown hair & eyes, beard, masculine, straight-appearing. I desire to meet and correspond with attractive, smooth, preferably blue-eyed guy, 18-30, for friendship, maybe more. Sincere only. No 'tricks.' Pls write as I'm for real. Michael, 1923 Andres Dr., Chalmette, LA 70043.

Houston: Male, 23, goodlooking, would like to meet other gays for friendship, maybe more. No S&M, fats, fems. Not into bar scene. Ad 29-A.

Houston: W/m 29 well built, 5'11", 150 lbs, sincere. Looking for a stable and together individual. No fems or dopers. Ad 31-C.

Houston: W/m, 25, 5'10", 150 lbs, interested in hearing from other that might have interests in regressive hypnosis & related items. Good times possible. Write Rick. I'll answer all. Ad 31-A.

Austin & Houston: Young Adonis-looking, w/youth, blond hair, temporarily living in Austin, seeks financial help in completing education and moving to Houston. Willing to work to compensate for help. Such a sex symbol, that you have to see me to believe that there is such a person here on Earth. Ad 503.

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Houston: I was the young man who was beaten and shot by the policemen in the Old Plantation parking lot late hours at closing time Sat. Mar. 5. Anyone who saw part of this incident, would you please call me! Louis Clay at 789-4599.

Houston: Young w/m, 20, seeks companionship with someone 19-25 for rap sessions, good times. 523-0659.

Houston: Want to meet intelligent, mature, goodlooking w/m, 28-34 who, like me, is growing tired of bars & bookstores. Object: close friendship, etc. I'm 31, 6'1", 170, br/bl, attractive and physically fit. Pls send descriptive letter with photo to Ad 34-A.

Houston: I am searching for a w/m that is not into drug scene or S&M, B&D or bars, but who is sincere, honest, clean-cut, handsome & masculine, & 25-35 & who I can admire & love & who would love me as well. I'm w/m, fairlooking, 175 lbs, 5'4", br/br, 33 & in electronic computers for hobby. I enjoy swimming, tennis, home lifestyle. Looking for long lasting relationship. Ad 34-B.

Houston: Deep throat service offered to all males with large endowment. I'm 33, 5'11, 150 lbs, hung. I dig glory holes, anonymous sex trips. You must be well hung for greatest French service. Also into vacuum pump sessions for enlarging and stretching. Send details to Ray, Box 3645, Houston, TX 77001.

Houston: Terry Railey, bartender at the OP & Jack McCoy, bartender at the Depository, will be married, the 15th, in full reglry at the Depo, 8pm. Come as you are!

Houston: Looking for roommate to share 2 bdrm, 2 bath apt. in SW. Your share \$125. Bills paid. 666-3792 after 7pm.

Houston: I'm w/m, 29, into water sports, enemas. Sincere. Ad 35-A.

Ft. Worth & Houston: W/m 25, 5'9", 145, brown hair, blue eyes, seeking friendship, maybe more, with masc. male under 40. Will be in Houston Apr. Would like to meet someone then. Send reply to H.S. Armstrong, 3817 Vaughn Blvd., Ft. Worth 76119.

Houston: Jack McCoy & Terry Railey, the newest honeymoon couple, will compete against each other at the Bartenders Drag. They will walk off with the Mr. & Mrs. trophy.

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JOBS WANTED

Houston: Gay activist Ray Hill is seeking suitable part or fulltime employment. Work hours should be flexible enough to allow for the responsibilities incurred in representing the community during times of crises. Interested parties should contact Ray at home, 729 Manor, Houston, 77015, 453-1143.

FOR SALE

Houston: Stereo. Sony turntable, Team speakers, Radio Shack amp., originally \$469. Selling \$175 or best offer. Also, portable typewriter & 4-channel decoder. 526-0837.

HELP WANTED

Houston: The Montrose Maid is taking applications for janitorial help. All shifts open, must be bondable, clean cut and hard working. Call any hour: 528-6473.

SERVICES

Houston: You will find a friend answering your phone at A. Burton Phone Services. 526-6711. (Wake-up service too!)

Houston: House painting, 10% discount through March. Custom interior. 1 story exterior. Minor repairs. Experienced work at low cost. Call Bill 526-0837.

Houston: For rent. Inside/Outside gaming devices for fun and enjoyment. Have a party, use our Las Vegas type equipment - furnish your own funny money. Call Ed at 528-8049. For non-profit organizations only.

Houston: Ron Hemby, recent executive accounting graduate, does bookkeeping, notary work and income taxes. Evenings at 112 Stratford. Call 524-2395.

ORGANIZATIONS

Austin: MCC, 408 W 23rd. Sundays 2pm, Thurs 7:30pm. Mar. 11: 8pm-? Special benefit show at the Austin Country. Advance tickets available for "Throw a Pie at Bunch, Marie & Rob." It's for a good cause. Rev. Rob Shivers, pastor.

Houston: Are you addicted to food? Overeaters Anonymous Gay Group meets Wed. 7:30pm, 1st Unitarian Church, Fannin & Southmore, room 13. All are welcome.

Houston: Gay? Got a drinking problem? Want to do something about it? There are others in the same boat who can help. 528-5107.

Houston: Gay Activists Alliance holds weekly meetings Tues nights at 7:30pm in the Spindletop Room at Univ Center U. of H. Open to the public. GAA office 749-3489.

REWARD

Houston: \$50 bar tab at the Depository for return of tan leather jacket lost Sat. Feb 26. Inside coat pocket has picture ID of Darryl.

Next week in the Montrose Star and the Vieux Carre Star:

Special Report on Lesbians and Child Custody.

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